



American Red Cross, Champaign County  
Chapter

COLLECTION 113

## Champaign County Historical Archives

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**Creator/Corporate name:** American Red Cross, Champaign County Chapter  
**Inclusive Dates:** 1918-1991, bulk 1960-1981.  
**Physical Description:** 2 boxes , (1 linear ft).

**Provenance:**

The American Red Cross, Champaign County Chapter Collection was donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives. An inventory of the collection was created on November 3, 1998. A finding aid was created in December, 2016 and updated April, 2018.

**Access:**

The records are accessible to the public within applicable copyright restrictions and limited to use at the Champaign County Historical Archives of The Urbana Free Library.

**Historical Note:**

The Champaign County Chapter of the American Red Cross (ARC) was founded in February 1917 with Dr. C. F. Newcomb as the first chairman and Miss Garreta Busey as the first secretary. The initial goal of the chapter was to raise money in Champaign-Urbana and throughout the county to carry out the work of the American Red Cross during World War I. Chapter activities fell into three categories: educational, supporting services, and special events. Committees included are: Gray Ladies, Junior Red Cross, education, disaster, blood banks, and home service. Champaign County no longer has its own chapter of the ARC, but is served by the Central Illinois chapter.

**Scope and Content Note:**

This collection offers information on the Champaign County Chapter of the American Red Cross. Annual reports and directories offer chapter history and information regarding activities, services, finances, and membership. Some post-World War II and Vietnam era activities and campaigns are also highlighted, such as: Fund Campaigns from 1946-1966, Military Wives and Mothers Club from 1967, and Disaster Plans from 1974, and 1976. Other highlights include: scrapbooked publications, Disaster Relief, and a Junior Red Cross project from 1959, which contains class photographs, letters, drawings, and other materials depicting daily events and students' observations from Lottie Switzer School, Champaign.

**Arrangement:**

The collection is arranged at the alphabetically at the folder level.

**Separated Material:**

Photographs were removed to the 'The American Red Cross, Champaign County Chapter' Photographs Envelope in the Local History Photographs series.



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**Subject Terms:**

Charities—Records and Correspondence

Disaster Relief

Humanitarianism--Societies, Etc.

**Names:**

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Busey, Garreta

Lottie Switzer School (Champaign, Ill.)

Newcomb, C.F.

Newcomb, Cyrus F.

**Lottie Switzer School Student Names:**

Best, Joseph "Joey"

Bolton, Donna Ral

Booth, Jerry

Brown, Patricia

Chaplin, Helen Iris Babbs Loar

Dye, Jodene

E., Michael

Erwin, Carol

Graves, Jim

Griffet, Larry

Hemrich, Verna

Hogue, Jane

Honn, Pamela

Howser, Barbara

James Jr., Karl

Melchi, Linda Rory

Mulliken, Albert D.

Nicola, Dennis

Ogdon, Lynn

Palmer, Linda

Prouin, Georgeanne L.

Redmon, John

Roberts, Elton

Smith, Andrew "Andy"

Snyder, Gladys Dohme

Streleski, Nelda

Taylor, Pamela "Pam"

Timm, Alan

Walker, Champ

Wells, Dana



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**Container List:**

**Box 1**

- Folder 1: Annual Reports, 1959-1989 (incomplete)
- Folder 2: ARC Publications, 1981 and undated
- Folder 3: Board of Directors, Directories and Membership, 1961-1987
- Folder 4: Board of Directors, Meeting Minutes, 1979
- Folder 5: Board of Directors, Meeting Minutes, 1980
- Folder 6: Board of Directors, Meeting Minutes, 1981-1982
- Folder 7: Correspondence, 1965, 1980-1987
- Folder 8: Editorial, news, and picture material used by News Gazette and Courier newspapers, 1958-1960
- Folder 9: Emergency Disaster Relief Campaign, July, 1983
- Folder 10: Ephemera [Blank forms, checkbook, and song sheet], 1918, 1981, and undated
- Folder 11: Fund Campaign Reports and Audit Reports, 1946-1948
- Folder 12: Fund Campaign Reports and Audit, 1949-1966 (incomplete)
- Folder 13: History of Chapter
- Folder 14: Interviews—Gladys Dohms Snyder, Albert D. Mulliken, Helen I. B. L. Chaplin, 1989-1991

**Box 2**

- Folder 15: Junior Red Cross—Lottie Switzer School, 6th Grade, 1959
- Folder 16: Military Wives and Mothers Club, 1967-1969
- Folder 17: Scrapbook (1 of 3)
- Folder 18: Scrapbook (2 of 3)
- Folder 19: Scrapbook (3 of 3)
- Folder 20: Written Disaster Plans, 1974, 1976