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Champaign County History Society,  
1869-2004

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## Champaign County Historical Archives

**Creator/Corporate name:** Champaign County Historical Society

**Inclusive Dates:** 1869-2004, bulk 1892-2004

**Physical Description:** 3 boxes, 3.25 linear feet

**Provenance:**

Champaign County Historical Society records were donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives in part by Dr. Clyde Gulick's children.

**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.

**Scope and Content Note:**

Box 199 contains a medical kit, camera, personal styling items, and other artifacts. Box 542 contains membership records, the treasurer's report, bylaws, and other documented related to the Campaign County Historical Society. Box 707 contains physical artifacts from the 1892 World Fair, World War One, and other artifacts from various other events.

**Name Terms:**

American Legion  
American Red Cross  
Astell, Louis A.  
Astell, W.M.  
Bartholow, J. S.  
Browder, Olin  
Butler, Mary  
Champaign County Historical Society  
Cunningham, Opal  
Grand Army of the Republic  
Gulick, Clyde  
Hamlin, Hannibal  
Homer Centennial Committee (Homer, Ill.)  
Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865.  
Morris, Perry  
Stevenson, Mary  
Sutton, Robert M.  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
White, J.C.



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**Subject Terms:**

Babcock family  
World War, 1914-1918

**Inventory list:**

**Box 199**

Artifacts belonging to the Historical Society

- Wooden box containing a medical kit, used in 1869. It was brought to Champaign County by Dr. J. S. Bartholow. He gave it to Dr. Clyde Gulick and his daughter and son gave it to the Historical Society.
- Box of cards, each showing two images of various skin diseases.
- No. 1A Autographic Kodak Jr. camera. The name Dr. Louis A. Astell is on the back of the camera.
- A wooden boot jack
- 2 Tools to pull boots on.
- 2 Curling and wave irons for hair.
- Leather case for carrying music.
- Two straight razors and razor hone
- Man's leather change purse.

**Box 542**

- Membership Directories: 1963, 1966, 1986-87 to 1994-95 supplement; 1995-96 (2 copies), 1997-98 (2 copies), 1998-99 supplement, 1999-2000 (2 copies, 8<sup>th</sup> ed.), 2002-2003 (9<sup>th</sup> ed.)
- Treasurer's report, 1963-64, 2003
- Correspondence from Robert M. Sutton to Olin Browder:
  - March 25, 1964 concerning Central Regional Meeting for Student Historians
  - May 8, 1967 concerning nominating committee
- Membership card for 1967-1968 of Olin L. Browder, signed by treasurer, Opal Cunningham
- Amended Bylaws of Champaign County Historical Society, adopted January 13, 1971.
- Publicity flier for "Illustrated Talk on the History of Champaign and Urbana Theatres & Opera Houses," November 24, 2003, presented by Perry Morris.

**Box 707**

- Sugar sack donated by Mary Stevenson. Her maiden name was Mary Butler (born 1883). On the sack is J. C. White, who owned a grocery store in Homer.
- Stereoscope with 19 cards to view. The name "Astell" is on the viewer.
- Small black and red oval box.
- A glass paper weight with a picture of a ferris wheel, from the Chicago World's Fair.
- Books: The finest of the wheat: hymns old and new, 1890; Victory Songs for the church, Sunday School and Evangelistic Services; Sights, scenes and wonders at the World's Fair, 1904; The University of Illinois Directions for Commencement Week, 1924.
- Three wooden gavels: one is not marked, one has "Komensky Klub C.10," one has a postcard with the explanation that the gavel was made from the "Surrender Oak," Citronelle, Alabama, where the last



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surrender of the Civil War occurred. It was presented to the GAR Post by Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Babcock. On the gavel is stamped the words "Surrender Oak."

-Eyeglasses

-Four spoons from the 1892 World's Fair.

-Scissors

-Silver candle stick.

-Two pocket watches [one is without hands or crystal, one has crystal and a chain]

-Two wooden paddles

-Two valentines

-A small metal anvil.

-An assortment of pins, buttons, metals, etc.

Homecoming pins for the University of Illinois: 1919, 1952

Homer Centennial, 1855-1955

University of Illinois Sophomore Cotillion, 1915

Grand Army of the Republic pins (8 pins in the shape of a star, with ribbons

Grand Army of the Republic Colonel Nodine Post No. 140 stationery (15 sheets)

World War 1917-1919 Medal "awarded to W. M. Astell and Louis A. Astell by the citizens of Champaign County, Ill for services rendered in the World War." (2 medals)

Champaign, Illinois Centennial 1860-1960 ribbon with two buttons with pictures of Abraham Lincoln and Hannibal Hamlin

Small plastic box with 24 buttons and pins, non-local, including American Red Cross and American Legion

Cigar box with 4 stick pins, fraternity pins, etc. (36 items)