

MS-545: Montgomery County Sheriff's Office History Collection

Collection Number: MS-545

Title: Montgomery County Sheriff's Office History Collection

Dates: 1954-1981

Creator: Montgomery County Ohio. Sheriff

Summary/Abstract:

The collection includes primarily interior and exterior photographs of both the Third Street jail and the newer Second Street jail, as well as correspondence with FBI regarding very specific cases. The collection does not include a comprehensive listing of case files, nor does it include the official records of the department.

Quantity/Physical Description: 0.25 linear foot

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 the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, Sheriff Phil Plummer, in July 2016.

Custodial History:

Many of the donated materials were contributed by Joseph Wilson, whose father L. Thomas Wilson was a former Montgomery County Sheriff and gathered or created much of the collection's contents.

Arrangement:

The collection is arranged in a single series of subject files.

Processed by:

Finding aid written according to DACS standards by Lisa Rickey, October 2017.

Related Material:

The long-term preservation of all official Montgomery County Sheriff's Office records is conducted by the [Montgomery County Records Center and Archives](#). Microfilm copies of some official Montgomery County Sheriff's Office records can also be found in the [Local Government Records](#) collection at Special Collections and Archives, Wright State University Libraries.

Other Finding Aid:

The finding aid is available on the Special Collections & Archives, Wright State University Libraries web site at http://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collection_guides/guide_files/ms545.pdf. It is also available in the OhioLINK Finding Aid Repository at <http://ead.ohiolink.edu/xtf-ead/>.

Biographical/Historical Note:

The origins of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office are as old as Montgomery County itself, with George Newcom being elected the county's first sheriff in 1803. The Sheriff's office building and county jail were in a handful of locations before the two most recent, which are depicted in this collection. The Third Street jail was built in 1869 behind the new courthouse. The new jail, at 330 West Second Street, was completed in 1965 and has served as jail and Sheriff's office ever since.

L. Thomas "Tom" Wilson (1928-2014), who gathered or created most of the materials found in this collection, served at both the Third Street and Second Street locations during his 37 years in local law enforcement. He served 8 years with Oakwood and graduated from the FBI National Academy. He served 19 years as Chief Deputy Sheriff and 10 years as Sheriff of Montgomery County from 1978 to 1988. He was Past President of the FBI National Academy Association of Ohio, the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association, Law Enforcement Officers Association of Montgomery County, Ohio-Indiana Police Association, S.W. Ohio Police and Sheriff's Association and was awarded the Ohio's Outstanding Sheriff's Award in 1981.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection consists of a single series of subject files, arranged according to the donor's original order. The materials include interior and exterior photographs of the Third Street jail and the newer Second Street jail; correspondence with FBI regarding very specific cases; and correspondence from FBI Directors (J. Edgar Hoover, Clarence M. Kelley, and William H. Webster) and Senators (Charles J. Curran and Ted Kennedy) to Sheriff L. Thomas Wilson. The collection does not include a comprehensive listing of case files, nor does it include the official records of the department, which are preserved by the [Montgomery County Records Center and Archives](#).

Subject Terms

Persons/Families

Hoover, J. Edgar (John Edgar), 1895-1972
Kelley, Clarence M.
Kennedy, Edward M. (Edward Moore), 1932-2009
Webster, William H.
Wilson, L. Thomas, 1928-2014

Organizations/Corporate Names

Montgomery County Ohio. Sheriff

Subjects (General)

County government – Ohio – Montgomery – Records and correspondence
Criminal investigation
Law enforcement

Material Types

Correspondence
Photographs

Collection Inventory

Box	File	Description	Date
1	1	Third Street Jail: Photographs	Circa 1954-1959, Undated
1	2	Second Street Jail: Construction Photographs	1964, Undated
1	3	Second Street Jail: Communications Photographs	1974, Undated
1	4	Second Street Jail: Inspection Photographs	1971, Undated
1	5	Second Street Jail: Confiscated Weapons Exhibit Photographs	Undated
1	6	Range: Photographs and Correspondence	1962, Undated
1	7	Bank Robbery: Correspondence from FBI	1974 Feb 5
1	8	FBI National Academy: Correspondence and Photograph	1955, 1974
1	9	National Symposium on Terrorism: Correspondence, Certificate, and Photograph	1973 Jan
1	10	Page Manor Shooting: Correspondence	1971 Dec
1	11	Correspondence from FBI Directors to L. Thomas Wilson	1959-1981
1	12	Correspondence from U.S. Senators to L. Thomas Wilson	1979 May