

McLean County Museum of History

Bartman, Fannie Mae Collection

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Collection Information

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Brief History

Fannie Mae Bartman was born in 1910 on a farm near New Holland, IL, to Koert and Sunkea Janssen Bartman. She graduated New Holland High School, and in 1932, Illinois Wesleyan University. She earned an MA in 1941 and a masters in library science in 1951, both from University of Illinois. She taught in several Illinois school systems, retiring after 36 years at Mount Prospect school district.

She traveled to many lands during her summers. After retirement, she became a volunteer Braille transcriber, assisting the Lutheran Library for 20 years. She was a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bloomington, and lived her last years at Westminster Village in the same town.

Scope Notes

This collection includes family vital records, family written biographies, Illinois Wesleyan University and Alumni Association documents, family correspondence mostly from WWI and WWII periods, WWI ration books, etc.

Folder 1: Family History

- 1.1. Birth record of Amke Jendine Bartman (sister of Fannie Mae Bartman), June 1, 1891 – 1 page.
- 1.2. Certified Copy of a Delayed Birth Record for Amke Jendina Bartman (note difference in spelling of middle name), July 9, 1957 – 1 page front and back.
- 1.3. Memorial Record for Sunkea Janssen Bartman (mother of Amke and Fannie Mae Bartman), July 17, 1946 – 1 pamphlet.
- 1.4. Mrs. Koert Bartman, Sr., Nee Sunkea R. Janssen, life history, typewritten – 1 page.
- 1.5. Beardstown Public Schools Application submitted by Fannie Bartman, circa 1932 – 1 page front and back.
- 1.6. “Our Very Own Earth Angel,” Fannie Mae Bartman biography written by a nephew’s wife, Nancy J. Kopp, printed from www.ourecho.com – 3 pages.
- 1.7. “The No Name Sisters,” family history article about Fannie Mae Bartman and older sister Jennie written by a nephew’s wife, Nancy J. Kopp – printed from www.ourecho.com – 3 pages.

Folder 2: Correspondence

- 2.1. Letter in German, dated 1914, from C. W. Radenberg, Claflin, Kansas – 2 sheets.
- 2.2. Letter in German, dated August 15, 1916, from Remmer R. Janssen, Claflin, Kansas – 2 sheets.
- 2.3. Four letters to Mrs. Koert Bartman from her son Ralph D. Bartman (sister of Fannie Mae Bartman) while he was in the service, postmarked July 31, 1918 – 6 sheets; September 10, 1918 – 2 sheets; September 19, 1918 – 2 sheets, and January 2, 1919 – 4 sheets.
- 2.4. Letter in German to Mr. Koert Bartman from J. Radenberg, Claflin, Kansas, postmarked January 29, 1925 – 1 sheet.
- 2.5. Two letters to Mr. and Mrs. Koert Bartman from son Redmer (brother of Fannie Mae Bartman) and family dated February 2, 1927 – 1 sheet, and February 5, 1927 – 1 sheet.
- 2.6. Letter to Fannie Mae Bartman at Sullivan, Ill., from nephew Cpl. John W. Post while serving in India, dated February 12, 1944, postmarked February 14, 1944, and received in Sullivan on March 13, 1944.
- 2.7. V--Mail letter to Fannie Mae Bartman from brother-in-law Pfc. Louis H. Kopp, dated January 22, 1945, and postmarked February 3, 1945.
- 2.8. Note to Fannie Mae Bartman from former student and grateful friend Clyde S. Kerber while in the service in Germany, dated March 16, 1946.
- 2.9. Life History of Ralph D. Bartman of World War, 1918, Serial No. – 1,371,407 in envelope addressed to Fannie Mae Bartman at Tampico, Ill., from Pvt. Clyde G. Kerber, and postmarked March 18, 1946 – 2 sheets front and back.

- 2.10. Thank you notecard addressed to Fannie Bartman at New Holland, Ill., sent from Frau L Ludolph, Amerik Zone, Germany, dated in German [month?] 28, 1946.

Folder 3: Illinois Wesleyan University

- 3.1. Certified IWU transcript of Fannie Mae Bartman's grades and stating graduation as June 14, 1932, with Bachelor of Arts degree and concentration in History and Latin.
- 3.2. Letter to Fannie Mae Bartman at Harvey, Ill., from Mrs. Lyle Smith regarding the IWU 25th alumni reunion, dated May 8, 1957 – 1 sheet. Enclosures included a list of names and addresses of the class of 1932 – 3 legal-sized sheets; and a document including current news from the class of 1932 – 4 legal-sized sheets.
- 3.3. The Illinois Wesleyan University Alumni Dinner Program, dated June 8, 1957.
- 3.4. An Illinois Wesleyan University Chicago Area Alumni List dated April 1962 and mailed to Fannie Mae Bartman at Harvey, Ill. – 18 legal-sized pages. It includes names, addresses and year of graduation for each individual.
- 3.5. List of Illinois Wesleyan Alumni and Friends Attending the Annual Alumni Dinner, Saturday, June 8, 1957 – 3 legal-sized sheets.
- 3.6. List of the Class of 1957 Seniors Elected to Honorary Societies – 4 sheets.

Folder 4: Miscellaneous (Personal Rationing Records, Vehicle Tax Stamps and Automobile Expenses)

- 4.1. War Ration books: Book Two issued to Fannie Mae Bartman at New Holland, Ill., circa 1942; Book Three issued to Fannie Mae Bartman, undated; Book Four issued to Fannie M. Bartman at Sullivan, Ill.
- 4.2. Mileage Rationing Records and Coupons issued to Fannie Mae Bartman, Tampico, Ill., dated September 19, 1944, and February 13, 1945 (envelope notes Federal Stamp Number.
- 4.3. 1944 Ration Book Holder
- 4.4. 1945 Tampico, Ill, Vehicle Tax Stamp.
- 4.5. Invoice to Miss Bartman from Stewart's [auto] Repair Shop dated October 9, 1945.
- 4.6. 1946 Tampico, Ill., Auto Tax Stamp.
- 4.7. 1948 Village of Crete Passenger Car Vehicle Tax Stamp.
- 4.8. Undated ticket stub for train ride to Colorado Springs, Colo., and return to Denver, Colo. Issued by Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. Co.
- 4.9. Undated trading stamp booklet and stamps from Star Service, Gas for Less.