

**The Busey Family**  
**Contributions made to the Development of the City of Champaign Urbana**  
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**Lesson 5:**

Memorial Stadium and Charles Bowen Busey are linked. Students will learn the reason for the building of the University of Illinois Memorial Stadium while viewing a clip of a video. The book, The Story of the Stadium lists Charles Bowen Busey as one of the killed veterans. His son, Charles Bowen Busey Jr. was only three years old at the time. The Busey family tree will be expanded.

**Procedures:** (2-3 days)

- Hand out a copy of LitBuseyLineage and LitBuseyLineage2 to groups of students. Ask students to expand the Busey family tree by either writing in or taping the information from the new handout into *Worksheet: The Busey Family Lineage*, lesson 3.
- Ask the following questions: how many generations of Buseys do we now have? Since Sandra Louise Busey, today known as Sandy Busey-Isaacs, is still alive, could we still add more names to the lineage? Her children, for example, or grandchildren?
- Show the video clip MemorialStadium-Busey.
- Ask the following questions: Why was Memorial Stadium built? How was the building of Memorial Stadium funded? How do the Busey's feature in the stadium's history?
- Hand out a copy of StadiumDonationReceipt and StadiumDonationThankYou. What do these two sheets represent?
- Hand out WWIUIUCdead. Who are all the people listed on this page?
- Finally, show a picture of Memorial Stadium in Lincoln, Nebraska. This too is a college stadium built in memory of WWI alumni who died during the war.

**Attachment:** none

**Analysis of Local Primary Sources:**

- LitBuseyLineage and LitBuseyLineage2, a hand written by a Busey descendant. Source available from the Early American Museum, 600 N Lombard St, Mahomet, Il.
- MemorialStadium-Busey. Video excerpt taken from Memorial Stadium, True Illini Spirit featuring Charles Bowen Busey column at Memorial Stadium and the Memorial found at Woodlawn Cemetery. It also has an interview with Sandra Busey-Isaacs, granddaughter of Charles Busey. Source available from WILL-TV, 300 N. Goodwin Ave., Urbana Il.
- StadiumDonationReceipt, primary source showing \$100 payment/donation towards the building of the Memorial Stadium. Taped onto the first page of

- The Story of the Stadium. Source available from the Early American Museum, 600 N Lombard St, Mahomet, IL.
- StadiumDonationThankYou, primary source showing the thank you note for the \$100 donation given by Charges Bowen Busey Jr. to the Memorial Stadium fund. Taped onto the first page of The Story of the Stadium. Source available from the Early American Museum, 600 N Lombard St, Mahomet, IL.
  - WWIUIUCdead, copy of the list of U of I alumni who died during WWI from a page in the book The Story of the Stadium. Source available from the Early American Museum, 600 N Lombard St, Mahomet, IL.

**Analysis of Local Secondary Sources:**

- LitBuseyLineage and LitBuseyLineage2, hand written lineage of Samuel Busey, founder of Busey Bank. Source available from the Early American Museum, 600 N Lombard St, Mahomet, IL.

**Ties to a National Primary Source:**

- Show Google pictures of Memorial Stadium in Lincoln, Nebraska.