

Inventory of the

City of DeKalb
DeKalb, Illinois

Collection

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INTRODUCTION

Several individuals, including Waite E. Embree, donated the City of DeKalb Collection to the Northern Illinois University Archives between 1965 and 1978. In June 1978 University Archivist, J. Joseph Bauxar, transferred the collection to the Northern Illinois Regional History Center. Various addenda were added at later dates.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The City of DeKalb Collection is organized into two record series. The first series, City Records, consists of budgets, comprehensive development plans, revised ordinances, and committee records. Documentation on the urban renewal project in 1968-1969 can be found in the Urban Renewal Study Committee records. Demographic and economic information on the area is available in the development plans and in a survey done in 1947.

Records from the DeKalb Chamber of Commerce comprise series two. Included are annual reports, correspondence, committee reports and newsletters. For those interested in basic background information on DeKalb, a photograph book printed in 1913 provides a brief history with views of area businesses, churches, and residences.

Researchers studying the history of DeKalb also may want to consult several other sources held by the Regional History Center. County histories, plat books and atlases, and city directories are excellent materials for basic background information. Those seeking information on city planning and zoning should check the DeKalb City Planning Commission Records (see IRAD inventories). In addition, many other private manuscript collections document the families, organizations, churches, and businesses of DeKalb (see the Center's Guide to Sources).

SUBJECT TRACINGS

Chamber of Commerce	Police
Chamber of Commerce of DeKalb	United States--Politics and government
DeKalb (Ill.)	
DeKalb, City of	
Housing	
Industries- Illinois- DeKalb	
Kishwaukee Community Hospital	
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1	1	Annual Reports, 1964-1966
	2-3	Budgets, (1972-1976)
	4	DeKalb, Illinois Survey, 1947
	5-8	Comprehensive Development Plans, (1954-1969)
	9-10	Revised Ordinances, 1914, 1942
	11	Zoning Ordinances, 1956, 1969
	12	Land Utilization and Marketability Study, 1968
	13	Traffic Survey, 1953
	14	Citizens Committee for Community Improvement, Constitution and Minutes, 1967-1970
		Urban Renewal Study Committee:
	15	Minutes and Information, 1968-1969
	16	Pamphlets, "Vision", 1968
	17	Commission on Human Relations, Bylaws and Information, (1969)
Series II. Chamber of Commerce Records		
	18	Constitution and Organizational Information, 1920-1961
	19	Annual Reports, 1922, 1926, 1953
	20	Correspondence, (1925-1964)
	21	Committee Reports and Promotional Materials, (1931-1965)
	22-23	Newsletters, (1921-1961), 1978
	24	Monthly Business Index, (1948-1960)
	25	Meeting Programs, (1947-1968)
	26	Photo Book of DeKalb, 1913
	27	Promotional Materials, n.d.
	28	Visitors Guide, ca. 1998
2	1	Junior Chamber of Commerce, Fact Book, Newsletters, and Programs, (1949-1953)
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<u>ADDENDUM</u>			
2	4	“The Feasibility of Relocating the Railroad Crossing in the City of DeKalb: A Preliminary Study” by Joseph Bolles, 1981	
	5	Kishwaukee Hospital Study, 1983-1984	
	6	DeKalb Police Department Annual Reports, 1980, 1982, 1983, 1991	
	14 volumes	Financial Records, 1893-1961 (Cash Books recording cash receipts and disbursements)	
3	1	City of DeKalb, Annual Report, FY 1989-1990	
	2	Environmental Statement Administrative Action for F.A. 7, 1974	
	3	Police Department, Annual Reports, 1978, 1986, 1987, 1992, 1996, 1999, 2001	
	4-5	Welsh Park/University Village, 1996-1997	
	6	City of DeKalb Profile, 1997	
	7	DeKalb Park District, 1995-2000	
4	1	DeKalb Taylor Municipal Airport, Environment Assessment for Development, Draft, February 2002	
	2	A Survey and Analysis of Housing with Recommendations for the Control, Regulation and Improvement of Conditions, DeKalb, IL, April 1959	
	3	Comprehensive City Plan, DeKalb, IL, September 1990	
	4	A Review of the City of DeKalb’s Economic Development Program, July 1995	
	5	Information Concerning the City of DeKalb, by the Economic Development Commission, February 1980	
	6	City of DeKalb, <u>Focus</u> Newsletter, Spring 1993	
	7	DeKalb Police Department, “Scams and Con Games,” 2003	