

MS-458, The *Dayton Daily News* Archive

The Collection

- 2000 cubic feet of photographs, negatives, and news clippings spanning obituary, personality, and subject files
- Generated by the *Dayton Daily News* and the former Journal Herald during the twentieth century
- Documents the local and regional history of Dayton and the Miami Valley, and also national and international events, particularly during the period 1945 to 1990
 - Does contain older materials, but those are sporadic, especially old clippings
 - Collection arranged by personality and also by subject

Quick Facts

- The *Dayton Daily News* transferred legal ownership of the collection to Wright State University on October 8, 2009.
- Basic processing of the *Dayton Daily News* Archive was made possible through a generous two year grant from The National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) awarded in 2010.
- The *Dayton Daily News* Archive was managed by the *Dayton Daily News* Library staff until the archive was transferred to Wright State University Libraries, Special Collections & Archives on October 8, 2009.

Reference Requests

- Provide as much detail as possible when requesting a photo or clipping. E.g., if requesting information on a crime, try to provide the name of the victim or the perpetrator. To request information on a *homicide from 1957* would be too vague.
- Requests for materials on persons are much easier to service than subjects. E.g., if searching for materials on a bank robbery, possible subjects under which those materials could be found might be *Crime, Robbery, Bank Robbery, Banks*, etc. Whereas if the robber was apprehended, a simple search of the Personality Files under the last name would yield clippings and photos on the person, and the robbery.
- Special Collections & Archives provides reference services to the public for a minimal fee.
- Please see our *Dayton Daily News* Blog for interesting photos and additional information. http://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/ddn_archive/