

## COLLECTION SUMMARY

**Collection number:** M 1.3

**Collection title:** Beta Sigma Phi

**Dates:** Various

**Size:** 1 Archival Box

**Creator/Collector:** Nellie Koons

**Acquisition info.:** Donated to VWPLD by Carole Wilder

**Accruals:** No accruals are expected

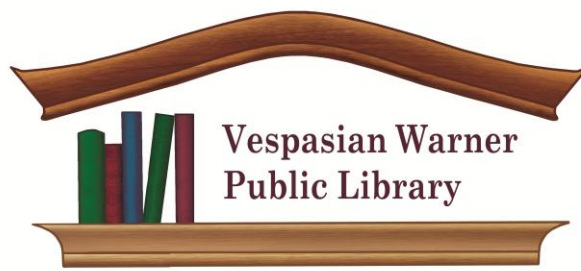
**Custodial history:** Unknown

**Language(s):** Collection materials are in English

**Repository:** Vespasian Warner Public Library District

**Processed by:** Hannah Emery, 2016

**Conservation notes:** None



## **RIGHTS AND ACCESS**

### **Access restrictions**

Collection is open for research. The collection or parts of the collection may not leave the library building.

### **Physical access restrictions**

None

### **Technical access restrictions**

None

### **Publication rights**

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## **INFORMATION FOR RESEARCHERS**

### **Preferred citation** [DACS 7.1; MARC 524]

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### **Related collections**

None

### **Separated material**

Chapter Charter in M AS

### **Published descriptions**

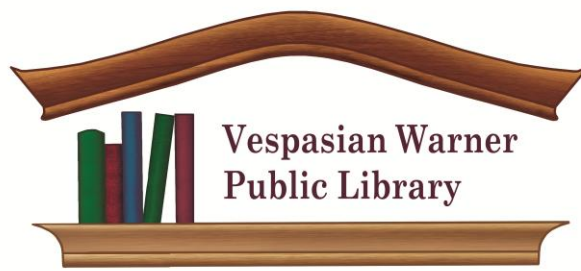
Not applicable

### **Location of originals**

Not applicable

### **Location of copies**

Not applicable

**Publication note**

Not applicable

**Subject headings**

Clinton (Ill.) – History.

DeWitt County (Ill.) – History.

Fraternal organizations – History.

**BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION/ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY**

Beta Sigma Phi is a charitable and social sorority founded in 1931. The Clinton, Illinois chapter #PL 1526 was founded in 1938. This chapter is now defunct.

From the Beta Sigma Phi website:

In 1931, during the Great Depression, there was a need for an organization that could bring women together and expose them to a social, cultural and educational climate that was not available in those difficult times.

*Most important, there was a need for friendship and support from other women. Beta Sigma Phi was created out of this need. It did not take long before Beta Sigma Phis were helping others.*

*Typical chapters enjoy socials that range from informal gatherings to gala affairs that often include friends and family. Fascinating cultural programs offer insight into subjects that range from the arts to gardening to in-home businesses. Membership in our organization provides opportunities to contribute to your community, develop lifelong friendships, and polish leadership skills.*

[https://bspinternational.org/Prospective\\_members/History\\_prospect.php](https://bspinternational.org/Prospective_members/History_prospect.php)

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**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

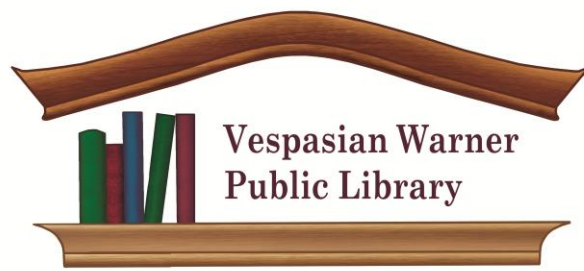
Yearbooks, publications, newspaper clippings, etc.



<b>Beta Sigma Phi Collection Inventory</b>	<b><u>Box Number</u></b>	<b><u>Folder Number</u></b>
Beta Sigma Phi Photo Album	1	1
Beta Sigma Phi Olympics Medallion, 1984	1	2
2 "Book of Beta Sigma Phi" Booklets, 1961 and 1982	1	3
Beta Sigma Phi: "Pledge Manual" (1946), and "Exemplary" (1965)	1	4
Beta Sigma Phi Booklet, "A Gift To Life"	1	5
"Invitation To Life" Booklet, 1961	1	6
"The Grand Tour" Booklet, 1965	1	7
"Heritage and the Woman" Booklet, 1975	1	8
"The Modern World" Booklet, 1976	1	9
"Perspective From Provocative Personalities" Booklet, 1977	1	10
Beta Sigma Phi Booklet: Chapter #871, 1961-62	1	11
Beta Sigma Phi 2 Booklets: Chapter #871, 1962-63 and "Paths To Loveliness" 1959	1	12
Beta Sigma Phi 2 Booklets: Chapter #871, 1963-64 and "Happiness" 1961	1	13
Beta Sigma Phi 2 Booklets: Chapter #871, 1964-65 and "Conduct-Expression-Purpose" 1963	1	14
Beta Sigma Phi 2 Booklets: Chapter #871, 1965-66 and "Beauty" 1960	1	15
Beta Sigma Phi Booklet: Chapter #361, 1973-74	1	16
Beta Sigma Phi Booklet: Chapter #361, 1975-76	1	17
Beta Sigma Phi Booklet: Chapter #361, 1976-77	1	18
Beta Sigma Phi Booklet: Chapter #XP 1853, 1978-79	1	19
Beta Sigma Phi Booklet: Chapter #XP 1853, 1979-80	1	20



Beta Sigma Phi Booklet: Chapter #XP 1853, 1980-81	1	21
Beta Sigma Phi Booklet: Chapter #XP 1853, 1981-82	1	22
Beta Sigma Phi Booklet: Chapter #XP 1853, 1982-83	1	23
Beta Sigma Phi Booklet: Chapter #XP 1853, 1983-84	1	24
Beta Sigma Phi Booklet: Chapter #XP 1853, 1984-85	1	25
Beta Sigma Phi Booklet: Chapter #XP 1853, 1985-86	1	26
Beta Sigma Phi Booklet: Chapter #XP 1853, 1986-87	1	27
Beta Sigma Phi Booklet: Chapter #XP 1853, 1987-88	1	28
Beta Sigma Phi Booklet: Chapter #XP 1853, 1988-89	1	29
Beta Sigma Phi Booklet: Chapter #XP 1853, 1989-90	1	30
Beta Sigma Phi Booklet: Chapter #PL 1526, 1990-91	1	31
Beta Sigma Phi 2 Booklets: Chapter #PL 1526, 1991-92 and 1992-93	1	32
Beta Sigma Phi 2 Booklets: Chapter #PL 1526, 1994-95 and 1995-96	1	33
Beta Sigma Phi 2 Booklets: Chapter #PL 1526, 1996-97 and 1997-98	1	34
Beta Sigma Phi 2 Booklets: Chapter #PL1526, 1989-99 and 1999-2000	1	35
Beta Sigma Phi 2 Booklets: Chapter #PL 1526, 2000-01 and 2001-02	1	36
Beta Sigma Phi Booklet: Chapter #1098, 2002-03	1	37
Beta Sigma Phi Organization Photographs	1	38
Beta Sigma Phi Organization Photographs	1	39
Beta Sigma Phi Organization Photographs	1	40
Beta Sigma Phi Songbook	1	41



DeWitt County Observer: Beta Sigma Phi's 4 <sup>th</sup> Birthday	1	42
Certificate Of Authenticity for Sculpture	2	1
Newspaper Clippings: Pantagraph, etc.	2	2
Four Letters to Nellie Koons	2	3
"The Torch Of Betta Sigma Phi" Publication, June 1985	2	4
Valentine Invitation and Crafts, 1965	2	5
3 Founder's Day Pamphlets: 1986, 1989, & 1991	2	6
Mary Lou Wilson Certificate of Exemplar, 1946	2	7
Newspaper Photographs of Sorority Members, 1978	2	8
47 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Newspaper Article, 5-1-1978	2	9
2 Party Invitations: 1961 & 1963	2	10
3 Newspaper Clippings	2	11
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Marge Buckles Party Invitation Decline, 1978	2	13
Letter To Nellie Koons from Dorothy Mills, 1978	2	14
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