

## Hal Fry Collection

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ACCESSION #: 2006-72

ACQUISITION: Donated by Elizabeth Connelly in October, 2006.

ACCESS: Restricted access; materials fragile; access by request at Akron-Summit County Public Library's Main Library Special Collections division only.

VOLUME: 2 boxes, 2 LF

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: Hal Fry was an editorial writer and newsroom editor for the *Akron Beacon Journal* for 34 years until his retirement in 1983. During his retirement he continued to edit books and wrote "*Print It!*" *150 Years of the Akron Beacon Journal* in commemoration of the newspaper's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1989. The *Beacon Journal* printed an article about him on November 16, 2004, following his death; his obituary appeared on November 17.

RELATED COLLECTIONS: Fry, Hal: "*Print It!*" *150 Years of the Akron Beacon Journal* (Akron, Ohio: Summit County Historical Society, 1989). Call number: 071.7136 F9

Wolf, Howard: *The Akron Beacon Journal: The First 100 Years* (Unpublished manuscript, 1939). Call number: RSTCK 071.7136 W853a. Much of the material in Fry's book up to 1939 was based on this manuscript.

*John Shively Knight: 1894-1981, a Tribute to an American Editor* (Akron, Ohio: Akron Beacon Journal, 1981). Call number: RSTCK 920.073 K69j. Originally part of the collection.

Carringer, Helen: *Special Report on Mental Health and Mental Retardation in Ohio* (Akron, Ohio: Akron Beacon Journal, 1981). Call number: RSTCK 362.2 C235s. Originally part of the collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT: This collection consists of a manuscript of "*Print It!*" *150 Years of the Akron Beacon Journal*, scattered *Akron Beacon Journal* company newsletters and staff directories, 1976-1994, including a commemorative booklet celebrating the newspaper's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary; a Society of Professional Journalists commemorative booklet honoring John S. Knight; a photocopy of the diary of Horace Canfield, an employee of the newspaper during the 1850s and 1860s; and miscellaneous personal papers.

ARRANGEMENT: Because the manuscript consists of incomplete sections and various revisions, it is arranged by corresponding book chapter. Each folder consists of parts of a particular chapter, ordered as continuously as possible, roughly from the most complete to least complete. Consulting the finished book may help the researcher make sense of the manuscript arrangement.

#### INVENTORY:

##### Box 1:

Folders 1-20: Manuscript of "*Print It!*" *150 Years of the Akron Beacon Journal*

**Box 2:**

Folders 1-12: Manuscript of *"Print It!" 150 Years of the Akron Beacon Journal*

Folder 13: "An Editor Remembered," Society of Professional Journalists booklet honoring John S. Knight

Folders 14-16: *Akron Beacon Journal* staff directories for 1981, 1984, and 1985

Folders 17-20: *Akron Beacon Journal* employee newsletters: *Tower Topics*, March/April and June/July 1976; *Sidebar*, July 1987, April 1989 (special 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorative issue), June 1989, January/February 1992, March 1992, April 1994

Folder 21: Photocopy of the diary of Horace Canfield

Folders 22-23: Miscellaneous personal papers