

MS-90, Everett Neukom Papers

Collection Number: MS-90

Title: Everett Neukom Papers

Dates: 1900-1933 (bulk 1908-1915)

Creator: Neukom, Everett, 1894-1979

Summary/Abstract: Neukom worked as a photographer for both the DELCO Corporation in Dayton and the Miami Conservancy District during the early part of the 20th century. His papers include family correspondence, clippings, personal memorabilia, pamphlets, and photographs relating to the 1913 Dayton flood.

Quantity/Physical Description: 2 linear feet

Language(s): English

Repository:

Special Collections and Archives, Paul Laurence Dunbar Library, Wright State University, Dayton, OH 45435-0001, (937) 775-2092

Restrictions on Access: There are no restrictions on accessing material in this collection.

Restrictions on Use:

Copyright restrictions may apply. Unpublished manuscripts are protected by copyright. Permission to publish, quote, or reproduce must be secured from the repository and the copyright holder.

Preferred Citation:

MS-90, Everett Neukom Papers, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio

Acquisition: The Wright State Archives received this collection from the Antioch Archives who had in turn received the papers after they had been examined by the Tennessee Valley Authority. Therefore the collection at Wright State is only the segment of Neukom's papers that deal mainly with his personal life while at Dayton. The collection was accessioned on September 20, 1979 and given Accession Number 79-29.

Separated Material:

The Flood photographs (which includes a small collection of Flood photos by Mayfield) have been separated to the Dayton Flood Photograph File (MS-128). The published pamphlets relating to the Flood and also the DELCO have been separated and placed in the Pamphlet File (PAM files).

Published materials separated from the collection include:

The 1913 Flood and How it Was Met by a Railroad

Lewis S. Bigelow The Pennsylvania Lines 1914?

A Pictorial History of the Great Dayton Flood

Nellis R. Funk Otterbein Press 1913

Our National Calamity of Fire, Flood and Tornado

Logan Marshall L.T. Myers 1913

Dayton - A Story of the Great Flood (2 copies)

DELCO Factory 1913

The Book of the DELCO (2 copies)

General Printing Co. 1914-1915

The Miami Conservancy Bulletin

Miami Conservancy District 1923

Plus assorted copies of:

Scientific American

Abel's Photographic Weekly

DELCO Magazine

DELCO-Light Sales Bulletin

DELCO Doings

Related Material:

MS-128 Miami Conservancy District Records

Notes: The finding aid was reformatted and the collection was rehoused in March, 2014 by Toni Vanden Bos.

Processed by: Wesley Henry, May 1980

Arrangement:

Arranged into 2 series:

Series I: Personal

Series II: Flood Newspapers and Map

Biographical Note:

Everett Edward Neukom was born in 1894 in Philadelphia, the son of Nellie and Edward Neukom. Neukom graduated from Steele high School in Dayton in 1912 to embark on a career in photography. In November of 1912 Neukom was hired by the Dayton Engineering Laboratories Company (DELCO) as head of the Photographic Department. Later he became involved in the Miami Conservancy District and the Tennessee Valley Authority. He also was associated with Arthur Morgan, one of the founders of Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio. Neukom died in 1979 while residing in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Scope and Content:

Correspondence, photographs, newspapers, a map, and other flood related materials provide researchers with personal experience enduring and recovering from the 1913 Dayton Flood, as well as the perspective of a photographer visually documenting the flood for publication. The Everett Neukom papers fall into two series: Series I: Personal, and Series II. 1913 Flood Newspapers and Map.

Series I Personal, contains correspondence of Everett and his family and deals mainly with Everett moving to Dayton and with other common family occurrences. Researchers concerned with the Flood, would want to examine the correspondence of Edward and Nellie Neukom who lived in Dayton with Everett, as their letters provide some insight into that event. Correspondents Edward and Nellie Neukom were Everett's parents; Vinnie Bacher became his wife; and Lisetta Neukom was Everett's sister. Also included in this series are photographs of the family, and miscellaneous flood items from their experience, such as sanitary notices. Please see oversize folder 6, file 8 for a *Dayton Journal* newspaper with the article "Well-Known Young Couple Wedded in Tiffin Saturday" on Neukom's wedding announcement.

Series II 1913 Flood Newspapers and Map, contains flood coverage from Dayton and other major cities, such as Detroit and Philadelphia. Also included is a 1913 map showing the flood affected areas in Dayton.

Subject Terms:**Persons/Families**

Neukom, Everett, 1894-1979

Organizations/Corporate Names

Miami Conservancy District

Places

Dayton (Ohio) – Flood, 1913

Subjects (General)

Photographers – Ohio --Dayton

Material Types

Newspapers

Photographs

Correspondence

Postcards

Maps

Collection Inventory

Series I: Personal			
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	Correspondence from Everett Neukom	May 1912 – February 1915
	2	Correspondence from Everett Neukom	March 1915 - June 1919
	3	Correspondence and photos Neukom sent to Leslie's Weekly (see OS 4, Folder 7 for the publication)	1913
	4	Correspondence from Vinnie Bacher Neukom	March 15, 1915; March 25, 1915
	5	Correspondence from Edward Neukom	March – April, 1913
	6	Correspondence from Nellie Neukom	March – April, 1913
	7	Postcards to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Neukom	1900-1910
	8	Postcards to Mrs. and Mrs. Edward Neukom	1911-1916
	9	Correspondence to Nellie Neukom	1904-1913
	10	Miscellaneous Correspondence	1904-1913
	11	Postcard Collection (no correspondence)	Circa 1900
	12	School related memorabilia	1904-1911
	13	Miscellaneous Newspaper Clippings	1907; 1922; 1933
	14	Flood-related Miscellaneous	1913
2	1	Correspondence from Lisetta Neukom	1913
	2	Family photographs	1903-1904; undated
3	1	Photographs of Everett Neukom, Vinnie Bacher Neukom, “new” Delco Building photographed from the Public Library in Dayton, and a nature photograph (4 total)	1927; undated
	2	Miscellaneous Newspaper Clippings	1913, 1922
Series II: Flood Newspapers and Map			
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
OS 4	Folder 6	1913 Flood Map	1913
OS 4	7	Full Page Newspapers on Flood:	1913
		“Dayton Hope for Miracle of Only 200 Flood Dead”, <i>The Philadelphia Record</i>	March 28, 1913

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
		"Dayton's Greatest Need at this Hour is Able-Bodied Workers", <i>Dayton Daily News</i> , Flood Extra	March 30, 1913
		"Dayton with Splendid Spirit Meeting All Conditions", <i>The Dayton Journal</i>	March 30, 1913
		"Pestilence Hovers About Dayton", <i>The Detroit Free Press</i>	March 30, 1913
		"Estimates on Dayton Dead Bring Total Down to 400; May Be Considerably Less", <i>The Richmond Palladium</i>	March 30, 1913
		"Dayton Grasps Situation Splendidly", <i>Dayton Evening Herald</i>	March 31, 1913
		"Zone of Martial Law is Extending...", <i>The Commercial Tribune (Cincinnati)</i>	March 31, 1913
		"A Telephone Story of the Flood", <i>Dayton Daily News</i>	April 16, 1913
		"Freaks and Tragedies of Storm and Flood", <i>Leslies' Illustrated Weekly</i>	April 17, 1913
OS 4	8	"Facing Forward: the progress and future of flood prevention in the Miami Valley", <i>The Dayton Evening Herald</i>	March 5, 1914
		"Well-Known Young Couple Wedded in Tiffin Saturday", <i>Dayton Journal</i>	April 4, 1915
		"Miami Conservancy District Village to be Sold on Auction Block", <i>The Dayton Journal</i>	March 5, 1922
		"Ninth anniversary of Flood First to Find All Five Miami Conservancy Dams Ready to Furnish 100 Per Cent Protection", <i>Dayton Daily News</i>	March 25, 1922