

MS-503: Noah Elwood Weaver Photograph Albums

Collection Number: MS-503

Title: Noah Elwood Weaver Photograph Albums

Dates: 1908-1937

Creator: Weaver, Noah Elwood, 1885-1973

Summary/Abstract:

This collection consists of five photo albums documenting the Weaver/Eicher families, during the early part of the twentieth century, including family vacations, recreation, and other aspects of their daily lives in the Miami Valley Region of Ohio and more specifically the town of West Carrollton.

Quantity/Physical Description: 1 linear foot (5 photo albums) and 3.08 GB

Language(s): English

Repository:

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Alternative Form Available:

Scanned images of photographs from the albums, provided by the donor Thomas Weaver, can be found in the E-Archive.

Acquisition:

The Noah Elwood Weaver Photograph Album collection was accessioned May 26, 2015, into the Wright State University Special Collections and Archives. The collection was donated by Dr. Thomas Glessner Weaver, grandson of Noah Elwood Weaver.

Related Material:

MS-92: Wallace Family Papers

MS-256: Gebhart Family Papers, 1794-1930

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Arrangement:

The albums are numbered and arranged chronologically, with one album per box.

Biographical/Historical Note:

Noah Elwood Weaver was born February 26, 1885, on the 110 acre family farm, Section 3 Miami Township, above Miamisburg, Ohio, on Bindery Hill Road. Because his father shared the same name, Noah became known as “Elwood.” In his early years he worked as a clerk for the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railroad (C. H. & D.) freight office. He then worked as a clerk and stenographer for National Cash Register (NCR). He married Edna Eicher in August of 1909 and the couple had their only child, Paul Henry, in December of 1910. Prior to marriage, Edna Eicher was a school teacher in the town of Alexandersville, OH. The Eicher farm was located in Miami Township, Montgomery County, Ohio, on the property where Cox Arboretum of the Five Rivers MetroParks sits today.

After settling in West Carrollton, Weaver worked as a clerk and accountant for the Friend Paper Company and American Envelope through the 1920s. Through the 1930s and 1940’s he was an accountant at the Miamisburg Paper Company. Many of Weaver’s photographs reflect where he worked, lived, and raised his family. Other photographs featured in this collection relate to the family’s travels and vacations all over the U.S. Also of interest are Ohio State University photographs of when Paul Henry Weaver attended college there in the late 1920’s. Other photographs of note are those chronicling a visit to the Mansfield Reformatory where the film “Shawshank Redemption” was filmed. Noah Elwood Weaver died in 1973.

Scope and Content

This collection is a great resource for the time period of about 1900-1940, as it illustrates what life was like in an average American town and how a middle-class family in the early 20th century lived. Because of the numerous vacation and travel photos the researcher will also see great examples of automobile travel, e.g., roadside rests, monuments, and other attractions.

Each album also contains a printed inventory, provided by the donor. These lists describe the people, place, and date of each photograph in that album.

Album 1, dated 1908 to 1910, includes photographs of the Great Miami River, the Eicher family farm, the courtship of Noah and Edna Weaver, the Paul Farm, the Weaver farm in Miamisburg, OH, the Dayton Fairgrounds, and NCR.

Album 2, dated about 1909 to 1919, contains personal family photos of Noah and Edna Weaver and their son Paul Henry Weaver as a child. During this period, they lived on Main Street in West Carrollton. Other photos document trips to Clifton Gorge, the Eicher homestead in Miami Township, Mansfield Reformatory and Holes Creek, Miami Township.

Album 3, dated 1927 to 1928, is primarily a travel album of the Weaver family and their journeys across the U.S.

Album 4, dated 1928, has photos from the West Carrollton High School graduation in 1928, photographs of Paul Henry Weaver and also several images of West Carrollton locales. The album also covers travel through the southern U.S. states of Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, and Virginia.

Album 5, dated 1932 to 1937, highlights The Ohio State University's campus and Columbus, OH, during the period of time Paul Henry Weaver attended college there. Also in the album are images of Findlay and Cleveland, Ohio, and trips through Pennsylvania, New York, West Virginia, and Virginia.

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Subject Terms

Persons/Families

Beiresdorter (Brandt), Rebecca 1859-1941
Brandt, Mary Finke
Click, Emma Brandt, 1863-1913
Eicher, Charles Albert, 1883-1951
Eicher, Emma Esther, 1875-1962
Eicher, Emma E., 1975-1961
Eicher, Ethel Elizabeth "Betty," 1913-1992
Eicher, Helena, 1855-
Eicher, Henry, 1845- 1933
Eicher, William Henry "Billy," 1927-2006
Eshbaugh, Ida Marie, 1890-1970
Hanson, Josephine Katherine Brandt, 1866-1945
Paul Amelia "Mary" Louisa Brandt, 1824-1911
Paul, George, 1824-1870
Paul, Walter, 1898-1966
Peffley, Harley
Peffley, Cora
Shade, Joseph Walter, 1883-1942
Shade, Jennie Mae, 1880-1928
Reichelderter, 1920-2009
Roehm, Thomas Edward, 1895-1980
Roehm, Lucinda Gladys Cotterman, 1901-1993
Weaver, Edna Eicher, 1885-1942
Weaver, Hattie Weaver
Weaver, Noah Elwood, 1885-1973
Weaver, Paul Henry, 1910- 1982

Organizations/Corporate Names

American Envelope Company
Miamisburg Paper Company
Friend Paper Company
National Cash Register Company

Places

Dayton (OH)
Miamisburg (OH)
West Carrollton (OH)
Miami Township (OH)
Mansfield Reformatory
Findlay (OH)
The Ohio State University
Washington, D.C.
Mt. Vernon – George Washington’s Home
Kentucky
Clifty Falls (IN)
Washington and Lee University (VA)
University of Virginia (UVA)

Subjects (General)

Paper Mill
Travel
Vacation
Automobiles
College
Courting Rituals
Babies
High School Graduation
Wedding
Christmas
Snow
Winter

Material Types

Photograph Albums

Collection Inventory

<u>Box</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	Album 1 For digitized content, see ms503_e0002: WeaverNE1908-10SmallBlackAlbum	1908-1910
2	Album 2 For digitized content, see ms503_e0001: WeaverNE 1909- 1917-100pages BrownLeatherAlbumNElwoodWeaver	circa 1909-1919?
3	Album 3 For digitized content, see ms503_e0002: WeaverNoahElwoodPhotoArchiveAlbum1927-28	1927-1928
4	Album 4 For digitized content, see ms503_e0002: 1928WeaverNESmallBlackPhotoAlbum	1928
5	Album 5 For digitized content, see ms503_e0002: WeaverNE1932-37 10 x 13BlackLargeFormatAlbum	1932-1937