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**OHIO OIL COMPANY  
STOCK RECORDS, 1913**

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## HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Ohio Oil Company was started in 1887 in Lima, Ohio, by several local wildcat companies in response to the threat from the emergence of Standard Oil's monopolistic takeover of smaller companies. The independent venture failed and within two years Ohio was a subsidiary of Standard Oil.

When the Supreme Court ordered the monopolistic breakup of Standard Oil in 1911, the Ohio Oil Company once again became independent. James Donnell, the company's president since 1901, retained his position with the company. In 1924 Donnell's son and vice-president, Otto O.D. Donnell, advocated diversification to keep up with the growing industry and the depleting oil wells in Indiana and Ohio.

In 1924 Ohio Oil acquired Lincoln Oil Refinery. Along with the refinery they also acquired the company's seventeen oil stations selling Linco gas, thus giving them an entrance into business of selling the gas the company refines.

The company received a major burst with the discovery of the Yates Oil Field in Texas which they co-owned with the Transcontinental. Losses resulting from the Great Depression forced Transcontinental to sell out to Ohio Oil. Along with their share of the refinery came their chain of Marathon gas stations. In 1962 Ohio Oil changed its name to Marathon Oil Company.

### Sources:

American Oil and Gas Historical Society <https://aoghs.org/stocks/ohio-oil-company/> .  
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## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection is comprised of eight orders for stock in Ohio Oil Company, October-November 1913.

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