

MS-527: Shirley Russell Coen Fairview High School Class of 1945 Collection

Collection Number: MS-527

Title: Shirley Russell Coen Fairview High School Class of 1945 Collection

Dates: 1943-2016

Creator: Coen, Shirley Russell

Summary/Abstract:

The collection consists of scrapbooks, school newspapers, and materials related to the graduating class of 1945 from Fairview High School in Dayton, Ohio. Fairview High School was built in 1929 and later became a middle school and elementary school before it was eventually demolished in 2010. The collection also includes information on class reunions.

Quantity/Physical Description: 3 linear feet

Language(s): English

Repository:

Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, Wright State University, Dayton, OH 45435-0001, (937) 775-2092

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Acquisition:

The collection was donated to Special Collections and Archives by Shirley Russell Coen in 2016.

Other Finding Aid:

The finding aid is available on the Special Collections & Archives, Wright State University Libraries web site at <http://libraries.wright.edu/special/collectionguides/files/ms527.pdf>. It is also available in the OhioLINK Finding Aid Repository at <http://ead.ohiolink.edu/xtf-ead/>.

Notes:

Newspaper page from *Journal-Herald* dated 1945 removed from original mounting and encapsulated. Some oversize materials were photocopied from their mounting on poster board. Scrapbook 1 was string-bound and in poor condition; it is now housed, unbound, in Box 2. Scrapbooks 2, 3, and 7 were removed from their original bindings and placed in files in Box 1 due to preservation issues. Photocopies of the covers of scrapbooks 2 and 7 are located in an oversize folder. Scrapbooks 4, 5, and 6 are wrapped individually.

Processed by:

Finding aid written according to DACS standards by Jennifer England, April 2017.

Arrangement:

The collection is arranged into three series:

Series I: General Information, 1943-2015

Series II: Scrapbooks, 1945-2016

Series III: School Newspapers, 1943-1965

Historical Note:

Fairview High School was built in 1929 at the corner of Hillcrest Avenue and Philadelphia Drive in Dayton, Ohio. The class of 1945 attended Colonel White for ninth and tenth grades, and then moved on to attending Fairview High School for eleventh and twelfth grade, a system that lasted until 1957 when Colonel White became a four-year high school. In 1982, Fairview became a middle school. Later it was turned into an elementary school until it was razed in 2010. The name of the 'Tower' in the school paper, *Tower News*, came from the Harrison Township School that was at the corner of Catalpa and Fairview Avenues that was built in 1900.

Shirley Russell Coen, the creator of the collection, was a member of the class of 1945 and a regular attendee of the class reunions. The class reunions took place largely from 1970 onward, the latest having been in 2015, when the class of 1945 celebrated their seventieth reunion.

Of particular note is information in the collection about the stained glass windows designed by Robert Metcalf. One window is from 1938, and another is from 1945. The Class of 1945 gifted the latter to the school in honor of the fallen from World War II, as noted in the *Tower News* and in a folder containing more recent information on the windows specifically. The windows are now located at the new Fairview Elementary.

Scope and Content Note:

The Shirley Russell Coen Fairview High School Class of 1945 Collection contains information on the Fairview High School graduating class of 1945 and its reunions. The collection consists mainly of scrapbooks, materials covering general information, and issues of the high school newspaper, *Tower News*.

Series I, General Information, consists of materials dated 1943 to 2015 dealing with the history of the Class of 1945 such as copies of the senior photographs from the senior yearbook, news

clippings from the *Journal-Herald*, and photographs of school sports teams and other extracurricular activities. Of particular note are three panoramic photographs from the reunions, as well as information about the two stained glass windows designed by Robert Metcalf.

Series II, Scrapbooks, is made up of seven numbered volumes dated from 1945 to 2016, containing primarily newspaper clippings and photographs about class members and reunions.

Series III, School Newspapers, consists entirely of issues of the *Tower News*, the Fairview High School newspaper, dated 1943-1950. There are a number of loose issues, the bulk of which date from 1943-1945. The bound volumes of *Tower News* date from 1943-1950. The bound volume from 1944-1945 includes a front page article about the stained glass window donation from the Class of 1945.

Subject Terms

Persons/Families

Coen, Shirley Russell
 Longnecker, Theresa Folger
 Longnecker, Don

Organizations/Corporate Names

Fairview High School (Dayton, Ohio) -- Alumni and alumnae
 Public schools – Ohio – Dayton
 Harrison Township School (Dayton, Ohio)

Places

Dayton (Ohio)

Subjects (General)

High School
 Class reunions

Material Types

Scrapbooks
 Clippings (information artifacts)
 Newspapers

Collection Inventory

Box	File	Description	Date
Series I: General Information			1943-2015
1	1	Extracurricular Activities Photographs	1943-1945
OS-208	12	Football Team Photographs	1943-1944
1	2	Football Team Photographs	circa 1945

Box	File	Description	Date
OS-208	12	Photocopies of Graduation Announcement and Senior Yearbook	1945
OS-208	12	<i>Dayton Herald</i> Article about Fairview High School Servicemen	1945 July 22
1	3	<i>Dayton Herald</i> article about Fairview High School Servicemen	1945 Aug 6
OS-208	12	Artist Rendering of Fairview High School	circa 1945
1	4	25 th Anniversary Directory	1970
OS-208	12	Wedding Announcement, Article, and Obituary for Theresa Folger Longnecker and Don Longnecker	1974-1985
OS-208	12	Correspondence and Articles about class members	1975
1	5	Reunion Panorama Lists	1990-2000
OS-208	13	Reunion Panorama Photographs	1990-2000
1	6	Stained Glass Windows Information	2001-2015
Series II: Scrapbooks			1945-2016
2		Scrapbook 1	1945-1989
1	7	Scrapbook 2	1965-1975
1	8	Bill Kuenzel's Family Information (removed from Scrapbook 2)	1965-1970
1	9	Scrapbook 3	1981
3		Scrapbook 4	1985
4		Scrapbook 5	1988-2005
1	10	45 th Reunion Photo Album	1990
1	11	50 th Reunion Program	1995
1	12	Loose Items from Scrapbook 5	1996-1999
5		Scrapbook 6	2005-2008
1	13	Scrapbook 7	2010-2016
Series III: School Newspapers			1943-1965
OS-207	2	Loose Issues of <i>Tower News</i>	1943-1960
OS-207	3	<i>Tower News</i> Volume 11-1-12	1943-1944
OS-207	4	<i>Tower News</i> Volume 12-1-14	1944-1945
OS-207	5	<i>Tower News</i> Volume 13-1-14	1945-1946
OS-207	6	<i>Tower News</i> March 16, 1945-June 1, 1950	1945-1950
1	14	Letter to <i>Tower News</i>	1965

