Collection Number: MS-435

Title: Matthew C. Kirkpatrick Collection

Dates: 1904-1974

Creator: Matthew C. Kirkpatrick

Summary/Abstract:
The Matthew C. Kirkpatrick collection consists of photographs, correspondence, arrest logs, identification cards, books, and a scrapbook. It was created by Matthew C. Kirkpatrick who was a Dayton policeman and Chief of Police during the mid-20th century.

Quantity/Physical Description: 1 linear foot

Language(s): English

Repository:
Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, Wright State University, Dayton, OH 45435-001, (937) 775-2092

Restrictions on Access: There are no restrictions on accessing material in this collection.

Restrictions on Use:
Copyright restrictions may apply. Unpublished manuscripts are protected by copyright. Permission to publish, quote or reproduce must be secured from the repository and the copyright holder.

Preferred Citation:
(Box Number, Folder Number), MS-435, Matthew C. Kirkpatrick Collection, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio

Acquisition:
The Matthew C. Kirkpatrick Collection was placed on a long-term deposit at Wright State University’s Special Collections and Archives by the Kirkpatrick family in August 2010.

Related Material:
MS-181, Dayton Police Department Collection

Processed by: Jeremy Katz, September 2011

Arrangement:
The Matthew C. Kirkpatrick Collection is arranged into twelve folders according to topic and format.
Biographical/Historical Note
Matthew C. Kirkpatrick was born in Oswego, New York, on April 28, 1902. He married Freda E. Shrader on December 3, 1924. They had one son, Robert M., and one daughter, Gloria E. He was a Dayton policeman and between 1949 and 1955 he was Chief of Police. While in Dayton, he was involved with the Ohio Police Association and was the first Dayton policeman to go to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for training. After retiring from service in Dayton, Kirkpatrick moved to Washington, D.C., to work with the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Scope and Content
Matthew C. Kirkpatrick was the first Dayton policeman to go to the FBI for training. The collection houses photographs of him and J. Edgar Hoover as well as correspondence from Hoover. The collection also contains manuals and books related to police work in Ohio and the city of Dayton. Additionally, Kirkpatrick also kept a detailed scrapbook of his career, which he dedicated to his wife, which houses articles, notes, and correspondence relating to his long career of service to Dayton and the police department. Researchers examining the Matthew C. Kirkpatrick Collection can gain insight into law enforcement during the mid-20th century in Dayton.

Subject Terms (Required)

Persons/Families
Matthew C. Kirkpatrick
Freda E. Shrader
J. Edgar Hoover

Organizations/Corporate Names
Dayton Police Department
Federal Bureau of Investigation (U.S.)

Places
Dayton (Ohio)

Subjects
Law Enforcement

Material Types
Photographs
Correspondence
Identification Cards
Reports
Books
Manuals
Scrapbooks
Journal Clippings
**Occupations**
Police Officer  
Chief of Police

**Collection Inventory**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Box</th>
<th>File</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Date</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Police ID &amp; Badge, Bio, Business Cards</td>
<td>1949, Undated</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td></td>
<td>Ohio Police Association Report and Constitution/Bylaws</td>
<td>Jan. 1904</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td></td>
<td>Manual of Dayton Police Force</td>
<td>1904</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td></td>
<td>Book “History of the Police Department Dayton, OH”</td>
<td>1907, 1952</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td></td>
<td>Policemen/FBI Journal Clippings</td>
<td>Undated</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td></td>
<td>Report of Officer and Record Cards</td>
<td>1925, 1934, 1950</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td></td>
<td>Arrest Record Book</td>
<td>1931-1933</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td></td>
<td>Arrest Record Book</td>
<td>1938-1941</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td></td>
<td>Correspondence</td>
<td>1936-1955</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td></td>
<td>Photographs</td>
<td>1918-1974, Undated</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>Oversized FBI Photographs</td>
<td>1936</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>Scrapbook</td>
<td>1949-1957, Undated</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>