

## Commission on International Visitors

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### *Size*

1 box

### *Scope*

The collection includes establishment materials, meeting minutes, workshop materials, histories of international visitor guidance in Springfield, newspaper articles, correspondence to Commission Chair, Annabelle Patton, and transcripts of oral histories of Commission members by Sangamon State University. Visitor itineraries and background information, 1991 through 1995 are in four binders. It includes a key to the city of Springfield presented to Annabelle Patton. It is stored with other artifacts.

### *Background*

The Springfield Commission on International Visitors was organized in 1962 as a not-for-profit, volunteer organization to assist the increased number of international visitors coming to the city of Springfield. Members of the commission were appointed by the mayor. The commission was responsible for the scheduling of local programs for the visitors while in Springfield, including Lincoln site visits. The purpose was to provide visitors with professional, community and family experiences which lend insights into all aspects of American life. The goal of the program was to increase mutual understanding between people of the United States and other countries. Mrs. Annabelle Patton was the first chairman of the Commission. As of 2017 the Commission was still active.

### *Provenance*

Gift # 2001-38, the four binders are part of gift # 2017-33

### *Conservation*

Rusty staples and paperclips were removed and replaced with plastic paperclips.

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## *Box Contents by Folder*

1. Establishment of the Commission 1962
2. Workshop on International Visitors, 1962
3. Coordinating Meeting After Workshop, 1962
4. 1963
5. 1964
6. 1965
7. 1966
8. 1970s
9. 1980s
10. History of International Visitor guidance in Springfield, 1960s
11. Oral Histories from Margaret Reeder, Maralee Lindley,
  - i. Annabelle Patton, Naomi Fowler, Doris Bucari, Betty Woods conducted by Sangamon State University

## *Binders*

1. Visitor Itineraries and Background Information 1991-1992
2. Visitor Itineraries and Background Information 1992-1993
3. Visitor Itineraries and Background Information 1993-1994
4. Visitor Itineraries and Background Information 1995