

The Daniel and Anna K. Bender Family Collection
Special Collections – Akron Summit County Public Library

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ACQUISITION: This collection was donated by Danene Bender on June 5, 2007.

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

VOLUME: 11 boxes and one folder, 3.25 LF

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: Daniel and Anna Kovach Bender owned and operated the Eastland Market in Goodyear Heights from 1944 until 1970. Daniel's obituary appeared in the *Akron Beacon Journal* on December 24, 1970; Anna's obituary appeared on April 16, 1994. Their daughter Danene was a teacher in the Akron Public School system.

RELATED COLLECTIONS: 1959 Goodyear Junior High *Wingfoot* yearbook; 1960 and 1962 East High School yearbooks; 1968 and 1969-1970 Kent Junior High School yearbooks. These were originally part of this collection and transferred with the donor's permission to Special Collections' yearbook collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT: This collection consists of materials pertaining to the Bender family and their family business, Eastland Market, approximately 1920s – 1990s. It includes business, financial, and legal documents; Akron Public School and University of Akron documents; religious documents; photographs; a taped oral history, John F. Kennedy memorabilia; and realia.

ARRANGEMENT: The collection is organized into three series. Series 1 contains Akron Public Schools and University of Akron materials. Series 2 contains family, household and business materials. Series 3 contains John F. Kennedy Memorabilia.

INVENTORY:

SERIES 1: Akron Public School and University of Akron Materials

Box 1: Documents: Danene Bender (daughter of Daniel and Anna)

Folders 1-2: Barber Grade School, 1950-1956: Report cards and class photos

Folders (and envelopes) 3-7: Goodyear Junior High School, 1956-1959: Report cards, award certificates, programs, handbook about the school which has photo and floor plans, issue of *The Mercury* (Goodyear Junior High School newspaper), also Children's Concert Society Program.

Folders 8-17: East High School, 1959-1962: Report cards, award certificates, newspaper clippings, issues of *The Caravan* (East High School newspaper), programs, diploma

Folder 18: Miscellaneous documents originally in wallet, including East High School 1961 football schedule; temporary driver's permit; and Akron Public Library card

Folders 19-20: University of Akron, 1963-1967: Programs, Commencement tickets, *Facts and Figures about the University of Akron*, diploma.

Folders 21-22: Photographs and newspaper clippings, originally in the 1968 Kent Junior High Yearbook. Photograph of Danene Bender and students (appearing

in the "Classroom in the Window" program at O'Neil's Department Store, late 1960s); photographs of Kent Junior High School cheerleaders.
Folder 23: *Makaris*, anthology of student work, 7th and 8th grades, Innes Junior High School, 1976. The entry "What's Right About Akron" was the project of Danene Bender's class.

Box 2: School pictures – Danene Bender and classmates, and wallet.

Box 3: Realia: East High School and University of Akron bumper stickers; felt letter G; Goodyear Junior High award ribbons; grade school art projects (painted tile and painted plate); graduation tassel; senior calling cards in original box

Box 3a: East High School class ring, honor society pins, award pins; small O'Neil's jewelry box

Box 4: East High School diploma, 1927 – on oversize shelves

Box 5: Photo collage, Goodyear Junior High School class of 1958 – on oversize shelves

Box 6: Grade school art project: Painted towel – on oversize shelves

SERIES 2: Family, Household, and Business Materials

Box 1: Documents and photographs

Folders 1-5: Envelopes from valuable papers binder and contents as found: Insurance, mortgage and property tax papers; deeds; certificates of baptism and marriage; wills. Binder is in Box 2.

Folders 6-11: Birth certificates; funeral arrangements and receipts; will; bank and insurance books and receipts

Folder 12: Miss Teenage America contest information

Folders 13-14: AAA and automobile items: AAA application and receipt; insurance certificate; safe driving tips brochure; invoice and buyer's order for Hull-Dobbs, Inc.

Folder 15: Eastland Market documents: Sales slip books and price tag labels. Eastland Market was a member of Square Deal Grocery Stores.

Folder 16: Booklet, *Recipes for Good Eating* (Cincinnati: The Proctor and Gamble Company, 1949)

Folders 17-29: Family photographs and photographs of Eastland Market

Folder 20: Prayer brochure; Office of Burial booklet; photo of St. Michael Byzantine Church, Crouse St., Akron, 1955

Folder 21: Typed notes from oral history interviews of Anna K. Bender; articles on Danene Bender and Jon Bender. Oral history interviews include commentary on Anna's European immigrant ancestors; transition from farm life to city life; experiences as a "Rosie the Riveter" in Akron during World War II, and experiences as a mother and widow from the 1950s to 1990s.

Folder 22: Greeting cards given to Danene Bender for various occasions

Box 2: Realia: Valuable papers binder; oral history cassette tapes; prayer book; Kucko Funeral Home cardboard fan; pop-up-book, *Christmas Time in Action* (All Occasion Book Publication, 1949).

Box 3: Road map of Northeastern United States, c. 1957 – on oversize shelves

Box 4: WLW Buy-Way Modernization Supplement, Parts 1-8

SERIES 3: John F. Kennedy Memorabilia

Folder (envelope) 1: Brochures, memorial card, text of Kennedy's speech *The New Frontier*; autographed photograph of Kennedy. This photograph was obtained by Danene Bender during Kennedy's visit to Akron for his 1960 Presidential campaign.