

Inventory of the

Stage Coach Players
DeKalb, Illinois

Records

In the

Regional History Center

RC 184

INTRODUCTION

E. Nelson James donated the Stage Coach Players Records to the Northern Illinois Regional History Center on October 14, 1986. Mr. James added additional records on November 3, 2000.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Stage Coach Players Records, dating from 1953-2000, document the group's activities through minutes, treasurer's reports, correspondence, and programs. The minutes date from 1959-1981 and include general, membership, special, and board meetings. The nearly complete set of programs date from 1960-2000 and give information about the casts and productions during these years. The collection also contains the constitution, by-laws, membership lists, correspondence, and newspaper supplements featuring the group.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Stage Coach Players is a DeKalb Community Theatre group that began entertaining in 1947. Originally the group used the Ellwood barn as their theatre and the Ellwood stage coach as their ticket office. It was from the early ticket office that they took their name. In 1950 two corporations were set up, one as a property holder and the other as a play production company. Subsequently the two corporations merged into one. That same year the group lost the use of the barn and bought some property on Barber Greene Road where, in 1953, they built their current theatre building. At the end of the 2000 season, the group plans to leave their current building and move to a new location on the corner of 5th and Grove in DeKalb.

SUBJECT TRACINGS

DeKalb
DeKalb, Organizations
Stage Coach Players
Theater

COLLECTION INVENTORY

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1	1	Constitution, By-laws, and Trust Agreements, 1958-1978
	2	History
	3	Supplement to DeKalb County Journal, "Along the Stage Coach Trail," June 13, 1971
	4	A Salute to Stage Coach Players, 1985
	5	Annual Report, 1979
	6-13	Meeting minutes, 1959-1981
	14	Correspondence, 1959-1979, 1982
	15	Membership lists, 1953-1957, 1970, n.d.
	16-18	Check Registers, 1959-1980
2	1	Shows Produced by Stage Coach Players, 1947-2000
	2	Programs, 1960-1992
	3	Programs, 1993-2000
	4	Building Addition, 1977
	5	Photographs and Negatives, 1950s