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### **James Patrick Carey Collection, 1957-2006**

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#### History

James Patrick Carey was born in Muncie, Indiana on December 16, 1926 to Mark and Carrie (Lafferty) Carey. His grandfather, John Carey, was former Muncie Chief of Police. He attended Jefferson Elementary School, McKinley Junior High and Central High School. He married twice and had three children, Linda, Corrin, and Michael. His first wife, Joanne, committed suicide in 1962. He later married Marilyn (Thornburg) Carey.

Following high school graduation, James Carey entered the U.S. Navy. He served in World War II and the Korean War. In 1949 he returned to Muncie and joined the Muncie Police Department. In 1956 he was named to the newly created post of assistant police chief by Chief Jack Young. By the age of 29, Carey became the youngest captain in the department's history. In August of 1957 Carey attended the FBI's National Police Academy. He graduated with honors and was the first police officer at the time to have earned an academy diploma. When Young retired to run for sheriff in 1958, Carey was appointed Chief of Police.

In 1959 Carey and two detectives were indicted by a Delaware County grand jury for "allowing unlawful pinball machines, unlawful slot machines, unlawful gift enterprises and unlawful lotteries which were then and there operated and displayed in various cigar stores and other locations." They argued that Carey's vice squad officers encouraged the unlawful activity. Carey resigned his position, but the indictment was dismissed and Mayor Arthur Tuhey reappointed him as police chief. He also served as police chief under Mayor Paul Cooley.

James Carey's political career began in 1970 when he was elected as Delaware County sheriff. Two years into his term, Carey was arrested on bribery charges in connection with gambling activities. He was found not guilty on all charges. Eleven years and one unsuccessful campaign for mayor later, Carey was elected mayor of Muncie in 1984. He was reelected in 1987, but lost a bid for a third term in 1991. He ran unsuccessfully for mayor again in 1995.

During his eight-year administration, Carey actively supported the reconstruction of the downtown area of Muncie. He helped reopen Walnut Plaza and the abandoned Hotel Roberts as the Radisson Hotel. The old post office became a convention center, and he helped construct a new city hall.

After his time as mayor, Carey held several other political positions. He served as executive director of Muncie's Urban Enterprise Association Board from 1992-1996. In 1999 he was elected

to the Muncie City Council. He retired from politics when his term expired in 2003. James Carey died on October 16, 2006 at the age of 79.

### Scope and Content

This collection contains records of Carey's administration goals and projects throughout his career as mayor. There are community developments plans, city administration statements, papers from the industrial revolving loan program, and papers from the Muncie economic development commission. It also includes correspondence from 1979 to 1991 and news clippings from 1967 to 1992.

Additional information about James Carey can also be found in the Local History Files.

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