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Summary Information

Repository	Ball State University Archives and Special Collections
Creator	Cunningham, Robert (Bob), 1928-2005
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Biographical Note

Robert G. Cunningham, Sr. was born in Muncie in 1928 to Shad and Grace Jones Cunningham. He graduated from Muncie Central High School and Washington School of Art and later enlisted in the Army and served in Germany. Cunningham was a long-time business owner and public figure in Muncie, Indiana. He was a member of Burlington Drive Free Will Baptist Church, AmVets Post #12, American Legion Post #19, Eagles Lodge #231, and the Foresters. As an active member of the Democratic Party, Cunningham served on the Muncie City Council from 1956 to 1959, 1964 to 1971, and 1974 to 1975; was Mayor of Muncie from 1976 to 1980; and served as Center Township Assessor from 1983 to 1993. In addition to his lengthy political career, Cunningham owned the Red Front Grocery from 1948 to 1969 and Cunningham's Market from 1969 to 1976. He was also a cartoonist who published several books of cartoons and made regular contributions to the *Muncie Evening Press*. Cunningham died at Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie on May 31, 2005.

Scope and Contents

The Robert Cunningham papers consists of records documenting the personal and professional life of Robert G. Cunningham, Sr. of Muncie, Indiana ranging from circa 1890-2005. Materials in this collection include records from the City of Muncie Office of the Mayor created during Cunningham's tenure as mayor, political campaign materials, local newspaper clippings, scrapbooks from Cunningham's political and personal life, original and printed cartoons drawn by Cunningham, and local history publications and photographs that were collected by Cunningham. Some of the materials in the collection were collected by Cunningham's family after his death.

Arrangement

Series 1: City of Muncie, Office of the Mayor records, circa 1890-1991, 2002-2003

Subseries 1.1: Correspondence, 1963-1979

Subseries 1.2: Daily planning calendars, 1976-1979

Subseries 1.3: Committee, Board, and Commission records, 1952-1991

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Subseries 1.5: Financial records, circa 1882-1990

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Administrative Information

Publication Information

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This collection was received by Archives and Special Collections as a donation from Robert Cunningham, Jr. on 2008/11/12. Additions to the collection were received from Robert Cunningham, Jr. on 2014/02/14, 2014/02/28, 2014/03/14, 2014/06/05, 2015/01/20, 2016/01/22, 2016/04/25, 2017/03/21 and 2017/09/29.

Accruals

Further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing completed 2011/09/21 by Elizabeth Rasberry. Processing of publications and photographs completed 2009/09/10 by Jennifer Morrill. Processing of addition to collection completed 2014/06/02 by Ryan Frick and 2016/02/29 by Breanna Childers. EAD finding aid created 2011/09/21 by Elizabeth Rasberry. EAD finding aid revised 2011/09/26 by Bethany Fiechter, 2009/09/21 by Maren L. Read, 2014/06/02 by Ryan Frick, and 2016/02/29 by Lindsey M. Vesperry. Addition processing and EAD finding aid revised 2016/04/25 by Lindsey M. Vesperry. Addition processing and EAD finding aid revised 2017/04/27 by Lindsey M. Vesperry. Addition processing completed 2017/10/31 by Kelsey Gordon. EAD finding aid revised 2017/11/01 by Lindsey M. Vesperry.

Existence and Location of Copies

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<http://libx.bsu.edu/cdm/landingpage/collection/CnghmRobt>

Related Materials

Related Archival Materials

Materials relating to this collection may be found in the following collections in Archives and Special Collections, Ball State University Libraries, Muncie IN:

SC.667: Robert Cunningham cartoon

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Business records
- Caricatures and cartoons
- Correspondence
- Documents
- Financial records
- Legal documents
- Newspapers
- Reports

Geographic Name(s)

- Delaware County (Ind.)
- Delaware County (Ind.)--History--19th century--Sources
- Delaware County (Ind.)--History--20th century--Sources
- Muncie (Ind.)
- Muncie (Ind.)--History--19th century--Sources
- Muncie (Ind.)--History--20th century--Sources

Subject(s)

- Baseball
- Budget
- Buildings
- Church history
- City planning
- Committees
- Financial statements--Accounting
- Fraternal organizations
- Legal briefs
- Mayors
- Municipal government
- Political campaigns
- Stoeckel Archives of Local History

- Strategic planning

Collection Inventory

Series 1: City of Muncie, Office of the Mayor records, circa 1890-1991, 2002-2003

Scope and Contents

This series contains records from the City of Muncie, Office of the Mayor ranging from 1890 to 1992 and includes Mayor Cunningham`s correspondence; committee, board, and commission records; financial records; city, state, and federal program planning records; city ordinances; building plans; and organizational records for various departments within Muncie city government.

Subseries 1.1: Correspondence, 1963-1979

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Cunningham, Robert correspondence, 1965-1969	1	2
Cunningham, Robert bulletins, 1975-1978	1	3
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Cunningham, Robert round table documents, 1976-1979	1	10
Ball State University and Cunningham, Robert correspondence, 1977-1979	1	11
<i>Improving Managerial Skills</i> seminar correspondence, 1977	1	12
General services administration letters, 1977-1979	1	13
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Welcome Wagon documents, circa 1960s	1	21
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Human Relations Commission documents, 1964-1967	1	23
National League of Cities documents, 1964-1967	1	24
United Nations Committee for the Muncie Area documents, 1964	1	25
Muncie, Indiana Youth Commission documents, 1965-1966	1	26
Mayor`s Committee of Traffic Safety documents, 1966	1	27
All Faith Committee for Richmond State Hospital documents, 1967	1	28
Community Services Council of Delaware County, Indiana, INC. documents, 1967-1970	1	29

Subseries 1.3: Committee, Board, and Commission records, 1952-1991

Human Relations Task Force documents, 1967	1	30
Indiana Municipal League documents, 1967	1	31
Muncie Human Rights Commission documents, 1967	1	32
City of Muncie Finance Committee documents, 1969-1973	9	10
Muncie Mission documents, circa 1970s	1	33
Cable TV Committee documents, 1971-1978	1	34
By-Laws and Development Commission documents, 1973	1	35
State Board of Accounts documents, 1974-1979	9	11
Appointments and recommendations documents, 1975-1979	1	36
Board of Works documents, 1975-1976	1	37
Delaware County Board of Health documents, 1975-1979	1	38
Muncie Traffic Safety Commission documents, 1975-1978	2	1
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Subseries 1.3: Committee, Board, and Commission records, 1952-1991

Alcoholic Beverage Board documents, 1976-1979	2	4
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Board of Sanitary Commission documents, 1976-1979	9	12
Building Commissioners Office Board of Review documents, 1976-1979	9	13
City Common Council documents, 1976-1979	9	14
Area VI Aging County Council documents, 1976-1979	2	6
City County agenda and minutes, 1976-1979	9	15
Civil Rights Commission documents, 1976-1977	2	7
Downtown Business Council documents, 1976-1977	2	8
Mayor`s staff meetings documents, 1976-1978	2	9
Mayor`s Task Force on housing integration documents, 1976-1977	2	10
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Emergency Medical Commission documents, 1977-1979	2	13
Employment Security Division documents, 1977-1978	9	20
Muncie Redevelopment Commission documents, 1977-1979	9	21
Revolving Loan Fund Board documents, 1977-1979	10	1
State Board of Vocational Technical Education documents, 1977 Sept.	2	14
Board of Zoning Appeals documents, 1977-1982	2	15
City officials roster documents, 1977	2	16
Board of Economic Development Commission documents, 1978-1979	2	17
Board of Sanitary Commission documents, 1978-1979	10	2
Citizens Participation Task Force documents, 1978	2	18
Civil Aeronautics Board documents, 1978-1979	10	3

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Delaware County Emergency Medical Services Board documents, 1978-1979	2	19
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission documents, 1978-1979	2	20
Sun Day Committee documents, 1978	2	21
Human Rights Commission documents, 1979	2	22
Mayor`s Task Force on City Reorganization documents, 1981 Dec.	2	23
Building Commission documents, 1985-1989	10	4
Hazardous Materials Response Team documents, 1985-1986	2	24
Muncie Commission on Substance Abuse and Drug Related Crime documents, 1985-1991	2	25
Human Rights Commission documents, 1988	2	26
Tax Adjustment Board documents, 1976-1979	2	27
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Subseries 1.4: Reports, 1960-1989; undated

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<i>Study of Shopping Centers in Muncie report, 1964 June</i>	2	31
<i>Sanitary District First Annual Financial and Operational report, 1965</i>	2	32
<i>First Muncie Sanitary District annual report, 1966 June</i>	2	33
City controller`s annual report, 1966	2	34
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Muncie Fire Department annual report, 1966	2	36
Sanitary District second annual report, 1966	2	37
<i>Mayor`s Task Force Report on Human Rights documents, 1967 Dec.</i>	2	38
<i>Muncie Industrial Sites, Gateway to Mid-America report, 1967</i>	2	39
Sanitary District Commissioner`s handbook, 1967 March	2	40
Muncie Police Department, Operations Order Special Task Unit documents, 1968 May	2	41

Subseries 1.4: Reports, 1960-1989; undated

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<i>208 Water Quality Management Synopsis</i> documents, circa 1970s	2	43
<i>Septic Problem Assessment</i> draft, circa 1970s	2	44
<i>Study of Information Processing in the Controller's Office and Police Department</i> report, 1971 July	2	45
<i>Soil Survey of Delaware County</i> documents, 1972 July	2	46
<i>Muncie Attitude Study Part I</i> report, 1973 Feb.	2	47
<i>Profiles of Change</i> documents, 1974-1975	2	48
<i>Health Department annual report</i> , 1975	2	49
<i>Bicentennial Year of Department 16</i> annual report, 1976	2	50
<i>Construction Progress Report for Water Quality Control Project</i> report, 1976-1977	3	1
<i>Health Department annual report</i> , 1976	3	2
<i>Sanitary District, Trash and Garbage</i> summary reports, 1976-1978	3	3
<i>Suites against the city of Muncie</i> report, 1976-1979	10	5

Subseries 1.4: Reports, 1960-1989; undated

<i>Suites against the city of Muncie</i> report, 1976-1979	10	6
<i>Summary of Consulting Engineering Services Performed for the City of Muncie, Indiana</i> documents, 1976 March	3	4
<i>Waste Treatment Cost Recovery</i> report, 1976	3	5
<i>You Are Because They Were</i> publication, 1976	3	6
<i>Affirmative Action Quarterly</i> report, 1977 July-Sept.	3	7
<i>Indiana and Michigan Electric Company Propectus</i> report, 1977	3	8
<i>Local Government Productivitiy Solid Waste Collection</i> report, 1977	3	9
<i>Report to Common Council on Rezoning</i> , 1977-1979	10	7
<i>User`s Guide to the Profiles of Change Urban Information Package</i> report, 1977	3	10
Annual departmental reports, 1978	3	11
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<i>Try Muncie First: A Comprehensive Statistical Analysis of Industrial Muncie</i> report, circa 1980s	3	17
<i>Transit Maintenance Facility Analysis and Location Study</i> report, 1980 June	3	18
<i>The Challenges of Infrastructure Management</i> documents, 1989 June	3	19
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Subseries 1.5: Financial records, circa 1882-1990

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Older American`s transportation grant documents, 1975	3	31
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Delaware-Blackford consortium, title 1 document, 1977	3	33
Economic adjustment assistance revolving fund documents, 1977	3	34
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Community development and transportation documents, 1976-1979	4	5
Muncie, Indiana comprehensive plan digest, 1976 Feb.	4	6
Ricochet and Start programs documents, 1976	4	7
Muncie, Indiana roofing projects documents, 1977	4	8
Muncie, Indiana sanitary district, facility plan addendum for ammonia control facilities documents, 1977	4	9
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Welfare and food stamp regulation documents, 1978	4	13
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Transition plan documents, 1979 June	4	15
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Employee assistance program documents, 1987-1989	4	18

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City ordinance violation affidavit, 1964	9	1
Fixing salaries of policemen and firemen ordinance documents, 1965	9	2
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Bus and general franchises documents, 1958	10	9
Human relations documents, 1958-1968	10	10
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Subseries 1.9: Organization records, 1927-1990

City of Muncie traffic engineer documents, 1965-1966	10	11
Indiana Office of Economic Opportunity documents, 1965	4	21
Action, INC. documents, 1966-1967	4	22
Gas company franchise documents, 1966-1970	4	23
Sanitary district documents, 1966 Jan.	4	24
Muncie fire department inventory documents, 1967	4	25
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Housing and urban development documents, 1975-1979	10	13

Subseries 1.9: Organization records, 1927-1990

Muncie housing authority documents, 1975-1979	10	14
Muncie personnel policies documents, 1975-1979	10	15
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City engineer documents, 1976-1979	4	36
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M & E Engineering Service, INC. documents, 1976	4	40
Muncie park department documents, 1976-1979	4	41
Muncie police department documents, 1976-1979	4	42
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Subseries 1.9: Organization records, 1927-1990

Public utility companies documents, 1976-1979	4	44
Street commissioner documents, 1976-1978	10	16
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Wolf Associates, INC. documents, 1976	4	46
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Vorelco, INC. documents, 1976 Apr.	4	49
Young Men`s Christian Association (YMCA) documents, 1976 Mar.-1977 Jan.	4	50
American Motors Corporation documents, 1977	4	51
AMTRAK documents, 1977-1978	4	52
Department of transportation documents, 1977-1979	5	1
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) documents, 1977-1979	5	2
Ford Motor Company documents, 1977	5	3

Subseries 1.9: Organization records, 1927-1990

Legal services organization documents, 1977 Apr.	5	4
Warner Gear company documents, 1977-1979	5	5
Westinghouse, INC. documents, 1977-1979	5	6
Allegheny Airlines, INC. documents, 1978 July	5	7
Department of Energy (DOE) documents, 1978	5	8
Burroughs Corporation documents, 1978	5	9
Chamber of Commerce documents, 1978-1979	5	10
City attorney documents, 1978-1979	5	11
Inside the County Building documents, 1978	5	12
Knickerbocker Case Company documents, 1978	5	13
Muncie animal shelter documents, 1978-1979	10	17
Natural resources department documents, 1978	5	14
Police department shift log, 1978	5	15
Police department shift log, 1978	5	16

Subseries 1.10: Event documents, 1970-1979, 2002-2003

State of Indiana civil defense documents, 1978-1979	5	17
Washington-Carver School documents, 1978	5	18
Whitely neighborhood association documents, 1978-1979	5	19
Purchasing department documents, 1979	5	20
U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of the Census documents, 1980	5	21
Muncie fire department documents, 1982-1989	5	22
Muncie city court documents, 1987-1990	5	23
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Series 2: Personal correspondence, 1956-2005

National Young Men`s Christian Association (YMCA) Week documents, 1977 Apr.	5	27
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Armed Forces Day parade documents, 1979	5	29
Scouts in government day documents, 1979	5	30
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	Box	Folder
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Series 2: Personal correspondence, 1956-2005		
Scope and Contents		
This series contains the personal correspondence of Robert Cunningham for the years 1975-1992, as well as sympathy cards and letters collected by Cunningham's family after his death in 2005.		
	Box	Folder
Clements, Doris correspondence, 1984	16	1
Cunningham, Robert correspondence and other materials, 1956-1982, undated	5	31

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Fields, Zelda correspondence, 1982	16	3
Hamilton, Dorothy correspondence, 1982	16	4
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Jones, Harry correspondence, 1982	16	6
Meeks Mortuary condolence emails and funeral program, 2005 June	14	1
Santors, Carole correspondence, 1988	16	7
Santors, Carole correspondence, 1988	16	8
Sympathy correspondence, 2005 June	14	2
Weller, correspondence, 1988	16	9

Series 3: Campaign materials, 1970-1987**Scope and Contents**

This series contains campaign materials from Robert Cunningham's political campaigns as well as campaign materials from other Democratic Party candidates in Delaware County between 1970 and 1986.

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Series 4: Newspaper clippings, 1898-2005

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Democratic Party campaign buttons, 1980, undated		11
	Box	Folder
Democratic Party campaign materials, 1970, 1984, 1986, undated	5	32
Democratic Party candidates pamphlet, 1986	20	6
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Robert Cunningham campaign signs and stickers, 1970s		11
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Robert Cunningham campaign materials, 1970s	5	33
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Robert Cunningham campaign hat, 1970s		13
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Robert Cunningham democrat pamphlet and booklet, undated	16	19
Robert Cunningham mayor candidacy registration form, 1987	16	21

Series 4: Newspaper clippings, 1898-2005

Scope and Contents

Series 4: Newspaper clippings, 1898-2005

This series includes newspaper clippings on various local history and political topics ranging from 1898 to 2005. Also included are obituaries for Cunningham collected by his family in 2005.

	Box	Folder
Local political cartoons, undated	5	34
Muncie Daily Herald photocopy and Grocery Store advertisement, April 29, 1898, 1938	5	35
Local history newspaper clippings and photocopies, 1901-1965	14	3
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<i>The Reveille</i> Vol. I No. 48, Camp Shelby newspaper, Dec. 10, 1941	5	36
Muncie Business World War II advertisement clippings, Muncie <i>Evening Press</i> , Aug. 15, 1945	5	37
Middletown newspaper clippings, 1947-1978	5	38
<i>Captain George's Comic World</i> No. 21, 1970	5	39
Robert Cunningham newspaper clippings folder 1, 1971-1993, undated	5	40
Robert Cunningham newspaper clippings folder 2, 1966-1984	14	5
<i>The Muncie Star</i> 75th anniversary newspaper, 1974/5/29	14	6

Series 4: Newspaper clippings, 1898-2005

Primary city election newspaper clippings, 1975	14	7
<i>The Monster Times</i> No. 46, March 1976	5	41
Muncie, Indiana newsletters, 1977-1978	5	42
Primary county election newspaper clippings, 1978	14	8
General city election newspaper clippings, 1979	14	9
Wilson, Alan newspaper clippings, circa 1980s-1990s	5	43
Board of works and safety newspaper clippings, circa 1980s	5	44
City controller newspaper clippings, circa 1980s	5	45
Department heads appointed newspaper clippings, circa 1980s	5	46
Deputy mayor newspaper clippings, circa 1980s-1990s	5	47
Directory of public officials newspaper clippings, circa 1980s-1990s	5	48
Employee performance appraisals newspaper clippings, circa 1980s	5	49
Housing authority newspaper clippings, circa 1980s	5	50
Merit commission newspaper clippings, circa 1980s-1990s	5	51

Series 4: Newspaper clippings, 1898-2005

Weird War Tales Vol. 10 No. 88 comic book, June 1980	5	52
Mayor newspaper clippings, 1980-1994	6	1
The Christian Republican Vol. I No. 1 - 4, April-May 1982	6	2
Police department newspaper clippings, 1982-1989	6	3
City clerk newspaper clippings, 1985-1989	6	4
Turner, David city engineer newspaper clippings, 1985-1989	6	5
Labor union newspaper clippings, 1987-1992	6	6
Animal shelter newspaper clippings, 1988-1989	6	7
City attorney newspaper clippings, 1989-1990	6	8
Data processing newspaper clippings, 1989-1990	6	9
Recap of 1989 newspaper clippings, 1989	6	10
Mayor Dominick to Mayor Carey transition newspaper clippings, 1990-1993	6	11
Mayor David Dominick newspaper clippings, 1992	6	12

Series 5: Scrapbooks, 1940-2003

Historic Muncie commemorative newspaper, 1994/9/16	14	10
Robert Cunningham obituaries and memorial newspaper clippings, 2005 June	14	11
Letters to the editor, newspaper clipping, 1982	16	13
Grocery Sold to Horace X, newspaper clipping copy, undated	16	12

Series 5: Scrapbooks, 1940-2003

Scope and Contents

This series includes scrapbooks compiled by Robert Cunningham between 1956 and 2004 containing newspaper clippings from his time as Mayor of Muncie and published versions of his cartoons. Other scrapbooks in the series were given to Cunningham as gifts and contain newspaper clippings on World War II and other national and local events.

	Box	Folder
Cunningham's Corner cartoons and articles scrapbook, undated	15	1
Cunningham's Corner and the Good Old Days articles scrapbook, undated	15	2
		Box
Cunningham, Robert Cartoon scrapbook, 1981-1984		12
Cunningham, Robert Cartoon scrapbook, 1987, undated		12

Series 5: Scrapbooks, 1940-2003

Cunningham, Robert Councilman newspaper clippings scrapbook, 1957		17
Cunningham, Robert Mayoral campaign newspaper clippings, 1975		17
Cunningham, Robert Mayor newspaper clippings and photographs scrapbook, 1975-1977		12
Cunningham, Robert Mayor newspaper clippings and photographs scrapbook, 1977-1979, 2003, undated		12
Cunningham, Robert Mayor photograph scrapbook, 1977, undated		12
"Europe in 1946" World War II scrapbook, 1946		17
	Box	Folder
The Good Old Days in Muncie newspaper clippings scrapbook, undated [1 of 2]	15	12
The Good Old Days in Muncie newspaper clippings scrapbook, undated [2 of 2]	15	13
		Box
Muncie Mayors newspaper clippings scrapbook, 1987-1994		12
Muncie Political newspaper clippings scrapbook, 1956-1963		12
Muncie Politics newspaper clippings scrapbook, 1975-1976		17
Muncie Political newspaper clippings scrapbook, 1973-1979		12

Series 5: Scrapbooks, 1940-2003

Newspaper clippings scrapbook, 1944-1952

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Scope and Contents

This scrapbook contains newspaper clippings on a variety of subjects including World War II, the Space Program, and other national subjects. It has a black cover.

Newspaper clippings scrapbook, 1965-1985

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Scope and Contents

This scrapbook contains newspaper clippings on a variety of national subjects. It has a brown cover.

Newspaper clippings scrapbook, 1974-1981

13

Scope and Contents

This scrapbook contains newspaper clippings on a variety of national subjects. It has a tan cover.

Newspaper clippings scrapbook, 1975-1976

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World War II newspaper clippings scrapbook, 1940 Apr.

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Scope and Contents

This scrapbook contains newspaper clippings from World War II and an unidentified photograph from a science fiction film. It has a brown cover.

World War II newspaper clippings scrapbook, 1942-1951

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Series 6: Cartoons, 1947-1949, 1983-1992**Scope and Contents**

This scrapbook contains newspapers clippings and a photo from World War II. It has a red cover.

Series 6: Cartoons, 1947-1949, 1983-1992**Scope and Contents**

This series consists of cartoons drawn by Robert Cunningham between 1947 and the 1980s and includes photocopies, hand-drawn originals, and published newspaper editions. The majority of the cartoons were drawn by Cunningham in the 1980s and focus on everyday life in Muncie. Some of the cartoons were featured in published compilations by Cunningham such as *Growing Up in Middletown, U.S.A.* Also included are sketches created during his military service in Germany and course assignments from the Washington School of Art.

	Box	Folder
Advertisement cartoons, undated	6	13
The Corner Grocery cartoons copies, undated	6	14
The Corner Grocery oversized originals, undated	11	1
		Box
Cunningham, Bob cartoon t-shirt, undated		11
	Box	Folder
Cunningham's Corner and other cartoons newspaper clippings, 1983-1988	18	1
Cunningham's Corner cartoon booklets copies, undated	6	15

Series 6: Cartoons, 1947-1949, 1983-1992

Cunningham's Corner cartoons copies and originals, undated	6	16
Cunningham's Corner cartoons copies and originals, undated	6	17
Cunningham's Corner newspaper clippings, undated	18	2
<i>Good Old Days</i> magazine, 1988 spring	18	3
<i>Good Old Days</i> magazine duplicate, 1988 spring	20	7
<i>Good Old Days</i> magazine, 1988 winter	18	4
<i>Good Old Days</i> magazine, 1989 Mar.	18	5
<i>Good Old Days</i> magazine, 1991 May	18	6
<i>Good Old Days</i> magazine, 1992 Sept.	18	7
<i>Good Old Days</i> magazine duplicate, 1992 Sept.	20	8
<i>Good Old Days</i> magazine, Christmas issue, undated	18	8
Growing Up In Middletown, U.S.A. cartoons originals, 1980s	6	18
Growing Up In Middletown, U.S.A. cartoons originals, 1980s	6	19
Growing Up In Middletown, U.S.A. cartoons originals, 1980s	6	20

Series 6: Cartoons, 1947-1949, 1983-1992

Growing up in Middletown, U.S.A. cartoon originals, undated	15	3
Growing Up In Middletown, U.S.A. cartoons copies, 1980s	6	21
		Box
Growing up in Middletown, U.S.A, original cartoons, oversized undated		11
	Box	Folder
Growing Up In Middletown, U.S.A. oversized cartoons copies, undated	11	2
Growing Up In Middletown, U.S.A. oversized cartoons, undated	11	3
<i>Growing Up in Middletown, U.S.A.</i> newspaper article, 1982/07/03	20	9
<i>Growing Up in Middletown, U.S.A.</i> newspaper article, 1984/03/17	20	10
Hometown Funnies Issue No. 1 cartoons copies, undated	6	22
Hometown Funnies cartoons, undated	15	4
Meet the Batty Family cartoons, undated	6	23
"My Dog" cartoon, undated	18	9
<i>Muncie Evening Press</i> Halloween cartoon, 1982/10/30	20	11
Cartoon worksheet, undated	15	5

Series 6: Cartoons, 1947-1949, 1983-1992

Robert Cunningham basketball cartoons, undated	15	10
Robert Cunningham cartoon and story, undated	15	8
Robert Cunningham cartoon copies, undated	15	6
		Box
Robert Cunningham cartoon copies, oversized, undated		11
	Box	Folder
Robert Cunningham cartoons and drawings, copies and originals, undated	6	24
		Box
Robert Cunningham cartoon duplicates, oversized, undated		11
	Box	Folder
Robert Cunningham cartoon duplicates, undated	15	7
Robert Cunningham circus cartoons and drawings, undated	15	9
		Box
Robert Cunningham edited cartoons, oversized, undated		11
	Box	Folder
Robert Cunningham edited cartoons, undated	15	11
The Good Old Days in Muncie newspaper clippings, undated [1 of 2]	18	10

Series 7: Local history publications, research, and artifacts, 1891-2002

The Good Old Days in Muncie newspaper clippings, undated [2 of 2]	19	1
Sketches from Germany, 1947	14	12
Tribute to Muncie Central High School Bearcats booklet, undated	6	50
"Times are Changing" cartoon, undated	6	51
Washington School of Art sketches and assignments, 1949	14	13

Series 7: Local history publications, research, and artifacts, 1891-2002**Scope and Contents**

This series includes publications, research materials, and artifacts collected by Robert Cunningham on various local history topics. The dates of the publications range from 1891 to 2002 and topics include local businesses, churches, individuals, country buildings, parks, and development.

	Box	Folder
Autobiography of Z.L. Petty, 1901	6	25
The Ball Line Vol. VI No. 6, Jan. 1948	6	26
Beauty Fest Hair and Fashion Show program, 2002	8	7
Beech Grove Cemetery Rules and Regulations, undated	6	27
Blank Prairie Creek Lake fishing permit, undated	20	1

Series 7: Local history publications, research, and artifacts, 1891-2002

Board of Voters Registration certificate, 1987	16	10
Central Indiana Gas Company brochure, circa 1970s	6	28
Central Union Telephone Co., 1891 July	6	29
		Box
Crouse, Clyde "Bucky" signed baseball, undated		13
	Box	Folder
Cunningham, Robert personal notes, undated	16	20
Cunningham, Robert timeline notes, undated	16	11
Delaware County Building Directory, 1975	6	30
Delaware County Government Employee Directory, 1997	6	31
Delaware County Government Employee Directory, 2000	6	32
		Box
Delaware County Historical Calendar, 1998		11
	Box	Folder
Delaware County Historic Sites and Structures Inventory, 1985	6	33
Delaware County Popularity Contest, undated	6	34

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Donati, Jack for democrat mayor brochure, undated	16	16
Drumm, James Gerald "My Life In Delaware County" article, 2000	6	35
Fraternal Order of Eagles, 1977	6	36
Goodall, Hurley C., Democratic Party History Delaware County: The History as Recorded and as Remembered, 1998	6	37
Goodwill Industries Delaware County Rehabilitation Center Dedication Ceremony program, May 16, 1978	6	38
"A Guide to City Services" brochure, 1981	6	39
Historic Architecture in Downtown Muncie, Indiana, Walking Tour Series No. 1 brochure, undated	6	40
Hoosier Heritage: Indiana Governors 1800-1968, 1968	6	41
Hoover, Dwight W. "Mayor Bunch and the Sporting Life in Middletown" Traces, Winter 1990	6	42
Independent Garage Owners Association of Indiana, Inc. Yearbook and Automotive Repair Shop Directory 17th ed., 1978	6	43
Indiana Democratic State Convention booklet, June 22, 1962	6	44

Series 7: Local history publications, research, and artifacts, 1891-2002

Inside the County Building: A Departmental and Personnel Directory for the Delaware County Building, 1982	6	45
Lotz, John "Tribute to Calvin Davis" article, undated	6	46
The Mayors of America's Principal Cities booklet, Jan. 1979	6	47
Mayors of Muncie booklet, undated	16	14
Meeks Mortuary brochure, undated	8	8
Metro Mayors' Caucus Elected and Appointed Officials Directory, August 1976	6	48
Minton, Roberta Scott "Early Muncie As I Remember It" article, 1966	6	49
Muncie Brewing Company advertisement, undated	8	9
Muncie Central Class of 1945 25th Reunion booklet, 1970	7	1
Muncie Central Class of 1945 31st Reunion booklet, 1976	7	2
Muncie Central Class of 1945 35th Reunion booklet, 1980	7	3
Muncie Central Class of 1945 40th Reunion booklet, 1985	7	4
Muncie Central Class of 1945 45th Reunion booklet, 1990	7	5

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Muncie Central Class of 1945 50th Reunion booklet, 1995	7	6
Muncie Central Class of 1945 55th Reunion booklet, 2000	7	7
Muncie Central Class of 1947 35th Reunion booklet, 1982	7	8
Muncie Central state champion basketball team roster, 1979	8	10
Muncie City Controller Report, 1907	7	9
Muncie election history notes, circa 1980s	14	14
Muncie, Indiana Heartland of the Midwest booklet, 1976	7	10
Muncie In/Sight Vol. 1 No. 5, May 1985	7	11
Muncie Morning Star Directory, 1929	7	12
Muncie Normal Institute Arbor Vitae pages, 1913	7	13
Muncie Normal Institute Senior Banquet program, 1917	7	14
Muncie: Past, Present, Future, 1890	7	15
Muncie Police Department brochures, undated	7	16
Muncie Police Department poster, circa 1970s	7	17

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Muncie postcard, undated	7	18
Muncie of Today, 1895	7	19
Muncie Transportation and Urban Development Plan, 1977	7	20
Oscar Conley Pickett Art Exhibit, Minnetrista Center brochure, May 1986	7	21
Part Pups Joke Book, 1987	7	22
Pendulum Politics, 1978	7	23
Pendulum Politics (signed), 1978	8	1
Planning for Post-War Muncie, 1944 Aug.	8	2
Precinct by precinct vote for Muncie City flyer, 1983	16	17
Presenting Ball State newsletter Vol. 10 No. 2, Jan. 1965	8	3
<i>Prime Years</i> Vol. 6 No. 3, 1995 Apr.	8	11
<i>Prime Years</i> Vol. 6 No. 3 duplicate, 1995 Apr.	20	12
The Street Commissioner Vol. 18 No. 2, 1976	8	4

Series 8: Photographs, 1892-2002

Traces of Indiana and Midwestern History magazine photocopy, Vol. 2 No. 1, 1990	8	12
Tucker, Rick Silver Jubilee Celebration of priesthood initiation, 2001/05/20	8	13
Welcome to Muncie, 1978	8	5
Welcome to Muncie, Indiana: A Magazine for Visitors, 1995/1996	8	6
White, Robert L. funeral program, 1983/12/12	8	14
P.262 Series 8: Photographs, 1892-2002		
Scope and Contents		
This series includes photographs ranging from 1908 to 2000 of Muncie area businesses, churches, individuals, public buildings, parks, and natural gas wells as well as photographs of Robert Cunningham, Sr. collected by Robert Cunningham, Jr.		
	Box	Folder
Appeal to the Great Spirit statue photograph, undated	P.262-1	1
Cunningham family and friends photographs, undated	20	2
Cunningham homes and business photographs, undated	20	3
Cunningham political photographs, undated	20	4

Series 8: Photographs, 1892-2002

Cunningham, Robert photographs, undated	20	5
Delaware County fair midway photographs, 1984 July	P.262-1	2
Muncie Building photo copies, undated	P.262-1	3
Muncie building photocopy, undated	16	23
Muncie business photographs [1 of 2], 1946, 1977, undated	P.262-1	4
Muncie business photographs [2 of 2], undated	16	24
Muncie Central High School class reunion photographs, 1970, 2000	P.262-1	5
Muncie Church photographs, 1908-1910	P.262-1	6
Muncie city employees photographs, 1984, undated	P.262-1	7
Muncie Firemen photographs, 1892, undated	P.262-1	8
Muncie Gas Boom photographs, undated	P.262-1	9
Muncie Park photographs, 1908-1910	P.262-1	10
Muncie Public Buildings photographs, 1900-1910	P.262-1	11
Muncie public buildings photographs, undated	16	25

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Muncie School photographs, 1908-1950	P.262-1	12
Muncie Train Stations photographs, 1910, undated	P.262-1	13
Muncie White River photographs, 1908-1934	P.262-1	14
Portrait photographs, undated	P.262-1	15
Portrait photographs of unidentified persons, undated	16	26
Robert Cunningham family photographs, c.1900s	19	2
Robert Cunningham duplicate photographs, undated	16	27
Robert Cunningham mayoral photographs, 1976-1980	19	3
Robert Cunningham photographs, circa 1970s, 1982, 2002	P.262-1	16
Robert Cunningham photograph signed by Phil Sharp original, undated	16	28
Robert Cunningham political photograph, 1976	16	29
Special events photographs, undated	20	13