



Red Cross, Champaign County Chapter
Records, 1918-1991

Collection 113

Champaign County Historical Archives

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Inclusive Dates: 1918-1991, bulk 1960-1981.
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Provenance:

The American Red Cross, Champaign County Chapter Collection was donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives. An inventory of the collection was created on November 3, 1998. A finding aid was created in December, 2016 and updated April, 2018.

Access:

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Historical Note:

The Champaign County Chapter of the American Red Cross (ARC) was founded in February 1917 with Dr. C. F. Newcomb as the first chairman and Miss Garreta Busey as the first secretary. The initial goal of the chapter was to raise money in Champaign-Urbana and throughout the county to carry out the work of the American Red Cross during World War I. Chapter activities fell into three categories: educational, supporting services, and special events. Committees included are: Gray Ladies, Junior Red Cross, education, disaster, blood banks, and home service. Champaign County no longer has its own chapter of the ARC, but is served by the Central Illinois chapter.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection offers information on the Champaign County Chapter of the American Red Cross. Annual reports and directories offer chapter history and information regarding activities, services, finances, and membership. Some post-World War II and Vietnam era activities and campaigns are also highlighted, such as: Fund Campaigns from 1946-1966, Military Wives and Mothers Club from 1967, and Disaster Plans from 1974, and 1976. Other highlights include: scrapbooked publications, Disaster Relief, and a Junior Red Cross project from 1959, which contains class photographs, letters, drawings, and other materials depicting daily events and students' observations from Lottie Switzer School, Champaign.

Arrangement:

The collection is arranged alphabetically at the folder level.

Separated Material:

Photographs were moved to the The American Red Cross, Champaign County Chapter Photographs Envelope in the Local History Photographs series.



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Subject Terms:

Charities—Records and Correspondence
Disaster Relief
Humanitarianism--Societies, Etc.

Name Terms:

American Red Cross. Champaign County Chapter
Busey, Garreta
Lottie Switzer School (Champaign, Ill.)
Newcomb, C.F.
Newcomb, Cyrus F.

Lottie Switzer School Student Names:

Best, Joseph "Joey"
Bolton, Donna Ral
Booth, Jerry
Brown, Patricia
Chaplin, Helen Iris Babbs Loar
Dye, Jodene
E., Michael
Erwin, Carol
Graves, Jim
Griffet, Larry
Hemrich, Verna
Hogue, Jane
Honn, Pamela
Howser, Barbara
James Jr., Karl
Melchi, Linda Rory
Mulliken, Albert D.
Nicola, Dennis
Ogdon, Lynn
Palmer, Linda
Prouin, Georgeanne L.
Redmon, John
Roberts, Elton
Smith, Andrew "Andy"
Snyder, Gladys Dohme
Streleski, Nelda
Taylor, Pamela "Pam"
Timm, Alan
Walker, Champ



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Wells, Dana
Wheet, Sandy

Container List:

Box 1

- Folder 1: Annual Reports, 1959-1989 (incomplete)
- Folder 2: ARC Publications, 1981 and undated
- Folder 3: Board of Directors, Directories and Membership, 1961-1987
- Folder 4: Board of Directors, Meeting Minutes, 1979
- Folder 5: Board of Directors, Meeting Minutes, 1980
- Folder 6: Board of Directors, Meeting Minutes, 1981-1982
- Folder 7: Correspondence, 1965, 1980-1987
- Folder 8: Editorial, news, and picture material used by News Gazette and Courier newspapers, 1958-1960
- Folder 9: Emergency Disaster Relief Campaign, July, 1983
- Folder 10: Ephemera [Blank forms, checkbook, and song sheet], 1918, 1981, and undated
- Folder 11: Fund Campaign Reports and Audit Reports, 1946-1948
- Folder 12: Fund Campaign Reports and Audit, 1949-1966 (incomplete)
- Folder 13: History of Chapter
- Folder 14: Interviews—Gladys Dohms Snyder, Albert D. Mulliken, Helen I. B. L. Chaplin, 1989-1991

Box 2

- Folder 15: Junior Red Cross—Lottie Switzer School, 6th Grade, 1959
- Folder 16: Military Wives and Mothers Club, 1967-1969
- Folder 17: Scrapbook (1 of 3)
- Folder 18: Scrapbook (2 of 3)
- Folder 19: Scrapbook (3 of 3)
- Folder 20: Written Disaster Plans, 1974, 1976