

## **MS-652: Archives of Upper River Fund**

**Collection Number:** MS-652

**Title:** Archives of Upper River Fund

**Dates:** 1975-2019

**Creator:** Upper River Fund

**Summary/Abstract:**

The Upper River Fund was an endowment fund established in 1992 by Glenn Thompson and his wife Margaret, to preserve the upper Little Miami and the Mad Rivers. The collection contains meeting minutes and correspondence; financial records and reports, records from easement agreements to buy/sell agreements; and some photographs of prospective areas of land and topographical maps that outline easements along the upper Little Miami and Mad Rivers.

**Quantity/Physical Description:** 1.91 linear feet

**Language(s):** English

**Repository:**

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**Preferred Citation:**

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**Acquisition:**

The collection was donated to Special Collections and Archives, Wright State University Libraries, in May 2019 by Irvin G. Bieser, Sr., Advisory Committee Chairman for the fund.

**Accruals:** No further accruals expected

**Custodial History:**

The collections were in the custody of Irvin Bieser, Dane Mutter, and David Nolin. David Nolin possessed the Dane Mutter files that were donated to Wright State University Libraries in 2019.

**Separated Material:** Oversized topographical maps have been separated from the collection for more adequate store and access in oversize mapcase folders and drawers.

**Other Finding Aid:**

The finding aid is available on the Special Collections & Archives, Wright State University Libraries web site at <https://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collectionguides/files/ms652.pdf>. It is also available in the OhioLINK Finding Aid Repository at <http://ead.ohiolink.edu/xtf-ead/>.

**Related Material:**

MS-4 Glenn Thompson Papers

MS-45 Five Rivers MetroParks Records

MS-661: David Nolin Huffman Prairie Research

**Processed by:**

Finding aid written according to DACS standards by Brendan Lee, April 2021.

**Arrangement:**

The collection is arranged in five series:

Series I: Administrative, 1993-2015

Series II: Financial, 1993-2015

Series III: Correspondence, 1986-2015

Series IV: Meeting Minutes, 1992-2016

Series V: Properties, 1986-2016

**Biographical/Historical Note:**

An endowment fund established in 1992 created the Upper River Fund (TURF) to preserve the upper Little Miami and the Mad Rivers. Created by former Dayton Journal-Herald editor Glenn Thompson and his wife, Margaret, the fund is in memory of James M. Cox, Jr, whose generosity, and friendship as an employer made much of this gift possible.

Irvin G. Bieser, Sr., was Advisory Committee Chairman for the fund, and David Nolin was Executive Director; Glenn Thompson was the founder. Nolin and Bieser donated the collection to Wright State University Libraries in 2019.

**Scope and Content Note:**

The collection is composed of five series: administrative records, financial records, correspondence, meeting minutes, and properties.

Series I: Administrative, 1993-2015, contains consultation contracts, land acquisition records, and general maps. The contracts outline the consultation agreements that were made between

multiple consultants and Upper River Fund between 1993-2000. This series contains the organization's records of land acquisitions with dates and contact information of the owners of the land from 1998-1999. The land acquisitions report is organized by counties within the upper Little Miami and the Mad Rivers region. This series also includes general maps that were produced and used by the organization but are not specific to any one property; these maps outline the region that TURF operated within and maps outlining property lines.

Series II: Financial, 1993-2015, contains the invoices and copies of payments to the Upper River Fund from 1994-2011. The series includes annual summary reports of the Dayton Foundation from 1993-2015.

Series III: Correspondence, 1986-2015, contains general correspondence between organization members such as Irvin G Bieser, Sr., Dane Mutter, and David Nolin. The correspondence outlines the organization's day to day tasks and projects they were involved in. The correspondence consists primarily of fax cover letters and emails as the main form of communication from 1986-2015.

Series IV: Meeting Minutes, 1992-2015, contains fax and emails outlining topics discussed in annual meetings. The series contains notes taken from meetings and results of discussions from these meetings. The meeting minutes paint a picture of the progress on property projects and the decisions being made within the organization. The documents date from 1992-2015.

Series V: Properties 1986-2016, contains records concerning all properties that TURF was involved with, whether it was purchase, auction sale, appraisals, or conservation easements. Each file is dedicated to a single property and is labelled by owner's name. Each file contains the correspondence, contracts, other legal documents, maps, and photographs for that property. The files for each property are organized together to provide the best picture of the organization's role with each property. Additional correspondence can be found in Series III, Correspondence, 1986-2015. The property files for: Acord, Beckley, Frysinger, Hanshaw, Heller, Miller, Tischer, Tudor, and City of Xenia all have maps that can be located in Oversize storage. The series dates from 1993-2015.

## **Subject Terms**

### **Persons/Families**

Bieser, Sr., Irvin G.  
Dane Mutter  
Nolin, David  
Thompson, Glenn

### **Organizations/Corporate Names**

Dayton Foundation  
Beaver Creek Association  
Glen Helen Ecology Institute  
Upper River Fund

**Places**

Upper Little Miami River  
Mad River

**Subjects (General)**

Land purchase and sale  
Auctions  
Conservation Easements  
Appraisals

**Material Types**

Correspondence  
Financial Records  
Minutes  
Maps

## Collection Inventory

<b>Box</b>	<b>File</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Series I: Administrative Files</b>			<b>1993-2015</b>
1	1	Consultant Contracts	1998-1999
1	2	Land Acquisitions Report	1993-2015
1	3	General Maps	1993-2015
OS		General Maps	
<b>Series II: Financial Records</b>			<b>1993-2015</b>
1	4	General Financial Records	1994-2011
1	5	Dayton Foundation Summary Reports	1993-2015
<b>Series III: Correspondence</b>			<b>1986-2015</b>
1	6	Correspondence	1986-1995
1	7	Correspondence	1995-2000
1	8	Correspondence	2000-2015
<b>Series IV: Meeting Minutes</b>			<b>1992-2016</b>
2	1	Meeting Minutes and Notes	1992-2002
2	2	Meeting Minutes and Notes	2003-2016
<b>Series V: Properties</b>			<b>1993-2015</b>
2	3	Acord, Ramona	2008
OS		Acord, Ramona (1 map)	2008
2	4	Beckley, Addison	1998-2000
OS		Beckley, Addison (8 maps)	1998-2000
2	5	Brown, Otis	1994
2	6	Cultice, Daley	2006
2	7	Frysinger, Thomas and Phyllis	2004-2005
OS		Frysinger, Thomas and Phyllis (3 maps)	2004-2005
2	8	Greenway, W.B. Community Land Trust Project	2009
2	9	Hanshaw, Charles and Sherral	2012
OS		Hanshaw, Charles and Sherral (1 map)	2012
2	10	Harschman Family Trust	2007-2008
2	11	Heller, Robert and Karen	2004-2005
OS		Heller, Robert and Karen (2 maps)	2004-2005
2	12	Joos, Douglas	2006
2	13	Lamar Spracklen Partner, LLC	2006

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2	14	McCulloch, Rudolph and Jean, Farm	1993-1994
2	15	Mcmahan and Mathew	2008
2	16	Menge, Doris and Burns, Irma	2010
2	17	Miller, Clyde and Florence	1994
OS		Miller, Clyde and Florence (2 maps)	1994
3	1	Miller Rick	2011
3	2	Miller, Steven and Charlene	1996-2009
3	3	Morris/Madden	2015
3	4	Reeder, Earl	2011
3	5	Shupe, Frank Reed	1993-1995
3	6	Tischer, Randy	2004
OS		Tischer, Randy (1 map)	2004
3	7	Tudor, Harriet	1996-1997
OS	8	Tudor, Harriet (4 maps)	1996-1997
3	9	Warren, Ross and Kim	2003
3	10	Wead, Richard H.	2000-2001
3	11	Weng	1995-1997
3	12	Wetzel, Daniel and Phyllis	1997
3	13	Worley, Leslie and Alona	2005
3	14	City of Xenia	2000-2008
OS		City of Xenia (1 map)	Circa 2000-2008