

The D. Bruce Mansfield Collection
Special Collections – Akron Summit County Public Library

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LOCATION: 9-A-1

ACQUISITION: This collection was donated by Mature Services on April 23, 2007.

ACCESS: Restricted access; materials fragile; access by request at Main Library
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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: D. Bruce Mansfield was the president of Ohio Edison from 1964 until his retirement in 1975. In addition, he was an active leader in many community organizations, including United Way of Summit County, the Akron Chamber of Commerce, and the Summit County Charter Commission. His obituary appeared in the Akron Beacon Journal on March 8, 1985; that of his wife, Louise, appeared on October 6, 2006.

RELATED COLLECTIONS: The Ohio Edisonian, 1948 – 1996 (staff newsletter); photographs of Ohio Edison buildings from the Summit County Historical Society Calendar Collection, 2003-522-50, 2003-522-170, 2003-522-192; Ohio Edison clipping files located in the Business and Government Division.

SCOPE AND CONTENT: This collection consists of materials pertaining to the professional and personal life of D. Bruce Mansfield, approximately 1930 – 1986. It includes scrapbooks, photographs, diplomas, awards, and plaques. It also includes photographs related to the construction of what is now the First Energy building across from the Library.

CONTAINER LIST:

SERIES 1: Diplomas, Awards, and Resolutions

Various diplomas, awards and resolutions, 1930 – 1985, including law degree from Duke University, 1933; honorary Doctor of Laws degree, Kenyon College, 1971; and resolution passed in the meeting minutes of the Board of Directors of Ohio Edison which acknowledges Mansfield's death, 1985.

Box 1

SERIES 2: Scrapbooks/Memory Books/Photographs

Photograph album, 1940s – 1950s, unidentified occasions.

Box 1

Scrapbook, 1948 – 1965. Ohio Edison memorabilia.

Wrapped individually

Scrapbook, 1950s – 1970s. Golf memorabilia, primarily scorecards and postcards.

Wrapped individually

Scrapbook, 1959 – 1960. Congratulatory letters and replies for Mansfield's election as Vice President of Ohio Edison.

Wrapped individually

Scrapbook, 1968 – 1969. Ohio Edison memorabilia.

Wrapped individually

Scrapbook, 1970 – 1972. Ohio Edison memorabilia.

Wrapped individually

Photograph album, 1971. Groundbreaking of the Bruce Mansfield Power Plant.

Box 1

Scrapbook, 1973 – 1974. Ohio Edison memorabilia.

Wrapped individually

Photographs, 1974. Unidentified occasion; probably groundbreaking for the Ohio Edison/First Energy building. The exact date of this occasion is not yet known; photographs were developed in December 1974. According to the Summit County Historical Society's photo of the building (SC photo files 2003-522-170), construction was completed in October 1976. Photographs were originally in the binder embossed "Wyatt C. Hedrick Architects and Engineers, Inc." This binder also included copies of miscellaneous newspaper clippings, some dated 1968.

Binder: Box 2

Photographs: Box 3, Folder 1

Clippings: Box 3, Folder 2

Scrapbook, 1974 – 1975. Regret RSVPs for community testimonial dinner honoring Mansfield, held on January 31, 1975.

Box 2

Scrapbook, 1975. Placemats from community testimonial dinner with congratulatory notes signed by attendees.

Wrapped individually

Photographs and ephemera, 1975. From community testimonial dinner. These were removed from a magnetic photo album.

Photographs: Box 4

Ephemera: Box 3, Folder 3

Scrapbooks, 1975. Matching books, one embossed with Mansfield's name. Congratulatory letters, cards, and photographs from Mansfield's retirement reception.

Box 2

Scrapbook, 1975 – 1986. Congratulatory letters, post-retirement activities, Bruce Mansfield plant.

Wrapped individually

Photographs, newspaper clippings, brochures, 1976. Bruce Mansfield Power Plant dedication. All documents removed from a box containing a magnetic photo album. Folder 6 contains photographs originally in paper frames marked "A Portrait by Seavy's Studio, New Castle, PA."

Box 3, Folders 4-8

Embossed document holder, D. Bruce Mansfield Pulmonary Research Fund, City of Hope Medical Center, 1977.

Box 2

Scrapbook, 1977. City of Hope materials, congratulatory letters to Mansfield on receiving the Spirit of Life award.

Box 2

Funeral guest book, 1985.

Box 2

Lists of food donations, slides of flowers, miscellaneous notes, 1985. Originally included with funeral guest book.

Box 3, Folder 9

SERIES 3: Plaques

Framed copy of the cover of *Electrical World*, June 15, 1970, with Mansfield on the cover; plaque honoring Mansfield as a past president of the Akron Chamber of Commerce, 1967.

Box 1