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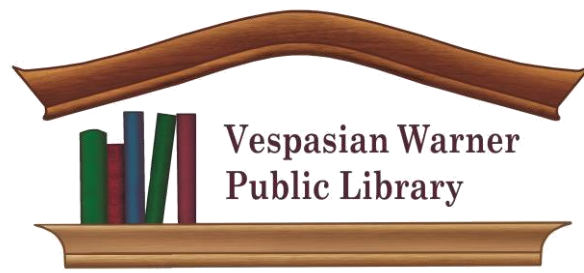
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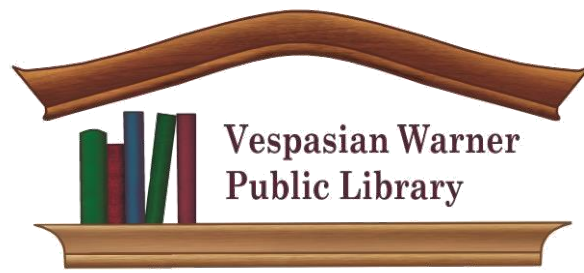
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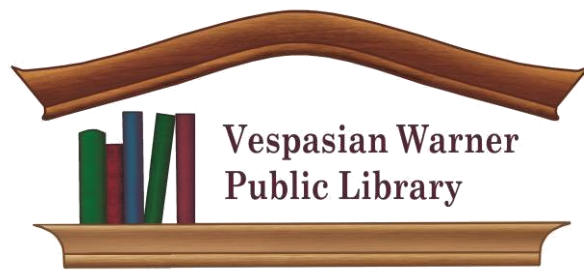
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Clinton (Ill.) – History



SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Photographs of students from the Bobby Wilson School of Dance.

BIOGRAPHY

Errald Boyde Wilson, known as “Bobby”, was born December 3, 1919 in Elwin, Illinois. He later moved with his parents to 117 ½ S. Quincy St. in Clinton. He attended Clinton schools and graduated from Clinton Community High School in 1937. He studied dance under Jack Manning in New York. From 1937 to at least 1940, Wilson operated a dance school out of his parents’ home. His students had annual reviews at the Clintonia Theater and performed at various events in Clinton and surrounding communities.

Wilson served in the United States Army during World War II and was wounded twice. After the war, he and his wife, Mary, moved to St. Louis, where Wilson was employed by the Illinois Terminal Railroad and eventually served as its president.

Wilson retired to Port St. Lucie, Florida where he died February 22, 1994. He is buried in Memorial Park Cemetery in Clinton.

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COLLECTION INVENTORY		
*1936-1940	Box	Folder
Folder Title	Number	Number
Bobbi Wilson Presents "4 th Annual Revue" <i>A Rendezvous of Rhythm</i> " program, 1940	1	1
Envelope containing photos of Emma Jean Langley (with post-it note with number for Bob Langley on front)	1	2
Envelope containing photograph of Connie Sterling	1	3
Newspaper clipping print out: "Bobby Wilson to present Dance Revue", 1937	1	4
Newspaper clipping print out: "Bobby Wilson Presents- <i>Rhythm Revels</i> ", 1938	1	5
Newspaper clipping print out: "Bobby Wilson's Pupils in Dance Revue at Clintonia" with pictures, 1940	1	6
Envelope containing photograph of Ray Thomson	1	7
Photograph: Girl with pony	1	8
Information on "Bobby" Errald Boyde Wilson (and picture)-Margol Staff	1	9
Photographs: Young girl and boy –flower girl and ring bearer	1	10
Photographs: Two dancing girls in top hats	1	11
Photograph: Young girl in wedding attire	1	12
Large Photograph: Possible wedding dance "Received from Billy Hill" written on back, 1936	1	13
Large Photograph: Bobby dancing with young woman	1	14
Large Photograph: Older dancers group photo	1	15
Large Photograph: Norma Scott & Betty Buny (?)	1	16
Large Photograph: Guy and girl dancers with sparkly tops	1	17
Large Photographs: Group photos of girls in shiny rompers, frilly vest, and double pointed hats	1	18
Large Photographs: Young blonde girl with frilly dress –one sitting and one curtsying	1	19

Large Photographs: Young brunette girl with white frilly dress and bonnet	1	20
Large Photographs: Young short haired brunette with sparkly-frilly dress sitting	1	21
Large Photographs: Helen Thompson (?) –standing and sitting	1	22
Large Photographs: Wanda Collins	1	23
Photograph: Young man in tuxedo leaning against pillar	1	24
Photograph: Jimmy L. in jean suit with foot on ICCR briefcase with lamp	1	25
Photographs: Boy with freckles and hands in pockets	1	26
Photographs: Boy standing on stairs –writing on back with description	1	27
Photographs: Young boy in white blazer and shorts with hand on pillar	1	28
Photograph: Two girls “singing in the rain”	1	29
Photograph(s): Girl sitting legs crossed wearing sparkly dress and hat (2)	1	30
Photograph: Two girls sitting on stairs –polka dot tops and skirts with suspenders	1	31
Photograph: Two girls with sunshine hats	1	32
Photograph: Two girls with “four deuces” wash boards	1	33
Photographs: Girl in fur cone hats and dresses	1	34
Photographs: Girl in plastic see-through bow and skirt –white onesie	1	35
Photograph: Girl leaning on decorative circle	1	36
Photographs: Girl in floral decorative outfit	1	37
Photographs: Girl in 4 photographs –curtseying in 3 & sitting in 1	1	38
Photographs: Girl in double pointed hat	1	39
Photograph: Brunette girl with curly hair leaning against pillar	1	40
Photographs: Girl with sparkly dress and hat	1	41
Photograph: Girl in long see-through sleeved pantsuit (Nash written on the back)	1	42

Photograph: Girl in basket-like weaved dress and cone hat	1	43
Photographs: Curly brunette with short hair in shiny circle-frill designed skirt	1	44
Photographs: Girl with large bows on dress and headband	1	45
Photographs: Girl in flowered V-neck ruffled dress	1	46
Photograph: Girl in ruffled dress and small bowed headband	1	47