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➤ **Lloyd Roulet Collection, 1907-1998** ◀

MSS-136

Size: 4.1 linear feet

Provenance: Received from Mrs. Ruth Wolfgang, daughter of Lloyd Roulet, March 10, 1999

Access: Open

Collection Summary: Collection contains correspondence, newspaper clippings, printed materials, photographs, and ephemera relating to Lloyd Roulet's political career, jewelry design business, and accomplishments as Mayor. These materials are complemented in the Toledo Mayoral and City Council collections (MSS-061) by his professional papers.

Subjects: [Politics and Government](#)

Related Collections: The Lloyd Roulet Papers, his professional papers, make up one of the Toledo Mayoral and City Council collections (MSS-061).

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Biographical Sketch

Lloyd Emerson Roulet was born September 15, 1891 in Toledo, Ohio where he attended Sherman Elementary and the former Central High School. By 1907, he was working in the family owned business eventually becoming both vice president and general manager. The Roulet Company established in 1877 by Lloyd's father, George, began as a jewelry and watch repair shop but by 1977 was the largest of five manufacturing jewelers in Northwest Ohio.

Lloyd, a Mason for sixty-five years, gained international notoriety for the design and manufacture of emblems. One of these Roulet-produced Masonic emblems was worn by Walter Schirra, Jr. when he commanded the first manned Apollo mission in October, 1968.

Throughout the company's hundred year history, more than 5,000 dies were created by the craftsmen. When the Exchange Club brought Amelia Earhart here to speak, she was presented with a medal designed exclusively for her. The die was retired shortly thereafter. Another of national significance was used to make the gold seal stamped with the figures of a Gramophone, dog, and the words "*His Master's Voice*," used as the RCA trademark.

A Republican, Mr. Roulet was persuaded by friends to run for council in 1939. He spent eighteen consecutive years in city government and was the visionary behind the Toledo Express Airport built entirely without the use of federal funds. In 1946, he was appointed to the city's first board of community relations whose purpose was to fight discrimination within the housing and employment industry. When Toledo's 41st mayor (1942-1948) died at the age of 94 on February 6, 1985, he held the distinction as "*the longest-lived mayor.*"

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Scope and Content Note

This collection amassed by Ruth Wolfgang, Mr. Roulet's daughter, consists of his personal papers rather than his professional papers which are included in the Toledo Mayoral and City Council Records (MSS-061). The Lloyd Roulet Collection is composed of five series: *Correspondence*, *Newspaper Clippings*, *Printed Material*, *Photographs* and *Ephemera*.

The *Correspondence* series is just one folder consisting of personal and business letters.

The majority of *Newspaper Clippings* from the Toledo Blade focus on Lloyd Roulet's accomplishments as mayor and the family owned manufacturing jewelry business known as the Roulet Company.

Printed Materials include programs, the City of Toledo Building Code, magazines, pamphlets, the proposed Airport Development Program for the Toledo Express Airport and the Dedication of the University Library at the University of Toledo.

The black and white *Photograph* series is subdivided into Group Shots, Individuals, Buildings, Various and the King and Queen of Greece.

Ephemera is the last category of the series made up of souvenir railroad tickets, sample ballots and an advertisement to sell the book Bay Settlement of Monroe County, Michigan. An oversize (d) folder contains two awards.

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Series List

S1	Correspondence
	1939-1978
	Arranged chronologically.
	One folder makes up this series.
	Various correspondence related to work, speeches given, and visiting dignitaries. Two of the letters are personal and addressed to Lloyd Roulet.
S2	Newspaper Clippings
	1943-1996, n.d.
	Arranged chronologically.
	Clippings are from the Toledo Times and the Toledo Blade. Topics include the U.S.S. Toledo Cruiser, Lloyd Roulet's accomplishments as mayor and the history of the Roulet jewelry company.
S3	Printed Materials
	1941-1943, 1945-1955, 1977, 1980, n.d.
	Arranged by topic and chronologically within the topic.
	This series contains whole newspapers, the City of Toledo Building Code, information pertaining to the Toledo Lake Erie Water Supply, the Toledo airport and the University of Toledo. Also included are assorted magazines, pamphlets and programs dealing with a variety of subjects from the Aquarama Festival (1947) to the Dedication and Official Opening of the Greek Orthodox Educational Building of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church (1953).
S4	Photographs
	1942-1947, 1950-1955, n.d.
	Arranged by subject and chronologically.
	Black and white photographs are divided into Group Shots, Individuals, Buildings, Various and King Paul and Queen Frederika of Greece.
S5	Ephemera
	1940's and 1950's
	Arranged chronologically.
	The last series has only one folder which includes a sample ballot for the re-election of Municipal Judges, a list of the Republican Candidates endorsed for city council and two souvenir railroad tour tickets dedicated to the opening of Toledo's new Union Station, September 17-23, 1950. An oversize (d) folder contains one Certificate of Merit given to the Mayor in May 1961 and a Proclamation of Goodwill from Sir Alexander Maxwell, Chairman of the British Travel Association, on behalf of London to the United States.

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Box	Folder	Description
		S1. Correspondence
1	1	1939-1978
		S2. Newspaper Clippings
		Various
	2	1943-1996, n.d.
	3	1946-1988
		U.S.S. Toledo Cruiser
	4	1943-1947
		S3. Printed Materials
		Newspapers
	5	1946-1953
		Joe E. Brown Day
	6	1943 & 1945
		City of Toledo Building Code
	7	December, 1945
		Lake Erie
	8	1941 & 1947
		Magazines
	9	1945-1955 & 1980
		Pamphlets
	10	1943-1951
		Programs
	11	1942-1952
	12	1953-1977, n.d.
		Toledo Airport
2	2	1952 and 1954
		University of Toledo
	2	1953
		S4. Photographs
		Group Shots
	3	n.d.
		Individuals
	4	n.d.
		Buildings
	5	n.d.
		Various
	6	1942-1947
		Various
	7	1950-1955

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		King and Queen of Greece
	8	1953
		S5. Ephemera
	9	1940's and 1950's
3	*	1961, n.d.
		Mss locations key:
		*=oversize cabinet