

**Krumroy Senior Citizens Center Collection**  
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ACQUISITION: Lucy Ann Dobbins and Ann Dobbins donated the collection on July 28, 2004.

ACCESS: Restricted access; materials fragile; access by request at Main Library Special Collections only.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

Goodyear Aircraft Corporation (GAC) employee Milton R. Morse came up with the idea for a hobby center for seniors and began soliciting members in 1957. Later that year, W.G. Krumroy, president and treasurer of the Krumroy Realty Co., renovated and donated space on the first floor of the Krumroy Building at 227 W. Exchange Street to be used for such a center. The Constitution and By-Laws of the Senior Citizens of Summit County, Inc., Krumroy Unit No., 1 and Hobby House were adopted on April 8, 1958. The center moved into the basement of the Metropolitan Housing Authority's new senior citizens' apartments, Pine Crest Apartment, at 414 Pine Street in 1963. It was operated by United Way until 1970, when it became independent and adopted new bylaws. The center remained open until June 30, 1997.

The collection primarily consists of photographs of individual members and events and clippings from *The Akron Beacon Journal* and GAC's *The Wingfoot Clan*. It also includes: the group's constitution and by-laws adopted April 8, 1958; board and membership meeting minutes, Dec. 1989-May 1997 (incomplete); committee and membership lists, 1958-1997 (incomplete); an oversized charter signed by charter members in 1971; newsletters and newsletter excerpts; meeting and event reminders, invitations and fliers; ticket stubs from four Cleveland Indians games attended by members of the group from 1959-1962; and a pass to the 1961 Summit County Fair. The materials range in date from 1957 to 1997.

CONTAINERS: 4 photo boxes, 1 manuscript box, and 1 oversized document stored between two pieces of gray archival board

**CONTAINER LIST:**

**SERIES 1: PHOTOGRAPHS (4 boxes)**

**DESCRIPTIVE NOTE:**

With the exception of the oversized 1971 Charter, the entire collection came to Special Collections arranged into five, three-ring magnetic photo albums. Prior to being in these albums, some items were apparently taped or pasted into a scrapbook and now have some damage and/or adhesive marks from being removed from the original scrapbook(s) and/or from the magnetic albums.

Most of the photographs that have been identified were labeled on the back in pen or marker prior to their donation. Some photographs that were not labeled on the back were identified by small typed labels that appeared with them in the albums. These identified but unlabeled photographs have been placed into envelopes, which have been labeled using the information that appeared on the accompanying typed labels.

Photographs of 15 board members that were arranged in the albums separately from the photographs of the general membership have been alphabetically interfiled with the photographs of the general membership in Boxes 1 and 2 in order to make it easier to find the individuals. A list of these board members appears in the Manuscripts Box, Folder 3, with other "Membership, Board of Directors, and Officers Lists."

Box 1: Photographs of Krumroy members, last names A-K. Most photographs are 3½" x 4½" and color.

Box 2: Photographs of Krumroy members, last names L-Z. Most photographs are 3½" x 4½" and color.

Box 3: Photographs of miscellaneous Krumroy Center events, 1958-1987. Most events are identified and dated. Some members are identified. Most photographs are 3½" x 4½". Photographs are color unless noted otherwise. When the date of development has been stamped on a photograph, it has been given as an approximate date of the photograph.

Envelope 1: Two B&W photographs of table settings at Thanksgiving meeting and dinner, November 25, 1958

Envelope 2: B&W photograph of two unidentified women decorating for Christmas party and meeting, December 16, 1959

Envelope 3: Photograph of four unidentified women sitting at a table at a restaurant/event, ca. 1970

Envelope 4: Four unidentified photographs of bushes and a field in bloom, ca. June 1972

Envelope 5: Five unidentified photographs of a bus trip (to a rose garden?), ca. August 1972

Envelope 6: Eight photographs of a trip to Niagara Falls, ca. October 1972

Envelope 7: Three photographs of "Bill's" family and automobiles, ca. July 1974 and February 1975

Envelope 8: Two unidentified women in costume, ca. November 1982

Envelope 9: Two photographs of three unidentified women playing cards at an unidentified event, ca. April 1983

Envelope 10: Seven unidentified people at an 80<sup>th</sup> birthday party, ca. October 1983, name "Gardner" is written on back

Envelope 11: Two photographs of unidentified members at a Christmas-time event, ca. January 1984

Envelope 12: Photograph of members during "Forest Garden, Cincinnati, Ohio, trip to King's Island ice festival," December 30, 1984, with the names John, Lillian, and Henry(?) written on back.

- Envelope 13: Three photographs of unidentified female members at a dinner, ca. April 1985
- Envelope 14: Eight photographs of visit to Kingwood Gardens in Mansfield, Ohio, ca. June 1985, envelope 1 of 2
- Envelope 15: Seven photographs of visit to Kingwood Gardens in Mansfield, Ohio, ca. June 1985, envelope 2 of 2
- Envelope 16: Two photographs of couples dancing at an unidentified event, one including Mary Myers and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schrieber, and the other including Ethel Hemenger, Myrtle Hill and Charley Flowers, and Ruth and Steve Sautner, ca. August 1985
- Envelope 17: Seven photographs of mystery trip to Loudenville, Ohio, September 6, 1985
- Envelope 18: Seven photographs of an unidentified dinner, ca. June 1986
- Envelope 19: Photograph of three unidentified women sitting, ca. July 1986
- Envelope 20: Four photographs of Krumroy booth at the Ohio State Fair, 1986, showing Barbara Cornell, Ann Dobbins, Alma Ford and Elnora Newman, taken by Jean Bender.
- Envelope 21: Seven B&W photographs of Thanksgiving dinner with Cominity Church Preschool, with the following members identified: John Ziants, Al Achburger, Sara Wetmore, Claudia Mathison, Mary Golumbus, Bill Tuciarone (President), Mr. and Mrs. Harold Heminger, Robert and Ruth Cooper, Bonnie Back, Ejnar Madsen, Fannie Petrovic, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Anderson, Virginia Hessler, Robert White
- Envelope 22: Nine photographs of Trim a Tree Day, December 5, 1986, with the following members identified: Ruth Saunter, Freda Stoiber, Eleanor Ludwig, Helen Fleming, Helen Henderson, Bernice Stover, Ellen White, Elsie Kelly, Freda West, Helen Buza, Carolyn Munn, Lucille Bailes, Sara Wetmore, Al Ech
- Envelope 23: Seven photographs of trip to Ice Capades, February 1987
- Envelope 24: Eleven photographs of unidentified, undated patriot event (some members wearing red, white and blue), with members Don Jones and Sylvia Stiltner identified as the turkey and ham winners, respectively
- Envelope 25: Eight Polaroid photographs of undated, unidentified event (probably Easter since there are Easter decoration in the background), with members "Marjory and Tex" and "Mary and Bill" identified.
- Envelope 26: Eight photographs, mostly head shots, taken at an unidentified, undated event, probably a Christmas-time event since people are wearing holiday accessories and decorations are visible in the background of some photographs
- Envelope 27: Three photographs of an unidentified, undated event, all of whom include the same woman, who is identified as "Mary, school teacher"
- Envelope 28: Six miscellaneous photographs, all unidentified and undated. The photographs show: an African American woman speaking at a church, a man dressed in black, a man in a hospital gown,

a man and woman standing next to a brick building, an aquarium in an office, and a Christmas portrait of a woman and three children.

Box 4: Larger photographs of Krumroy members and events. Many members are identified. Photographs are 8" x 10" and black and white unless noted otherwise.

- Envelope 1: Milton R. Morse, founder of the Senior Citizens club, and "Sad Sam" (a 4-foot-tall driftwood figurine with a coconut head), circa 1957 (2 copies)
- Envelope 2: Mrs. Devitt (Margaret or "Peg") Gordon (Summit County Medical Society), W.C. Krumroy, Thomas Wolfe, and Frank Rooney at the center's new home at 227 W. Exchange Street, circa 1957 (2 copies)
- Envelope 3: Margaret "Peg" Gordon (Summit County Medical Society), Helen Waterhouse (*Akron Beacon Journal* writer), Milton R. Morse, Mrs. Milton (Tina) Morse, Mrs. Thomas (Audrey) Wolfe, Mrs. Mildred Sabel, Alpha "A.O." Gamble, and Thomas Wolfe standing behind "Sad Sam," circa 1957 (2 copies)
- Envelope 4: W.S. Smith, F.W. Johnson, Milton R. Morse, "Goodyear retirees and senior citizens" at the 1958 Oldsters Hobby Show. Stamped "Goodyear Aircraft Corp. Photographic Dept. Akron, Ohio" on back.
- Envelope 5: Mrs. Grace Williams, Mrs. Margaret Van Beylen, Alpha "A.O." Gamble, Mrs. Flassie Mealy, Mrs. Audrey Wolfe and Mrs. Sara Beem modeling handwork of "our oldest citizen" Alpha "A.O." Gamble. Stamped "Goodyear Aircraft Corp. Photographic Dept. Akron, Ohio" on back. Taken around time of 1958 Oldsters Hobby Show (see related article from Aug. 6, 1958 in Manuscripts Box, Folder 11)
- Envelope 6: Senior Citizens of Summit County Inc., Krumroy Unit 1, dated 1958 on back. Same image used on postcard in Manuscripts Box, Folder 7 "Meeting and Event Reminders, Invitations and Fliers."
- Envelope 7: Mr. Stockard (in plaid shirt), W.C. Smith (a.k.a. "Smithy"), Lena Richards, and an unidentified woman dancing. Stamped "Beacon Journal Photo Jul 22 1958 by Bill Samaras" on back.
- Envelope 8: Tina Morse, Margaret Van Beylen, Annie Vermillion and W.C. Smith (a.k.a. "Smithy") on the dance floor, with Margaret Winemiller seated behind them. Stamped "Beacon Journal Photo Jul 22 1958 by Bill Samaras" on back. (2 copies)
- Envelope 9: Milton and Tina Morse on the dance floor. Stamped "Beacon Journal Photo Jul 22 1958" on back.
- Envelope 10: Unidentified man, Ann Vermillion, Tina Morse, and W.C. Smith (a.k.a. "Smithy") dancing. Stamped "Beacon Journal Photo Jul 22 1958 by Bill Samaras" on back.

- Envelope 11: Three women sitting and talking, one of them Margaret Winemiller. Stamped "Beacon Journal Photo Jul 22 1958 by Bill Samaras" on back.
- Envelope 12: 5" x 9" photograph of W.C. Smith (a.k.a. "Smithy") dancing with (granddaughter?), with Margaret Van Beylen in background
- Envelope 13: Grace Thompson and Jim Barth dancing. Stamped "Beacon Journal Photo Jul 22 1958 by Bill Samaras" on back.
- Envelope 14: Unidentified man, Tina Morse and Milton Morse on the dance floor. Stamped "Beacon Journal Photo Jul 22 1958 by Bill Samaras" on back.
- Envelope 15: Alpha "A.O." Gamble and Jim Harter. Stamped Akron Beacon Journal on back. Taken between 1957 and Nov. 11, 1961 (Harter's date of death).
- Envelope 16: Alpha "A.O." Gamble, Margaret "Peg" Gordon, and Eleanor Vohe next to a Christmas tree. Stamped Akron Beacon Journal on back. Taken at same time as previous photograph that includes James Harter, sometime between 1957 and Nov. 11, 1961 (Harter's date of death).
- Envelope 17: Color photograph of 17 men and three women standing in front of a two-story brick building. Accompanying label identified it as the "men's chorus." Dated August 1967 on back. The following names are written on back:  
 Front row (left to right): Dewey Butcher, John Miller, Charles Naus, John Lutey, Albert Thorpe, Elizabeth Lilly, Iris Ackley  
 Middle row: Herman Roth, John Winkler, Thomas Stalcup, Elmo Woodford, John Hohman, Lawrence Deen, Juanita Flory.  
 Back row: William Major, Robert Shifflet, Romy Trowbridge Elmer Sohner, Ralph Walker, Thomas Ambrose (Last four names had been trimmed off, but appeared on an accompanying label.)
- Envelope 18: Color photograph of 17 men standing in front of a two-story brick building. Label accompanying previous photograph (taken at same time) identifies the group as the "men's chorus," August 1967. The following names are written on back:  
 Front row (left to right): Dewey Butcher, John Miller, Charles Naus, John Lutey, Albert Thorpe, Thomas Ambrose (Director)  
 Middle row: Herman Roth, John Winkler, Thomas Stalcup, Elmo Woodford, John Hohman, Lawrence Deen  
 Back row: William Major, Robert Shifflet, Romy Trowbridge Elmer Sohner, Ralph Walker
- Envelope 19: Walter Shivers playing drums in the senior citizens band. Stamped "Jan 31 1968" on back.
- Envelope 20: Charles Bolin on banjo and Walter Shivers on drums in the senior citizens band. Stamped "Jan 31 1968" on back.
- Envelope 21: Julia Baker and Ruth Crow looking at crafts. Stamped "Jan 31 1968" on back.

- Envelope 22: Mrs. Felicia McClelland, Willis Avery, and Fred Lang blowing out candles on a cake. Stamped "Jan 31 1968" on back.
- Envelope 23: Mrs. Heloise Rice on piano and Frank Moore on violin. Stamped "Jan 31 1968" on back.
- Envelope 24: Isaac Watson applauding. Stamped "Jan 31 1968" on back.
- Envelope 25: Nina Shearer and Arnold Christenson dancing. Stamped "Jan 31 1968" on back.
- Envelope 26: Myrtle Barnes, age 72, playing the piano. Stamped "Public Relations Dept., United Foundation, Inc., 90 N. Prospect St., Akron, Ohio 44309" on back. Accompanying hand-written label provided date of May 1969.
- Envelope 27: Three unidentified women playing instruments. Stamped "Public Relations Dept., United Foundation, Inc., 90 N. Prospect St., Akron, Ohio 44309" on back. Dated May 1969
- Envelope 28: Group of 18 women posing with instruments, including Ms. Hillerman, Ms. Blackson, Ms. Marriott, Bessie Towsley, Ms. Swafford, Mary Coleman, Bertha Manning, Hazel Str?, Thelma Latch, and Vera Bell. Stamped "Public Relations Dept., United Foundation, Inc., 90 N. Prospect St., Akron, Ohio 44309" on back. Taken at same time as photographs in Envelopes 26 and 27, which were dated May 1969.
- Envelope 29: Group of women playing instruments, many of which are homemade. Stamped "Public Relations Dept., United Foundation, Inc., 90 N. Prospect St., Akron, Ohio 44309" on back. Name Thelma Latch is written on back. Taken at same time as photographs in Envelopes 26 and 27, which were dated May 1969.
- Envelope 30: 5x7 color photograph of 11 women with instruments on an outdoor porch or stage. Accompanying hand-written label read "Our Silly Symphony sometime in the 1970s."
- Envelope 31: Outdoor photograph of 42 people. Accompanying hand-written label read "Courageous Hearts Club meeting, monthly at Senior Citizens Center, 227 W. Exchange St." Stamped "Capron Studio, Commercial and Portrait Photography, Front Street, Cuyahoga Falls, O. WA 6671" on back. Undated.
- Envelope 32: 5x7 color photograph of a Christmas tree, undated.
- Envelope 33: Bertha and Angelo D'Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny (Warner or Wanner?) dancing, undated, but taken sometime prior to June 1972 (Mr. D'Angelo's date of death)
- Envelope 34: Matilda Hillerman playing tambourine. Akron Beacon Journal stamp on back. Taken at same time as photographs in Envelopes 35 and 36. Undated.
- Envelope 35: Five unidentified individuals playing homemade instruments. Akron Beacon Journal stamp on back. Taken at same time as photographs in Envelopes 34 and 36. Undated.
- Envelope 36: Unidentified woman holding ironing board, with other people on background. Akron Beacon Journal stamp on back. Taken at same time as photographs in Envelopes 34 and 35. Undated.

## **SERIES 2: MANUSCRIPTS (1 Box)**

### Box 1: Manuscripts related to the Krumroy Senior Citizens Center

- Folder 1: Constitution and by-laws, April 8, 1958
- Folder 2: Executive Board and membership meeting minutes, Dec. 1989-May 1997 (incomplete)
- Folder 3: Membership, Board of Directors, and officers lists, 1958-1997 (incomplete). Includes a four-page photocopy of the oversized 1971 Charter.
- Folder 4: Newsletters (intact), Vol. 1, Nos. 1 and 9
- Folder 5: Newsletter excerpts recounting the Center's activities from 1957-1962
- Folder 6: Typed "Memories of Krumroy Senior Citizens Center" (3 pages) and comments read at special dinner held June 26, 1997 (1 page), by Lucy Ann Dobbins
- Folder 7: Meeting and Event Reminders, Invitations and Fliers, 1957-1977 (9 items)
- Folder 8: Four pairs of Cleveland Indians Baseball Ticket Stubs (1959-1962) and a 1961 Summit County Fair Pass
- Folder 9: Letter from member Louis B. Hastings to Paul E. Belcher at First National Bank concerning device that Hastings designed for winding gauze strips for mission hospitals abroad, with accompanying ca. 1957 clipping from the *Akron Beacon Journal*
- Folder 10: Clippings, 1957
- Folder 11: Clippings, 1958
- Folder 12: Clippings, 1959
- Folder 13: Clippings, 1960
- Folder 14: Clippings, 1961
- Folder 15: Clippings, 1962
- Folder 16: Clippings, 1963
- Folder 17: Clippings, 1964
- Folder 18: Clippings, 1965
- Folder 19: Clippings, 1966
- Folder 20: Clippings, 1967
- Folder 21: Clippings, 1968
- Folder 22: Clippings, 1969
- Folder 23: Clippings, 1970s
- Folder 24: Clippings, obituaries

Oversize: "Krumroy Senior Citizens Center, Charter Members, 1971" hand-made charter with approximately 200 signatures, 21½" wide x 34" long, stored between two pieces of archival board. A four-page photocopy of this charter is included in the Manuscripts Box, Folder 3, "Membership, Board of Directors, and officers lists, 1958-1997."

### **“One of Krumroy Senior Citizens, Inc. Executive Boards”**

When the collection arrived at Special Collections, photographs of the 15 individuals listed below appeared in this order in photo album #4 following the heading “One of Krumroy Senior Citizens, Inc. Executive Boards.”

This group of photographs appeared in the album before the alphabetically-arranged photographs of the general membership. In processing the collection, however, they were alphabetically interfiled with those photographs of the general membership in order to make it easier to find these individuals.

Bill Tuciarone  
Carl Anderson  
Dorothy Jones  
Ann Dobbins  
Ejnar Madsen  
Dortha Buchtel  
Ruth Sautner  
Eldon Archberger  
Helen Fleming  
Fanny Petrovics  
Robert White  
Grace Lehman  
Warren Fenstermaker  
Freda Stoiber  
Al West