

SC-333: Dr. Fritz J. Russ Correspondence

Collection Number: SC-333

Title: Dr. Fritz J. Russ Correspondence

Dates: 1951-1954

Creator: Russ, Fritz J., 1920-2004

Scope and Content:

The collection consists mainly of correspondence between Russ and various correspondents, regarding both professional and personal interests, during the time when Russ was Chief of the Missile Guidance and Control Group, Air Technical Intelligence Center, at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. The collection also includes a copy of Russ's resume, circa 1955, as well as a few other miscellaneous documents.

Quantity/Physical Description: 0.1 linear foot (1 folder)

Language(s): English

Repository:

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Acquisition:

The collection was donated to Special Collections and Archives, Wright State University Libraries, by the Greene County Records Center and Archives in June 2019.

Custodial History:

This collection of personal correspondence was found in materials at the Russ Nature Reserve when Greene County Parks and Trails Department took over that property (from the estate of Delores Russ in 2008). These materials were separated because they are not official Greene County records

Other Finding Aid:

The finding aid is available on the Special Collections & Archives, Wright State University Libraries web site at <http://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collectionguides/files/sc333.pdf>.

Processed by:

Finding aid written according to DACS standards by Lisa Rickey, October 2019.

Arrangement:

The collection is arranged in a single series, chronologically.

Biographical/Historical Note:

Fritz J. Russ was born on September 23, 1920, in Jackson County, Ohio. He graduated from Ohio University in 1942 with a Bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. Following graduation, from 1942 until 1946, Russ worked at the Naval Research Laboratory near Washington, DC. From 1946 to 1948, he worked for Industrial Research Laboratories. Russ came to work at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (WPAFB) in December 1948, as a research and development engineer in the Gun Laying Equipment department, and continued in that position until November 1949. He was Chief of the Fire Control Test Unit in the Armament Laboratory at WPAFB from November 1949 until November 1950. Then, from November 1950 until 1955, he was Chief of the Missile Guidance and Control Group, Air Technical Intelligence Center, at WPAFB. In 1955, he left federal employment to start his own company Systems Research Laboratory. Fritz Russ was extremely successful, and he and his wife Dolores were great philanthropists, making large contributions to Wright State University, Ohio University, and other institutions and causes. Fritz Russ was awarded an honorary Doctorate of engineering degree in 1975 by his alma mater Ohio University. He died on November 3, 2004, at the age of 84.

Subject Terms:**Persons/Families**

Russ, Fritz J., 1920-2004 -- Correspondence

Organizations/Corporate Names

United States. Air Force. Air Technical Intelligence Center

Places

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (Ohio) – Officials and employees

Subjects (General)

Electrical engineering

Material Types

Correspondence

Occupations

Electrical engineers -- Correspondence