The collection consists of two Parkmoor Drive-In Restaurant newsletters, two newspaper clippings, and eleven photographs of the restaurant. The Jul-Aug 1966 Parkmoor newsletter is a special 20th Anniversary Issue. This newsletter, along with one of the newspaper clippings, provides a history of the restaurant. The collection spans the period 1953 to 1988.

The first Parkmoor Drive-In Restaurant opened in a rebuilt open-air root beer stand 1947 on Linden Avenue in Dayton, Ohio. It was owned and operated by Wallace and Virginia Monschke. In 1950, a second Parkmoor Restaurant opened on Salem Avenue. A third Parkmoor opened in Fairborn, Ohio in 1952. Overall, between 1946 and 1961, the Monschke’s opened 16 Parkmoor Drive-In Restaurants in the Dayton area. The restaurant was famous for its “Dixie Golden Fried Chicken.” However, the popularity of the restaurant waned during the 1970s, with the last Parkmoor closed in the 1980s.

Item List

5. Inside view of restaurant, Shroyer Road location. Dated 1953.
7. View of parking lot and back side of restaurant, Salem Avenue location. Dated 1955
8. Front view of restaurant and parking lot, Fairborn location. Dated 1956
9. Distant view of restaurant, Fairborn location (two photos). Dated 1956
10. View of parking lot and restaurant, Shroyer Road location. Dated 1956
11. Front view restaurant and parking lot, Watervalet & Smithville location. Dated 1958
12. Right front view of restaurant and parking lot covered in snow, Linden Avenue location. Dated 1958
13. Left front view of restaurant and parking lot, Airway Avenue location. Dated 1958