

Guide to the Doyle Fitzpatrick Collection

Summary Information

Repository:

Capital Area District Library/Forest Parke Library & Archives
401 South Capitol Avenue
Lansing, MI 48933

Creator: Doyle C. Fitzpatrick

Title: Doyle Fitzpatrick Collection

Collection No.: 20601

Extent: 19 boxes, 9.0 cubic feet

Abstract:

As Doyle Fitzpatrick was a former Supervisor of Art at Oldsmobile, a division of General Motors, the collection of Doyle Fitzpatrick primarily contains information and photographs relating to Oldsmobile. There are also materials relating to genealogical study, Michigan history, the Reo Car Company, and some school texts from the 18th and 19th centuries.

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions:

This collection is open for research. However, due to the fragile condition of specific items, access may be restricted. Advance notice is requested.

Acquisition Information:

Donated by Mrs. Phyllis Fitzpatrick.

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Biographical Note

Doyle C Fitzpatrick was born on March 09,1908 in St Johns, Michigan. After graduating from St Johns High School in 1926, he attended Michigan State University. Fitzpatrick was the owner of the Sales Promotion Company and vice president of Industrial Display

Corporation in Lansing. He later joined Oldsmobile, a division of General Motors, and finally retired in 1973 after 32 years of service and after attaining the position of Supervisor of Art. He was a member of the Oldsmobile Quarter Century Club and both the Michigan and the Beaver Island Historical Societies. Fitzpatrick died October 15, 1989.

Collection Scope and Content Note

The majority of the materials were created and collected during Fitzpatrick's employment at Oldsmobile. There is an extensive collection of photographic prints from Oldsmobile plants in the 40s and 50s. The collection also includes materials related to *The King Strang Story*, a non-fiction book written by Fitzpatrick and published in 1970. The collection contains very few papers of a personal nature such as correspondence.

Arrangement

Records organized alphabetically into 8 series: Genealogical Collection and Personal Papers, Historical Michigan, *The King Strang Story*, Oldsmobile, Oldsmobile Photographs, R. E. Olds and Reo Motors, School Texts, and Oversize.

Series I, Box 1

Genealogical Collection and Personal Papers: Materials related to Fitzpatrick's interest in genealogical and family history. Documents pertaining to the Chase, Newman, and Lynd/Swan families are prominent. Due to the fragile condition of items, access may be restricted.

Series II, Box 1-4

Historical Michigan: Materials related to Lansing as well as general Michigan history. Includes photographs of early Lansing, a teacher's contract, and plat books. Due to the fragile condition of items, access may be restricted.

Series III, Boxes 5-8

The King Strang Story: There are 6 separate drafts of *The King Strang Story*, lettered A-F; with A being the earliest draft dated 1967. Drafts B-E are dated between 1968-1970, and Draft F is the most complete, including final layout decisions and illustrations. Also included are copies of photographs and negatives used in the publication, promotional materials, and reviews of the book assembled by the author. Fitzpatrick's passion for this book is evident in the creation of his own publishing house (National Heritage) to ensure publication as he intended.

Series IV, Boxes 9-11, Box 19 Oversize

Oldsmobile: The majority of the materials in this series are promotional projects which Fitzpatrick may have been involved with.

Series V, Boxes 12-16, Box 19 Oversize

Oldsmobile Photographs: Approximately 2,000 3x5 inch photographs, and approximately 75 photographs of other sizes documenting a wide variety of activities related to Oldsmobile factory and corporate life. There are also approximately 160 photographs of the Michigan State College Marching Band's trip to the 1954 Rose Bowl, which was sponsored by Oldsmobile. Includes both promotional and candid photographs, spanning the years of 1940-1958.

Series VI, Box 17, Box 19 Oversize

R.E. Olds and Reo Motors: Photographs and documents from the life of R.E. Olds and his company Reo Motors. Includes R.E. Olds' personal estate inventories and business history, 1899-1907, written by Mr. Olds. Due to the fragile condition of items, access may be restricted.

Series VII, Box 18

School Texts: There are 29 primary and secondary school texts, most were used by Lansing area school children in the early 19th century, and one 1798 England. Some of the books had period bookmarks and other materials, which were removed and stored in a separate folder. For a full spreadsheet with more information on the books and the materials removed, [click here.](#) Due to the fragile condition of items, access may be restricted.

Series VIII, Box 19 Oversize

Photographs and promotional materials from Oldsmobile, and additional posters of vehicles from Reo Motors, Inc., Ford, Haynes, Knox, Lambert, Copeland, Carhart, Autocar, Nadig, Winton, and Duryea.

Controlled Access Terms (LC)

Subjects:

Automotive industry
Fitzpatrick, Doyle C.
Korean war
Lansing (Mich.)
Michigan History
Michigan State University. Band
Michigan State College
Olds, Ransom Eli, 1864-1950
Oldsmobile automobile
Plat books
Reo Motor Car Company
Reo Motors, Inc.
Strang, James Jesse, 1813-1856.
World War 2

Contents List

Series 1 – Genealogical Collection and Personal Papers

Box 1 – Genealogical Collection and Personal Papers

Folder 1 – Chase family documents.

Folder 2 – Chase family photographs (FRAGILE – NOT FOR PUBLIC USE/
ACCESS RESTRICTED)

Folder 3 – Fuller, Jacob. Reproduction of a letter by Jacob Fuller, once thought to be a Fitzpatrick ancestor. Also includes “History of Eaton County, Michigan, section on Vermontville”, residence of Jacob Fuller.

Folder 4 – Lynd/Swan Deeds. From Seneca, NY, 1850s-1860s. (FRAGILE –
NOT FOR PUBLIC USE/ ACCESS RESTRICTED)

Folder 5 – Chase, Newman Correspondence (FRAGILE – NOT FOR PUBLIC
USE/ ACCESS RESTRICTED)

Folder 6 – Fitzpatrick family correspondence

Folder 7 – Photograph of Fitzpatrick and postmaster at opening of East Lansing
Post Office

Folder 8 – Unidentified set of four family photographs, bound

Series 2 – Historical Michigan

Box 1 – (Continued) Historical Michigan

Folder 9 – Historical Misc.

Folder 10 – Historical Society of Greater Lansing presentations/publications.
Includes 6 photographs featuring Fitzpatrick, Ford Caesar, and Rajee Tobia at a
meeting.

Folder 11 – Hugh Lyons and Co.

Box 2 – Historical Michigan

Contains a copy of the “To the Electors of the Territory of Michigan” by A.B.
Woodward, 1819, a copy of a note written from Governor William Hull to A.B. Woodward
about a meeting room for the legislative authority, 1809, and copies of Detroit city maps,
1796 and 1807, two copies of each.

Box 3 – Historical Michigan

Folder 1 – Michigan County Maps book, published in 1939 by Michigan State
Highway Department.

Folder 2 – “Plat-book of Ingham Co.”

Folder 3 – Plat book printing plate, within township lines, measuring 10.5x5.5
inches – unknown date

Folder 4 – Wood, Malona E. Teaching contract, 1869, Clinton County.

Folder 5 – Ziegler, Otto

Box 4 – Historical Michigan – Early Lansing photographs

Approximately 130 early pictures from 1870 to the early 1900s, reproduced from the Edmonds Collection (a collection owned by the Capital Area District Library/Forest Parke Library & Archives). Does include some negatives. Most have notations and descriptions created by Earl Hopkins in 1967. Also includes approximately 75 reduced sized copies of many of the same photographs, with typed notations, unknown author.

Series 3 – The King Strang Story

Box 5 – The King Strang Story

Folder 1 – Beaver Islanders list, names Ackerman - Bickle

Folder 2 – Beaver Islanders list, names Bickle - Chidester

Folder 3 – Beaver Islanders list, names Chidester - Dunham

Folder 4 – Beaver Islanders list, names Eaton - Graham

Folder 5 – Beaver Islanders list, names Graham - Hill

Folder 6 – Beaver Islanders list, names Hill - Kinney

Folder 7 – Beaver Islanders list, names Lake - Ostrander

Folder 8 – Beaver Islanders list, names Page - Purnell

Folder 9 – Beaver Islanders list, names Renfell – Strang

Folder 10 – Beaver Islanders list, names Strang - Wheelock

Folder 11 – Beaver Islanders list, names Wheelock - Young

Folder 12 – Three drafts of a speech presented to unknown audience. Copy of 1874 poem “Beaver Island Girls” written by Issac Wright.

Box 6 – The King Strang Story

Folder 1 – *The King Strang Story* Photographs

Folder 2 – *The King Strang Story* Photographs

Folder 3 – *The King Strang Story* Photographs

Folder 4 – *The King Strang Story* Photographs

Folder 5 – *The King Strang Story* and Strang family photograph negatives

Folder 6 – *The King Strang Story* and Strang family photograph negatives

Includes photograph negative of Fitzpatrick.

Folder 7– Correspondence by James Jesse Strang, June 12, 1851 and Jan 28, 1854

Folder 8– “The Oracle” 1900 yearbook of Lansing High School. Photograph of senior Mabelle A. Strang, assistant editor.

Folder 9 – Newspaper Clippings – 1986.

Folder 10 – Newspaper Clippings – 1987. Includes advertisement for “Strang: Michigan Majesty”

Folder 11 – Correspondence regarding Strang book and family to Hagerty and Hobbs’ family. 1981, 1987

Folder 12 – Correspondence between Fitzpatrick and MI Gov. Milliken, and photographs and photograph negative of meeting Jan 6, 1971.

Folder 13 – Fitzpatrick at local author book signing at unknown store, and negative of Fitzpatrick promoting book, unknown location.

Folder 14 – *The King Strang Story Reviews*, 3 copies of bound collection of 24 reviews of Fitzpatrick’s book. Two are autographed by Fitzpatrick.

Folder 15 – *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought*, Spring 1971 edition. Contains a negative review of *The King Strang Story* not included in *The King Strang Story Reviews* compiled by Fitzpatrick.

Box 7 – *The King Strang Story*, Drafts A-C

Folder 1A – Forward, Introduction, and Table of Contents, (which indicate previous or working titles for the book: *The Beaver Island Commentary*, or *The Beaver Island Story*)

Folder 2A – Part I – Chapters I-II-III

Folder 3A – Part II – Chapters I-VII (later published as Chapters IV-X)

Folder 4A – Epilogue: The Five Wives and Fourteen Children of James Strang

Folder 5A – Miscellany

Folder 6A – Reviews

Folder 7A – Reviews

Folder 1B – Preface and Introduction

Folder 2B – Part I – Chapters I-II-III

Folder 3B – Part II – Chapters I-VII (later published as Chapters IV-X)

Folder 4B – Epilogue: The Five Wives and Fourteen Children of James Strang

Folder 5B – Miscellany Impostures: Adams – Bennett

Folder 6B – Miscellany Defenders: Bishop George Miller

Folder 7B – Miscellany Defenders: Wingfield Watson

Folder 8B – Reviews

Folder 9B – Reviews

Folder 1C – Preface

Folder 2C – Part I – Chapters I-II-III

Folder 3C – Part II – Chapters I-VII (later published as Chapters IV-X)

Folder 4C – Miscellany

Box 8 – *The King Strang Story*, Drafts D-F

Folder 1D – Preface and Introduction

Folder 2D – Part I – Chapters I-II-III

Folder 3D – Part II – Chapters I-VII (later published as Chapters IV-X)

Folder 4D – Epilogue: The Five Wives and Fourteen Children of James Strang

Folder 5D – Miscellany Impostures: Adams – Bennett

Folder 6D – Miscellany Defenders: Bishop George Miller

Folder 7D – Miscellany Defenders: Wingfield Watson

Folder 8D – Reviews

Folder 9D – Reviews

Folder 1E – Drafts of “*The King Strang Story*” sections “Epilogue”, “Miscellany”, and “Reviews”. Includes copies of photos with layout and comments.

Folder 1F – Front, Preface, Introduction

Folder 2F – Part I – Chapters I-II-III

Folder 3F – Part II – Chapters I-VII (later published as Chapters IV-X)

Folder 4F – Epilogue: The Five Wives and Fourteen Children of James Strang

Folder 5F – Miscellany Impostures: Adams – Bennett
Folder 6F – Miscellany Defenders: Bishop George Miller
Folder 7F – Miscellany Defenders: Wingfield Watson
Folder 8F – Reviews
Folder 9F – Reviews

Series 4 – Oldsmobile

Box 9 – Oldsmobile

Folder 1 – “A Busy Man’s Text book on Automobiles” 1906 (regular copy)
Folder 2 – “A Busy Man’s Text book on Automobiles” 1906 (negative copy)
Folder 3 – Advertisements 1900-1906
Folder 4 – Advertisements – William Harnden Foster’s “Setting the Pace”, 1910 and 1914 versions.
Folder 5 – Advertisements post 1914
Folder 6 – Articles about Oldsmobile – Michigan Tradesman 1960, Parade Detroit Free Press 1965, and American History Illustrated 1966.
Folder 7 – Clippings file of advertisements of several automakers, including Cadillac, Franklin, Ford, Knox, Oldsmobile, Packard, REO, Studebaker, and others, spanning 1899-1931.
Folder 8 – Guides to the Oldsmobile Administration building, 1966, and unknown date
Folder 9 – Egbert, George retirement party photographs and short biography.
Folder 10 – Employee newsletters/magazines. Oldsmaker News, May 1940. Oldsmobile News, December 1950. TEAM: Oldsmobile Employee Magazine, July 1964, and April, September, and December 1979 issues.
Folder 11 – Oldsmobile Misc. Includes Oldsmobile history until 1954, unknown author, and “In My Merry Oldsmobile” sheet music.
Folder 12 – Quarter Century Club. Dinner meeting programs, December 1947, February 1950, and February 1957.
Folder 13 – Sales team directed information. Includes “Rocket” engine promotion of 1949, January 1952, 1961 national sales convention banquet.
Folder 14 – Skinner, Sherrod E retirement program.
Folder 15 – Stockholders meeting minutes, 1900, copies.

Box 10 – Oldsmobile – Artifacts

Decals/stickers of the Oldsmobile Outdoor Club
Fitzpatrick’s Oldsmobile tie clasp
Gold souvenir/ commemorative key, Oldsmobile logo
“Meet me in St. Louis, Louie...” framed poster
Medium metal plaque commemorating “Main Plant Die Room 1776-1976: 1903 Oldsmobile”
Set of two standard playing card decks, featuring unknown Oldsmobile model c. 1960s. Sealed.

Set of two standard playing card decks, featuring 1961 Oldsmobile Ninety-Eight Holiday Coupe and F-85 De Lux 4-Door Sedan. Sealed.

Set of two standard playing card decks, featuring 1966 Oldsmobile 4-4-2 Cutlass Holiday Coupe and Toronado. Sealed.

Small metal plaque commemorating Oldsmobile Curved Dash Runabout Veteran Motor Car Club of America 1952 Meet in Lansing, MI.

Standard playing card deck, featuring 1966 Oldsmobile Toronado.

Standard playing card deck, featuring 1965 Oldsmobile Delta Holiday Coupe

Box 11 – Oldsmobile Inter-office Telephone Directories

Covering the years 1947-1958, 1960-1962, 1964-1967. Most labeled “H.C. Griffith”.

Series 5 – Oldsmobile Photographs

Box 12 – Oldsmobile Photographs

Folder 1 – Curved Dash and Runabout and diagrams/promotions

Folder 2 – Post 1904

Folder 3 – “Reo Joe”, reputed to be first worker fatality at Oldsmobile in 1908 – identified by Fitzpatrick as Abraham Tobia, other sources as John Toby.

Folder 4 – Post 1935

Folder 5 – Proof Sheets – “Keep ’Em Firing” Campaign

Folder 6 – Proof Sheets – April 1942

Folder 7 – Proof Sheets – 1-15 May 1942

Folder 8 – Proof Sheets – 18-30 May 1942

Folder 9 – Proof Sheets – 1-8 June 1942

Folder 10 – Proof Sheets – 10-27 June 1942

Folder 11 – Proof Sheets – July 1942 (parade float)

Folder 12 – Proof Sheets – September 1942

Folder 13 – Proof Sheets – Misc. 1942

Folder 14 – Skinner and Kettering with V-8 Rocket Engine c1949

Folder 15 – General McArthur visit, May 15, 1952

Folder 16 – Signed photo to Fitzpatrick, signature illegible, dated May 2, 1956

Folder 17 – Misc. Photos 1950s

Folder 18 – Oldsmobile smokestack demolition, 1950

Folder 19 – R. Rollis, undated

Box 13 – Oldsmobile Photographs (3x5 inch)

People

Executive/Management with names

Rank and File with names

Rank and File holding name cards

Executive/Management and Rank and File without names

Women of Oldsmobile (a sample, see Factory Life)

Retirees

Blind Employees
Quarter Century Club
Service awards to Oldsmobile dealers
Suggestion Box and awards
Misc. groups
G.M. Juniors
Youth – talent shows, etc.
Holiday Gatherings
Fire, Security, and other services
Company Picnics, etc.
Employee Hobbies

Box 14 – Oldsmobile Photographs (3x5 inch)

Advertising and Promotional

Courtesy Cars, including 1958 Mackinaw Bridge opening
Pan American Race Car #52 “City of Roses”
Display Creation for Rocket Engine and Others
Curved Dash, Runabout, etc.
Publicity Shots (includes full color of “88” and “98” models)
Showroom and Auditorium
The Customer Driveway
Train Plant Tour

Factory Life

Building construction and demolition
Parking lots and views
Methods and Layout Lab
The Assembly Line
Parts Manufacturing
Axle Plant
Building 60
Jet Plant
90 mm Gun
Forge Plant and 75 mm Shells
T121 Gun
3.5 Rocket
Misc. War Production, servicemen visits
Safety: Awards and Products
Sample Bodies
Certified Mechanics
Aerial Shots of Parts
Service/Repair Training
Misc.

The Scott House

Box 15 – Oldsmobile Photographs - 1954 Michigan State College Marching Band Rose Bowl trip, sponsored by Oldsmobile.

Approximately 160 photographs. Locations visited include Kansas City, Oklahoma City, El Paso, Tucson, Los Angeles, Occidental College, and San Francisco.

Box 16 – Oldsmobile Photographs – 1940s proofs

16 3x21/4 inch photograph transparencies mounted between glass. 15 in color, 1 black and white. Promotional proofs of 1940 product line. **(FRAGILE – NOT FOR PUBLIC USE/ ACCESS RESTRICTED)**

Series 6 – R.E. Olds/Reo Motors

Box 17 – R.E. Olds/Reo Motors

Folder 1 - “Auto Pioneering” printing plate, advertisement for “The Remarkable Life Story of the Automotive Genius Ransom E. Olds”, a “241 bound book priced at \$2.90”, produced by Sales Promotion Company.

Folder 2 – “R.E. Olds: Benefactor to the Holy Lands” (2 copies) by Rajee Tobia 1965/66.

Folder 3 – R.E. Olds Commemorative Stamp proposals of 1972. Correspondence and related materials.

Folder 4 – R.E. Olds Correspondence, related to Oldsmobile and Reo Motors. **(FRAGILE – NOT FOR PUBLIC USE/ ACCESS RESTRICTED)**

Folder 5 – R.E. Olds estate inventories and business history, 1899-1907. **(FRAGILE – NOT FOR PUBLIC USE/ ACCESS RESTRICTED)**

Folder 6 – R.E. Olds factory Site - dedication ceremony, Sept 9, 1953. 5 photographs, featuring Jack Wolfram and Robert Griffin, as well as daughters of Olds. Also includes drawing of original site.

Folder 7 – R.E. Olds Hall of Engineering dedication ceremony program.

Folder 8 – R.E. Olds Photographs

Folder 9 – Reo Motors, Inc. stock certificates. Issued from 1921-1943 to L.E. Shaw, Merrill, Lynch & Co., Webb, Lee & Co., and Post & Flagg.

Series 7 – School Texts

Box 18 – School texts, 18th and 19th century

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For more information, please [click here](#) to see full database description.

<i>Title</i>	<i>Author/Creator</i>	<i>Date</i>
Cornell's Intermediate Geography	S.S. Cornell	1857
Elements of the English Language; or Analytical Orthography	Albert D. Wright, A.M.	c. 1870
Fields, Forest, and Garden Botany	Asa Gray	1869

First Lessons in Geography	James Monteith	1873
History of the United States	Hale, Charles Wiley	1835
History of the United States of America	Charles A. Goodrich	1853
Introduction to the Science of Government [ACCESS RESTRICTED]	Andrew W. Young	1843
Marco Paul's Voyages & Travels	Jacob Abbott	1852
McGuffey's New Fifth Eclectic Reader	WM. H. McGuffey, LL.D.	1866
Moral Philosophy; or, the Science of Obligation	James H. Fairchild	c. 1869
Murray's English Reader [ACCESS RESTRICTED]	Jeremiah Goodrich	1828
New National First Reader	Charles J. Barnes and J. Marshall Hawkes	1883
Practical Arithmetic, by Induction and Analysis [ACCESS RESTRICTED]	Joseph Ray, M.D.	1857
Robinson's Progressive Intellectual Arithmetic	(edited by Daniel W. Fish, A.M.)	1879
Sanders' New Speller, Definer, and Analyzer	Charles W. Sanders, A.M.	1854
Stoddard's Primary Arithmetic, with Illustrations and Tables [ACCESS RESTRICTED]	Sheldon & Company	1872
The American Botanist and Florist	Alphonso Wood, A.M.	1870
The American Intellectual Arithmetic	John F. Stoddard, A.M.	1855
The Institutes of English Grammar	Goold Brown	1845
The Model First Reader	J. Russell Web	1873
The New Expositor [ACCESS RESTRICTED]	W. Jones, Bookseller (?)	1798
The New School Reader: Fourth Book	Charles W. Sanders, A.M.	1861
The Progressive Higher Arithmetic	(edited by Daniel W. Fish, A.M.)	1880
The Progressive Speller, for common schools and academies	Salem Town, L.I.D., and Nelson M. Holbrook	1859
The Rhetorical Reader	Ebenezer Porter, D.D.	1852
The School Reader [ACCESS RESTRICTED]	Charles W. Sanders	1845
The School Reader	Charles W. Sanders A.M.	1855

The Speller and Definer; or Class-Book, No.2. [ACCESS RESTRICTED]	E. (Edward) Hazen	1829
The Young Catholic's Illustrated Speller	The Catholic Publication Society	1879

Series 8 - Oversize

Box 19 – Overzise

Photographs and promotional materials from Oldsmobile, and additional posters of vehicles from Reo Motors, Inc., Ford, Haynes, Knox, Lambert, Copeland, Carhart, Autocar, Nadig, Winton, and Duryea. Also includes oversize photo of General MacArthur's visit to Oldsmobile with wife Jean, May 15th, 1952. Large aerial photos of the Main building and Forge Plant, c 1950s.