

Fisher Family Collection

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COLLECTION SUMMARY

Collection Number:

Collection Title: Fisher Family Collection

Dates: c. 1914-1952

Size: 2.5 linear ft.

Creator/Collector: Decatur Public Library

Acquisition Information: Materials donated by Debora Hunter in 2020.

Accruals: Accruals are not expected.

Custodial History: Materials were originally owned by Henry Richard Fisher, and given to Debora Hunter. Debora Hunter donated to the Decatur Public Library in 2020.

Languages: Collection materials are in English.

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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

George Will Fisher was born in 1866, and worked as a plastering and cement contractor in Decatur, IL with the firm Fisher and Thimens. He was married to Grace Valentine (Nebinger) Fisher, and died in 1915.

Lewis Nebinger Fisher was born in 1890. He studied civil engineering at Millikin University, and received his Masters degree in civil engineering from the University of Illinois. Lewis was part owner of the Fisher Cope firm. This firm built the Decatur Dam in Decatur, IL. At the time of his death in 1952, he was president of Fisher-Stoune Contractors. He was married to Elizabeth V. (McKinney) Fisher.

Henry Richard Fisher was born in 1904, and studied civil engineering at the University of Illinois. He married Dorothy (Koshiniski) Fisher. Henry started his own wallboard and acoustical-tile contracting firm in Chicago, IL. The firm was first known as Fisher-Busse, then Fisher, Albright, and Masters (FAMCO). Henry and Dorothy lived in Oak Park, IL. He died in 1991.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of materials from the Fisher family. The collection is 2.5 linear feet. It contains genealogical information on the Fisher family, photographs of the building of the Decatur Dam, and information on different Fisher businesses.

The scrapbook containing photos of the Decatur Dam was scanned and taken apart. Each sheet was placed in its own polypropylene sleeve. There was no noticeable original order to the collection, so it was organized with the researcher in mind.

COLLECTION INVENTORY

I. History

Folder Name	Box #	Folder #
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Notes on Donation by Debora Hunter	Box #1	FF 1
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II. George W. Fisher

Folder Name	Box #	Folder #
Business – Fisher & Thimens, Dr. Contractors		FF 2
Business – Fisher & Thimens – Weekly Time Books		FF 3
Business – Fisher & Thimens – Receipts		FF 4

III. Lewis Fisher

Folder Name	Box #	Folder #
Biographical Information		FF 5
Biographical Information – Memorial Book		FF 6
Photographs – Decatur Dam Scrapbook #1		FF 7
Photographs – Decatur Dam Scrapbook #2		FF 8
Photographs – Decatur Dam Scrapbook #3		FF 9
Photographs – Decatur Dam & Buildings Small Photo Album	Box 2	FF 1
Photographs – Decatur Dam Photos		FF 2

IV. Henry Fisher

Folder Name	Box #	Folder #
Biographical Information		FF 3
Finances – Trustees System Discount Company of Chicago		FF 4
Finances – WWII Ration Books		FF 5
Business – Fisher-Busse Co. – Weekly Time Book (1939)		FF 6
Business – Fisher-Busse Co. – Weekly Time Book (1940)		FF 7

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Business – Fisher-Busse Co. – Weekly Time Book (1941)		FF 8
Business – Fisher-Busse Co. – Weekly Time Book (1942)		FF 9
Business – Fisher-Busse Co. – Weekly Time Book (1943)		FF 10
Business – Fisher-Busse Co. – Weekly Time Book (1944)		FF 11
Business – Fisher-Busse Co. – Weekly Time Book (1945)		FF 12
Business – Fisher-Busse Co. – Weekly Time Book (1946)	Box 3	FF 1
Business – Fisher-Busse Co. – Weekly Time Book (1947)		FF 2

V. News Clippings

Folder Name	Box #	Folder#
Miscellaneous News Clippings		FF 3

VI. Oversized

Folder Name	Box #	Folder #
History – Fisher Genealogy	Box 4	FF 1
Lewis Fisher – Business – Fisher Cope – Decatur Dam Plans (7/1919)		FF 2
“History of Macon County” by John W. Smith (1876)		
“Centennial History of Decatur and Macon County” by Mabel E. Richmond (1930)		