

MS-473, The Harvey Dressler Collection

Collection Number: MS-473

Title: Harvey Dressler Collection

Dates: 1896-1966

Creator: Dressler, Harvey, 1887-1926

Summary/Abstract:

Harvey Dressler was a civil engineer in the Dayton area owning the firm of Cellarius and Dressler Engineering. The Harvey Dressler Collection consists of correspondence, photographs, maps, books, and other documents related to Harvey Dressler, his wife Florence Bremberger Dressler, and daughter Mary Dressler Stansell.

Quantity/Physical Description: 1.5 linear feet

Language(s): English, French, German

Repository:

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Related Material:

MS-77 Osborn Removal Company Records

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Arrangement:

The collection is organized into 3 series.

Series I: Personal Information.

Series II: Books /Yearbooks.

Series III: Maps.

Biographical/Historical Note

Harvey Dressler was born in 1887 in the Dayton area. He graduated from Steele High School on September 27, 1905. He attended Ohio State University where he was a military cadet serving in Company F. He married fellow Dayton resident Florence Bremberger on September 16, 1919. Mr. Dressler was a civil engineer and owned his own engineering firm, Cellarius and Dressler Engineering. He mainly worked in the Fairborn area and on facilities at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. One notable project that Dressler was involved in was designing a new location for the city of Osborn, Ohio in 1921. Dressler also served in the United States Army during WWI enlisting on April 25, 1918. He was part of the Ohio 308th Regiment of Engineers, A Company that fought in three major operations from July 26 to November 11. These operations were the Aisne to Marne, Oise to Aisne, and the Meuse to Argonne operations. Harvey Dressler died in 1926. He was survived by his wife Florence and daughters Mary Dressler Stansell and Dorothy.

Scope and Content

The Harvey Dressler Collection is about the Dressler family, predominantly about Florence Bremberger Dressler. The collection consists of correspondence, photographs, books and yearbooks, maps, and newspaper clippings of Harvey Dressler, Florence Bremberger Dressler, and Mary Dressler Stansell. Within each series, the collection is ordered chronologically.

Series 1, Personal Information, contains correspondence, educational documents, photographs, financial and legal documents, newspaper clippings, and travel documents such as correspondence that Harvey Dressler sent to his wife Florence. Legal documents include property records of the Dressler family. In addition there are newspaper clippings of Mary Dressler Stansell's wedding announcements and her visit to a relative. Travel documents record Harvey Dressler's travels through France and Germany. The date span is from 1896 to 1966.

Series II, Books and Yearbooks, contains books, scrapbooks, and yearbooks such as the *With the Ohio 308th Engineers From Ohio to the Rhine and Back* and *U.S. Official Pictures of the World War*. The date span is from 1909 to 1923.

Series III, Maps, contains travel maps that Harvey Dressler collected while he travelled through France and Germany after World War I. The maps are in French and German and are dated from May to June 1919.

Subject Terms

Persons/Families

Dressler, Harvey, 1887-1926

Dressler, Florence Bremberger, 1890-1974

Stansell, Mary Dressler, 1920-2012

Organizations/Corporate Names

Cellarius and Dressler Engineering

United States. Army. Corps of Engineers. Regiment, 308th

Places

Dayton (Ohio)
 Osborn (Ohio) -- History
 France -- Maps
 Germany --Maps

Subjects (General)

Civil Engineering -- Ohio

Material Types

Correspondence
 Photographs
 Books
 Maps

Occupations

Civil Engineer

Collection Inventory

Series I		Personal Information	
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	Correspondence	1908-1966
	2	Educational Documents	1898-1917
	3	Wedding Announcements	August 1948
	4	Mary Dressler Stansell meeting relative	April 1951
	5	Photographs of Florence Dressler	1919
2	1	Financial Documents	1909-1965
	2	Legal Documents	1896-1966
	3	Travel Documents	1918-1926
	4	Class Photograph	undated
	5	Company F, O.S.U. Cadets First Prize Photograph, Military photograph	undated
Series II		Books/Yearbooks	
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
3	1	West-Minister Dictionary	1898
	2	English Notebook	1905-1908
	3	<i>Follow Me</i> , R. Neumann	1908

4	1	<i>Makie, Junior Class of Ohio State University</i>	1909
	2	Bible	1910
	3	<i>With the Ohio 308th Engineers From Ohio to the Rhine and Back, 308th Engineers Veterans Association</i>	1917-1919, 1923
5	1	<i>U.S. Official Pictures of the World War, William Emoore, James Crussell</i>	1920
Series III		Maps	
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
6	1	France and her colonies	May-June 1919
7	1	City of Coblenz, Germany (German)	May-June 1919
	2	Coblenz, Germany (German)	May-June 1919
	3	Cologne, Germany to Coblenz, Germany (French)	May-June 1919
	4	Lyon, France (French)	May-June 1919
	5	Map of Germany (French)	May-June 1919
	6	Map for automobiles and cyclists of Northern France (French)	May-June 1919
	7	Map of France and colonies (French)	May-June 1919
	8	Northeast France, automobiles and cyclists (French)	May-June 1919