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**Charles W. Ingler Papers**

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## **Introduction**

The Charles W. Ingler Papers were donated to the Wright State University Special Collection and Archives on July 14<sup>th</sup> 2004 by Mr. Ingler's daughter, Mary Lynn Ingler. The collection filled approximately two record storage boxes, measuring two linear feet of material. There have been no further additions to the collection after the initial donation.

This collection contains correspondences between friends and family, photographs, news clippings, original writings, books written by Ingler, reports conducted by Ingler, information regarding the development of Wright State University and biographical documents and personal papers, such as college transcripts, resumes and biographical sketches. All of the published or written works were either written by Ingler or came from an organization that Ingler was commissioned for at the time. Ingler was one of the individuals responsible for Wright State University's groundbreaking in 1961 and was an important figure in Dayton for many years. Many of the documents pertain to his interest in state institutions.

The Charles W. Ingler Papers date between 1937 and 2004, with many of the materials coming from the 1960s and the 1990s.

There are no restrictions on the use of the Charles W. Ingler Papers.

The Charles W. Ingler Papers are organized into four series:

- Series I: Personal Papers
- Series II: Correspondences
- Series III: Written/Published Works
- Series IV: Photographs

## **Biographical Sketch**

Charles W. Ingler, or Bill helped develop plans for what is now Wright State University beginning in 1961. Ingler was born in Springfield, Missouri on January 22, 1922. Ingler was an UFAR First Lieutenant from 1943 until 1946 where he was an observation pilot during World War II and graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1947 with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. He later finished his Masters in Political Science in 1951 at Northwestern University where he was also a teaching assistant during his two year stay.

Ingler came to Ohio in 1954 where he served as the Assistant Director and later as Director of the Ohio Legislative Series Commission until 1959. Later that year he moved to Dayton and served as the Director of the Community Research, Inc., a non-profit foundation founded by the Urban Studies Bureau until 1961. In 1961 he left Community Research to serve as the Director of Public Affairs at National Cash Register Company (NCR) until 1971. During his stay at NCR he was Secretary of the Board of Trustees for Sinclair Community College (1961-1966) and then served as the Secretary for the Board of Trustees for Wright State University (1966-1971). In 1971, Ingler left Dayton, working as Associate Chancellor at the State University of New York and Vice President of Kent State.

Ingler was very passionate with the furthering of education in all communities, not just Dayton. He was awarded for his achievements in the field of education many times, even given the Special Award for Public Service to the Dayton Metropolitan Area in 1967 and many citations for meritorious services.

Ingler returned to Dayton after retirement in 1983. During retirement he served on the Carillon Historical Park governing board and volunteered on the Dayton Public Education Fund and Lower Great Miami Basin Council committees. He was active in the community until his death on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2003.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The Charles W. Ingler Papers scan the career and life of an important leader of not only Wright State University but of the Great Dayton Area. These papers will be beneficial to individuals chronically the life of Charles W. Ingler, those interested in the history of Wright State University and the education within the greater Miami Valley.

### **Series I: Personal Papers**

The Personal Papers of Charles W. Ingler include information regarding his personal and professional life before and during his time in the Dayton area. It is full of school documents, newspaper articles, resumes and biographical sketches of the late Charles W. Ingler. Also included within this series is the first draft of an unpublished manuscript written by Ingler.

### **Series II: Correspondences**

The correspondences within this series span a great distance of years, beginning in 1975 and ending in 2003, right before the death of Charles Ingler. These are personal and professional correspondences between friends, family and members of the community regarding achievements in the life of Ingler. Most of the correspondences have a copy of the letter from the recipient and a copy of the letter Ingler initially sent. These correspondences allow the researcher to have a greater insight to the life of Ingler.

### **Series III: Written Works**

This series contains both published and unpublished documents that Charles W. Ingler either wrote himself or participated in the writing of. The series contains school documents from his Masters Program at the University of Oklahoma, handwritten versions of later published works, research studies regarding Montgomery County and its education situation during the 1960s and metropolitan studies of Dayton, Ohio.

### **Series IV: Photographs**

This series contains many black and white photographs documenting Charles W. Ingler's career as an important figure for Wright State University. Many of the photographs were taken during the Inaugural groundbreaking of WSU in 1961, the opening of Allyn Hall at WSU in 1967 and during his days as a supporter of the Presidential Candidate Nelson Rockefeller during 1964 and 1968.

## Container Listing

<b>Series I</b>		<b>Personal Papers</b>		
<b>Box</b>	<b>File</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Date</b>	
1	1	School Documents – OVERSIZED DRAWER 71 FILE 15 - Certificate	1937-1977	
	2	Biographical Documents	1977-1992 1989, undated	
	3	News Clippings	undated	
	4	Chapter VIII: The Adopted Home	undated	
	5	Chapter VIII: The Adopted Home, Biography with Handwritten Notes	undated	
	6	Interview Documents	2003	
	7	Articles/Obituaries regarding Ingler's Death	2003	
<b>Series II</b>				
1	8	<b>Correspondences</b>		
	9	Personal Correspondences Correspondences regarding Ingler's Death	1970s-2003 2004	
<b>Series III</b>		<b>Written Works</b>		
1	10	School Document -States Verses Labor	1949	
	11	School Document - Masters Thesis, pages iii-128	1949	
	12	School Document - Masters Thesis, pages 129-200	1949	
	13	School Document - Consumers and the National Bituminous Coal Commission	1951	
	14	SUNY University Papers (Handwritten)	1981	
	15	Founding and Fulfillment	1987	
	16	Metropolitan Responses	1959	
	2	1	Metropolitan Challenge	1959
		2	Proposed Policy for State of Ohio Education	1961
		3	Community Research Manuals (1 of 2)	unknown
		4	Community Research Manuals (2 of 2)	1960-1963
		5	Ohio Tax Study	1967
		6	Conference Manual	1954
		7	Atlas of Miami Valley	1988
	<b>Series IV</b>		<b>Photographs</b>	
	3	1	Photographs: Ohio Department of Industrial and Economic Development	1960s
2		Photographs: Groundbreaking of WSU Photographs: Rockefeller for President – OVERSIZED DRAWER 71 FILE 15 – 11 x 14 photograph, black and white with Ingler in background	1961	
3		Photographs: Allyn Hall Dedication	1967	
4		Photographs: Miscellaneous – OVERSIZED DRAWER 71 FILE 15: Two framed portraits, black and white, with cover; color photograph with table	1968	
5			1960s, 1990s	

