February 10, 2004

Ms Bertha Ihnat
CSU Archives
2700 Kenny Road
Columbus, OH 43210

Dear Ms Ihnat:

I appreciate the amount of effort you are making to help me research the watch fob.

This is the best reproduction I can make.
The Dieterich - Dietrich men were:

George C. Dietrich
Henry Claude Dieterich
* W. W. Dieterich
Edward Noble Dietrich - father-in-law
Donald J. Dietrich - brother-in-law
John Gordon Dietrich, husband

Thank you so very much.

Sincerely,

Ruth Dietrich

* The only one not to get a degree at The Ohio State University.
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March 13, 2004

Ms. Ihnat:

Thank you very much for the information.
The 1878-1914 version of the seal is definitely the same as the watch fob. No doubt George C. Dietrich who graduated in 1898 bought it about that time and then gave it to his brother, Edward Noble Dietrich, John's father.

While waiting for his induction into the US Army in 1941 after graduation, John worked for a few months for the Athletic Department.

John was a devoted life member of the OSU Alumni Association and was very active serving as president of the Louisville Chapter.

We attended the 1976 session of Alumni College and enjoyed it very much. What wonderful memories!

We were surprised when our picture was used to publicize the 1977 session.

Again thank you for your kindness.

Sincerely,

Ruth Dietrich
John Dietrich, retired journalist with The Louisville Times, dies

John Gordon Dietrich, retired copy editor and book reviewer for The Louisville Times, died Wednesday at Baptist Hospital East. He was 72.

Dietrich, who lived on Glen Arbor Road, died of congestive heart failure, according to a spokesman for Pearson's Funeral Home.

A native of Columbus, Ohio, Dietrich began his newspaper career with the old United Press in Columbus after serving in the Army during World War II. He transferred to the Louisville bureau in 1945 and was appointed manager of the bureau in 1948. He served in that capacity until 1965, when he became a copy editor for The Louisville Times. He retired from the newspaper in 1985.

Dietrich was a volunteer tutor for the Jefferson County Public Schools adult reading program. He was past president of the Louisville chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, the national professional journalism society, Louisville Chapter of Ohio State University Alumni Club and Louisville Civil War Round Table. He was a member of the Filson Club and the Kentucky Historical Society.

Survivors include his wife, the former Ruth Robinson; a daughter, Ann D. Carroll; and a brother, Donald J. Dietrich of Tucson, Ariz.

The funeral will be at 1 p.m. tomorrow at Pearson's, 149 Breckenridge Lane, with burial in Cave Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be at the funeral home from 4 to 8 p.m. today.

The family suggests that memorial gifts be made to the Louisville Orchestra or Louisville Free Public Library.