

Guide to The Edward Lawton Owens-Illinois and Libbey Glass Collection, 1896-2006 (ID: MSS- 347)

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Summary Information

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Biographical / Historical

A long-time employee of Owens-Illinois, Inc. (O-I), which was established in 1929 when the Owens Bottle Company acquired the assets of the Illinois Glass Company, Edward H. Lawton was born in 1933 in Akron, Ohio. A successful self-made man, he attended Barberton High School and studied art at Bowling Green State University as well as the Art Institute of Pittsburgh and the Art Center College of Los Angeles. He served in the U.S. Army and then went to work at O-I in 1958. For 30 years, Lawton served as a Technical illustrator in the Patent and Legal departments. After his time at O-I, he continued to be an attorney in the Midwest until 2005 when he became ill.

In addition to his work with O-I and in the law, Lawton combined his talent for art and passion for transportation by creating the Collectors Glassware with this wife, Jane, which together they ran for 28 years by selling various perspective view drawings of cars, motorcycles, and transportation items to the wholesale gift market. In his free time, he also designed and built sets for local theatre groups and was an active member of the Toledo Area sculptors Guild. Mr. Lawton was also a major part of the art community and was a friend and mentor to many local artists.

He passed away on August 5, 2009.

References cited: "Edward Lawton Obituary (2009)- The Blade" Legacy. Com. Where Life Stories Live On, Legacy, 7 Aug. 2009, https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/toledoblade/obituary.aspx? n=edward-h-lawton&pid=131028184 "Timeline: Owens-Illinois and the Glass Industry in Toledo." Timeline, 2019, www.utoledo.edu/library/canaday/exhibits/oi/OIExhibit/timeline.htm. Floyd, Barbara, et al. Time in A Bottle: A History of Owens-Illinois, Inc. An Exhibition. Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections University Libraries The University of Toledo, 2006.

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Scope and Contents

This collection represents items collected by Edward Lawton, long-time employee of Owens-Illinois, as well as examples of his work he completed as a Technical Illustrator in the O-I Patent department. Items include various glass figures from companies such as Avon, Owens-Illinois, and Libbey Glass that represent a variety of things, including a ship's sail, turtle, cars, pump bottles, horns, drinking glasses, and a golf club. One of the Libbey Glass item, still in its original box, is a John Paul Jones Captain's decanter. Each of the glass figure is individually wrapped in bubble wrap and are fragile.

Also in the collection are various catalogs from Avon and some from Libbey Glass from the years 1937 to 981. The last part of this collection includes pamphlets, books, patent art drawings, patents, price lists or order forms, and patent transparencies.

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- Business and Commerce
- Manuscripts
- Toledo History

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