

MS-498, Oregon Historic District Society Records

Collection Number: MS-498

Title: Oregon Historic District Society Records

Dates: 1921-2014 (bulk 1970-2014)

Creator: Oregon Historic District Society (Dayton, Ohio)

Summary/Abstract:

The Oregon Historic District Society was formed in 1973. The constitution for the society reads, in part, "To create a sense of community; to help make neighborhood life secure and comfortable; to establish an atmosphere in which to live, work and recreate ourselves." This collection contains administrative paperwork, photograph slides, compact discs, DVDs, newspaper articles, tour pamphlets, maps, licenses, permits, zoning issues, parking issues and neighborhood rehabilitation plans.

Quantity/Physical Description: 12.1 linear feet

Language(s): English

Repository:

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Acquisition:

Amelia O'Dowd, from the Oregon Historical District Society, donated these materials to the Wright State University Special Collections and Archives May 2014.

Accruals: Further accruals are expected.

Alternative Form Available:

High resolution electronic files created from the slides of neighborhood homes in Series IV are available in the e-Archives (ms498_e0001 through ms498_e0047).

Separated Material:

Separated material includes two large scrapbooks containing newspaper articles, a DVD entitled *Oregon Stories* was catalogued, showcasing local homes and residents of the Oregon Historical District, and oversize items which consists of one photograph, blueprints, maps, and artist renderings of local homes and future rehabilitation plans.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:

A computer will be required to view the high-resolution images of neighborhood homes in Series IV. A light-box will be necessary to view the slides.

Related Material:

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

Notes:

Oversized scrapbook 1 (with the blue label on the front cover) measured 25 inches tall, 20 inches wide, and 2 inches thick at its largest bulge. Scrapbook 2 (with no label on the front cover) measured 25 inches tall, 20 inches wide, and 1 and one-half inches thick at its largest point. The scrapbooks are stored off site.

Processing Information:

Two small scrapbooks of newspaper articles were in very poor condition. The scrapbooks were taken apart and the articles were integrated with the newspaper articles.

Processed by:

Finding aid written according to DACS standards by Nina Herzog and Michael Moss, April 2015.

Arrangement: The collection is arranged into five series:

Series I: Administration, 1962-2012

Series II: General Information, 1966-2003

Series III: Tours, 1973-2009

Series IV: Audio/Visual, 1866-1999

Series V: General Dayton History, 1969-1999

Biographical/Historical Note:

The first meeting of the Organization for the Burns-Jackson Area was held September 12, 1973. Twelve of those present were then residents of the area – the remainder, prospective residents or interested parties. By the conclusion of the second meeting two weeks later, the group had voted to call themselves the Oregon Historic District Society, adopted a constitution, elected trustees and voted to file Articles of Incorporation. Their constitution read in part: "To create a sense of community; to help make neighborhood life secure and comfortable; to establish an atmosphere in which to live, work and recreate ourselves." Each year the Oregon Historic District Society

sponsors a tour of homes and business buildings in the area in an effort to acquaint others with what the community has accomplished.

The Oregon Historic District is a celebration of the history of Dayton through the evidence of its architectural heritage. In 1810, Dayton was a small community of 383 persons living on the banks of the Great Miami River. There was no Oregon, no Miami-Erie Canal, just a meandering gully to the east where the canal would eventually be constructed. This gully flowed south from the Mad River to a point just below the town where it joined the Great Miami. The only establishment east of here was a sawmill located near East Fifth and Wyandot Streets. South of this, near East Sixth Street, was a sawmill ground.

Wide diversification of architectural styles and life styles in such a small area is one of the most intriguing aspects of Oregon. The origin of the name Oregon is remote and uncertain. It appears in local histories and early newspapers, as of March 11, 1845, when David Z. Pierce placed an ad in the Dayton Journal & Advertiser which read in part "I have laid out and offered for sale on terms to suit purchasers, 80 desirable building lots on that part of the city known as Oregon". This seems an excellent indication that the area had been known as Oregon for some time before this date.

Oregon was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1974. The District today consists of twelve city blocks bounded on the north by Fifth Street, on the east by Wayne Avenue, on the south by the Route 35 Expressway and on the west by Patterson Boulevard, once the site of part of the Miami-Erie Canal. The construction of the expressway established the final definitive boundary of Dayton's oldest neighborhood as it exists today.

The Oregon District itself is home to historic houses, restaurants, bars, and locally owned retail shops. Oregon also has a rich tradition of supporting artists in all forms, from traditional paint and canvas artisans to musicians. Small art galleries and artist showcases have become a mainstay within the Oregon District.

Scope and Content

The Oregon Historic District is a celebration of the history of Dayton through the evidence of its architectural heritage. Organized in 1973, the Oregon Historic District Society is dedicated to preserving that heritage. This collection contains an array of items, including administrative paperwork, newspaper articles, pamphlets, and digital photos of homes to display the historic architecture, event flyers for home and garden tours, and two large scrapbooks containing newspaper articles. The administrative paperwork contains information pertaining to a wide assortment of topics from society meeting minutes to liquor license requests and parking permit issues. The newspaper articles cover a wide variety of subjects, all of which are centered on the Oregon Historic District. This collection is organized into five series.

Series I, Administration, contains the administrative records for the society. These include membership lists, newsletters, parking permits, liquor licenses, businesses, churches and community events. Of note are the legal issues for the district on parking permits and liquor licenses. Of special interest is the history of this specific section of Dayton.

Series II, General Information, contains newspaper articles and scrapbooks about historic building perseverance and newspaper clippings on the Oregon Historic District. The newspaper clippings date from 1966 to 2007. Anyone researching battles between residents and bars will find this series helpful.

Series III, Tours, contains souvenir booklets of home tours. Every year, since the beginning of the society in 1973, tours of homes and gardens within the district have taken place. Of note are the specialty Christmas Candlelight and Garden excursions.

Series IV, Audio-Visual, houses the audio-visual materials for the collection. There are slides taken of the houses at different time periods. The slides were professionally digitized at a high resolution. The scans are available on the e-Archives. Of note, are the few slides of the floods in the 1800s and of the 1913 flood. Also in the collection is the DVD, *Oregon Stories*.

Series V, General Dayton History, contains a few items on general Dayton history including pamphlets, newspaper articles, and some administrative paperwork. Newspaper articles pertaining to the 1913 flood and Dayton's rich aviation heritage are among the most prominent items within this series.

Subject Terms:

Organizations/Corporate Names

Burns-Jackson Historical Society (Dayton, Ohio)

Oregon Historic District Society (Dayton, Ohio)

Places

Dayton (Ohio)

Dayton (Ohio) – Buildings, structures, etc.

Dayton (Ohio) – History

Dayton (Ohio) -- Description -- Views

Subjects (General)

City planning -- Ohio -- Dayton

Historic districts – Conservation and restoration – Ohio—Dayton

Historic districts – United States – Ohio –Planning

Historic districts – Ohio – Dayton

Architecture – Ohio -- Dayton

Material Types

Correspondence

Business Records

Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)

Slides (Photography)

Compact discs

Parking Permits

Liquor Licenses

Collection Inventory

Series I		Administration, 1962-2012	
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	Records of Burns-Jackson Association	1972-1973
	2	Articles of Incorporation	1973 Oct. 17
	3	Constitution	1975-2014 (scattered)
	4	Burns-Jackson Plan	1966, 1972, 1973
	5	Burns-Jackson: The Village of Dayton	1966 Sep.
	6	Burns-Jackson Restoration Brochure	Circa 1970
	7	Bertrand-Goldberg Associates	1962-1966
	8	Phase I Burns-Jackson Financial Projections	1966 Nov. 4
	9	German Village Manual	1969 Sep.
	10	Early History of the Oregon District	1993, 1996, 2008
	11	Burns-Jackson Conflict of Interest	1973
	12	Oregon Restoration Loan Program	Undated
	13	Burns-Jackson Zoning Texts and Amendments	1972 Jun.-Jul.
	14	Proclamation	1974 Oct. 3
	15	Demolition/Restoration	1981 May 19, 1982 Mar. 29
	16	Restoration Schedule for Various Structures	1983 Oct. 1
	17	Maps and Guides (see oversize location 135 file 4)	1988, 1994
	18	Oregon Historic District Plan	1975 May
2	1	Neighborhood Revitalization Proposal	1980 Feb. 5
	2	Neighborhood Development Plan	1980 Apr.
	3	Strategic Planning Retreat	2005
	4	5 th Street Plans	1992
	5	Improvement Task Force	2007
	6	Oregon District Rehabilitation Projects	1988, 2003, 2008
	7	Historic Rehabilitation Guidelines	1978, 1979
	8	Neighborhood Needs Statements	1993-1995
	9	5 th Street Corridor Terra Cotta Component Plan	1991 Dec.
	10	Oregon Business District Community Master Plan	1992 Jan.
	11	List of Early Property Owners	Undated
	12	House Histories	1974-1992 (scattered)
	13	Photos of Homes within the Oregon District	Undated
	14	Housing Code Enforcement	2011
	15	Real Estate Listings	1988, 1996-1997
3	1	Administrative Minutes and Correspondence	1973 Aug.-Dec.

	2	Administrative Minutes and Correspondence	1974 Jan. 9-Nov. 13
	3	Administrative Minutes and Correspondence	1975 Jan. 15-Dec. 17
	4	Administrative Minutes and Correspondence	1976 Jan.-Nov.
	5	Administrative Minutes and Correspondence	1977 Mar. 16-1978 Nov. 15
	6	Administrative Minutes and Correspondence	1978 Jun. 17-Nov. 13
	7	Administrative Minutes and Correspondence	1978 Dec. 5-1979 Oct. 4
	8	Administrative Minutes and Correspondence	1979 Feb. 6 – Dec. 19
4	1	Administrative Minutes and Correspondence	1979 Dec. 19-1980 May 4
	2	Administrative Minutes and Correspondence	1980 May 5-Dec.
	3	Administrative Minutes and Correspondence	1981 Jan.-Nov.
	4	Administrative Minutes and Correspondence	1982 Jan.-Nov.
	5	Administrative Minutes and Correspondence	1983-1984
	6	Administrative Minutes and Correspondence	1984 May 16-1985 Nov. 13
	7	Administrative Minutes and Correspondence	1986 Jan. 8-1987 Nov. 30
	8	Administrative Minutes and Correspondence	1988 Feb. 9-1990 Nov. 30
5	1	Administrative Minutes and Correspondence	1991 Jan. 8-Dec. 12
	2	Administrative Minutes and Correspondence	1992 Jan. 14-Dec.
	3	Administrative Minutes and Correspondence	1992 May 12-1994 Dec. 17
	4	Administrative Minutes and Correspondence	1993 Jan. 12-1994 Apr. 23
	5	Administrative Minutes and Correspondence	1995-1996
	6	Administrative Minutes and Correspondence	1998-1999
	7	Administrative Minutes and Correspondence	2000
	8	Administrative Minutes and Correspondence	2001
	9	Administrative Minutes and Correspondence	2002
	10	Administrative Minutes and Correspondence	2003
6	1	Administrative Minutes and Correspondence	2004
	2	Administrative Minutes and Correspondence	2005
	3	Administrative Minutes and Correspondence	2006
	4	Administrative Minutes and Correspondence	2007

	5	Administrative Minutes and Correspondence	2008-2010
	6	Administrative Minutes and Correspondence	2011-2014
	7	Meeting Agenda	2005
	8	Keynote Address to Annual Meeting	Undated
	9	Treasurers Reports	2001-2013
	10	Committee Structure	2001, 2006
7	1	Historic Architecture Committee Minutes	1978-1979
	2	Historic Architecture Committee Minutes	1980-1981
	3	Membership	1995-2010 (scattered)
	4	Membership Lists	1973-1996, 2005
	5	Membership Directories	1996-2009 (bulk 2000-2009)
8	1	Newsletters	1974 Mar. 7-1982 Nov.
	2	Newsletters	1983 Jan.-1993 Sep.
	3	Newsletters	1993 Oct.-2013 Nov.
	4	City Information	2008-2009
	5	Welcome Packets	2005
	6	Community Dialogs	2006, 2007
	7	Neighborhood Watch	1998
	8	Parks	2006, 2009
	9	Newcom Park	1984
9	1	Event Flyers	1970-2005
	2	Oregon Spring Market	1984 May 20
	3	Annual Dinner	2000-2009 (scattered)
	4	Alley Sweep	2002-2009
	5	Picnics	2002-2003, 2012
	6	Monte Carlo Nights	2001, 2003
	7	30 th Anniversary Gala	2002
	8	4 th of July Parade	2003, 2005
	9	Halloween	1980s-2000s
	10	Neighborhood Yard Sale	Circa 2000s
	11	Fundraising	2004, 2005, 2007
	12	“The Oregon Historic District a Place to Live...A Place to Work” Brochure	Circa 1990s
	13	Neighborhood/ Business Course of Action	1982
	14	Test Your Oregon I.Q.	Circa 1977
	15	Landscaping	1982, 1983

	16	Birds	2006
	17	Street Resurfacing	1992
	18	Canal Street Flagpole	1991
	19	Street Lighting	1981-1982, 1986
	20	The New Light Run – Street Light Fundraiser	2007
	21	Police Reports	2003-2005
10	1	Parking Permits – General	1921-2000 (scattered)
	2	Permit Parking	1980-1999
	3	Parking and Amenities Plan	2000
	4	Parking	1995-2001
	5	Parking Newspaper Clippings	1982, 1995, 1996
11	1	Permit Policy and Issues	1982-2007 (bulk 2000-2007)
	2	Battles – 5 th Street Wine and Deli	2005-2007
	3	Legal Cases – Inn Por Divino	2009-2011
	4	Dry/Wet Issues	1980-2000
	5	Local Option Election Petitions	2011
	6	Goldfiles/World of Wines Liquor Permits	1994, 2011
	7	300 Wayne Avenue Liquor Licenses	1992, 1994
12	1	Zoning – 11 Brown Street	1998
	2	11 Brown Street	1990s-2000s
	3	T.B. Hopkins	1977, 1979
	4	Sloopy's	1993, 1994
	5	Ribsters	1994, 1995
	6	Pacchia	1994
	7	Fred and Sylvia's Tavern	1986, 1993, 1994
	8	The Nite Owl	1974, 1981, 1983
	9	5 th Street Wine and Deli	2006, undated
	10	Crate Crepe	1977
	11	Coco's	1998 Apr.
	12	Bumpers	1993 Sep.
	13	Ned Peppers	1994-2005 (bulk 2003-2005)
	14	Tumbleweed	1977 Mar.
	15	Trolleystop	1891, 1982, 1984
13	1	Thai-9	2002
	2	Hummer's	1993-1994
	3	Urban King	1995, undated
	4	White Tower	1966, 1981
	5	Baseball Stadium	1997

	6	Businesses	1991, 1998, 1999
	7	Businesses	1980s-1990s (scattered)
	8	Sign – 633 Wayne Avenue Bank One	1994 Nov.
	9	Sign – 101 Pine Street	1994 May, Jun.
	10	Southeast Priority Board	2005
	11	Issues and Battles	1982, 1997, 2006
	12	The Oregon District Business Association	2005-2006
14	1	Churches	1980-1981
	2	Central Christian Church	1975-1990 (scattered)
	3	29 Brown Street Church	1986, 1994-1995
	4	29 Brown Street Church	1996-1997
	5	29 Brown Street Church	1998
	6	29 Brown Street Church	1999
	7	29 Brown Street Church	2000-2002
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		1 Green Street Church Plans	1981 Oct.
Series II		General Information 1966-2003	
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
		Publications	
15	1	Oregon Stories	2002
	2	Historic Preservation in Inner City Areas	1971
	3	Our Favorite Recipes	1995
		News Clippings	
16	1	Newspaper Clippings	1966
	2	Newspaper Clippings	1967
	3	Newspaper Clippings	1968
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	8	Newspaper Clippings	1974
	9	Newspaper Clippings	1975
	10	Newspaper Clippings	1976
	11	Newspaper Clippings	1977
	12	Newspaper Clippings	1978
	13	Newspaper Clippings	1979
	14	Newspaper Clippings	1980

	15	Newspaper Clippings	1981
	16	Newspaper Clippings	1982
17	1	Newspaper Clippings	1983
	2	Newspaper Clippings	1984
	3	Newspaper Clippings	1985
	4	Newspaper Clippings	1986
	5	Newspaper Clippings	1987
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	7	Newspaper Clippings	1989
	8	Newspaper Clippings	1990-1995
	9	Newspaper Clippings	1996-1999
	10	Newspaper Clippings	2000-2003
	11	Newspaper Clippings	2004-2007
	12	Newspaper Clippings	Undated
	13	Newspaper Clippings	Undated
		Scrapbooks	
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	6	See Oversize Location 135	1970s-2000s
Series III		Tours 1973-2009	
18	1	Oregon Historical Village	1973 Jun. 24
	2	1 st Annual Dayton Heritage Tour	1974 Oct. 6
	3	2 nd Annual Dayton Heritage Tour	1975 Oct. 5
	4	3 rd Annual Dayton Heritage Tour	1976 Oct. 3
	5	4 th Annual Dayton Heritage Tour	1977 Oct. 2
	6	5 th Annual Dayton Heritage Tour	1978 Jun. 17-18
	7	6 th Annual Dayton Heritage Tour	1979 Sep. 30
	8	7 th Annual Dayton Heritage Tour	1980 Oct. 5
	9	8 th Annual Dayton Heritage Tour	1981 Oct. 4
	10	9 th Annual Dayton Heritage Tour	1982 Oct. 3
	11	10 th Annual Dayton Heritage Tour	1983 Oct. 2
	12	11 th Annual Dayton Heritage Tour	1984 Sep.
19	1	Holiday Open House	1986 Dec.
	2	15 Year Celebration House Tour	1987
	3	Heritage Tour	1989
	4	Candlelight Home Tour	1992
	5	Home Tours	1993
	6	Christmas Tour	1984
	7	Home Tours	1995
	8	Holiday Candlelight Tour	1996
	9	Holiday Candlelight Tour	1997

	10	25 th Anniversary Tour	1998
	11	Garden Tour	1998
	12	Annual Holiday Tour	1999
	13	Annual Holiday Tour	2000 Dec.
	14	Holiday Candlelight Tour	2001
	15	Holiday Candlelight Tour	2002 Mar. 15
	16	Holiday Candlelight Tour	2003
	17	Holiday Candlelight Tour	2005 Dec.
	18	Holiday Candlelight Tour	2012
	19	Holiday Candlelight Tour	2011 Dec.
	20	Self-Guided Walk Tour	1994
	21	Tours – General Information	Undated
	22	Tours – Newspaper Articles	1973, 1977, 1980
	23	Dayton Heritage Tour	1975, 1979
	24	Garden Tours	1998, 2001, 2013
	25	Holiday Tour	2000, 2001, 2009
	26	Tour Ribbons	Undated
		Oversize Location 135 File 3	
		Tour Posters	1980, 1983, 1992
Series IV		Audio/Visual 1866-1998	
20	1	House Slides	1970s
	2	Flood	1866, 1913
21		House Slides	1970s
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23		House Slides	1980s, 1990s
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		General Dayton Photograph	undated
		E-Archive	
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ms498_e0012	Green St. Series Part 3, from slides & negatives	1973
ms498_e0013	Green St. Series Part 1	1983
ms498_e0014	Green St. Series Part 2, 1988 Part 2	1983, 1988
ms498_e0015	Green St. Series Part 1	1998
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ms498_e0020	Hess St. Series, from slides & negatives	1973, 1983
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ms498_e0033	E. Sixth St. Series	1988
ms498_e0034	E. Sixth St. Series	1998
ms498_e0035	S. Patterson Blvd. Series	1973, 1983, 1988, 1998
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ms498_e0040	Van Buren St. Series Part 1 from slides & negatives	1973
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ms498_e0044_b	Cass St., Clay St. E. 5th St., E. 6th St., Pine, Patterson Blvd, Tecumseh St., Van Buren St.	2003
ms498_e0045_a	Wayne Ave, Abram St, Gates St., Jackson St., Trimbach Ln., Jefferson St, Newcom Park, Canal Park, Hess St., Brown St.	2003
ms498_e0045	Wayne Ave, Abram St, Gates St., Jackson St.,	2003

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ms498_e0046_a		Jones St., Green St., Alley Views	2003
ms498_e0046_b		Jones St., Green St., Alley Views	2003
ms498_e0047		Oregon in 2003-Van Buren, Tecumseh, E. Sixth, Clay St.	2003
Series V	General Dayton History 1969-1987		
24	1	Souvenir of Daytonia	Undated
	2	Seely's Ditch	1969
	3	Gem City Saver	1972,1975
	4	Historic Architecture	1977,1979-1980
	5	Neighborhood Maps	1987 Aug.
	6	Publications- General Dayton History	Undated