

MS-663: 1937 Flood Scrapbook

Collection Number: MS-663

Title: 1937 Flood Scrapbook

Dates: 1937

Creator: Unknown

Summary/Abstract:

The collection contains a scrapbook featuring newspaper clippings (articles, photographs, and advertisements) reporting the impact of the 1937 Ohio River flood on Cincinnati, Ohio, and surrounding areas in Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana. It also contains a special edition *Cincinnati Times-Star* newspaper about the flood.

Quantity/Physical Description: 1 linear foot (1 scrapbook and 1 newspaper)

Language(s): English

Repository:

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

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Preferred Citation:

[Description of item, Date, Box #, Folder #], MS-663, 1937 Flood Scrapbook, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio

Acquisition:

This collection was donated to Special Collections and Archives, Wright State University Libraries, by Roger A. Hopkins, in July 2007.

Custodial History:

The donor Roger Hopkins purchased the scrapbook in 2001. No additional information about the album's provenance or creation is known.

Separated Material:

An oversize newspaper clipping in the collection has been separated to oversize storage.

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/ms663.pdf>. It is also available in the OhioLINK Finding Aid Repository at <http://ead.ohiolink.edu/xtf-ead/>.

Related Material:

[MS-128, Miami Conservancy District Records.](#)

Processed by:

Finding aid written according to DACS standards by Megan O'Connor, September 2019.

Arrangement:

The collection is arranged as two single items in original order.

Biographical/Historical Note:

In January and February 1937, record rainfall caused significant, record-breaking flooding in Ohio, as well as Indiana, Illinois, and Kentucky, especially along the Ohio River. Overall, the flood left a million people homeless, causing \$500 million in property damage. In Cincinnati, the flood displaced a hundred thousand people and killed two.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains a scrapbook featuring various newspaper clippings covering the 1937 Ohio River flood. Clippings include photographs, brief articles and photo captions, advertisements, and local cartoons showing the flood's impact on daily life, flood prediction, damage, and relief efforts. Material covers the flood's impact on Cincinnati as well as some locations in Kentucky (e.g., Newport, Louisville, Dayton) and Indiana. Additionally, it contains a newspaper, published by the *Cincinnati Times-Star* as a pictorial history of the flood. This newspaper includes some of the photos that appear in the scrapbook.

Subject Terms**Places**

Ohio River -- Flood, 1937

Cincinnati (Ohio)

Subjects (General)

Floods -- Ohio River Valley

Floods -- Mississippi River Valley -- History -- 20th century.

Floods -- Ohio River Valley -- History -- 20th century.

Disaster relief -- United States -- History -- 20th century.

Material Types

Scrapbooks

Collection Inventory

<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	Scrapbook of newspaper clippings about 1937 Ohio River flood	1937
2	<i>Cincinnati Times-Star</i> special edition, "Ten Wet Days: A Pictorial History of 1937 Greater Cincinnati Flood" (Oversize)	1937