

Finding Aid for the E.L. O'Connor Collection, 1953-1954,  
1957, 1960-1962



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## **Descriptive Summary**

<b>Title:</b>	E.L. O'Connor Collection 1953-1954, 1957, 1960-1962
<b>Record No.:</b>	RG 77/9
<b>Accession No.:</b>	MSS 2007.1
<b>Compiler:</b>	E.L. O'Connor
<b>Extent:</b>	1 box
<b>Abstract:</b>	E.L. O'Connor worked at Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company's Brier Hill Works. The collection relates to the steel industry, labor unions, and steel community.

## **Administrative Information**

<b>Provenance:</b>	E.L. O'Connor. The collection came into the custody of librarian Debra Beronja, who transferred it to the University Archives in 2007.
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<b>Restrictions:</b>	None
<b>Processing Information:</b>	Processed by Lisa Garofali, May 29, 2007

## **Biographical Sketch**

E.L. O'Connor worked at Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company's Brier Hill Works. No other information is available at this time.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The order imposed over the collection is artificial and organized by the type of materials found in the collection. Each series is organized chronologically within each folder. The bulk of the collection is from 1954 and 1960-1962. The collection deals with the interests of E.L. O'Connor. A majority of the printed works in series I involves the

*Bulletin Youngstown Edition*, a monthly magazine from Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company that deals with steel industry articles, happenings around the company (such as retirements and promotions) as well as the families of the workers (marriages, births, birthdays, obituaries, graduations, enlistments in the service, seasonal recipes, etc...) Other printed works are miscellaneous steel magazines that focus on research, economic trends, production, and industrial relations and operations management. The annual reports series II contains two financial reports of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company during the years 1953 and 1957. The union papers series III involves a settlement proposal addressed to David J. McDonald, president of the United Steelworkers of America, a booklet of the agreement between The Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, Youngstown Metal Products Company and the United Steelworkers of America Production and Maintenance Employees. The last part of series III involves papers belonging to E.L. O'Connor which describe union procedures (i.e. vacation days, grievances, and incentives). The collection is not complete and has gaps within the dates but it may give the researcher insight to Youngstown Sheet and Tube when it was locally owned and operated, and the steel industry of the late 1950's and early 1960's.

### **Series Description**

Series I: Printed Works  
Series II: Annual Reports  
Series III: Union Papers

### **Related Materials**

50 years in steel: the story of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company: this is America. Youngstown, Ohio: The Company, c1950.

Buss, Terry F. Reemployment after a shutdown: the Youngstown Steel Mill closing 1977 to 1985. Youngstown, Ohio: Youngstown State University, Center for Urban Studies, 1986.

Buss, Terry F. Shutdown at Youngstown: public policy for mass unemployment. Albany: State University of New York Press, c1983.

Meiners, Raymond E. Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company: a pattern of local assistance and development. Kent, Ohio: Kent State University, 1963.

Oral History Program, Youngstown State University Department of History  
1952 Youngstown Sheet and Tube Strike Oral History  
Ecumenical coalition project  
Sheet and Tube shutdown project

### **Index Terms**

Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company  
US Steel  
Steel industry and trade – Ohio – Youngstown

Steel union settlements and agreements  
Economic trends in the steel industry  
Industrial relations

## **BOX 1**

### **SERIES I: PRINTED WORKS**

<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
1	<i>Bulletin Youngstown Edition</i> , 1953 Jul, 1954 (Mar, May-Sep)
2	<i>Bulletin Youngstown Edition</i> , 1960 (Mar, Apr, Jun-Sep, Nov)
3	<i>Bulletin Youngstown Edition</i> , 1961 (Feb, Apr-Dec)
4	<i>Bulletin Youngstown Edition</i> , 1962 (Jan-Jun, Aug-Sep)
5	<i>Supervision: Magazine of Industrial Relations and Operating Management</i> , 1954 Aug
6	<i>Steel: the Metalworking Weekly</i> , 1958 Aug 4
7	<i>US Steel News: Meeting Competition through research</i> , 1962 June-July
8	<i>Economic Trends in the Iron and Steel Industry</i> , undated, ca. 1959

### **SERIES II: ANNUAL REPORTS**

<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
9	Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company Annual Report, 1953,1957

### **SERIES III: UNION PAPERS**

<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
10	Settlement Proposal to David J. McDonald (President of United Steel Workers of America) from Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company and various other steel companies, 1959 Nov 17
11	Agreement between Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, Youngstown Metal Products Company, and the United Steelworkers of America Production and Maintenance Employees, 1960 Jan 4
11	E.L. O'Connor union procedures, undated