

McLean County Museum of History

**Bloomington High School Class Reunions Collection**

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**Collection Information**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	2 boxes
COLLECTION DATES:	1930-1975
PROVENANCE:	Gift Add'l donation of Elizabeth "Bette" Smith Hutchinson, 1939 graduate via her son, Joe Hutchinson
RESTRICTIONS:	None
REPRODUCTION RIGHTS:	Permission to reproduce or publish material in this collection must be obtained in writing from the McLean County Museum of History
ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	Past Perfect #2022.0028

**Scope**

The collection holds material relating to Bloomington High School graduating classes and class reunions. Included are classmate directories, updates, booklets, and photographs.

**Box and Folder Inventory**

**Box 1**

**Folder 1: Classes 1930-1938**

- 1.1.1 Class of 1930, 50<sup>th</sup> reunion, June 7, 1980
- 1.1.2 Class of 1936, "Golden Memories," 50<sup>th</sup> reunion, August 22-23, 1986
- 1.1.3 Class of 1937, "It's been a long, long, time..." 50<sup>th</sup> reunion, July 18, 1987. 2 copies.

## Folder 2: Class 1939

- 1.2.1 Class of 1939, 1<sup>st</sup> communication, 1979
- 1.2.2 Class of 1939, 2<sup>nd</sup> communication, April 11, 1979
- 1.2.3 Class of 1939, 3<sup>rd</sup> communication, May 30, 1979
- 1.2.4 Class of 1939, alumni list, updated May 25, 1989
- 1.2.5 Class of 1939, letter to classmates
- 1.2.6 Class of 1939 News and Notes
- 1.2.7 Name badge for Elizabeth Smith (with photo)
- 1.2.8 Correspondence to Bette (Elizabeth) Smith from Sudie Whittinghill and Stanley Nord, August 17, 1979, 4 pp.
- 1.2.9 Photograph of 40<sup>th</sup> reunion attendees with page of names listed. Undated.
- 1.2.10 Class of 1939, correspondence from class treasurer (Norma Nuckels Giese) regarding balance of monies after 40<sup>th</sup> reunion, Oct 1980, 4 pp.
- 1.2.11 List of graduates from class of 1939 – Bloomington High School, 2 pp.
- 1.2.12 Bound booklet from 40<sup>th</sup> reunion – information sheets submitted by each graduate.
- 1.2.13 Photograph of BHS Class of 1939 at 45<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion, June 23, 1984, at Elks Club, Bloomington, Illinois.
- 1.2.14 Class of 1939 – 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion Booklet with greetings from classmates and teachers, class notes, miscellaneous.
- 1.2.15 Class of 1939, communication regarding 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion to be held July 28-30, 1989. Includes itinerary, reservation form, news & notes form, Jumer's Chateau information, directory of classmates and contact information. 25 pp.
- 1.2.16 Follow-up communication to those who did not attend the Class of 1939 40<sup>th</sup> reunion, includes a note from City Mayor, Rich Buchanon, dated July 13, 1979.
- 1.2.17 Personal communication from Elizabeth Smith to Annamay regarding attendance at reunion, August 13, 1979.
- 1.2.18 Handwritten note from Sudie to Bette (Elizabeth Smith Hutchinson), August 17, 1979.
- 1.2.19 Communication regarding 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary reunion of Class of 1939, May 19, 1989.
- 1.2.20 Newsletter to Class of 1939 following 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary reunion, August 20, 1989.
- 1.2.21 Communication to Class of 1939, February 18, 1990, regarding annual get together.
- 1.2.22 Communication to Class of 1939, May 21, 1990.
- 1.2.23 "Fond Memories" pictures from past Bloomington Junior High School and "Goodbye" to Everett Carlton, school superintendent of buildings and grounds. Undated.
- 1.2.24 Communication to Class of 1939, July 7, 1990.
- 1.2.25 Communication to Class of 1939, November 7, 1990.
- 1.2.26 Communication to Class of 1939, May 29, 1991.
- 1.2.27 Communication to Class of 1939, June 2, 1991.
- 1.2.28 Communication to Class of 1939, August 20, 1991.
- 1.2.29 Pictures of attendees to the 52<sup>nd</sup> BHS Class reunion in 1991, 2 pp.
- 1.2.30 Communication to Class of 1939, November 10, 1991.
- 1.2.31 Communication to Class of 1939, June 25, 1992.
- 1.2.32 Correspondence advising of death of Elizabeth "Bette" Smith Hutchison on March 18, 1992. Dated April 11, 1992.
- 1.2.33 "40 Years – Going on 50" information sheet completed by Bette Smith, undated.

**Folder 3: Classes 1940-41, 43, 49**

- 1.3.1 Class of 1940 list of graduates with addresses
- 1.3.2 Class of 1940, 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary reunion program, August 10-11, 1990, 2 copies
- 1.3.3 Class of 1940, List of class members attending reunion
- 1.3.4 Class of 1940, 57<sup>th</sup> anniversary reunion program, July 18-19, 1997
- 1.3.5 Classes of 1941, List of names and addresses of classmates, June 1946
- 1.3.6 Class of 1941, Reunion booklet, 1986.
- 1.3.7 Classes of 1941, List of names and addresses of classmates, August 1991
- 1.3.8 Class of 1943, 50<sup>th</sup> reunion, directory includes list of names and address of classmates, September 17-19, 1993.
- 1.3.9 Class of 1943, 50<sup>th</sup> reunion, memory book with photos, bios of alumni, September 17-19, 1993
- 1.3.10 Class of 1943, "Closer to Heaven in 2007," invitation
- 1.3.11 Class of 1949, 53<sup>rd</sup> reunion

**Folder 4: Classes 1942**

- 1.4.1 Class of 1942, 20<sup>th</sup> reunion program, August 4, 1962
- 1.4.2 Class of 1942 (January and June), 40<sup>th</sup> reunion, September 25, 1982
- 1.4.3 Class of 1942, 45<sup>th</sup> reunion program, September 19, 1987
- 1.4.4 Class of 1943 (January and June), 50<sup>th</sup> reunion, September 19, 1992
- 1.4.5 Class of 1942 (January and June), 55<sup>th</sup> reunion, August 22-24, 1997
- 1.4.6 Class of 1942 (January and June), 60<sup>th</sup> reunion, September 7, 2002

**Folder 5: Class of 1944**

- 1.5.1 Class of 1944 "Moments to Remember," 25 year reunion
- 1.5.2 Class of 1944 "Moments to Remember," 45 year reunion
- 1.5.3 B.H.S. Class of 1944, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion, August 12 – 13, 1944
- 1.5.4 Bloomington Alumni of 1944, 55<sup>th</sup> reunion alumni directory, 1999
- 1.5.5 Class of 1944, 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary Reunion
- 1.5.6 Menu, Class of 1944, 70<sup>th</sup> class reunion, July 24, 2014

**Folder 6: Classes 1950-1958**

- 1.6.1 Class of 1951, 43<sup>rd</sup> class reunion booklet, June 29-31, 1994
- 1.6.2 Class of 1951, 50<sup>th</sup> reunion book, September 14-16, 2001
- 1.6.3 Class of 1953, 30<sup>th</sup> reunion book, "Fire House Hop", 1983
- 1.6.4 Class of 1953, 45<sup>th</sup> reunion book, Aug 1998.
- 1.6.5 Class of 1953, 50<sup>th</sup> reunion invitation and banquet program, Aug 2003.
- 1.6.6 Class of 1954, 55<sup>th</sup> reunion book, September 10-12, 2009.
- 1.6.7 Letter from Allan W. Horsman and Delores Olson describing some events of the 30<sup>th</sup> reunion of the Class of 1953, August 5, 1983.

**Box 2****Folder 1: Class of 1952**

- 2.1.1 Class of 1952, 10<sup>th</sup> reunion book, June 23, 1962.

- 2.1.2 Class of 1952, 20<sup>th</sup> reunion book, July 1, 1972.
- 2.1.3 Class of 1952, 30<sup>th</sup> reunion book, June 26, 1982.
- 2.1.4 Class of 1952, 45<sup>th</sup> reunion book, June 7-8, 1997.

**Folder 2: Class of 1957**

- 2.2.1 Class of 1957, 10<sup>th</sup> reunion book, August 5, 1967.
- 2.2.2 Class of 1957, 25<sup>th</sup> reunion book, June 18, 1982.
- 2.2.3 Class of 1957, 35<sup>th</sup> reunion book, August 14 & 15<sup>th</sup>, 1992.
- 2.2.4 Class of 1957, 40<sup>th</sup> reunion book, August 8 & 9<sup>th</sup> 1997.
- 2.2.5 Class of 1957, 45<sup>th</sup> reunion book, July 26 & 27, 2002.
- 2.2.6 Class of 1957, 50<sup>th</sup> reunion book, Sept. 21 & 22, 2007.
- 2.2.7 Class of 1957, 55<sup>th</sup> reunion book, July 27 & 28, 2012.

**Folder 3: Class 1959**

- 2.3.1 Class of 1959, 25<sup>th</sup> reunion book, July 27-28, 1984.
- 2.3.2 Class of 1959, 35<sup>th</sup> reunion class notes, 1994.
- 2.3.3 Class of 1959, 40<sup>th</sup> reunion directory, 1999.
- 2.3.4 Class of 1959, 50<sup>th</sup> reunion directory, August 23, 2013.

**Folder 4: Classes 1960-1969**

- 2.4.1 Class of 1962. 20<sup>th</sup> reunion booklet, August 14-15, 1982.
- 2.4.2 Class of 1962, 40<sup>th</sup> reunion booklet, August 2-3, 2002. Plus postcard & invitation sheets.
- 2.4.3 Class of 1963, 50<sup>th</sup> reunion program and directory.

**Folder 5: Class of 1970-1979**

- 2.5.1 Class of '75 20<sup>th</sup> reunion booklet, July 7-8, 1995.

**Folder 6: Alumni Association**

- 2.6.1 Seventh Annual Banquet, June 26, 1908. (illustrations by Sidney Smith and C.A. Briggs).