

Collection Number: MS-383

Title: Local History Ephemera Collection

Dates: 1864 – 1974

Creator: Miami Valley Genealogical Society

Summary/Abstract:

This is an ephemera collection donated by the Miami Valley Genealogical Society. The scope of collection is greatly varied. It consists of nine series as follows: Central M.E. Church – Springfield, Ohio; Political Ideologies; Clara Wiesenborn Papers; Governmental Ephemera; Publications; Family Papers; Business/Companies; Music; and Photographs.

Quantity/Physical Description: 1 linear foot and an oversized folder

Language(s): English

Repository:

Special Collections and Archives, Paul Laurence Dunbar Library, Wright State University, Dayton, OH 45435-001, (937) 775-2092

Restrictions on Access: There are no restrictions on accessing material in this collection

Restrictions on 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 Unpublished manuscripts are protected by copyright.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.

Preferred Citation:

(Box Number, Folder Number), MS-383, Local History Ephemera Collection, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio

Acquisition:

This collection was donated to the Special Collections and Archives, Wright State University, by the Miami Valley Genealogical Society upon the dissolution of the Society in the 1990s.

Custodial History:

The materials in this collection were originally collected by the Miami Valley Genealogical Society as a collection of small collections.

Separated Material: There is one oversize folder, location 74, file 11

Related Material:

MS – 128 Miami Valley Conservancy District
MS – 143 Clara Wiesenborn
SC – 38 Miami Valley Genealogical Society
SC – 46 Showalter, J.S.
SC – 108 Miami Valley Conservancy District Photo Album

Processed by: Emily L. Huelskamp, Winter 2009

Arrangement:

This varied collection is arranged into nine series as follows: Central M.E. Church – Springfield, Ohio; Political Ideologies; Clara Wiesenborn Papers; Governmental Ephemera; Publications; Family Papers; Business/Companies; Music; and Photographs.

Biographical/Historical Note

The Miami Valley Genealogical Society was founded in 1971. The purpose of the society was to generate and sustain genealogical interest for residents in the Miami Valley area of Ohio. It was a non-profit society that published a quarterly newsletter titled “Genealogical Aids Bulletin of the Miami Valley Genealogical Society.” Sometime during the 1990s the Society dissolved, and this collection was then given to the Special Collection and Archives as per the Society’s Constitution requiring that upon dissolution records go to a non-profit, tax-exempt organization. A similar collection was received by the archives in 1971 and consists of one folder in the Special Collections and Archives’ Small Collections, SC-38.

Scope and Content

The Local History Ephemera Collection is a group of small unrelated items. There are nine series in this collection. The collection consists mainly of paper, newsletters, and some photos.

Series I, Central M.E. Church - Springfield, Ohio, consists of eight folders dealing with the church and people related to the church. One of the larger folders is letters to J.S. Showalter. There is also a folder of Sunday School Mission Letters from India, Mexico, and China from 1883-1884.

Series II, Political Ideologies, consists of four folders of Republican focused newsletters and pamphlets from the 1960s. There is a folder of Barry Goldwater election materials. One of the newsletters from the Barry Goldwater folder is in the oversize folder, location 74, file 11.

Series III, Clara Wiesenborn Papers, consists of letters to Clara Wiesenborn while she served in the Ohio Congress. The majority of the letters are from 1971-1974. There are a few from 1958-1970.

Series IV, Governmental Ephemera, consists of City of Dayton seals, two court cases from the State of Ohio, and an inquest into the death of a man in Clermont County.

Series V, Publications, consists of mixed publication. This is the largest group with nine folders. In this group are two folders containing adult content, the folder containing the poem

“Speakeasy” and the folder containing comic books. Most of the folders in this group do not relate directly to this area of Ohio. However, there is a poem in this group about Oakwood.

Series VI, Family Papers, consists of four families. The folders are small with only two or three papers for each and do not offer much in family relations.

Series VII, Business/Companies, consists of a variety of items related to business at the end of the nineteenth century. There is a folder of early 20th century business cards from various cities, most from outside of this area. There are also some Shelby County Insurance Documents, along with National Safety Bulletins from the Miami Conservancy District in this group. There are two unidentified ledgers and one identified cashbook. The ledger in Box 4, File 2 has a page with an account for Pullman Palace Cars in Chicago. The cashbook and the ledger are in a special box fitted for them.

Series VIII, Music, contains two folders. The first folder has music programs from the Miami Valley featuring Howard Forrer Peirce. The October 28, 1898, program features “A Corn Song” by Paul Laurence Dunbar. The second folder has a letter about Chinese music.

Series IX, Photos, consist of a variety of unidentified pictures. The first folder is miscellaneous photographs. There is a group of photos showing an early 20th century train/car wreck, people, hunting/fishing, house building, and landscapes. The second folder contains larger folders of people and a funeral from Savannah, Ga. The third folder has unidentified pictures from the building of the five dams by the Miami Conservancy District.

Subject Terms

Places

Ohio
Springfield (Ohio)

Subjects (General)

Campaign Paraphernalia - - United States
Republican Party (U.S. : 1854-)
Methodist Episcopal Church in Ohio

Material Types

Paper
Photographs
Newsletters
Books
Ledgers

Collection Inventory

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
		Series I: Central M.E. Church – Springfield, Ohio	
1	1	Miscellaneous letters to J.S. Shewalter	1874, 1882-1886
	2	Letters by and about Pastor A.B. Leonard	1883-1884
	3	Sunday School Mission Letters – oversize letters in location 74 file 11	1883-1884
	4	Letters from Southern Ohio Association for the Promotion of Bible Holiness	1882, 1884
	5	Letters from Ephraim Lodge No. 146, Independent Order of Odd Fellows	1887, 1880
	6	Central M.E. Church donation cards	1886
	7	Donation ledger and other financial records	1879-1886
	8	Miscellaneous letters	1881-1882
		Series II: Political Ideologies	
1	9	The Free Association [oversize newsletter in location 74 file 11]	Apr 1965 – Jul 1968
	10	Economic News and papers from the American Institute for Economic Research	Sep 1961 – Aug 1964
	11	Republican pamphlets [2 oversize newsletters in location 74 file 11]	1964, 1968 – 1969
	12	Berry Goldwater election materials [2 oversize newsletters in location 74 file 11]	1964
		Series III: Clara Wiesenborn	
2	1	Letters to Clara Wiesenborn	1958-1970
	2	Letters to Clara Wiesenborn	1971-1972
	3	Letters to Clara Wiesenborn	1973
	4	Letters to Clara Wiesenborn	1974
		Series IV: Governmental Ephemera	
2	5	Various City of Dayton seals and letterhead	Undated
	6	State of Ohio v. William Pence, Shelby County	Undated
	7	Letter to American Consul	Jan. 6, 1871
3	1	Inquest into death in Clermont County	Dec. 1877
	2	State of Ohio v. Elias Coleman	Jan. 1897
		Series V: Publications	
3	3	“Speakeasy’ Poem [Adult Content]	Undated
	4	Poem “Oakwood Newly Rich and Annexation” by E.C. Wiilian	Undated
	5	“The Convict Ship ‘Success’” tour pamphlet	Undated
	6	Early 20 th century comic books [Adult Content] [comic strip removed to oversize folder location 74, file 11]	Undated
	7	<i>The Live Wire: Collection of Prohibition Songs</i>	Undated
	8	“Christian Giving” pamphlet	1887
	9	“The Reminiscences of the Life of Justus Bangs, ESQ.”	Mar. 27, 1891
3	10	<i>The Ghost of my Friends</i> Autograph album	1911
	11	“Keys of Life” by Eloise Franklin	1959

Box	File	Description	Date
Series VI: Family Papers			
3	12	Woodward/ Warner wedding invitation	Dec. 1893
	13	LeVan family Papers	1901, 1909, 1944
	14	LeVan family photographs	Undated
	15	Jessie Clover papers	[circa1914]
	16	W.P. Salisbury papers [oversize award in location 74 file 11]	1922, 1925 – 1926 undated
Series VII: Business/Companies			
3	17	Business Cards	Undated
	18	George Campbell ledger	Feb. 1875 - Jan. 1886
4	1	Unidentified cashbook	Nov. 1864 - May 1869
	2	Unidentified ledger	1892 - 1893
5	1	Shelby County Insurance Documents	1865 - 1866
	2	National Safety Council bulletins and correspondence with the Miami Conservancy District	Jan. 1918 - Apr 1919
Series VIII: Music			
5	3	Howard Forrer Peirce music programs	Apr 22, 1885-Dec. 9, 1898
	4	Letter about Chinese music	Nov. 19, 1953
Series IX: Photos			
5	5	Miscellaneous photographs #43	Undated
	6	Miscellaneous photographs, larger size #5	Undated
	7	Unidentified Dam pictures # 10	Undated
Oversize Folder Location 74 File 11			
		“The Free Society: It’s Goals and Roles” [from Box 1 File 9]	Apr 15, 1965
		Huntley and Brinkley Convention and Election Almanac [from Box 1 File 11]	Aug. 23, 1964
		“LBJ: A Political Biography” by Liberty Lobby [from Box 1 File 11]	1964
		“Goldwater: A Portrait in Words and Pictures” [from Box 1 File 12]	Jan. 25, 1964
		American Flag House and Betsy Ross Memorial Association Certificate [from Box 3 File 16]	1925
		2 letters and 1 copy of Sunday School Mission Letters [from Box 1 File 3]	1884
		Barry Goldwater Political Advertisement [from Box 1 File 12]	Undated
		Comic Strip [from Box 3 File 6]	Undated