



## **Checker Cab Collection, 1947-2003**

### **Collection Summary:**

**Creator:** Richard P. Lechleiter

**Location:** 2.28

**Description:** 6 linear feet

**Biographical/Historical Note:** The Checker Cab Company was founded in 1947.

### **Scope and Content:**

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

### **Contents Listing:**

**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: Ephemera**

Item 1: Green Checker Cab Model

Item 2: Green Cab Piggy Bank

Item 3: “Macy’s Express Taxi” candy-filled cab

Item 4: L & N coffee cup

**Box 3: Ephemera**

Item 1: 1926 Yellow Checker Cab, Avon Products

Item 2: “1926 Checker Cab” history and information card

Item 3: Yellow ceramic taxi cabs (2)

Item 4: Ceramic stoplight

Item 5: Green ceramic cab, broken

Item 6: Green model cab

Item 7: Hot Wheels Convertible Cab toys (3 total; 2 yellow, 1 green)

Item 8: Hot Wheels Black Tax toy

Item 9: Green cabs with “Checker Cab” handwritten, missing piece

Item 10: Green cab magnet

Item 11: Checker Taxicab trading card

Item 12: “Checker Cab Alpine 4-5031” green plastic arrow

Item 13: Checker Cab \$ .50 token

Item 14: Checker Cab pin

Item 15: L & N pillow cover

**Box 4: Ephemera**

Item 1: Metal wind-up Checker Cab, broken

Item 2: Plush green taxi rattle

Item 3: Sesame Street taxi toy

Item 4: Black and silver taxi Christmas ornament

Item 5: Green wooden Christmas ornament

Item 6: Plastic Santa in taxi cab ornament

Item 7: Green ceramic van

Item 8: Cross-stitched taxi

**Box 5: Ephemera**

Item 1: Metal wind-up Checker Cab

Item 2: Date counter, inscribed “Checker Cab Alpine 4-5031”

Item 3: Tonka taxi cab toy

Item 4: Checker Cab tin

Item 5: Green cab pins

**Box 6:**

Item 1: 1978 Green taxi lamp

Item 2: Mickenberg, Risa. *Taxi Driver Wisdom*. San Francisco: Chronicle Books, 1996.

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**Provenance:** Donated by Richard P. Lechleiter, 2004.

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**Accruals:** No further accruals expected.