

Checker Cab Collection

Collection Summary

Title: Checker Cab Collection, 1947-2003

Summary: Documents, photographs, memorabilia, and ephemera relating to the history of the Checker Cab Company.

Physical Description: 6 linear feet, 6 boxes.

Language: English

Stack Location: MSS-5-5

Repository: Metropolitan Government Archives of Nashville & Davidson County, 615 Church Street, Nashville, Tennessee, 37219

Scope/Content Note: The Checker Cab Collection, donated by Richard P. Lechleiter, consists of six boxes of taxi cab memorabilia. Interesting and unique objects make up the collection, such as taxi cab Christmas ornaments and toys. In addition to the memorabilia, "Recollections and Facts About Checker Cab Company," written by Lechleiter, outlines important names, dates, and events in the history of Nashville's taxi cab service during the years 1947-2003. Throughout these years, the Lechleiter family was involved with or owned a number of taxi cab services, including the Bell Cab Co., Red Top Cab, Deluxe Cab, Checker Cab Co., and Checker Cab Transit Corporation.

Richard P. Lechleiter is the son of Representative John Henry Lechleiter, a former Democratic member of the Tennessee House of Representatives (1917-1919). A selection of photo-copied clippings concerning Representative Lechleiter's work is also included in the collection; a majority of these clippings focus on his efforts regarding governmental ethics legislation.

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Processing Information: Processed by your name, date.

Accruals: None expected or Future accruals expected.

Detailed Description of the Collection:

Box 1: Papers, photographs, memorabilia

Folder 1: Scope and Content and Inventory

Folder 2: Images - Photograph of Canadian Checker Cab, 1988; postcard of London Taxi, 1982

Folder 3: Memoirs - Lechleiter, Richard P., "Recollections and Facts About Checker Cab Company"

Folder 4: Newspaper clippings
Dick Lechleiter Plaque.

Box 2: Memorabilia

1. Green Checker Cab Model
2. Green Cab piggy bank
3. "Macy's Express Taxi" candy-filled cab
4. L&N coffee cup

Box 3: Memorabilia

1. 1926 Yellow Checker Cab, Avon Products
2. "1926 Checker Cab" history and information card
3. Yellow ceramic taxi cabs (2)
4. Ceramic stoplight
5. Green ceramic cab, broken
6. Green model cab
7. Hot Wheels Convertible Cab toys (3)
8. Green Cab magnet
9. Checker Taxicab trading card
10. "Checker Cab Alpine 4-5031" green plastic arrow
11. Checker Cab \$.50 token
12. Checker Cab pin
13. L&N pillow cover

Box 4: Memorabilia

1. Metal wind-up Checker Cab, broken
2. Plush green taxi rattle
3. Sesame Street taxi toy
4. Black and silvery taxi Christmas ornament
5. Green wooden Christmas ornament
6. Plastic Santa in taxi cab ornament
7. Cross-stitched taxi

Box 5: Memorabilia

1. Metal wind-up Checker Cab
2. Date counter, inscribed "Checker Cab Alpine 4-5031"
3. Tonka taxi cab toy

4. Checker Cab tin
5. Green cab pins

Box 6:

1. 1978 Green taxi lamp
2. Book - Mickenberg, Risa. *Taxi Driver Wisdom*. San Francisco: Chronicle Books, 1996.