

Hal Fry Collection
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ACQUISITION: Donated by Elizabeth Connelly in October, 2006.

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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 150th 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Wolf, Howard: *The Akron Beacon Journal: The First 100 Years* (Unpublished manuscript, 1939).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 150th 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.

CONTAINER LIST:

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 150th 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