

# Dayton Power and Light Company Records (MS-168) Guide

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Wright State University Libraries, Special Collections and Archives
<b>Creator:</b>	Dayton Power and Light Company
<b>Title:</b>	Dayton Power and Light Company Records (MS-168)
<b>ID:</b>	MS-168
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1933-1986
<b>Physical Description:</b>	2.5 linear feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
<b>Abstract:</b>	The collection consists of a scattered collection of Dayton Power and Light publications including the Forward (1933-1972), the DP&L News (1972-1975), DP&L People (1984-1986), and QP Today (1985-1986). Publications contain information about the history of DP&L, the utilities industry, and management and marketing trends within the industry.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical / Historical

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The Dayton Power and Light Company (DP&L) was incorporated in 1911, with headquarters in Dayton, Ohio. For many years beginning in 1925, it was a full-service gas, electric, steam and water utility. In 2011, DP&L became a subsidiary of AES. DP&L is the major electric provider for much of west central Ohio.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection contains information about the history of Dayton Power and Light (DP&L), the utilities industry, and management and marketing trends within the industry.

The DP&L newsletter *Forward* (Series I) was introduced in December 1933 and remained the company publication for nearly forty years. Although first published in newspaper format, *Forward* switched to the magazine format in the 1940s and continued until 1972. This collection includes issues dated 1933 to 1972.

(Notes on *Forward* formats and arrangement: In 1938, the issue numbers and the calendar year coincide (i.e. January is Number 1), and from now on the issue numbers are filed by month and year. When the issue numbers and month no longer agree, this method of filing is still used to make research easier. In 1944, *Forward* released two issues in magazine form, the May issue and the November issue. This is repeated with the July 1945 issue. By 1946, all issues are in magazine format. The October 1962 issue is mismarked on cover as "October 1963," and April 1968 mismarked as "March 1969.")

In 1972, the title of the DP&L newsletter changed to *DP&L News* (Series II), and issues of this title are available in this collection for the years 1972-1975.

There is a gap in newsletters from 1975 to the mid-1980s, when *DP&L People* and *QP Today* were the company publications. *DP&L People* (Series III) includes issues from 1984-1986, and *QP Today* (Series IV) includes issues from 1985-1986.

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## Arrangement

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The collection is arranged into four series:

- 1 Series I: *Forward*, 1933-1972
- 2 Series II: *DP&L News*, 1972-1975
- 3 Series III: *DP&L People*, 1984-1986
- 4 Series IV: *QP Today*, 1985-1986

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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### Revision Description

The finding aid was revised according to DACS standards by Lisa Rickey, March 2020. 2020 Sept 29

### Conditions Governing Access

There are no restrictions on accessing material in this collection.

### Conditions Governing Use

Copyright restrictions may apply. Unpublished manuscripts are protected by copyright. Permission to publish, quote, or reproduce must be secured from the repository and the copyright holder.

### Immediate Source of Acquisition

This collection of Dayton Power and Light Company publications was accessioned into the WSU Department of Archives and Special Collections in June of 1986. It was donated by the archivist at Dayton Power and Light in order to make some of the historical documents of the company more accessible to researchers.

### Existence and Location of Copies

This collection of Dayton Power and Light publications is in actuality only a part of the larger publications collection held at the Dayton Power and Light Museum. Since access to the Museum is very limited, it was decided to give a duplicate set of the main body of the collection to Wright State University in order to make the collection more accessible to researchers.

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## Related Materials

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The first company publication for Dayton Power and Light was called Currentales, and was published from July 1922 to July 1925. In 1925, Dayton Power and Light was bought by the Columbia System, and Hail Columbia served as the company magazine for nearly a decade. No issues of these publications are present in MS-168; they were held at the Archives in the Dayton Power and Light Museum. The DP and L Museum no longer exists, and their collection was donated to Dayton History (Carillon Park).

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Dayton Power and Light Company
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## Other Finding Aids

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The finding aid is available on the Special Collections & Archives, Wright State University Libraries web site at <https://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collectionguides/files/ms168.pdf>. It is also available in the OhioLINK Finding Aid Repository at <http://ead.ohiolink.edu/xtf-ead/>.

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## Collection Inventory

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### Series I: Forward, 1933-1972

Title/Description	Instances
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## Dayton Power and Light Company Records (MS-168) Guide

Forward – Vol. I, No. 1, 7, 9, 12, 1933-1934	Box 1	Folder 1
Forward – Vol. II, No. 1, 2, 4, 10, 12, 1934-1935	Box 1	Folder 2
Forward – Vol. III, No. 3, 4, 8, 10, 11, 12, 1935-1936	Box 1	Folder 3
Forward – Vol. IV, No. 1, 3, 5-12, 1936-1937	Box 1	Folder 4
Forward – Vol. V, No. 1-7, 9-12, 1938	Box 1	Folder 5
Forward – Vol. 6, No. 1-12, 1939	Box 1	Folder 6
Forward – Vol. 7, No. 1-12, 1940	Box 1	Folder 7
Forward – Vol. 8, No. 1-12, 1941	Box 1	Folder 8
Forward – Vol. 9, No. 2-8, 10-12, 1942	Box 1	Folder 9
Forward – Vol. 9, No. 13, 14, 35, 36, 38 (June), 38 (July), 40-44, 1943	Box 1	Folder 10
Forward – Vol. 10, No. 2-12, 1944	Box 1	Folder 11
Forward – Vol. 11, No. 2-12, 1945	Box 1	Folder 12
Forward – Vol. 12, No. 1-12, 1946	Box 1	Folder 13
Forward – Vol. VI, No. 2, 3; Vol. XIV, No. 4; Vol. VI, No. 5; Vol. XIV, No. 6-12, 1947	Box 1	Folder 14
Forward – Vol. 15, No. 1-12, 1948	Box 2	Folder 1
Forward – Vol. XVI, No. 1-6, 8-12, 1949	Box 2	Folder 2
Forward – Vol. XVII, No. 1-12, 1950	Box 2	Folder 3
Forward – Vol. XVIII, No. 1, 3-12, 1951	Box 2	Folder 4
Forward – Vol. XIX, No. 1-3, 5-8, 10, 11, 1952	Box 2	Folder 5
Forward – Vol. XX, No. 1 (December/January), 1953	Box 2	Folder 6
Forward – Vol. XXIV, No. 4 (April), No. 6 (June), 1956	Box 2	Folder 7
Forward – Vol. XXVI, No. 5, 9, 12, 1959	Box 2	Folder 8
Forward – Vol. XXVII, No. 1-12, 1960	Box 2	Folder 9
Forward – Vol. XXVIII, No. 1-12, 1961	Box 3	Folder 1
Forward – Vol. XXIX, No. 1-12, 1962	Box 3	Folder 2
Forward – Vol. XXX, No. 1-12, 1963	Box 3	Folder 3
Forward – Vol. XXXI, No. 1-12, 1964	Box 3	Folder 4
Forward – Vol. XXXII, No. 1-12, 1965	Box 3	Folder 5
Forward – Vol. XXXIII, No. 1, 3-11; Vol. 34, No.1, 1966	Box 3	Folder 6
Forward – Vol. 34, No. 2-12; Vol. 35, No. 1, 1967	Box 4	Folder 1
Forward – Vol. 35, No. 2, 3, 5-9, 12; Vol. 36, No. 1, 1968	Box 4	Folder 2

Forward – Vol. 36, No. 2, 3, 5-9; Vol. 37, No. 1, 1969	Box 4	Folder 3
Forward – Vol. 37, No. 4-12; Vol. 38, No. 1, 1970	Box 4	Folder 4
Forward – Vol. 38, No. 3-5, 7-12; Vol. 39, No. 1, 1971	Box 4	Folder 5
Forward – Vol. 39, No. 4, 5, 1972	Box 4	Folder 6

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## Series II: DP&L News, 1972-1975

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DP&L News – Vol. 39, No. 6, 9-12; Vol. 40, No. 1, 1972	Box 5	Folder 1
DP&L News – Vol. 50, No. 2; Vol. 40, No. 3-12; Vol. 41, No. 1, 1973	Box 5	Folder 2
DP&L News – Vol. 41, No. 3-12; Vol. 42, No. 1, 1974	Box 5	Folder 3
DP&L News – Vol. 42, No. 2, 3, 5-10, 12; Vol. 43, No. 1, 1975	Box 5	Folder 4

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## Series III: DP&L People, 1984-1986

Title/Description	Instances	
DP&L People, 1984-1986	Box 5	Folder 5

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## Series IV: QP Today, 1985-1986

Title/Description	Instances	
QP Today, 1985-1986	Box 5	Folder 6

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