

## **MS-197, Greater Springfield and Clark County Association**

**Title:** Greater Springfield and Clark County Association

**Dates:** 1944-1954

**Creator:** Greater Springfield and Clark County Association

**Summary/Abstract:** The Greater Springfield and Clark County Association was a volunteer organization that mobilized local efforts to promote the civic welfare of the Clark County area. Records include Board of Directors and Executive Committee minutes, records and reports of various committees, correspondence, membership rolls, and extensive newspaper clippings. One of the founding members was Robert Groff, former President and General Manager of the Leffel Company.

**Quantity/Physical Description:** 2.5 linear feet (5 Hollinger boxes and 7 oversize news clipping scrapbooks)

**Language(s):** English

**Repository:**

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**Acquisition:** The records of the Greater Springfield and Clark County Association were accessioned into the Wright State University Archives and Special Collections department in August 1980, as part of the James Leffel and Co. collection. They were donated by J. Robert Groff, President and General Manager of the Leffel Co., and one of the founders of the GSCCA.

**Processed by:** Robert Dearbaugh, October, 1990. Finding aid reformatted July, 2014.

**Arrangement:**

The collection is arranged in 4 series:

- I. Meeting Minutes
- II. Committees
- III. Miscellaneous
- IV. Newspaper clippings

**Historical Note:**

The Greater Springfield and Clark County Association was incorporated in May 1944 as a result of the collective efforts of many civic and community leaders in the Springfield, Ohio area. The purpose of this non-profit organization was to foster and promote the social, cultural, civic, and general welfare of Springfield and Clark County.

The Association mobilized local efforts to get various physical needs met such as improved water and sewer systems, a railroad grade elimination project for Main Street, better school and hospital facilities, and a variety of bond issues and levies passed. The GSCCA reached a membership of 8,000 and remained vigorously active for just over a decade.

**Scope and Content:**

The records of the Greater Springfield and Clark County Association contain a variety of materials. These include meeting minutes, brochures, committee reports, pictures, and newspaper clippings. Holdings are scattered or nonexistent for all or parts of some years.

Series I is primarily composed of meeting minutes. These are arranged in chronological order by year. First are the Board of Directors meetings, including treasurer's reports and committee reports for the years 1944-1954. The executive committee meetings are next. The early executive committee was referred to as the strategy committee and ran from 1945-1952. The past presidents meeting minutes follow and consist of one folder for the years 1950-1952.

Series II contains the correspondence and efforts of the various committees of the GSCCA. File folders are in chronological order and are grouped together according to committee or project. The projects included in this series are: a bond issue campaign – 1945, hospital renovation costs – 1950, sewer bond campaign – 1951, home beautification contests – 1950-1954, main street grade elimination project – 1945-1954, citizens committee – 1948, various school committees, levies, and promotions – 1945-1953 including various letters from officials, and the water project 1944-1946, 1950-1952, which was headed by J. Robert Groff.

Series III is miscellaneous. Included are the constitution and by-laws, correspondence of GSCCA presidents, Winwood and Groff from May-Dec. 1945, membership lists for 1944-1951, contribution lists 1944-1951, various brochures put out by the GSCCA, a script from the town meeting which was broadcast May 25, 1948 and sponsored by the GSCCA, and scattered financial records for 1953-1954.

Series IV consists of newspaper clipping files and seven scrapbooks. The scrapbooks,

covering the period May 1945 to May 1949, are a collection of articles clipped from the Springfield News - Sun. These clippings pertain to events or members of the GSCCA. The files consist of the following: The town meeting 1948, Main street grade elimination project, Home beautification contests, Water project news, and various clippings from 1953-1954.

**Subject Terms:**

**Persons/Families**

Groff, Robert

**Organizations/Corporate Names**

Greater Springfield and Clark County Association

**Places**

Clark County (Ohio) – Civic organizations

Springfield (Ohio) – Civic organizations

**Material Types**

Clippings (information artifacts)

Minutes (administrative records)

Correspondence

Container Listing

| <b>Series I: Meeting Minutes – GSCCA</b> |             |                                              |                              |
|------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <u>Box</u>                               | <u>File</u> | <u>Description</u>                           | <u>Date</u>                  |
|                                          |             |                                              |                              |
| 1                                        | 1           | Meeting Minutes – Board of Directors         | Apr.-Dec. 1944               |
|                                          | 2           | Meeting Minutes – Board of Directors         | Jan.-Dec. 1945               |
|                                          | 3           | Meeting Minutes – Board of Directors         | Jan.-Dec. 1946               |
|                                          | 4           | Meeting Minutes – Board of Directors         | Jan.-Dec. 1947               |
|                                          | 5           | Meeting Minutes – Board of Directors         | Jan.-Apr. 1948               |
|                                          | 6           | Meeting Minutes – Board of Directors         | May-Dec. 1949                |
|                                          | 7           | Meeting Minutes – Board of Directors         | Jan.-Sept. 1950              |
|                                          | 8           | Meeting Minutes – Board of Directors         | June 1951                    |
|                                          | 9           | Meeting Minutes – Board of Directors         | Mar.-Sept. 1957              |
|                                          | 10          | Meeting Minutes – Board of Directors         | Feb.-June 1953;<br>Mar. 1954 |
|                                          |             |                                              |                              |
| 2                                        | 1           | Meeting Minutes – Strategy (Executive) Comm. | Sept.-Dec. 1945              |
|                                          | 2           | Meeting Minutes – Strategy (Executive) Comm. | Feb.-Dec. 1946               |
|                                          | 3           | Meeting Minutes – Strategy (Executive) Comm. | Jan.-Dec. 1947               |
|                                          | 4           | Meeting Minutes – Strategy (Executive) Comm. | Jan.-Dec. 1948               |
|                                          | 5           | Meeting Minutes – Strategy (Executive) Comm. | Jan.-Dec. 1949               |
|                                          | 6           | Meeting Minutes – Strategy (Executive) Comm. | Jan.-Nov. 1950               |
|                                          | 7           | Meeting Minutes – Strategy (Executive) Comm. | Jan., June, Sep. 1951        |

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|                                           | 8           | Meeting Minutes – Strategy (Executive) Comm.                    | Feb.-Mar. 1953                     |
|                                           | 9           | Meeting Minutes – Strategy (Executive) Comm.<br>Past Presidents | July 1950, Nov. 1952,<br>Feb. 1954 |
| <b>Series II: Committees of the GSCCA</b> |             |                                                                 |                                    |
| <u>Box</u>                                | <u>File</u> | <u>Description</u>                                              | <u>Date</u>                        |
|                                           |             |                                                                 |                                    |
| 3                                         | 1           | Springfield Bond issue – Radio Advertisement                    | Sept. 1945                         |
|                                           | 2           | Hospital conditions and renovation costs                        | 1950                               |
|                                           | 3           | Sewer bond campaign                                             | 1951                               |
|                                           | 4           | Home beautification contests                                    | 1950-1954                          |
|                                           | 5           | Grade Elimination – Radio Advertisement                         | 1950                               |
|                                           | 6           | Grade Elimination – Misc. Correspondence                        | 1945-1954                          |
|                                           | 7           | Grade Elimination – Preliminary Engineering Report              | 1948                               |
|                                           | 8           | Citizens Committee                                              | 1948                               |
|                                           | 9           | Good Schools Committee – Campaign Ads                           | 1953                               |
|                                           | 10          | Good Schools Committee – Misc. Correspondence                   | 1953                               |
|                                           | 11          | School Levy Campaign                                            | 1948                               |
|                                           | 12          | School Board Relations Committee                                | 1945-1947                          |
|                                           | 13          | Water Project Committee: Meeting Minutes                        | Aug. 1944-Apr. 1946                |
|                                           | 14          | Water Project Committee: Meeting Minutes and<br>Correspondence  | 1950-1952                          |
| <b>Series III: Miscellaneous</b>          |             |                                                                 |                                    |
| <u>Box</u>                                | <u>File</u> | <u>Description</u>                                              | <u>Date</u>                        |
|                                           |             |                                                                 |                                    |
| 4                                         | 1           | Constitution and By-laws                                        |                                    |
|                                           | 2           | Correspondence – Presidents Winwood and Groff                   | May-Dec. 1945                      |
|                                           | 3           | Membership List A-J                                             | 1944-1951                          |
|                                           | 4           | Membership List K-Z                                             | 1944-1951                          |
|                                           | 5           | Contribution Lists                                              | 1944-1951                          |
|                                           | 6           | Brochures by the GSCCA                                          |                                    |
|                                           | 7           | Town meeting radio broadcast                                    | May 1948                           |
|                                           | 8           | Financial Records                                               |                                    |
|                                           |             |                                                                 |                                    |
| <b>Series IV: Newspaper Clippings</b>     |             |                                                                 |                                    |
| <u>Box</u>                                | <u>File</u> | <u>Description</u>                                              | <u>Date</u>                        |
|                                           |             |                                                                 |                                    |
| 5                                         | 1           | Newspaper Clippings: Various                                    | 1953-1954                          |
|                                           | 2           | Water Project Clippings                                         | 1950-1953                          |
|                                           | 3           | Home Beautification Clippings                                   | 1951-1954                          |
|                                           | 4           | Grade Elimination Clippings                                     | 1950-1954                          |
|                                           | 5           | Town Meeting Clippings                                          | 1948                               |
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| <b>Scrapbooks:</b>    |
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| May 1945-May 1946     |
| May 1946-May 1947     |
| May 1947-May 1948     |
| (2) May 1948-May 1949 |