

Inventory of the

Beta Sigma Phi
DeKalb/Sycamore, Illinois

Records

In the

Regional History Center

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INTRODUCTION

Judith Sill, a member of the Preceptor Gamma Epsilon Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi , donated the records of the four DeKalb/Sycamore Chapters to the Regional History Center on May 27, 2016.

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Linear feet of shelf space: 4.25
 Number of containers: 6
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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The collection consists of the records of the DeKalb/Sycamore Chapters of Beta Sigma Phi from 1939 to 2012. It contains administrative files including minutes, correspondence, photographs, and scrapbooks.

The materials are grouped by record type, subcategories into sorority chapters, and then arranged chronologically. Oversize items have been placed in a separate box.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Beta Omega Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held their first meeting in April 1938 and was chartered in March 1939. Beta Sigma Phi was first organized in DeKalb in October 1945. The DeKalb/Sycamore Chapters of Beta Sigma Phi been composed of one or more chapters since its founding in the area in 1938, including chapters Beta Omega (Sycamore, est. 1939), Xi Gamma Upsilon (Sycamore, est. 1956), Xi Zeta Alpha Exemplar (DeKalb, est. 1963), Preceptor Gamma Epsilon (DeKalb), and Illinois Epsilon Phi (DeKalb, est. 1963).

Beta Sigma Phi International is a non-academic sorority founded in Abilene, Kansas in 1931 by Walter W. Ross. It is dedicated to helping women fulfill their lives through social, cultural, and civic enrichment. Now in the 21st century, this sorority has about 200,000 members in chapters around the world. The organization has grown to every state of the United States, to every Canadian province, and to 30 other countries. Donations have been made to medical research, treatment, and to such institutions as homes for children.

SUBJECT TRACINGS

Beta Sigma Phi
 DeKalb (Ill.)
 Photographs
 Scrapbooks

Sycamore (Ill.)

COLLECTION INVENTORY

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	
1	1	Charter, Illinois Xi Gamma Upsilon Chapter, November 1, 1956	
	2	Permits to Initiate, January 20, 1939-March 28, 1951	
	3	Members, 1983-2003	
	4	Founder's Day, April 30, 1968-April 30, 2012	
	5	Illinois Epsilon Phi Charter, Meeting Minutes, 1963-1973	
2	1	Illinois Epsilon Phi Chapter, Meeting Minutes, 1974-1978	
	2-5	Preceptor Gamma Epsilon Chapter, Meeting Minutes, 1978- 1989, 1990-1999, 2000-2008, 2009-2012	
	6	Meeting Minutes, Xi Gamma Upsilon, 1979-1998	
	7	Yearbooks, 1982-1984	
	8	Donations, 1985-2005	
	9	Programs, 1946-2010	
	10	Correspondence, 1977-2012	
	11	Photographs, 1986-2012	
	3 OV	1	Charter, Beta Omega Chapter, March 1939 Undergoing conservation treatment, July 16, 2016
		2	Charter, Xi Gamma Upsilon Chapter, October 8, 1956
		1 vol	Scrapbook, 1945-1965
4	1-4	Scrapbooks, 1968-1974, 1975-1986, 1976-1977, 1978	
5	1	63 rd Founder's Day Program, Treasure Special Moments, 1993-1994	
	2 vol	Scrapbooks, 1991-1994, 1994-1996	
6	2 vol	Scrapbooks, 1996-1997, 2000-2001	