



## Champaign County Historical Archives

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**Creator/Corporate name:** Champaign County Camera Club.

**Inclusive Dates:** 1935-2002, bulk 1940-1994.

**Physical Description:** 2 boxes, (2.2 linear feet).

**Provenance:** The records of the CCCC were donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives, The Urbana Free Library,

**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.

### **Organizational History:**

The Champaign County Camera Club (CCCC) was founded on November 19, 1935, and the club's constitution was formally adopted on May 12, 1936. The club dedicated itself to the enjoyment, mastery, and furtherance of photography through cooperation, effort, education, and good fellowship. Club membership has consisted of a mix of faculty and students from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC), as well as residents from the surrounding communities in Champaign County. The CCCC was committed to keeping the club open to anyone with an interest in photography by maintaining low membership fees. The first president of the CCCC was Tyler Price (1936), followed by other notable presidents such as Miles Snyder (1938-1939), Lulu Green (1942-1944), Fred Weinard (1967-1968), and Isabelle Purnell (1972-1973). The CCCC joined the ranks of the Central Illinois Camera Clubs Association (CICCA) in 1950 and later became a member of the Photographic Society of America.

The majority of the CCCC schedule consisted of tutorials given by various notable photographers as well as slide shows presented by CCCC members and members of surrounding camera clubs. These meetings were often held in various locations throughout Urbana-Champaign, such as the YMCA and the English building on the UIUC campus. The organization also held monthly competitions and participated in several salons held by other camera clubs such as Charleston Camera Club and Danville Camera Club. The climax of the year for the CCCC was the annual salon. The tradition of holding this event began in the spring of 1936. The annual salon consisted of numerous camera clubs throughout central Illinois entering in a competition that culminated in a banquet featuring the winners of the salon as well as comments from the judges. The winning pictures would often be featured in the *News-Gazette*. Finally, the CCCC participated in CICCA salons and had the opportunity on occasion to host a CICCA salon.



**Champaign County Camera Club  
Records, 1935-2002**

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**Scope and Content:**

The Champaign County Camera Club (CCCC) collection consists of records that extend from the club's beginning in 1935 until 2002. The greater part of the collection is focused on the years between 1940 and 1994. The majority of material references the annual salon, which includes lists of committee members, correspondence with judges, and score sheets. In addition, the collection contains records of monthly competitions, area competitions (Charleston Camera Club and Danville Camera Club), as well as the Central Illinois Camera Clubs Association (CICCA) salons. The club's constitution, meeting minutes, history of the club, and treasurer's reports are also present within the collection. Also found in the materials are partial runs of the CCCC newsletters and the CICCA Courier. Finally, the club's membership books, photographs, as well as scrapbooks can be found in the material.

**Subject Terms:**

Photography—Societies, etc.  
Clubs

**Arrangement:**

The Champaign County Camera Club records are arranged into the following series:

**Series 1: Administrative Functions**

This series consists of material that pertains to the organization of the Champaign County Camera Club.

**Series 2: Club Activities**

Series 2 is made up of papers concerned with monthly and yearly activities, such as the annual salon, as well as lists of members.

**Series 3 – Club Newsletters and Memorabilia**

The Champaign County Camera Club newsletters, scrapbooks, and journals make up the majority of this series.

**Series 4 – CICCA Publications**

This series consists of an incomplete run of the *CICCA Courier*.

**Container List**

**Box 1**

**Series 1 – Administrative Functions**

Folder 1: Constitution of Champaign County Camera Club

Folder 2: Officers – 1959, 1962-1970, 1973



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- Folder 3: Reports and Meeting Minutes – 1936, 1971, 1974
- Folder 4: Treasurer's Reports – 1968-1973, 1975-1985, 1987-1988, 1990-1992
- Folder 5: CICC Executive Minutes and Papers – 1967, 1969
- Folder 6: Treasurer's Book – 1935-1979
- Folder 7: Treasurer's Book – 1979-1993

**Series 2 – Club Activities**

- Folder 8: Club Schedules – 1957, 1962-1968
- Folder 9: Club Schedules – 1969-1976, 1986-1988
- Folder 10: Membership Lists – 1957-1958, 1960-1961, 1964-1973, 1975-1978
- Folder 11: Membership Lists – 1980, 1984-1985, 1990-1994
- Folder 12: Photography Categories
- Folder 13: Champaign County Camera Club Events
- Folder 14: Monthly Competition Judges and Rules
- Folder 15: Monthly Competition Point Totals – 1956, 1959-1982, 1986-1987
- Folder 16: Annual Salon – 1941, 1943, 1947-1952
- Folder 17: Annual Salon – 1956-1959
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- Folder 29: Annual Salon – 1977
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- Folder 32: Annual Salon – 1980-1981
- Folder 33: Annual Salon – 1982-1983
- Folder 34: Annual Salon – 1984-1985
- Folder 35: Annual Salon – 1986-1988
- Folder 36: Annual Salon – 1989-1994
- Folder 37: Annual Salon – 1995-1999
- Folder 38: Best in Show Competition – 2002
- Folder 39: Miscellaneous Annual Salon Papers



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Folder 40: Charleston Camera Club Competitions – 1966-1976, 1978

Folder 41: Danville Camera Club Competitions – 1967, 1973-1976, 1979

**Box 2**

**Series 2 – Club Activities**

Folder 1: CICCA Salon – 1943, 1958-1961, 1963-1969

Folder 2: CICCA Salon – 1970-1977

Folder 3: Miscellaneous CICCA Events – 1964-1979

Folder 4: Correspondence – 1967-1980

Folder 5: Correspondence – 1981-1994

**Series 3 – Club Newsletters and Memorabilia**

Folder 6: History of the Champaign County Camera Club

Folder 7: The Cable Release – 1950-1951

Folder 8: Champaign County Camera Club Newsletter – 1976-1979

Folder 9: Champaign County Camera Club Newsletter – 1981-1987

Folder 10: Champaign County Camera Club Newsletter – 1990-1992

Folder 11: Champaign County Camera Club Newsletter – 1993-1994

Folder 12: Scrapbook – 1953-1957

Folder 13: Scrapbook – 1958-1959

Folder 14: Photographs

Folder 15: Ephemera

Folder 16: Guestbook – 1952-1984

Folder 17: Club Notes – 1979-1993

Folder 18: Journal – 1938-1939

Folder 19: Journal – 1941-1942

Folder 20: Journal – 1942-1945

Folder 21: Journal – 1945-1949

Folder 22: Journal – 1949-1950

**Series 4 – CICCA Publications**

Folder 23: CICCA Courier – 1967-1968

Folder 24: CICCA Courier – 1970-1975

Folder 25: CICCA Courier – 1976-1977

Folder 26: CICCA Courier – 1978-1983