

Inventory of the

**Illinois Valley Industrial Association**  
LaSalle County, Illinois

Records

In the

Regional History Center

**RC 140**

## INTRODUCTION

Nancy Maze, President of the LaSalle County Historical Society, donated the records of the Illinois Valley Industrial Association to the Regional History Center on September 25, 1987.

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT

The records in this collection partially document the activities of the Illinois Valley Industrial Association from 1913 to 1968. Included are minutes of meetings (1913-1951, 1959), account books (1918-1968), correspondence files, executive secretary's and treasurer's records, committee lists, social activities and information on the Illinois Manufacturers' Association and the Illinois Industrial Council. Although many series are incomplete the range of record types provide adequate documentation of the Association's varied activities.

For additional information on manufacturing in the Illinois Valley, researchers should consult RC 116, Westclox Inc.; RC 156, Illinois Valley Area Chamber of Commerce; RC 167, Matthiessen and Hegeler Zinc Co. and the Center's Guide.

## HISTORICAL SKETCH

On December 2, 1913 a group of local industrialists met at the home of F. W. Matthiessen to consider organizing a manufacturers' club. A committee was selected to look into the matter and recommended that a club be organized at a meeting December 16, 1913. The purpose of the club was threefold: "to promote free enterprise and enhance relations between industry and business in the Illinois Valley; to provide such facilities as will better enable its members to work harmoniously for their common interest in solving their mutual problems; to assist in the solution of problems affecting this industrial area." The Illinois Valley Manufacturers' Club was officially organized on April 7, 1914 and received its charter as a non-profit corporation from the Secretary of State on November 15, 1914. Fritz Worm was the Club's first president.

To accomplish its goals the Club created several committees including; legislative, labor and public relations, traffic, safety and membership. In addition, the group was involved in various data gathering activities, surveys, training programs and other types of continuing education. The I.V.M.C. cooperated with the local Chamber of Commerce and other groups with

an interest in the prosperity of the region. To keep abreast of state and national issues important to the industrial sector the club was affiliated with the Illinois Industrial Council and Illinois Manufacturers' Association. In 1964 the group decided to change its name from the Illinois Valley Manufacturers' Club to the Illinois Valley Industrial Association and placed more emphasis on industrial activities. The I.V.I.A. disbanded in 1968.

### SUBJECT TRACINGS

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### COLLECTION INVENTORY

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1	1 2-5	Constitution, By-laws, Historical, 1913-1965 Minutes of Meetings, 1913-1951, 1959
Oversized	1 volume	Correspondence; F. W. Matthiessen Jr., 1915-1916
	6	Correspondence, Resolutions, 1918-1967
	7	Correspondence with other Associations, 1964-1965
	8	Treasurer's Account Book, 1928-1948
	9	Executive Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports, 1955-1967
	10	Executive Secretary, Robert Johnson, 1961-1966
	11	Finance Committee, 1956-1967
	12	Guest Register, 1915-1927
	13	Leases, Insurance, 1950-1967; Club Floor Plan, 1951
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	19	Tax Records, 1943-1967
	20	Constructive Citizenship Program, General Electric Co., 1966
	21	Illinois Industrial Council, 1936-1967
	22	Illinois Manufacturers' Association, 1943-1967
Oversize	8 volumes	Account Books, 1918-1968
	2 volumes	Dues Records; 1924-1927, 1955-1967