

Edward Grout/Earle Meyer Collection

The Earle Meyer/Edward Grout Collection consists of records that Earle Meyer and Edward Grout compiled throughout their employment with the Colorado Corrections Department. There are 3 cubic feet of records and 2 cubic feet of photographs that document the early years of the penitentiary system and the span from 1950-1975. Most of the early records in the collection are photographs of the penal system from 1871- 1958. Besides this early documentation of the prison, the collection is an excellent resource for researchers studying the prison and prison reform during the period from 1955-1975.

In 1954 the head of Adult Parole, Wayne K. Patterson, began discussions with his staff and with members of the General Assembly concerning the construction of a pre-parole release center. Funds were appropriated in 1955 and the first admissions to the Pre-Parole Release Center occurred in early 1959. Its purpose was to provide a "practical, modern, effective tool for preparing the adult inmate for return to the community." The Center was to provide "an opportunity for de-institutionalization, a period when an inmate can take stock of himself, reaffirm his goals and his hopes and his desires, obtain counseling, broaden his purpose and his outlook and, by so doing, enhance his chances for successful parole and a happy life." (DOC Public Relations Publication, 1967).

Edward Grout is credited for developing much of the program as he became Executive Director of the Division of Adult Parole in 1958. Earle Meyer was also instrumental in developing the program. Both men collected photographs and documents which are now in the custody of the Colorado State Archives. Of special importance in the collection are photographs of the pre-parole release programs, publications, reports, and numerous scrapbooks that document newspaper coverage of the penal system and the pre-parole release program.

Collection Inventory

Record Title	Date Span	Description	Media Type	Volume
Edward Grout Papers	1945-1993	Biographical info. concerning E. Grout's career	Filings	1 FF
Scrapbooks	1969-1977	Collection of newspaper clippings concerning prison, reformatory, parole	Filings	5 vols.
Photographic Slides	1966-1967	Photos of correctional system	Photo Slides	135 slides
Photographic Slides	1871-1951	Photos of penal system	Photo Slides	150 slides
Photographs	1968	Photos of parole conference	Photos	1 folder
Photographs	1871-1958	Misc. photos of penal system	Photos	.10 cu. ft.
Photographic Slides	1960	Pre-Parole Release Center	Photo Slides	35 slides
Radio Interview	1953	CBS interview between Eric Severeid and Parole File #732 (Carl Allison)	Cassette Tape	1 tape
Photographs	1964	Colo. Dept. of Parole	Photos	8 photos

Photographic Slides	1969	Dedication of Pre-Parole Release Chapel	Photo Slides	17 slides
Photographic Scrapbooks	1974	Photos taken Division of Adult Parole upon Edward Grout's retirement	Photos	2 vols.
Photographs	N.D.	Women's prison ground breaking	Photos	11 photos
Photographs	1964	Women's volunteer groups	Photos	25 photos
Manual of Policy, Procedure, Rules and Regulations	1964	Colorado State Dept. of Parole - Adult Parole Division	Publication	1 vol.
Photographs	N.D.	Pre-Parole Release Center construction	Photos	7 photos
Photos and Ephemera	1964	Pre-parole seminar	Photos, newsclips, publications	1 FF
Photos and Newsclips	c. 1970	Pre-parole driving program	Photos, newsclips	1 FF
Photos	1965-1968	In-service training, pre-parole release	Photos	8 envelopes
Programs	1968	In-service training program, pre-parole	Publication	2 programs
List	1959-1969	Parole Board members	Filing	1 FF
Publications, Newsclips	1954-1966	Info. re parole	Publications, newsclips	1 FF
Publication	1966	Parole Agent Trainee Program	Publication	1 vol.
Organizational Chart	1956	Organizational Chart-Dept. of Parole and Parole Districts	Chart	1 FF
Publication	1997	<u>Slaughter in Cell House 3</u> by Wayne K. Patterson and Betty L. Alt	Publication	1 Vol.
Publication	1983	<u>A History of Colorado State Penitentiary 1871-1980</u> by Julie Whitmore	Publication	1 Vol.
Publication	1955	<u>Ten Year Building and Development Program 1955-1965</u>	Publication	2 Copies
Fact Sheet	N.D.	Interesting info. re. inmates of penitentiary	Filing	1 FF

Request For Proposal	1990	RFP for pre-parole facilities and program	Publication	1 FF
Publication	1968	Informational publication about the penitentiary	Publication	1 Vol.
Publication	1973	Inmate Rules and Regulations	Publication	1 Vol.
Publication	1981	Code of Penal Discipline	Publication	1 Vol.
Wall Honor Plaques	1951-1980	Plaques honoring Edward Grout	Plaques	8
First Activity Report of the State Department of Parole	1951-1953	Annual Report	Publication	1 Vol.
Bi-ennial Reports of the Board of Corrections and Warden of the Colo. State Penitentiary	1923-1940	Bi-ennial Reports	Publications	7 Vols.
Bi-ennial Reports of the State Penitentiary	1895-1914	Bi-ennial Reports	Publications	6 Vols.