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Citizens' Committee for the Restoration of the Clock & Bell Tower
Records, 2001-2013

Collection 26

Champaign County Historical Archives

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Creator/Corporate Name: Citizens' Committee for the Restoration of the Clock & Bell Tower

Inclusive Dates: 2001-2013

Physical Description: 1 box (1.1 linear ft.)

Language: English

Provenance:

The Citizens' Committee for the Restoration of the Clock & Bell Tower records were donated by Bruce Hannon in 2009-2010, and 2013.

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:

Bruce Hannon formed the Citizens' Committee for the Restoration of the Clock & Bell Tower, initially named the Champaign County Courthouse Clock and Bell Tower Restoration Committee, in March 2001. The Committee members were publicly announced in April 2001. The group's mission was to restore the Champaign County Courthouse clock and bell tower to its original 1901 design. The Committee removed the original clock from the Champaign County Courthouse in March 2001. In March 2002, the Citizens' Committee selected White & Borgognoni, Architects P.C. to design and oversee the construction of the restored clock and bell tower.

The Committee launched a fundraising drive in 2004 with a goal of reaching \$1 million dollars to fund the restoration project. The project solicited donations via private contacts, mass mailings, and newspaper advertisement, and by hosting various fundraising events. The Citizens' Committee ultimately raised \$1.15 million to complete the project.

Committee members met on a roughly monthly schedule from April 2001 until the project's conclusion in the fall of 2009. The Committee held a dedication ceremony to commemorate the clock and bell tower restoration on August 29, 2009.

Scope and Content:

This collection contains minutes and agendas of the Citizens' Committee for the Restoration of the Clock & Bell Tower's meetings, fundraising documents (including mailing lists, donation receipts and spreadsheets), marketing materials, and an assortment of administrative and donor correspondences.

Arrangement:

The collection is organized into five series:



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Series 1: Project Background:

This series contains a directory of the Committee members, various essays and other literature on the project's purpose and execution, and an assortment of marketing materials.

Series 2: Administrative:

Included here is a thorough account of the Committee's meetings and correspondence. Particularly of note is the collection of meeting minutes and agendas from the Committee's regular monthly meetings.

Series 3: Financial:

All documents related to the Committee's fundraising efforts and construction costs are located in this series. Donor mailing lists, forms and correspondences comprise the bulk of these documents. Also included are the all legal and tax documents.

Series 4: Construction:

All blueprints, drawings, diagrams and notes from the construction phase of the project may be found here. The personal construction log of Mike Westjohn presents a detailed record of the clock restoration process. Any materials related to White & Borgognoni Architects, P.C. are also located in this series.

Series 5: Multimedia:

A variety of multimedia resources is also included in the collection. This section includes newspaper clippings dating from 1883 through 2009 on the history and promotion of the project. A collection of photographs is included that both captures project fundraising events and provides extensive technical documentation of the construction and restoration of the clock and bell tower. Also included are six floppy disks, nine compact disks and one USB flash drive containing digital copies of project documents and images.

Subject terms:

Community organizations – Illinois – Champaign County.

Courthouses

Main St (Urbana), East, 101

Bell towers

Clock towers

Government facilities

Name Terms:

Citizens' for the restoration of the clock & bell tower – Records and correspondence

Champaign County Courthouse (Urbana, Ill.)

Container List:

Box 1

Series 1: Project Background

Folder 1: Project background, project literature, committee directory, 2001-2009

Folder 2: Marketing materials, 2004-2009



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Series 2: Administrative

- Folder 3: Meeting agendas and minutes, April 2001-April 2004
- Folder 4: Meeting agendas and minutes, June 2004-May 2006
- Folder 5: Meeting agendas and minutes, June 2006-September 2009, 2013
- Folder 6: Correspondence, 2001-2010
- Folder 7: Stationery (unused)

Series 3: Financial

- Folder 8: Donor/community correspondence, 2001-2010
- Folder 9: Drafts, samples of donor mailings
- Folder 10: Potential Donors, Mailing Lists
- Folder 11: Donation tracking spreadsheets and lists, 2002-2008
- Folder 12: Donation forms (A-H)
- Folder 13: Donation forms (I-Z, Anonymous)
- Folder 14: Floyd, Janet
- Folder 15: Legal and tax documents, 2003-2005
- Folder 16: Invoices and receipts, 2004-2006
- Folder 17: Donor recognition
- Folder 18: Construction costs, 2002-2007

Series 4: Construction

- Folder 19: Correspondence and background
- Folder 20: Diagrams, drawings, notes, and blueprints
- Folder 21: Construction log (Westjohn, Mike; 2001-2009)
- Folder 22: White & Borgognoni Architects, P.C.

Series 5: Multimedia

- Folder 23: Newspaper clippings, 1883-2009
- Folder 24: Photographs
- Folder 25: Floppy disks (6)
- Folder 26: Compact Disks (9), USB Flash Drive (2001-2009)
 - Disk 1: Champaign County Courthouse sketches (2004)
 - Disk 2: Clock & Bell Tower photos by G. Miles
 - Disk 3: Bruce Hannon's Clock & Bell Tower Power Point Slideshow, Quicktime Slideshow (2007)
 - Disk 4: Clock & Bell Tower Adobe Illustrator Files (2003-2004)
 - Disk 5: Clock & Bell Tower Letterhead
 - Disk 6: Champaign County Courthouse Clock & Bell Tower Committee - Bruce Hannon Email Archive (2009)
 - Disk 7: Champaign County Courthouse Clock & Bell Tower Pictures by Bruce Hannon (2009)
 - Disk 8: Bruce Hannon—Various Administrative Documents, Project Photographs (2001-2009)
 - Disk 9: Video Files
 - USB Flash Drive: Assorted Administrative Documents & Correspondence, Project Photographs (2001-2009)



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Folder 27: Webpage Screenshot Printouts