

Roadway Express Collection

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: Roadway Express was started by Galen and Carroll Roush in December of 1930 in Akron, Ohio. Roadway was one of the reasons Akron is noted as the Birthplace of the Motor Carrier Industry. Roadway developed or adopted many practices that would later become standards for the trucking industry. Today Roadway Express, Inc. is a leading provider of freight transportation in North American and is proud of its long history.

RELATED COLLECTIONS: The Trucking History Collection and the Robert Orr Collection. See also ASCPL's online catalog at http://hip.akronlibrary.org/ipac20/ipac.jsp?session=10G99G08H0546.1382&menu=search&aspect=basic_search&npp=10&ipp=20&profile=webpac&ri=&term=roadway+express&index=TPW#focus.

SCOPE AND CONTENT: This collection was part of an exhibit to celebrate Roadway Express's 75th anniversary in 2005. It contains miniature Roadway Express, Inc. trucks, as well as several Roadway images and calendars. It does not contain any financial records or employee lists.

CONTAINER LIST:

SERIES 1: Artifacts

Box 1 Three model or toy Roadway trucks, n.d.

SERIES 2: Correspondence

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Folder 1 Correspondence to Charles Zodrow from Mary B. Grace, 1986

Folder 2 Correspondence to Mary B. Grace, 1963, 1974, 1986

SERIES 3: Company History (unpublished)

Box 1

Folder 1 Origins of the name of Roadway Express, Inc. 1967,

Folder 2 Reminiscences of Roadway Express, 1986 by Mary B. Grace.

SERIES 4: Exhibit Labels and Digital Images

Box 1

Folder 1 Four pages of typed captions and labels referring to the images loaned to ASCPL for the 2005 exhibit as well as a Compact Disk (CD) containing digital copies of some of the images.

SERIES 5: Photographs

Box 1

Folder 1 Photocopies of 14 photographs

1. Galen Roush receives 25 year pin from his brother Carroll, 1955
2. Mary Brock Grace with five unidentified people, n.d.
3. Roadway trucks and unidentified drivers, 1930s
4. Roadway truck, 1947 International Harvester and unidentified driver
5. Roadway truck, 1940s Ford Tractor and Trailer
6. Roadway 1948 white WB22 Tractor with two unidentified men.
7. J.L. Seitz at Hickory Terminal, 1950
8. Employees at headquarters at 147 Park St.
9. Drivers; George Eckerman, Otto Rado, Jack Gibson, Ralph Murphy, and Joe Smith at the Akron Terminal on Archwood Av., 1955
10. Safety Lane checkup, Atlanta GA. Musco Williams, Robert J. Wylie (Garage Manager), H.F. Horton (Garage Supervisor), 1965
11. Charlotte, NC terminal, 1961
12. Roadway office, Cambridge, Ohio, 1958
13. Roadway Truck with driver S.B. Kirby, c. 1939
14. Roadway Express Truck with unidentified men.

SERIES 6: Publications

Box 1

Folder 1 Roadway Express: Kids' Fun Book (2 copies) 2002

Folder 2 Roadway Digest, Apr., May, July, Aug., Nov., & Dec. 1956

Folder 3 Roadway Digest, Jan. and Feb. 1957 and Roadway Express, Mar and Apr. 1957

Folder 4 Roadway Express August 1962

Folder 5 Roadway Express, Mar., Sept., Oct., Nov. 1963

Folder 6 Roadway Express, August and September 1966

Folder 7 Roadway Express, February 1967

Folder 8 Roadway Express, Inc.: A Proud History (3 copies)

Folder 9 Spotlight; selected pages from Mar. 1948, July 21, 1948, 1969 and 1982 issues. (Images of these issues also on CD.)

Folder 10 Spotlight Magazine, Jan. 1995

Folder 11 Spotlight Magazine, 4th Quarter 2000 (2 copies)

Folder 12 Spotlight Magazine, 1st edition 2005 (2 copies)

SERIES 7: Oversized

Box 1 – Oversized

1. Image of Roadway trucks and unidentified drivers, 1930s
2. Image of Roadway Tractor with double trailer, n.d.
3. Color Photograph of Roadway Truck, n.d.
4. Color Photograph of Roadway Truck, n.d.
5. Roadway Calendars for 1979, 1981, 1989
6. Roadway Calendar for 1990: 60 Anniversary 1930-1990
7. Roadway Express Calendars for 1992 and 1993
8. Roadway Express Calendar for 1997: Roadside Diners
9. Roadway Express Calendar for 2004: Main Street America (2 copies)
10. Roadway Express Calendar for 2005:75 Years of Service (2 copies)