

**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