



Credit Bureau of Champaign County  
Records, 1924-2003

Collection 114

## Champaign County Historical Archives

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**Creator/Corporate Name:** Credit Bureau of Champaign County  
**Inclusive Dates:** 1924-2003, bulk 1920s-1980s  
**Physical Description:** 2 boxes (1.0 linear ft.)  
**Language:** English

**Provenance:**

The Credit Bureau of Champaign County records were donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives in October 2009.

**Access:**

These 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.

**Historical Note:**

The Credit Bureau of Champaign County was established in 1925 and served the Champaign County area for most of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, promoting financial well-being and the responsible use of credit. The company was originally called Champaign County Credit Men's Association, under the management of five men, and with the help of their executive secretary, Trenna E. Lambkins. Mrs. Lambkins eventually became the Vice-President of the company, under the name Credit Bureau of Champaign County. The Credit Bureau of Champaign County was sold to Chicago-based Trans Union on January 25, 2000.

**Scope and Content Note:**

This collection contains various materials and records that document the activities of the Credit Bureau of Champaign County. The records include yearly financial statements, audit reports, publicity materials including newspaper clippings and brochures, and board meeting minutes. All the records pertain to the Credit Bureau's business activities in Champaign County, specifically the management of the company, training of employees, collaboration with the University of Illinois for education and training, and publicity of the Credit Bureau and its services.

**Arrangement:**

The collection is arranged alphabetically by folder title.

**Separated Material:**

Photographs were removed from this collection and added to the "Credit Bureau of Champaign County" Photographs Envelope in the Local History Photographs series.

**Subject Terms:**

Credit Bureau of Champaign County  
Credit bureaus



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Financial institutions—Management  
Local finance

**Name Terms:**

Champaign County Credit Men's Association  
Lamkins, Trena E.

**Container List:**

**Box 1**

Folder 1: Associated Credit Bureaus of Illinois, Annual Meeting (Urbana, Illinois), April 9-11, 1948  
Folders 2-13: Audited Financial Reports, 1934-1987 (12 folders)  
Folder 14: Board of Directors Minutes, 1925-1964  
Folder 15: Board of Directors Minutes, 1925-1964, cont.

**Box 2**

Folder 16: Board of Directors Minutes, 1925-1964, cont.  
Folder 17: Board of Directors Minutes, 1925-1964, cont.  
Folder 18: Correspondence and Credit Report Summary Statement, 1956, 1959  
Folder 19: Events, 1950, 1962, 1964  
Folder 20: Management resources, undated  
Folder 21: Position descriptions, undated  
Folder 22: Programming: Improving production through the personnel program, September 12, 1947  
Folder 23: Programming: Problems in motivation and supervision, July 23-27, 1956  
Folders 24-26: Publicity, 1924-1968 (3 folders)  
Folder 27: Tax return, 2002