

## **MS-415, Luthman Funeral Home Records**

**Collection Number:** MS-415

**Title:** Luthman Funeral Home Records

**Dates:** 1898-1982

**Creator:** Edward Luthman Funeral Home

**Summary/Abstract:**

The Luthman Funeral Home Records include business records plus ten binders of copies of their original burial records. The business records span 1889-1910 and the burial records span 1906-1982. This collection offers researchers a wealth of information on genealogy and local mortuary practices.

**Quantity/Physical Description:** 4.5 linear

**Language(s):** English

**Repository:**

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

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**Preferred Citation:**

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**Acquisition:**

The Luthman Funeral Home Records were donated by Carol Bell and accessioned by Wright State University Special Collections and Archives in October 2009.

**Location of Originals:**

Original copies of the burial records are located at the Dayton Metro Library.

**Additional Sources:**

Copies of the original burial records can also be found at the St. Louis County Library.

**Processed by:** Jeremy Katz, February 2011

**Arrangement:**

The Luthman Funeral Home Records are arranged into two series:

Series I: Business Records

Series II: Burial Records

**Biographical/Historical Note:**

Edward William Luthman was born on February 11, 1877 in Minster, Ohio. One of ten children born to German immigrants, Edward received his education in Minster and later worked as a laborer in Dayton, OH. After attending the Chicago Embalming College, Edward returned to Dayton and opened his own funeral home in 1898. His business was originally located at 502 Xenia Avenue, but later moved down the road to 364 Xenia Avenue in 1905. Edward erected a chapel with a seating capacity of 100 people at this location and owned all of the equipment used in the home.

In 1904, Edward married Dayton native Amelia Stork and had six children. One of their children, Edward J., graduated from the Cincinnati College of Embalming in 1937 and went into business with his father. After his father's death on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 1951, Edward J. carried on his father's business until his death on January 30, 1972 whereupon his wife, Eloise Lickliter, continued the business until its closure ten years later.

**Scope and Content:** The Collection is arranged into two series:

Series I, Business Records, contains copies of the original receipts used in transacting business at the Luthman Funeral Home. These receipts give the name and date of the deceased as well as the costs associated with burial. Also in this series is Luthman entries from Williams' Dayton City Directory and a short biographical sketch on Edward W. Luthman written by the Citizens Historical Association of Indianapolis on August 16, 1947.

Series II, Burial Records, contains copies of the mortuary records and in some cases copies of the death certificates as well. Records contain information concerning services rendered (casket price, embalming, shaving-dressing, funeral car, etc.) cash disbursed (funeral car, flower car, etc.) as well as biographical information (Date of Birth/Death, residence, cause of death, etc.).The series is arranged in a volume of ten binders and spans from 1906-1982.

**Subject Terms****Persons/Families**

Edward William Luthman

Amelia Stork

Edward J. Luthman

Eloise Lickliter

Luthman Family

**Organizations/Corporate Names**

The Edward Luthman Funeral Home

**Places**

Dayton, Ohio

**Subjects (General)**

Local History

Funeral Homes

**Material Types**

Business Records

Burial Records

**Occupations**

Embalmer

**Collection Inventory****Series I: Business Records**

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	Biographical Sketch of Edward W. Luthman	Aug. 16, 1947
	2	Luthman Entries from Williams' Dayton City Directory	2007
	3	Business Records	1889-1900
	4	Business Records	1889-1906
	5	Business Records	1906-1910
	6	Ledger Books	[1897, 1904] Undated
	7	Checks	1905
	8	Notebook	1905-1906
	9	Checks	1900-1902
	10	Checks	1906
	11	Checks	1907
	12	Checks	1908
	13	Checks	1909
	14	Checks	1910
	15	Voucher Book	1909-1910
	16	Voucher Books	1910-1913
	17	Checks	1911
	18	Checks	1912
	19	Voucher Book	1912
	20	Checks	1913
	21	Checks	1914
	22	Checks	1915

	23	Voucher Books	Undated
	24	Calender/Ledgers	1909, 1911
	25	Richmond Casket Co. Receipts	1899-1902, Undated
	26	Richmond Casket Co. Receipts	1900-1905
	27	Richmond Casket Co. Receipts	1906-1910
	28	Richmond Casket Co. Receipts	1911-1915
	29	Receipts for Flour	1914
	30	Utility Receipts	1913-1914
	31	Stationary & Insurance Receipts	1899, 1914, 1915
	32	Florist Receipts	1914
	33	Car & Wagon Repair Receipts	1914, 1915
	34	Dept. Store Receipts	1914
	35	Ohio Electric Railway Co. Receipts	1913-1915
	36	Misc. Newspaper Receipts	1914
	37	Misc. Vouchers/Receipts	1904-1915
	38	Misc. Vouchers/Receipts	1910-1916
	39	Receipts	Undated
	40	Slides	Undated
2	1	Ledger Book	1911
	2	Ledger Book	1912
	3	Ledger Book	1913
	4	Journal/Ledger	1902

**Series II: Burial Records**

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
3	1	Volume 1-3	1906-1915
	2	Volume 4, 5	1915-1922
	3	Volume 6, 7	1922-1929
4	1	Volume 8, 9	1929-1937
	2	Volume 10, 11	1937-1944
	3	Volume 12, 13	1944-1951
5	1	Volume 14, 15	1951-1958
	2	Volume 16, 17	1958-1965
	3	Volume 18	1965-1972
6	1	Volume 19	1973-1982