

The Scrapbooks of Edith McClure Patterson

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Introduction

The scrapbooks of Edith McClure Patterson were accessioned into the Wright State University Department of Archives and Special Collections in the Spring Quarter 1992. The scrapbooks were donated by the Montgomery County Historical Society in December 1991.

The collection dates from the 1920s and 1930s. There are 30 scrapbooks and two Hollinger boxes. It is arranged into 6 series and 10 sub-series as follows:

- Series I: Education (3 Scrapbooks) – Scrapbooks 1, 2, and 3
- Series II: Liquor Control (1 Oversized book) – Scrapbook 4
- Series III: Budget and Thrift – Scrapbooks 5 through 11
 - Sub-series 1: Budget and Thrift 1920s
 - Sub-series 2: Budget Clippings 1920s
 - Sub-series 3: Thrift Week 1923-1925-1926
 - Sub-series 4: Budget Day 1926
 - Sub-series 5: The American Home 1922-1925
 - Sub-series 6: Business 1920s
 - Sub-series 7: Dayton Better Homes Week (oversized)
- Series IV: National Cash Register (NCR) – Scrapbooks 12, 13, and 14
 - Sub-series 8: NCR Education 1920s
 - Sub-series 9: John H. Patterson
 - Sub-series 10: CPC Conventions 1920-1926
- Series V: Personal and Publicity Clippings (16 scrapbooks) – Scrapbooks 15 through 30
- Series VI: Miscellaneous (2 Hollinger boxes)
 - Box 1: John H. Patterson memorabilia
 - Box 2: NCR newsletters and magazines

There are no restrictions on the use of these scrapbooks.

Biographical Sketch

Edith McClure Patterson was born June 23, 1881, in Greene County, Ohio. Edith McClure Patterson was the niece (by marriage) of John H. Patterson, founder of National Cash Register (NCR). She was a graduate of Steele High School (Dayton, Ohio) and Lassell Junior College and attended the Boston School of Social Services and the University of Chicago Teachers College. In 1934, she graduated from the University of Dayton. She was married to John Johnston Patterson who held a position with his uncle, John H. Patterson, at NCR. (John J. Patterson died June 20, 1941.) They had one son, John McClure Patterson.

Mrs. Patterson served as president of the Dayton Board of Education from 1930-1935. In 1935, she resigned from the board to accept an appointment to the Ohio Board of Liquor Control. She was the first woman commissioner on the state's liquor control authority and served in that capacity until 1939. Mrs. Patterson was the first Republican woman to run for Congress (1932).

Active with welfare and education work for NCR from 1917 to 1933, she traveled widely in a study of schools and as a lecturer. During World War I, she gained recognition for her work in founding an education program for rehabilitation of soldiers, and in 1921, she conducted a survey in Europe for the federal board of vocational education. In 1925, she created and directed the first school for adult women in industry in America.

Mrs. Patterson made a life-long study of problems affecting the home and children, and, through her interest in women's affairs, became nationally prominent in women's club work. A recognized leader in budgetary control and home management, she was chairperson of the budget committee of the National Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Patterson died on November 1, 1962. She is buried in the Patterson's family plot in Woodland Cemetery in Dayton, Ohio.

Scope and Content

The papers of Edith McClure Patterson are a source of information for research relating to local Dayton education, budget and thrift, women's clubs, and liquor control. The collection also contains National Cash Register (NCR) and John H. Patterson memorabilia. These scrapbooks contain information pertinent to the local Dayton and the State of Ohio area. There are, however, articles of national interest with regard to education and women's clubs.

Series I, Education, contains 3 scrapbooks (Scrapbooks 1, 2, and 3). These scrapbooks contain clippings from 1919 and the early 1920s. The clippings relate to educational issues and the Dayton Board of Education. Scrapbook 1 contains several miscellaneous photographs and postcards.

Series II, Liquor Control, is an oversized book (Scrapbook 4). This book contains clippings about the Ohio Liquor Control Board and alcohol abuse. Span dates for this book are the 1930s.

Series III, Budget and Thrift, is divided into 7 sub-series (scrapbooks 5 through 11). Sub-series 1 contains pamphlets and booklets about banking and saving money and articles about thrift. Sub-series 2 includes various newspaper clippings on money, budget and thrift, and budgets for the home. Sub-series 3 concentrates on the 1923, 1924, and 1925 Dayton, Ohio, Thrift Week activities. Sub-series 4 contains information about thrift programs and women's club letters. Sub-series 5 is about the American home. Sub-series 6 has articles about business management, unions, and small business. Sub-series 7 is an oversized book about the Dayton Better Homes Week, April 24-30, 1927.

Series IV, National Cash Register (NCR), contains 3 scrapbooks (Scrapbooks 12, 13, and 14). These 3 sub-series contains NCR and John H. Patterson memorabilia. Sub-series 8 has a variety of articles and programs about education efforts at NCR. Sub-series 9 contains clippings about John H. Patterson. Sub-series 10 includes magazines, newspapers, and photographs about NCR's CPC Conventions 1920-1926. (CPC is an acronym for NCR's 100% Salesman Club.)

Series V, Personal and Publicity, contains 16 scrapbooks (Scrapbook 15 through 30). These scrapbooks include a variety of clippings about education, budget and thrift, women's clubs, form letters, personal photographs, women in aviation (Scrapbook 23), and liquor control.

Series VI, Miscellaneous, contains 2 Hollinger boxes. Box 1 contains booklets and articles pertaining to John H. Patterson's life and the history of his family. Also in box 1 are booklets about women and home budgeting, education, and NCR. Box 2 contains NCR newsletters and magazines. Span dates for these 2 boxes are 1909 and 1930.

Container Listing

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
		<u>John H. Patterson Memorabilia</u>	
1	1	The Storekeepers Dream	1909
	2	Rules for Success (NCR Publication)	1920
	3	The Human Side of An Industry (NCR Publication)	n.d.
	4	NCR Trade Publication	n.d.
	5	Manual for NCR Salesmen	1949
	6	75 (NCR Publication)	1959
	7	John H. Patterson Memorial Book	1922
	8	Maps of the Civil War Campaigns (not original)	n.d.
	9	Picture of Capt. Robert Patterson (not original)	1918
	10	History of the Patterson Log Cabin	n.d.
	11	John H. Patterson by Elbert Hubbard	1912
	12	First School in America for Families of Men in Industry	n.d.
	13	The Woman Buyer	1925
	14	Woman and the Nation's Money	1925
		<u>NCR Newsletters and Magazines</u>	
2	1	The NCR	1919/1927
	2	NCR Progress	1920/1922
	3	CPC Daily	1922 and 1929
	4	NCR News	1921/1922
	5	NCR News	1923 and 1927/1929
	6	Dayton Evening Herald	3/5/1914
	7	Dayton Journal	3/6/1914
	8	Community Betterment School Betterment	10/12/1920 4/1921
	9	Dayton Public School Activities	5/1921
	10	May Race News (NCR Publication)	5/1927