

Inventory of the

Babb Family and Theater

Collection

In the

Regional History Center

RC 359

INTRODUCTION

The collection was donated on January 26, 2017 by Sally Sawicki, the executor of the Nancy Babb estate, Rochelle, IL.

Property rights in the collection belong to the Regional History Center, literary rights are dedicated to the public. There are no access restrictions to the collection.

Linear feet of shelf space: 2
Number of containers: 3
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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The collection is split into three series: (I) Babb Family, (II) Productions, and (III) Oversize and Artifacts. Records within the collection range from 1901 to 2012, but predominately fall within the last half of the 20th century.

Series I consists of papers of the Babb family, including records relating to Nancy Babb's career as an elementary teacher as well as family photographs, school records, and postcards from sites around the Northern Illinois region.

Series II consists of theater programs and tickets as from productions attended by Nancy Babb from 1977 to 2017 in the Northern Illinois region. She was also a frequented the Metro Centre in Peoria, IL whose programs and tickets are also in the collection. Also included in this series are programs from concerts and ice-skating events.

Series III contains buttons, ribbons, and plaques collected by Claude Babb, including several Northern Illinois Steam Power Club buttons from 1971 to 1993 from The Sycamore Show where Claude attended as a representative for Taylor Marshall Farm. There is also an ice-skating programs in this series.

The book accompanying the blueprint in box 1, folder was water damaged upon donation. It could not be conserved and was not accessioned into the collection.

Materials are arranged by type and then loosely by date within each series.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Nancy Babb was born August 20, 1942 to Claude C. Babb and Marion Priscilla (Carpenter) Babb. Claude was active in the Northern Illinois farming community and took part in the

Northern Illinois Steam Power Club.

In 1964, Nancy graduated from Illinois State University with her Bachelor's in Education and a K-9 Teaching Certificate. Nancy worked for Rochelle Elementary District 231 at Central School from 1964 until she retired in 2001. Nancy was an active member of the Rochelle United Methodist Church and the Rochelle Historical Society. Nancy passed away on July 13, 2016.

SUBJECT TRACINGS

Babb Family
Engle Family
Northern Illinois Steam Power Club
Rochelle (Ill.)
Streator (Ill.)
Taylor Marshall Farm
Theater

COLLECTION INVENTORY

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
Series I. Babb Family		
		<i>Nancy Babb:</i>
1	1	Birth Certificates, August 20, 1942
	2	Teaching Certifications, 1964-2001
	3	Professional Teaching Records, Rochelle Elementary School, 1964-2001
	4	Northern Illinois University "Improving Instruction in the Basics Program" workshop, 1979
	5	Student Transition Education Program (STEP) Brochure
	6	Correspondence, 1984-1993
	7	Social Event Photographs, 2010
		<i>Family School Records:</i>
	8	M. Priscilla Carpenter, Streator Township High School
	9	Hardscrabble Yearbook, Streator Township High School, 1920-1921
	10	Blueprint from "Space and Equipment for Homemaking Instruction", 1935
	11	Illinois State Normal University Class of 1929 Reunion, June 12, 1954
		<i>Photographs:</i>
	12	Mrs. Godfrey and Son, 1901
	13	Engle Family (Streator, IL)
2	1	Mrs. Harry Engle (Streator, IL), 1927
	2	Leone Engle (Streator, IL)
	3	Wallace Engle
	4	Fred and Betty Foels (Streator, IL)
	5	Helen Carpenter Estate, 1907-1950
	6	Postcards and correspondence, ca. 1908+
	7	Farming, 1940-1957
	8	Lee County Tax Rates, 1953-1955
	9	DeKalb County Atlas and Platbook, 1963-1965
	10	Hedtke's Steam Power and Horse Power Threshing Show (Kings, IL), August 1968

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	4
2	11	Illinois Tourism, ca. 1970	
	12	The Dickson Mound, July 25, 1993	
	13	Veteran's Day, 2011	
	14	Antique Walk (Rockford, IL), 2012	
	15	Newspaper Clippings, 1915-2012	
	16	Plough's Black and White Birthday and Dream Book, ca. 1922	
	17	Funny Facts and Fiction, January 1931	

Series II. Productions

18-32	Play Programs, 1977-2016
33	Tickets, 1984- 2005
34	Vince Carney Community Theatre (VCCT) Productions (Rochelle, IL), 2007, 2015, 2017
35	"Double or Nothing", White Pines Diner Theater Production (Mt. Morris, IL)
36	The Wagon Wheel Figure Skating Club Events, 1968, 1972
37	Opening Night with Dionne Warwick, Metro Centre, January 31, 1981

Series III: Oversize and Artifacts

3	Northern Illinois Steam Power Club buttons (14), 1971-1993 Northern Illinois Stream Power Show Exhibitor Plaque (Sycamore, IL), 1976 Theashermen buttons (2), 1971, n.d. Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor exhibitor ribbon, Geneseo, IL Easton Illinois Centennial medallion on chain, 1973 CAT Diesel Power embroidered patch Ice Capades with Peggy Fleming, Metro Centre April 3, 1982 World Cup Figure Skating Champions program and ticket, Metro Centre, 1993 Coronado Theatre, Rockford Register Star, January 14, 2001
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