

Meyer, Frederick, Papers (SC-34) Guide

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Summary Information

Repository:	Wright State University Libraries, Special Collections and Archives
Creator:	Meyer, Frederick G. W., 1896-1973
Title:	Frederick Meyer Papers (SC-34)
ID:	SC-34
Date [inclusive]:	1916-1967
Physical Description:	0.1 linear feet
Language of the Material:	English .

Preferred Citation

[Description of item, Date], SC-34, Frederick Meyer Papers, Wright State University Libraries' Special Collections and Archives, Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio.

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains an account ledger kept by Frederick Meyer, an entrepreneur and machinist in Dayton, Ohio, from 1916 to 1967. Meyer documented information about his varied, eclectic activities and business pursuits. Each page of the ledger is devoted to records about a different activity, summarized in an index on page 30 of the ledger. Some notes connect to car repairs, especially to Fords. Many pages relate to items bought and sold in connection to his business. These include tools, as well as collectibles like firearms and old coins. Meyer also did business with horticultural and agricultural themes. For example, he sold trees, bushes, and flowers. He raised chickens, tracking their well-being and finances relating to their care and sale. Additionally, he kept a clubhouse which he rented out. In addition to tracking his business, Meyer also used his ledger to record instructions and advice. These include recipes for various forms of moonshine, as well as tips for activities like cleaning, and working with automobiles. Several sets of records relate more to Meyer's personal life, such as notes of correspondence, detailed records of photographs he took, as well as notes about

moving his house in 1918, including documentation of payment from the Miami Conservancy District.

In addition to accounts, Meyer's ledger contains multiple newspaper clippings, as well as small memos tucked into the book's leaves. The book also contains a number of doodles and hand-drawn decorations.

Also in the collection is a photocopy of a 1928 newspaper clipping discussing Germany's role in World War I.

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged in chronological order.

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Revision Description

Finding aid revised by Megan O'Connor and Lisa Rickey 2021

Conditions Governing Access

There are no restrictions on accessing material in this collection.

However, please note that the cover of the ledger is detached from the pages, and is splitting along the spine. Please handle with care.

Conditions Governing 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.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The collection was purchased by Special Collections and Archives, Wright State University Libraries, on December 19, 1977.

Processing Information

Initial processing and finding aid by archives staff. Finding aid revised according to DACS standards by Megan O'Connor, April 2021.

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General

An earlier version of the finding aid stated that materials dated back to the 1830s. This was erroneous. There are references in the collectio to the purchase of items (e.g., old coins) that dated back to the 1830s; however, the actual collection materials do not date back that far. Nor are these objects included in the collection.

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Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Frederick Meyer ledger, 1916-1967	Folder SC-34	Item 1
News clipping "Former Senator Says Record is On File to Back German Claims", 1928	Folder SC-34	Item 2

[Processing Information:](#)

Processing Information

Connection to the collection is unclear. It's not about Meyer, so not background info. Looks like it could be something that Meyer clipped and saved.