

ROBERT O. ORR COLLECTION

Special Collections – Akron-Summit County Public Library

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ACQUISITION: In April of 2005, Mr. Bruce Buchholzer donated the material collected by Robert O. Orr to the Library. The decision to accept the donation was made by Judy James, Head of Special Collections.

ACCESS: Patrons may view and copy the material in this collection by request at the Main Library, Special Collections. This material does not circulate.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH: Although Robert O. Orr (1918-2005) was born in Colorado Springs, he lived most of his life in Akron, Ohio and graduated from St. Vincent High School in 1939. He served during World War II and was awarded the Bronze Star and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Owen O. Orr, Robert's father, founded Motor Cargo, Inc in Akron in the 1930s. Robert served as president for many years as well as holding business interests in Triple-O Oil Sales and Service. Robert was also an accomplished midget auto racer and golfer. Robert and his wife Annamae (nee Gifford d. 1996) had no children.

SCOPE AND CONTENT: This collection contains both business and personal items. There are photographs, newspaper clippings, artifacts and other material relating the trucking industry and the various businesses owned by both Robert and Owen Orr. These include Motor Cargo and Triple O Service and Supply. There are several artifacts that most likely resided in the offices of Motor Cargo Inc., if not on the desks of Robert Orr and his father Owen Orr . There are no financial or employee records but there is a nearly complete run of the corporate newsletter for Motor Cargo – *The Cargoite*. All of the information relating to the businesses owned by the Orr Family can be found in Series 1.

The personal records in this collection are comprised of information concerning World War II, the Orr family and Robert's favorite pastimes. Robert Orr's service in the Army (European theatre) during World War II is documented primarily through photographs. There are also ration books and stamps. The many family photographs date from the 1870s to 2000. There are photographs, programs, and newspaper clippings relating to Robert Orr's long time hobby as a driver in midget auto races. Robert's skill in golf and fishing are also documented through awards and photographs. Other than a Father's Day card, there is no family correspondence. All of this information can be found in Series 2.

CONTAINER LIST

Businesses - Series 1

Series 1: Box 1

Sub Series 1: Consolidated Freightways

Annual Report - 1f
Clippings – 1f
Newsletter – 1f
Photographs – 1f
Resolution - 1
Stationary – 2f

Sub Series 2: Industrial Oil & Chemical (AKA Orr-Thomas Oil)

Broadsides – 2f
Clippings – 2f
Photographs – 1f
Stationary – 1f

Series 1: Box 2

Sub Series 3: Motor Cargo

Artifacts - 1 box

Series 1: Box 3

Sub Series 3: Motor Cargo

Biographies of Executives – 1f
Business Cards – Owen Orr
Clippings – 4f
Correspondence Received – 2f
Entertainment – 3f
Manuals and Pension Plan – 1f

Series 1: Boxes 4, 5, 6

Sub Series 3: Motor Cargo

Newsletters – *Cargoite* - 16 f

Series 1: Box 7

Sub Series 3: Motor Cargo

Newsletter Fruehauf – 1f
Photographs – 12f

Series 1: Box 8

Publications – 1f
Stamps – 1f
Stationary – 3f
Terminal Listing – 1f
Transportation – Airplane – 1f

Series 1: Box 9

Sub Series 4: Orr's Coal Service

Broadsides – 1f
Clippings – 1f
Photographs – 1f
Stationary – 1f

Sub Series 5: Orr's Service and Supply

Bulletins – 1f
Clippings – 1f
Photographs – 1f
Stationary – 1f

Sub Series 6: Triple O

Broadsides – 1f
Clippings – 2f
Photographs – 1f
Stationary – 1f

Sub Series 7: Trucking Industry

Artifacts – see oversized shelves
Clippings – 1f
Publications – 2f

Series 1: Box 9 - Oversize items

Series 1: Box 10 – Oversized - Framed Images

Series 1: Box 11 – Oversized - Framed Images

Series 1: Box 12 – Oversized – Motor Cargo Images

Personal Information – Series 2

Series 2: Box 1

Sub Series 1: Academics

St. Vincent High School – 1f
University of Akron – 1f

Sub Series 2: Military service

Clippings – 2f
Photographs – 1f
World War II artifacts – 1f

Series 2: Box 2

Sub Series 3: Racing

Artifacts – 1box

Series 2: Box 3

Sub Series 3: Racing

Clippings – 6f
Financial Records – 3f
Non-Ohio Racing Publications – 1f

Series 2: Box 4

Sub Series 3: Racing

Photographs – 5f
Posters - see oversized shelves

Series 2: Box 5, 6

Sub Series 3: Racing

Programs – 10f
Publications – 4f
Script – 1f

Series 2: Box 7

Sub Series 4: Orr Family

Artifacts
Automobiles (clippings about) – 1f
Awards
Biographical – Gertrude Orr - 1f
Clippings – 4f
Clothing – see oversized boxes 11 & 12
Correspondence – 1f

Series 2: Box 8

Sub Series 4: Orr Family

Photographs – 12f
Poem – 1f
Paintings – see oversized shelves
Society in Fort Wayne – 1f
St. Sebastian Bowling Team – 1f
Travel – 2f

Series 2: Box 9 –Oversized items

Series 2: Box 10 – Oversized items

Series 2: Box 11 – Bowling Shirts

Series 2: Box 12 – Racing Jackets

Series 2: Oversized Items Paintings – (4)

Trucking Display items