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

Collection Number: RG 77/9

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Descriptive Summary

Title: E.L. O'Connor Collection 1953-1954, 1957, 1960-1962

Record No.: RG 77/9

Accession No.: MSS 2007.1

Compiler: E.L. O'Connor

Extent: 1 box

Abstract: 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

Provenance: 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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Restrictions: None

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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.

Colophon

This collection was processed in May of 2007. The revision of the Finding Aid and writing of this colophon is by Lisa Marie Garofali, a History graduate student with over three years experience working full time in the YSU Archives as of June 2010. Added to this Finding Aid during revision is the description of the series listed above the corresponding folders to that series, the author of the Finding Aid and author of the revision has been added in the Administrative section.

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

This series corresponds to the printed works found within the collection. The publication entitled *Bulletin Youngstown Edition* in folders 1-4 are a monthly magazine from Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company and published in cooperation with the employees of the company. The information in these magazines contain steel industry articles, photographs, happenings around the company (such as retirements and promotions) as well as the happenings of the families of the workers (marriages, births, birthdays, obituaries, graduations, enlistments in the service, seasonal recipes, etc…). Folder 5 contains the publication *Supervision: Magazine of Industrial Relations and Operating Management.* The magazine is published monthly and features articles, stories, book reviews, and reports on topics within the realm of industrial relations and operating management. Folder 6 has the printed work of *Steel: the Metalworking Weekly.* The magazine is selectively distributed without charge to qualified management personnel with administrative, production, engineering, or purchasing functions in U. S. metalworking plants employing 20 or more. Articles are categorized by business/metalworking outlook, production/technical outlook, and market outlooks. Folder 7 containing *US Steel News,* is published by the Personnel Services Department of United States Steel Corporation. Some of the features include articles, a steel product of the month, and letter from the President of U.S. Steel, L. B. Worthington. The final item in the Printed Works series is entitled *Economic Trends in the Iron and Steel Industry.* This publication is a facts book for steel company management of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company containing factual reference material on inflation and its effects on wages, productivity, profits and competition in the iron and steel industry.

Folder	**Content**
1	*Bulletin Youngstown Edition*, 1953 Jul, 1954 (Mar, May-Sep)
2	*Bulletin Youngstown Edition*, 1960 (Mar, Apr, Jun-Sep, Nov)

3	*Bulletin Youngstown Edition*, 1961 (Feb, Apr-Dec)
4	*Bulletin Youngstown Edition*, 1962 (Jan-Jun, Aug-Sep)
5	*Supervision: Magazine of Industrial Relations and Operating Management*, 1954 Aug
6	*Steel: the Metalworking Weekly*, 1958 Aug 4
7	*US Steel News,* 1962 June-July
8	*Economic Trends in the Iron and Steel Industry*, undated, ca. 1959

SERIES II: ANNUAL REPORTS

This series contains two Annual reports of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company. One dates 1953 and the other 1957. The 1953 annual report has a tribute to Frank Purnell, former Chairmen of the Board of Youngstown Sheet and Tube with 51 years of service to the company.

Folder	Content
9	Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company Annual Report, 1953,1957

SERIES III: UNION PAPERS

This series contains the union papers found within the collection. Folder 10 is a settlement proposal to Mr. David J. McDonald, President of the United Steelworkers of America, from a negotiating team representing several regional steel companies and corporations. Attached to this, is a letter to the foremen of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube which discusses the dispute between the steel industry and the United Steelworkers of America. Folder 11 contains E.L. O'Connor's copy of the union agreements between Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, Youngstown Metal Products Company, and the United Steelworkers of America Production and Maintenance Employees. Also in this folder is a copy of union papers and procedures such as how to correctly fill out various forms and use of vacation and incentives.

Folder	Content
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
12	E.L. O'Connor union procedures, undated