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City of Champaign Local Improvement
Records, 1910-1930

Collection 152

Champaign County Historical Archives

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Inclusive Dates: 1910-1930

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Historical Note:

Champaign, Illinois, was founded in 1855 as “West Urbana” when the Illinois Central Railroad laid tracks nearby. It was renamed Champaign in 1860 after receiving its city charter, taking its name from Champaign County, Ohio.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection documents the development and infrastructure projects in Champaign, Illinois, primarily from 1910 to 1930. It includes detailed records on the construction, improvement, and maintenance of streets, avenues, sidewalks, sewer systems, and lighting districts throughout the city. The materials cover a wide range of public works initiatives, reflecting Champaign’s urban growth during the early 20th century. Key subjects include stormwater management, sanitary sewer expansions, pavement widening, and the installation of lighting systems in both residential and business districts. The collection offers valuable insight into the municipal planning and civic improvements that shaped the city’s physical and social landscape during this transformative period.

Arrangement:

This collection is arranged alphabetically by subject material.



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Subject Terms:

Improvements (Law)
Public works
Sewerage
Urban runoff—Management

Name Terms:

Alley No.2 (Champaign)
Alley No.4 (Champaign)
Armory Ave (Champaign)
Arlington Ct (Champaign)
Beardsley Ave (Champaign)
Bradley Ave (Champaign)
Carson Ave (Champaign)
Charles St (Champaign)
Champaign St (Champaign)
Chestnut St (Champaign)
Church St (Champaign)
Columbia Ave (Champaign)
Daniel St (Champaign)
Edwin St (Champaign)
Elm Blvd (Champaign)
Ells Ave (Champaign)
First St (Champaign)
Fourth St (Champaign)
Garfield Ave (Champaign)
Garwood St (Champaign)
Green St (Champaign)
Haines Blvd (Champaign)
Harris Ave (Champaign)
Healey St (Champaign)
James St (Champaign)
John St (Champaign)
Johnson Ave (Champaign)
Lynn St (Champaign)
McKinley Ave (Champaign)
New St (Champaign)
Park Ave (Champaign)
Pine St (Champaign)
Poplar St (Champaign)
Second St (Champaign)



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Sixth St (Champaign)
South Dr (Champaign)
Springfield Ave (Champaign)
Stadium Dr (Champaign)
Stanage Ave (Champaign)
Stoughton St (Champaign)
Third St (Champaign)
Tremont St (Champaign)
Union St (Champaign)
University Ave (Champaign)
Vine St (Champaign)
Washington St (Champaign)
Water St (Champaign)
Wheaton Ave (Champaign)
William St (Champaign)
Willis Ave (Champaign)
Wright St (Champaign)

Container List

Box 1

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Folder 5: Beardsley Avenue, 1923
Folder 6: Beardsley Avenue and Champaign Street, 1926
Folder 7: Boneyard Storm Water Sewage, 1910-1927
Folder 8: Bradley Avenue, 1924-1927
Folder 9: Bradley Avenue, (West part of), 1926
Folder 10: Business district lighting system, 1921-1922
Folder 11: Carson Avenue, 1925
Folder 12: Central district lighting system, 1922-1925
Folder 13: Charles Street, 1924-1927
Folder 14: Charles Street, 1924-1927
Folder 15: Chestnut Street and Alley, 1926
Folder 16: East Church and Third Street, 1922-1924
Folder 17: Church Street, (West Part of), 1921-1926
Folder 18: Columbia Avenue, Vine Street, and Harris Avenue, 1926
Folder 19: Daniel Street, 1919-1922
Folder 20: Eastern Sidewalk System, 1921-1922
Folder 21: Edwin Street, 1922
Folder 22: Elm Boulevard, Haines Boulevard, and Lynn Street, 1925



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Folder 33: West John Street, 1930
Folder 34: Johnson Avenue, 1921
Folder 35: Lynn Street, 1924
Folder 36: McKinley Avenue, 1921-1922
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Folder 38: Northwest Storm Sewer, 1926
Folder 39: Northeastern Sidewalk System, 1926
Folder 40: Pavement Widening No.1, 1922
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Folder 42: Pine Street and Arlington Court, 1925
Folder 43: Scott Sanitary Sewer, 1924-1925
Folder 44: Second Street, 1924
Folder 45: Sixth Street, 1921
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Box 2

Folder 1: Southwest Sewer District, 1925-1926
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Folder 5: Stanage Avenue, 1926
Folder 6: Stoughton Street, 1923
Folder 7: Street Improvement Bonds, 1920-1925
Folder 8: Third Street, 1924
Folder 9: University Avenue, 1924
Folder 10: University District Lighting System, 1921-1922
Folder 11: Vine Street, 1926
Folder 12: Washington Street and Poplar Street, 1923-1924
Folder 13: Washington Street and Poplar Street, 1923-1924
Folder 14: Water Street, 1921-1922
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Folder 16: William Street, 1925



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Folder 17: North Wills Avenue, 1924

Folder 18: Willis Avenue and Union Street, 1924

Folder 19: Wright Street, 1926