

MS-443, Historic South Park, Incorporated Records

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Title: Historic South Park, Incorporated Records

Dates: 1977-2009 (Bulk 1984-1998)

Creator: Historic South Park, Incorporated

Summary/Abstract:

The Historic South Park, Incorporated Records includes organizational documents, correspondence, newspaper clippings, photographs and physical memorabilia related to the South Park Historic District of Dayton, Ohio, and the group responsible for managing it, Historic South Park, Incorporated, formerly the South Park Improvement Council. The collection documents the organization's actions to regulate, govern and improve the South Park Historic District. Researchers will gain insight into issues facing the District, as well as the group's attempts at keeping it beautiful. Records are incomplete, as fire destroyed nearly all records prior to 1980.

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Acquisition:

The Historic South Park, Incorporated Records were donated to Wright State University Special Collections and Archives by Galen R. Wilson on behalf of the organization, in February of 2010. The donor was acting Treasurer of HSPI, and a long-time member. Additional materials were donated October of 2010.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:

Some VHS tapes and DVD videos are included in the collection, and will need appropriate technology to view.

Related Materials:

MS-400 St. Anne's Hill Historical Society Collection

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Arrangement: Arranged into five series and two subseries:

Series I: Administrative Papers

Series II: Marketing and Events

Series III: Architecture, Infrastructure and Grants

 Subseries IIIA: Architecture and Infrastructure

 Subseries IIIB: Organizational Grants

Series IV: Community Affairs

Series V: Audiovisual and Memorabilia

Biographical/Historical Note:

The South Park District of Dayton has a long and storied history, nearly as long as Dayton itself. Originally woodlands and hunting grounds, its land was first settled in 1796. Colonel Robert Patterson was one of the first to buy land, eventually buying 2,400 acres for a farm named Rubicon. During the War of 1812, South Park was a campground for American troops. When the Miami and Erie Canals were constructed, South Park was home to five boat docks. During most of the 1800s, the South Park area was known as Slidertown, which was nothing more than shacks and ramshackle houses in open areas. In the mid-1880s, John Patterson founded the National Cash Register Company, and built its factory on the Rubicon lands. He ordered the surrounding grounds beautified, followed by the rest of the neighborhood. Patterson suggested the renaming of Slidertown to South Park, which soon became home to thousands of N.C.R. employees. The neighborhood became a pleasant and desirable place to live. Residents built houses in multiple architectural styles, lending to South Park's uniqueness as a Dayton community. Examples of Queen Anne, High Victorian Italianate, Eastlake, and Cottage styles still exist to this day. The South Park Improvement Council (SPIC) was founded in the 1950s to protect these architectural examples and to provide guidance for new residents. The group successfully applied for Historical District status in the early 1980s. SPIC was renamed as the Historic South Park, Incorporated in the early 1990s, and exists to provide guidelines for construction as well as protection of its historical designation.

Scope and Content

The Historic South Park, Incorporated Records document the organization's actions to regulate, govern and improve the South Park Historic District. Researchers will gain insight into issues facing the District, as well as the group's attempts at keeping it beautiful. Records are incomplete, as fire destroyed nearly all records prior to 1980.

Series I, Administrative Papers, documents the weekly dealings of the organization. This series consists mainly of Executive Council and General Assembly meeting minutes, as well as minutes of various other committees. Included as well are the organization's founding Constitution and Bylaws, membership lists, financial documents and incoming and outgoing correspondence. Correspondence is divided into incoming and outgoing, to keep original order of collection.

Series II, Marketing and Events, consists of newsletters produced by South Park and the city of Dayton, newspaper articles and other documents. The majority of this series contains information on South Park's many events, namely their themed Home Tours, Rehabarama and Summerfest events.

Series III, Architecture and Infrastructure, includes files on numerous residences, businesses and landscape initiatives within South Park. It is split into two Subseries, Architecture and Infrastructure, and Organizational Grants. Subseries IIIA contains files on numerous residences, businesses and landscape features (photos and files mostly relating to restoration), Parks Committee meeting minutes, Public Events Committees meeting minutes, and zoning documents along with a wide variety of architecture and landscape planning and documentation. Numerous photos and files of individual residences are contained in this Subseries. Subseries IIIB contains a multitude of organizational grant proposals and paperwork, including grants responsible for the improvement of Blommel Park, the creation of the Tot Lot, and installation of the District's wooden boundary signs. Nearly every community improvement project were funded through these grants.

Series IV, Community Affairs, contains newspaper articles, documents and files relating to the South Park community and Dayton as a whole. This series covers controversies relating to historic architecture guidelines, class conflict issues, and zoning issues. Series IV also provides several historical sketches of South Park, contains the files of the South Park Preservation Works, and several University of Dayton student projects focused on the South Park community.

Series V, Audiovisual and Memorabilia contains numerous pieces of memorabilia containing either HSPI's name or South Park's logo. Media items include a VHS tape, South Park Soliloquy, a DVD copy of South Park's annual "Shakespeare in the Park" theatre show, and a data disc containing scans of two photo albums. Fragile items are separated into a separate box (Box 12).

Subject Terms

Organizations

Historic South Park, Incorporated
South Park Improvement Council

Places

Dayton (Ohio)
South Park Historic District (Ohio)

Subjects (General)

Historic districts.
 Historic buildings--Ohio--Dayton.
 Historic buildings--Conservation and restoration--Ohio--Dayton.

Material Types

Newspaper
 Correspondence
 Photographs
 Blueprints
 Video

Collection Inventory

Series I: Administrative Papers

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	Articles of Incorporation, South Park Improvement Council	1980
	2	Articles of Incorporation, Historic South Park, Inc.	1989
	3	Blank Stationery	Undated
	4	Cat Spay Project	1991
	5	Constitution, Bylaws, Officer and Committee Descriptions	1980, 1984-2004
	6	Correspondence: Incoming	1978-1987
	7	Correspondence: Incoming	1988-1993
	8	Correspondence: Incoming	1994-2005
	9	Correspondence: Outgoing	1978-1987
	10	Correspondence: Outgoing	1988-1991
	11	Correspondence: Outgoing	1992-2004, 2007
	12	Drug Task Force	2001-2003, Undated
	13	Executive Committee Meeting Minutes	1983-1987
2	1	Executive Committee Meeting Minutes	1988-1989
	2	Executive Committee Meeting Minutes	1990-1994
	3	Executive Committee Meeting Minutes	1995-1996
	4	Executive Committee + General Assembly Meeting Minutes (Combined)	1997-2000
	5	Executive Committee + General Assembly Meeting Minutes (Combined)	2001-2003
	6	Executive Committee + General Assembly Meeting Minutes (Combined)	2004-2008
	7	File Plan	Undated

	8	Financials: Check register	1980-1986
	9	Financials: Check registers	1990-1994, 2001-2004
	10	Financials: Check register / account book	1997-2002
	11	Financials: Tax Class 501(c)(3) status	1980-1991, 1995-1996, 2000-2001
	12	Financials: Treasurer's Reports	May 1987-1989
3	1	Financials: Treasurer's Reports	1990-1993
	2	Financials: Treasurer's Reports	1994-1997
	3	Financials: Treasurer's Reports	1998-2008
	4	Funding Committee Meeting Minutes	1989
	5	General Assembly Meeting Minutes	1980-1985
	6	General Assembly Meeting Minutes	1986-1987
	7	General Assembly Meeting Minutes	1988-1989
	8	General Assembly Meeting Minutes	1990-1991
	9	General Assembly Meeting Minutes	1992-1994
	10	General Assembly Meeting Minutes	1995-1996
	11	Housing Inspector	1996-1998
4	1	HSPI Membership Lists	1983-1988, 1991-2005
	2	Neighborhood Watch	1993, 1997
	3	Old South Park (Breakaway group)	2001-2003, Undated
	4	South Park Improvement Council Strategic Plans	Undated
	5	South Park logo	Undated

Series II: Marketing and Events

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Dates</u>
4	6	Art Show Committee Meeting Minutes	1990-1992
	7	Brochure: "Welcome to South Park"	2009
	8	Brochures Produced by City of Dayton	1994, Undated
	9	Brochures & Flyers Produced by HSPI	Undated
	10	"Color Me South Park" Coloring Book	Undated
	11	"Concert in the Park"	Undated
	12	Dinners in the District	Sep 2000
	13	Easter Egg Hunt at South Park Green	1995
	14	"Farewell to Summer" Festival	Undated
	15	Festival of Neighborhoods (Summerfest)	1985-1986, 1993-1997, Undated

	16	“Fun in the Park”	Undated
	17	“Garden and Graves Tour” (Oversize in location 95, file 12)	2003
	18	Garden Tour: South Park Historic District	Jun 1991
	19	<u>Historic Dayton, Vol. 1, # 1,2,3</u>	1983
	20	Historic House and Gardens Tour	1992
	21	HSPI Newsletters	Sep 1996, 1997-2000
5	1	HSPI Newsletters	2001-2003
	2	HSPI Newsletters	2004-2007
	3	“Historic South Park: Portrait of a Community”	2007
	4	Holiday Home Tour (Oversize in location 95, file 12)	1995, 2006, 2009
	5	Home Tour: “1880s Summerfest” (1 st Home Tour)	1981
	6	Home Tour: “2 nd Annual Tour of Homes”	1982
	7	Home Tour: “A Celebration of Continued Success”	1991
	8	Home Tour: “An Old Fashioned Affair” (Oversize in location 95, file 12)	1996
	9	Home Tour: “At Home in South Park”	1987
	10	Home Tour: “Celebration of Restoration	1989
	11	Home Tour: “Christmas in South Park”	1988
	12	Home Tour: HSPI Home Tour (Proposed)	1998
	13	Home Tour: “Old Fashioned Christmas in the City” (Oversize in location 95, file 12) (Memorabilia in Box 12)	1997, 2004-2006
	14	Home Tour: “Painted Ladies” (Oversize in location 95, file 12)	1990-1991
	15	Home Tour: Realtor Sponsored	1998-2000, Undated
	16	Home Tour: “South Park Historic Home Tour”	1993
	17	Home Tour: “South Park Holidays” (Oversize in location 95, file 12)	1999
	18	Home Tour: “South Park Home Tour”	1983
	19	Home Tour: “Tour de Park” (1 of 2)	1994
	20	Home Tour: “Tour de Park” (2 of 2) (Oversize in location 95, file 12)	1994
	21	Home Tour: “Visions of Christmas”	1995
6	1	Jazz Festival	2008
	2	Marketing Committee Files, Meeting Minutes	1985-1988
	3	Marketing Committee Files, Meeting Minutes	1990-1991, 2000-2002
	4	Marketing Strategies for Historic South Park	1981, Undated
	5	Music on the Boulevard	Undated
	6	“Meet the Candidates” Picnic	1978
	7	Newsletter Committee	1994

8	Night Out Against Crime	1995, Undated
9	Open House Tour	1995
10	“Party in the Park”	Undated
11	“Porch, Patio and Deck Party”	Undated
12	Public Events Committee Files	1987-1989, Undated
13	Rehabarama (1 of 2)	2001
14	Rehabarama (2 of 2) (Oversize in location 95, file 12)	2001
15	Shakespeare in South Park : “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” (Oversize in location 95, file 12), (DVD located in box 11)	2009
16	Shakespeare in South Park: “Much Ado About Nothing”	2008
17	South Park: “A Preservation Expo”	1988
18	South Park Cemetery Walks	2002-2009
19	South Park Christmas Bulletin	1992
20	South Park Easter Egg Hunt	1989
21	South Park Holiday Party	1994
22	South Park Journal / Courier Newsletters	1984-1995
23	South Park “Scoop ‘n Stroll” Walking Tour	Undated
24	“The LION’s Roar”	1980
25	Trash and Treasure Sale	1997, 2001, Undated

Series III: Architecture, Infrastructure and Grants

Subseries IIIA: Architecture and Infrastructure

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Dates</u>
7	1	209 Adams St.	Undated
	2	412 Adams St.	Undated
	3	Alley Vacation: Hickory to Morton	1998
	4	American Institute of Architect’s Project	2007
	5	Blommel Park (Oversize in location 95, file 12)	Undated
	6	11 Bonner St., Before/During Renovation	[Early 1980s]
	7	122 – 124 Bonner St.	Undated
	8	205 Bonner St.	Undated
	9	35 Bradford St.	1987, 1994
	10	922 Brown St.	1982-1985, Undated
	11	Brown St. Improvement Project	1987
	12	Brown-Warren Business Assoc. Meeting Minutes	1993-1994
	13	Burns Ave.	Undated
	14	Burns Ave. Gospel Mission	1980-1981, Undated

15	402-404 Burns Ave.	Jan 1988
16	409 Burns Ave., Before/After Restoration	Undated
17	Burns-Jackson Park (South Park Green) Landscape Design (Oversize in location 95, file 12)	1984
18	Burns-Jackson Park (South Park Green) After Renovation	Undated
19	City of Dayton, Department of Planning Maps (Oversize in location 95, file 12)	1987, 1992
20	Daniel & Lisa Campbell's Restoration Work	1987-1988, Undated
21	Daybreak Youth Center	1991-1996, Undated
22	Ecki Building / Kroger Development	2002-2007, Undated
23	26 Garrett St.	Undated
24	301 – 303 Hickory St.	May 3, 1979
25	412 Hickory St.	2004
26	424 Hickory St. (Food Pantry & YWCA)	1995, Undated
27	501 Hickory St.	1978
28	524 Hickory St. (Head Start Center)	Undated
29	Historic Architecture Committee Meeting Minutes	1983
30	121 James St. (Oversize in location 95, file 12)	1992, 1995-1996, Undated
31	309 Johnson St.	Undated
32	Landscapes in Public Areas	1986-1990, Undated
33	Landscape, Tree and Park Plans	1983-1984, 1988, Undated
34	Morton Ave. Brick Restoration Project	1993, 1996, Undated
35	Morton Ave. (Looking North from Hickory)	Undated
36	219 Morton Ave.	Undated
37	246 Morton Ave.	Undated
38	Neighborhood entrance, Alberta at Wyoming	1983
39	Oak Street United Methodist Church	1994, Undated
40	242 Oak St.	Undated
41	654 Oak St. (Oversize in location 95, file 12)	1998, 2001
42	The Other Place	2003, Undated
8	1 Park Dr. & Alberta St.	Undated
	2 Park Dr. Boulevard	Undated
	3 Park Dr. closing at Nathan's Place	1986-1989, Undated
	4 Park Dr. gazebo	1985, Undated
	5 Park Dr. Makeover Committee (Oversize in location 95, file 12)	1986-1990, Undated

	6	Park Dr. "O" Block	Undated
	7	41 Park Dr.	Undated
	8	107 Park Dr.	Undated
	9	110 – 112 Park Dr.	Undated
	10	143 – 145 Park Dr. before/after renovation	Undated
	11	200 Block of Park Dr.	Undated
	12	216 Park Dr.	Undated
	13	228 Park Dr. (DP&L House)	1984, 1986, Undated
	14	248 – 250 Park Dr.	Aug. 4, 1987
	15	303 Park Dr.	Undated
	16	320 Park Dr.	Undated
	17	350 Park Dr.	Undated
	18	357 – 359 Park Dr.	Aug 7, 1995
	19	Parks Committee Files	1987-1989, 1991, Undated
	20	Parks / Gardens Committee Files	1995-2000, Undated
	21	26 Perrine St.	1996
	22	34 Perrine St.	Undated
	23	51 Perrine St.	Undated
	24	202 Perrine St.	Undated
	25	203 Perrine St.	Undated
	26	221 Perrine St.	Undated
	27	Project Genesis Improvement Plan	Undated
	28	Proposed Traffic Plan	1990
	29	Rite Aid (Wayne & Wyoming)	1997-1998, Undated
	30	Rubicon Park Plans	1985, 1995
	31	"Save the Dayton Trolleys for our Neighborhood"	1985
	32	South Park Area Zoning Study	Undated
	33	South Park Business Directory (UD student project)	2000
	34	South Park signs	1980, 1995, 2001
	35	222 E. Stewart St. (Frisch's restaurant)	1995
	36	Stop Sign: Alberta & Adams Streets	1995, 2002
	37	Target Dayton Ministry	2005
	38	Tot Lot fence, design (Oversize in location 95, file 12)	1986, 1998
	39	Tot Lot plantings	Undated
	40	340 Warren St. (Goody's Tavern)	1995
	41	643 Warren St. (Stickle House)	1980
	42	Wayne Avenue Business Association	1980-1986, 1989, Undated
9	1	Wayne / Xenia Ave. Commercial Revitalization Plan	Undated
	2	901 Wayne Ave.	1981

3	910 Wayne Ave. (Richie's Sunoco – liquor license)	1995-1996, Undated
4	1101 Wayne Ave. (Pizza Factory)	Undated
5	1301 Wayne Ave. (Skinner's Tavern reuse)	1995-1996, Undated
6	1315 Wayne Ave.	1995

Subseries IIIB: Organizational Grants

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Dates</u>
9	7	Capital Improvement Program Grant	1981, 1983, 1987
	8	Capital Improvement Program Grant	1990, 1994, 1997
	9	Capital Improvement Program Grant	1998, 2000, Undated
	10	Community Reinvestment Plan	1979-1983, Undated
	11	Dayton Foundation Grant	1986-1987
	12	Friends of Dayton Fund	1985
	13	Neighbor-to-Neighbor Grant	1985-1989
	14	Neighborhood Initiatives Program	1980, 1983-1986
	15	Neighborhood Initiatives Program	1988-1994
	16	Neighborhood Initiatives Program (Blommel Park, Tot Lot equipment, South Park Green Mural)	1997-1998
	17	Neighborhood Initiatives Program (Tot Lot fence, wooden boundary signs)	2000-2002, Undated
	18	Neighborhood Marketing Grant	1994-1996, 1998
	19	Neighborhood Partnership Grant	1989
	20	Neighborhood Renaissance Grant	1992
	21	South Park Grant Proposal (UD student project)	2000
	22	Various Grant accounts / balances	1987

Series IV: Community Affairs

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Dates</u>
9	23	"A Cry for Justice"	Undated
	24	Bank One Historic Restoration Mortgage Loan	Undated
	25	Board of Zoning Appeals	1979-1983, 1986, 1993-1996
	26	City of Dayton Landmarks Commission : South Park	1990-1991, 1995-1996, 1999
10	1	"Class Conflict in Dayton's South Park Neighborhood"	Oct. 25, 1995
	2	Cliburn Manor Concerns	2001, 2004-2005,

3	Controversy about house appearance rules	Undated
4	David Esrati's City Commission run	1987, 1991
5	Dayton Area Board of Realtors	1995
		1981-1988,
		Undated
6	Dayton Mayor's Walks through South Park	1997-1998, 2004
7	"Dayton Update"	1987-1988
8	DP&L gas regulator relocation	1983
9	Eastway Community Mental Health Center	1978-1981, 1983
10	Future Planning Documents	1983-1984, 1997-2000, 2005
11	Historical Sketches (South Park history)	1922, 1994,
		Undated
12	Historic District Controversies	1977-1978, 1988,
		Undated
13	Historic District Status	1977-1981, 1987,
		Undated
14	Historic Preservation Guidelines	1979
15	Home Improvement Tips	1985, 1987
16	Huffman & Oregon District newspaper articles	Undated
17	Leadership in Building Communities (UD student project)	2000
18	Needs Assessment sent to Southeast Priority Board	1986-1990, 1993-1997
19	Neighborhood Profile	Undated
20	Photo Album scans from Margaret Berk Hough (Photo CD located in Box 11)	ca. 1931-1937
21	South Park gate theft	1995
22	"South Park Neighborhood Staging Comeback"	April 13-14, 1981
23	South Park Preservation Works	1983-1988, 1995,
		Undated
24	South Park Profiles from <u>Dayton Daily News</u>	1979-1980, 1988-1996, 2002-2008
25	South Park restoration newspaper articles	1978, 1981
26	South Park Social Capital	1998, 2000
27	<i>South Park Soliloquy</i> (VHS in Box 11. Video is on the Historic South Park web site at http://www.historicsouthpark.org/south-park-soliloquy-still-resonates-13-years-later/ and on YouTube.)	1997
28	"The French Toast was Burnt"	2009

Series V: Audiovisual and Memorabilia

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Dates</u>
11	1	Disc containing Hough photo album and Unger photo	ca. 1931-1939,

		album	Undated
	2	Shakespeare in South Park: A Midsummer Night's Dream DVD	2009
	3	"South Park: Building a Future of the Past" banner	Undated
	4	"South Park: Building a Future of the Past" keychain	Undated
	5	South Park Historic District ballpoint pens	Undated
	6	South Park Historic District paint stirrers	Undated
	7	South Park Historic District window clings	Undated
	8	South Park Soliloquy VHS tape	1997
12	1	South Park Improvement Council rulers	Undated
	2	South Park ceramic logo	Undated
	3	South Park Home Tour glass ornaments	1997