

Black Muncie History Project records

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Summary Information

Repository	Ball State University Archives and Special Collections
Creator - Compiler	Goodall, Hurley C.
Creator - Compiler	Mitchell, J. Paul
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Historical Note

The idea for the Black Muncie History Project was conceived by Hurley Goodall, who wanted the story of black Muncie to be told so that blacks could have information about their heritage, and also for the sake of making the white population aware of the black culture. Goodall, one of the first two blacks hired by the Muncie Fire Department and the first black to be elected to the Muncie Community School Board, had earned the right to be heard by the people of Muncie. He made his request for a grant to the Muncie Human Rights Commission in February of 1971 and his request was granted in July 1971.

Goodall approached the Ball State University Department of History for help in working on this project. The head of that department talked to Dr. J. Paul Mitchell who was then teaching courses in black history. Mitchell agreed to work with Goodall on the project, and the two of them, without much information about how to do oral histories, began interviewing the older individuals within the Muncie black community. There was a sense of urgency with which this project was begun because of a concern that many of these older individuals were dying. It appears as though this concern was valid since, by 1976, more than one quarter of the people who were interviewed had died.

In addition to interviews conducted by Goodall and Mitchell, a few graduate students in the Department of History also interviewed some of these older people. In an effort to further help with the project, the Department of History provided Mitchell with a student secretary for the typing of transcripts of the taped interviews. As the culmination of this research project, Mitchell and Goodall published "A History of Negroes in Muncie" in 1976.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes records, research files, audio recordings and interview transcripts from Hurley Goodall in Muncie, IN ranging from 1924 to 1978 regarding black history in Muncie, IN.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged in the following series and subseries:

Series 1: Black Muncie History Project records, 1971-1976

Series 2: Black Muncie History Project research files, 1924-1978

Series 3: Black Muncie History Project interviews, 1971-1978

...Subseries 3.1: Transcripts, 1971-1979

...Subseries 3.2: Edited transcripts, 1972-1976

...Subseries 3.3: Summaries, 1972

...Subseries 3.4: Audio files, 1971-1977

Series 4: Black Muncie History Project oversize ephemera, 1926-1947

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Controlled Access Headings

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- Interviews

Subject(s)

- African American history
- African Americans
- Middletown Studies Collection
- Oral history
- Stoeckel Archives of Local History

Series 1: Black Muncie History Project records, 1971-1976

Collection Inventory

Series 1: Black Muncie History Project records, 1971-1976 1971-1976	Box 1
Research leads and papers, 1971-1976	
<i>A History of Negroes in Muncie</i> , first and published drafts	
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<i>Afro-American World Almanac</i> , 1943	1
History of Negro Athletics in Muncie notes, 1930-1970	1
Powell, Dick. <i>The Black Coalition: Its Chairman, Its Goals and Its Plans</i> . The Star , 1969.	1
Black business establishments, 1924-1974	1
Census research circa 1840, circa 1850, 1965-1970	1
Churches: Antioch Baptist Church ephemera, undated	1
Churches: Bethel A.M.E. church, 1868-1968	1

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Churches: Black churches in Muncie ephemera, 1922-1973	1
Churches: Trinity United Methodist Church, 1975	1
Civic Concerns Coalition, 1969	1
Delaware County Community Action Committee, 1966	1
Federated Fundraising board, 1968	1
Fraternal organizations, 1920-1958	1
Gateway Christian Center, 1971-1972	1
Goodall, Hurley school board election, 1970	1
Baker, Eileen. ' Hard Times in Indiana '. undated	1
Goodall, Hurley, ephemera, 1969	1
Fire department, 1958	1
Historical articles, 1839,1922,1963-1972	1
Mayors Task Force on Housing, 1967	1
Muncie Open Housing Ordinance, 1969	1

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Housing ephemera, 1944, 1960-1970	1
Human Relations Council, 1968-1969	1
Human Rights Commission, 1968-1973	1
Indiana Civil Rights Commission, 1967	1
Employment of Black, circa 1907-1950	1
Employment of Blacks, circa 1972	1
Mayors task force on Human Rights, 1967	1
Medical profession, 1880-1970	1
Employment of Blacks, 1958-1964, 1976	1
Muncie-Delaware Metropolitan Plan Commission reports, 1969-1970	1
The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (N.A.A.C.P.) Indiana State Convention, 1957	2
The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (N.A.A.C.P.) Indiana State Convention, 1969	2
Negro Summit Meeting, 1967	2

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Newsclippings, 1940-1973	2
Muncie Daily News clippings, 1880-1900	2
<i>The Shining Star</i> , newspaper circa 1924	2
Nokes murder trial clippings, 1961-1962	2
Oliver, Anthony J. Sr. (Rev.)-biographical sketch, 1978 May	2
Obituaries, 1972	2
Poor peoples party, 1971	2
Population data: Blacks in Muncie, 1881-1898	2
Population data: Blacks in Muncie, 1919-1920	2
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Population data: Blacks in Muncie, 1925, 1932, 1937	2
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Race relations, 1968	2
Schools: Central High School: mental ability study, circa 1975	2

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Schools: Historical and statistical information, 1971-1973	2
Schools: Muncie Central I.H.S.A.A. suspension controversy and Negro community effort to resolve it. 1963-1964	2
Schools: Northwest High School controversy, 1969	2
Schools: Southside High School racial tensions, 1967-1968.	2
Schools: Teachers resumes, 1973	2
Social Action programs, 1971-1972	2
Abstract of title of Whitely Land Company's first addition to the city of Muncie, 1892-1923	2
World War I-Black participation, 1919	2
Young Men's Christian Association (Y.M.C.A.) -Madison Street branch, 1948, 1957	2
Young Women's Christian Association (Y.W.C.A.)- Phyllis Wheatley Branch, circa 1957	2
Youth Needs and Counseling services, 1937 , 1969	2
Sympathy Club: Ring, William, M. , 1970	2
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Goodall, Dorene, undated	3

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Goodall, Hurley, 1978/05/16	3
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Johnson, J.A., 1972/11/28	3
Lampkins, Joan, undated	3
Lyons, Joseph, undated	3
Motley, Olivia, undated	3
Navarro, Mary, 1973/10/03	3
Peele, Grovelle, undated	3
Phillips, Blanche, undated	3
Pittman, Raymond, 1972/02/12	3
Reynolds family, 1976/12/12	3
Scott, Harvey, 1972/02/15	3
Scott, Jessica, undated	3

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Settles, Bernice, 1973/07/23	3
Settles, Bernice, 1973/07/30	3
Sims, Sara, 1972/12/07	4
Stafford, Pauline, 1976/12/20	4
Taylor, Jake, undated	4
Thompson, Smith, 1973/09/13	4
Truitt, James G., undated	4
Turner family, 1972/02/01	4
Williams, Lucille, 1971/02/01	4
Woldridge, Ella, 1971/07/09	4
Wright, Ida, 1971/07/30	4
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Subseries 3.2: Edited transcripts, 1972-1976

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Buley, Roy, 1977/09/22	4
Campbell, undated	4
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Lampkins, Joan, undated	4
Lyons, Joseph, undated	4
Motley, Olivia, undated	4
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Pittman, Raymond, 1972/02/12	4
Scott, Harvey, 1972/02/15	4

Subseries 3.3: Summaries, 1972

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Taylor, Jake, undated	4
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R5-005 Campbell family, undated			
R5-006 Dunn, Irvin, 1973/08/06			
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R5-008a/b Evans, Harry, 1973/05/17			
R5-009 Ferguson, Wilma and Joan Lampkins, undated			
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Subseries 3.4: Audio files, 1971-1977

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R5-015 Motley, Olivia, undated

R5-016a/b Navarro, Mary, 1973/10/03

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R5-020 Sims, Sara, 1972/12/07

R5-021 Stafford, Pauline, 1972/12/20

R5-022 Thompson, Smith, 1973/09/13

R5-023 Truitt, James G., undated

R5-024a/b Williams, Lucille, 1972/02/01

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R5-029 Ferguson, Wilma and Jake Taylor and Joan Lampkins, undated undated

R5-030 Findley family and Raymond Pittman, 1972/02/12 1972/02/12

R5-031 Patients at Faulkner Nursing Home, 1971/06/30 1971/06/30

R5-032 Senior Citizens at Whitely Community Center, undated undated

R5-033 Taylor, Hazel, 1971/07/15 1971/07/15

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OVB-001 Unity Mutual life Insurance Company calendar, 1946, 1947

OVB-001 Muncie Area Metropolitan map series, undated

OVB-001 Muncie zone map, 1947

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OVB-001 *Indiana Herald*, 1938 April

OVB-001 *The Only Alternative*, undated

OVB-001 *The Post Democrat*, 1934/04/24

OVC-052 *Mayors Task Force on Human Rights: rept to the people of Muncie*, undated

POVC-004 Magic City Council, No. 221; A.U.K. & D. of A. Juvenile Department photograph, 1926/05/29