

McLean County Museum of History

McLean County Latino History Project Collection

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Collection Information

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Brief History

The McLean County Latino History Project seeks to research and record the culture and experience of Latinos who have settled in McLean County and identify artifacts, images and documents associated with their culture and lives for future programs and exhibits. The Museum of History teamed with the Illinois State University Latin American and Latino Studies Program for this project. Community volunteer Sal Valadez led much of the early research, assisted by Museum staffer Jeff Woodard.

The materials collected, which include oral history interviews with longtime Latino residents will assist researchers and others in the community with understanding migration, social and economic advancement. The collection also aims to help in creating events, displays and multimedia exhibits.

From the late 19th into the mid-20th centuries, Latinos immigrating from the US Southwest, Puerto Rico, etc. found diverse employment within homes (as domestics), railroads, farms,

factories, circuses and as general laborers. Many remained in the community, raising their families. Others moved on elsewhere in the US or back to their native countries. In recent decades, immigrant Latinos have found work at State Farm, in education at ISU, Mitsubishi and some have been very successful creating access to food, developing authentic restaurants and cultural festivals locally.

Scope

This collection includes project scope documents, newspaper articles from the 1950s onward, census research, business info and advertisements, info from and about local Latino organizations, individuals, and families, public event information, and more. Numerous oral histories complete the collection.

- A General project information
- B Newspaper articles
- C Research on Individuals and Families including census research, early railroad workers, etc.
- D Businesses, Organizations and Resources including churches, social events, immigration, politics and governmental, service directories, Latinos Unidos, Western Avenue Community Center, Hispanic Families Work Group, Conexiones Latinos and more
- E Oral Histories, 2006-2013
- F Oral Histories – 2023 onward
- G Museum of History public events & displays, 2024 onward
- H Miscellaneous

Box and Folder Inventory

A: General Project Information

Folder A1: Collection and Project Information

- A1.1 Undated: The History of Latinos in McLean County, Illinois. 1p including project goals and materials sought.
- A1.2 21 June 2011. MCHM History of Hispanics in McLean County Project by Sal Valadez and Jeff Woodard. Outline: Purpose, Brief History, Current Status of Project, Four Stories, Next Steps, Future of Project. 2pp.
- A1.3 14 November 2011. Background Information on the Latino history project, by Jeff Woodard. 1p.
- A1.4 February 2012. The History of Latinos in McLean County including goals, history of program, objectives, local history overview, project status and future steps. 6pp.
- A1.5 21 February 2012: The History of Latinos in McLean County by Sal Valadez. 1p.
- A1.6 Undated: Proyecto de Historia de Los Latinos En El Condano de McLean. 1p.
- A1.7 Flier, undated: The McLean County Latino History Project. 1 p in English; 1p in Spanish; 3 copies each.

- A1.8 Undated: "Share your heritage with . . ." seeking contributions from community for the project.
- A1.9 16 March 2011. Wyman Report on Research to Date on Recent Immigrants, by Mark Wyman to Greg and Susan (2 copies)
- A1.10 ¡Fiesta! A Celebration of Mexican Popular Arts, 1920-1960. Draft of poster for exhibit
- A1.11 Photocopy of business cards (18 names and phone numbers, largely from Chicagoland)
- A1.12 Outline of presentation at Art & Community Development Class Visit that Jeff Woodard, Sal Valadez, and Bill Kemp, 21 Sept 2011.
- A1.13 "About Dr. Aide Acosta" from Noble Schools website, Nov 2024. 2pp.
- A1.14 Two photographs of June 2012 meeting in Museum of History courtroom. Attendees identified on verso.

Folder A2: Interns Notes & Papers

- A2.1 Letter to incoming interns from Jason Siska, 3pp.
- A2.2 Hispanic Heritage Project by Jason Wilder Siska, 1pp. Summer 2006.
- A2.3 Rough draft of Hispanic Heritage Project paper by Roman Barraza, December 2006. 9pp.
- A2.4 A Levantamiento Celebration in Bloomington by Joe Marino, Spring 2007. 4pp. Based on celebration by Juan Arias family.
- A2.5 Recipes from Maribel Arias collected by Joe Marino, February 2007. 3pp.
- A2.6 Handwritten notes, spring 2006. 3pp.
- A2.7 CD containing Jason Siska documents.

B: Newspaper Articles

Folder B1: Newspaper Clippings 1956-1968 (*Pantagraph* unless noted)

- B1.1 "Foreign Teachers To Begin ISNU Visit Saturday," April 6, 1956. (Newspaper unknown).
- B1.2 "Six or Seven Mexican Farm Workers Die in 51 Tragedy," April 6, 1956, 2 copies (Newspaper unknown).
- B1.3 "Mexican Family Thinks It's Slang," September 15, 1957.
- B1.4 "Colombian Visitors Tackling Language," November 22, 1958.
- B1.5 "Second Cuban Refugee Family Arrives Sunday," September 22, 1962.
- B1.6 "14 Will Assist Mayor in Cuban Refugee Plan," June 27, 1962.
- B1.7 "Refugees Describe Flight From Nightmare in Cuba," September 30, 1962.
- B1.8 "Jose Rencurrell Family Formerly Lived in Cuba," September 24, 1967.
- B1.9 "'Quiet, Peaceful,' Cubans Call Bloomington Refuge," July 31, 1966.
- B1.10 "Language First Concern," and "Council To Aid Migrants; Language First Concern," February 4, 1968
- B1.11 "Government rates poorly in Hispanic hiring, wages," (unknown paper, undated).
- B1.12 "Race shouldn't be factor in awarding TV licenses," (undated).
- B1.13 "Mexico buys Illinois corn," (undated).
- B1.14 "Rallies sweep U.S.: Hundreds of thousands march for immigrants," (undated).
- B1.15 "President of Paraguay resigns," and "Puerto Rican activists won't give up dream," (undated).

Folder B2: Newspaper Clippings 1980s (*Pantagraph* unless noted)

- B2.1 "The Bloomington alien connection," May 3, 1980, p. A3
- B2.2 "Normal restaurant serves Mexican food," September 12, 1980.
- B2.3 "Guadalupe Day to be celebrated," December 11, 1980.
- B2.4 "A first Guadalupe Day parade," December 1980.
- B2.5 "Lost wallet crushes immigrant's dream," May 24, 1981, p. A2
- B2.6 "Quincenera: Sandra is 'Sweet 15'," May 27, 1982.
- B2.7 "Migrants find help in program," July 24, 1983, p. A3.
- B2.8 "Volunteer translator a link for family," December 22, 1983.
- B2.9 "Program helps fill the gaps," July 29, 1984.
- B2.10 "Migrant families return warmth in holiday party," December 17, 1984, p. A3.
- B2.11 "Two in running for title of queen," September 10, 1985, p. B5.
- B2.12 "Twin City Hispanics reach out to help one another," March 8, 1987, p. D3.
- B2.13 "A new life in America, Una nueva vida en American," March 8, 1987, p. D1.
- B2.14 "Hispanic teen-ager product of native, American cultures," March 10, 1987.
- B2.15 "Mexico tugs at hearts of sisters," March 10, 1987, p. C1.
- B2.16 "Priest reaches out to link two cultures," March 15, 1987, p. D1.
- B2.17 "Immigration amnesty offers Hispanics a permanency," March 15, 1987, p. D3.
- B2.18 "Men willing to travel long distances to work," March 1, 1987, p. D3.
- B2.19 "Immigration hotline to help employers," July 4, 1987.
- B2.20 "Program legalizes B-N aliens," September 25, 1987.
- B2.21 "Pursuing the American dream," July 17, 1988, p. C1.
- B2.22 "About 80 farm workers seek legal resident," November 29, 1988.
- B2.23 "Exchange program seeking families," December 1989 (unknown paper).
- B2.24 "Fewer hands in 1990s job market," December 11, 1989, p. D1.
- B2.25 "Procession," 1989.
- B2.26 "Mexican eatery seeks liquor license," December 12, 1989.

Folder B3: Newspaper Clippings 1990s (*Pantagraph* unless noted)

- B3.1 4 pages printed of *Pantagraph* searches of articles 1989-1998
- B3.2 "America's melting pot remixed," March 11, 1991, p. B3.
- B3.3 "Hispanics protest violence, prejudice," July 18, 1991.
- B3.4 "Minorities make strides in latest ACT," September 17, 1991.
- B3.5 "Don't judge people by the color of their skin," September 26, 1991.
- B3.6 "Arrest of illegal aliens may hit 1 million," February 9, 1992.
- B3.7 "Writer shuns Chicago as key to her success," December 21, 1992.
- B3.8 "1 out of 7 in U.S. not speaking English at home," April 28, 1993.
- B3.9 "Aliens face deportation after feds raid restaurant," June 8, 1993.
- B3.10 "Counselor draws on experiences to aid Hispanics," October 24, 1993.
- B3.11 "Latino professor calls for inclusion," November 13, 1993.
- B3.12 "Group focuses on easing life for Hispanics: Barriers not foreign to immigrants," March 13, 1994.
- B3.13 "Language/cultural barriers cut by Hispanic Round Table," March 30, 1994.
- B3.14 "Discrimination in home insurance to be targeted," May 12, 1994, p. D5.
- B3.15 "U.S., Mexico agree to new illegal alien rights," May 11, 1995.
- B3.16 "Opportunity knocks at ISU: Minority students seizing chance to study abroad," May 14, 1995.

- B3.17 "Whites leaving welfare more quickly than minorities," May 1995.
- B3.18 "Door for legal immigrants U.S. window of opportunity," June 29, 1995.
- B3.19 "Immigrants struggle with English," October 22, 1995.
- B3.20 "Wonderful to see so much diversity at University High," February 18, 1996.
- B3.21 "Illinois State, Wesleyan keeping tabs on Texas affirmative action case," March 25, 1996.
- B3.22 "Health Fair for Hispanics to encourage awareness," April 8, 1996.
- B3.23 "Gangs be Gone," May 5, 1996.
- B3.24 "Mexican official warns of confrontation," May 7, 1996.
- B3.25 "Lawmakers visit ISU, urge recruiting Latinos," September 28, 1996.
- B3.26 "Time to rally against racism and reject racial injustice," July 9, 1997.
- B3.27 "Foreign aid confirmed: Democrats to return \$50,000 Lippo Group donation," July 16, 1997.
- B3.28 "B-N panel looks to recognize, erase racism," May 1, 1998.
- B3.29 "Father 'comfortable' with son's B-N burial," 1990.

Folder B4: Newspaper Clippings 2000s (*Pantagraph* unless noted)

- B4.1 1 copy of avisos de occasion newspaper, July 2009
- B4.2 "Jobless rate hits 30-[incomplete]: Unemployment amongst blacks, Hispanics lowest ever," May 6, 2000.
- B4.3 "Cinco de Mayo celebration," May 6, 2000, p. A5.
- B4.4 "Leaders focus on Hispanic issues," November 5, 2000, p. A4.
- B4.5 "McLean County's look changing; Census shows minority population increase," March 25, 2001, p. A1.
- B4.6 "More Twin City businesses enlisting translation services," July 15, 2001, p. B1.
- B4.7 "Defining Hispanics; Census doesn't differentiate nationalities," July 15, 2001, p. B1.
- B4.8 "'Taking Baby Steps' B-N minorities still seeking greater voice," December 15, 2002.
- B4.9 "[incomplete] N makes strides on social issue," March 22, 2003.
- B4.10 "GOP vying for Hispanic votes in Central Illinois," September 17, 2003.
- B4.11 "A winding road to the wedding; Immigrants' ID becomes issue in McLean County," August 8, 2004, p. A1.
- B4.12 "A Changing Community: Central Illinois attracting more immigrants," June 26, 2005.
- B4.13 "Immigration rally fills streets," April 11, 2006, p. A1.
- B4.14 3 pages printed of *Pantagraph* searches of articles 2006
- B4.15 "Bloomington needs law against illegals," September 14, 2006.
- B4.16 "Local immigrant parents blend best of both worlds for children," November 25, 2008.
- B4.17 10 photocopies from the *Pantagraph* of Latino events/activities, and accompanying CD containing digital versions of photos.

Folder B5: Newspaper Clippings 2010s (*Pantagraph* unless noted)

- B5.1 1 copy of La Palabra, "el unico periodic en espanol del condando del McLean" (The only newspaper in Spanish in McLean County)
- B5.2 "10 taken into custody by immigration officials after stop," April 15, 2010. 13 pages of comments included.
- B5.3 "Bloomington rally protests Arizona immigration law," May 1, 2010.
- B5.4 "Rally for immigration reforms in Bloomington," July 15, 2010.
- B5.5 "IWU to host forum on immigration reform," September 5, 2010.

- B5.6 "Advocate to review immigrant discharge policy," February 8, 2011.
- B5.7 "Open house an introduction for Immigration Project," June 10, 2011.
- B5.8 "Immigration forum set for March 8," February 24, 2012.
- B5.9 "Panelists discuss impact of detaining illegal immigrants," March 8, 2012.
- B5.10 "Latino groups rally to protest sheriff's detention policies," May 14, 2012. Instead of newspaper article, these are online comments on the above Pantagraph article.
- B5.11 "Authorities: Race not issue in charging decision," February 11, 2015. Also includes obituaries for Pedro Guerrero and 2 yr old nephew Alejandro Guerrero, plus photos of the deadly crash site in Bloomington. 8 sheets.

C: Research on Individuals & Families

Folder C1: Census Research

- C1.1 1920 & 1930 census records on names such as Herlindo Martinez, Thomas Guerrero, Grace Chazeb, Francisco Sanopos, Bravo Casios, Leo Alonza, Gertrude Newberry, and many others. Compiled by Sal Valadez.
- C1.2 General 1920 and 1930 Latino Census searches.
- C1.3 Copy of draft registration cards for Pete Garcia, Pedro Chaves, Jesus Flores, Jose Lacunato, Frank Gargora?, Hilario Hernandez, Paz Hernandez, Herlindo Batres Martinez, Jose Meso and certificates of marriage for Latino affiliated to McLean County including Quale and Martinez.

Folder C2: Latino Railroad Workers

- C2.1 Report from Sal Valadez about a trip with Jeff Woodard to Williamsville Museum to research Latinos who worked on the railroad
- C2.2 Research from Sal Valadez
- C2.3 Williamsville contact information
- C2.4 Email between Mike Matejka, Sal Valadez, and others regarding attached articles about McLean County Latino laborers.
- C2.5 "Alton Laborers' Camp is One Complete Unit," *Bulletin*, 25 May 1927(?) p2.
- C2.6 "West Side Notes-Accident Fatal to Bernarbe Sandobal" *The Daily Pantagraph*, October 16, 1925
- C2.7 "Irish 'Forty Acres' Speaks to City's Railroad Past" *Pantagraph* September 18, 2011
- C2.8 Eight photocopies of draft registration cards, World War I era for C&A workers. (Added in 2025 from file related to potential 2013 interviews from Exhibit Curator Hartzold's files)

Folder C3: Valadez, Sal

- C3.1 Illinois State University newspaper article, "Resolution honors University's efforts," October 21, 1993.
- C3.2 CD "Proceedings of the General Managers Assoc. June 25-July 14 1894, Railroad Gazette 1904," from Sal
- C3.3 The Railroad Gazette Journal of Transportation, Engineering and Railroad News, December 31, 1904, 6 pages.
- C3.4 Sal Valadez's power point slides of "Dreams and Life on the Prairie"
- C3.5 Sal Valadez's career summary, undated.

Folder C4: Chavez, Pedro

Reputedly, first Mexican family in McLean County.

- C4.1 Gift agreement for documents concerning Pedro Chavez
- C4.2 Copy of Declaration of Intention from Chavez, May 1, 1910
- C4.3 Certificate of Arrival, May 1910
- C4.4 Petition for Naturalization, May 1910
- C4.5 Marriage License, October 18, 1917
- C4.6 Certificate of Baptism of Felix "Pedro" Chaves, May 30, 1929.
- C4.7 Packet of genealogy of Chavez family
- C4.8 Timeline for Pedro Chaves & family, 1892-1950.

Folder C5: Obituaries

- C5.1 Email of obituaries from Sal Valdez concerning Lucy J. Woosley, Lorenzo Garcia, and Margarito Ramirez
- C5.2 Pantagraph obituaries of October 12, 2007, Roberto Fuentes Bosquez Sr.
- C5.3 Pantagraph obituary of Lorenzo Garcia, May 23, 2011.
- C5.4 Pantagraph obituaries of October 7, 2011, Jose G. Gonzalez
- C5.5 Manuel "Manny" B. Mendoza, died Aug 25, 2015. Obit from mortuary website. Plus memorial prayer card.
- C5.6 Pantagraph obituary of Jose S. Almanza of Bloomington, June 12, 2013. Father of Horacio Almanza of Bloomington.
- C5.7 Notes from William Koehler's speech at Cordero Roque's memorial service at Illinois State University, 2008. Excerpt from ISU School of Music Faculty Newsletter on Cordero, Sep 2012. A native Panamanian who taught music composition at ISU from 1972-2000.

Folder C6: Other Individuals

- C6.1 Ingrid Ramirez biography, 1 page State Farm writer producer. Produced & hosted first Spanish language interview radio program in MC at WJBC. Puerto Rican.
- C6.2 Francisco Arreola, 5pp online interview with former world featherweight boxing champion, July 2011. Mexican who came to Bloomington with his birth family. Bloomington.
- C6.3 Brief biography of Paul Segobiano, Director of Development for the Great Plains LIFE Foundation, undated.

D: Businesses, Organizations & Resources

Folder D1: Local Organizations' Publicity & Ephemera

- D1.1 Brochure: "What Can Hispanic families Work Group do for me and my family?", undated.
- D1.2 Email from Conexiones Latinas de McLean County regarding recent announcements of Latino organizations, Jun 2012. 3 sheets.
- D1.3 Flier: publicizing Conexiones Latinas: one side English; one side Espanol. circa 2011. Cites several successful collaborations since 2006. 2 copies.

- D1.4 Flier: publicizing Conexiones Latinas: one side English; one side Espanol. 3 copies, no date.
- D1.5 Flier for Heartland Community College in English & Espanol issued by Conexiones Latinas. No date.
- D1.6 Brochure for International Friends, undated. The group connects community members with international students studying at Illinois State University.
- D1.7 Photo & Schedule of local Latino soccer league, Summer 2005.
- D1.8 Latino Soccer League regulations and info, 2 pp. undated.

Folder D2: Medical

- D2.1 Flier: Prompt care services of OSF, no date. In Spanish.
- D2.2 Packet of OSF info in Spanish, c2021:
 - Financial assistance, 1p.
 - Brochure: Financial assistance including application form
 - Brochure: Patients rights & responsibilities
 - Brochure: Billing & payment procedures
 - Handout: on OSF MyChart online
- D2.3 Flier: Latinas Unidas Contra el Cancer de Seno advertisement, Community Cancer Center, held at Western Avenue, Jun 2012. (breast cancer)
- D2.4 Flier: "Clinica de Salud" Immanuel Health Center on S. Morris Ave, Bloomington, undated.

Folder D3: Local Latino Businesses

- D3.1 Flier: "Mi Tierra Needs Your Local Support"- for Mexican grocery on Main St. in downtown Bloomington. April 2010.
- D3.2 Business cards- Carniceria y Taqueria La Mexicana, Mie Tierra Mercado Latino, DJ GM Explocion, and a notice for Servicio en Español at 808 E. Vernon
- D3.3 Menu for El Porton, 901 N. Main Street, undated.
- D3.4 Menu for Fiesta Ranchera, 2103 Veterans Parkway, undated.
- D3.5 History of La Mexicana grocery in Bloomington in email from Greg Koos, Oct 2011.
- D3.6 Online text of Pantagraph article "New restaurant gives diners taste of Mexico, Dominican Republic," February 7, 2009. Chimis Caribbean Restaurant on Eastland Drive co-owned by Julia Ramirez. 2pp.
- D3.7 "Meet the Ortiz Family," in *Neighbors of Southwestern Bloomington*, July 2020. pp 12-15 & cover photo. Opened and owned Tony's Tacos! in downtown Bloomington.
- D3.8 Card ad for WJBC "Dilo en Español" con Ingrid Ramirez Sunday 8pm-9pm, undated.
- D3.9 Online text of Pantagraph article "Hip hop influences new Park Store occupant," Dec 2005. Ill State Fashions owned by Leon Teague at former Park Store site near Miller Park. 3pp.
- D3.10 Hernandez Auto Center multilingual postcard, Bloomington. Undated.
- D3.11 Wall calendar: "Hispanic Legends: a 2007 tribute" courtesy of Marcus C Brown, State Farm Insurance agent in Normal.

Folder D4: Advertisements & Ephemera: Social Events

- D4.1 People of the Sun, January 27, 2008. At St. Mary's Church basement.

- D4.2 Flier: El Dia de Los Muertos Oct 27 & Nov 2 at multiple locations with multiple sponsors, c.2013. Spanish & English.
- D4.3 Hispanic Heritage Month Art Show, 2006. Info on artists, 3 pp.
- D4.4 Flier: Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration schedule from HFWG, Sept-Oct, no year.
- D4.5 Flier: Noche De Estrellas, April 22, 2006. Sponsored by ISU Association of Latin American Students.
- D4.6 Flier: Dance the Night Away with ISU Spanish Club, Oct 20, no year.
- D4.7 Bilingual Story Time with Bloomington Public Library, Aug 17,2013. Spanish & English editions.

Folder D5: Political & Governmental

- D5.1 Email from Candace Summers announcing a presentation from Maura Toro-Morn, January 25, 2011
- D5.2 Hispanic Families Work Group of McLean County presents workshop “Working with Differences within our Community,” May 10, 2006. Draft edition.
- D5.3 Diversity Advocacy Disability Awareness & GLBT Weeks, Oct 2006. ISU.
- D5.4 U. S. Citizenship application day workshop May 2006
- D5.5 U. S. Citizenship application day workshop January 2007
- D5.6 “Families United, Not Families Divided,” Latino Unidos para Cambio Conozca Sus Derechos (know your rights) September 7, 2011.
- D5.7 US Department of Homeland Security Museum courtroom rental agreement for naturalization ceremony, May 2007
- D5.8 “Pilgrimage for Citizenship: A Walk Alongside the Stranger,” October 2013. Illinois People’s Action.
- D5.9 Hispanic and African-American voting presence, March 22, 2011
- D5.10 "Dreams and Life on the Prairie--The History of Latinos in McLean County: 1880 to the Present," discussion at McLean County Museum of History, presented by Sal Valadez and Dr. Maura Toro-Morn, November 3, 2013
- D5.11 Latino Coalition for Prevention Speakers’ Bureau list. No date.
- D5.12 Illinois People’s Action Accion Popular de Illinois Luchando por La Justicia Social Economica y Ambiental. Leaflet about the lobbying group and member recruitment.
- D5.13 National Council of La Raza (NCLR) bio on their president Janet Murgtuaia plus Q&A on the organization, undated. 3 pp.
- D5.14 "A Powerful Latina," essay by Roman Barraza on president of the national council of la Raza Janet Murguia's seminar on the Hispanic Institution State Farm Landmark, 1 page.
- D5.15 “Ya basta con la discrimination de al Policia,” informational meeting by Illinois People’s Action subgroup [police discrimination]
- D5.16 “Su Derecho a rentar o ser dueno sin la discrimination” [your rights to rent without discrimination] information pamphlet from Prairie State Legal Services, undated.

Folder D6: Immigration

- D6.1 "Preliminary Report on Mexican Immigration" by Mark Wyman, May 11, 2012 and jail registers.
- D6.2 "What You Should Do If You're Detained by Immigration Officials," informational flier, revised November 2007.
- D6.3 “Keep Families Together.” Latinos Unidos (LUC) flier.

- D6.4 "Protection for DREAM Youths" packet on requirements and information regarding the DREAM act passed on June 15, 2012.
- D6.5 Immigration Presentation Outline by Jesse Iniguez and Jose Alonso
- D6.6 Myths vs. Reality- immigrant issues discussion sheet
- D6.7 UIC Immigrant Mobilization Project, printed power point
- D6.8 Instructions to contact your representative concerning the DREAM Act. Printed and distributed by Sonny Garcia, Latinos United for Change. 2011
- D6.9 Small flier for Immigration Project, c. 2019.
- D6.10 Advertencia!" about rights of non-citizens who are arrested, 2011.
- D6.11 "Immigration Project – Welcome/Bienvenidos" printout from their website, Oct 2013.

Folder D7: St. Mary's Catholic Church

- D7.1 List of St. Mary's Parishioners, Nov 1989
- D7.2 "Comite' de Can'ticos," members, addresses, and phone numbers. [song committee]
- D7.3 "Comite para recoger la ofrenda," members, addresses, and phone numbers [committee to collect the offering]
- D7.4 "Familia A Cenar Con el Padre Cuevas," members, addresses, and phone numbers [family to dine with Father Cuevas]
- D7.5 "Cauticismos" and "Bautismos," names, ages, dates, addresses, and telephone numbers
- D7.6 List of "Bautismos," "Comunionen," "Clases de Cauticismos," and "Confirmaciones" Total 6 sheets.
- D7.7 "Coro De Misas," listing of names [mass choir]
- D7.8 "Clases de Espanol," listing of names, addresses, and phone numbers
- D7.9 "Clases Sobre Planificacion de Familia," members, addresses, and phone numbers [classes for family planning]
- D7.10 "Club de Ejercicios para Mujeres," members, addresses, and phone numbers [club for exercises for women]
- D7.11 "Clase de Ingles como Segundo Lengua," members, addresses, and phone numbers [classes for English as second language]
- D7.12 Spanish language text of speech by Teresa Reyes as a representative of la Iglesia de Santa Maria, May 1, 2012
- D7.13 IV Congreso de Evangelizacion-Tu Eres Llamado- Diocesis de Peoria, 2007. Local contact: Teresa Reyes.
- D7.14 Flier for Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration, Nov-Dec 2013. Not local??

Folder D8: Kermes Festival

Kermes is a fundraising festival. These items relate to St. Mary's Church in Bloomington.

- D8.1 Kermes Traditional Mexican Kermes Carnival, menu, 2011 Kermes Fiesta celebrating Mexico's Independence and fundraiser for the Virgin of Guadalupe's party, Sunday, September 15
- D8.2 Kermes Fiesta for Mexico's Independence, September 9, 2013
- D8.3 Kermes Fiesta for Mexico's Independence, September 14, 2014.
- D8.4 Kermes celebration of Mexico's Independence September 2006.
The following items appear to be related to Kermes at St. Mary's although we are not certain:

- D8.5 Lists of names and ticket numbers (presumably sold), including Manuella Almanza, Berta Diaz, Gloria Martinez, and Maria Luna. 5 sheets.
- D8.6 "Candidatas Para Reina" List of women with addresses & phones. Undated. [candidates for queen]

Folder D9: Directories of Services & Resources

- D9.1 Directory of Resources for McLean County from Womens Capabilities Initiative, January 1, 2003
Directory of Services in Spanish, December 2005. 64 pp. Additional copy attached may be draft. From Hispanic/Latino Families Workgroup.
- D9.2 Directory of Services in Spanish, February 2006. 63 pp. From Hispanic/Latino Families Workgroup.

Folder D10: Services In Other Communities

- D10.1 Peoriahispanics.org bulletin with info from Peoria City/County Health Department in Espanol, May 2012
- D10.2 Peoriahispanics.org bulletin in Espanol, Jun 2012. Feature article on voting.
- D10.3 IMC's Programa Nacional de Trabajos Para Campesinos (MFJP), Peoria, 2018. Flier for US Dept of Labor-funded avenue for training in various occupations.

Folder D11: Latinos Unidos Part A

- D11.1 Meeting schedule for March 4, 1982, containing information on a Potluck event and other committee restructuring details
- D11.2 Undated February meeting outlines containing information on "Candidatas a reina," "programa de radio," and Valentine's Day
- D11.3 "Octavio Montenegro" arrest case information, July 5.
- D11.4 Undated committee preparation list for a Sunday event
- D11.5 "Junta de Feb. 28, 1982," meeting information on elections and finances.
- D11.6 "Jan. 11, 1982," meeting outline
- D11.7 Resume for Dorian B. Pelaez enclosed in envelope.
- D11.8 April 3 Easter Program preparation list
- D11.9 Letter from Sara Mendiola
- D11.10 "Meeting Feb. 15, 1982," meeting outline
- D11.11 "March 14, 1981," meeting outline
- D11.12 Western Avenue receipt of payment to J.S. Paluch Company Inc., May 8, 1981.
- D11.13 "Enero 24, 1981," Junta de la Directiva
- D11.14 Writing fragment mentioning a radio program
- D11.15 "Oct. 11, 1981," meeting outline
- D11.16 "Sept. 14, 1981," meeting outline
- D11.17 "Sept. 2, 1981," at Int'l House at ISU, topic points including electoral board and future plans for organization
- D11.18 "Junta de Marzo," undated, meeting outline
- D11.19 "Hispania," meeting outline, ca. January 17, 1981
- D11.20 "Oct. 11, 1981," meeting outline
- D11.21 "Reporte Correspondiente a los meses de Febrero y Marzo," 1982 [Reports correspond. to the months of feb – mar]

Folder D12: Latinos Unidos Part B

- D12.1 August 1981 meeting outline
- D12.2 Names and addresses of known Latinos Unidos members
- D12.3 Clipping with names "para el Potluck"
- D12.4 Meeting outlines, noting Potluck on March 28, 1982
- D12.5 Latinos Unidos member names, addresses, and telephone numbers
- D12.6 List of names and addresses
- D12.7 January 18, 1981, list of names and dues
- D12.8 "Quotas," listing names and dues
- D12.9 Articles of Incorporation for Latinos Unidos, Inc.
- D12.10 "Constitucion Latinos Unidos," Constitution of Latinos Unidos

Folder D13: Latinos Unidos Part C

- D13.1 "Latinos Unidos Lista de Gente," list of names, addresses, and phone numbers, 3 pages
- D13.2 "Analysis Pad" green booklet containing slips of payment confirmation from LU members, and list of member dues
- D13.3 "Club Latinos Unidos Enero y Febrero 1981 ingresos y egresos," meeting outline

Folder D14: Western Avenue Community Center

- D14.1 Western Avenue membership card
- D14.2 Letter to Sara Mendiola from Wesley C. Wilcox concerning the completion of the Western Avenue Community Center building, December 5, 1983
- D14.3 Invitation to the Western Avenue Community Center dedication, April 29, 1984
- D14.4 Position description of the Director of Community Ministries
- D14.5 Letter to board member from President Bill Phillips, February 18, 1983
- D14.6 List of executive committee and board members of Western Ave., 1984 and 1986
- D14.7 Letter to Sara Mendiola from Chuck W. Judge concerning residence hall food service at ISU
- D14.8 Western Ave. agenda for board of directors meeting, May 26, 1983
- D14.9 Proposed budget for 1985
- D14.10 Budget for 1984 and proposed for 1985
- D14.11 Western Ave. budget comparison for May and June of 1984
- D14.12 Western Ave. budget comparison for July and August of 1984
- D14.13 Committee structure for 1983.
- D14.14 Flier: Fiesta Cinco de Mayo Fundraiser for Western Avenue Hispanic Outreach Program, May, no year.

Folder D15: Hispanic Families Work Group (HFWG) Organizational Papers 2006

- D15.1 Email from Karen Major attaching minutes of July 7 2006 meeting and reminding of the upcoming August 4 meeting, 20 Jul 2006.
- D15.2 Event Committee for Hispanic Heritage Month, showing Aug-Oct activities, 2006?
- D15.3 Minutes, August 1, 2006. 2pp.
- D15.4 Agenda August 4, 2006.
- D15.5 Email from Sarah Montoya to The Copy Shop requesting quote for flyers, September 12, 2006.

- D15.6 Survey results on Survey Monkey.com, September 19, 2006. 3pp.
- D15.7 Minutes, August 11, 2006?
- D15.8 Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration Events, undated. Shows summary, objective, and list of September/October events. 2pp.
- D15.9 Volunteers or Donations Registration Form for Hispanic Heritage Month Celebrations, undated.
- D15.10 Volunteer Sign-up Sheets, 10 pp. For September-October events.

Folder D16: Hispanic Families Work Group (HFWG) Organizational Papers 2007

- D16.1 By-Laws Committee Update, undated.
- D16.2 Work Group Bylaws, approved January 6, 2007. 5pp.
- D16.3 Email from Alex Cardona to Yadria Ruiz about her proposal for Jan 30 agenda, January 17, 2011.
- D16.4 Meeting Agenda for February 8, 2011.
- D16.5 Meeting Agenda for March 2, 2007.
- D16.6 Survey Results March 2007 4pp.
- D16.7 Excerpts from Survey Results 28 Feb 2007. 3 pp.
- D16.8 Internship Proposal for a quantitative and qualitative study of McLean County Latino demographics. Undated. 2 copies.
- D16.9 State Farm Good Neighbor Citizenship grant application, undated. 6 pp.
- D16.10 Email from Alex Cardona to Maura Toro-Morn with application for graduate intern February 8, 2007. 2 pp.
- D16.11 Strategic Planning Session vote tally, March 3, 2007. 2 copies.
- D16.12 Open memo from University of Illinois Extension about WXRI 94.9 FM radio sponsorship, April 9, 2007. 2 pp.
- D16.13 "Welcome to our House" flier from Town of Normal Police Department with tips and requirements for newcomers. Undated.
- D16.14 Illinois Prairie Community Foundation memo with "PALS" quarterly financial report, November 26, 2007. 3 pp.
- D16.15 Illinois Prairie Community Foundation memo with "PALS" quarterly financial report, January 23, 2009. 2 pp.

Folder D17: Hispanic Families Work Group (HFWG) Organizational Papers 2009-11

- D17.1 "Latino population in McLean County," from Hispanic Outreach of Heartland Community College, undated.
- D17.2 "Identify the top 3 things you think HFWG should work on in the next year," undated. 3 copies, 2 with notations.
- D17.3 HFWG Meeting sign in sheet, undated.
- D17.4 Email from Alex Cardona to HFWG with agenda of the upcoming meeting.
- D17.5 Email from Deborah Halperin soliciting input on focus, November 16, 2010.
- D17.6 HFWG Goals, response summary, December 7, 2010. 2 pp on 1 sheet.
- D17.7 Radio Latina Staff Meeting Talking Points, December 7, 2010.
- D17.8 Executive Board meeting agenda, February 20, 2011.
- D17.9 Talking points University of Illinois, February 21, 2011.
- D17.10 Email from Alex Cardona regarding talk at UIUC Interdisciplinary Class on Feb 21, 2011, undated.

- D17.11 Executive Board Meeting, October 14, 2011 agenda and minutes from September 12 meeting. 3 sheets.
- D17.12 General Meeting agenda, October 18, 2011.

Folder D18 : Conexiones Latinas de McLean County Organizational Papers 2011-13.

Note: Conexiones replaced HFWG in about 2011.

- D18.1 McLean County Latino census info, undated. 4 pp.
- D18.2 Cedar Ridge (Elementary School) options, undated.
- D18.3 Board meeting minutes, February 12 (no year)
- D18.4 Board meeting agenda, March 12, 2013.
- D18.5 Memo to Field Office Directors, et al from US Immigration and Customs Enforcement director Morton on prosecutorial discretion, June 17, 2011. 6 pp plus business card from attorney Amy M. Rupiper of Bloomington.
- D18.6 Talking Points for University of Illinois, March 5, 2012.
- D18.7 Email from Alex Cardona to Marcos Mendez about upcoming meeting, April 8, 2013.
- D18.8 Board meeting minutes, March 12, 2013. 2pp.
- D18.9 Board Meeting agenda, April 9, 2013.
- D18.10 Flier: The Tool Library with note that “need someone to translate this.” Undated.
- D18.11 Tool library member application, agreement, etc., in Spanish, undated. 4 pp.
- D18.12 Sign-in Sheet, undated.
- D18.13 Board meeting agenda, May 14, 2013.
- D18.14 Communication Committee - May board meeting update.
- D18.15 Board meeting agenda, June 11, 2013.
- D18.16 Communication Committee – June board meeting update.
- D18.17 Board meeting minutes, May 14, 2013. 2 pp.
- D18.18 Illinois Prairie Community Foundation letter and quarterly financial report for Conexiones, November 6, 2012.
- D18.19 University Housing Services invoice for Latino Cultural Dinner, December 17, 2012.
- D18.20 Survey questions in Spanish, undated. 3 pp.
- D18.21 Latino History Project internship proposal from Museum of History, undated.

E: Oral Histories, 2006-2013

Folder E1: General

- E1.1 Five (5) sets of lists of potential or actual interviewees.
- E1.2 Email from Toro-Morn officially organizing Oral History Project, Feb 2012.
- E1.3 Lists of interview questions, 3 editions including one for interviewees.

These folders for individuals include transcript and release unless otherwise noted.

Folder E2: Alvarez, Socorro. 2013. 17pp

Folder E3: Barnes, Irene 2013. 13pp plus 2pp summary. (DO NOT USE, no release)

Folder E4: Barrientes, John 2012. 10pp.

Folder E5: Cachola, José (DO NOT USE, no release)

Folder E6: Campbell, Dolores M. “Dolly” 2012. 15pp.

Folder E7: Cordero, Manuel 2012. 12pp. Plus 2pp biography.

Folder E8: Cornejo, Esperanza 2006. 11pp.
Folder E9: Cornejo, Maria del Carmen Release only; no transcripts.
Folder E10: Deutsch, Christina 2013. 36pp.
Folder E11: Echeverria, Beth 2006. 4pp.
Folder E12: Garcia, Angel Release only; no transcripts.
Folder E13: Garcia, Fernando 2006 8pp. Signed release both yea & no; check with staff before using. 2006, 9pp.
Folder E14: Garcia, Sonny 2006. 5pp.
Folder E15: Martinez, Jose 2013 release only; no transcript.
Folder E16: Mendiola, Sarita 2006 6pp; 2012 14 & 12pp.
Folder E17: Mendoza, Manuel & Margot 2011 20pp; & 2012 31pp.
Folder E18: Miller, Elidia 2006 4pp.
Folder E19: Miller, Jesus (**DO NOT USE**, no release) 2006, 3pp.
Folder E20: Reyes, Teresa 2013 release only; no transcript
Folder E21: Sandoval, Salvador & Maria 2013. 7pp.
Folder E22: Segobiano, Paul 2012. 23pp.
Folder E23: Thompson, Adam 2006. 5pp.
Folder E24: Villanueva, Jesus 2006. 3pp.
Folder E25: Woosley, Lucy 2011. 9pp.

F: Oral Histories, 2023-

Folder F1: 2023 Oral Histories

*Conducted by 2023 ISU class of Dr. Tora-Morn. Interview transcripts are stored on share drive along with audio recordings; **no releases. DO NOT USE.***

1. Martinez Adriana
2. Cardona, Alex
3. Sanchez, Ceclia
4. Daynali (no surname)
5. Idalia (no surname)
6. Zamudio, Maria
7. Diaz, Marianela
8. Castillo, Marinelly
9. Mendez, Marcos
10. Gomez, Raylene
11. Rivadeneyra, Rocio
12. Garcia, Sonny
13. Alonso, Yolanda

Folder F2: 2024 Oral Histories

Conducted by 2024 ISU class of Dr. Tora-Morn. Includes interview transcripts and releases.

- F2.1 Alvarez, Charlotte
- F2.2 Garcia, Sonny
- F2.3 Hernandez, Raylene Gomez
- F2.4 Harris, Micaela

- F2.5 Miranda, Layla
- F2.6 Sanchez, Gabriela
- F2.7 Flier: Oral Histories of Latinas/O/X in Central Illinois, presented at the Museum of History by students, April 27, 2024. 2 copies.

G: Museum of History Public Events & Displays, 2024-

Folder G1: 2024 Museum Ofrenda

Opening Nov 1, 2024, and throughout the ensuing two weeks: an ofrenda was installed in the first floor rotunda of the Museum by volunteers Miriam Padilla and Jesus Islas.

- 40.1 Fliers, photos, list of volunteer helpers, etc.

Folder G2: 2024 Community Ofrenda

A second ofrenda was installed Nov 2024 by volunteer Mia Tazo-Harris and staffer Micaela Harris to allow community members to post remembrances for the two weeks beginning Nov 1, 2024.

- 41.1 Narrative by staffer Micaela Harris, instructions to the community, photos of the departed, etc.

H: Miscellaneous

Folder H1: Miscellaneous

- H1.1 Museum of History Gallery Guide *Encuentro en al llanura*, no date.
- H1.2 The ABCs of Latino Heritage Month, September 2006
- H1.3 Background on Manuel B. and Margot Mendoza and Family Law Scholarship, 1p, undated.
- H1.4 "Hispanic and Latino Community Study: Needs and Assets," April 2009. 23 pp.
- H1.5 Brochure and news release for Museum of History Spanish language audio tour, available November 2024.

Loose Items:

VHS: History of Mexican Immigration to the Midwest *Mountains, Mist and Mexico*

Oral History Interviews:

2 mini cassette tapes: Jesus & Elidia Mendiola and Beth Echererria

CDs: John Bariantes, Manuel Cordero, Delores Campbell, Christina Deutsch, Sarita Mendiola, Juan Maribel Nino, Paul Segobiano (2 Segobiano CDs),

3 cassette tapes: all Manuel & Margo Mendoza

