

MS-169: Cooperative Dayton History Project Records

Collection Number: MS-169

Title: Cooperative Dayton History Project Records

Dates: 1890-1975 (bulk 1968-1972)

Creator: Cooperative Dayton History Project

Summary/Abstract: The Cooperative Dayton History Project was funded by a National Science Foundation grant in 1969 to identify and locate the widely scattered and unindexed business, church, and other institutional records which document the history of Dayton, Ohio from 1850-1950. This collection consists of papers and records gathered to prepare a preliminary inventory of available historical sources and includes pamphlets, brochures, correspondence, clippings, notes, and inventory forms. The project resulted in a published bibliography of sources for Dayton, Ohio compiled and edited by Carl M. Becker, Jacob H. Dorn, and Paul G. Merriam, in 1971.

Quantity/Physical Description: 2.5 linear feet

Language: English

Repository:

Special Collections and Archives, Paul Laurence Dunbar Library, Wright State University, Dayton, OH 45435-0001, (937) 775-2092.

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Acquisition: The records of the Cooperative Dayton History Project were accessioned into the Wright State University Department of Archives and Special Collections in June of 1987. They were donated by Dr. Jacob Dorn, who was the principle investigator of the National Science Foundation grant, which made the project possible.

Other Finding Aid: The finding aid is available on the Special Collections & Archives, Wright State University Libraries web site at

http://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collection_guides/guide_files/ms169.pdf. It is also available in the OhioLINK Finding Aid Repository at <http://ead.ohiolink.edu/xtf-ead/>.

Related Collections:

MS-41 Dayton Typographical Union, Local 57 Records

(<https://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collectionguides/files/ms41.pdf>)

Publication Note:

Becker, Carl M., Jacob H. Dorn, and Paul G. Merriam. *A Bibliography of Sources for Dayton, Ohio, 1850-1950; Cooperative Dayton History Project*. Dayton, Ohio: Wright State University, 1971. Call no. Z1324.D36 .B43.

Processed by: Nancy G. Leggett, 1987 Summer

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Arrangement: The collection is arranged into five (5) series:

Series I: Cooperative Dayton History Project – General, 1968-1975

Series II: Private Organizations and Agencies, 1890, 1904-1972

Series III: Public Agencies and Offices, 1961-1970

Series IV: Dayton-related Materials in Libraries, 1968-1970

Series V: Periodical Articles about Dayton, 1968-1970

Historical Note:

In December of 1968, Professors Carl M. Becker, Jacob H. Dorn, and Paul G. Merriam submitted a research proposal to the National Science Foundation requesting funding for a three-year study of the growth and development of Dayton, Ohio, from 1850 to 1950. The first goal of the project was to prepare a preliminary inventory of the historical sources relating to Dayton and its history. The second goal was to write a scholarly history of Dayton, based on the completed inventory of sources. A grant was received from the National Science Foundation in order to complete the first goal, which was to be completed in the period between September 1, 1969 and August 30, 1970. This period was later extended until April of 1971. Funding for the second phase of the project would depend upon submission of an additional grant application at a later date.

The purpose of the inventory itself was to identify and locate the widely scattered and largely uncatalogued or indexed records which relate to the history of Dayton. A second purpose of the inventory was to make a preliminary evaluation of the physical condition of the records inventoried, but due to time and other limitations, this goal was achieved to a much lesser degree. A copy of the inventory produced by the Cooperative Dayton History Project is included in this collection.

Scope and Content:

The records of the Cooperative Dayton History Project are divided into five major categories. Series I, Cooperative Dayton History Project – General, 1968-1975, documents the initial

National Science Foundation grant which made the project possible. Included is correspondence, a copy of the original grant proposal, copyright information, publicity, and a copy of the finished bibliography.

Series II, Private Organizations and Agencies, 1890, 1904-1972, contains correspondence, inventory forms, pamphlets and brochures having to do with businesses, religious and cultural organizations, labor unions, and social agencies. The publications date the earliest in the series.

Series III, Public Agencies and Offices, 1961-1970, contains deals correspondence, inventory forms, pamphlets and brochures on public agencies and offices (such as the City of Dayton, the Dayton Board of Education and the Miami Conservancy District).

Series IV, Dayton-related Materials in Libraries, 1968-1970 lists Dayton-related materials held in area libraries, such as the Dayton-Montgomery County Public Library, Wittenberg University Library and the Cincinnati Historical Society library.

Series V, Periodical Articles about Dayton, 1968-1970, contains notes on periodical articles pertaining to Dayton.

Subject Terms:

Persons

Dorn, Jacob H. (Jacob Henry), 1939-2017
Merriam, Paul G.
Becker, Carl M.

Places

Dayton (Ohio) – History -- Sources

Material Types

Pamphlets
Brochures
Correspondence

Collection Inventory

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
Series I: Cooperative Dayton History Project – General, 1968-1975			
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	Grant Proposal to National Science Foundation	1968
1	2	Correspondence/proposal for second phase (unfunded) with National Science Foundation	1970-1972
1	3	Finished bibliography	1971
1	4	Correspondence	1969-1975
1	5	Copyright information	1965-1971
1	6	Miami Valley Project information	1968-1970
1	7	Publicity	1969-1973
1	8	Society of American Archivists	1970-1971
Series II: Private Organizations and Agencies, 1890, 1904-1972			
Subseries IIA. Business Organizations, 1934-1972			
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	9	Business and Civic Leaders	1969
1	10	Correspondence	1968-1971
1	11	Inventory Forms and Notes	1850-1959, 1968-1972
1	12	Pamphlets and Brochures: A-D	1934-1968
1	13	Pamphlets and Brochures: E-L	1962-1970
1	14	Pamphlets and Brochures: M-Z	1963-1970
1	15	Pamphlets and Brochures: Miscellaneous	1969
Subseries IIB. Churches and Religious Associations, 1890, 1942-1970			
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
2	1	Listing of Dayton Area Churches	1969
2	2	Cited Sources on Jewish Organizations	1970
2	3	Brochures for Cincinnati Archdiocese	1960-1970
2	4	Brochures for Dayton Catholic Churches – Parishes A-H	1952-1966
2	5	Brochures for Dayton Catholic Churches – H-St. Joseph	1953-1966
2	6	Brochures for Dayton Catholic Churches – St. Mary's-Z	1944-1967
2	7	Brochures for Diocese of Southern Ohio	1968-1970
2	8	Brochures for Protestant Churches -- Assembly of God-Bethel Baptist	1952-1967
2	9	Brochures for Protestant Churches -- Baptist-Christian Science	1947- 1970

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2	10	Brochures for Protestant Churches -- Episcopal-Evangelical Lutheran	1890, 1942-1958
3	1	Brochures for Protestant Churches -- Lutheran-Methodist	1966-1970
3	2	Brochures for Protestant Churches -- Presbyterian-United Church of Christ	1964-1970
Subseries IIC.		Cultural Organizations, 1968-1970	
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
3	3	Correspondence	1970
3	4	Dayton Art Institute	1968-1969
Subseries IID.		Labor Unions, 1904-1950, 1970	
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
3	5	Dayton Typographical Union #57 -- Inventory and Notes	1970
3	6	Dayton Typographical Union #57 -- Journal Articles 1904-1932 and Letters 1970	1904-1932, 1970
3	7	Dayton Typographical Union #57 -- Journal Articles	1933-1950
3	8	Labor Union Materials in Wisconsin State Library	1970
3	9	Miscellaneous Notes	1970
Subseries IIE.		Social Agencies, 1938, 1949-1970	
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
3	10	Correspondence	1969-1970
3	11	Inventory Forms	1949-1967, 1969-1970
3	12	Notes	1969-1970
3	13	Notes	1966-1970
4	1	Pamphlets – Dayton Metro Housing Authority	1938, 1968-1970
4	2	Pamphlets – Easter Seals	1969-1970
4	3	Pamphlets – Jewish Community Council	1968-1970
4	4	Pamphlets – Miscellaneous A-I	1961-1970
4	5	Pamphlets – Miscellaneous L-Z	1969-1970
Series III: Public Agencies and Offices, 1961-1970			
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
4	6	Correspondence	1970
4	7	Board of Education	1969-1970
4	8	City of Dayton	1970

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
4	9	Miami Conservancy District – Notes	1963-1970
4	10	Miami Conservancy District – Reports and Maps	1969
4	11	Montgomery County – Annual Report	1961
4	12	Montgomery County - Notes	1963-1969
Series IV: Dayton Related Materials in Libraries, 1968-1970			
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
4	13	Notes	1968-1970
5	1-2	Dayton/Montgomery County Public Library Card Catalog entries	1968-1970
5	3	Dayton/Montgomery County Public Library Notes	1968-1970
5	4	Public Repositories	1968-1970
5	5	Regional History Societies	1970
5	6	University Libraries	1968-1970
Series V: Periodical Articles about Dayton, 1968-1970			
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
5	7	Periodical Articles – Census, etc.	1968-1970