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Title: Dwight W. Garber Collection

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Dates: 1864-2007

Creator(s): Dwight Wesley Garber (1896-1983)

Donor(s): Robert Carter, Lexington, OH

Biography of Creator: *From obituary in The Observer (La Grande, Oregon), Friday, November 11, 1983, page 6—*

"Dwight Wesley Garber, formerly of Ohio, died in Stockton, Calif., following a heart attack. He was 87. Graveside services will be at 2pm Monday at Hillcrest Cemetery with officials of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints conducting. Mr. Garber was a retired chief warrant officer in the US Navy Medical Corps. He came to Stockton from Lexington, KY, where he had been working with the civil service. Mr. Garber was married to Vera Swalberg of La Grande, whom he met during World War I when she was serving as yeoman in the US Navy. She preceded him in death on June 17, 1973. Survivors include a daughter, Constance G. Cullen of Stockton, Calif., grandsons, John in Spain, and Michael in Canada; and great-grandchildren, John, Michael, and Kimberly Cullen; two sisters-in-law, Mrs. O. B. (Gertrude) Maxam and Mrs. Don (Edith) McLean, both of La Grande; and two sisters, Mrs. Grace Evans and Mrs. Bessie Hug, both of the Portland area. Local arrangements are under the direction of Daniels Valley Funeral Chapel."

Custodial History: Materials previously in custody of Tim McKee, Mansfield, Ohio.

Scope and Content: This collection consists of research, personal correspondence regarding research, and historical materials from Dwight W. Garber. An overwhelming majority of the collection was written from Garber's personal residence in Perrysville, Ohio and primarily consists of research he performed for his historical articles in the Mansfield News-Journal. In the folders corresponding to Garber's research are copies of articles he authored. Additionally, Garber traveled across Ohio to study and attempt to preserve different grist mills; he authored and published different publications regarding their history and value.

Throughout the collection are photographs and negatives of different histories across Ohio; for example, the collection holds original photographs of the Divelbiss family, dated from the 19th century. Along with pictures from Garber and other sources, the collection holds many primary historical documents, such as newspapers clippings from different Richland County newspapers during the Civil War or an original copy of the pamphlet given to the 22nd Congress of the United States regarding the Trail of Tears. Although a large portion of the collection is focused on mid-Ohio, Garber made a clear attempt to research all throughout the state and collect different histories of residing populations.

Extent: 2.1 linear feet

Access: No restrictions.

Language: English

Provenance: Donated to the OGS by Bob Carter in December 2019.

Related materials: Dwight Wesley Garber papers (M2052). Dept. of Special Collections and University Archives, Stanford Libraries, Stanford, Calif. [materials related to Garber's service in the US Navy during WWI and WWII]

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Box 1

File 0: Deed of gift

File 1: Algonquin Mill (Carroll County, Ohio)

Garber's "Certificate of Appreciation for preservation of local and state history" from Carroll County Historical Society; proposal to restore Algonquin Steam Mill from Ohio Historical

Society; original copies of “producer’s affidavit or certificate” and recipes provided to customers from Algonquin Mill, dated 1930s; original blueprint from the U.S. Food Administration, “Diagram for Making Wheat Flour”; photographs of the mill before restoration efforts.

File 2: Bellville, Richland County, Ohio Cemetery

File 3: Cincinnati Weekly Times, 1870s, Wild West clippings

File 4: Civil War

Articles (original and transcribed from 1860s), correspondence detailing the Civil War through mid-Ohio; descendants of Reverend Jacob Price family tree.

File 5: Civil War Articles, 1957-1964

File 6: Divelbiss, David – Body Stealing & Old Peg (Dirth, Evarts, Aungst)

Photograph dated 1891-1894 of Margaret (Peggy) Divelbiss; photograph of Divelbiss house, dated 1968; original funeral invitation for Margaret (Peggy) Divelbiss, 1909; undated original photograph of Hattie Mills (daughter of Margaret Divelbiss and Reuben Evarts); original funeral notice of Reuben Evarts, 1888; Divelbiss family record.

File 7: Farm Bells

Collection of photographs and negatives of farm bells, dated 1959; information pamphlet of “The Fredericktown Bells,” published by The J.B. Foote Foundry Company, Fredericktown, Ohio, dated 1959.

File 8: Fort Fizzle (Holmes County Rebellion)

Original photograph of William B. Livingston, author of “Battle of Fort Fizzle”, n.d.; photographs of White family property in Holmes County, dated 1957; photograph of Peter Stuber, n.d.; photographs of the remains of Stone House, 1957; photographs of the Workman’s House, 1957; negatives of White House, Stone House, and Workman’s House, n.d.; photograph and negative of unknown man and woman, n.d.; negative of Peter Stuber, n.d.; miscellaneous newspaper clippings regarding Fort Fizzle, 1962.

File 9: Garrison, John

File 10: Gladstone Mill (Pike County, Ohio)

Photographs of Gladstone Mill, n.d.; newspaper clippings regarding Gladstone Mill and Gladstone family.

Box 2

File 11: Hair

Negatives and photographs of unnamed men; photograph of Dwight W. Garber

File 12: Harrison Campaign 1840

Newspaper clippings from The Columbus Dispatch (1940) and Cleveland Plain Dealer (1940) regarding the 1840 presidential campaign of William Henry Harrison.

File 13: Hitchman, Albert – Rock Picture (Native American)

File 14: Jefferson Township, Richland County, OH – 1850 Census

File 15: Jefferson Township, Richland County, OH – Enumeration of Youth, 1843-1893

File 16: Lyons, Tom (Native American)

File 17: Mansfield's Lincoln Endorsement

File 18: Mansfield's Lincoln Endorsement – Correspondence

Pamphlet from the Lincoln Library and Museum, n.d.; copy of Northwest Ohio Quarterly: A Journal of History and Civilization, Summer 1959; pamphlet from Malabar Farm; photograph of stone marker in downtown Mansfield from Richland County Lincoln Association, n.d.

File 19: Mansfield's Lincoln Endorsement – Research

File 20: Mill Letters and Correspondence

File 21: Mills

Photographs of unnamed mills, dated 1999-2007; photographs of Millbrook Mill and calling card of John A. Kister, n.d.; photographs of model of Griebing Grist Mill, dated 1971; photographs of mill equipment, dated 1971; photograph of Guy and Mabel Kister, dated February 1971; negatives of Kister Mill, April 1974.

File 22: Mills and Milling – Ohio Historical Society Inventory MSS 558

Box 3

File 23: Miscellaneous Articles – Part 1

File 24: Miscellaneous Articles – Part 2

File 25: Miscellaneous Articles – Part 3

File 26: Morrow County, Ohio Will Book 1, Index, 1848-1867

File 27: Mount Vernon Items

Photograph of a uniform from the Ohio Militia in 1835, n.d.

File 28: Nation, Carrie Amelia (Moore)

File 29: Native Americans – Part 1

Mohawk; Seneca; Shawnee; Wyandot (Wyandott, Wyandotte)

File 30: Native Americans – Part 2

Cayuga; Zane; Kansas

File 31: Native Americans – Part 3

Missions; Landowners; Connelley's Emigrant Tribes; Armstrong; A. Guthrie

File 32: Native Americans – Chiefs – Part 1

Montour; Wyandot Chiefs; Half-King; Between-the-Logs; Mononcue; Leatherlips; Tarhe

File 33: Native Americans – Chiefs – Part 2

Shickellamy; Mingoes; Logan; Pretty Eagle; Red Jacket

1832 copy of Document No. 116, 22nd Congress, "Removal of Indians Westward: Message from the President of the United States [Andrew Jackson], 16 February 1832; 1838 copy of "Speech of the Honorary John Tipton of Indiana, on the Bill for the Protection of the Aborigines," delivered to the United States Senate on 18 April 1838.

Box 4

File 34: Native Americans and Frontier Stories

"The State of Ohio against Sherman Green, William Fleming, and James Warrens," original court proceedings from 23 February 1865; "The State of Ohio vs. William Fleming," original court proceedings from 24 February 1865; "The State of Ohio vs. William Flemming," original court proceedings from 28 February 1865.

File 35: Native Americans and Frontier Stories (Papers 1961-1965)

File 36: Native Americans – Journeycake

Photographs and negatives of Sally Journeycake and Jane Journeycake, n.d.; photograph of Journeycake residence and marker, n.d.; photograph of Charles Journeycake (Ne-sha-pa-na-cumin), n.d.; family tree of Charles Journeycake.

File 37: Oldfield Bible

File 38: Oregon Mission Mail

Commemorative stamps from 1848; negatives and photographs of Brewer correspondence.

File 39: Railroads

Photograph print of a train in Mansfield, n.d.

File 40: Richland-Ashland County Pioneer Families

Original receipts of labor, dated 1837; membership application for the Daughters of the American Revolution, dated 1933.

File 41: Richland County, Ohio Cemetery Records – Part 1

File 42: Richland County, Ohio Cemetery Records – Part 2
Cemetery map of Baker Union Cemetery, 1949

File 43: Richland County Courthouse

News clippings of courthouse happenings; copy of drawing my William H. Hipp of Mansfield Courthouses through 1800s.

File 44: Richland County Deaths 1876-1877

File 45: Richland County Landowners 1824-1847

File 46: Richland County, Ohio Marriages

File 47: Richland Courts Newspapers

Copy of a letter from Robert Crosthwaite, dated 3 July 1820.

Box 5

File 48: Richland County, Ohio – Revolutionary War Soldiers

Photographs of land taken in 1963 and 1965; original articles from The Bellville Messenger, The Butler Enterprise, dated 1897; photographs of Richland County pioneer graves, n.d.; republished death certificates of Revolutionary War soldiers; list of American Revolution soldiers buried in Richland County.

File 49: Richland County, Ohio Will Index, v. 1-9

File 50: Russ, Edmund Gibson (Andrew Johnson Impeachment)

File 51: Shauck Cemetery, Perry Township, Morrow County, Ohio

File 52: Slavery

File 53: Smith, Jedidiah Strong

File 54: Toll Road Articles, 1962

File 55: Utica Mill

Photographs of Utica Mill (Ye Olde Mill) and miscellaneous equipment, dated 1969; advertisements and information pamphlets from Velvet Ice Cream Company, 1963; information pamphlet regarding the restoration of Utica Mill for Velvet Ice Cream Company, 1971; menu from Velvet Ice Cream Company at Utica Mill.

File 56: War of 1812 Articles – Fremont Area

File 57: War of 1812 – Document Transcriptions

File 58: Wetzel, Lewis

Photographs of Fort Wetzel marker plate and Wetzel's gravesite, dated 1958.

File 59: Wyandot Indian Mill, Upper Sandusky, Part 1

Bolting silk samples from Indian Mill.

File 60: Wyandot Indian Mill, Upper Sandusky, Part 2

Information pamphlets regarding the Ohio Historical Society and Indian Mill State Memorial, and Wyandot County Historical Society, n.d.; postcards and sticker from Indian Mill Museum; photographs and negatives of Foster and John Finkle at the Indian Mill, around 1908; photographs and negatives of surrounding land and mill building at Indian Mill; calendar features of Indian Mill, 1970; color photograph of Indian Mill, 1999.

Key Words: Ashland County; Richland County; Stark County; Wyandot County; Indian Mill; Utica Mill; Ye Olde Mill; Revolutionary War; Fort Fizzle; cemetery maps; Montour; Wyandot Chiefs; Half-King; Between-the-Logs; Mononcue; Leatherlips; Tarhe; Journeycake; Johnnycake; Mohawk; Seneca; Shawnee; Wyandot; Wyandott; Wyandotte; Shickellamy; Mingoes; Logan; Pretty Eagle; Red Jacket; Millbrook Mill; Griebeling Grist Mill; Algonquin Mill; Ohio mills; Fort Wetzel; Oldfield family; Nation family; Divelbiss family; Pioneer Families; Price family

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