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Skagenberg, Richard.
Bement (Ill.) Collection, 1940-2014.

Box 1
This box contains three photograph albums, a scrapbook, and copies of publications about the Bement centennial (1955) and sesquicentennial (2005).

The photographs are filed in blue, red, and dark red ("Excelsior") albums. Most of them are 8x10 prints, a few are smaller. Nearly every photograph is accompanied by notes which identify those who are pictured. A few photographs are also accompanied by clippings about them. (The approximate number of photographs of some of the events and people is indicated in parentheses.)

Bement Centennial (1855-1955) photographs and clippings

Blue album
Kick-off dinner, 15
The parade, 60
Youth Day activities, 8
Agriculture Day, 5
   Joseph Foster, Bement Ag. teacher, clipping
Memorial Day, July 4, 26 pages.
Agriculture Day. 5
Touchdown dinner

Charles B. Shuman, 3
Sen. Alexander Wiley, 3
Rep. Philip Wilkie, 6
Norman Thomas, 4
Sen. Ralph Flanders, 5
Clark Eichelberger, 5
James A. Farley, 11
Carl Sandburg, some with Harry Payne Reeves, Bruce Wierick, and Richard Skagenberg. Reeves was a professor of Spanish, Wierick a professor of English, at the University of Illinois.

Red album
Last interurban passenger car in Bement, June 11, 1955.
Religion Day
   Harold F. Carr, president, Iliff College [School of Theology]
A. K. Atkinson, president, Wabash Railroad Company
Box Social
Square Dance
Wrestling Match
Illinois Day
   Ill. Secretary of State Charles Carpentier
   Ill. Secretary of Public Instruction Vernon L. Nichols
Pageant
   Dancers
   Band
   Old Time Religion
   Lincoln and Douglas
   Fireworks
Marilyn Monroe (27) [15 more in Box 2]
Carleton Smith
Art Museum: The Callithumpian Heritage of Man
   Sir Jacob Epstein, "Juleen" [Juleen Compton, screenwriter]
   Henry Moore, "Woman"
Walgreen Collection of Lincoln
Queen and attendants
Old manual telephone switchboard; new dial system
Many leading participants in the centennial, including Dick and Ann Skagenberg (the last three photographs in the album)

**Dark red (Excelsior) album**

There is an index at the front of this album which is keyed to the red-dot numbers on the back of the photographs. Nearly every photograph is a duplicate of pictures in the Blue album. The album opens with a picture of the Callithampian parade in 1891.

**Scrapbook**

This album, of about 62 pages, contains newspaper clippings and a scattering of other items about the Centennial. Some clippings come from the Decatur Herald-Review and the Champaign-Urbana News-Gazette, and include photographs taken by their staff photographers (for instance, pictures of Ill. Gov. William G. Stratton).

**Mixed materials of Bement history and events**

Includes materials produced in conjunction with the centennial and sesquicentennial, as well as those for related people and subjects

**Publications**

Bement Centennial Program. *Bement's Centennial Celebration, July 31- August 6* [1955]. Schedule of events (2 copies)
The Bement Story: Bement Centennial, 1855-1955. [Also 977.3673 B423b].

The Bement Story: 1855-2005: The First 150 Years (2 copies). [Also 977.3673 B4231].

Bement, 1855-2005 (a calendar with "then" and "now" pictures).

BOX 2
This box contains newspapers about the Centennial and Sesquicentennial, negatives, CDs, and ephemera about both celebrations, and folders regarding particular individuals.

Marilyn Monroe.
1a. Photographs (15), many at the Bryant Cottage and with others.
1b. Additional photographs. [2015 accession]
2a. Clippings and online information.
2b. Additional clippings (photocopies). [2015 accession]

Carl Sandburg.
4. Photographs (7), some with others.
5. Clippings.

Carleton Smith.
7. Photographs (5 prints of 2 poses).
8. Smith to Dick Skagenberg, letters and postcards (12).
9. Papers relating to the National Arts Foundation exhibit in Bement, which included drawings by Diego Rivera there.
10. Clippings about Smith and information about other Smith collections. [The largest collection of Smith's papers is in the Lilly Library at Indiana University. The Music Library of the University of Illinois contains a collection of Carleton Smith's music materials.]

Other photographs, clippings, and ephemera.

Newspapers (2 folders) with extensive coverage of the Centennial, including the Bement Record, the Champaign-Urbana News-Gazette, and the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. The collection work file contains an extra copy of the News-Gazette's "Bement...A Good Place to Call Home," Mar. 18, 2007.
Two small boxes contain negatives of Skagenberg's photographs.

The smaller box contains in addition a selection of light-hearted Bement Centennial pins, including the "Brothers of the Brush" and a "Shaving Permit," the "Sisters of the Swish" and a "Cosmetic Permit," and a general pin advertising the Centennial as a whole.

**Bement Sesquicentennial (1855-2005) materials**

- Album of photographs (18 pages). Two brochures at the back include the schedule of events, July 29-31, 2005.

- Jim Fendley (photographer), two DVDs of the Sesquicentennial Parade and Activities, in ten segments, July 2005. [These discs are filed in the smaller box.]

- Clippings about the Sesquicentennial.

**Other materials**

- University of Illinois, School of Music, programs, 1940-1942, 1944-1945, 1958.

- Eleanor Lefever Skagenberg ('46), Golden Illini Society certificate.

  [See also the collections of the Milmine (Ill.) Christian Church and the Milmine, Dillow, and Hawver Schools which she donated to the University of Illinois in 1989-1990.]

Miscellaneous items, 1955-2014.