Wallpaper Project
Special Collections – Akron Summit County Public Library

ACCESSION # 2003-451

ACQUISITION: Materials collected and recorded during the planning and production of the Wallpaper Project, 2002-2003

ACCESS: Restricted access; materials fragile; access by request at Main Library Special Collections only.

VOLUME: 2 Boxes, 2 linear feet.

RELATED COLLECTIONS: Neighborhood History Project Collection, Memories of Downtown Project

SCOPE AND CONTENT:
Planning documents, videotapes and CD-ROM pertaining to the Summit County production of the Wallpaper Project, an oral history-base theater production and Ohio Bicentennial project. Sponsored locally by the Akron-Summit County Public Library, the Summit County Historical Society, Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association and the University of Akron. Performance took place the weekend of September 26-28, 2003 at the Happy Days Visitors Center in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Another component of the project was three story circles: group oral history interviews conducted by Wallpaper Project Director, Rachel Barber. Topics pertained to Akron’s Wooster Avenue Jewish community, the North Hill Italian community, and the Howard Street business district.

ARRANGEMENT: Materials grouped by location of events.

INVENTORY:

Box 1: Documents
   Includes Deeds of Gift for interviews, planning documents, news clippings, promotional materials, and correspondence.

Box 2: Video Recordings of Story Circles

DVD: Story Circle: Wooster Avenue Jewish Community
VHS: Story Circle: Wooster Avenue Jewish Community

Participants:
Louis Sholiton
Bill Rogovy
Jerry Holub
Gloria Reich
Sophie Newman
Bill Rosenblatt
Richard Sternberg
VHS: Story Circle: North Hill Italian Community (4 copies)

Participants:
Elaine Swan
Samuel Merendino
Marceline Trunck
Marie Reiter
Vincent Zampelli

VHS: Story Circle: Howard Street/African-American Business District

Participants:
Deborah Mobley
Harold Jenkins
Janet Purnell
Art Minson
Helen Smith Hill
Edwin Cain
Leona Farris
Faith Robinson
Alice Smith Wheeler Mixon
Evelyn Smith Atchison
Virginia Coleman
Thomas Sistrunk

DVD: Wallpaper Project performance at Happy Days Visitors Center
VHS: Wallpaper Project performance at Happy Days Visitors Center

Hi-8 digital recordings of above events: 9 cassettes