

**McLean County Museum of History**

**Bill & Ruth (Klein) Freed Collection**

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## Brief History

Lexington native **William A. "Bill" Freed** (1918-2014) was born to Earl and Laura Maizie Mason Freed and graduated Lexington High School in 1936 before serving in the US Army including five major campaigns in Europe while an infantry platoon sergeant. His service earned him a Purple Heart and Silver Star along with other awards. After returning home, he earned enough money towards purchasing a farm but had to wait until 1949 before an opportunity arose. He continued his father's conservation practices and engaged in additional farming conservation methods which were then emerging.

During his long years of farming, he also served as director and board member of the McLean County Soil and Water Conservation District for 29 years. Additionally, he served on boards of the fire district and selective service and belonged to the American Legion and First United Methodist Church in Lexington. He was also known as an avid and frequent bowler.

**Ruth Klein Freed** (1917-2018) was a daughter of Charles J. and Emma L. Pfeffinger Klein of Gridley. She graduated from Gridley High School in 1936 and later Gallagher Business School in Kankakee. After working as secretary to the president of University of Illinois in Champaign, she wed Bill in 1956. They farmed in the Lexington /Gridley area for many years. She was active in the First United Methodist Church in Lexington and in quilting.

The couple had no children but many nieces and nephews.

A few of the many others represented in this collection:

**Christian Pfeffinger** (1858-1935) farmed in Waldo Township (Livingston County) for several decades before removing to Gridley. He married **Mary Bauman** (1860-1949) in 1880. Their children included Louisa Mollet, Mary Hussemann, John A. Pfeffinger, Anna Hussemann, Emma Klein, Clara Wessels, and Viola Freed.

**Clara Pfeffinger Wessels** (1895-1978) was born in Waldo Township to Christian & Mary Bauman Pfeffinger and wed farmer Herman Wessels in 1936. Her adult life was spent in the Gridley area.

A son of Charles J. and Emma Pfeffinger Klein, **Charles E. Klein** (1920-2013) grew up on the Mercer Davis farm near Gridley and attended the one-room Buck Creek School. He was awarded a Purple Heart for his Air Force service in the Pacific Theater. Later, he lived near Gridley, farmed, operated a custom machine shop, and a corn shelling business along with being Gridley's chief of police for many years.

Originally from Ohio, **Samuel Ogden** (1809-1892) wed **Nancy Van Dolah** (1810-1884) there. The couple emigrated to the Money Creek timber about 1833, then to the Buck Creek area where they acquired land and farmed many years. Of their eleven children, eight reached maturity.

Born in Money Creek Township to A.J. and Mary Alice Miller Ogden, **Clara Louise Ogden** (1872-1966) married Frank H. "Doc" Freed in 1892. One of their three sons was **Earl Ogden Freed** (1893-1979). Earl wed **Laura Maizie Mason** (1899-1987) in 1916. They farmed in Gridley and Money Creek Townships and Earl served as Money Creek tax assessor for 44 years. Among their children was William A. "Bill" Freed who is a principal in this archival collection and profiled above.

Another of their children was **Clarence L. Freed** (1931-2013) who wed Jeanette R. Christianson in 1949 and reared sons Dennis and Gary during a long farming career.

## Scope

This collection includes photos, scrapbooks, newspaper clippings, land deeds and abstracts of title for Money Creek & Gridley Township lands, correspondence especially during World War II, Bill Freed's World War II service and awards information plus veterans organizations, soil and water conservation practices and farm tours, and more.

## Folder Inventory

### Box 1

#### A Bill Freed - General

##### Folder A1 General

- A.1.1 Biographical commentary by David Freed, no date, 3pp.
- A.1.2 "Summary of Conservation Farming Activities" by Wm A Freed, c 1954. 6pp. Photocopied from elsewhere in this collection. Provides biographical insights into Bill's gradual engagement in farming and conservation.
- A.1.3 "Bill Freed" biographical summary emphasizing World War II, from *Lexington Weekly Newspaper*, Apr 7, 2005.
- A.1.4 Obituary, *Pantagraph*, Jan 8, 2014. Added by staff in 2025.

##### Folder A2 Parents (Earl Ogden Freed & Laura Maizie Mason)

- A.2.1 "Jeremiah of movies no stranger to him," *Pantagraph*, Aug 11, 1974. (Father) Earl Freed on mountain man Jeremiah Johnson & Earl's colorful tale-telling uncle George Ogden (1880-1968).
- A.2.2 Postcard: YMCA Beloit College, WI, to Earl from Tho. Boulding, nd.
- A.2.3 Photocopy of program for Central Section Illinois High School Athletic Assn Basket Ball Tournament, Feb 1912. "E. Freed" on the Lexington High School team.
- A.2.4 "Lexington High School Favored by Many for Decatur Meet," source unknown, 1912.
- A.2.5 Program booklet for Fifth Semi Annual Session of Rebekah Assembly District Sixteen, Mar 1956 at Lexington. Maizie Freed listed under Registration personnel; Jeanette Freed under Room personnel.
- A.2.6 "Thoughts from Our Residents" Meadows retirement home newsletter with 2pp biographical article by Maizie Freed, nd.
- A.2.7 Note from Recorder of Deeds Mae Deans enclosing *Pantagraph* article on Earl/Maize's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, July 5, 1966.
- A.2.8 "Earl Freeds to mark 60<sup>th</sup>," *Pantagraph*, July 1976.

##### Folder A3 Youth

- A.3.1 McLean County elementary school diploma, May 1932.
- A.3.2 Lexington High School Report Card 1932-33.
- A.3.3 Lexington High School Diploma, May 1936. 9

- Folder A4 Farming**
- A.4.1 “Drill beans for big yields, and save soil, too: The Freeds say their program is a match made in heaven, but each does it a little differently” in *Farm Journal*, April 1981, pp16-19. Spread on conservation practices featuring brothers Bill, Loren, Clarence, Mark, Frank’s son Frank.
  - A.4.2 Draft copy of above *Farm Journal* article (17pp) accompanied by Jan 23, 1981, letter from the editor about the draft.
  - A.4.3 Letter from *Farm Journal* inviting Bill & Ruth to be on their Farm Advisory Council, Jun 22, 1981.
  - A.4.4 Letter from Deere & Company to Bill enclosing photostat of planned ad and Bill’s testimonial Sep 4, 1964. Plus Dec 11, 1964, letter with proofs.
  - A.4.5 Ad for John Deere featuring Bill, *Successful Farming*, Feb 1965.
  - A.4.6 Letter from Deere & Company enclosing photographs of Bill, Jun 11, 1965. Three large sized photos.
  - A.4.7 Installation instructions for Comfort Tractor Cover Set for John Deere Models A & B, nd.
  - A.4.8 Diploma from Dept of Vocational Agriculture Adult Evening School, Feb 19, 1953.
  - A.4.9 Christmas greetings from Myers, Inc of Lexington and Fairbury with images of 10 personnel, nd.
  - A.4.10 Copy of letter from Bill to Wm R Brandt recommending that Brandt rent the farm that Bill Freed has farmed for 22 years to Bill’s nephew David Freed, Oct 26, 1984.
  - A.4.11 Five Employer’s Quarterly Federal Tax Returns for 1953-1955.
- Folder A5 Farm Bills**
- A.5.1 Many invoices, receipts, bank checks, etc. including ones from local suppliers such as Peine Grain, Kemp Grain, Myers Inc, Tomco Seed, veterinarian P A Ling, A W Swartz & Sons, Faber Formula Feed, Martin Implement and more.
- Folder A6 Bank Statements**
- A.6.1 Bank statements, cancelled checks, ad for People’s Bank of Lexington, 1963.
- Folder A7 Soil and Water Conservation**
- See also Bill’s scrapbook on conservation activities.*
- A.7.1 Agricultural Conservation Program application for payment on countouring from Brandts and Freed, summer 1963.
  - A.7.2 Booklet: Selected Sermons on Soil Stewardship 1955 published by National Assn of Soil Conservation Districts. Inscribed by Rev. Dale Tutje of Chenoa. 20pp.
  - A.7.3 Letter from Moultrie County Soil and Water Conservation District to Bill as secy of East Central land Use Council enclosing check for dues, Apr 3, 1963.
  - A.7.4 McLean County Soil and Water Conservation District annual meeting programs or reports, 1956-2001.
- Folder A8 Letters to the Editor (Pantagraph)**
- A.8.1 Handwritten drafts of Bill’s letters on a variety of topics, nd.
  - A.8.2 Invitation from *Pantagraph* to attend luncheon honoring notable letter-to-the-editor contributors, Jan 8, 1960.
  - A.8.3 Large photo of writers of letters to the editor including Bill, nd.
- Folder A9 Miscellaneous Governmental**

- A.9.1 Travel voucher for Selective Service System, Apr 11, 1963.
- A.9.2 Voter's identification card, 1946.
- A.9.3 Pollbook of election at Money Creek, April 2, 1963, including 93 voters. Bill signed the book as an election judge.
- A.9.4 Letter from McLean County Highway Department to "County Resident" about adopting Rural Road Reference System effective Jan 1, 1983.
- A.9.5 Letter from County Sheriff Brienon to "citizen" about using the Emergency Rural Service Number Program, nd.

**Folder A10 Democratic Party Politics**

- A.10.1 Thank you materials from JFKennedy Library Foundation, nd.
- A.10.2 Newsletters from John F Kennedy Library: Fall 1986 and Fall 1990.
- A.10.3 1987 Wall calendar from Democratic National Committee.
- A.10.4 Print of JFK with quotation.
- A.10.5 Thank you and auto-signed 1997 photo of President Bill Clinton via Democratic National Committee.

**B Bill Freed – WWII Military Service**

**Folder B1 War Service**

- B.1.1 Newspaper clippings, primarily Bill's letters published in *Lexington Unit Journal* plus articles in *Pantagraph*, 1941-1945. Most or all of these are also in his scrapbooks.
- B.1.2 Postcard to Bill's father from War Dept adjusting that Bill is assigned to 33<sup>rd</sup> Division at Camp Forrest, TN, Apr 29, 1941.
- B.1.3 Letter from 33<sup>rd</sup> Division to Bill's mother advising his safe arrival and assignment, May 13, 1941.
- B.1.4 Handwritten letter of thanks from Maxwell Field, AL, to Mrs. Freed of Clarksville Ladies Aid thanking for the box they sent, Sep 1, 1942.
- B.1.5 Christmas dinner menu with list of 131<sup>st</sup> Infantry Personnel at Fort Brady, MI. Bill lists as a sergeant.
- B.1.6 Letter to Bill's mother from Army Quartermaster Depot in MO accompanying item(s) of lost personal property, Apr 9, 1946.
- B.1.7 Booklet: Soldier's Individual Pay Record, issued Feb 9, 1945.
- B.1.8 Photocopy of Honorable Discharge, May 12, 1945, Fort Sheridan, IL.
- B.1.9 Black acco-fastener binder containing photocopies of newspaper articles, etc., 1942-1945.
- B.1.10 Veterans Administration Authorization of Education or Training Subsistence Allowance, Oct 29, 1946. 4 sheets.
- B.1.11 Veterans Administration letter on monthly award, May 11, 1961. 2 sheets.

**Folder B2 First-Person Reminiscences, etc.**

- B.2.1 "War Party, Farm Issue Held Phony," letter to editor of *Pantagraph*, Nov 6, 1960.
- B.2.2 Story submitted to Reader's Digest First Person Award contest, March 25, 1975. 7pp typescript plus cover letter.
- B.2.3 Letter to editor on poor spending options for army military equipment based on his own experiences, Feb 265. 1982. Plus article on M-1 Garand rifle in *World War II* magazine January 1999 edition.

- B.2.4 Letter to WAND-TV submitting personal experience stories of WWII era, Jan 11, 1983. 2 pp plus cover letter.
- B.2.5 Letter to editor & printed *Pantagraph* letter, Feb 10, 1986, on “Real war heroes put Rambo to shame.”
- B.2.6 Handwritten draft of letter responding to WJBC’s broadcasting that Rambo the movie was a great success, nd. 2pp.
- B.2.7 Letter to *Pantagraph* editor about the US flag as a symbol, its valid and invalid use, etc., Jul 14, 1989.
- B.2.8 “Vivid D-Day memories return as veteran tours B-N exhibit,” *Pantagraph*, Jun 4, 1994. Published article plus notes from friends who clipped & sent him the article.
- B.2.9 “WWII veterans invited to share,” *Pantagraph*. 2pp typescript by Bill of his war experience he used when interviewed at Prairie Aviation Museum Apr 13, 2002.
- B.2.10 “The foot soldier rifleman” handwritten thoughts, nd.

**Folder B3 Draft reminiscences**

- B.4.1 Bill’s handwritten notes and essays

**Folder B4 Awards & Honors**

- B.4.1 Copies of photo of Bill in uniform, his box of awards, nd.
- B.4.2 Military Order of the Purple Heart correspondence about his listing in the 2003 Military Order member directory. Postcard & letter & life membership card.
- B.4.3 35<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Citation for Silver Star Medal, Dec 18, 1944.
- B.4.4 Photocopy of “Citation for the Silver Star” Dec 18, 1944. 4 copies.
- B.4.5 Photocopy of Authorization for Issuance of Awards, Aug 2, 1971. 3 Bronze Stars, 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, sharpshooter badge with rifle bar. 3 copies.
- B.4.6 “10 Illinoisans are Decorated for Gallantry” *Chicago Tribune*, Jan 17, 1945.
- B.4.7 Letter from National World War II Memorial, Feb 1, 2002, offering an entry in WWI Registry of Remembrances. Cover letter with attachments.
- B.4.8 Reminiscence, 4pp typescript, beginning with a visit to cemetery at Omaha Beach, nd, but probably early 1990s.
- B.4.9 Photocopy of letter to Bill from Conseil Regional de Basse, Normandie, Oct 1, 1997, sending medal of the Jubilee of Liberty.
- B.4.10 Battle of Normandy Museum materials, including invitation to 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary ceremonies, Jun 1994.
- B.4.11 “How Many of Your Remember?” *The Lexingtonian*, Dec 2, 1993. Roll of Honor including Bill.
- B.4.12 “Flagpole Dedication Ceremony held at new Lexington Veterans Memorial,” *The Lexingtonian*, Jul 18, 1996.
- B.4.13 Letter from Bill to Don Munson at WJBC enclosing copy of Samuel Ogden’s 1837 purchase of lot from Asahel Gridley and copy of a citation Bill rec’d, etc., Aug 18, 1982.

**Folder B5 Wartime Correspondence to Bill**

- B.5.1 Sixteen letters and postcards to Bill from various people while in service, 1941-1945.

**Folder B6 Wartime Correspondence from Bill**

*See also scrapbook for many other letters.*

- B.5.1 Six letters and postcards from Bill, largely to his parents while in service, 1941-1945.

**Folder B7 Publications for Soldiers**

- B.7.1 Soldiers' Data Book, compliments of State of Illinois. Includes a few notations from Bill.
- B.7.2 "I Die at Dawn" tract from Chaplain.
- B.7.3 Combination Score Book for US Rifles M1903 and M1 & Browning Automatic Rifle M1918A2, March 1942. Includes about 2 pages of entries.
- B.7.4 War Dept Pamphlet No 21-4 Info for Soldiers Going Back to Civilian Life, 58pp. Nov 1944.
- B.7.5 Army Song Book, 1941. 62pp compiled by Adjutant General's Office.
- B.7.6 Booklet: "The Team." 32pp but some pages missing.
- B.7.7 War Dept Pamphlet No 21-22 Your 30 Days at Home, Nov 1944. 16pp.
- B.7.8 Map: Dates of war events, etc. Courtesy of Larry R St John Insurance Service in Bloomington IL. 28<sup>th</sup> edition. Torn.
- B.7.9 Victory Map Set from Pure Oil Company – Giant Wall Map, 1944.
- B.7.10 Training Notes the Infantry School 1939-40 Volume 1 Combat Principles of Small Units and Infantry Weapons, Chapter 2 The Rifle Platoon. 22pp.

**Folder B8 Veterans Organizations**

- B.8.1 Letter from former member of 35<sup>th</sup> Division Walter H. Fried, Jul 12, 1972. Requesting photos for a "round robin" distribution.
- B.8.2 "The 34<sup>th</sup> Divisionnaire" newsletter, Nov-Dec 1984.
- B.8.3 American Legion Post 291 (Lexington IL) enclosing questionnaire for service history plus photo, etc. to be published in booklet for Veterans Day 2002. 7pp including cover letter. Contains Bill's response.
- B.8.4 Certificate of Appreciation from Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) of US, Feb 18, 2002.

**Folder B9 Correspondence from Fellow Veteran Snyder**

- B.9.1 Six letters from J E Snyder, 1946-1971.

**C Ruth Klein Freed**

**Folder C1 Childhood & Youth**

*See also box of valentines and other greetings cards sent to Ruth.*

- C.1.1 "Does Your Child Pass?" weight & height info for 10-month-old Ruth, Aug 21, 1918.
- C.1.2 Illinois Pupils Reading Circle Diploma, April 1928.
- C.1.3 Promotion certificate to 8<sup>th</sup> grade, April 24, 1940, plus final 7<sup>th</sup> grade report card.
- C.1.4 Diploma from Gridley plus final report card, May 1931.
- C.1.5 High school work in biology and modern history, 7 scored sets.
- C.1.6 Program for "little Women" presented by the Gridley High School Junior Class of 1935-36. Ruth casted s "Beth March."
- C.1.7 Report card, Jun 1936 Gridley High School.
- C.1.8 Gridley High School Diploma, Commencement Exercises program, and formal invitation, May 1937.

**Folder C2 Secretarial School**

- C.2.1 Diploma in Secretarial Science Department of Gallagher School in Kankakee, IL, Nov 11, 1938. Letter accompanying it, Dec 23, 1938.
- C.2.2 1938 Certificate of Proficiency in the Ediphone and Certificate of Membership in Order

of Gregg Artists for Ruth.

C.2.3 30 cards reporting Ruth's exam grades, 1938.

C.2.4 Advertising brochure for Gallagher School, nd, but shows photo of summer school class in Jun 1938.

### **Folder C3 World War II Years**

C.3.1 Certificate of membership on confession of faith & baptism at First Presbyterian Church of Urbana, March 30, 1941. Plus "My Church" credo.

C.3.2 Western Union telegram to Ruth Cline in Urbana IL confirming reservation four girls Bryce Utah Parks Co., Jul 25, 1942.

C.3.3 18 letters and 4 postcards from brother Charles E. Klein while he was in military service at Kessler Field (MS), a replacement depot at Columbia SC, and Dale Mabry Field Staton Hospital Tallahassee (FL), 1943-1944.

### **Folder C4 Quilting**

C.4.1 Letter from Aunt Ruth Freed about finishing quilts using patchwork pieces from Grandma Klein; embroidering quilts as youngster; distributing quilts to the nieces and nephews, January 25, 2002. Three similar copies.

C.4.2 Thank yous for the quilts from three sets of relations, January 2002.

C.4.3 Fifteen photographs of quilts, each photographed on the same bed, nd.

### **Folder C5 Ruth Miscellaneous**

C.5.1 Handwritten list of family births, deaths, etc. 7 sheets.

C.5.2 German language baptismal certificate for Emma Lydia Pfeffinger at Evangelical Lutheran Church, Feb 16, 1893. (Emma was Ruth's mother)

## **D Other Locals**

### **Folder D1 Christian Pfeffinger Estate**

*Christian (1858-1935) was Ruth Klein Freed's maternal grandfather.*

D.1.1 Estate settlement documents for Christian Pfeffinger, plus some from the estate of their son John A. Pfeffinger (1885-1950)

### **Folder D2 Mary Bauman Pfeffinger Estate**

*Mary (1860-1949) was Ruth Klein Freed's maternal grandmother.*

D.2.1 Estate settlement documents for Mary Pfeffinger.

### **Folder D3 Clara Pfeffinger Wessels**

*Clara was Ruth Klein Freed's maternal aunt.*

D.3.1 Grade school report cards from Waldo Twp, 1901-1902-1903.

D.3.2 Two Herman Wessel farm invoices, receipts, 1939- 195?

D.3.3 Livingston County tax statement/receipt, 1951.

D.3.4 Envelope of farm bills for 40 acres, 1950-1951.

D.3.5 Probate petition for Clara M. Bauman, deceased, 1963.

D.3.6 Assorted newspaper clippings from Clara Wessels.

### **Folder D4 Samuel Ogden**

*Samuel (1809-1892) was Bill Freed's great grandfather.*

- D.4.1 Indenture: Asahel & Mary Ann E. Gridley & James & Martha Brown to Samuel Ogden, lot in Lexington, Jun 11, 1837.
- D.4.2 Indenture: Samuel Ogden to Albert Ogden, 4 parcels in Money Creek Township, Nov 22, 1842.
- D.4.3 Indenture: William & Susan Edwards Samuel Ogden, 40 acres in Gridley Township & 10 acres in Money Creek Township, Mar 16, 1850.
- D.4.4 Indenture: Kersey H & Jane S. Fell to Samuel Ogden parcel in Money Creek Township, Oct 6, 1852.
- D.4.5 Survey: for Samuel Ogden by Peter Folsom, including 5 parcels in Money Creek & Gridley Townships totaling nearly 262 acres, Aug 7, 1857.
- D.4.6 Court ordered sale: Public sale to Samuel Ogden, partial lot in Money Creek Township, July 13, 1860.
- D.4.7 Indenture: Samuel Ogden to Daniel A Counts, guardian of Emma Dillie & Adam Leander of OH, three parcels in Gridley Township plus partial lots in Money Creek Township, Dec 10, 1864.
- D.4.8 Indenture: Sarah C and Albert Ogden to Samuel Ogden, 10 acres in Money Creek Township & 60 acres in Gridley Township, Sep 21, 1868. 2 copies.
- D.4.9 Quit-Claim Deed to correct title: Andrew & Eliz. Lynam to Samuel Ogden, parcel in Money Creek Township, Nov 25, 1876.
- D.4.10 Indenture: Twelve heirs of James Vandolah to Samuel Ogden, 10 acres in Money Creek Township, Dec 29, 1877.
- D.4.11 Indenture: William & Eliz. Edwards of NB to Samuel Ogden, 10 acres in Money Creek Township, Jan 19, 1878.
- D.4.12 Patent application: for Samuel Ogden, Sep 12, 1883. Plus list of 280 acres of parcels and letter from General Land Office to attorney Isaac Mahan on same, Sep 11, 1883.
- D.4.13 Receipt: \$41 from Samuel Ogden to J C Graham, MD, Dec 29, 1884.
- D.4.14 Bank of Lexington passbook for Geo. Ogden, 1872.

**Folder D5 Samuel Ogden Tax Statements**

- D.5.1 13 county tax statements for Money Creek Township properties, 1862-1886.
- D.5.2 16 county tax statements for Gridley Township properties, 1859-1889.
- D.5.3 Two county tax abatements for Gridley Township properties, Sep 1874.
- D.5.4 Two US Internal Revenue receipts, one for tax & penalty on income & another on a two-horse carriage, Nov 1864.
- D.5.5 County tax statement for Obe (Obediah??) Ogden, Money Creek Twp, Feb 1886.

**Folder D6 Clara Freed**

*Clara (1872-1966) was Bill Freed's paternal grandmother.*

- D.6.1 Invitation from M/M Thos Freed to reception for Frank Freed & Clara Ogden, Feb 1892.
- D.6.2 Obituary: Frank "Doc" Freed, Feb 2, 1945, unspecified source.
- D.6.3 Trust Deed: Clara L. Freed, et al, to Glenn Kemp, Trustee, two parcels in Gridley Township, Feb 26, 1945.
- D.6.4 Release of Mortgage: Glenn Kemp, Trustee; satisfaction of mortgage, Feb 11, 1953.
- D.6.5 Program for Order of Eastern Star Past Officer Night, Apr 1955. Clara lists as Warden.
- D.6.6 Deposit receipt from Peoples Bank of Lexington for final payment to her estate by Robt Donnell, Apr 7, 1967.

**Folder D7 Clarence Freed**

- D.7.1 Birth announcement for son Dennis, Jan 10, 1952.

- D.7.2 Gift of baby "FREED" ring from Livingston's Dept Store, Jan 1952.
- D.7.3 Memorial visitation book, Sep 1953.

**Folder D8 Kiger**

- D.8.1 Indenture: Parris & Eliz. Hand to John E. Kiger, five-acre parcel in Money Creek Township, Mar 10, 1857.
- D.8.2 Indenture: John E & Jane Kiger to John Kitchen, five-acre parcel in Money Creek Township, Mar 18, 1859.

**Folder D9 J.J. Kemp**

- D.9.1 Warranty Deed: Wm E. & Mary A. Jenkins to Jacob C. Mahan & John J. Kemp, two parcels in Money Creek Township, Jan 15, 1876.
- D.9.2 Quit Claim Deed: Jacob C. & Susie Mahan and John J. & Nancy Kemp to James Hisel two parcels in Money Creek Township, Jan 4, 1877.
- D.9.3 Statement of worth by J W Small to Bank of Lexington (Harnes, Vandolah & Co) to secure credit, Apr 8, 1885.
- D.9.4 Contract between D H Vandolah & J J Kemp of Lexington with Ryan Bros for collection of claims against J W Small of Fairfield, NB, Jul 12, 1886. 2 pp.
- D.9.5 Letter from Banker JW Small in Fairfield, NB, to JJ Kemp at Lexington enclosing deed for lands for which Kemp holds bond for deed, Jun 26, 1885.

**Folder D10 James Wilson**

- D.10.1 Deed: Andruos (sp?) & Augusta Guille of OH to James Wilson, parcel in Gridley Township, Feb 1, 1865.
- D.10.2 Warranty Deed: Robert & Margaret Mills to James Wilson, two-acre parcel in Gridley Township Jan 2, 1869.
- D.10.3 Surveyors plat by G P Ela for parcel in Gridley Township, Jun 25, 1867.

**Folder D11 William Edwards**

- D.11.1 Deed: Sarah A. Patton of WI to Wm Edwards, 10-acre parcel in Money Creek Township, Mar 5, 1849.
- D.11.2 Lease: Reuben Lathan of OH to John Edward & James Chance, 4 partial lots in Money Creek & Gridley Townships previously known as Dilly Farm, Feb 29, 1864.

**Folder D12 Paul Freed**

- D.12.1 Warranty Deed: Edward B. & Ora W. Gridley to Paul Freed, a lot in town of Gridley, May 9, 1883. Original & photocopy.
- D.12.2 Warranty Deed: Edward B. & Ora W. Gridley to Paul Freed, a strip of ground in town of Gridley, Oct15, 1885. Original & photocopy.
- D.12.3 Warranty Deed: P.M.C. Freed, a strip of ground in town of Gridley, Dec 22, 1888. Original & photocopy.
- D.12.4 Warranty Deed: Edward B. & Ora W. Gridley to P.M.C. Freed, a strip of ground in town of Gridley, Dec 22, 1888. Original & photocopy.

**E Miscellaneous**

**Folder E1 Miscellaneous**

- E.1.1 Obituary for Hoke Freed, May 1930. Unspecified newspaper.

- E.1.2 Genealogy covering descendants of Hoke Freed, 5pp TS prepared 1978.
- E.1.3 Obituary for Joseph C. Andrews, May 1930. Unspecified newspaper.
- E.1.4 Envelope of clipped obituaries for Sam Ogden, Mattie J. Freed (Wife of Clarence Freed), Lillie Mae Donnel (mother of Raymond Connell) and Clarence L. Freed.
- E.1.5 Handwritten letter from Elizabeth Freed, 1990.
- E.1.6 Picture postcard from Clara to Bill Freed, Aug 1957. About fishing.
- E.1.7 One page on "The Good Shepherd" painting and artist Douglass Ambrose. By Berdean Freed, nd.
- E.1.8 Booklet: Gridley Sesquicentennial, 2006, with biographies of Gridley Residents over 80 years of age.

## Box 2

Albums and scrapbooks of Bill Freed unless otherwise indicated

### **Black string-tied scrapbook: Soil Conservation**

- Photos of house and farm, including aerial photos from Frank Bill of the Pantagraph
- Letter from MCSCD announcing Bill Freed as winner of the Save Our Soil for Illinois Contest, Jun 1954. Letter from East Central Illinois Land Use Council on same contest, July 1954. Letter from USDA Agricultural Research Service contemplating using Freed farm as an example of real accomplishments in a short time, July 1954.
- Pantagraph coverage of Freed's contest win.
- Conservation Agreement between MCSCD & Freed, Jan 1953, including cropping plan, work schedule, etc.
- Hand-drawn map showing location of Freed farm in Money Creek Township.
- Typed Summary of Conservation Farming Activities by Bill Freed written for Save Our Soil contest, 6 ½ pp.
- Packet: "My Soil Building Program" from McLean County Farm Bureau Soil Testing Service, Aug 1950. 12 sheets.

### **Service Album, U.S. Army: Brown leather**

- Photographs in southern US
- Autographs of fellow soldiers, Nov 1941.

### **Snaps and Scraps U.S. Army: Brown leather**

- Photographs

### **Army Experiences Scrapbook I: Maroon**

- 1941-1943
- Letters he wrote to his parents from US (TN, MI, CA), photos, newspaper clippings, etc.

### **Army Experiences Scrapbook II: Navy Blue**

- 1943-1945, plus later in life items
- Letters he wrote to his parents from US & Europe, newspaper clippings, certificate, Veterans Day program Lexington 1995, etc.

### **Packet of mailing envelopes**

- Envelopes from Bill to parents while in military service. The letters themselves are in the scrapbooks.

### **Framed Service Star**

- From W.E. Froelich of Gridley for families of service members.

### **Small box of Ruth's greeting cards**

- Many valentines, c 1929, plus various birthday, get well and others

### **Scrolled copies of US Army honorable discharge certificates**

- Thomas A. Freed, Army Infantry, Oct 1918-Dec 1918
- Thomas E. Freed, Quartermaster Corps, Sep 1917-Nov 1918.

## **Box 3**

### **Sage green Photo Album: Ruth Klein**

- Trip to FL with Marguerite
- President's staff, 1955
- Trip to New Orleans with Marguerite
- Assorted 1962 incl visit to Brown County
- Colorado trip with Marguerite 1959
- Family photos 1966
- Harvest Days at Gridley, 1969, Includes Les Arends & Sec. Hardin
- Elmo & Elizabeth's anniversary, 1969
- Farm photos, 1971
- Handicrafts, 1971
- Farmstead before I-55, 1972
- Road construction at Brandt Place, 1973
- Harvesting & Native American stone artifacts, 1974
- Mesa, AZ, 1974
- Christmas, 1974
- Washington, DC, Williamsburg, Jamestown, 1975
- Penny Larsen, 1975
- Wisconsin Dells, 1975
- 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, Mom & Dad Freed, 1976
- Christmas, 1867
- Brainard, MN, 1974
- Timber Ridge, 1978 & 1979
- Family holiday photo cards, 1966-1983

### **White Scrapbook**

- Mostly 1994-2008
- Assorted newspaper clippings (many from Lexington), programs from Memorial Day, Bill's certificates & programs from First United Methodist Church & Golden Elite Club, American, Legion, FFA, more. Many clippings cover relatives, other local individuals, farming, etc.

### **Ivory Scrap Book**

- Magazine articles, brochures, etc. on John F. Kennedy

### **Abstracts of Title**

- Earl Freed, Dec 1935. Money Creek Twp.
- William A. Freed, Feb 1969. Money Creek Twp.
- Loren & Shirley Freed, Jan 1980. Money Creek Twp.
- Loren E & Shirley Freed, Jan 1980. Money Creek Twp.
- Loren E as Trustee, Loren E & Shirley Freed, Trust No. 1, Jan 1988. Money Creek Twp.

## **Box 4**

### **Light blue photo album**

- Family gatherings
- Children's photos
- Family holiday photo greetings
- Many 1959-1973
- At the back: some old family photos, most unidentified but one of M/M Tom Freed (parents of Doc Freed)

### **Black photo album (back cover missing)**

- Ryan Bowe birthday party, Apr 1986, & tourist photos of South Carolina
- Jeffrey Klein, Christmas 1986
- Freeport, Bahamas, 1987
- Ruth braiding rug, 1987
- Family gatherings
- 35<sup>th</sup> Division reunion, Colorado Springs, 1987
- Trips to PA, MA, Nova Scotia 1988
- Taste of Country Fair, Lexington, 1988, including Bill's antique tool display
- New Salem, IL, 1988
- Fort Kaskaskia, 1988
- Ruth braiding rug, 1988
- Freed reunion at Lexington Park, 1988
- 35<sup>th</sup> Division reunion at Topeka, KN, 1988
- Arthur, IL, 1988
- Quilt by United Methodist Women for fall bazaar, 1988

### **Photo Strip 1-1 1976-1981, includes:**

- Bill's parents 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, 1976
- Visit to MI, 1976
- Penny Larsen, 1976
- Harvesting at Brandt farm
- Home interior, before remodeling, 1979
- Aerial photos of farm, 1979
- Polaroids of Timber Ridge autumn and winter scenes
- Frank & Lela Klein 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, 1980
- Nashville, TN visit, 1981

**Photo Strip 1-4** includes:

- Geo. Roges Clark Memorial, Vincennes, IN, Sep 1982
- Lexington Taste of Country, Sep 1982
- Weiner roast at Jim Rutherford's Farm, 1982
- Bill & Ruths yard (Timber Ridge) in Fall 1984
- 7 Acre timber along Turkey Creek on Bil Freed's farm, 1982
- Ladies 40 yr reunion in Champaign, Sep 1982
- Golfing at Hickory Hills, Fall 1982
- Carol & Richard Bowe's wedding, Dec 1982
- Doll house for Jessica Larsen, 1982

**Boxed Strips 3-1 thru 3-4 are labelled "1985-1986"**

**Photo Strip 3-1** includes:

- UMW (United Methodist Women) Centennial Program, Aug 1984
- 35th Division Reunion, Kansas City, MO, Sep 1984
- Children: Jodie Freed, Regina Elizabeth
- Viola Ridger sale, Sep 1984
- Weiner Roast at Timber Ridge, Oct 1984
- Apple Butter Making at Shrock in Gridley, Oct 1984
- Christmas 1984

**Photo Strip 3-2** includes:

- Christmas 1984 at Charles Kleins
- New Year's Eve 1985
- Friendship Quilt Lexington UMW Jan 1985
- Bill Freed Surprise Retirement Dinner from 35 yrs McLean SC Board, Mar 1985
- Quilt for Charles Earl Klein, May 1985
- Tulip Festival, Holland, MI, May 1985
- Battle of Tippecanoe Commerative, IN, May 1985

**Photo Strip 3-3** includes:

- Tippecanoe State Park, IN, May 1985
- Meadows Home (Mom & Friends) May 1985
- Pennel Cemetery (Ogdens graves) Jun 1985
- Clarksville Cemetery (Freed's graves) Jun 1985
- Antique Car Race Bloomington, Summer 1985
- Marguerite & Bill at Pond Jun 1985
- Semi Crashed into pond Jun 1985
- Ruth, Bill Family Photos Mar/Apr 1985
- Amaryllis from Marguerite, Mar 1985
- Mary Lou Schrock's sale at Gridley, Oct 1985
- Ryan – Mik Bowe, Sep 1985
- Capitol Grounds, Columbus, SC Sep 1985
- Hodgkinsville, KY, Sep 1985
- Timber Ridge, 1985
- Children: Jenna Self & Courtney McNiff, 1985

**Photo Strip 3-4** includes:

- Timber Ridge, Sep 1985
- New Roof on Timber Ridge house, Sep 1985
- 35<sup>th</sup> Division Reunion Kansas City, Sep 1985
- Loren & Gladys wedding, 1986
- Mike Craig & Angie Leuchenberg wedding, 1986
- Jumers Bettendorf, IA, Jul 1986
- Trip down Mississippi River, Jul 1986
- Squirrel on deck of Timber Ridge, Jul 1986
- Ruth & Bill Aug 1986
- 35<sup>th</sup> Division Reunion Topeka, Sep 1986
- Visit with Chas & Vicki Holsapple – part of 35<sup>th</sup> Division Reunion
- Chipmunk on Timber Ridge Deck, Sep 1986
- UMW Bazaar Oct 1986
- Timber Ridge Oct 1986
- Trip to Galena, Oct 1986
- Marguerite Fisher Urbana, 1986
- Granddaughters, 1986

**Boxed Strips 4-1 thru 4-3 are labelled “FARM”**

**Photo Strip 4-1 includes:**

- No till field tour, Jun 1984, Clarksville (David farmed that farm)
- Seed beans growing at Brandt farm, 1984
- 1982 corn crops no till at Clarksville
- 1982 seed corn harvest at Clarksville
- Jun 1983 No Till Tour at various others’ farms
- David combining, 1983
- 1984 no till tour
- Paymaster Seed Plan, Sep 1984
- 1985 seed corn growing at Clarksville

**Photo Strip 4-2 includes:**

- Mark Freed farm
- Wheat, corn, beans 1985 at Clarkville
- 1985 No till tour: plots at Farm Bureau building, at Extension, and various farms
- Mark Freed’s wood burning drier at Weber farm, 1985
- Tornado damage at Meade farm, 1986
- Photos of Brandt and Clarksville farms, 1986

**Photo Strip 4-3 includes:**

- Clarence combining, 1986; fields of early corn
- New tile inlet at Clarksville, 1987(?)
- Loren & Davids 16 row corn planter, 1988
- Clarence’s new no till drill, 1988
- Aerial image postcards of farm
- 1972 photos of farm buildings & house
- 1982 No till seed corn at Clarksville. Farm Journal Tour
- Aerial images of seed corn planted on terraces on Bill Freed farm
- No Till beans at Mark Freed’s Franklin Freed farm. Farm Journal -McLean County No-till

- Tour Aug 1982
- McLean County Soil & Water Conservation District No till Club No Till Tour, Jun 1983

## **Box 5**

### **Small brown photo Album**

- Ruth Klein as youngster and young woman in various settings
- Young Earl Klein, Grandma & Grandpa Pfeffinger, Herman Wessels, Charlie Klein
- Ruth's friends' headshots
- Freddie & Dorothy Mollet
- Ruth at Agricultural Engineering Dept, U of I

### **French Travelers Thank You America Tour**

- Programs, brochures, newspaper clippings, photos of summer 2002 visit from French families to this area

### **Brown-blue tweed photo album**

- Freed family photos of widely assorted vintages. Most persons are labeled but not dated.

### **Blue Gingham Album, 1996-1997**

- Mostly family and family gatherings, including Ruth's 82<sup>nd</sup>
- Visit to students' exhibit on Route 66
- Dedication of Patton Park, Jun 1999
- 35<sup>th</sup> Division reunion, Topeka, KN, Sep 1997
- Dedication of WWII Memorial at Museum of History, 1997

### **Maroon Photograph Album: Ruth Klein**

- Mostly 1950-1960
- 1950 Military Ball with Ruth & Bill
- Gridley Park, 1950
- Dorothy Klein
- Trips to New Salem, IL, Gettysburg, PA, Starved Rock, Allerton Park,
- Pig Roast for Agricultural Engineering staff of U of I, 1950
- Dorothy & Al's wedding, 1952
- U of I President's office, 1952, and 1953
- Thanksgiving, 1952 at El Paso, TX
- Children's birthday parties
- Gridley Centennial, 1956
- International sorority convention (ESA) at Evansville, IN, Jun 1949 & their July 4 parade float

### **Brown wood-covered photo album: Ruth Klein**

- 1940-1949?
- Ruth & her four pals
- Military Day at U of I
- Turkey Run, IN, visit of four pals & their "best beaus"
- Other social events and visits, including weddings, visit to Denver CO

**Dark green photo album: Ruth Klein**

- Largely focused on trip by four women thru Lake of Ozarks, OK, NM, A, NV, CA, NB, 1951.
- Plus trip with Marguerite to New Orleans, nd.

**Very small photo album of trip to FL, 1965.****Box 6 Photos****Folder 1 – Susan Freed Andrews family**

- 1.1 Jim Andrews
- 1.2 Unidentified Andrews family members, probably a wedding picture and separate ones of each
- 1.3 Jim Andrews
- 1.4 Susan Andrews (3)

**Folder 2 – Clarence and Jeannette Freed family**

- 2.1 Jeanette Christianson Freed
- 2.2 Pap Kemp's House, now Clarence's
- 2.3 Clarence's House
- 2.4 John Freed
- 2.5 Steve Freed (4)
- 2.5 Christiansons (3)
- 2.6 Carl Douglas Christianson
- 2.6 Clarence's house
- 2.7 men walking in front of Clarence's house

**Folder 3 – Clarence and Mattie Freed Collection**

- 3.1 Uncle Clarence and Aunt Mattie and daughter Aldine (2)
- 3.2 Uncle Clarence's new barn (2)
- 3.3 Uncle Clarence Freed, as teenager (3)
- 3.4 Uncle Clarence and Mattie wedding (3)
- 3.5 daughter Aldene, died 1907
- 3.6 Clarence and Mattie
- 3.7 horses in front of barn
- 3.8 Clarence and Mattie in buggy
- 3.9 Clarence oval 360 Inf AEF
- 3.10 young Clarence, real photo postcard

**Folder 4 – Earl and Maizie Nicholson Mason Freed family**

- 4.1 McLean County Basketball Tournament, Lexington team 1912 – includes Earl, tallest one
- 4.2 Earl and Maizie's wedding picture 4 July 1916 (2)

- 4.3 Earl and Maizie 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- 4.4 Earl and sons at 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary (3)
- 4.5 Earl and Maizie and 6 of grown children at 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- 4.6 Earl and Maizie, older, in color
- 4.7 Freed picnic 1956 (2)
- 4.8 Earl, Maizie, Clara snapshot
- 4.9 Earl and Maizie, and 3 kids portrait (3)
- 4.10 Earl and Maizie with 7 children (3)
- 4.11 Clara and William (2)
- 4.12 Freed cattle (2)
- 4.13 Martha Kent + George Freed, Elmo, Earl, Appa Steinman, Edith Wilfon 1966
- 4.14 Earl Freed home (1 mile west of Lexington,  $\frac{3}{4}$  north of Lake Rd. (taken by highway)
- 4.15 Mark, Clarence, Bill, Frank, Loren (4 sons and 1 grandson of Earl) in bean field
- 4.16 Earl portrait – graduation (2)
- 4.17 Earl's family portrait with 7 children, color, 50th
- 4.18 Photocopy of 5 children on a horse (4)
- 4.19 Earl and William at Yellowstone
- 4.20 two year old Earl
- 4.21 Earl and Maizie, 1950s
- 4.22 Earl and Bill in beans
- 4.23 Earl and Maizie 50<sup>th</sup> snapshots (6)
- 4.24 Earl and Maizie – older in color
- 4.25 group – Mrs. Beck and June, Earl and Bill, Mrs. Lindsay and Helen (by United)
- 4.26 group in field – Joe, Earl, Bill, Eldon Schrock, Loren, Frankie, Clarence, Ollie Myers
- 4.27 same group, bigger plants
- 4.28 Earl in field with 4 horse team
- 4.29 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary clipping
- 4.30 Earl Freed in Myers cap
- 4.31 Earl and Maizie, Bill and ?
- 4.32 Clara, William, Franklin and Joseph (3)
- 4.33 Maizie in color snapshot
- 4.35 Earl at left in group
- 4.36 Eldon and Mary Lou Freed Schrock, Sallie and Joanie

#### **Folder 5 – Frank (Doc or Docie) and Clara Ogden Freed**

- 5.1 Frank and Clara (wedding)
- 5.2 family photo with 5 grown children and books–Earl, Loren, Alec, Ray, Frank, Clara, Mary Alice (2)
- 5.3 Frank at 20 years old – cabinet card Smith El Paso
- 5.4 Clara Ogden Freed copy
- 5.5 Earl, Alex, Loren
- 5.6 friends Thomas and Eva Boulding
- 5.7 Frank and Clara 50<sup>th</sup>
- 5.8 Frank, Joe Andrews, Harry Suttor CDV
- 5.9 Earl in buggy with others, he at left in real photo postcard
- 5.10 15 adults – Earl and Maizie, Mattie F., Lutie and Bob Smith, Sherm and Nancy, Clarence, Docie, Grandma Anna
- 5.11 Loren as baby (2)

## **Folder 6 – Hoke and Anna Hoobler Freed family**

- 6.1 Hoke tintype (3)
- 6.2 Hoke and family tintype
- 6.3 Appa Freed Steinman
- 6.4 family outside house – Hoke and Anna, Susie Andrews, Martha Freed Kent, Lucille Freed, Jimmie Andrews, George and child – Gridley
- 6.5 George and Anna Froelich wedding
- 6.6 Mary Elizabeth Freed (Rich), granddaughter as baby (2)
- 6.8 Hoke among three tintype
- 6.9 Appa and Ervin Steinman
- 6.10 George and Anna, Averill, Harold and son who died

## **Folder 7 – Miscellaneous Freed – identified**

- 7.1 Aunt Emma Freed crayon portrait
- 7.2 Reunion in front of house and barn
- 7.3 Robert Leslie, 3, and John Maxwell Freed, 1
- 7.4 Loren, son of Earl in silage
- 7.5 Mike and Caddie Kemp
- 7.6 group – Gladys Freed Wessels, Virgie Freed Wessels, Wilma Freed Boulware, Ethel Freed Seale, Hazel Freed Becker, 2<sup>nd</sup> row Edith Freed Wilfong, Martha Freed Kent, Darwin Freed, Earl Freed, Mary Alice Freed Donnell; back row; Ralph, Elmo, Roy, George
- 7.7 Blanche Freed tintype
- 7.8 Franklin and Berdean Freed's house
- 7.9 group – Ace Kirk, Wesley Hemler, Al Baltz, Joe Andrews, William Freed, Charles Cotton, Hoke Freed, Al Frank, Eldon and Mary Lou Freed Schrock, Sally and Joanie, Robert Leslie, and John Maxwell Freed
- 7.10 group with J and Mrs. Freed
- 7.11 Elmo and George Freed in Gridley
- 7.12 Mrs. George Freed in Gridley
- 7.13 Ada, Ellen Freed, Tillie, Beuna, OG Freed, Amanda
- 7.14 Elmo and snowman
- 7.15 Elmo and Elizabeth with Aunt Clara Freed
- 7.16 Mattie Condon
- 7.17 Mattie Condon

## **Folder 8 – Sherm (George Washington) and Nancy Ogden Freed**

- 8.1 Sherm ~ 20 years old
- 8.2 Sherm and Nancy maybe wedding
- 8.3 grandson, son of Ethel and David Seale infant
- 8.4 Ralph and Elmo in group
- 8.5 Wilma, Gladys and Elmo as children
- 8.6 daughter Ruth
- 8.7 Sherm's oldest daughters, Hazel, Ruth, Ethel, Virgie
- 8.8 Sherman Freed tintype
- 8.9 Elmo Freed and Ethel Seale

Folder 9 – Thomas and Mary Nichols Freed

- 9.1 Thomas and Mary, Mary's sister and her husband
- 9.2 family – John, Hoke, Will, Docie (Frank), George (Sherm), Clarence, Lutie, Thomas and Mary, Sarah Staufer (2)
- 9.3 Thomas and Mary Nichols Freed (2)
- 9.4 son John, 12 years old, died 1902 kicked by horse (3)
- 9.5 group – Will and Millie, Sherm and Nancy, Frank and Clara, Sam and Ella Ogden, Frank and Rhoda Conder, Pap and Sarah Kemp,
- 9.6 Merrill photo group – Sherm, Hoke, Joe Andrews, Frank, Bob Smith, Clara Ogden Freed, Nan Andrews
- 9.7 Thomas and Mary Nichols Freed wedding CDV

**Folder 10 – William and Ruth Klein Freed family**

- 10.1 Bill Freed on tractor (2)
- 10.2 Bill and Clara Freed
- 10.3 Bill Freed and Ruth's cousin
- 10.4 Bill Freed, Miss Klein and others
- 10.5 Bill and Joe Freed
- 10.6 Miss Klein
- 10.7 Bill and Earl Freed farming
- 10.8 Bill and Ruth wedding black & white
- 10.9 cattle
- 10.10 Bill and Ruth Klein Freed, color wedding
- 10.11 Bill Freed and Mike Kemp
- 10.12 Ruth and Bill Freed wedding snaps (7)
- 10.13 Bill Freed enlistment photo (2)
- 10.14 Bill military portrait (3)
- 10.15 Bill souvenir military portrait
- 10.16 Bill military snapshots (19)
- 10.17 Bill and Ruth Freed portrait (3)
- 10.18 Bill and Ruth Klein Freed,
- 10.19 Joe at Bill's wedding
- 10.20 Joe and Bill and others
- 10.21 Bill and Clara in someone's wedding
- 10.22 Bill farming, professional photos in color (7) and proofsheets
- 10.23 Bill farming, professional black and white
- 10.24 Bill farming snapshots 1964 (13)
- 10.25 Bill's high school graduation (4)
- 10.26 Bill tintype Always Thinking of You
- 10.27 Bill in snazzy suit, one with car (3)
- 10.28 Bill polaroid
- 10.29 Bill small snapshot

**Folder 11 – Uncle Will Freed family**

- 11.1 Alma, Edith, Myron, Sadie

- 11.2 Alma
- 11.3 Alma, Bud (Myron), Edith, Sadie (2)
- 11.4 Myron and Darwin Freed
- 11.5 adult Alma (2)
- 11.6 Will ? tintype
- 11.7 Will, Alma, Edith tintype (may be wrong names)

#### **Folder 12 – Hoobler**

- 12.1 Hoobler boys tintype
- 12.2 Catherine, Adeline, Delphine, Lolita Hoobler
- 12.3 Catherine Hoobler's home in Gridley (Mrs. Jacob)
- 12.4 Children of Florence Hoobler and Joshua Stevenson – Dwight, KatieBelle, Jessie,
- 12.5 Vera Hoobler Carley
- 12.6 Children of Florence Hoobler and Joshua Stevenson

#### **Folder 13 – Husseman, Edward and Mabel**

- 13.1 Mabel
- 13.2 Edward (2)

#### **Folder 14 – Kemp, Herschel and Ruby Trimmer**

- 14.1 their house (2)
- 14.2 wedding 1910

#### **Folder 15 – Kent, John and Martha Washington Freed**

- 15.1 Anna Katherine 1914, daughter
- 15.2 John and Martha W. Freed Kent wedding pictures

#### **Folder 16 – Klein, Charles**

- 16.1 Charles Klein
- 16.2 Charles, Ruth and Russell (2)
- 16.3 Earl, Dorothy, Mary Russell, Charles, Ruth
- 16.4 Charles and Emma wedding

#### **Folder 17 – Klein, Russell**

- 17.1 Russell and Jill
- 17.2 Jill and Kathy (2)
- 17.3 many shots of Jill
- 17.4 Russell, Mrs. And Jill

#### **Folder 18 – Klein, Ruth (Freed) pre marriage**

- 18.1 Ruth portrait, high school graduation 1937, 1 color, 3 sm. b&w

- 18.2 Ruth portrait, hand colored, Duncan Studios
- 18.3 Ruth portrait, color, Olan Mills
- 18.4 Ruth at desk 1949, 1 color, 2 b&w
- 18.5 Ruth with Lattie Mae Schaffer, (2)
- 18.6 Ruth – Lattie's Mae's wedding – John Toumey, Bob and Lattie Mae Rehberg, Ruth
- 18.7 Ruth on garden bench

### **Folder 19 – Klein relatives**

- 19.1 House south of Buck Creek School, Bob, Frances, Florence, Mary
- 19.2 Bob and Lattie Redberg Christmas card
- 19.3 Bob and Lettie Redberg wedding
- 19.4 Earl and Keiko Klein wedding
- 19.5 Earl Klein
- 19.6 Earl's daughter Marjorie (3)
- 19.7 Helen
- 19.8 Steve and Carol
- 19.9 Ned and Richard Bowe
- 19.10 Ned Bowe
- 19.11 Ted Bowe family Christmas card
- 19.12 Mary Klein Gardner (2)

### **Folder 20 – Larsen, Al and Dorothy Klein family**

- 20.1 Larsen family portrait
- 20.2 Larsen children
- 20.3 Larsen children Christmas card
- 20.4 Larsen children Christmas card Karl, Johnnie, Chuckie 1956
- 20.5 Al and Dorothy Klein Larson
- 20.6 Jan and Karl Larsen wedding
- 20.7 Jessica 1991, 1990 (2)
- 20.8 Jessica?
- 20.9 Penny Jo Larsen, 3 school pictures, one holiday
- 20.10 Dorothy Klein Larsen – Gridley HS
- 20.11 Karl Larsen, 3 school pictures
- 20.12 Baby boy Larsen
- 20.13 school pictures Mark, Jeanette, Charles Larsen

### **Folder 21 - Leuchtenberg, Warren and Clara Freed**

- 21.1 Warren and Clara 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary snapshots 1966, one with Marcie (3)
- 21.2 Warren and Clara with their kids
- 21.3 Joe and Viola Freed
- 21.4 Earl and Maisie Freed
- 21.5 Clara with 4 friends when young
- 21.6 Madonna Leuchtenberg and Diane Freed
- 21.7 Marilyn Freed, Madonna Leuchtenberg, Diane Freed, Berdean Freed, Joni Schrock
- 21.8 Warren and Clara with Earl and Maisie and priest
- 21.9 Warren and Clara with priest and couple

- 21.10 Warren and Clara with Mark Freed
- 21.11, Joe, John, Steve, Bill Freed at table
- 21.12 snapshots at table (3) – 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary party 1966

## **Folder 22 – Nicholson – Mason, family of Maizie Freed, born Nicholson, stepfather Mason**

- 22.1 Jemima memorial card and obit
- 22.2 Bill Nicholson
- 22.3 Alfus and Maude
- 22.4 Mary and Clara Freed Leuchtenberg, Caddie Nicholson Mason and Maizie
- 22.5 Nicholson reunion 1941 in Pontiac
- 22.7 Caddie Nicholson Mason
- 22.8 Grandmother Caddie Mason at son Marvin Mason's grave, Louise, Lucian

## **Folder 23- Ogden, Elza and Mother Kate (Elza is brother of Clara Ogden Freed)**

- 23.1 George, Kate, Elza Ogden, Merrill cabinet card
- 23.2 Elza Ogden's mother Kate Lyons and her second husband James Alexander
- 23.3 Elza – Ragsdale photo
- 23.4 Elza standing in an office
- 23.5 Elza, Ball photo

## **Folder 24 – Ogden, Sam and Ella**

- 24.1 baby Garnett Stuckey Bevan, grandmother Ella Curry Ogden, deceased mother Edith Ogden Bevan, grandmother Rebecca Pirtle Flesher, gr-grandmother Mary Elizabeth Flesher Curry
- 24.2 Garnet Stuckey Bevans and her 9 grandparents (Samuel and Lydia Augspurger Stuckey of Danvers and Meadows, Jacobina Phoebe Stuckey Augsburger, Rebecca Pirtle Flesher, Ella Curry Ogden (Mrs. Samuel), William and Elizabeth Flesher Curry, Hannah Ogden Wiley
- 24.3 Sam and Ella Ogden wedding cabinet photo

## **Folder 25 – Ogden reunions**

- 25.1 1909 all identified
- 25.2 early
- 25.3 identified group – 1909
- 25.4 1924
- 25.5 at Van Dolah cabin, 11 identified photocopy
- 25.6 c. 1915 photocopy
- 25.7 Clara Ogden Freed family c. 1910
- 25.8 Hannah, Sam, Elza reunion snapshot

## **Folder 26 – Ogden, miscellaneous identified**

- 26.1 Nancy Van Dolah Ogden (Mrs. Samuel – 1810-1884)
- 26.2 Eva Ogden Webber
- 26.3 Stella Ogden Yoder (2)
- 26.4 Frank, son of Obe

- 26.5 Rhoda Ogden Condon
- 26.6 Dorothy Ogden Buskirk
- 26.7 Elmon Ogden (2), cabinet card and tintype
- 26.8 Helen Ogden Fritz
- 26.9 Nora Ogden and Nora's niece in Montana, 1972 (2)
- 26.10 Edith and pony (real photo postcard)
- 26.11 Albert tintype and 2 paper copies
- 26.12 George (friend of famous Jeremiah Johnson whose photo is behind him)
- 26.13 Alexander and Sam
- 26.14 Earl, Frankie and Me (maybe Clara Ogden) in front of James Alexander Ogden's log house on ranch in Belfry, MO Pop 250
- 26.15 Clara Ogden
- 26.16 photocopies (2) of Obadiah and Hannah Ogden family, Nancy, Sam, Francis, Mary Jane, Sarah, Obadiah, Hanna, Ella Lizzie, Rhoda
- 26.17 Samuel Ogden, Merrill CDV
- 26.18 Alice Miller Ogden (Clara's mother) tintype gem
- 26.19 Samuel Ogden, b. 1809
- 26.20 George W. Ogden, page from a bio book
- 26.21 Clara Ogden Freed, Nancy Ogden Freed, Rhoda Condon, Ellie Curry Ogden, Aunt Millie, Sarah Kemp
- 26.22 group of unidentified Ogden men and 1 woman
- 26.23 Montana trip: friend, Harold Kinsella, Roy Freed, Clara Ogden Freed, George Ogden (2)

**Folder 27 – Pfeffinger (Ruth Klein Freed's mother's family)**

- 27.1 Viola, Emma and Clara (2)
- 27.2 Mary Pfeffinger Husseman
- 27.3 Anna Pfeffinger in dress matching 27.2
- 27.4 Johnny Pfeffinger
- 27.5 Louisa, Mary , Anna, Emma and John
- 27.6 Clara
- 27.7 Johnny and Andrew
- 27.8 Viola, Emma and Clara
- 27.9 2 girls
- 27.10 Fred and Louisa Pfeffinger Mallet weddig
- 27.11 Christian and Mary
- 27.12 Emma (2)
- 27.13 Clara and Viola
- 27.14 Clara and Viola
- 27.15 Clara, Florence Klein, Emma Klein, Mary Gardner, Viola, Edna and ? Klein
- 27.16 Clara 1903 (2)
- 27.17 2 big boys , CDV
- 27.18 Viola (3 school pictures)
- 27.19 Emma (2 school pictures)
- 27.20 Clara (3 school pictures)
- 27.21 Christian and Mary and 7 children
- 27.22 Emma (2)
- 27.23 Anna Pfeffinger
- 27.24 Clara Pfeffinger

27.25 Clara and Viola as adults

27.26 little school photos of Clara, Anna, Emma and a friend Clara

### **Folder 28 – Smith, Bob and Lutie Freed**

28.1 Lutie 1956 by corn planter at hobby show

28.2 Lutie (2)

28.3 Bob

28.4 Bob and Lutie

28.5 1919 Bob and others at Momence snapshot 1919

28.6 Lutie (2)

28.7 Bob

28.8 Lutie

28.9 Bob and Lutie (2)

### **Folder 29 – Stouffer, Frank and Sarah “Eddie” Freed**

29.1 Frank and Sarah and nephew Darwin Freed (Darwin is son of Will and Emma, she died when he was born)

29.2 Aunt Eddie & Darwin Freed

29.3 Frank and Eddie Freed Stouffer

29.4 Stouffer farm with Mattie Conrow, Frank and Eddie (2)

29.5 Frank and Eddie wedding tintype

29.6 Eddie

### **Folder 30 – Unidentified Freeds**

30.1 Aunt N\_NIE tintype

30.2 Alex?

30.3 Claude, Macy David and Claudia

30.4 Clara and a male

### **Folder 31 – Lexington School activities including Freeds**

31.1 Play, Don't Take my Penny

31.2 1935 Senior class Hobo Day , Bill

31.3 S'Monne Shinneman (Elder) and students recital, (2, one girls, one boys)

31.4 Class of 1949 (Clarence and Jeannette)

31.5 1945-6 basketball team (Clarence)

31.6 1946 football team (Clarence #14 and Loren)

31.7 1946-7 basketball team (Clarence)

31.8 1948 prom, (3, 2 with just jr and sr classes)

31.9 prom 1940s

31.10 1947 baseball team (Clarence)

31.11 Class of 1936 (Bill)

31.12 class outside Lexington school building

31.13 Winner 2<sup>nd</sup> McLean County Basketball Tourney 1912 (Earl)

- 31.14 Miss Dalton's First Graders 1956-57 (John)
- 31.15 Earl's Class 1909
- 31.16 1947 track team (Clarence)
- 31.17 School building 1938 and guys by car
- 31.18 1947 JR Sr Prom