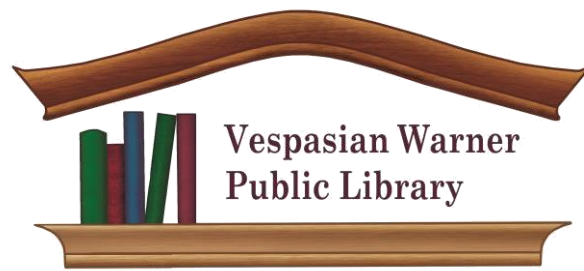


## COLLECTION SUMMARY

<b>Collection title:</b>	Wapella
<b>Dates:</b>	Various
<b>Size:</b>	1 box
<b>Shelf location:</b>	
<b>Creator/Collector:</b>	Various
<b>Acquisition info.:</b>	Various
<b>Accruals:</b>	None
<b>Custodial history:</b>	Unknown
<b>Language(s):</b>	English
<b>Repository:</b>	Vespasian Warner Public Library District
<b>Processed by:</b>	Adara Meyen, 2023
<b>Conservation notes:</b>	None



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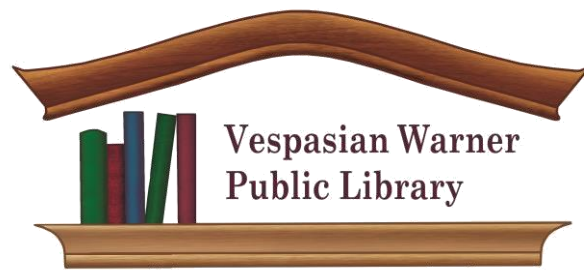
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## INFORMATION FOR RESEARCHERS

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### Related collections

Wapella Tornado Collection Inventory

### Separated material

Scrapbooks

### Published descriptions

Not applicable

### Location of originals

Not applicable

### Location of copies

Not applicable

### Publication note

Not applicable

### Subject headings

DeWitt County (Ill.) – History

Wapella (Ill.) – History

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

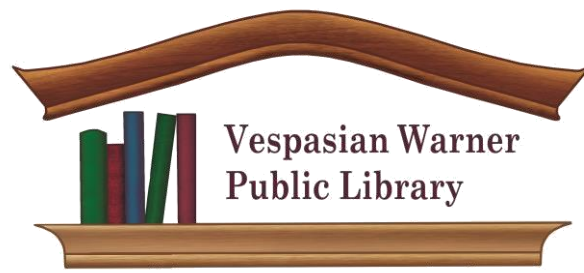
Newspaper clippings, images, and publications related to the city of Wapella in DeWitt County, Illinois.

### History

The first settlers arrived in what is now Wapella township in 1829. In the fall of 1854, David A. Neal, vice-president of the Illinois Central Railroad (ICRR) laid out a village that he supposedly named after a chief of the Fox Indian Tribe.

ICRR surveyed and laid out the village with plans to make Wapella a train hub. The first lots were sold in 1855. However, ICRR decided to move its local offices to Clinton. (*Clinton/DeWitt County, 1835-1985, 1985*)

Wapella is conveniently located 60 minutes northeast of Springfield, 20 minutes south of the Bloomington Normal area, and 45 minutes west of Champaign - Urbana in Dewitt County, Illinois. Approximately 558 residents call Wapella home. Founded in 1854, Wapella boasts some of the most productive agriculture land in the country. Production of seed corn, field corn, and soybeans are large enterprises in Wapella and surrounding townships. (Welcome, 2023)



<b><u>Wapella Collection Inventory</u></b>	<b><u>Box Number</u></b>	<b><u>Folder Number</u></b>
Wapella High School "Wildcats" website printout 7 pages	1	1
Photograph - 1936 Wapella Grade School class photograph	1	2
Photograph - Wapella War Memorial	1	3
Photograph: Wapella Baseball, undated	1	4
Photograph: Wapella band, 1989	1	5
Photograph- Wapella, undated	1	6
Wapella Grade School Photo Negatives (1974)	1	7
Wapella Bean Festival Negatives (1966)	1	8
Wapella Bean Festival Negatives (1964)	1	9
Wapella Oil Wells Negatives (1963)	1	10
Wapella Christian Negatives (illegible)	1	11
Wapella School (illegible) Negative	1	12
Wapella High School Addition (Jan. 9, 1955)	1	13
Wapella Saint Patrick Church (1974)	1	14
Wapella Aerials	1	15
Photograph – Wapella Grade School Demolition, 1994	1	16

Photograph – Threshing Crew, “Frank Karr on Threshing Machine”	1	17
Wapella Arms Bust - Negatives (12), 5/19/1964	1	18
Wapella Arms Bust - “Largest Seizure Outside Florida”, 1964	1	19
DeWitt County Towns - Wapella	1	20
Wapella Corn & Bean Festival booklet, 1979	1	21
Wapella Centennial Souvenir Booklet, 1954	1	22