

MS-551: Ohio Valley Chromatography Symposium Records

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Title: Ohio Valley Chromatography Symposium Records

Dates: 1965-1998 (Bulk 1980-1989)

Creator: The Ohio Valley Chromatography Symposium

Summary/Abstract:

The Gas Chromatography Discussion Group of Dayton, Ohio was established in 1961. Monthly discussions were held until it became too frequent, so in 1968 the group organized their first annual workshop. The three day symposiums provided an informal setting to discuss chromatography with speakers from different areas. They changed their name to the Ohio Valley Chromatography Symposium in 1974 to include a broader geographic area. This collection contains the administrative records of the organization, such as meeting minutes, agendas, financial statements, member lists, and correspondence. Information from the symposiums includes programs, registration and application forms, speaker abstracts and biographies, expenses, and photos.

Quantity/Physical Description: 1.5 linear feet

Language(s): English

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The Ohio Valley Chromatography Records were donated to Wright State University Special Collections and Archives by George Hess, January 12, 2011.

Other Finding Aid:

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Related Material:

MS-423 Freeman F. Bentley Papers

Notes:

According to Merriam-Webster, chromatography is “a process in which a chemical mixture carried by a liquid or gas is separated into components as a result of differential distribution of the solutes as they flow around or over a stationary liquid or solid phase.”

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Arrangement:

The collection is arranged into two series:

Series I: Administrative Records, 1965-1997

Series II: Event Records, 1973-1998

Biographical/Historical Note:

William Ross and William Tisinger began meeting in 1959 to discuss gas chromatography and others soon joined these frequent meetings. Originally named the Gas Chromatography Discussion Group, they formally organized in 1961 in Dayton, Ohio to discuss the development of gas chromatography research. The group invited outside speakers to attend monthly meetings which lasted from 1961 to 1970, continually growing their organization and providing an opportunity for researchers to share their work. These monthly discussions were held at multiple places around Dayton and Cincinnati including, Monsanto Research Corporation, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Aerospace Research Laboratories, and W.S. Merrill Company, Cincinnati. The meetings involved all day workshops until monthly discussions became too frequent with the last one being a joint meeting with the Society of Applied Spectroscopy, May 22, 1970.

In 1968, the group organized their first annual workshop with fifty people in attendance and would continue the tradition for thirty years. By 1965 the group became known as the Cincinnati-Dayton Gas Chromatography Discussion Group until they decided to change their name in 1974 to the Ohio Valley Chromatography Symposium in order to include people from a wider area and expand their research to include all types of chromatography. Hueston Woods State Park Lodge, College Corner, Ohio, was the location for the three day symposiums beginning in 1970 with attendees from Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, and Michigan who could meet with nationally known chromatographers in an informal setting. In 1974 the group added a Thursday hands-on workshop to the symposium, held at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, but was unpopular so instead they held a short course on Wednesday in 1985. Four years later, they

dropped the Wednesday class, and the symposium only consisted of the three day workshop. The group dissolved in 1998.

Scope and Content Note:

The Ohio Valley Chromatography Records includes administrative papers of meeting minutes and agendas, financial statements including individual bank statements and deposits, as well as correspondence to speakers and members. Records from the symposiums include programs from 1973 to 1998 and speaker information such as registration and application forms, expenses of both member and speakers, and some photos of speakers at the 1994 symposium. The date span of the materials is from 1965 to 1998 with the bulk of the materials dating from the 1980s. This collection is organized into two series.

Series I, Administrative Records, contains information on the organization's operation from 1965 to 1997. A brief history and background information on the group is provided. Meeting minutes and agendas from 1995-1997 are included with member lists, mailing lists, and tentative schedules for the upcoming symposiums. There are financial records such as bank statements from Winters Bank and members receipts from credit unions. The correspondence consists of thank you letters to speakers, tentative schedules, registration lists, and notices to members.

Series II, Event Records, includes general information about the symposiums from 1973 to 1998. Speaker information comprises of the abstracts and biographies written for the programs, and registration and application forms sent by the exhibitors. Expenses include food, lodging, and travel receipts from the exhibitors and members. Some publicity records are from the 1981 symposium with announcements, mailings, and advertisements. There are a few photos from the 1994 symposium of people who attended. Individual programs from most of the symposiums date from 1973 to 1998 with the exception of 1984 when there was no symposium.

Subject Terms

Persons/Families

Hess, George

Organizations/Corporate Names

Ohio Valley Chromatography Symposium

Ohio Valley Gas Chromatography Discussion Group Symposium

Cincinnati-Dayton Gas Chromatography Discussion Group

Gas Chromatography Discussion Group

Places

Cincinnati (Ohio)

Dayton (Ohio)

Subjects (General)

Gas chromatography

Material Types

Financial statements

Correspondence

Registrations

Application forms

Abstracts

Programs

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Occupations

CHEMIST (profess. & kin.)

Collection Inventory

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