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MSS 33 / R 5 / OVB 1 / OVC 52 / POVC 4 **Black Muncie History Project Records, 1880-1978**

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History

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 Content

The collection focuses on information related to the history of blacks in Muncie. This information was gathered through interviews with blacks who had lived in Muncie in the early 1900s and from pamphlets, newspapers and other materials related to various organizations and activities which were centered around the black community.

The PROJECT FILES series contains material related to the research project including the proposal prepared for the Human Rights Commission by Dwight Hoover. J. Paul Mitchell and Raymond White of Ball State University's Department of History, suggested questions to be used in interviews, grant information, and correspondence dealing with the study. Also included in this series is the publication, "A History of Negroes in Muncie" by Hurley Goodall and J. Paul Mitchell.

Correspondence, reports and clippings dealing with programs and organizations sponsored by or for the black community, comprise a large part of the SUBJECT FILES. The social action programs include Action, Inc., Enable, and the Gateway Center, all of which provided help for the poor. Among the organizations are the Black Coalition of Muncie, the Human Relations Council, the Human Rights Commission, and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, all striving to bring about attitudinal change where prejudice and discrimination exist. The Poor People's Party was formed to help the poor people of Muncie effect change in their community. This series also includes historical information on some of the black churches in Muncie, clippings and notes about racial problems at Muncie high schools from 1963 to 1969, and biographical sketches of Rev. Anthony J. Oliver, Sr., civil rights activist of the early 1960s and of Hurley Goodall, the first black person to serve on the Muncie School Board. Other materials related to the black population in Muncie comprise the rest of this series.

Transcripts, summaries, and audio recordings are sub-series within the INTERVIEWS series. These interviews of blacks who lived in Muncie during the early years were conducted by Hurley Goodall and J. Paul Mitchell with the aid of graduate students from Ball State University's Department of History. In 2006-2007, the original transcripts were retyped and edited for inclusion in the Ball State University Libraries' Digital Media Repository. Copies of these edited transcripts are also included within the INTERVIEWS series.

Within the final series, OVERSIZE, are housed materials such as photographs, old newspapers, maps, and calendars, which were produced between the 1920s and 1940s which depict various aspects of life in the Muncie black community at that time.

The following collection provides additional information on the Black Muncie History Project:

Dr. J. Paul Mitchell Papers (RG 04/01/28)

Presented by Hurley Goodall and J. Paul Mitchell

R. Cumberbatch, 12 October 1984

M. Read, 16 February 2007

MSS 33
Black Muncie History Project Records

Container List

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1	PROJECT FILES
	1 Leads and Research Materials, 1971-1973, 1976
	2 Hurley Goodall and J. Paul Mitchell, "A History of Negroes in Muncie." First Drafts, Nov. 1974.
	3 Published Version, 1976.
	SUBJECT FILES
	4 Afro-American World Almanac, ca. 1943
	5 Athletics, 1930-1970
	6 The Black Coalition of Muncie, 1969
	7 Business Establishments, ca. 1924-1974
	8 Census Materials, 1840s, 1850s, 1965-1970
	9 Churches, Antioch Baptist Church
	10 Bethel A.M.E. Church 1868-1968
	11 Shaffer Chapel and Bethel Church History, 1919
	12 Trinity United Methodist Church, 1975
	13 Miscellany, ca. 1922-1973
	14 Civic Concerns Coalition, 1969
	15 Delaware County Community Action Committee, 1966
	16 Federated Fundraising, 1968
	17 Fire Department, ca. 1958
	18 Fraternal Organizations, 1920-1958
	19 Gateway Christian Center, 1971-1972
	20 Goodall, Hurley: School Board Election, 1970
	21 Miscellany, 1969
	22 "Hard Times in Indiana," by Eileen Baker, 1925-1941
	23 Historical Materials, 1839, 1922, 1963-1972
	24 Housing, Mayor's Task Force on Housing, 1967
	25 Muncie Open Housing Ordinance, 1969
	26 Miscellany, 1944, 1960-1970
	27 Human Relations Council, 1968-1969
	28 Human Rights Commission, 1968-1973
	29 Indiana Civil Rights Commission, 1967
	30 Labor Organizations and Practices – Employment of Blacks, ca. 1907-mid 1950s
	31 ca. 1958-1964, 1976
	32 ca. 1972
	33 Mayor's Task Force on Human Rights
	34 Medical Profession, ca. 1880-1970

35 Muncie-Delaware Metropolitan Plan Commission, Reports, 1969-1970

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1 The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP): Indiana State Convention, 1957
 2 Muncie Chapter, 1969
 3 Negro Summit Meeting, 1967
 4 News clippings – Miscellaneous Topics, ca. 1940-1973
 5 News: Items in *Muncie Daily News*, 1880-1900, relating to Muncie's black population
 6 *The Shining Star*, ca. 1924
 7 Nokes Murder Trial, 1961-1962
 8 Oliver, Rev. Anthony J., Sr. – Biographical Sketch by Hurley Goodall, May 1978
 9 Obituaries, 1972
 10 Poor People's Party, 1971
 11 Population Data – Blacks in Muncie: 1881-1898
 12 1919-1920
 13 1925-1926
 14 1925, 1932, 1937
 15 1910-1970
 16 Race Relations, 1968
 17 Schools: Central High School: Mental Ability Study, ca. 1975
 18 Historical and Statistical Information, ca. 1971-1973
 19 Muncie Central IHSAA Suspension Controversy and Negro Community Effort to Resolve it, 1963-1964
 20 Northwest High School Controversy, 1969
 21 Southside High School Racial Tensions, 1967-1968
 22 Teachers – Resumés, 1973
 23 Social Action Programs, 1971-1972
 24 Whiteley Land Company's First Addition to the City of Muncie – Abstract of Title, ca. 1892-1923
 25 World War I – Black Participation, 1919
 26 Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) – Phyllis Wheatley Branch, ca. 1957
 27 Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) – Phyllis Wheatley Branch, ca. 1957
 28 Young Needs and Counseling Services, 1937, ca. 1969
 29 Miscellany, 1970

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INTERVIEWS

Transcripts:

1 Booher, Charles, 14 Feb. 1972
 2 Bragg, John, 13 Feb. 1973
 3 Buley, Roy, 22 Sept. 1977

4 Campbell, [?], no date
 5 Davis, Leroy, 29 May 1971
 6 Dunn, Mrs. Irvin, 6 Aug. 1973
 7 Dunn, Mrs. Irvin [Lillian], ca. Jul. 1973
 8 Evans, Harry, 17 May 1973
 9 Ferguson, Wilma, ca. 1972
 10 Findley, Clem, 1 Feb. 1972
 11 Goodall, Dorene, no date
 12 Goodall, Hurley, 9 May 1978, 16 May 1978
 13 Hall, Thomas Wesley, Sr., no date
 14 Johnson, J. A. 28 Nov. 1972
 15 Lampkins, Joan, no date
 16 Lyons, Joseph, no date
 17 Motley, Olivia, no date
 18 Navarro, Mrs. Mary, 3 Oct. 1973
 19 Peele, Grovelle, no date
 20 Phillips, Mrs. Blanche, no date
 21 Pittman, Raymond, 12 Feb. 1972
 22 Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. George, 12 Dec. 1976
 23 Scott, Harvey, 15 Feb. 1972
 24 Scott, Jessica, no date
 25 Settles, Bernice, 23 July 1973; 30 July 1973

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1 Sims, Sara, 7 Dec. 1972
 2 Stafford, Pauline, 20 Dec. 1976
 3 Taylor, Jake, no date
 4 Thompson, Smith, 13 Sept. 1973
 5 Truitt, James G., no date
 6 Turner, Mr. and Mrs. William, 1 Feb. 1972
 7 Williams, Lucille, 1 Feb. 1972
 8 Woldridge, Ella, 9 Jul. 1971
 9 Wright, Ida, 30 June 1971

Summaries:

10 Baker, Frank, ca. 1 Feb. 1972
 11 Graham, Robert P., 27 Oct. 1972
 12 Slayton, Lotis, 20 Nov. 1972
 13 Williams, Leo, no date

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Edited Transcripts:

Baker, Frank (Summary)
 Booher, Mr. and Mrs. Charles, 14 Feb. 1972
 Bragg, John, 13 Feb. 1973
 Buley, Roy, 22 Sept. 1977
 Campbell, (Unknown), no date

Dunn, Lillian, July 1973
 Ferguson, Wilma ca. 1972
 Findley, Clem, 1 Feb. 1972
 Hall, Thomas Wesley, Sr., no date
 Lampkins, Joan, no date
 Lyons, Joseph, no date
 Motley, Olivia, no date
 Navarro, Mary, 3 Oct. 1973
 Pittman, Raymond, 12 Feb. 1972
 Scott, Harvey, 15 Feb. 1972
 Scott, Jessica, no date
 Sims, Sara, 1 Dec. 1972
 Stafford, Pauline, 20 Dec. 1976
 Taylor, Jake, no date
 Thompson, Smith, 13 Sept. 1973
 Truitt, James, no date
 Turner, Mr. and Mrs. William, 1 Feb. 1972
 Williams, Lucille, 1 Feb. 1972

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Audio Recordings

Cassettes:
 R5-1 Black and White Disturbances in Anderson, Indiana, 9
 Nov. 1972
 R5-2 Booher, Charles, 14 Feb. 1972
 R5-3a/b Bragg, John, 13 Feb.
 R5-4 Buley, Roy, 22 Sept. 1977
 R5-5 Campbell, Mr. and Scott, Jessica, no date
 R5-6 Dunn, Mrs. Irvin, 6 Aug. 1973
 R5-7a/b Dunn, Mrs. Irvin [Lillian], ca. July 1973 (2 tapes)
 R5-8a/b Evans, Harry, 17 May 1973 (2 tapes)
 R5-9 Ferguson, Wilma, ca. 1972 and Lampkins, Joan, no date
 R5-10a/b Findley, Clem and Mrs., 1 Feb. 1972 and Pittman,
 Raymond, 12 Feb. 1972 (2 tapes)
 R5-11a-d Goodall, Hurley, 8 Feb. 1974, 9 & 16 May 1978 (4 tapes)
 R5-12 Hall, Thomas Wesley, Sr., no date
 R5-13a/b Johnson, J. Albert, 28 Nov. 1972 (2 tapes)
 R5-14 Lyons, Joseph, no date
 R5-15 Motley, Olivia, no date
 R5-16a/b Navarro, Mrs. Mary, 3 Oct. 1973 (2 tapes)
 R5-17a/b Oliver, A. J. (Rev.), May 1978 (2 tapes)
 R5-18a-c Scott, Harvey, 15 Feb. 1973 (2 tapes)
 R5-19 Settles, Bernice, 23 July 1973 (2 tapes)
 R5-20 Sims, Sara, 7 Dec. 1972
 R5-21 Stafford, Pauline, 20 Dec. 1972
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- R5-23 Truitt, James G., no date
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- Reel to Reel:
- R5-25 Booher, Mr. and Mrs. Charles, 14 Feb. 1972
 R5-26 Campbell, Mr.; Scott, Jessica, no dates
 R5-27 Cleage, Rev. Albert (Speech), May 1969
 R5-28 Davis, Leroy, 29 May 1971
 R5-29 Ferguson, Wilma; Taylor, Jake; Lampkins, Joan, no date
 R5-30 Findley, Mr. and Mrs. Clem and Pittman, Mr. Raymond, 12 Feb. 1972
 R5-31 Patients at Faulkner Nursing Home – Unidentified male; Jackson, Mr. Sam; and Wright, Mrs. Ida, 30 June 1971
 R5-32 Phillips, Mrs. Blanche; Peele, Mr. Grovelle; Goodall, Mrs. Dorene; and Senior Citizens at Whitely Comm. Center, no date
 R5-33 Taylor, Mrs. Hazel, 15 July 1971
 R5-34 Woldridge, Mrs. Ella and Guffey, Mrs. Mary, 15 July 1971
 R5-35 Turner, Mr. and Mrs. William; Williams, Mrs. Lucille; and Recollection of Interview with Mr. Frank Baker, 1 Feb. 1972

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Calendars

Patterson Funeral Home, 900 Kirby Ave., Muncie, 1946
 Unity Mutual Life Insurance Co., Chicago, 1946, 1947

Maps

Muncie Area Metropolitan Map Series (4 items), no date
 Muncie Zone Map, 1947 (1 item)

Newspapers

Indiana Herald, 16 & 23 April 1938
The Only Alternative, (2 editions) with photocopy of article, "Housing in Middletown," Raymond E. White in Vol. 11, no date
The Post Democrat, 24 April 1936

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Mayor's Task Force on Human Rights
 Report to the People of Muncie

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Photograph

Magic City Council, No. 221; A.U.K. & D. of A. Juvenile Department, 29 May 1926.