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

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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 Callithumpian 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]
3. Magazines. Copies of *Screen Greats* (Fall 1980), *People* (Aug. 10, 1987), *American Photo* (May-June 1997).

Carl Sandburg.

4. Photographs (7), some with others.
5. Clippings.
6. Helen Louise West, "Carl Sandburg Noticed Me" [1967]; photograph.

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.