

Inventory of the

Dixon Chamber of Commerce
Dixon, Illinois

Records

In the

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INTRODUCTION

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce donated its records to the Northern Illinois Regional History Center on April 25, 1984.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce records are organized into three series: Minutes & Committees, Programs & Events, and Subject Files & Publications. The collection documents the Chamber's activities from 1920-1980, although two earlier documents are included in Box one, folder one: a copy of the original incorporation papers (1887) and the resolution that changed the organization's name (1915).

The first series, Minutes & Committees, contains Board of Directors Minutes (1920-1979), Minutes of various committees (1964-1979) and financial information (1925-1966). Additional financial reports and committee minutes are located within the Board minutes. Due to a fire in the Chamber's office, some of the Board minutes are singed and difficult to read.

The second series, Programs & Events, consists of background files on the Chamber's Annual Dinner (1967-1971), Consumer Complaints (1967-1978), the New Teachers Welcome (1965-1967), and Business Management Seminars (1977-1978). Related to these files are those in the third series, Subject Files & Publications. Subjects covered in this series are Airport Planning (1928-1931), Dixon's Centennial (1930) and Promotional Pamphlets, Maps and Guides of Dixon (1953-1967). Researchers should note that the collection contains no material on Dixon's annual Petunia Festival.

For additional information, researchers are encouraged to consult the Regional History Center's Guide for other Chamber of Commerce collections.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

On April 18, 1887, the Citizens Association of Dixon was formed to promote the economic, civic, and moral welfare of the people of Dixon. Later, on April 16, 1915, the Association changed its name to the Chamber of Commerce of Dixon. Since then, the Chamber has worked to attract new industries to Dixon, sponsored Dixon's Centennial, maintained the

Memorial Arch, and mediated consumer complaints. The Chamber has, also, devoted its energies to attracting conventions, improving highway access, and promoting Dixon as a scenic tourist spot. Despite two fires in their office (in December, 1924 and in June, 1984), Dixon's Chamber of Commerce continues to pursue its goal of uniting the city's citizens in order to build a solid community and a good business climate.

SUBJECT TRACINGS

Chamber of Commerce
Dixon
Dixon Chamber of Commerce
Economic Development
Retail Trade

COLLECTION INVENTORY

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
Series I. Minutes & Committees		
1	1	Organization Papers and Histories, 1887, 1915, 1921, 1945, 1951
	2	Financial Statements, 1925-1957, 1965-1966
	3	Tax Returns, 1945-1959
	4	Membership Lists, 1968, 1976
	5-10	Board Minutes, 1920-1924, 1928-1952, 1957
2	1-10	Board Minutes, 1958-1979
	11	Board Correspondence, 1953, 1965, 1967-1974, 1977
		Committees & Bureaus:
	12	Advertising Committee, 1969
	13-14	Farm/Business Council, 1964-1973
	15	Industrial Bureau, 1966-1968
	16	Retail Bureau, 1970, 1972-1973
	17	Tourism Committee, 1973-1977
	18	Blackhawk Hills Tourism Council, 1972-1979
Series II. Programs & Events		
	19	Arch Fund, 1966, 1967
	20	Calf Banquet, 1965
	21	Chamber Annual Dinner, 1967-1971
	22	Christmas, 1965

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2	23	Community Booklet Questionnaire, 1978	
	24-25	Consumer Complaints, 1967-1978	
	26	Farmers Market, 1975	
	27	Golden Checks Promotion, 1977	
	28	'Let's Talk About Dixon' Campaign, 1967-1969	
	29	New Industry Luncheon - E. Edelman Co., 1972	
	30	New Teachers Welcome, 1965-1967	
	31	Pink Magic Auction, 1975	
	32	Post Office Dedication, February 14, 1963	
	33	Press Releases, 1972-1979	
	34	Seller's Registration, 1971-1975	
	35	Servicemen Letters, 1969	
	36	University of Illinois - Business Management Seminars, 1977-1978	
	37	V.I.P. Dinner, 1969	
	38	Walgreen (Mrs. Charles) Birthday Party, June 1963	

Series III. Subject Files & Publications

3	1	Airport - Planning and Building, 1928-1931, 1966	
	2	Business District Reports, 1971, 1981	
	3	Chicago Northwestern Railway, 1965-1968	
	4	Cable Television, 1967	
	5	Dixon Centennial Celebration, 1930	
	6	Dixon Maps and Guides, 1953, 1960, 1963, 1967	
	7	Dixon Promotional Pamphlets, n.d.	
	8	Food Stores - Sunday Opening, August 1965	
	9	Illinois Sesquicentennial, 1966-1968	
	10	J. I. Case Co. - Dixon Works, 1931	
	11	Local Affairs - Correspondence, 1972-1975	
4	1	Miss American Teenager Pageant, 1969	
	2	Oakwood Memorial Mausoleum, 1967	
	3	YMCA, 1965	
	4-5	Newsletters, 1956-1958, 1968-1980	
	6	Chamber Photos, n.d. (13)	
	7	Dixon Photos, 1967 (17, 4 negs.)	