

Guide to the **Local History Collection**



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A Guide to the Resources Available at Bloomington Public Library

The Bloomington Public Library has a variety of resources useful for local history and family research. All resources are available for use during open hours. For assistance in locating or working with any of the resources, please ask a librarian at the Help Desk in the Adult Services Department. The materials in this list are in the Illinois Collection Nonfiction, unless otherwise noted. Some items in this list are non-circulating (for use in the library only). Fragile or rare materials are housed in the **Illinois Collection Locked Case**. To use Locked Case items, ask a librarian at the Help Desk - you will need to leave an ID or a library card at the desk. A copy machine is available to copy print resources that do not check out. Copies are \$0.15 per page (b/w) and \$.50 per page (color).

This is a select list of Illinois Collection resources. It is not a complete and comprehensive list of the resources available in the collection.

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Atlases

The library has a number of atlases for McLean County as well as other Illinois counties. Depending on the size, the atlases will be either on the Illinois Collection open shelves or on the Illinois Collection's Illinois Atlas Stand.

The following atlases relate specifically to McLean County and do not check out. Some of them have pages that have been encapsulated because of their fragile condition. No photocopying of publications with encapsulated pages is allowed due to their fragile condition.

- ***Atlas of McLean County and the State of Illinois to Which Is Added an Atlas of the U. S., Maps of the Hemisphere, etc. 1874.*** Published by Warner & Beers. (912.77359 ATL)
- ***McLean County Combined Indexed Atlases, 1856-1914.*** Compiled by William P. LaBounty, 2006. Contains: 1856 Map of McLean County, Illinois; 1866 Map of McLean County, Illinois; 1874 Atlas of McLean County, Illinois; 1895 Plat Book of McLean County, Illinois; 1914 Standard Atlas of McLean County, Illinois. (*Atlas Stand* 912.77359 MCL)
- ***Standard Atlas of McLean County Including a Plat Book of the Villages, Cities and Townships of the County 1914.*** Published by Geo. A. Ogle & Co. (*Atlas Stand* 917.7359 STA)

- *Atlas of McLean County Illinois 1928 (?)* (Atlas Stand 912.77359 ATL)

Bloomington Heritage

The library has an extensive collection of materials dealing with both general and specific aspects of Bloomington's history. The titles listed here are of general interest.

- *Bloomington Illustrated*. Published by H. R. Page & Co., 1889. Contains photographs of local buildings & streets. (977.3592 BLO)
- *Bloomington-Normal Lost: An Account of Our Vanishing Architectural Heritage*. Text by Martin A. Wyckoff, photography by Marty Siegel & Ken Kashia; published by Old House Society of McLean County, 2nd ed., 2000. The library also has the 1982 edition. (720.977 BLO)
- *Bloomington's Deutsche in Wort und Bild [Bloomington's German Population in Word and Picture]*. By Julius Dietrich, translated by Else Schmidt, edited by Nola Marquardt; published by McLean County Genealogical Society, 1993, translation of 1893 edition. Gives historical sketches of the German Baptist, Catholic, Lutheran, and Methodist congregations in Bloomington. (917.73592 DIE)
- *History of Bloomington and Normal in McLean County, Illinois*. Compiled & published by John H. Burnham, 1879. (977.3592 BUR)
- *Home Town in the Corn Belt: A Source History of Bloomington Illinois 1900-1950 in Five Volumes*. Compiled by Clara Louise Kessler, 1950. Each volume contains an index. There is also a separate volume that contains a combined *Index*. (Locked Case 977.3592 HOM)
- *Illustrated Bloomington and Normal Illinois; Views of the Public Buildings, Business Houses, Residences, Prominent Citizens, Parks, etc.* Published by Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Co., 1896 (917.73592 ILL)
- *Picturesque Bloomington*. Published by Pantagraph Printing & Stationery Company, 1907. Contains views of public buildings, businesses, residences, prominent citizens, parks, etc. The Library also has the 2005 edition published by the Old House Society. This publication shows the growth of Bloomington since *Illustrated Bloomington and Normal Illinois* was published. (977.3592 PIC)
- *This Blooming Town: A Sketch of Bloomington, Illinois*. By Ivan Huber Light, 1956. (977.3592 LIG)
- *We the People Tell Our Story*. Compiled & edited by Mildred Pratt, Bloomington-Normal Black History Project, 1987. Publication sponsored by the Illinois Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities. (977.3592 WET)

Census

The library has census information pertaining to McLean County in both print and microfilm formats. **The microfilm is housed in the microfilm drawers.**

- *The 1880 Illinois Census Index. Soundex Code 0 200-0 240. The Code That Was NOT Filmed*. By Nancy Gubb Frederick, 1981. (929.3773 FRE)
- *Federal Census Microfilm*. The Library has **microfilm** copies of the Federal Census for McLean County for the years: 1820 – 1930. No film exists for the 1890 census.

- ***Illinois [Federal] Census Index.*** These volumes contain an index to the names in the federal census for the following years: 1820, 1830, 1840, 1850. (929.3773 ILL)
- ***Illinois Census Returns, 1810-1818.*** Edited by Margaret Cross Norton. Is volume 24 of *Illinois State Historical Library Collections*. (977.3 COL VOL. 24)
- ***Illinois [State] Census Index.*** This volume contains an index to the names in the state census for the year 1835. (929.3773 ILL)
- ***State Census Microfilm.*** The Library has **microfilm** copies of the Illinois State Census for the years 1855 and 1865.
- ***1850 Illinois Mortality Schedule Vol. II Counties Jackson Through Ogle.*** Lists people who died within the one year prior to the census enumeration. Transcribed/indexed by Lowell M. Volkel, Heritage House Publishers. (929.3773 VOL V.2)
- ***1870 Illinois Mortality Schedules Volume III Counties McLean, Menard, Mercer, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Moultrie.*** Transcribed and indexed by Lowell M. Volkel, Heritage House Publishers. (929.3773 VOL V.3)
- ***Illinois Mortality Schedule 1860 Volume III Counties Lake Through Ogle.*** Lists people who died within the one year prior to the census enumeration. Transcribed and indexed by Lowell M. Volkel, Heritage House Publishers. (929.3773 VOL V.3)

The Library also has miscellaneous reels of microfilm of the federal censuses for other Illinois Counties.

County Histories and Biographies

The Library has publications dealing with McLean County history as well as the history of other Illinois counties. Histories and biographical publications about McLean County are listed here.

- ***The Biographical Record of McLean County, Illinois.*** Published by S. J. Clarke Publishing Company, 1899. (920 BIO)
- ***Bloomington and Normal Biographies.*** Compiled by Citizens Historical Association, Indianapolis, Indiana. The Table of Contents serves as an Index to the names included. (929.2 BLO)
- ***The Good Old Times in McLean County, Illinois.*** 1874, Dr. E. Duis, published by The Leader Publishing and Printing House, Bloomington, Illinois. Contains 261 sketches of old settlers; a complete sketch of the Black Hawk War, and descriptions of all matters of interest relating to McLean County. A separate index to this publication is listed below. (977.359 DUI)
 - ***An Index to the Good Old Times in McLean County, Illinois.*** An index compiled by Alice Taylor Steinberg and published by the Bloomington-Normal Genealogical Society, 1969. (977.359 DUI)
- ***Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois and History of McLean County.*** 2 volumes, illustrated, 1908. The Illinois information edited by Newton Bateman and Paul Selby. The McLean County information edited by Ezra M. Prince and John H., Burnham (977.359 BAT)

- ***A History of African-Americans in McLean County, Illinois 1835-1975.*** By John W. Muirhead, The Bloomington-Normal Black History Project McLean County Historical Society, 1998. (977.359 MUI)
- ***History of McLean County.*** 2 volumes, 1924, by Jacob L. Hasbrouck. (977.359 HAS)
- ***The History of McLean County.*** Published in 1879 by Wm. Le Baron, Jr. & Co. Prof. Merriman of Bloomington wrote the General History of the County. The township histories of Bloomington, Normal and White Oak were written by Capt. J. H. Burnham. The balance of the township histories were written by historians H. H. Hill and A. W. Kellogg. This publication includes a history of the county, its cities, towns, portraits of early settlers and prominent men, and more. (977.359 HIS 1879)
- ***The Illustrated History of McLean County.*** Commentary by Don Munson, edited by Martin A. Wyckoff & Greg Koos, published by the McLean County Historical Society, 1982. A separate index to this publication is listed below. (977.359 ILL)
 - ***Index to the Illustrated History of McLean County (1982).*** Compiled by William P. LaBounty, published by McLean County Historical Society, 1998. (977.359 ILL INDEX)
- ***Indexes to McLean County History/Biography Volumes.*** Compiled by the McLean County Historical Society, 2012. Binder format, includes indexes for: 1874, *Good Old Times in McLean County* -- 1879, *History of McLean County* -- 1887, *Portrait and Biographical Album of McLean County, Illinois* -- 1899, *Biographical Record of McLean County, Illinois* -- 1908, *Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois & History of McLean County* -- 1924, *History of McLean County, Illinois*. (977.359 IND) This binder is located on top of Pantagraph Index.
- ***Irish Immigrants in McLean County, Illinois.*** Edited by Greg Koos, 2000. (325.2417 IRI)
- ***McLean County, Illinois, in the World War, 1917-1918.*** Edited by E. E. Pierson & J. L. Hasbrouck, published by McLean County War Publishing Co. Provides a history of McLean County's contributions to the World War and includes sketches of McLean County Army Officers. (977.359 PIE)
- ***"A New Geography of McLean County,"*** by Michael D. Sublett and William D. Walters Jr., *Outdoor Illinois Magazine*, Volume XV, Number 5, May 1976, pp. 15-48. (977.359 MCL) listed in Library's online catalog as "Outdoor Illinois: County Article"
- ***Portrait and Biographical Album of McLean County, Illinois.*** Published by Chapman Brothers, 1887. Contains full page portraits and biographical sketches of prominent and representative citizens of McLean County. Also includes Illinois Governors and United States Presidents. (920 POR)
- ***Every Name Index of Portrait and Biographical Album of McLean County, Illinois 1887.*** Indexed for the DeWitt County Genealogical Society by Myra J. Stroud, 2009. (920 POR INDEX)
- ***Soldiers' and Patriots' Biographical Album.*** Contains biographies and portraits of soldiers and loyal citizens in the Civil War, as well as a history of the organizations growing out of the war. Published by Union Veteran Publishing Company, 1892. (Locked Case 923.5 SOL)
- ***"Ten Who Helped McLean County,"*** by H. Clay Tate, *Outdoor Illinois Magazine*, Volume XV, Number 5, May 1976, pp. 49-51. (977.359 MCL)

- ***This Is McLean County, Illinois.*** Written in 1955 by John Drury, this publication contains historical narratives, includes county and township maps, and many unique aerial photographs of cities, towns, villages and farmsteads. It is #31 of The American Aerial History Series. (977.359 DRU)

Directories

A variety of directories are available in the Illinois Collection. They include city directories for Bloomington/Normal, McLean County, as well as some surrounding areas, telephone directories for Bloomington/Normal and McLean County. The directories are in the designated **Illinois Collection Directories Shelving**.

- ***Bloomington City Directories.*** From 1855 to the present, these directories are available in the Illinois Collection. It is an almost-complete collection. Some directories are available in both print and microfilm, while others are available only in print or in microfilm. Some directories are in the Locked Case, however, most of them are in the Illinois Collection Directories shelving. To access the directories in the Locked Case, ask a librarian at the Adult Services Desk. **Note:** There have been a number of different publishers for these directories. The most current city directory is shelved at the Adult Services Desk. (*Illinois Collection Directories Shelving* 917.732 BLO)
- ***Cole Directory for Bloomington Normal and Vicinity.*** The library holds a small collection of these criss cross directories that include the smaller communities in McLean County. Dates included are: 1982 – 1996/97. (*Illinois Collection Directories Shelving* 917.732 COL)
- ***McLean County Directories.*** The library owns a number of McLean County Directories, including farm directories, rural directories, and directories of all the residents of McLean County. These are by various publishers and cover the following years: 1859-1860, 1875-76, 1910, 1912, 1914, 1917, 1928, 1931, 1942, 1949, and 1959. (*Locked Case* 917.7359 MCL)
- ***Bloomington Telephone Books.*** The Library has 1953, and an almost continuous run starting with 1965 to the current year. Various telephone companies directories included in this collection. (*Illinois Collection Directories Shelving* 384.6 BLO)
- ***Greater Bloomington/Normal telephone books.*** A title change occurred and it became known as the ***Bloomington Normal Area Wide Telephone Book.*** This small collection of telephone books covers the years 1985/86 – 1993/94 and includes Bloomington, Normal and surrounding areas. (*Illinois Collection Directories Shelving* 384.6 GRE)
- ***McLean County telephone books.*** This is another short run of telephone books covering McLean County and the years 1966, 1978-1984. (*Illinois Collection Directories Shelving* 384.6 MCL)

In addition to city and county directories, the Library also owns several directories listing businesses and other vital information for the State of Illinois. These include the following titles that are housed in the ***Illinois Collection's Locked Case.***

- ***C. Chandler & Co.'s Railway Business Directory and Shippers' Guide for the State of Illinois.*** This 1868 publication contains a complete list of all business men, classified alphabetically under their respective trades and professions, complete shippers' guide, and much additional information indispensable to the business community. (917.73 CHA)

- ***Illinois State Gazetteer and Business Directory for the Years 1864-5.*** This gazetteer and directory includes descriptive sketches of all the cities, towns and villages throughout the State as well as classified lists of all professions, trades, organized companies, and full information about the mercantile and manufacturing interests of the State. Published by J. C. W. Bailey. (917.73 ILL 1864/65)
- ***Illinois State Gazetteer and Business Directory for 1858 and 1859.*** Published by George W. Hawes, this directory is complete in one volume. (917.73 HAW 1858-59)
- ***Lakeside Directory of the State of Illinois.*** This directory is a complete list of merchants, manufacturers, insurance, railroad, banks, newspapers, academies, and other businesses throughout the entire state of Illinois. It also includes a complete list of state and county officers, court calendars and more. Published by Williams, Donnelly & Co. 1875. (917.73 W67)

Genealogy Guides

New to searching your family's genealogy and wondering where to start? These sources may be of help in getting started.

- ***Genealogy at a Glance.*** Published by the Genealogical Publishing Company. These four-page laminated informational pamphlets provide useful information covering the basic research elements relating to genealogical research. They provide quick facts, background, history, record sources, tips about available census information, record repository information including helpful websites, references and other online resources. Pamphlets on nationalities, some states and various genealogical research topics are included in the set. (929.1 GEN)

Local History File

The Library maintains a **Local History File** that contains miscellaneous information of local interest, including brochures, programs, flyers, images, etc. that feature Bloomington, Normal, McLean County, and Illinois. It is filed by subject and the materials are housed in archival envelopes.

Local History Picture File

The library has a **Local History Picture File** that contains pictures and photographs that highlight prominent residents, businesses, and other areas of interest of Bloomington, Normal, McLean County, and Illinois. A subject index highlights the subjects included in the file, as well as a detailed index describing each item in the collection. Housed in envelopes and filed by accession number assigned to each picture.

Parts of the Local History Picture File have been digitized. The digital collection is a result of a project with Illinois Wesleyan University and the site is titled *Bloomington-Normal Local History Resources (Illinois Wesleyan University)*.

To access the digitized picture file, go to the Local History page from our website -

<https://www.bloomingtonlibrary.org/local-history> and click on *View from Anywhere* on the resource "Bloomington-Normal Local History."

Magazines

The Library subscribes to a number of magazines and journals that may help when doing genealogy or local history research. These magazines and journals include general State of Illinois publications such as **Illinois Heritage**, the **Illinois State Genealogical Society Quarterly**, the **Illinois State Genealogical Society Newsletter**, and the **Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society**. All issues are housed in the Illinois Collection. Of particular interest to researchers of McLean County is **Gleanings from the Heart of the Cornbelt**.

- ***Gleanings from the Heart of the Cornbelt.*** This is a quarterly publication of the *Bloomington-Normal Genealogical Society*. The Society changed names in 1988 and became the *McLean County Genealogical Society*. This publication is often referred to as ***Gleanings***. All issues are held in the Illinois Collection. The library retains this publication permanently, and holdings begin with Volume 1 Number 1, September 1967 to the current. (929.3 GLE)

Microforms

The local history microfilm collection includes a number of publications, including census, local newspapers, city directories, and miscellaneous other publications. Holdings of the microfilm collection are listed in the various collection areas of this publication. There is also a small microfiche collection indexing **Pantagraph** obituaries.

Two microfilm reader/scanners are available to use. The reader/scanners are easily adaptable for microfiche, 16 mm and 35 mm microfilm. You have the option to print copies from the microfilm at \$0.15 per copy or save to a flash drive using the reader/scanners.

- ***First Baptist Church. Church Minutes Books thru Treasurer's Reports.*** This microfilm includes Church Minutes Books, December 1865 –August 1884, September 1884-December 1916, 1917-1943; Church Register & Statistical Reports, 1890-1909; Clerk's Membership, January 1920-June 1942; German Baptist Church Records, November 1874-April 1890, May 1890-October 1914, June 1880 Membership List; Record of the Baptist Church, McLean, IL Treasurer's Reports, 1908-1918, 1919-1926.
- ***Illinois Home Mission Society Letters About Bloomington.*** 1842-1847 Microfilm copies of actual letters written during this period.




Newspapers

- **Pantagraph** (weekly, then daily) – The library has served as a repository for past issues of the Pantagraph – all in various formats.
 - **Print** issues are retained for 4 weeks. **Microfilm** reels: 1853 to 2018
 - **Electronic** formats
 - Pantagraph Archive (Newspapers.com): 1857-1928
 - Pantagraph Online (Newsbank): 1989 – Today
 - 1989-2021 – full-text articles
 - 2022 – Today: Full digital issues
 - Pantagraph Full Digital Issues (onsite access only): 2019
 - Pantagraph negatives: 1933-1959
 - ***Pantagraph Obituaries* on microfiche. *Bloomington/Normal* and *Central Illinois*.** 1968-1986 - Entries are arranged by date of death then alphabetical by name. Information includes individual's name, date of death, and date the obituary appeared in the *Pantagraph*. The microfiche is housed in an index box on top of the *Pantagraph* index cabinet.
 - There is a **card index to the Pantagraph** of obituaries, marriages, notable local people, information on local businesses, major news stories, and local historical information covering the beginnings of the ***Pantagraph*** to 1989. Under digitization – currently inaccessible.
- In addition to the Pantagraph, the library has several newspapers on microfilm published in the area in the mid 1800s to the early 1900s.
 - ***Bloomington Bulletin.*** (Daily, then weekly, then returned to daily), February 15, 1881 – June 30, 1926.

- ***The Bloomington Journal***. January 5, 1912-October 5, 1928. There was a temporary name change for ***The Bloomington Journal*** to ***The Illinois Wechenblatt Journal***, October 12, 1928-December 31, 1934. The name then reverted back to ***The Bloomington Journal***, March 22, 1935-December 31, 1937.
- ***Bloomington Observer and McLean County Advocate***. June 1838. (On the reel of *Miscellaneous Papers*)
- ***Daily Leader***. February 22, 1869 – August 31, 1898. (Title changed during the course of publishing. Title variations include: **Daily Leader**, **Bloomington Daily Leader**, **Bloomington Leader**, and back to **Daily Leader**.)
- ***The Illinois Wechenblatt Journal***. See ***The Bloomington Journal***.
- ***Intelligencer***. January 14, 1852-November 16, 1853. (On the reel of *Miscellaneous Papers*)
- ***Tazewell Whig***. February 13, 1847-February 11, 1848. (On the reel of *Miscellaneous Papers*)
- ***Weekly Leader***. December 17, 1868 – August 27, 1897
- ***Western Whig***. (Bloomington) January 13, 1849-November 19, 1851. (On the reel of *Miscellaneous Papers*)
- ***The Whig***. (Bloomington) July 5, 1848. (On the reel of *Miscellaneous Papers*)
- There is also a **card index** to the ***Bloomington Observer and McLean County Advocate***, the ***Tazewell Whig***, the ***Whig***, the ***Western Whig***, the ***Weekly Whig***, and the ***Bloomington Intelligencer***.

Online Resources

The Library subscribes to a number of online databases that will help with your genealogical or local history searches. These are accessible from the Library's website.

Ancestry Library Edition	Bloomington-Normal City Directories (1854-1920)	Fold3
 <p>With Ancestry Library Edition, patrons can access genealogical information using this popular resource which offers family history data for over 500 million names, census information for 1790-1930, city directories, military records, and much more. Online tutorials are available.</p>	 <p>After partnering with McLean County Museum of History to house Bloomington Public Library's priceless collection of historical documents, the City Directory from 1854-1920 is now digitized and available for convenient access. Students, researchers, and community residents now have improved access to examine this treasure trove of material.</p>	 <p>Find stories, photos, documents, and military records for the men and women who served our country using this military genealogy database. Fold3 helps you discover and share stories of the everyday heroes, forgotten soldiers, and the families who supported them. Online tutorials are available.</p>
HeritageHub	HeritageQuest	Home Town in the Corn Belt
<h2>HeritageHub</h2> <p>Providing access to hundreds of years of obituaries and death notices from thousands of newspapers across the United States. This one-of-a-kind collection helps Patrons and family historians uncover new family members and understand family relationships on a deeper level than ever before. Online tutorials are available.</p>	<h2>HeritageQuest</h2> <p>This family history resource, HeritageQuest includes U.S. federal census information, family genealogies, local histories, tax lists, city directories, land and probate records, birth records, marriage records, death records, genealogical and local history serials, and more. Online tutorials are available.</p>	<h2>Home Town in the Corn Belt</h2> <p>The McLean County Museum of History recently digitized all five-volumes of "Home town in the Corn Belt" which debuted in late December of 1950. The volumes contain 171 articles with 39 biographical sketches and 52 poems relating to local history. With 132 authors contributing to the 1,740 pages, these collections offer a wealth of primary and secondary source material to support local history research.</p>

Plat Books

Plat books contain maps of the townships within a county. The maps indicate ownership of land, parcel boundaries, and acreage of the rural areas. *Plat books* for McLean County and bordering counties that include Champaign, DeWitt, Ford, Livingston, Logan, Piatt, Tazewell, and Woodford, are available in the Illinois Collection. They are not published every year, but generally published every 2 to 3 years. Referred to as plat books, their actual title is **Land Atlas and Plat Book** [followed by the county name]. They are located in the **Illinois Collection** shelving.

- **McLean County.** The Library's collection starts with 1938, 1947, 1951 – to the current year available. Prior to 1979, the publication title was *McLean County Illinois Plat Book*. From 1979 on, the title is *Land Atlas and Plat Book McLean County, Illinois*. (912.7735 MCL)
- **Champaign County.** 1988, 1994, 1996, 2005, 2009 – to the current year available. (912.7735 CHA)
- **DeWitt County.** 1989, 1993, 1996, 2005, 2007, 2010 – to the current year available. (912.7735 DEW)
- **Ford County.** 1988, 1992, 1996, 2004, 2011 to the current year available. (912.7735 FOR)
- **Livingston County.** 1990, 1994, 1997, 2004, 2008, 2010, 2013 to the current year available. (912.7735 LIV)
- **Logan County.** 1989, 1993, 1996, 2005, 2013 to the current year available. (912.7735 LOG)
- **Piatt County.** 1989, 1991, 2002, 2006, 2009, 2012 to the current year available. (912.7735 PIA)
- **Tazewell County.** 1987, 1993, 2006., 2013 to the current year available. (912.7735 TAZ)
- **Woodford County.** 1981, 1986, 1989, 1991, 2006. 2018. (912.7735 WOO)
- **Farm & Home Plat & Directory McLean County.** Published annually by Farm & Home Publications, this publication includes a directory index of occupants with their telephone numbers, an index to plat owners and a business directory index for McLean County. Library holdings are 1992, 1994 – current year. (917.7359 MCL)
- **Rural Directory McLean County Illinois.** Includes plats, an index of names and in newer issues includes the telephone number. It covers the rural areas of McLean County. The library has issues for 1973, 1975, 1978, 1982, and 1985. (917.7359 MCL)

Misc Records

The Library has a number of books dealing with various types of records for Bloomington and McLean County. They include births, marriages, cemeteries, and other vital pieces of information.

- **Central Illinois Death Notices 1848-1870.** Compiled and Printed by Milo Custer, 1924. (929.2 CUS)
- **Central Illinois Obituaries 1871-1880.** Compiled by Milo Custer, 1912, reprint copyright 1969 by Bloomington Normal Genealogical Society, 1984 printing. Includes an index to hidden names. (929.3 CUS)
- **Church Book for German Evangelical Lutheran Combined Friedens Church, Bloomington, Illinois: Baptisms, Marriages, & Burials (1884-1897).** Translated from German by Julie Cunningham, edited & indexed by William P. LaBounty; published by McLean County Genealogical Society, 1995. Includes history of the Church, index of names, and index of places of births. (270 CUN)
- **Civil War Medal of Honor Winners from Illinois.** The Civil War Centennial Commission of Illinois, 1962. (355.134 CIV)

- ***A Gazetteer of McLean County Containing Historical and Descriptive Sketches of Bloomington, LeRoy, Lexington, Chenoa, Normal, and the Several Townships of the County. Together With Sketches, Memoranda, etc., of the Volunteers from McLean Who Served in the War for the Union.*** Compiled and published by Bailey & Hair, 1866. The short title for this publication is ***Soldiers' Record and Gazetteer of McLean County***. It includes an historical sketch of the "McLean County Regiment," the 94th Illinois Volunteer Infantry as well as a listing of the soldiers who served. (Locked Case 917.7359 GAZ)
- ***Grand Army of the Republic Department of Illinois Transcription of the Death Rolls, 1879-1947.*** By Dennis Northcutt & Thomas Brooks, 2003. Compiles the names of Civil War Veterans living in the entire state of Illinois. (929.37 NOR)
- ***Illinois Marriages Early to 1825.*** Edited by Jordan R. Dodd, 1990. (929.3773 ILL)
- ***Index to Probate Records McLean County, Illinois 1831-1946.*** Edited by Nola G. Marquandt and published by the McLean County Genealogical Society, 1999. 6 volumes bound in 2 books. (929.3773 IND)
- ***McLean County Birth Records.*** Compiled from records at McLean County Court House; copies of these records may be obtained from the County Clerk's Office. Compiled by members of the McLean County Genealogical Society. 7 volumes bound in 2 books. Covers years 1860-1899. (929.3 MCL)
- ***McLean County, Illinois, Cemeteries.*** Published by the Bloomington-Normal Genealogical Society and later volumes published by the McLean County Genealogical Society. Volumes 1-18 bound in 6 books; Volume 19, Evergreen Cemetery; Volume 20, Park Hill Cemetery; Volume 21, Hudson Cemetery; Volume 22, East Lawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Includes records of persons buried in the various McLean County cemeteries. (929.5 MCL)
- ***McLean County, Illinois, Cemetery Locations.*** Compiled by Liz Veselack, Mclean County Genealogical Society, 1993. Includes a township map with cemeteries marked and driving directions to the site. (929.5 MCL)
- ***McLean County Illinois Index to Wills Filed 1838-1940.*** Compiled by the Illinois Regional Archives Depository System, Illinois State University. Loose-leaf binder; contains 6,816 records in the Illinois State Archives Database, extracted from the McLean County Will Record. (929.3773 MCL)
- ***McLean County, Illinois, Marriage Records.*** Index compiled from records contained at McLean County Court House; copies of the records may be obtained from the County Clerk's Office. Index compiled by members of Bloomington-Normal Genealogical Society. 8 volumes bound in 2 books. Covers years 1831- 1892. (929.3 MCL)
- ***Names of Servicemen Either KIA or Died During W. W. II from Bloomington, Illinois.*** Marguerite E. Clarke, 1983. Library also has the 1986 revised edition. (940.5467 CLA)
- ***Naturalization Abstracts McLean County, Illinois 1853-1955: With Hidden Surname Index.*** Compiled by members of the McLean County Genealogical Society and published by the McLean County Genealogical Society, 1995. 7 volumes. (929.2 NAT)
- ***Old Family Records.*** Compiled and Printed by Milo Custer, Reprinted by the Bloomington-Normal Genealogical Society. 9 volumes bound in 1 book. (929.2 CUS)

- ***Passenger and Immigration Lists Index: a Guide to Published Arrival Records of About 500,000 Passengers Who Came to the United States and Canada in the Seventeenth, Eighteenth, and Nineteenth Centuries.*** Edited by P. William Filby, 1981.
 - The library also owns the ***Supplements*** up through 2009. (929.373 PAS)
- ***Records of McLean County Cemetery* [sic], *Land Grants, and Marriage* [sic].** Published by Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.), 1948. (*Locked Case* 977.359 D)
- ***Record of the Services of Illinois Soldiers in the Black Hawk War, 1831-32, and in the Mexican War, 1846-8.*** Prepared and published by authority of the Thirty-Second General Assembly by Isaac H. Elliott, H. W. Rokker, State Printer and Binder, 1882. Contains a complete roster of commissioned officers and enlisted men of both wars. (355.09773 ILL 1831-48)
- ***Revolutionary Lineages. Everyname Index to the Registrar's Records.*** Numbers 1 – 1181, Sons of the Revolution in the State of Illinois, 1986. Donald E. Gradeless. (929.3773 GRA)
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- ***Soldiers of McLean County W W II.*** Compiled by Staff of Bloomington Public Library, contains photocopies of newspaper articles, obituaries and pictures of soldiers who served in World War II. Articles are from the **Daily Pantagraph**. 3 vols., each volume containing an index of names. (940.54 SOL)
- ***Soldiers of the War of 1812 Whose Bounty Land Grants Were Located in McLean County, Illinois.*** From the McLean County, Illinois deed records, compiled by Milo Custer. 1912. (977.3 CUS)
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- ***War of 1812 Veterans Buried in McLean County.*** Compiled by Sara Cushing, McLean County Genealogical Society. 2012. (973.524 CUS)

Yearbooks

The Library has a collection of both **Bloomington High School** and **Central Catholic High School** yearbooks. Parts of the yearbook collection are housed in the **Illinois Collection Locked Case**. To access the yearbooks in the **Locked Case**, ask a librarian at the Adult Services Desk.

- ***Bloomington High School Yearbooks*** have had three (3) titles through the years. Beginning as the ***Aegis***, a **monthly**, newsy publication, the Library has issues for the years **1897-1910**. The newsy articles were written by students and the publication included editorials and information about “Locals [students].” In 1911, it became a yearbook, published annually by the **Senior Class**, and eventually published by the **Aegis Staff**. The Library has the **annual** publications for the dates **1911-1932, 1935**. The title was changed to the ***Purple and Gold Pictorial*** in 1936, and the Library has the issues for **1936-1941**. In 1942, the publication title was changed to the ***Aepix***, its current title. The Library has the **Aepix** for the dates **1942-to the present**. There are several gaps in the years. More recent years are housed on open shelves as well as in the Locked Case. (379.773 BLO)
- ***The Alumni Aegis 1864-1906.*** This publication came out in 1906, recognizing the “semi-centennial of [Bloomington High School].” It contains an historical review of the high school, a roster of deceased alumni, information about “the Locals [alumni]—1864-1906,” and brief articles by various alumni, in addition to other

pieces about school history and information. The information about the “locals” includes informative tidbits about various alumni, including who they are married to, what they are doing, where they are living, etc. [in 1906]. (379.773 BLO)

- ***Centrix*** is the title of the Central Catholic High School yearbook. The library has issues from **1970 to the present**. More recent years are housed on open shelves as well as in the Locked Case. (379.773 CAT)
- ***Trinitas*** is the yearbook for St. Mary’s High School and eventually Trinity High School. The Library owns **1928, 1930-1932, 1940, 1950, 1952-1961**. The St. Mary’s High School became Trinity High School around 1928. Trinity High School became Central Catholic High School around 1966-1968, and the yearbook became ***Centrix***. (379.773 CAT)