

**Beecher Medlin Artifact Collection
1973-2004**

**Ontario City Library
Robert E. Ellingwood Model
Colony History Room**



Ontario, California

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Descriptive Summary

Title

Beecher Medlin Artifact Collection, 1973-2004.

Creator

Beecher Medlin

Extent

Number of containers: 2

Linear feet: 3

Abstract

The Beecher Medlin Artifact Collection consists of 2 record boxes of 3-dimensional objects belonging to the late Ontario City Councilmember Beecher Medlin. Mr. Medlin was born in Gainesboro, Tennessee in 1932. In 1960 he moved to Pomona with his wife and children and worked for General Dynamics for a year. He decided that he wanted to work more closely with the public so he accepted a job with Texaco and eventually obtained his own service station located at Fourth and Mountain in Ontario. He and his family moved to Ontario in 1964. Mr. Medlin decided to run for city council at the suggestion of friends and customers. Mr. Medlin was elected in 1976 and served on the Ontario City Council from 1976-1990. He ran for a county supervisor seat in 1990 but lost to incumbent Larry Walker; he retired from public office after this election. Mr. Medlin passed away August 13, 2006.

Some of the items in this collection are 2-dimensional ephemera items which may be housed in 3-dimensional frames. The majority of the collection consists of certificates and plaques, given to Mr. Medlin in appreciation by various local organizations.

For more information about Mr. Beecher Medlin, see also:

Model Colony Biography Files: Medlin, Beecher

Model Colony Oral History Collection: Medlin, Beecher

Administrative Information

Access

Collection is open for research during the operating hours of the Robert E. Ellingwood Model Colony History Room, or by appointment. Please contact Model Colony staff in advance for access.

Preferred Citation

Beecher Medlin Artifact Collection, 1978-1997. Robert E. Ellingwood Model Colony History Room, Ontario City Library.

Acquisitions Information

The majority of the items were acquired by purchase at an estate sale on Princeton Street, on March 12, 2010 by a library staff member from Michael and Frances Medlin. Additional items were directly donated by Beecher Medlin's son, Michael Medlin.

Processing Information

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Container List

Box1

Folder 1

Resolution, County of San Bernardino, commending Beecher Medlin for outstanding leadership and public service. Dated May 7, 1984. (Removed from frame for preservation purposes)

Resolution of Appreciation from the City of Ontario to Beecher Medlin, dated December 4, 1990. (Removed from frame for preservation purposes)

City Council photograph of Beecher Medlin, not dated. 2 copies: 1 black & white; 1 color.

Baseball portrait of young man (probably Tommy Medlin), not dated.

Certificates of Election, 1980 and 1986.

Certificates:

United States Certificate of Election, dated March 9, 1976. Beecher Medlin elected to Ontario City Council, Municipal Election, held March 2, 1976. Signed by DeLoris Arterburn, City Clerk. Framed.

Certificate of appreciation to Beecher Medlin for serving on the Community Projects and Public Affairs Committee. Kiwanis Club of Ontario Parkway, September 24, 1982. In folder.

Certificate of appreciation to Beecher Medlin for his participation. Chaffey Joint Union High School District, Diamond Jubilee, 1911-1986. Presented October 4, 1986. Framed.

Certificate of appreciation for service, to Beecher Medlin. Ontario Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 2085 dated January 10, 1986. Framed.

Other items:

Lucite plaque from Kiwanis Club of Ontario Parkway. Kiwanian of the Year to Beecher Medlin, 1993-94.

Touchdown '81 "A Piece of the Runway" disk presented to Beecher Medlin, April 26, 1981.

Plastic clip with Ontario, California medallion attached. "Beecher Medlin, Councilman."

Wooden photograph frame with handwritten personal notes to Beecher Medlin made on glass with black marker. Not dated.

Stone plaque with small gold plate stating, "Thanks for being there, Beecher [signed] Roger."

Improvement Bond Commemoratives:

Gold clock from Miller & Schroeder Financial, Inc. Commemorating \$13,600,000 City of Ontario Refunding Bonds, Series 1986.

Brass box, Miller & Schroeder Financial, Inc. Lid of box states:

\$6,700,000 City of Ontario, California
Multifamily rental housing refunding revenue bonds, 1988 Series A

\$1,830,000 City of Ontario, California
Multifamily rental housing refunding revenue bonds, 1988 Series B

\$5,670,000 City of San Dimas, California
Multifamily rental housing refunding revenue bonds, Issue 1988 A

City of Ontario Improvement Bond, dated March 25, 1987. Minimized and suspended in a block of Lucite.

City of Ontario Improvement Bond, dated October 17, 1987. Minimized and suspended in a block of Lucite. "Beecher Medlin" suspended on the other side of the block.

Miscellaneous Items:

Ontario Chamber of Commerce. Ceramic tile in wooden frame. Not dated.

Bronze medallion: Chaffey High School /(verso) Gardiner Spring Auditorium. Not dated.

Bronze medallion: City of Ontario, Ontario Convention Center. Dedication, December 1, 1997. (Made into a keychain.)

Black plastic clock, "Team Ontario California."

Small plastic sign: Whispering Lakes Golf Course.

Framed photograph of Ontario International Airport, color, not dated.

Copy of Ontario: The Model Colony by Ruth Austen. Commemorative copy signed by community members upon Mr. Medlin's retirement.

Box 2

Wooden Plaques:

Ontario Sales Association: Benefit Golf Tournament. September 28, 1989. 3rd Place.

Plaque with gold shovel commemorating ground breaking for Heritage Park senior apartments, June 8, 1983.

Plaque with gold shovel commemorating ground breaking for Raintree Apartments, November 1, 1983.

Plaque with gold shovel commemorating ground breaking for Southeast California District UPS center at Ontario International Airport, September 14, 1990.

Plaque with gold key (key to the city) presented to Beecher Medlin, April 17, 1984 from Mayor Robert Ellingwood. Awarded in appreciation for public service, 1976-1984.

City of Ontario. Presented to Beecher Medlin for dedicated public service, 1984-1990. In original box.

Ontario Chamber of Commerce. To Beecher Medlin in appreciation for 8 years of dedicated service. Presented March 30, 1984.

Kiwanis International. To Beecher Medlin, President. For "A Job Well Done, 1986-87."

"Dave Naraski Award" to Beecher Medlin from Ontario Western Little League, 1989.

Greater Ontario Visitors and Convention Bureau. Appreciation as member, board of directors, 1990-94 to Beecher Medlin.

Greater Ontario Visitors and Convention Bureau: Appreciation for your support. To: Beecher Medlin, Honorary Member.

Engraved plaque: Founding Member, Greater Ontario Visitors and Convention Bureau, to Beecher Medlin.

Kiwanis International. To: Beecher Medlin, Top Fund Raiser, 1990-91.

Texaco: 1977 Appreciation Award to Beecher Medlin.

Additional Items:

30 x 24 poster portrait of Beecher Medlin, not dated. Oversized photograph is housed in the compact storage room, above fire safes with other large formatted items.

Oversized bonds, stored on top of collection boxes:

Ontario Redevelopment Agency, Multi-Family Residential Mortgage Bond, Grove Apartments of 1979. \$5,000.00. Dated April 1, 1986. Signed by Robert E. Ellingwood and DeLoris Arterburn. Laminated onto wood backing.

Ontario Redevelopment Agency, Ontario Redevelopment Project No. 1, Tax Allocation Bond, Issue of 1979. Dated May 1, 1982. Signed by Robert E. Ellingwood. Laminated onto wood backing.

Certificate commemorating 25th anniversary of membership to the Republican Inner Circle, 1979-2004. Postmarked 2005. Signed by Elizabeth Dole. Stored on top of collection boxes.