

McLean County Museum of History

Withers Home Collection

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Collection Information

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Historical Sketch

When Sarah B. Withers died in 1897, she left her home at 305 West Locust Street in Bloomington, Illinois to the trustees of the Second Presbyterian Church of Bloomington for use as a home for aged and indigent women, naming it "The Jessamine Withers Home" in honor of her adopted daughter, who had died in 1892. However, due to a lack of money for operating the home, it could not immediately be used for its intended purpose. In 1900, Martha D. Horr donated funds to the Withers Home for the construction of Horr cottage, a building designed specifically for use as a home for the elderly. Shortly afterwards, Colonel D. C. Smith donated \$5,000 to the Withers Home, followed by a gift of \$500 from Lavina Richardson and a further \$1,000 bequeathed by Martha D. Horr to the home upon her death. In 1913, Civil War veteran Captain S. Noble King indicated in his will that his 240-acre farm was to pass to the "Old Ladies Home of Bloomington" upon the death of his wife. However, his widow chose to relinquish her rights to the property, allowing it to pass directly to the Withers Home, and after a \$5,000 remodeling, the home was opened to residents for the first time on May 12, 1914. The Withers Home was incorporated on May 15, 1914, with the trustees of the Second Presbyterian Church of Bloomington acting as trustees and directors of the Jessamine Withers Home Corporation. The operation of the home was overseen by the Board of Lady Managers, which consisted of one member from each Protestant church in Bloomington-Normal, ten additional members from Bloomington-Normal, and ten members from areas of McLean County outside Bloomington-Normal. This board met once a month and was broken into groups like the Executive Committee, the Linen and Bedding Committee, the Grounds Committee, and many others that oversaw various aspects of the home's operation. The board also selected a superintendent that managed the day-to-day affairs of the home, from seeing that the residents were provided with meals to keeping accounts of all donations.

A statement by the Board of Lady Managers in 1932 specified that the home was meant to be "a home in the true sense of the word" and that they intended to avoid allowing the home to "become at all institutional." The guidelines for admittance to the home set by the Second Presbyterian Church of Bloomington trustees specified that women seeking residence in the home had to be at least sixty-five years old, residents of McLean County for at least a year prior to application, single or widowed, ladies of "respectability and reduced circumstances," in "reasonably good health," and "free from mental or contagious diseases." Accepted applicants lived in the home for a six-month probationary period. If the applicant adequately followed the rules and guidelines of the Withers Home, which, among other things, specified that each resident was to keep her room tidy, eat at the dining table with the other residents, and notify the superintendent if she planned to leave the house for more than a day, she was eligible to become a permanent resident. In addition, each woman was expected to pay a \$500 entrance fee, relinquish any personal property she owned to the home, and provide a black silk dress for her burial.

The Jessamine Withers Home expanded in the following decade. The donations of women like Mary V. Ropp and Margaret Kendall allowed another cottage to be constructed on the Withers Home property, increasing the capacity of the home to twenty-three women. By the home's twentieth anniversary, a total of fifty-five women had lived under the care of the Withers Home during its two decades of operation. However, the increasingly stringent regulations on nursing homes adopted by the state in the following years began to make it more difficult for the home to operate. The home's trustees also feared that the open medical clause in the contracts

between the home and the residents could bankrupt the home if a resident accumulated large medical bills. Due to these concerns, the trustees began to reduce the size of the Withers Home. In 1957, seventy-five acres of the home's land was sold to General Electric, and in 1960, land at the corner of East Walnut Street and Clinton Ave that the Withers Home had purchased with the intention of building a new home was sold to William E. Froelich for the construction of Heritage Manor, a nursing home, with the understanding that the sixteen women occupying the Withers Home at that time could move to the new building. The money from the Withers Home trust continued to cover the costs of these women while they lived in Heritage Manor. In 1963, Trinity Church purchased the original site of the Withers Home for the construction of a new school, and the house donated by Sarah B. Withers and the other Withers Home buildings were demolished. In 1965, the remaining land owned by the Withers Home was sold to Bloomington Industrial Development Corporation at \$2000 an acre for a total of \$320,000.

After the construction of Westminster Village in Bloomington, money from the Withers Home trust was used to purchase four of the building's apartments that were then available for the use of women supported by the trust. Additional funds were used to help residents of local nursing homes and to supplement the income of elderly, struggling people in the area. However, despite the new uses the money was put to and the continued growth of the trust through investment, the trustees found fewer and fewer women who qualified for aid by the trust in the following years, particularly as public aid became available to elderly people who had exhausted their resources. In addition, the condition that all the personal property remaining to women supported by the Withers Home after burial costs must be transferred to the home reduced the number of people seeking its aid. As of 1998, only four women were being aided by the Withers Home trust, and one of the apartments at Westminster Village had been sold due to lack of demand. With fewer women qualifying for aid, the interest and dividends earned by the fund were reinvested rather than spent, and in 1998 the trust was worth four million dollars. According to Reverend Philip Queen, the minister of the Second Presbyterian Church in Bloomington that year, he and the other trustees of the fund hoped to find new ways in which the fund could be used again for its original purpose of aiding elderly and indigent women in McLean County in the near future.

Scope and Content Note

The Withers Home Collection consists of one box containing 6 folders and one book of minutes. Items in the collection include informational booklets, leaflets, meeting minutes, reports, newspaper clippings, correspondence, receipts, lists of rules, stationary, and some miscellaneous notes.

Folder 1 contains histories of the Withers Home. Folder 2 contains miscellaneous materials. Folder 3 contains minutes from the meetings of the Board of Lady Managers. Folder 4 contains reports by the Board of Lady Managers. Folder 5 contains correspondence. Folder 6 contains newspaper clippings. Folder 7 contains material relating to the McLean County Circuit Court case Jessamine Withers Home vs. William L. Guild, Attorney General of the State of Illinois, 1960.

Folder Inventory

Folder 1: Histories

- 1.1 "The Jessamine Withers Home" booklets, August 1932, 10 pages.
- 1.2 "The Jessamine Withers Home" booklets, August 1932, 10 pages (Copy 2).
- 1.3 "Withers Home Board Officers and Committees 1956-1957," 1 page.
- 1.4 List of residents and staff of the Withers Home, March 17, 1959, 1 page.
- 1.5 "A Legacy to Help Thy Neighbor" by Mary Ann Ford, August 2, 1998, *The Pantagraph*, 3 pages.
- 1.6 "The Jessamine Withers Home and S. Noble King Endowment" booklet, undated, 14 pages.
- 1.7 List of Withers Home Board executives and committee members, undated, 1 page.
- 1.8 "Jessamine Withers Home Board" list, undated, 1 page.

Folder 2: Miscellaneous

- 2.1 Receipt for help wanted ad placed in *The Pantagraph*, May 28, 1954.
- 2.2 Receipt for help wanted ad placed in *The Normalite*, June 11, 1954.
- 2.3 "In Memory of Mrs. Frank Laesch" note, June 8, 1960, 1 page.
- 2.4 "Rules for Admission" leaflet.
- 2.5 "Rules for Admission" leaflet (Copy 2).
- 2.6 "House Rules" sheets, undated, 1 page.
- 2.7 "House Rules" sheets, undated, 1 page (Copy 2).
- 2.8 Leman Dairy Cream slip from 1930s with notes on back.
- 2.9 Scrap of paper with notes and figures.
- 2.10 "Information for Prospective Residents Under Boarding Clause," undated, 1 page.
- 2.11 List of names and death dates, undated, 1 page.
- 2.12 21 sheets of Jessamine Withers Home stationary in 2 styles.
- 2.13 17 Jessamine Withers Home envelopes.

Folder 3: Minutes of the Board of Lady Managers

- 3.1 Notes for minutes for May 3, 1955 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.2 Minutes for May 3, 1955 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.3 Board of Lady Managers Roll Call, June 1, 1955, 1 page.
- 3.4 Minutes for June 7, 1955 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.5 Minutes for July 5, 1955 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.6 Minutes for August 2, 1955 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.7 Minutes for September 6, 1955 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.8 Minutes for October 4, 1955 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.9 Minutes for November 1, 1955 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.10 Minutes for December 6, 1955 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.11 Minutes for January 3, 1956 meeting, 1 page.

- 3.12 Minutes for February 7, 1956 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.13 Minutes for March 6, 1956 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.14 Minutes for April 3, 1956 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.15 Minutes for May 1, 1956 annual meeting, 1 page.
- 3.16 Minutes for May 1, 1956 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.17 Board of Lady Managers Roll Call, June 1, 1956, 1 page.
- 3.18 Minutes for June 5, 1956 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.19 Minutes for July 3, 1956 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.20 Minutes for August 7, 1956 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.21 Minutes for September 4, 1956 meeting, 1 page, includes "Withers Residents Plan Chicken Dinner" from *The Pantagraph*, September 30, 1956.
- 3.22 Minutes for October 2, 1956 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.23 Minutes for November 6, 1956 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.24 Minutes for December 5, 1956 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.25 Minutes for January 8, 1957 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.26 Envelope labeled "Xmas Activity 1956" and list of participants included with item 3.25.
- 3.27 Minutes for February 5, 1957 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.28 Minutes for March 5, 1957 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.29 Minutes for April 2, 1957 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.30 Minutes for May 7, 1957 annual meeting, 1 page.
- 3.31 Minutes for May 7, 1957 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.32 Minutes for June 4, 1957 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.33 Minutes for July 2, 1957 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.34 Minutes for August 6, 1957 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.35 Minutes for September 3, 1957 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.36 Minutes for October 1, 1957 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.37 Minutes for November 5, 1957 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.38 Minutes for December 3, 1957 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.39 Minutes for January 7, 1958 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.40 Christmas activity report for 1957, 1 page, included with item 3.39.
- 3.41 Minutes for February 4, 1958 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.42 Minutes for March 4, 1958 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.43 Minutes for April 1, 1958 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.44 Board of Lady Managers Roll Call, May 1957-1958, 1 page.
- 3.45 Board of Lady Managers Roll Call, May 1957-1958, 1 page (Copy 2).
- 3.46 Minutes for May 6, 1958 annual meeting, 1 page.
- 3.47 Minutes for May 6, 1958 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.48 Minutes for June 3, 1958 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.49 List of Withers Home officers for 1958-1959.
- 3.50 Minutes for July 1, 1958 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.51 Minutes for August 5, 1958 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.52 Minutes for September 2, 1958 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.53 Minutes for October 7, 1958 meeting, 1 page, includes "Withers Board to Entertain for Residents" newspaper article, October 5, 1958.
- 3.54 Minutes for November 4, 1958 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.55 Minutes for December 2, 1958 meeting, 1 page.

- 3.56 Minutes for January 6, 1959 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.57 "Matron's Report of Christmas Activity 1958," 1 page.
- 3.58 Minutes for February 3, 1959 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.59 Minutes for March 3, 1959 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.60 Minutes for April 7, 1959 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.61 Board of Lady Managers Roll Call, May 1958-1959, 1 page.
- 3.62 Minutes for May 5, 1959 annual meeting, 1 page.
- 3.63 Minutes for May 5, 1959 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.64 Minutes for June 2, 1959 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.65 Minutes for July 7, 1959 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.66 Minutes for August 4, 1959 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.67 Letter from Dr. Robert J. Parker to Leslie M. Ernst, August 3, 1959, 1 page, included with item 3.66.
- 3.68 Minutes for September 1, 1959 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.69 Minutes for October 6, 1959 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.70 Minutes for October 17, 1959 executive meeting, 1 page.
- 3.71 Minutes for November 2, 1959 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.72 Letter from Dr. Robert J. Parker to Leslie M. Ernst, October 30, 1959, 1 page, included with item 3.71.
- 3.73 "Report on Visiting Homes at Watseka and Arthur, Illinois," October 23, 1959, 2 pages, included with item 3.71.
- 3.74 Minutes for December 1, 1959 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.75 "Life Expectancy" list, December 1, 1959, 1 page, included with item 3.74.
- 3.76 Minutes for January 5, 1960 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.77 "Christmas Activity for 1959," January 5, 1960, 1 page.
- 3.78 Minutes for February 1, 1960 executive meeting, 1 page.
- 3.79 List of staff duties, February 1, 1960, 2 pages, included with item 3.78.
- 3.80 Minutes for February 2, 1960 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.81 Minutes for March 1, 1960 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.82 Minutes for April 5, 1960 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.83 Board of Lady Managers Roll Call, May 1959-1960, 1 page.
- 3.84 Minutes for May 3, 1960 annual meeting, 1 page.
- 3.85 Minutes for May 3, 1960 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.86 Minutes for June 7, 1960 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.87 Minutes for July 5, 1960 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.88 Minutes for August 2, 1960 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.89 Minutes for September 6, 1960 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.90 Minutes for October 4, 1960 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.91 Minutes for November 1, 1960 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.92 Minutes for December 6, 1960 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.93 Minutes for January 3, 1961 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.94 List of 1960 Christmas activities, December 1960, 2 pages, included with item 3.93.
- 3.95 Minutes for February 7, 1961 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.96 Minutes for March 7, 1961 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.97 Minutes for April 4, 1961 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.98 Board of Lady Managers Roll Call, May 1960-1961, 1 page.

- 3.99 Minutes for May 2, 1961 annual meeting, 1 page.
- 3.100 Minutes for May 2, 1961 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.101 Minutes for June 6, 1961 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.102 Minutes for July 5, 1961 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.103 Minutes for August 1, 1961 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.104 Minutes for September 5, 1961 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.105 Minutes for October 3, 1961 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.106 Minutes for November 7, 1961 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.107 Minutes for December 5, 1961 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.108 Minutes for January 2, 1962 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.109 Christmas report, December 1961, 5 pages, included with item 3.108.
- 3.110 Minutes for February 6, 1962 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.111 Minutes for March 7, 1962 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.112 Minutes for April 3, 1962 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.113 Board of Lady Managers Roll Call, May 1961-1962, 1 page.
- 3.114 Minutes for May 1, 1962 annual meeting, 1 page.
- 3.115 Minutes for May 1, 1962 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.116 Minutes for June 5, 1962 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.117 Resolution concerning new rules for admission, June 5, 1962, 1 page, included with item 3.116.
- 3.118 Minutes for July 3, 1962 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.119 Minutes for August 7, 1962 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.120 Minutes for September 4, 1962 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.121 Minutes for October 2, 1962 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.122 Minutes for November 6, 1962 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.123 Minutes for December 4, 1962 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.124 Minutes for January 8, 1963 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.125 "Notes for December," December 1962, 1 page, included with item 3.124.
- 3.126 Minutes for February 5, 1963 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.127 Minutes for March 5, 1963 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.128 Minutes for April 2, 1963 meeting, 1 page.
- 3.129 Board of Lady Managers Roll Call, 1962-1963, 1 page.
- 3.130 Minutes for April 6, 1967 special meeting, 3 pages.

Folder 4: Board of Lady Managers Reports

- 4.1 Treasurer's report for 1951-1952, May 1952, 6 pages.
- 4.2 Page 6 from item 4.2 with notes, 1 page.
- 4.2 Employment Committee report for 1951-1952, May 6, 1952, 1 page.
- 4.3 Employment Committee report for 1952-1953, May 5, 1953, 1 page.
- 4.4 Employment Committee report for 1953-1954, May 4, 1954, 1 page.
- 4.5 "Withers Home Schedule," September 25, 1953, 3 pages.
- 4.6 Employment Committee and Grounds Committee reports envelope, May 1955.
- 4.7 Admissions Chairman report for 1954-1955, May 1955, 1 page.
- 4.8 Calling Committee report for 1954-1955, May 1955, 1 page.

- 4.9 Correspondence Secretary report for 1954-1955, May 1955, 1 page.
- 4.10 Dining Room and Kitchen Committee report for 1954-1955, May 3, 1955, 1 page.
- 4.11 Entertainment and Religious Services report for 1954-1955, May 1955, 1 page.
- 4.12 Food report for 1954-1955, May 1955, 1 page.
- 4.13 House Committee report for 1954-1955, May 1955, 1 page.
- 4.14 Linen and Bedding Committee report, 1954-1955, May 1955, 1 page.
- 4.15 Membership Committee report for 1954-1955, May 3, 1955, 1 page.
- 4.16 President's report for 1954-1955, May 1955, 1 page.
- 4.17 Treasurer's report for 1954-1955, May 1955, 2 pages.
- 4.18 Envelope for May 1, 1956 annual reports.
- 4.19 Applications Chairman report for 1955-1956, May 1, 1956, 1 page.
- 4.20 Correspondence Secretary report for 1955-1956, May 1956, 1 page.
- 4.21 Dining Room and Kitchen Committee report for 1955-1956, May 1, 1956, 1 page.
- 4.22 Food report for 1955-1956, May 1956, 1 page.
- 4.23 House Chairman report for 1955-1956, May 1956, 2 pages.
- 4.24 Linen and Bedding Committee report for 1955-1956, May 1956, 1 page.
- 4.25 Membership Chairman report for 1955-1956, May 1, 1956, 1 page.
- 4.26 Treasurer's report for 1955-1956, May 1956, 2 pages.
- 4.27 Visiting Committee report for 1955-1956, May 1956 1 page.
- 4.28 Worship Services Committee report for May 1, 1957-May 1, 1958, 1 page.
- 4.29 Admissions Committee report for 1957-1958, May 1958, 1 page.
- 4.30 Calls report from 1957-1958, May 1958, 1 page.
- 4.31 Correspondence Secretary report for 1957-1958, May 6, 1958, 1 page.
- 4.32 Dining Room and Kitchen Committee report for 1957-1958, May 6, 1958, 1 page.
- 4.33 House Committee report for 1957-1958, May 1958, 1 page.
- 4.34 Linen and Bedding Committee report for 1957-1958, 1 page.
- 4.35 Treasurer's report for 1957-1958, May 1958, 2 pages.
- 4.36 Admissions Committee report, May 5, 1959, 1 card, 1 envelope.
- 4.37 Correspondence Secretary report, May 5, 1959, 1 page.
- 4.38 House Committee report for 1958-1959, May 1959, 1 page.
- 4.39 Membership Committee report for 1958-1959, May 6, 1959, 1 page.
- 4.40 Treasurer's report for 1958-1959, May 1959, 1 page.
- 4.41 Treasurer's report for 1958-1959, May 1959, 1 page (Copy 2).
- 4.42 Admissions Committee report for 1959-1960, May 3, 1960, 1 page.
- 4.43 Correspondence Secretary report for 1959-1960, May 3, 1960, 1 page.
- 4.44 Correspondence Secretary report for 1960-1961, May 1, 1961, 1 page.
- 4.45 Housecleaning annual report for 1960-1961, May 1, 1961, 1 page.
- 4.46 Nominating Committee report, for 1960-1961 May 2, 1961, 1 page.
- 4.47 Treasurer's report for 1960-1961, May 1961, 1 page.
- 4.48 Treasurer's report for 1961-1962, May 1962, 1 page.
- 4.49 Treasurer's report for 1965-1966, May 1966, 2 pages.

Folder 5: Correspondence

- 5.1 Thank you letter from Withers Home board to Ina Shearer, June 12, 1954, 1 page.

- 5.2 Thank you letter from Mrs. E. K. Rehker, Withers Home Secretary, to Sarah Jane Weaver, June 4, 1955, 1 page.
- 5.3 Letter from Withers Home President Mrs. Nierstheimer and Secretary Mrs. E. K. Rehker to Robert Boykin, October 5, 1955, 1 page.
- 5.4 Letter of recommendation from Withers Home President Mrs. Nierstheimer and Secretary Mrs. E. K. Rehker for Robert Boykin, November 3, 1955, 1 page.
- 5.5 Letter from Withers Home President Mrs. Nierstheimer and Secretary Mrs. E. K. Rehker to Iris Schilpp, June 23, 1956, 1 page.
- 5.6 Letter from Nutrition Consultant Leone Pazourek to Dr. Board of the McLean County Health Department, May 24, 1956, 1 page, 1 routing slip.
- 5.7 Letter from Withers Home Secretary Mrs. E. K. Rehker to Lutie Irvin, January 16, 1957, 1 page.
- 5.8 Letter from Frank Irvin to Withers Home Secretary Mrs. E. K. Rehker, January 24, 1957, 2 pages, response to item 5.7.
- 5.9 Letter from Withers Home Secretary Mrs. E. K. Rehker to Mrs. Tick, January 16, 1957, 1 page.
- 5.10 Letter from Leone Bock to Withers Home Secretary Mrs. E. K. Rehker, January 17, 1957, 1 page.
- 5.11 Letter from Thilmer J. Atkinson to Mrs. Carothers, January 6, 1959, 1 page.
- 5.12 Letter from Withers Home Secretary Mrs. E. K. Rehker to Mrs. Verveer, January 9, 1959, 1 page.
- 5.13 Letter from Mrs. Hohenstein to Mrs. Fiddler, July 4, 1959, 1 page, 1 envelope.
- 5.14 Letter from the Withers Home board to Dr. Ray B. Baxter, July 20, 1959, 1 page.
- 5.15 Letter to Mrs. Carothers from Withers Home Board of Trustees Secretary A. W. Tompkins, Jr., May 18, 1959, 1 page.
- 5.16 Letter to Mrs. Colton from Withers Home Board of Trustees Secretary A. W. Tompkins, Jr., May 18, 1959, 1 page.
- 5.17 Letter from Miriam Baxter at the First Christian Church to the "Ladies at the Withers Home," August 20, 1959, 1 page.
- 5.18 Letter from Chairman of the Withers Home Employment Committee Mrs. Irvin to the Nurse in Charge at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital, September 8, 1959, 1 page.
- 5.19 Letter from Mrs. Carothers to Mrs. Emma Anderson, September 22, 1959, 1 page.
- 5.20 Letter from the Withers Home Employment Committee to Everett Kent, November 5, 1959, 1 page.
- 5.21 Letter from Withers Home Secretary Mrs. E. K. Rehker to William Dunn at Mennonite Hospital, January 9, 1960, 1 page.
- 5.22 Letter from William Dunn at Mennonite Hospital to Mrs. Carothers, January 27, 1960, 1 page.
- 5.23 Letter from Withers Home President Mrs. Nierstheimer to General Telephone Company, June 7, 1960, 1 page, includes application for telephone directory advertising.

Folder 6: Newspaper Clippings

- 6.1 "Withers Home Board Elects New Officers," May 5, 1955, newspaper article, 1 page.

- 6.2 “Stubblefield Rites Set,” June 6, 1955, “Lemert Funeral,” June 22, 1955, “Mrs. Alice Trimmer,” June 30, 1955, “Miss Ada Maxwell,” December 10, 1955, “Mrs. Edna Parr,” February 22, 1956, “Miss Elizabeth Zolman,” April 5, 1956, obituaries, 1 page.
- 6.3 “Withers Home Board to Have Yearly Luncheon,” April 29, 1956, *The Pantagraph*, 1 page.
- 6.4 “Miss Emma Rink,” August 14, 1956, “Miss Ruby Robinsonm” March 31, 1957, obituaries from *The Pantagraph*, 1 page.
- 6.5 “Set Luncheon for Withers Home Baord,” May 6, 1957, newspaper article, 1 page.
- 6.6 “Mrs. Frank Laesch,” May 24, 1957, obituary, 1 page.
- 6.7 “Mrs. Georgia Stevens,” March 7, 1958, and “Miss Alice Crumbaugh,” April 20, 1958, obituaries, 1 page.
- 6.8 “Withers Board to Fete Residents,” September 29, 1957, newspaper article, 1 page.
- 6.9 “Withers Board Slates Election,” May 4, 1958, and “At Withers Home Board Luncheon,” May 7, 1958, newspaper articles, 1 page.
- 6.10 “Mrs. Ada Orendorff,” May 23, 1958, obituary, 1 page.
- 6.11 “Mrs. Alma V. Prosser,” May 31, 1959, “Miss Adella C. Rhea,” June 6, 1959, “Mrs. Lillian Shrigley,” October 29, 1959, “Mrs. Isla Brown,” December 17, 1959, “Mrs. Cora Williams,” December 19, 1959, obituaries, 1 page.
- 6.12 “Withers Home Asks OK To Sell, Build,” January 24, 1960, newspaper article, 1 page.
- 6.13 “Withers Board to Seat Officers,” June 5, 1960, “Withers Home Luncheon Scene,” October 2, 1960, newspaper articles, 1 page.
- 6.14 “Mrs. Madeline Peyton,” November 12, 1960, obituary, 1 page.
- 6.15 “Board Elects Mrs. Nierstheimer,” May 3, 1961, newspaper article, 1 page.
- 6.16 “Miss Agnes Rice,” June 16, 1961, “Board Sets Luncheon at Withers,” October 1, 1961, newspaper articles, 1 page.
- 6.17 “Heads Withers Home Board,” May 5, 1962, *The Pantagraph*, 1 page.
- 6.18 “Mrs. Alice Hartson,” August 3, 1962, obituary, 1 page.
- 6.19 “Withers Home Buildings, Lot Sold to Trinity Church,” February 20, 1963, *The Pantagraph*, 1 page.
- 6.20 “Miss Maxwell, 97, Long in City, Dies,” November 15, 1967, “Miss Edith Hoffman,” December 26, 1967, “Mrs. Floretta Thomas,” February 4, 1969, obituaries, 1 page.
- 6.21 “Mrs. Louise Jackson,” June 23, 1970, “Mrs. Adeline Seed,” October 9, 1970, “Mrs. Myrtle Martin,” October 23, 1970, obituaries, 1 page.
- 6.22 “Alma R. Yates,” April 6, 1971, “Mrs. Emma Jackson,” July 6, 1973, “Mrs. McCain,” September 11, 1973, obituaries, 1 page.
- 6.23 “Women Recall Withers Home” by Vi Gillmore, May 13, 1973, newspaper article, 1 page.

Folder 7: Withers Home v William L. Guild

- 7.1 Jessamine Withers Home vs. William L. Guild, Attorney General of the State of Illinois, 1960, 22 pages.
- 7.2 Plaintiff Exhibit A, Articles of Incorporation, 3 pages.
- 7.3 Plaintiff Exhibit B, Sarah B. Withers, Last Will and Testament, 25 pages.

- 7.4 Plaintiff Exhibit C, Deed between Theeron Pardee and Elizabeth B. Pardee and Allen Withers, 2 pages.
- 7.5 Plaintiff Exhibit D, Last Will and Testament of S. Noble King and Order Admitting Will to Probate, 2 pages.
- 7.6 Plaintiff Exhibit E, Quit Claim Deed from Mary A. King to Second Presbyterian, 1 page.
- 7.7 Plaintiff Exhibit F, Quit Claim Deed between Board of Trustees, Second Presbyterian, and Board of Trustees, Jessamine Withers Home, 2 pages.

Book of Minutes

Book of minutes for the Board of Lady Managers, May 1949-April 5, 1955, 299 pages
Includes financial information, bill paying, committee reports, general house information, hiring employees, and board business and elections.