

Detroit

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Foreword

The year 2001 marks the three-hundredth anniversary of the founding of the city of Detroit, Michigan. Since 1935, the Michigan Historical Collections, now housed in the Bentley Historical Library at the University of Michigan, has been collecting books, maps, manuscripts and archival collections relating to the history of the state of Michigan. Because of the statewide focus of the collections, bibliographies and guides prepared in the past have usually explored resources on particular topics without any regional specificity within the state. This guide is an exception. Because of the importance of the tercentenary, Thomas Powers, archivist, and Leonard Coombs, associate archivist, offered to bring together in a single volume the major resources in the Michigan Historical Collections that document aspects of the history of Detroit. As this volume indicates, over the years many significant collections relating to Detroit have been donated to the Bentley Library, making it a central research resource for anyone interested in the evolution of Michigan's principal city. We are grateful to all those many citizens who have expressed their confidence in the Bentley Library as a repository for personal, family and organizational records. Without that sense of the public good, these resources would not be available for research. We are also grateful to Thomas Powers and Leonard Coombs for their work to bring together information about the library's Detroit related holdings in a single volume.

This volume is the principal contribution of the Bentley Historical Library to Detroit's tercentenary celebration. The guide has been prepared in advance of the Fall 2001 semester at the University of Michigan, which has been designated the "Detroit Theme Semester." We are certain that students and others will find the guide useful as they work to gain a better understanding of the history and significance of Detroit.

Francis X. Blouin, Jr.

Director

Introduction

In partial commemoration of the 300th anniversary of the founding of Detroit, the Bentley Historical Library of the University of Michigan has prepared this guide to its holdings of manuscript, visual, and published sources relating to the history of Detroit. The guide will have served its purpose if it informs interested researchers of the existence of unique Detroit materials at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. When founded in 1935, the Michigan Historical Collections (since renamed the Bentley Historical Library) undertook to collect and preserve documentary materials important for the understanding of state history. Although collecting from all parts of the state, the city of Detroit by virtue of its economic and political importance became a focus of our collecting.

The range of material that has been collected is remarkable. From private citizens have come letters and diaries of their forebears, while clubs and societies have donated minutes of their meetings and files detailing their activities. Equally important are the scrapbooks and photograph albums handed down and now preserved that capture for all to see what everyday life was like in the growing and ever vital community that is Detroit. The result is a remarkable body of manuscripts and archives that has enabled and will continue to enable historians and other researchers to study and marvel at the richness of Detroit history and the accomplishments of its great personalities. As might be expected the strength of the library's Detroit holdings falls within the period of the Civil War to the end of the Twentieth Century, and within that from the beginning of the Depression through the 1980s.

The intent of this guide is to list the library's holdings of archival and manuscript collections including photographic and other visual materials. The entries have been compiled from the library's catalog (part of the University's Mirlyn catalog) using Detroit as a search term. In some cases, the bulk of the materials described relate to Detroit; in other instances, there might be only an item or two that are specific to Detroit, perhaps a letter of a traveler to Detroit or part of a diary describing someone's classes at a Detroit high school. The goal has been to emphasize Detroit materials.

The guide has been arranged into broad topical subdivisions: ethnic communities, religious life, African American life and contributions, etc. Within each subdivision, entries are arranged alphabetically. Included with each entry are dates of collection, size, brief biographical or institutional information, and a summary description of the contents. Also indicated is such information as the existence of a more extensive finding aid to the collection, or the language of the materials (if not English). Collections that fall within more than one of the topical subdivisions have been listed in each section.

The guide has emphasized manuscript and visual materials. The library also has extensive holdings of published books, periodicals, newspapers, and maps. Rather than list these separately, the library's published works curator has provided a summarization of our holdings in these areas. This guide is not intended to replace the [catalog to Bentley Library holdings](#) available on the web. Rather through catalog descriptions and representative images interspersed throughout these pages, we offer our commendation to the city of Detroit on this important

anniversary occasion. Our work over the last sixty-five years has been to join with others in preserving and making available for research Detroit historical materials.

Detroit in Books, Serials, and Maps

Books and Serials

The Bentley Library has built a collection of books and serials related to Detroit, both primary and secondary historical sources, to supplement the library's collections of manuscripts and archives relating to the city. Because the collection was built in conjunction with the library's manuscript and archival collections, holdings of printed materials are sometimes fragmentary and not comprehensive. The library has about 875 titles classified under Detroit in the printed and newspaper classifications, as well as many other titles classified under various Detroit organizations. For other published materials relating to Detroit researchers should consult the [Hatcher Graduate Library](#) as well as other research collections at the [Library of Michigan](#) and [Detroit Public Library](#).

Primary Sources

Primary printed sources, works containing evidence left by participants or observers of past events, include such materials as directories, newspapers and periodicals, government documents, statistics, autobiographies and memoirs, reports of trials, and publications of organizations.

The library has an almost complete set of city directories for Detroit (most original books, supplemented by microfilm) beginning with the first *Directory of the City of Detroit*, compiled by Julius P. Bolivar MacCabe, published in 1837, through the R. L. Polk & Co. directory for 1940. After 1940 the holdings are rather incomplete. Various other directories are also in the collection, such as social directories (*The Social Secretary of Detroit*, incomplete holdings from 1922 to 1985) and business directories (*Baker's Unique and Artistic Business Directory of Detroit, with Views of American and Foreign Scenery*, published by Baker and Chandler, 1899).

The Bentley Library does not have a comprehensive collection of Detroit newspapers, but the collections do include runs of several rare titles. The *Detroit Gazette* (1817-1830, photostatic copy) documents the territorial period. The *Detroit Abend-Post* (1868, 1870, 1888-1931) documents the city's German-American community. The library has partial holdings of a number of important nineteenth-century titles, including the *Detroit Daily Advertiser*, *Detroit Advertiser and Tribune*, *Detroit Daily Tribune*, and *Detroit Post*. Alternative and radical newspapers of the 1960s and 1970s are well represented in the collections, including a complete run of *The Sun* (1967-1976) and various related titles, which supplement the papers of John Sinclair, publisher of the paper. Other alternative and radical papers include *The Community Reporter* (1969-1974), *The Ghetto Speaks* (1967-1973), *The Metro* (1968-1971), and *The Fifth Estate* (1965-present, holdings fragmentary after 1977).

Publications of Detroit city government in the collection include city charters from 1802 (reprint) to 1972, nineteenth- and early twentieth-century annual reports and other publications of the Board of Water Commissioners, Board of Sewer Commissioners, and Board of Health, reports of the City Plan Commission from the 1940s to the 1960s, and twentieth-century annual reports and proceedings of the Board of Education.

Statistics of Detroit's population and economy can be found in a variety of sources, including the *Annual Statement of the Trade and Commerce of Detroit* and similar later titles published by the Detroit Board of Trade beginning in 1859; *The Industries of Detroit: Historical, Descriptive, and Statistical*, by John William Leonard (1887); publications of the Michigan Bureau of Labor and Industrial Statistics such as the "Canvass of the Agricultural Implement and Iron Working Industries in Detroit," published in the Bureau's *Annual Report*, 1890; *Murder, Riot and Statistical Studies*, by Lowell S. Selling (1944); *Residential construction in the Detroit region*, published by the Detroit Metropolitan Area Regional Planning Commission beginning in the 1960s; *Detroit Twenty Years After: A Statistical Profile of the Detroit Area since 1967*, by Mark E. Neithercut (1987)

Autobiographies and memoirs can be a valuable source of information, and the library holds many written by Detroit residents, from territorial days to modern times. A few examples are *Memorials of a Half-Century* (1887), by Bela Hubbard, the pioneer geologist and real estate investor; *Childhood Memories of Life in Detroit* (1897), by editor Electa Maria Sheldon; *I Married a Taxicab* (1961), by cab driver H. G. Vartanian; *Sand against the wind* (1966), by Detroit Urban League director John C. Dancy; *The Memoirs of Berry Gordy, Sr.* (undated 1970s), a businessman and father of the Motown executive, condensed and republished as *Movin' Up: Pop Gordy Tells his Story* (1979); *Boundless Horizons: Portrait of a Pioneer Woman Scientist* (1982), by Icie Macy Hoobler, biochemist and nutrition researcher at Merrill-Palmer Institute; *Fifty Years of the UAW : From Sit-Downs to Concessions* (1985), by John Anderson, a worker at the General Motors Fleetwood Plant; and *True Colors : An Artist's Journey from Beauty Queen to Feminist* (1995), by artist Patricia Hill Burnett.

Important biographical information can also be found in the reports of famous trials that were sometimes published in the nineteenth century. The *Report of the Trial of Brig. General William Hull: Commanding the North-Western Army of the United States, by a Court Martial* (1814) records the court-martial of the man who surrendered Detroit to the British during the War of 1812. The *Report of the Great Conspiracy Case: The People of the State of Michigan, versus Abel F. Fitch and Others, Commonly called the Rail Road Conspirators* (1851) records the trial of a number of Michigan farmers who protested against the power of the Michigan Central Railroad and were tried for conspiring to destroy railroad property.

Newsletters and other publications of organizations can also be valuable primary sources. The library holds publications of numerous churches and other religious organizations (such as *Life and Work*, published by the Detroit Industrial Mission beginning in 1960), business and labor organizations, Masonic groups, veterans' and patriotic groups, health-related organizations, political parties, social improvement and reform groups (including *Broken Fetter*, published in 1865 during the Ladies' Michigan State Fair for the Relief of Destitute Freedman and Refugees, and *Destiny*, published by the Anglo-Saxon Federation of America beginning 1936), social clubs, civic groups (including *Rotoscope*, published by the Detroit Rotary Club beginning 1922), cultural organizations, and recreation groups (including *Michigan Hostel News*, published beginning 1943 by the Metropolitan Detroit Council American Youth Hostels).

Secondary Sources

Secondary printed sources, that interpret or analyze events in the past, are many and varied for Detroit. To name just a few of the valuable histories of the city, *The History of Detroit and Michigan* (1884), by Silas Farmer; *Compendium of History and Biography of the City of Detroit and Wayne County* (1909); *The Story of Detroit* (1923), by George B. Catlin; *All our Yesterdays: A Brief History of Detroit* (1969), by Frank B. Woodford and Arthur M. Woodford; *Before the Ghetto: Black Detroit in the Nineteenth Century* (1973), by David M. Katzman; *Detroit's Coming of Age, 1873 to 1973* (1973) by Don Lochbiler; *Detroit Perspectives: Crossroads and Turning Points* (1991), edited by Wilma Wood Henrickson; and *The Origins of the Urban Crisis: Race and Inequality in Postwar Detroit* (1996), by Thomas J. Sugrue.

Detroit in Maps

As part of the Bentley Library's mission to document the history of the state of Michigan, the library has developed a collection of historic maps and atlases of the state and its regions. Maps can provide valuable evidence for historical research, depicting the state of the physical environment and cultural features at a particular time, identifying place names, modes of transportation, locations of population centers, and land use. The library's collection of maps of Detroit, while not comprehensive, includes a wide variety of maps documenting the city's history, primarily in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. The library holds 157 maps and six atlases cataloged under Detroit, 41 maps and five atlases cataloged under Wayne County, and 59 maps cataloged under Southeastern Michigan. Researchers interested in maps of Detroit should also consult two other map collections at the University of Michigan: the [Map Library](#) in the Hatcher Graduate Library, and the [William L. Clements Library](#).

Early Maps

For the first century of Detroit's existence, the Bentley Library holds only a few maps, many of them modern reproductions. The most important of the original maps is a copy of Guillaume de L'Isle's *Carte du Canada ou de la Nouvelle France* (1703), the first printed map to show the city of Detroit by name.

Physical Features

Detroit's physical features are delineated best in several series of maps published by the U.S. government. The library holds U.S. Lake Survey navigation charts of the Detroit River published in 1842 and in several editions between 1909 and 1930. These charts show hydrography as well as some topography of lands close to the river. Several earlier hydrographic maps, including F. Leeseaman's *Plan Topographique du Détroit* (1796) are held in facsimile copies.

Topographic maps of Detroit have been published by the U.S. Geological Survey beginning in 1905, with maps of the Detroit region collected in William H. Sherzer's *Detroit Folio* (1916). The library also holds an Army Map Service topographic map of Detroit published in 1934 and Geological Survey topographic quadrangle maps of Detroit published between 1947 and 1980.

Detroit's geology are depicted in the maps of Sherzer's *Detroit Folio* (1916) as well as the maps in his *Geological Report on Wayne County* (1913), published by the Michigan Geological and

Biological Survey. Several general maps in the collection include Sherzer's manuscript notations made while preparing these two reports.

Vegetation in the Detroit region in the early period of Michigan statehood is shown on Sylvester W. Higgins's *Map of Wayne County* (1840).

Cultural Features

Cultural features have changed much more rapidly than physical features in the rapidly developing city. Most of the maps in the library's collection focus on the ways humans have subdivided and used the land. The Geological Survey topographic quadrangles show a wealth of cultural features, but a host of other governmentally and commercially produced maps provide the most useful picture of how life in Detroit has changed over the years.

Many of the early large-scale maps of Detroit depict land division. The survey of pre-existing lots by the new American government in the early years of the nineteenth century produced many maps, including Aaron Greeley's *Plan of Private Claims in Michigan Territory* (1847). Land subdivision and neighborhood creation led to the publishing of cadastral maps such as A. E. Hathon's *Map of the City of Detroit, Michigan* (1849) and later to real estate atlases such as Elisha Robinson's *Atlas of the City of Detroit and Suburbs* (1885). The library holds seven real estate atlases published between 1885 and 1929 (the 1929 volume is updated to 1940). Neighborhood development also led to the publication of promotional maps such as A. J. and A. P. Wenzell's map titled *Robert Oakman's Ford Highway Properties* (ca. 1918) promoting properties along Oakman Blvd., conveniently located between the Ford Highland Park and Rouge plants.

Detroit's transportation network and its development can be traced through maps of early roads (such as *Map of the United States Road from Ohio to Detroit* (1825) by John Farmer), railroads (such as *The Industrial Map of Detroit: Showing its Manufacturing, Mercantile and Railroad Interests with Shipping Facilities* (1904 and 1912 eds.), by Silas Farmer & Co.), interurbans (such as *Detroit United Lines and Interurban Connections* (1911), by Calvert Lithographing Co.), street cars (such as *Official map of Detroit's Transportation System* (three 1930s eds.), by the Dept. of Street Railways), and modern highways (such as the *Official Highway Map of Wayne County, Michigan* (1942 and 1950 eds.) by the Board of Wayne County Road Commissioners, which feature maps and photos of the developing freeway network).

Maps from different time periods document a wide range of human activity in Detroit, including such activities as:

- Industry, such as the industrial maps mentioned above and the *Latest Official Federal Map of Detroit and Accurate Street Guide: Pictorial Review of Detroit's Great West Side Expansion: Interesting Facts, Figures and Photos of the Development of the World's Greatest Industrial Center* (1926), by Federal Lithograph Co.
- Housing, such as the *Merchandising Map of Detroit: Based upon United States Census Tracts: Showing Location of New Homes Built in City of Detroit* (1938), by the Detroit Free Press Research Dept.

- Politics, such as the *Election Volatility Map of Detroit, Hamtramck, Harper Woods, and Highland Park* (1972), a manuscript map created for James J. Blanchard.
- Parks, such as *Belle Isle Illustrated: A Descriptive Map and Guide* (1895), by Silas Farmer & Co.
- Religion, such as *City of Detroit, Michigan* (1890), by Calvert Lithographing Co., which includes an index of Baptist churches, and the *Detroit Masjid (Mosque) Map* (1993), by the Muslim Students Association.

Early Documents (Before 1850)

Anonymous ledger, ca. 1810-1830.

- 1 microfilm reel.
Detroit trader (or trading firm).
Accounts listed include Lewis Cass, Solomon Sibley, and C. C. Trowbridge.
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Detroit, Michigan, papers, 1775-1888 (scattered dates).

- 1 folder.
Agreement, 1775, among Detroit merchants to regulate sale of liquor to Indians [photostat]; census, 1796, detailing number of male inhabitants and number of buildings [photostat]; tax roll, January 1818, including names of persons subject to tax and amount of their taxes; petition, 1864, requesting local navy recruiting office; and meteorological summary, October-November, 1888.
Search [Mirlyn](#)

Detroit trading post journal, 1776-1777.

- 1 microfilm reel. (original in the Division of State Archives and Public Records, Denver, Colorado)
Original described as: Ledger of trading post at Fort Mackinac.
Search [Mirlyn](#)

List of persons who had not paid their taxes for the year 1805, 1805.

- 2 items.
Probably from Detroit.
Search [Mirlyn](#)

Andre, Jacques.

- Jacques Andre papers 1827
- 1 folder.
Deed and indenture between Joseph Andre (alias Clark) of Detroit and Jacques Andre of Indiana for property in Detroit.
Search [Mirlyn](#)

Askin, John, 1739-1815.

- John Askin letter, January 15, 1799.
- 1 item.
Early Detroit merchant.
Letter to Robert Abbot declining financial responsibility for a note, and photoprint of silhouette.

Search [Mirlyn](#)

Bellows, John N.

- John N. Bellows papers, 1834-1836.
- 1 folder.

Detroit classics teacher.

Letters of recommendation for Bellows; also plan, 1834, submitted by Bellows for a classical school to be established in Detroit under the authority of the Trustees of the University of Michigan.

Search [Mirlyn](#)

Biddle, Sophia.

- Sophia Biddle papers, 1838-1844.
- 5 items (Typescript copies).

Resident of Detroit.

Letters from Elizabeth Campbell and Rose Bailly commenting on conditions in and near Detroit, including observations on the Canadian Rebellion, 1837-1838.

Search [Mirlyn](#)

Bond, John.

- John Bond letters, 1837-1838.
- 4 items.

Detroit brewer.

Letters to his brother discussing personal financial difficulties, poor business conditions in Detroit, and events during the Canadian Rebellion in 1837-1838.

Search [Mirlyn](#)

Brush, Elijah, 1772-1813.

- Elijah Brush papers, 1805, 1807 and 1811.
- 3 items.

Detroit lawyer; treasurer and Attorney General of the Michigan Territory.

Petition, 1805, of Brush, Robert Abbott, Charles Moran, James May, and James Henry to Joseph Forsyth and other justices of the town of Kingston, Ontario, requesting relief and assistance after a fire in Detroit; report, 1811, to judges of the Michigan territory on the handling of territorial financial matters; and receipts (1807) for thirty-four lots in Detroit.

Search [Mirlyn](#)

Bryan, John A. (John Alexander), 1794-1864.

- John Bryan correspondence, 1826-1833 and 1854.
- 6 items.

Farmer and mechanic, early settler in Washtenaw County, Michigan.

Letters from his brother, J. B. Bryan, of Penfield, New York, discussing family affairs, the abduction of William Morgan, and news he hears about Michigan; letter published in the Ann Arbor iWashtenaw Whig/i, March 22, 1854, from John Bryan, describing his arrival in Michigan in 1823, early Detroit, Woodruff's Grove, the founding of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and the establishment of the county seat there.

Search [Mirlyn](#)

Burt, Flora, collector.

- Flora Burt family papers 1820s-1980s
- 3 linear ft. and 1 oversize folder.

Historical documents, family papers, and photographs accumulated and maintained by Flora Burt relating to the Burt family and to other family lines. Included are materials and information pertaining to James P. McKinstry, officer in the U.S. Navy in the 19th century, and to John R. Williams, 1st mayor of Detroit. The collection also contains letters, 1839-1846, to William A. Burt from his son Alvin Burt, then doing survey work in Iowa; also letter, 1845, from William Burt to Alvin Burt, describing the solar compass that he patented.

[Finding Aid](#)

Campau family.

- Campau family papers, 1794-1878.
- 23 items.

Papers of a Detroit family including Joseph Campau, Detroit landowner and businessman; his brother Barnabe, and Lieutenant Robert John McDougall of the British Army.

Comments concerning economic and social conditions in the Midwest, including mention of land values, medical treatment, church activities, prices and the Mackinac Island; land grants and orders of pay in the A. M. Campau Realty Office, a bill for drawing up documents in the transfer of Hog Island (Belle Isle, Mich.), rendered by Walter Roe.

Search [Mirlyn](#)

Campau, Claude Bernard.

- Claude Bernard Campau power of attorney, June 12, 1809.
- 1 item.

Resident of Detroit.

Power of attorney granted to Claude B. Campau by Jacques and Antoine Pettier.

Search [Mirlyn](#)

Candler family.

- Candler family papers, 1794-1864.
- 2 linear in. (Typescript copies in part)

Residents of Detroit.

Genealogical information on the Candler family; diary, 1845-1849, of William Robert Candler, including a discussion of his decision to leave England for America; diary, 1845, of Mrs. Robert Thomas of London, England, mother-in-law of William Candler; correspondence, 1850-1861, of family members.

Search [Mirlyn](#)

Chovin, François.

- François Chovin deeds, 1793
- 1 folder.

Early resident of Detroit.
Deeds from land transactions.
Search [Mirlyn](#)

Cooper, David M. (David Mack), 1827-1908

- David Mack Cooper papers, [ca. 1812]-[ca. 1908].
- 1 item and 2 volumes.
Presbyterian clergyman in Saginaw, Grand Haven, Albion and Detroit, Michigan.
Two scrapbooks, one containing business accounts of father, David Cooper, a tax roll for War of 1812 damages, documents signed by President John Q. Adams, and some correspondence, including two letters from William Woodbridge and one from Henry Schoolcraft sent from Washington, D.C., 1819, via the Walk-in-the-Water; the other containing clippings pertaining to his ministerial activities plus scattered manuscript articles; also a letter, 1848, to his father listing his expenses for one term at the University of Michigan.
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Dequindre, Antoine, b. 1784.

- Antoine Dequindre account book 1815-1818
- 1 microfilm reel : negative ; 16 mm.
Detroit, Michigan, merchant.
Search [Mirlyn](#)

Fairbanks Scale Company.

- Fairbanks Scale Company correspondence, 1835-1864.
- 15 items.
Scattered correspondence from company agents in Michigan to the home office in Vermont, mostly about business matters; also letter, July 1864, from Erastus Fairbanks describing lands owned by the St. Mary's Falls Ship Canal Company.
Search [Mirlyn](#)

Fitch, Chauncey W.

- Chauncey W. Fitch letter, 1841.
- 2 items (photostatic copy)
Detroit clergyman and teacher.
Letter to Benjamin Hale, president of Geneva College, applying for a teaching position in the college; also mention of the poor financial condition of the Detroit branch of the University of Michigan which necessitated its closing.
Search [Mirlyn](#)

Foster, Charles.

- Charles Foster diary, 1836-1839.
- 1 volume.
English immigrant to the United States.
Account of his voyage to America, his stay in New York City, and his subsequent settlement in Monroe, Michigan, with observations on people and political and economic

conditions of frontier Michigan, especially in Detroit and Monroe, Michigan; also mention of the wildcat-banking phenomenon.

Search [Mirlyn](#)

Granger, John A.

- John A. Granger diary, 1827.
- 18 p. (Typescript copy)
Journal of a tour in 1827 through parts of the Michigan Territory including Detroit, Sault Sainte Marie, Lake Superior, Mackinac, and Green Bay, Wisconsin.

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Houghton, Douglass, 1809-1845.

- Douglass Houghton papers 1830-1846
- 1 microfilm reel : positive.
State geologist of Michigan.
Business correspondence relating to real estate business of Houghton and Henry Hubbard, correspondence concerning the incorporation of St. Paul's Church in Detroit, survey maps, and geological field notes (1837-1840 and 1845).

Search [Mirlyn](#)

Michigan. Commission on Land Titles.

- Extract of proceedings of the governor and judges of Michigan, February 26, 1812.
- 1 item.
Document relates to adjustment of titles of land in Detroit to be used for a jail and a courthouse.

Search [Mirlyn](#)

O'Keeffe, George A.

- George A. O'Keeffe letter April 11, 1835
- 1 item.
Letter of George O'Keeffe to Abraham Bell and Co., Detroit, requesting that Bell and Co. arrange for passage of Miss Ellen O'Keeffe from Cork, Ireland to the United States.

Search [Mirlyn](#)

Old Dartmouth Historical Society (New Bedford, Mass.)

- Old Dartmouth Historical Society papers, 1806-1844 (scattered dates).
- 6 items and 1 oversize folder.
Collected miscellaneous materials include letter, 1818, from Horatio Ball describing climate, commercial potential, and composition of population in Detroit and vicinity; letter, 1838, of Stevens T. Mason to Gen. Hugh Brady concerning troop movements and other military information; letter, 1842, of John J. Adam discussing loan made by Albany bank to finance public works; and other correspondence of more routine character.

Search [Mirlyn](#)

Sanger, H. K.

- H. K. Sanger letter, 1839.

- 1 item.
Detroit resident.
Letter to J. Roly discussing business affairs and Michigan's poor financial conditions.
Search [Mirlyn](#)

Schmalzriedt, Fred R., collector.

- Fred R. Schmalzriedt contracts, 1799 and 1801.
- 2 items.
Detroit attorney.
Contracts, 1799 and 1801, signed by Henry Dearborn and James McHenry, U.S. Secretary of War, for distributing food rations to various army posts, including Detroit and Michilimackinac.
Search [Mirlyn](#)

Thorley family.

- Thorley family papers 1828-ca. 1940 (scattered dates)
- 5 items.
Detroit, Michigan family.
Apprenticeship agreement for Thomas Thorley to work for blacksmith Matthew Johnson, 1830; family memorial cards, and clipping.
Search [Mirlyn](#)

Tremble, Joseph L.

- Joseph W. Tremble will August 12, 1832
- 1 item (1 p.).
Resident of Detroit, Michigan.
Search [Mirlyn](#)

University of Michigan. Board of Regents.

- Board of Regents (University of Michigan) records, 1817-[ongoing].
- 115 linear ft., 3 oversize v., and 1 oversize folder
The records of the governing body of the University of Michigan include various documents of the earliest form of the university, the Catholepistemiad, or University of Michigania, located in Detroit. Documents include Laws of the university (1817-1818), Minutes of the Detroit Classical Academy (1818-1829), Minutes of the Trustees of the University of Michigan (1821-1837), and miscellaneous papers.
[Finding Aid](#)

Walker, Charles I. (Charles Irish), 1814-1895, collector.

- Charles Irish Walker papers, 1817-1887 (scattered dates).
- 1 oversize volume.
Professor of law at the University of Michigan.
Papers collected relating to the founding of the University; include original draft of the act to establish the Catholepistemiad, table explaining meaning of names of professorships, various drafts and amendments, receipts, correspondence, and related

documents; contain papers drafted or signed by Augustus B. Woodward, John Monteith, and William Woodbridge.

[Finding Aid](#)

Whitehouse, Frank.

- Frank Whitehouse papers, 1827-1840.
- 12 items (Photocopies)
Resident of Ann Arbor, Michigan.
Collected letters of missionaries of the American Home Missionary Society concerning conditions in Ann Arbor, Niles, and Detroit, Michigan.
Search [Mirlyn](#)

Whitney, Andrew G., 1786-1826.

- Andrew G. Whitney papers, Nov. 6, 1826.
- 1 item (photostat)
Lawyer in Detroit.
Probate inventory of his estate, listing his library and household furnishings.
Search [Mirlyn](#)

Winder, John, b. 1804.

- John Winder papers, 1825-1834.
- 29 items.
U.S. Receiver of public lands at Detroit, 1826-1828; bookkeeper for the American Fur Company on Mackinac Island, 1828-1829; and clerk of the Michigan Territorial Supreme Court, 1829.
Business letters from Isaac S. Rowland, Henry R. Schoolcraft, John R. Williams, and William Woodbridge; communication received from the grand jury of Wayne County, Michigan, and circular letter, 1831, from the Department of State concerning taking of the Fifth Census.
Search [Mirlyn](#)

Woodbridge family.

- Woodbridge family papers, 1824-1883.
- ca. 30 items and 1 oversize folder.
Detroit family.
Letters of William Woodbridge, Michigan governor and senator, his wife Juliana, their son William Leverett, and other family members; include letters concerning family activities and illnesses, description of fire in Detroit in 1842, education, and daily life.
Search [Mirlyn](#)

African Americans

Abrams, Alan E.

- Alan E. Abrams papers 1961-1982 (bulk 1964-1970).
- 2 linear ft.
Detroit-based press agent/public relations consultant in the music business; publicist for Motown Record Corporation, 1964-1966, later with Stax Records, 1967-1968.
Press releases, clippings, publicity material, scrapbooks containing press coverage of the recording artists that he represented, including the Supremes; also photographs and his writings about Motown, Otis Redding, and Florence Ballard.
[Finding Aid](#)

Baskin, Alex.

- Alex Baskin interviews, 1959-1960.
- 1 volume.
Professor of history, State University of New York at Stony Brook.
Transcripts of interviews with participants in the Ossian Sweet murder trial that took place in Detroit in 1925; include conversations with Thomas F. Chawke, John C. Dancy, Charles Mahoney, William C. Osby, Sr., Cecil L. Rowlette, Otis Sweet and Robert M. Toms. The interviews contain material concerning trial judge, Frank Murphy, and defense lawyer, Clarence Darrow.
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Bethel A.M.E. Church (Detroit, Mich.)

- Bethel A.M.E. Church records, 1897-1990s (bulk 1912-1969)
- 0.2 linear ft., 2 oversize items, and 2 microfilm reels.
Historical and background information; inaugural address of pastor Joseph L. Roberts; biographical sketch of pastor William H. Peck; and photographs.
Microfilmed materials include quarterly conference reports; record books with lists of members, baptisms, marriages, and related information; minute books of trustees and various church groups.
[Finding Aid](#)

Booker T. Washington Business Association.

- Booker T. Washington Business Association records, 1941-1999 (scattered dates)
- 1 linear ft.
Organization of Detroit African American business and professional men and women established to promote the development of local businesses, before 1960 known as Booker T. Washington Trade Association.
Business and membership directories, newsletters, annual meeting programs, and miscellaneous correspondence.
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Brown, Gloria.

- Gloria Brown papers, 1964-1967.
- 50 items.

Chairwoman of the Detroit chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality.
Correspondence, news releases, and printed material relating to the activities of the Detroit CORE.

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Cleage, Albert B.

- Albert B. Cleage Jr. papers 1949-2005
- 11 linear feet.

Detroit, Michigan clergyman, pastor at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, which later became Central Congregational Church. In the 1960s, Cleage and his congregation began restructuring the church's rituals, programs, and theology to conform to the Black Christian Nationalist philosophy. In 1970, the church was renamed the Shrine of the Black Madonna.

The collection contains correspondence, sermons, and writings of Albert B. Cleage, Jr. (his name would later be changed to Jaramogi Abebe Agyeman); records of the shrine of the Black Madonna; papers of individuals within the church who assisted Cleage; and records of the National Office of the Shrine.

[Finding Aid](#)

Curtis, Austin W., 1911-

- Austin W. Curtis papers, 1896-1971.
- 2 linear ft., 1 oversize volume, and 1 oversize folder.

Assistant to George Washington Carver at Tuskegee Institute, later a Detroit businessman.

Correspondence and other papers of G. W. Carver relating primarily to experiments with soil improvement and the discovery of new applications for the peanut and other Southern agricultural products; newspaper clippings and memos relating to Curtis' campaign for Congress in 1958 and his work with Carver; and photographs.

[Finding Aid](#)

Dancy, John C. (John Campbell), 1888-1968.

- John C. Dancy papers 1920-1960
- 1 linear ft. and 1 v. [outsized].

Executive director of the Detroit Urban League.

Correspondence, scrapbook, photographs, and miscellanea concerning personal matters, the work of the Urban League, and the concerns of the African American community of Detroit.

[Finding Aid](#)

DeLano, Fred H., 1916-

- Fred H. DeLano papers, 1907-1923 and 1949-1987.
- 0.5 linear ft.

Journalist from Dowagiac, Michigan with interest in sports public relations; general manager of the Detroit Pistons.

Scattered correspondence relating to his career with the Detroit Pistons.

[Finding Aid](#)

DeLeon, Linda.

- Linda DeLeon papers 1981-2013.
- 1 linear foot.
President of the Christians for Decency Anti-Pornography Information Center in Wayne County, Michigan.
Anti-pornography and anti-abortion campaigns correspondence, publications, mailing, petitions, and other material produced by the Christians for Decency, American Family Association of Michigan, American Decency Association of Michigan, National Federation for Decency Greater Detroit Chapter, Focus on the Family, and other Michian and national organizations. Majority of the Christians for Decency material relates to Inkster, Mich. anti-pornography and anti-abortion campaigns.
[Finding Aid](#)

DeMeunier, Leon.

- Leon DeMeunier papers, 1960-1964.
- 1 linear ft.
Chairman of the Detroit chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality.
Correspondence, minutes of CORE meetings, and printed materials, relating primarily to the activities of CORE in Detroit, concerning activities against job discrimination, and in support of Freedom Rides into the South in the early 1960s.
[Finding Aid](#)

Dessaw, Marie.

- Marie Dessaw papers, ca.1956-ca.1985.
- 0.5 linear ft.
Detroit, Michigan civic leader, member and officer of the National Housewives League of America.
Correspondence, reports, minutes, and other materials relating to her participation and leadership of the National Housewives League.
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Detroit (Mich.)

- Race riot scrapbook, 1943.
- 1 oversize volume.
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Detroit (Mich.)

- Detroit riot scrapbooks, 1967.
- 2 oversize volumes.
Clippings from local and national newspapers detailing the riot of July 23-30, 1967.
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Detroit Urban League.

- Detroit Urban League records, 1916-[ongoing].
- 96 linear ft. and 1 oversize folder.

Detroit branch of the National Urban League.

Minutes of the Board of Directors, correspondence and topical files of executive directors and presidents, budgets and financial records, and papers concerning National Urban League conferences and Green Pastures Camp; also departmental files relating to community services, housing, vocational services, health and welfare, job development and employment, and education and youth incentives; and photographs.

[Finding Aid](#)

Fine, Sidney, 1920- collector.

- Sidney Fine collected research materials, ca. 1900-ca. 1970 (scattered).
- 13 linear ft.

Professor of history at the University of Michigan.

Collected materials pertaining to his research interests; include copies of FBI and Justice Department files relating to the 1967 Detroit riot.

[Finding Aid](#)

Franklin, C. L. (Clarence LaVaughn), 1915-1984.

- C. L. Franklin papers, 1957-1991 (bulk 1963-1984).
- 0.5 linear ft.

African-American clergyman active in the civil rights movement in the 1960s; pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church in Detroit. Collection consists of photocopies and copy prints of originals in donor's possession.

Papers accumulated by Franklin's daughter, Erma Franklin, relating to the life and career of her father; include biographical information, transcripts of oral interviews; scattered sermons and correspondence, including letters from daughter Aretha and from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; topical files about his church and civil rights activities; and photographs.

[Finding Aid](#)

Goin' north : Black Detroit and the great migration, 1910-1930.

- Exhibition materials, 1991.
- ca. 1 linear ft. and 2 oversize folders.

Exhibit (1991) of photographs and documents produced by the Bentley Historical Library in commemoration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day at the University of Michigan.

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Gordon family.

- Gordon family papers 1924-1946
- .25 linear ft.

Papers of Mattie Bell Hudson Gordon, Willie Lee Gordon and their son, William Hal Gordon, African American family that came to Detroit from Georgia and settled in Highland Park. William Hal Gordon, a musician, attended Detroit Northern High School and was drafted into the U.S. Navy near the end of World War II, where he served as a hospital aide.

Primarily correspondence, including some letters from family in Georgia, but mostly letters (1945-1946) from William Hal Gordon to his parents about his experiences in the

military, especially as a black and as a musician; includes some letters written to William by his mother, and some miscellaneous personal items.

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Gordy family.

- Gordy family papers, 1928-1947.
- 2 linear ft.

Detroit business and cultural family.

Materials of Berry Gordy, Sr. and Bertha Fuller Gordy and their children largely relating to business, church and civic activities; include letters of daughter, Esther Gordy, written from Howard University, and letters from sons, Fuller and George Gordy, written while serving in the military during World War II; also assorted materials detailing Detroit church activities with the Church of God in Christ and Bethel A.M.E.; and miscellaneous records relating to the Booker T. Washington Grocery Store, and the Booker T.

Washington Trade Association; and other materials concerning interest in black organizations and individuals. Use of this collection requires the permission of the donor.

[Mirlyn Catalog Record](#)

Greater Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church (Detroit, Mich.)

- Greater Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church records ca. 1920-2008
- 2 linear feet.

Church also called Shiloh Baptist Church.

Church history, celebratory and obsequy programs, clippings, and notebooks of materials accumulated during the pastorates of R. B. James, Solomon David Ross, William H.

Crews, and Harold Knox; also bulletins of church services.

[Finding Aid](#)

Hammond Church of God in Christ (Detroit, Mich.)

- Hammond Church of God in Christ records, 1964-1989.
- 0.3 linear ft.

Church and Sunday school account books detailing money offerings; bylaws and other organizational records; brief history; publications and other mailings; and photographs.

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Hartford Memorial Baptist Church (Detroit, Mich.)

- Hartford Memorial Baptist Church records, 1922-2000.
- 13 linear ft.

Files concern church governance and policies; church committees and other organizations; and church events, celebrations, and services; also include publications and topical files with information on pastors Charles Hill and Charles Adams.

[Finding Aid](#)

Hill family.

- Charles A. Hill family papers, 1917-1981 (bulk 1939-1970)
- 2.7 linear ft.

Charles A. Hill was pastor of Hartford Memorial Baptist Church (formerly Hartford Avenue Baptist Church) in Detroit, 1920-1969.

Papers of Charles A. Hill and family pertaining to his church activities and to his involvement in various political and civil rights causes; includes minute book to the meetings of the Detroit chapter of the NAACP, 1944-1947; collected material on Hill and his activities gathered by the Detroit Police Department; and scrapbooks of clippings and photographs of Hill relating to his role as a pastor.

[Finding Aid](#)

Hilliard, William Alexander, 1904-

- William Alexander Hilliard papers, 1946-1980 (scattered dates).

- 0.5 linear ft.

Pastor of St. Paul A.M.E. Zion Church, Detroit, 1947-1959; bishop of A.M.E. Zion Church, 1960-

Church reports written by Hilliard and his wife Edra Mae Hilliard, programs, published A.M.E. Zion Church materials, biographical information, and photograph.

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Hunter, Sara E.

- Sara E. Hunter papers 1800s-1990s

- 0.5 linear ft.

African American member of St. Matthew's and St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, Detroit, Mich.; historian of her family.

Family and genealogical materials, accumulated relating to different family lines, notably O'Neal, Jones, King, Garlington, and Johnson families.

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Jefferson, Alexander, 1921-

- Alexander Jefferson papers 1921-2006, bulk 1944-2006

- 6 linear feet and 1 oversized folder.

African American pilot, member of the Tuskegee Airmen fighter group; founding member of Tuskegee Airmen veterans group, both national organization and Detroit chapter.

Biographical materials about Jefferson and other members of the Tuskegee Airmen, correspondence, press materials, speeches and other appearances files; also records of Tuskegee Airmen Incorporated, Tuskegee Airmen Detroit Chapter, and Tuskegee Airmen National Historical Museum; and photographs.

[Finding Aid](#)

Kellogg African American Health Care Project.

- Kellogg African American Health Care Project records, 1997-2000.

- 5 linear ft.

Project funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to document the health care experiences of African Americans in southeastern Michigan consisting primarily of oral history interviews with African American health care practitioners and administrators covering the period 1940-1969.

Background files relating to the project, and 42 oral history interview transcripts and tape recordings. Interviews discuss biographical details, desegregation efforts in Detroit area hospitals, and social conditions facing African Americans.

[Finding Aid](#)

Kornegay, Francis A.

- Francis A. Kornegay papers, 1936-1977.
- 18 linear ft.

Executive director of the Detroit Urban League.

Correspondence and topical files relating to his career as vocational services secretary, 1944-1956, assistant executive director, 1956-1960, and executive director of the Detroit Urban League, 1960-1978.

[Finding Aid](#)

Lawson, William H., 1890-1966.

- William H. Lawson papers 1958-1992
- 1 folder.

African American optometrist, resident of Detroit, Michigan.

Biographical information and miscellanea relating to Lawson and his son, optometrist William Emmet Lawson.

Search [Mirlyn](#)

Louis, Joe, 1914-

- Joe Louis papers, 1935-1951.
- 93 volumes, 0.2 linear ft., and 1 oversize folder.

Champion prizefighter of Detroit.

Scrapbooks, 1935-1941 (arranged chronologically by bout), and clippings, articles, and fan letters, 1948-1951, relating to his career as a boxer.

[Finding Aid](#)

McCauley, Dorothy.

- Dorothy McCauley papers, 1961-1989.
- 1.5 linear ft.

Organizer and executive director of the Dav-Joy-Lin-Dex Community Council, Detroit network of neighborhood block organization; community activist concerned with neighborhood youth and senior citizen programs, and with interest in matters of zoning, health, housing, and police-community relations.

Newsletters and minutes of executive committee of the Dav-Joy-Lin-Dex Community Council; newsletters of area block clubs; files relating to her community and organizational involvement; published materials; and photographs.

[Finding Aid](#)

Michigan Historical Collections.

- Detroit Riot Oral History Project transcripts, 1984-1985.
- 0.3 linear ft.

Interviews conducted by Sidney Fine, University of Michigan history professor, with community leaders and law enforcement and political officials about the Detroit riot of 1967. Interviewees include James Bannon, William Cahalan, Kenneth Cockrell, Karl Gregory, Arthur Howison, Joseph L. Hudson, Damon Keith, James Lincoln, Richard Marks, John Nicholls, Richard Marks, Robert L. Potts, Robert Roselle, and Cyrus Vance. Search [Mirlyn](#)

National Housewives' League of America.

- National Housewives' League of America records, 1931-1996 (bulk 1941-1987).
- 2.1 linear ft. and 1 oversize item.
Organization established in 1933 to encourage African American housewives to patronize African American-owned businesses. The national organization was comprised of local groups, the most important of these being the Housewives' League of Detroit, which was founded in 1930 under the leadership of Fannie B. Peck. The Detroit League worked in conjunction with the Booker T. Washington Trade Association, whose organization was headed by the Rev. William H. Peck, and the National Negro Business League. The records, accumulated by Fannie B. Peck and subsequent officers of the organization, Christina Fuqua and Lydia Hibbert, include minutes, correspondence, publications, and activity files of both the national organization and the Detroit league. The same individuals maintained the records. The series in the record group are History and Organization; Core Records; Correspondence; Programs and Events; Media Coverage; Publications; Chapters; Related Organizations; and Other Materials. The largest portion of the Chapters series consists of records of the Detroit league and includes history, publications, and other organizational materials.
[Finding Aid](#)

New Bethel Baptist Church (Detroit, Mich.)

- New Bethel Baptist Church records, 1979-1988.
- 0.3 linear ft.
Organized in 1932, New Bethel Baptist Church has long been a center for religious development, civil rights leadership, and social action in the Detroit neighborhood of Linwood. Its pastors have included C. L. Franklin and Robert Smith, Jr. The collection consists of five booklets and promotional materials pertinent to a variety of commemorative programs (1979, 1985-1988), and two membership handbooks (1987, 1988). Program booklets contain numerous photographs and some church history and pastoral biography.
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New Harmony Baptist Church (Detroit, Mich.)

- New Harmony Baptist Church (Detroit, Mich.) record book 1946-1959
- 1 volume.
African American Baptist church.
Record book includes financial records, membership lists, record of offerings, and minutes of scattered meetings.
Search [Mirlyn](#)

Patrick, Lawrence C.

- Lawrence C. Patrick, Jr. papers, 1987-2009.
- 0.7 linear feet.
Attorney, member and president of the Detroit Board of Education (1989-1995), educational reformer active in his support of local school control through empowerment agreements, charters, and other related management options.
Files relating to his involvement in Group of Organized Detroiters for Quality Education (GOOD), 1987-1989, his campaign to the Detroit Board of Education in 1988, his efforts to implement reforms and school empowerment through local control of budget, personnel, curriculum, etc.; also speeches, clippings, and collected reports and studies relating to issues within the Detroit Public School system.

[Finding Aid](#)

Polk, Wardell A.

- Wardell A. Polk papers 1943-2008 (bulk 1943-1950)
- 0.2 linear feet.
Member of the Tuskegee Airmen, African American pilot who served during World War II.
Military orders and other communications received while serving during World War II; commemorative programs and other publications relating to the Tuskegee Airmen; also related videocassette.

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Potts, Robert L.

- Robert L. Potts papers, 1966-1992.
- 4 linear ft.
Episcopal priest, member of the executive committee of the Metropolitan Detroit Citizens Development Authority, civic organization established with the goals of improving the economic, social, educational, cultural and general welfare of the people of the city of Detroit; also coordinator of the Youth Opportunity Council of Detroit.
Executive committee minutes, financial statements, and miscellaneous papers relating to his activities; also writings of his son, Randolph Potts and sound recordings of sermons given by Potts.

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Robinson, Remus, 1904-1970.

- Remus Robinson papers, 1927-1930.
- 2 linear ft.
Detroit physician and civic leader.
Student notes and other materials taken while attending the Medical School of the University of Michigan; and photographs.

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Rosenfeld, Ralph.

- Ralph Rosenfeld papers, 1965-1966.
- 35 items.

Chairman of the Detroit chapter of Congress of Racial Equality.
Correspondence, memos, schedules and other papers concerning the activities of Detroit CORE.

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Salvatore, Nick, 1943-

- C. L. Franklin oral history project 1998-2002
- 47 transcripts of interviews and 117 audiocassettes (in 3 boxes).

Professor of history at Cornell University.

Recordings and transcripts of interviews conducted in the course of his research into the life and career of C. L. Franklin, African American clergyman, long-time pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan, and active participant in the civil rights movement.

[Finding Aid](#)

Sampson, Frederick G.

- Frederick G. Sampson papers, 1970-2008.
- 1.25 linear feet and 1 oversize folder. ;

Pastor of Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan.

Pastoral files include church programs, newsletters, souvenir booklets, and events file relating largely to church's African American Male Spirituality Week; also writings, sermons, biographical material, and photographs.

[Finding Aid](#)

Second Baptist Church (Detroit, Mich.)

- Second Baptist Church records, 1911-1989, bulk 1926-1988.
- 14 microfilm reels and 1 folder.

Annual reports, financial records, histories, minutes of advisory board meetings, pastoral correspondence, annual and quarterly publications, and weekly bulletins; include files of pastors Robert L. Bradby, Sr. and Allan A. Banks, Jr. detailing in part their efforts in finding employment for members of Detroit's black community, especially with the Ford Motor Company; and photographs.

[Finding Aid](#)

St. Matthew's and St. Joseph's Episcopal Church (Detroit, Mich.)

- St. Matthew's and St. Joseph's Episcopal Church records, 1884-1997.
- 12.5 linear ft.

Church formed in 1971 from the merger of two Detroit Episcopal parishes.

Historical and informational files; vestry minutes and treasurer's records; records of church organizations; publications and church bulletins; subject files; scrapbooks; and photographs.

[Finding Aid](#)

St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church (Detroit, Mich.)

- St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church records, 1957-1987.
- 4 linear ft.

Correspondence, administrative files, Sunday bulletins, and topical files relating to the activities of the church and its pastors, most notably William Hilliard and William C. Ardrey.

[Finding Aid](#)

Sweet, Ossian, 1895-1960, defendant

- Ossian Sweet transcript of proceedings, 1925-1926.
- 2 microfilm reels (Originals in: Burton Historical Collection, Detroit Public Library) Proceedings of the iPeople vs. Ossian Sweet, et al/i in the Recorder's Court of Detroit. Testimony presented before Judge Frank Murphy, and arguments of prosecuting attorney, Robert Toms, and defense attorney, Clarence Darrow.

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Tibbs, Chrystal G.

- Chrystal G. Tibbs papers 1913-2013, bulk 1990-2013
- 4 linear feet, 1 oversize box, and 1 oversize folder
Michigan educator, graduate of Wayne State University and the University of Michigan, active member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha (A.K.A.) sorority. Tibbs is A.K.A. Golder Soror (50-year member) and has held a number of administrative posts within the sorority, most notably the Great Lakes Regional Representative to the International Archives Committee of A.K.A. Tibbs served in administrative capacities at various Detroit elementary schools and as a Principal of Hampton Elementary School. The collection includes materials accumulated through Tibbs's participation in A.K.A. conferences, chapter meetings, and special interest groups at the local, state, regional, and national level over a span of 50 years. The activities of Michigan-based chapters are particularly well represented. Material includes policy documents, programs of events, meeting proceedings, reports, scrapbooks, photographs. Also personal material related to Tibbs and her mother Maggie Powell, and Tibbs's church, the Grace Episcopal Church in Detroit.

[Finding Aid](#)

Top Ladies of Distinction. Ann Arbor Chapter.

- Top Ladies of Distinction, Ann Arbor Chapter records, 1982-1987.
- 0.3 linear ft.
Ann Arbor, Michigan chapter of an African American women's organization. These records include minutes and newsletters of the Detroit area district of the organization.

[Finding Aid](#)

University of Michigan. Institute of Public Policy Studies.

- Aberbach-Walker Detroit riot studies, 1967-1971.
- 24 linear ft.
Records, 1967-1971, of the studies on the Detroit riot of 1967 conducted by Joel Aberbach and Jack Walker, staff members of the Institute of Public Policy Studies of the University of Michigan; includes survey forms, 1967, 1968 and 1971, audio-tapes of

interviews with Detroit civic leaders; and administrative records of the project.
Permission of the donor is required for access to these records.

[Finding Aid](#)

Waddles, Charleszetta, 1912-

- Charleszetta Waddles autobiography, [ca. 1975].
- 1 folder.
Pentecostal minister and founder of the Perpetual Mission for Saving Souls of All Nations in Detroit.
The autobiography describes her mission work and other aspects of her life.
Search [Mirlyn](#)

Walker, Moses L.

- Moses L. Walker papers, 1926-1950.
- 0.2 linear ft.
Officer in the Great Lakes Mutual Life Insurance Company at Detroit and with the Detroit branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Correspondence concerning the Plymouth Congregational Church of Detroit, local politics, social problems and civil rights, and partial transcript of the Ossian Sweet murder trial.
Search [Mirlyn](#)

Washington, Georgia M.

- Georgia M. Washington papers 1940s-1950s
- 0.2 linear feet.
Detroit African American church woman and cosmetologist.
Event programs and other publications from Hartford Ave. Baptist Church, other Detroit churches, and area cultural performances; cosmetology publications; and snapshots of family, friends, and trips.
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Williams, Robert Franklin, 1925-

- Robert F. Williams papers, 1959-1997.
- 14 linear ft.
Civil rights activist, black militant, and president of the Detroit-based Republic of New Africa.
Correspondence, newsletters entitled, iThe Crusader/i, radio broadcasts entitled, iRadio Free Dixie/i, audio tapes and photographs; include materials concerning his life in Cuba, 1961-1966, in the People's Republic of China, 1966-1969, and concerning his legal fights against extradition to North Carolina on charges of kidnapping.
[Finding Aid](#)

Williams, Wallace C., 1921-

- Wallace C. Williams papers, 1958-1992.
- 1.25 linear ft.

Detroit businessman active in numerous minority business affairs and organizations. Williams was director of the Michigan Division of Minority Business Enterprise within the Michigan Department of Commerce, 1959-1978.

Biographical information, correspondence, files relating to his activities on behalf of minority business development, especially with the Minority Technology Council of Michigan; also files relating to involvement with Detroit civic and cultural organizations, and photographs.

[Finding Aid](#)

Commercial and Industrial

Adams, Henry Carter, 1851-1921.

- Henry Carter Adams papers 1864-1924
- 30.3 linear ft. and 2 oversize folders.

University of Michigan professor, economist, and Interstate Commerce Commission statistician.

Personal and professional correspondence, diaries, travel journals, drafts of books, letter books, reports and printed materials concerning his work with the Interstate Commerce Commission, his activities as an expert witness in railroad compensation and tax cases, and University of Michigan affairs. The collection includes papers relating to the Detroit United United Railway

[Finding Aid](#)

Allen family.

- Allen family (Lima Township, Mich.) papers 1898-1951
- 1 linear ft.

Lima Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan family.

Description of the family farm; financial record books, 1898-1951, for the farm; and scrapbook, ca. 1900, maintained by Clara Selleck Colquitt, containing business cards and advertisements from Detroit firms.

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Anderson, William K. (William Knowlton), 1896-1967.

- William K. Anderson papers 1878-1902 and 1917-1967 (bulk 1936-1964)
- 3 linear ft. and 1 oversize volume.

Detroit businessman; founder of Detroit Power Squadron. Anderson was an officer with the United States Power Squadrons, an organization established both to promote the interests of powerboat owners and to provide support to the cause of the nation's naval forces.

Files concern Anderson's association with the United States Power Squadrons and the Detroit Power Squadron, 1936-1966, and his involvement in such other organizations as the American Power Boat Association and the Detroit Yacht Club; published and unpublished articles and speeches relating in part to the Detroit River and the defense of the Great Lakes during wartime. There is also a narrative account and scrapbook of visual and other materials relating to a voyage taken from Detroit to Florida and back using inland waterways.

[Finding Aid](#)

Backus, Standish.

- Standish Backus papers, 1919-1942.
- 4 linear ft. and 1 volume.

Detroit businessman, president of the Burroughs Adding Machine Co.

Correspondence files, 1926-1942, concerning business affairs and social activities in Detroit and Grosse Pointe, Michigan.

[Finding Aid](#)

Bassett, Arthur F.

- Management and sale of repossessed real estate November 8, 1935
- 1 item (17 p.)
Manager of the real estate department of Detroit Trust Company.
Speech delivered before the convention of the Michigan Real Estate Association discussing in part Detroit, Michigan, area property and the management of his department.
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Belser, Karl J. (Karl Jacob), 1902-1972.

- Karl J. Belser papers, [ca. 1941-ca. 1972].
- 4.4 linear ft.
Urban planning specialist.
Reports, sketches, and other material relating to the development of the Willow Run Bomber Plant area in Wayne County, Michigan, during World War II; and studies of the proposed Detroit Civic Center, 1952.
[Finding Aid](#)

Bergey, Arthur.

- Arthur Bergey photograph collection 1938
- 1 item.
Detroit, Mich., architect employed by Albert Kahn Associates.
Photograph of Albert, Moritz, and Louis Kahn (left to right) inspecting model of Ford Motor Company Press Shop, Rouge River Plant, Dearborn, Mich.
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Booker T. Washington Business Association.

- Booker T. Washington Business Association records, 1941-1999 (scattered dates)
- 1 linear ft.
Organization of Detroit African American business and professional men and women established to promote the development of local businesses, before 1960 known as Booker T. Washington Trade Association.
Business and membership directories, newsletters, annual meeting programs, and miscellaneous correspondence.
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Borman family.

- Borman family papers, 1923-1991 (bulk 1960-1987)
- 7 linear ft. and 1 oversize folder
Prominent Detroit, Mich., area family, founders of supermarket chains, most notably Farmer Jack. The family was also involved in Jewish organizations and philanthropies. The papers include organizational topical files, site surveys for prospective stores, and promotional and other advertising materials; also family files relating to charitable and community activities of Abraham Borman and his son Paul Borman.
[Finding Aid](#)

Carpenter, Daniel.

- Daniel Carpenter papers, 1857-1884.
- 105 items.
Warfield, Massachusetts, businessman.
Correspondence and business papers originating from agents in Michigan, particularly Livonia, Detroit, and Ann Arbor, dealing with lumbering, real estate, and business conditions.
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Castle, John H.

- John H. Castle papers, 1926-1934 and undated.
- 1 folder.
Detroit, Michigan real estate developer.
Clippings and other papers relating to business and other activities.
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Chapin, Roy D. (Roy Dikeman), 1880-1936.

- Roy Dikeman Chapin papers, 1886-1937.
- 32 linear ft. and 7 oversize volumes.
President of Hudson Motor Car Company and U.S. Secretary of Commerce, 1932-1933.
Correspondence, speeches, articles, interviews, business papers, receipts, scrapbooks, photographs, and miscellaneous items of Chapin, his wife, and his biographer, John C. Long, concerning family matters, highway transportation, the automobile industry, general economic conditions, foreign trade, World War I, national defense, state and national politics, the Republican Party, and the University of Michigan; also extensive papers concerning the Hudson Motor Car Company, including information on management policies, production, and labor organizing.
[Finding Aid](#)

Chapin, Roy Dikeman, 1915-

- Roy D. Chapin, Jr. papers, 1942-1978.
- 23.4 linear ft.
Chairman of the board of American Motors Corporation.
Personal correspondence, speeches, papers relating to international business operations of AMC and its divisions, and photographs.
[Finding Aid](#)

Chrysler Group LLC.

- Chrysler Eminem Super Bowl commercial collection [electronic resource] 2011
- 2 CD-ROMs.
Downloaded copy (MPEG4) of Chrysler commercial aired during the 2011 Super Bowl titled either "Imported from Detroit" or "Born of Fire." The commercial features views of Detroit, Eminem, and the Selected of God Choir. The commercial advertises the Chrysler 200. The collection also includes stills from the commercial (TIFF) and creative credits.
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Cisler, Walker Lee, 1897-

- Walker L. Cisler papers, 1899-1994 (bulk 1943-1987)
- 33 linear ft. and 1 oversize volume.

Detroit Edison executive, advocate of the development of peaceful uses for nuclear power. In 1945, Cisler assumed the duties of Chief Engineer of Power Plants with the Detroit Edison Company. By 1947 he had also been appointed Vice President of Employee Relations. In 1948, his expanded duties were consolidated under the title executive vice president. In 1951, he was appointed to the Board of Directors and subsequently promoted to president and general manager. Upon the retirement of Prentiss M. Brown in 1954, Walker Cisler was confirmed as chief executive officer of Detroit Edison. He served in this capacity until 1971 at which time William G. Meese succeeded him. In 1964 Walker Cisler was elected chairman of the Board of Directors, a post he held until 1975.

The papers of Walker L. Cisler are divided into nine series: Atomic Power Development Associates (APDA), Detroit Edison, War Service, Personal File, Speeches, Overseas Advisory Associates (OAAI), Other Affiliations, Visual Materials, and Sound Recordings.

[Finding Aid](#)

Clippert family.

- Clippert family papers 1863-1962
- 2.5 linear feet and 1 oversize folder.

Detroit, Michigan family; owners of brick manufacturing firm; one member of the family, Harrison F. (Harry) Clippert, served with the 65th Regiment, U.S. Coast Artillery Corps, during World War I.

Correspondence, legal and financial documents, and background information relating to the family brick business; correspondence, notebooks, training material, and miscellaneous detailing Harry Clippert's activities with the Coast Artillery Corps during World War I; and photographs and other materials pertaining to George F. Clippert's student activities at the University of Michigan, especially with Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, other family members represented in the papers are Conrad J. Clippert and George H. Clippert.

[Finding Aid](#)

Consumer's Cooperative Council of Detroit.

- Consumer's Cooperative Council of Detroit records, 1935-1937.
- ca. 100 items.

Financial records and minutes.

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Cox, Murrell Howard.

- Murrell Howard Cox papers, 1915-1928.
- 1 linear ft.
Detroit branch office manager of the Fafnir Bearing Company.

Business correspondence and miscellaneous papers dealing with the Fafnir Bearing Company and the Ainsworth Manufacturing Company of Detroit.

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Crabbe, George F.

- George F. Crabbe papers, 1876, 1881, and undated.
- 3 volumes.

Detroit gardener. By 1886 he had moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan, and owned a greenhouse.

Diaries describing in detail his daily work.

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Cross, Richard E.

- Richard E. Cross papers 1936-1975
- .1 linear ft.

Born in Wisconsin in 1910, Richard E. Cross, businessman and lawyer, was a director at American Motors Corporation and Packer Corporation. He was CEO of AMC from 1962 to 1965. Cross participated in many civic activities, including serving as chairman of Detroit Commission on Community Relations from 1958 to 1964.

The papers contain transcripts of several speeches given by Cross, including one given to AMC and two when he filled in on the Lou Gordon radio show. Also included are some correspondence, and a diary from Cross's first trip to Europe in 1949.

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Curtis, Austin W., 1911-

- Austin W. Curtis papers, 1896-1971.
- 2 linear ft., 1 oversize volume, and 1 oversize folder.

Assistant to George Washington Carver at Tuskegee Institute, later a Detroit businessman.

Correspondence and other papers of G. W. Carver relating primarily to experiments with soil improvement and the discovery of new applications for the peanut and other Southern agricultural products; newspaper clippings and memos relating to Curtis' campaign for Congress in 1958 and his work with Carver; and photographs.

[Finding Aid](#)

Dagleish family.

- Dagleish family business records 1929-2013, bulk 1950s-1990s.
- 1.3 linear feet (in 2 boxes including outside)

The Dagleish family owned automobile dealership businesses in Detroit, Mich. since the 1920s. The first dealership, Charlie's Nash, was the oldest Nash dealership in Detroit, one of the two oldest Nash dealerships in Michigan, and at one point the largest Nash dealership in the world. Other businesses owned by the family include Charlie's Oldsmobile, Dagleish Cadillac Oldsmobile, Dagleish Peugeot. Dagleish Cadillac closed its doors in 2010, the last Cadillac dealership in Detroit.

Records of automobile dealerships owned by the Dalglish family: advertising and customer care correspondence, business correspondence, newspaper clippings and articles, photographs, and artifacts.

[Finding Aid](#)

DeLano, Fred H., 1916-

- Fred H. DeLano papers, 1907-1923 and 1949-1987.
- 0.5 linear ft.

Journalist from Dowagiac, Michigan with interest in sports public relations; general manager of the Detroit Pistons.

Scattered correspondence relating to his career with the Detroit Pistons.

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Detroit Board of Commerce.

- Detroit Board of Commerce papers 1916-1943
- ca. 85 items.

Correspondence and miscellaneous papers. Correspondents include: Harvey J. Campbell and Edwin Denby.

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Dodge Brothers.

- Dodge Brothers contract 1903
- 1 item

Copy of an agreement between Dodge Brothers and the Ford Motor Company for the manufacture of automobile motors.

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Dreyfuss, Allan L., 1919-2011.

- Allan L. Dreyfuss papers 1948-1991
- 4.5 linear feet.

Foreign correspondent for Reuters stationed in Germany after World War II; speech-writer for New York mayor Robert F. Wagner and for executives of the Ford Motor Company; member of the Public Affairs staff of the New Detroit Committee.

The Allan Dreyfuss collection has been arranged into the following series: Career (prior to 1963); Articles/Speeches written; New Detroit Committee; Ford Motor Company; and Political. The bulk of the papers relate to his work after 1963 when he came to work with the Ford Motor Company as a speech writer for the company's top executives: Henry Ford II, Alex Trotman, Donald Petersen, H. A. Poling, among others. There are also subject files, reports, and notes of meetings relating to the work of New Detroit.

[Finding Aid](#)

Earle, Horatio Sawyer, 1855-1935.

- Horatio S. Earle diaries 1870-1934
- 1 linear ft. (51 v.).

Detroit, Michigan, salesman, president of the Earle Equipment Company and Michigan State Highway Commissioner.

Descriptions of farm and road equipment sales, the good roads movement, the League of American Wheelmen, and Michigan politics, including the 1912 election.

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Favorite, William P. (William Perrin), 1898-1982.

- William P. Favorite papers 1918-1977
- 9 linear in.

Graduate of the College of Engineering of the University of Michigan, later founder of Radio Construction Company of Detroit, Mich., firm that erected various radio towers, notably the University of Michigan's Peach Mountain Radio Astronomy Observatory.

Files relating to his construction business and to University of Michigan reunions; also collected materials relating to the history of Sturgis, Michigan.

[Finding Aid](#)

Ferry Family

- Ferry family (Dexter Ferry) papers, 1758-1989 (bulk 1855-1959).
- 22.5 linear ft. and 2 oversize volumes.

Detroit family active in business, civic, and philanthropic affairs.

Biographical and genealogical papers; files relating to business and real estate interests, notably the Ferry Seed Company (later Ferry-Morse Seed Company), and the National Pin Company; files relating to family's Republican Party activities, especially Dexter M. Ferry's 1900 Michigan gubernatorial campaign, and the work of Dexter M. Ferry as member of the Michigan House of Representatives, 1901-1904; and papers detailing numerous family philanthropic concerns, mainly with the Detroit Institute of Art.

[Finding Aid](#)

Foster, Fred William, 1909-

- Distribution of building densities in Detroit area June 1936
- 1 folder.

Student in geography at the University of Michigan.

Study of development of the suburbs of Detroit, Michigan; includes accompanying photographs.

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Frank, Richard C.

- Richard C. Frank papers 1972-1987
- 17 linear feet and 59 tubes.

Preservation architect and planner.

Project files from his Preservation/Urban Design/Incorporated firm, including architectural drawings and sketches, working files, collected background information, and scattered photographs. Principal Michigan projects include Crossroads Village in Genesee County, the Detroit People Mover, Fairlane, the Mackinac Island State Park. Another project was the Smithsonian Institution, Arts and Industries Building.

[Finding Aid](#)

Gordy family.

- Gordy family papers, 1928-1947.
- 2 linear ft.
Detroit business and cultural family.
Materials of Berry Gordy, Sr. and Bertha Fuller Gordy and their children largely relating to business, church and civic activities; include letters of daughter, Esther Gordy, written from Howard University, and letters from sons, Fuller and George Gordy, written while serving in the military during World War II; also assorted materials detailing Detroit church activities with the Church of God in Christ and Bethel A.M.E.; and miscellaneous records relating to the Booker T. Washington Grocery Store, and the Booker T. Washington Trade Association; and other materials concerning interest in black organizations and individuals. Use of this collection requires the permission of the donor.
[Mirlyn Catalog Record](#)

Grant, Robert.

- Robert Grant interview, July 30, 1963.
- 16 p.
Machinist with the early automobile companies.
Reminiscences and critical commentary on the activities of Henry Ford and James Couzens and the growth of the Ford Motor Company.
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Hatch, Edward Walker, 1843-1916.

- Edward W. Hatch papers, 1865-1930.
- 25 items and 2 volumes.
Detroit and Ann Arbor carpenter.
Civil War pass, four items concerning his status as a Civil War veteran; account books of carpentry work; correspondence, 1927-1930, of his son Edward W. Hatch, largely with the U.S. Patent Office, and papers relating to the improvement of projectiles and airplane wings.
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Hauser, William M.

- William M. Hauser correspondence, 1934-Feb. 1935.
- 1 volume.
Clerk in the Detroit branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.
Correspondence with Senator James Couzens about banking legislation.
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Houghton, Jacob, 1827-1903.

- Jacob Houghton papers, 1845-1907.
- 2 volumes and 3 folders.
Mining engineer and geologist.
Includes scrapbook concerning Houghton's career as a mining engineer and as superintendent of the Detroit waterworks.
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Hubbard, Bela, 1814-1896.

- Bela Hubbard papers, 1837-1893.
- 0.75 linear ft. and 1 oversize folder.
Lumberman, real estate operator, and geologist.
Includes notebooks and private journals detailing geological surveys leaving from, or arriving at, Detroit.
[Finding Aid](#)

Huddleston, Clarence J.

- Clarence J. Huddleston transcript of oral interview, February 12, 1968.
- 1 item (32 p.)
Detroit banker and associate of James J. Couzens.
Comments on Couzens and the banking crisis in Michigan during the depression.
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Hudson Motor Car Company.

- Hudson Motor Car Company records, 1910-1943.
- .2 linear ft. (1 v. and 3 folders).
Minutes, 1910-1911, of production, sales, engineering and executive committees; general order file, 1910-1913, detailing company policies and decisions; and other scattered records, including articles of incorporation, stockholders reports, and employee contracts.
Taken from the papers of Roy D. Chapin.
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Hudson, Joseph L. (Joseph Lowthian), 1931-.

- Joseph L. Hudson papers, 1967-1983 (scattered dates).
- 0.5 linear ft.
Detroit businessman and chairman of New Detroit Committee, an organization established after the 1967 Detroit riot to investigate and remedy the causes of that civil disturbance.
Correspondence, reports, speeches, articles, photographs, and printed material relating to the riot and to his work with New Detroit.
[Finding Aid](#)

Human Resources Association of Greater Detroit.

- Human Resources Association of Greater Detroit records, 1916-1995.
- 2 linear ft.
Organization of employers founded in 1916 as the Detroit Employment Managers' Club and concerned initially with issues of wage rates, hiring practices, working hours, and unionization, and after World War II with problems of affirmative action, arbitration, and labor-related legislation. The name of the organization was changed in 1955 to the Detroit Personnel Management Association. In 1988, it merged with the Industrial Relations Association of Greater Detroit to form the Human Resources Association of Greater Detroit.
History, minutes, announcements, correspondence, membership material, and newsletters.

[Finding Aid](#)

Hyde & Bobbio (Firm)

- Hyde & Bobbio mechanical engineering firm records, 1909-1967, bulk 1925-1967.
- 7 linear feet and 54 tubes.

Detroit-based mechanical engineering firm specializing in heating, cooling, and plumbing designs for Michigan commercial buildings and residences.

Project files include architectural drawings, mechanical specifications, data sheets, correspondence, and accounts. Some of the drawings predate the firm's architectural practice and include plans designed by important architects working on both public and private projects. Architects represented in the collection include among others Henry Booth, C. Howard Crane, J. Ivan Dise, Clair Ditchy, Alden B. Dow, Wallace Frost, Arthur Hyde, Albert Kahn, Hugh T. Keyes, Malcomson & Higginbotham, Richard Marr, George Mason, Smith, Hinchman, & Grylls, William B. Stratton, Clarence J. Whitney.

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JJR Inc.

- JJR Inc. photographic slides 1960s-1990s
- 35 linear feet.

Ann Arbor, Mich. based national landscape architectural firm noted for urban design, campus planning, environmental analyses, community development, and historic preservation.

Photographic slide collection documenting Michigan projects only. Included are project slides, site plans, conceptual drawings, etc. Many of the projects relate to projects at colleges and universities, especially the University of Michigan. There are projects from throughout the state, but especially from Ann Arbor, Detroit, Flint, Grand Rapids, and Saginaw.

[Finding Aid](#)

Joy, Henry Bourne, 1864-1936.

- Henry Bourne Joy papers, 1883-1937.
- 19 linear ft., 2 oversize folders, and 2 oversize volumes.

President of the Packard Motor Company.

Correspondence concerning his business activities in Detroit, his support of the Lincoln Highway Association, his campaign against the Eighteenth Amendment (Prohibition), and his interest in the Federal Council of Churches; also business letter books, 1888-1892, and 1902-1903; photograph album, 1915, concerning automobile trip from Detroit to San Francisco; scrapbooks, 1883-1937, containing newspaper clippings and articles relating to the development of the automobile industry.

[Finding Aid](#)

King family.

- King family papers 1811-1983
 - 0.3 linear feet and 1 oversize folder.
- Detroit, Mich., mercantile family, owners of glass and china store, L. B. King & Co.

Papers of the Buhl-King family of Detroit, Mich., include typescript of Civil War diary, May-August 1864, of Frederick Augustus Buhl of the 1st Michigan Cavalry; Typescript of diary of trip to Europe in 1868 of Frederick Buhl; letters, 1870-1874, to and from Louis Buhl King, University of Michigan student, class of 1874; various papers relating to family glass and china store in Detroit; papers of other family members, including diary-ledger-autobiography of Artemas Kent, New York state teacher, 1811-1817; letter of Charles Artemis Kent, 1911; miscellaneous other papers; and photographs.
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Krebs, M. (Michelle)

- Michelle Krebs papers, 1984-2009.
- 9.3 linear feet and 2 oversized items.

Michelle Krebs is an authority on the automotive industry, writes regularly for numerous automotive publications, and is an adjunct professor at Detroit's College for Creative Studies.

The collection includes her writings on the automobile industry, research materials collected as part of her work, and promotional materials received from automobile companies about new car models, mainly in the form of photographs, CDs, DVDs, and videotapes.

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Kresge, Sebastian Spring, 1867-1966.

- Sebastian Spring Kresge papers, 1937-1966.
- 7 linear ft.

Founder of the S.S. Kresge Company.

Business and personal files relating to his financial dealings and to his involvement with various churches and educational institutions; also photographs.

[Finding Aid](#)

Kresge, Stanley Sebastian, 1900-

- Stanley S. Kresge papers, 1909-1985.
- 11 linear ft., 2 oversized volumes, and 1 oversized folder

Businessman with the S. S. Kresge Company (later K-mart Corporation) and philanthropist.

Business records, materials relating to philanthropic activities, notably documenting the work of the Kresge Foundation, and family materials; also organizational materials, speeches, and photographs.

[Finding Aid](#)

Kundak, Jennifer.

- Jennifer Kundak papers, 1977-1990.
- 0.6 linear feet.

Feminist, staff member with Planned Parenthood of Detroit, also member of other health care related organizations.

Published material; videotape (and DVD copy) featuring Michael and Jennifer Kundak upon occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Planned Parenthood organization, 1990;

sound cassettes of radio programs with Jennifer Kundak speaking on women's issues, including birth control, abortion, and alternatives to abortion.

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Littmann, David L.

- David L. Littmann papers 1964-2006, bulk 1970-2006
- 13 linear feet and 1 oversized folder.
Chief Economist and Senior Vice President of Comerica Bank, author of the bank's monthly business brochure and numerous editorials, oft-quoted commentator. The collection contains seven series: Biographical, Correspondence, Manuscripts, Publications, Press, Speeches, and Audio Visual materials, relating to Michigan and the national economy, tax policy, and the automobile industry.
[Finding Aid](#)

Livingstone, William, 1844-1925.

- William Livingstone papers 1850-1995 (bulk 1865-1925)
- .75 linear ft. and 2 oversize folders.
Livingstone was a Detroit, Michigan businessman, banker, and newspaper publisher. He was an advocate of improving shipping on the Great Lakes, helping to found the Lake Carriers' Association. Livingstone successfully lobbied Congress for funds to construct a channel in the lower Detroit River (the Livingstone Channel). The collection consists of manuscript and visual materials, some of which were collected by later family members. Included are diaries and account books, 1871-1882 (scattered) and 1925; correspondence and newspaper clippings; subject files pertaining to the Dime Savings Bank and the Lake Carriers' Association; and a speech book containing draft of speech written for James G. Blaine, presidential candidate in 1884. Visual materials include photographs and drawings.
[Finding Aid](#)

Long, Thomas G., 1883-1973.

- Thomas G. Long papers 1916-1962
- 6 linear ft.
Detroit, Michigan attorney, member of the board of directors of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company. Testimony taken in telephone company rate cases, decisions of the utilities commissioners, and miscellaneous court cases.
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Macy, George F.

- George F. Macy letter, 1848.
- 1 item.
Detroit businessman. Letter from the land firm of Macy and Briggs in Detroit dealing with land and tax problems.
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Merry, Ellis B., 1907-1989.

- Ellis B. Merry papers, 1907-1988 (bulk 1950s-1980s).
- 2 linear ft. and 1 oversize folder.

Senior and executive vice president of the National Bank of Detroit, later chairman of the board.

The collection concerns business activities, personal interests, and travels. Included are business and personal correspondence, journals, travel materials, and other materials relating in part to his interest in amateur radio.

[Finding Aid](#)

Miller, William Norton, 1881-1979.

- William N. Miller papers, 1910-1928.
- 0.2 linear ft.

Detroit, Michigan building contractor.

Drawings, photographs, and other materials depicting the Great Lakes Terminal Warehouse in Detroit and other projects.

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Minong Mining Company.

- Minong Mining Company correspondence, 1875-1877.
- 8 items.

Includes letters to Frank Gouly about the operation of the company in Detroit.

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Parsons, Carl Berger, 1884-1956.

- Carl B. Parsons papers, 1914-1975 (scattered dates).
- 9 items (typescript and photocopies).

Papers of Carl B. Parsons (originally spelled Persson), automotive engineer of Chicago and Detroit.

Undated reminiscence of his life with comments on his childhood in Sweden, his emigration to the United States in 1901, and his career in the carriage and automobile industries; copy of letter to his daughter, 1931, also describing his emigration. (Partially in Swedish)

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Remick Music Corporation.

- Remick Music Corporation records, 1901-1929 (bulk 1926-1929).
- 2 linear ft.

Music publishers with offices in New York and Detroit.

Correspondence and other papers relating to the business operations of the company, mainly orders, billings, and requests for payment.

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Reynolds, Robert Albert, 1882-1937.

- Robert Albert Reynolds papers, 1934 and undated.
- 10 items.

Detroit automotive engineer and inventor.
Blueprints of inventions, patent applications, and printed material relating to Reynolds Motor Company of Detroit.

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Riggs, Frances E.

- Frances E. Riggs papers, 1923-1931.
- 50 items.

Resident of Detroit and founder of the Riggs Foundation, agency established to promote closer co-operation among English-speaking peoples through a program of fellowship and scholarships at the University of Michigan.

Correspondence from University officials regarding the administration of the program.

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Riggs, Henry Earle, 1865-1949.

- Henry Earle Riggs papers, 1911-1942.
- 2 linear ft.

Professor of civil engineering at the University of Michigan.

Correspondence and documents, 1914-1924, relating in part to valuation of the Detroit United Railway.

[Finding Aid](#)

Robinson, Samuel S. (Samuel Stillman), 1824-1904.

- Samuel S. Robinson letter books, 1862-1888.
- 1 linear ft. (6 volumes and 50 items)

Mine manager in the American west and northern Michigan.

Business correspondence detailing in part his work as superintendent of the Detroit Bridge and Iron Works.

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Romney, George W., 1907-

- George W. Romney pre-gubernatorial subgroup, 1939-1962.
- 21 linear ft. (includes 6 linear ft. of sound recordings of speeches)

President of American Motors, governor of Michigan.

Biographical information; personal, family, and church correspondence; speeches and articles; files from his service with Nash-Kelvinator and American Motors; and subject files detailing civic involvement with Citizens for Michigan, revision of the Michigan constitution, and his gubernatorial campaign in 1962. The library also houses the gubernatorial papers of George Romney.

[Finding Aid](#)

S.S. Kresge Company.

- S.S. Kresge Company records, 1912-1978.
- 3 linear ft.

Retail company based in Detroit.

Executive committee minutes, 1946-1960; record books of meetings and proceedings of directors, shareholders, and incorporators; minutes of various corporate committees; subject files detailing financial operations of this chain of variety stores; and files relating to the officers and directors of the company.

[Finding Aid](#)

Sackett, Ray Carleton, 1888-

- Ray Carleton Sackett papers, 1896-1966.
- 2.2 linear ft. and 3 oversize volumes.

Detroit automobile executive.

Correspondence, 1927-1966, autobiographical sketch, 1965, and assorted newspaper clippings and miscellanea; also scrapbooks, 1896-1958, containing newspaper clippings, correspondence, photographs, and memorabilia relating to the University of Michigan and the automobile industry.

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Schwab, Fred E.

- Fred E. Schwab papers 1930-2009
- 2 linear feet and 1 oversize folder.

Fred E. Schwab was an influential member of the plastics manufacturing community in the Detroit area. A German immigrant, he opened and ran several plastics manufacturing businesses and was a founding member of the Society of Plastics Engineers.

The collection contains personal materials, most notably files relating to Schwab's emigration from Germany prior to World War II and correspondence (mostly in German) with attorney Hugo Emmerich regarding property claims against Germany. The collection also includes files pertaining to Schwab's plastics manufacturing business, Schwab & Frank and Schwab Plastics, in addition to advertising materials for both companies.

[Finding Aid](#)

Scripps, James E. (James Edmund), 1835-1906.

- James E. Scripps papers, 1858-1940.
- 9 linear ft. and 2 oversized volumes

Detroit newspaper publisher

Papers of Scripps and of the James E. Scripps Trust established to ensure that control of Scripps's Evening News Association would remain with his immediate family. Series in the collection include: biographical material, notably unpublished biography and personal diaries, 1858-1868 and 1872-1881; business records of various Scripps newspapers and publishing companies; George H. Scripps probate records; and James E. Scripps trust records.

[Finding Aid](#)

Shafer, Hartley Clifton, 1883-1971.

- Hartley Clifton Shafer papers, 1968-1970 and undated.
- 0.25 linear ft.

Reminiscences of his experiences working as a machinist in the early automobile industry in Detroit and as an inspector during World War I; also notes on the Shafer family and photographs.

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Stevens, Mark Chancellor.

- Mark Chancellor Stevens diaries, 1917-1987.
- 9 linear ft.

Detroit businessman.

Diaries detailing daily life, thoughts, business activities, social engagements, and world events. This collection is currently restricted

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Stone, Ralph, 1868-1956.

- Ralph Stone papers, 1882-1956.
- 4 linear ft. and 3 oversize volumes.

Detroit banker, alumnus and regent of the University of Michigan.

Includes papers concerning Detroit city government and Detroit Street Railways.

[Finding Aid](#)

Taylor family (Detroit, Mich.)

- Tayler family papers 1860s-1940s
- 0.5 linear feet.

Detroit, Michigan family. Some members of the family graduated from the University of Michigan. Theron Taylor was an engineer, University of Michigan class of 1908 (eng.) A related member, Josiah Clark was a Detroit grocer. The Farmer family is also represented in the collection.

Genealogy and other vital information found in family Bible; travel diaries of Josiah Clark of trips to Canada and New York city; notebook with production and sales information maintained by Theron Taylor from brick-making business, 1921-1931; and photographs.

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Taylor, Orla Benedict, 1865-1945.

- Orla Benedict Taylor papers 1831-1943
- 4 linear ft.

Detroit, Michigan lawyer and banker, and alumnus of University of Michigan.

Correspondence, essays, and newspaper clippings concerning the Detroit banking crisis of 1933; and biographical and genealogical information on the Church, Benedict and Mahon families; also photographs. Correspondents include: Henry M. Bates, William W. Bishop, Clarence M. Burton, Carter Glass, and Clarence J. McLeod.

[Finding Aid](#)

Tessmer, Raymond.

- Proceedings of the trial of the People vs. Raymond Tessmer 1939
- 0.2 linear feet.

Raymond Tessmer, member of the United Auto Workers and supporter of former union president Homer Martin. Tessmer was accused of criminal libel by Maurice Sugar, the union's general counsel under president R. J. Thomas. Tessmer was represented by Larry Davidow, a union attorney identified with Martin. The case revolved around issues of Communism in the UAW. The trial took place in Detroit Recorder's Court, before Judge Thomas M. Cotter.

Trial transcript. The transcript is incomplete, ending at p. 236 and lacking a portion of the judge's charge to the jury.

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Thompson, Harold, 1897-1986.

- Harold Thompson papers, 1940-1986.
- 0.5 linear ft. and 1 oversize volume.

Detroit businessman and civic leader, layman in the Episcopal Church, and state government official.

Subject files relating to his involvement in church affairs, the Mayor's Interracial Committee, established after the Detroit riot of 1943, the Pathfinders organization, and politics.

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Todd family.

- Todd family papers, 1862-1980.
- 3.4 linear ft., 1 oversize volume, and 1 oversize folder.

Papers of Fred P. Todd and his son, J. Beecher Todd, relating to their careers as officers with National Loan and Investment Company in Detroit and its successor institutions, Surety Savings and Loan Association, and Surety Federal Savings and Loan Association. Collected business records, including board of directors' minutes, subject files, organization publications, and scrapbooks.

[Finding Aid](#)

Van Arnem, Heidi.

- Heidi Van Arnem papers 1977-2003, bulk 1994-2001
- 3 linear feet and 1 oversize volume.

Disability rights activist and entrepreneur from Birmingham, Mich.

Personal and entrepreneurial files providing biographical information and a history of Van Arnem's business ventures; fundraising and advocacy files documenting Van Arnem's advocacy efforts for people with disabilities, as well as her fundraising efforts for spinal injury research; news clippings, including columns Van Arnem wrote for Detroit newspapers; and photographs and videotapes.

[Finding Aid](#)

Washington, Georgia M.

- Georgia M. Washington papers 1940s-1950s
- 0.2 linear feet.
Detroit African American church woman and cosmetologist.

Event programs and other publications from Hartford Ave. Baptist Church, other Detroit churches, and area cultural performances; cosmetology publications; and snapshots of family, friends, and trips.

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Weber, William Christian, 1853-1952.

- William Christian Weber papers, 1858-1940.
- 28 linear ft., 15 volumes, and 15 oversize folders.

Detroit businessman and civic leader.

Business correspondence relating to Weber's activities as a dealer in timber lands, his role as a member of the Art Commission in the development of Detroit's Cultural Center, his involvement with the construction of the Detroit-Windsor bridge and tunnel, and his activities during World War I; and correspondence and class notes of his sons, Harry B. and Erwin W. Weber, while attending the University of Michigan; also photographs and maps.

[Finding Aid](#)

Wenzlick, Roy.

- Roy Wenzlick address, Nov. 10, 1937.
- 1 item.

Detroit real estate agent.

Address delivered before the Detroit Real Estate Board and Detroit Mortgage Bankers' Association, concerning effect of the depression on real estate.

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Wheeler, Ebenezer Smith, 1839-

- Eben S. Wheeler papers, 1889-1908.
- 1 volume and 8 items.

Detroit civil engineer, chief assistant engineer of the U. S. Board of Engineers on Deep Waterways, later changed to United States Engineer Office, U. S. War Department. Letter book, 1903-1908, concerning administration of river and harbor projects in the Great Lakes.

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Wheeler, Reuben.

- Reuben Wheeler records, 1835-1891.
- 4 volumes and 1 oversize folder.

Grand Rapids, Michigan builder.

Account books for his building concerns in Amherstburg, Ontario, and Detroit and Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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Willeke, Leonard Bernard, 1884-1970.

- Leonard B. Willeke papers, 1900-1984, bulk 1906-1958.
- 9.5 linear feet (in 11 boxes), 26 tubes, and 54 oversize folders.

Cincinnati and Detroit-based architect.

Project files containing architectural drawings, photographs, related correspondence, and other working papers; also personal papers, notably correspondence with friends and colleagues, diaries from his European travels, 1908-1910, photographs of family and friends and of travel sites, and miscellaneous organizational, financial, and collected materials. Willeke projects include residences and commercial and other public buildings in Ohio (primarily Cincinnati), California, and throughout the Detroit metropolitan area. Some of the designs were for housing projects intended for defense workers during World War II; another was a proposed Fordson village development in Dearborn, Michigan. Among the clients represented in the collection are Edsel Ford and Oscar Webber, the vice president of the J.L. Hudson Company.

[Finding Aid](#)

Williams, Gardner Stewart, 1866-1931.

- Gardner Stewart Williams papers, 1900-1931.
- 7 linear ft. 3 linear ft.

Ann Arbor, Michigan, construction engineer specializing in hydraulics and waterpower. Biographical material; history of Michigan Engineering Society; project files detailing construction of Huron River power plants and dams at Argo, Barton, Geddes, Superior, and French Landing; Detroit Edison consultation materials; engineering reports by, or including comments of, Williams; and photographs.

[Finding Aid](#)

Williams, Wallace C., 1921-

- Wallace C. Williams papers, 1958-1992.
- 1.25 linear ft.

Detroit businessman active in numerous minority business affairs and organizations. Williams was director of the Michigan Division of Minority Business Enterprise within the Michigan Department of Commerce, 1959-1978. Biographical information, correspondence, files relating to his activities on behalf of minority business development, especially with the Minority Technology Council of Michigan; also files relating to involvement with Detroit civic and cultural organizations, and photographs.

[Finding Aid](#)

Ethnic

Ahwal, Terry.

- Terry Ahwal personal memoir 2009
- 1 item (115 pages)

A native of Ramallah, Palestine, Terry Ahwal immigrated to Detroit, Mich., in 1972. She has worked as Executive Director of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, Assistant Wayne County Executive, and Director of Development at the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan.

Memoir describing her childhood in Palestine, life and work in Detroit, and numerous visits to Palestine. Part of University of Michigan-Dearborn Immigrant Memoir Project.

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Akrawi, Adil J.

- Adil J. Akrawi collection ca. 1978-1995.
- .5 linear ft.

Leader in Detroit's Chaldean and Arabic communities.

Biographical materials; copies of Al-Muntada, a periodical that Akrawi founded; photographs and videotapes.

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Ameinu Detroit.

- Ameinu Detroit records 1928-2009
- 8.5 linear feet and 1 oversize folder.

Southern Michigan branch of the Labor Zionist Organization, later renamed the Labor Zionist Alliance (1971) and Ameinu (2004).

Records of the Labor Zionist Organization and the Labor Zionist Institute. Included are minutes, topical files, correspondence, financial records, individual branch records, publications, and miscellaneous photographs, videotapes, and sound recordings.

[Finding Aid](#)

American Turners-Detroit.

- American Turners-Detroit records 1920s-1994 (bulk 1930s-1950s).
- 0.5 linear ft. and 2 oversize folders.

German-American social organization formerly called Troiterer Sozialer Turnverein.

Brief history of organization prepared in 1994; scattered issues of news magazine, *Detroit Turner Times*; clippings, ephemera; and photographs.

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Americanization Committee of Detroit (Mich.)

- Americanization Committee of Detroit papers 1914-1931.
- ca. 200 items

Correspondence, minutes of meetings, reports and other materials concerning the assimilation of the foreign-born residents of Detroit and the committee's educational programs on behalf of the city's immigrant population during World War I and after.

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Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services.

- Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services records 1982-1998.
- .3 linear ft.

The Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS) was founded in 1971 in Dearborn, Mich., by a group of people of Arab origin. A major goal was to provide services and assistance to new immigrants, including English instruction and interpreters. A wider goal is to help establish a sense of community among Arabs and to provide a place to express traditions and pursue cultural activities.

The collection includes a history of the organization and a history of the Arab-American community in Detroit; also newsletters and information about many of the organization's activities.

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Aswad, Barbara C.

- Barbara C. Aswad papers, 1962-2000 (bulk 1975-2000).
- 2 linear ft.

Professor of anthropology at Wayne State University, active in issues and organizations specific to the Arab-American population of southeastern Michigan, particularly Dearborn, Michigan.

Topical files document Arab and Arab-American culture and life. Organizational files document Aswad's involvement in such organizations as the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services and the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee.

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Bazzy family.

- Bazzy family collection, 1926-1942.
- 2 items.

The family of Kalil Bazzy, early leader of Detroit's Shia community, who immigrated to Detroit in 1913.

Banquet program of the Progressive Arabian Hashmie Society (1942) and newspaper clipping with pictures of Kalil Bazzy leading Eid al-Fitr prayers of the United Islamic Society of Detroit (1926).

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Burmeister family.

- Burmeister family papers, 1880s-ca. 1950s.
- 0.2 linear feet.

Detroit, Michigan family who had immigrated from German in 1883.

Photographs and miscellaneous documents, marriage and baptismal certificates, and clippings.

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Burns, Carolyn Sinelli, 1915-

- Carolyn S. Burns papers, 1943-1968.
- 8 linear ft.

Detroit civic worker and fund-raiser.

Files relating to her work with Italian-American organizations, especially the American committee on Italian Migration, the American-Italian Business and Professional Women's Club, and the Piemontese Ladies Social Club; papers concerning her interest in U.S. immigration law and the problems of displaced persons and refugees; files relating to her Catholic faith and work for Catholic missionary organizations, notably the Friends of Sts. Peter and Paul Missionaries; and files concerning Democratic politics and her work during the 1966 senatorial campaign of G. Mennen Williams.

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Cardona, Ana Luisa.

- Ana Luisa Cardona papers, 1973-2004.
- 1 linear foot and 1 oversize folder.

Member of Detroit, Michigan Latino arts organization Casa de Unidad and the Alliance for Cultural Democracy.

Files relate to her association with Casa de Unidad particularly as art consultant on grants submitted by the organization; also materials relating to Jack Delano, who was a photographer with the Farm Security Administration, including interview with Delano about his career. The collection also includes files relating to the Alliance for Cultural Democracy .

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Casa de Unidad (Detroit, Mich.)

- Casa de Unidad (Detroit, Mich.) records 1980-2006
- 7 linear feet and 1 oversize folder.

Organization founded in Detroit, Mich. in 1980 as Casa de Unidad Cultural Arts and Media Center. The center devoted its resources to identifying, developing, and preserving the Hispanic/Latino cultural heritage of Southwest Detroit. The organization offered workshops in the visual, literary, and performing arts. It also held a performing arts festival, and nurtured local artists by providing exhibition space in its gallery.

Records include correspondence, board minutes, grant proposals and reports, newsletters, budgets, also sound recordings, photographs, and compact discs storing images.

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Caurdy, Mary A.

- Mary A. Caurdy photograph 1957 August
- 1 item.

Co-chair of the Detroit Islamic Council.

Panoramic photograph of the attendees at the banquet of the Sixth Annual Convention of the Federation of Islamic Associations in the United States and Canada, August 2, 3 and 4, 1957 held in Detroit, Michigan.

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Chaldean Federation of America.

- Chaldean Federation of America papers, 1993-2000.
- 1 linear ft. and 1 oversize folder.

Metropolitan Detroit area-based organization of Chaldean Catholics.
Programs, newsletters, and other publications accumulated by the organization; also videotapes and artifactual miscellanea.

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Delicato, Armando, collector.

- Armando Delicato collection 1950s-2007
- 0.4 linear feet.

Programs, newsletters, brochures, clippings, photographs, and other materials relating to Italian American organizations in the Detroit metropolitan area, to celebrations, and to the contributions of individual area Italian Americans.

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Detroit Japanese American Citizens League.

- Detroit Japanese American Citizens League records, 1940-1995.
- 2.5 linear ft., 15 oversize volumes, and 2 oversize folders.

Detroit chapter of organization established to facilitate acceptance of Japanese Americans, to voice political concerns, and to provide social activities for their members. The records consist of topical files, photographs, and scrapbooks. The topical files include minutes of the organization, files relating to chapter activities and events, chapter newsletters, and files documenting relationship with national office.

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Dulemba, Arthur W.

- Arthur W. Dulemba scrapbook, 1953-1965.
- 1 folder (photocopies)

Resident of Detroit.

Clippings and photos relating to his activities as president of the West Side Council of Clubs, a Polish-American civic association. (Partially in Polish)

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Emmanuel-Bethel United Church of Christ (Royal Oak, Mich.)

- Emmanuel-Bethel United Church of Christ records, 1880-1974.
- 7.5 linear ft.

Formed in 1974 as a result of a merger between the Emmanuel United Church of Christ (Royal Oak, Mich.), founded in 1874, and Bethel United Church of Christ (Detroit, Mich.), founded in 1912. Both churches initially served an immigrant German population. Reinhold Niebuhr was pastor of the Bethel church from 1915 to 1928.

Membership records, church council and congregation meeting minutes, records of church organizations, histories, publications, and photographs. The bulk of the records are from Bethel Evangelical and Reformed Church.

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Faith Presbyterian Church (Saint Clair Shores, Mich.)

- Faith Presbyterian Church (Saint Clair Shores, Mich.) records, 1914-1980, bulk 1914-1942.

- 1 linear foot.
The church was established in 1914 as the First Italian Presbyterian Church of Detroit. The name was changed to Faith Presbyterian Church in 1942. The church moved to Saint Clair Shores in 1956.
Church record books containing session meeting minutes, also registry of baptisms, communicants, marriages, and deaths; scattered annual reports and bulletins; and correspondence, research material, and other documents collected by Vittorio Re in preparation of his history of the church.
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Gajec, Edward, 1918-

- Edward Gajec papers, 1935-1995.
- 2.5 linear ft.
Detroit musician and music educator, also a promoter of ethnic festivals.
The collection consists of correspondence, brochures, programs, newspaper clippings, and photographs documenting the ethnic communities of Detroit especially focusing on established ethnic organizations and festivals.
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German Protestant Home for Orphans and Old People (Detroit, Mich.)

- German Protestant Home for Orphans and Old People records, 1879-1919.
- 0.2 linear ft. (Photocopies)
Now part of Evangelical Homes of Michigan of Detroit and Saline.
Translation of minutes, 1879-1895 and 1905; and translation of twenty-fifth anniversary brochure, 1919.
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Gorski, J. William (James William), 1929-

- J. William Gorski research collection ca. 2012.
- 1 linear foot.
Macomb, Mich., researcher and collector of Polish American historical and genealogical materials.
Historical and genealogical files: "Polish and Polish American military," including material on Polish Americans in the U.S. military and Polish Army veterans in the United States. "Detroit's Eastside Dom Polski," including photocopy of Polish business directory for Detroit, Mich., with translations and added biographical information, also biographical information on Dom Polski members. The collection includes numerous digitized files on CDs.
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Haass family.

- Haass family papers, [ca. 1898]-[ca. 1941].
- 0.2 linear ft.
Detroit family.
Papers, 1898, of Charles W. F. Haass, Lutheran clergyman, including church program, and notes and prayer in German; scrapbooks, 1913-1931, of Julius H. Haass, Detroit

banker, containing obituary notices of family members; and papers, 1936-1941, of Walter F. Haass concerning banking in Detroit, and the career of his father, Charles Haass. (Charles W. F. Haass materials largely in German)

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Hassen, Aliya, 1910-1990.

- Aliya Hassen papers, 1910-1991.
- 1.5 linear ft. and 1 oversize folder.
Arab-American community leader in the Dearborn-Detroit area of Michigan. Articles, manuscripts and poems on Islamic topics; topical files, 1948-1991, relating to Arab community affairs, including files concerning the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services, 1986-1991 and the Federation of Islamic Associations of the U.S. and Canada; also correspondence and articles of Malcolm X; and photographs.
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Immanuel United Church of Christ (Detroit, Mich.)

- Immanuel United Church of Christ records, 1894 and 1912-1995 (bulk 1942-1978)
- 6 linear ft. and 1 oversize motion picture.
Church established by German immigrant workers to Detroit. The congregation was formerly associated with the Evangelical and Reformed Church. Series in the record group include Administrative files, Registers of Services, Historical Materials, records of Church Organizations, Yearly Files, Publications, and Visual Materials.
[Finding Aid](#)

Isaacs, Bernard, 1882-1975.

- Bernard Isaacs papers, 1919-1981.
- 1.3 linear ft.
Educator and administrator with the United Hebrew Schools of Detroit; writer of short stories, essays, and musical plays. Writings; published works; scattered correspondence relating in part to Detroit Zionism, 1919-1921; miscellaneous relating to the United Hebrew Schools of Detroit; and scores and program to musical plays written by Isaacs, entitled, "Samson and Delilah" and "Saul and David."
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Jabara, Abdeen, 1940-

- Abdeen M. Jabara papers, 1956-1986 (bulk 1968-1983).
- 9 linear ft.
New York attorney originally based in Detroit. Jabara was concerned with issues of civil rights of Arab Americans and the rights of Arabs living or traveling in the United States. He challenged practice of law enforcement agencies to collect information and maintain surveillance of Arabs and Arab Americans. Jabara was involved in the murder trial of Sirhan Sirhan and the extradition case of Ziad Abu Eain.

Litigation and case files; subject files regarding his Arab American activism, organizational involvements, and participation in the Middle East delegation of the National Lawyers Guild.

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Jenny Lind Club of Detroit.

- Jennie Lind Club of Detroit records, 1937-1988.
- 1 linear ft.

Swedish American women's organization.

Correspondence; minutes of meetings; and yearbooks containing annual reports.

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Lagos, James.

- James Lagos papers 1930s-1990s
- .1 linear ft.

Also known as Adamantios Lagopoulos. Resident of Warren, Mich., who published the newspapers Ethnikon Vima (Detroit Greek Tribune) and To Vima (National Greek Tribune), in Detroit, Mich.

Scattered writings by and about Lagos, and videotape.

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Latin Americans for Social and Economic Development.

- Latin Americans for Social and Economic Development records, 1969-1997.
- 1 linear ft.

Social service organization (known as LA SED) serving the Latino community of Detroit, particularly the heavily Latino neighborhoods of Southwest Detroit. The organization was founded in 1969 through the cooperative efforts of community leaders, union officials, and the Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit.

The records consist of materials accumulated by Lucy Gajec, a member of the board of directors. The records, primarily official documents rather than personal correspondence, are divided into four series. The Chronological (1969-1997) series contains correspondence, memos, event publicity, legal and financial documents, and clippings concerning LA SED. The Topical Files (1971-1974) contain correspondence, memos, and printed material concerning a variety of subjects relevant to the activities and operation of LA SED. The Publications series contains one folder of miscellaneous pamphlets and programs about LA SED, and one folder of programs from the organization's Annual Recognition Luncheons (1969-1997).

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Markstrum, John A., 1889-1980.

- John A. Markstrum papers, 1962-1967.
- 50 items.

Member of the Swedish Engineers' Society of Detroit.

History and printed material relating to the society and the Ladies Auxiliary of the society; also photographs.

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Martin, Edward, collector.

- Edward Martin collection 1852-2004
 - 11 linear feet (in 16 boxes) and 3 oversize volumes.
- Collector of materials documenting Michigan activities and organizations, especially Polish Americans in Detroit.

The Edward Martin collection consists of records of the Detroit Board of Water Commissioners, the Polish Army Veterans Association, and the Polish Sea League. The collection also includes photographs from various Polish photography studios in Detroit and Michigan, topical photographs, Polish printed materials, scrapbooks; papers of Waclaw S. Jakubowski including collected clippings about Poletown in Detroit, Michigan; and records of Clio, Michigan pharmacy and VFW post.

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Muñoz, Cynthia L.

- A long road to the beginning : a causpanic metamorphosis : memoir 2011
- 1 item (58 p.)

Cynthia Muñoz was born in Detroit, Mich., "half Mexican/Spanish and half Polish/Hungarian."

Memoir describing her childhood and youth in Detroit, her father's family life in Texas and mother's family in Detroit, lives of other family members, her drug use and rehabilitation.

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Pacosz, Christina V.

- Christina V. Pacosz diaries and publications 1970-2008, bulk 1980-2004
- 6 linear feet.

Polish-American poet, born and educated in Detroit, Michigan.

The collection consists primarily of personal diaries and copies of her published work, including serial publications and anthologies containing her poetry. The diaries are detailed glimpses into her thoughts, her life as a poet, her teaching, travels, and daily activities.

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Palazzolo, Laurie, collector.

- Laurie Palazzolo Horn Man research materials collection, 1913-2004, bulk 1940s-1980s.
- 10 linear feet [in 13 boxes] and 1 oversize folder.

Palazzolo is a founding member of the West Side Detroit Polish American Historical Society and a past officer on the board of directors of the Friends of Polish Arts. She is also president, executive producer of Hornman Detroit, and member of various Polish American cultural and historical organizations. Palazzolo currently serves as the West Side Detroit Polish American Historical Society's Vice President and Executive Director/Secretary.

Collection contains research materials collected and used by Palazzolo for her 2003 book "Horn Man: the Polish-American musician in the twentieth-century Detroit," and includes transcripts of interviews, copies of photographs, performance schedules,

business contracts, sheet music, and biographical information, as well as directories, by-laws, and constitution of the Detroit Federation of Musicians; also promotional materials, posters, and signs.

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Perazza, Julio.

- Julio Perazza visual materials 1970s and 1984-1986
- 0.2 linear feet.

Detroit, Mich. Latino photographer and teacher.

The Julio Perazza collection consists of photograph negatives taken during the period of 1984-1986. The images relate mainly to the Hispanic community of Detroit, particularly of activities at Casa de Unidad. These include photographs of various classes (dance, photography, etc.) and social events sponsored by this Hispanic organization. The collection also includes a motion picture created by Latino students at the University of Michigan in the early 1970s intended as a recruiting tool to encourage individuals to apply for admission.

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Polish Activities League (Detroit, Mich.)

- Polish Activities League records, 1923-1974.
- 6 linear ft., 4 oversize volumes, and 1 reel of microfilm.

Detroit social service organization established to aid the Detroit Polish community.

Scrapbooks, printed histories, scattered correspondence, photographs, and minute book, 1949-1954. (Partially in Polish)

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Re, Vittorio.

- Vittorio Re papers, 1921-2005.
- 3 linear feet.

Chief Chancellor of the Italian Consulate in Detroit, author and lecturer on the history and experiences of the Italian-American community in Michigan, especially Detroit.

Personal and professional correspondence; papers and speeches made as Chief Chancellor of the Italian Consulate; notes and research material relating to the history of Italians in Michigan; collected materials relating to Italian American organizations, events and celebrations, and the people and issues of importance to the Italian community; and miscellaneous photographs.

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Schmidt, Carl Ernest, 1856-1934.

- Carl Ernest Schmidt scrapbooks, 1892-1935.
- 16 volumes.

Detroit German-American businessman.

Newspaper clippings, printed articles, photographs, ink drawings, and handwritten sections concerning his role on the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, 1892-1894, the State Board of Arbitration and Mediation, 1897-1898, and the State Forest Inquiry Commission, 1907-1908.

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Smialek-Sinclair, Noreen.

- Noreen Smialek-Sinclair papers 1955-2010, bulk 1958-1974
- 0.5 linear feet (in 1 box).

Noreen Smialek-Sinclair was a Detroit, Mich., Polish American violinist and promoter of Polish classical music. She served for many years as music chairwoman of the Friends of Polish Art of Detroit, performed locally and internationally, and taught on the faculty of the Detroit Conservatory of Music.

Scrapbook containing articles, newspaper clippings, concert programs and announcements, and photographs depicting performances and portraits. Also loose articles and newspaper clippings, and concert announcements.

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St. Peter's Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church (Detroit, Mich.)

- St. Peter's Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church records, 1880-1980.
- 5 linear ft.

Histories, minutes of meetings, treasurer's reports and minutes; records of youth and women's organizations; and yearbooks and church newspaper. (Partially in Danish)

Finding aid in the library.

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Stanczyk, Benjamin C. (Benjamin Conrad), 1915-

- Benjamin C. Stanczyk papers, 1944-1975.
- 3 linear ft. and 12 oversize volumes.

Detroit Judge of Common Pleas.

Correspondence, notebooks, scrapbooks, and miscellanea largely relating to Democratic Party Affairs, Polish-American activities and organizations, and legal and political interests.

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Stanis, Antoinette.

- Antoinette Stanis records, 1936-1971.
- 1 linear ft.

Records collected by Antoinette Stanis of Dearborn, Michigan, related to her civic, social and political activities in the Polish-American community in Detroit.

Minutes and treasurer's books of the Polish-American Women's Political Club; constitution and amendments of the West Side Council of Clubs (Democratic). (The Polish American Women's Political Club materials are in Polish.)

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Swedish Athletic Club (Detroit, Mich.)

- Swedish Athletic Club records, 1923-1929.
- 1 volume.

Minutes of meetings. (In Swedish)

Wachtel, Stanley Zenon, 1887-1959.

- Stanley Zenon Wachtel papers ca. 1938-ca. 1944
- 1 folder.
Polish language radio broadcaster in Detroit, Michigan. Also known as Stanislaw Wachtel.
Essay by Estelle P. Wachtel-Torres on Polish radio broadcasting in pre-World War II Detroit (2011); biographical information; photographs; and miscellaneous clippings and a letter.
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Wagner, Hipolit C.

- Hipolit C. Wagner papers 1912-2010
- 0.3 linear feet.
Polish immigrant to the United States in 1913. He returned to Poland in 1919 to serve in the Polish Army. He returned to Detroit in 1921, and eventually came to own a grocery store in Hamtramck, Michigan. Wagner was born in 1894 and died in 1960.
Diary, 1912-1919, describing his immigration to the United States and return to Poland. Early portions of the diary were transcribed from another volume. The diary has been translated and transcribed by Wagner's son Arthur A. Wagner into a volume entitled "My Journey in the World." The collection also includes a ledger-journal, 1940s-1957, with accounts of his grocery store, but also containing records of relief parcels sent to European relatives after World War II.
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Wojsowski, Anthony.

- Anthony Wojsowski papers, 1921-1978, bulk 1920s-1930s, and 1950s.
- 0.6 linear feet, 1 oversize volume, and 1 oversize folder.
Socialist Party candidate for Congress from the 1st Michigan District in 1948, and General Secretary of Polish-American Labor Council. He was actively involved with the Polish Mechanics Company, Inc., Michigan and Midwest chapters of the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born, and other Michigan Polish and political organizations.
Correspondence, calendars of events, meeting announcements, addresses, financial documentation, as well as texts of essays and articles on historical and political subjects, newsletters and other printed material of the Polish-American Labor Council, the Polish People's University (Polski Uniwersytet Ludowy), Michigan, Midwest, and out of state chapters of the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born. Also by-laws, correspondence, financials, and legal documentation, as well as lists of names of stockholders of the Polish Mechanics Company, Inc., and Wojsowski's personal files relating to his U.S. legal status and travel abroad. Also included are George G. Sadowski 78th U.S. Congress election campaign materials.
[Finding Aid](#)

Wojtowicz, Harriet.

- Harriet Wojtowicz papers 1915-2000, bulk 1938-1988
- 1 linear foot.

Teacher of Spanish in the Detroit Public School System.

Correspondence with friends and colleagues in various countries that she visited; correspondence with Encarnacin Alzona and Enid Starkie; memorabilia from her foreign travels; and miscellaneous regarding her life in Detroit, her teaching career, including controversy over her refusal to use a board-mandated Spanish textbook.

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Workmen's Circle (U.S.). Michigan District Committee.

- Workmen's Circle (U.S.), Michigan District Committee papers, 1943-1962.
- 3 linear ft.

Jewish cooperative burial society and social welfare organization.

Correspondence, newspaper clippings, financial records, minute books, and newsletters and related publications.

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Journalism: Newspapers, Radio, Television

Angelo, Frank.

- Frank Angelo papers 1953-1995.
- 16 linear ft.

Managing editor of the Detroit Free Press, president of the Michigan Press Association, 1969, and national treasurer of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism society.

Activities and topical files; speeches; papers concerning work on Cooley High School Community Council, Detroit; files concerning Detroit race relations and the Detroit riot of 1967; papers relating to Detroit Press Club; and photographs.

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Arnheim, Stanley W.

- Stanley W. Arnheim papers 1931-1942
- 0.1 linear feet.

Journalism student at the University of Michigan, 1930-1933 and later a realtor in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Scattered letters and documents as a student at Michigan, including a 1931 letter written while working for the Michigan Daily and a 1933 letter from Detroit News editor Lee White in response to Arnheim's offer to cover the Scottsboro trial for the paper. Also material relating to efforts to serve the military during World War II, and identity cards.

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Barnes, Russell Curtis, 1897-

- Russell Barnes papers 1920-1978
- 7 linear feet.

Correspondent with the Detroit News, director of the Psychological Warfare Division, Supreme Headquarters, Allied Forces, during World War II.

Scrapbooks with clippings of newspaper articles; copies of propaganda leaflets directed to German soldiers and civilians during the war; and photographs and album, reports, correspondence, and printed matter relating to war-time service.

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Butler, Hal.

- Hal Butler papers 1939-2006
- 5 linear feet.

Detroit, Michigan, based editor, pulp fiction writer, novelist, nonfiction author, and freelance travel writer.

Background materials and extensive business files with correspondence, contracts, copyrights, photographs, and a wide range of publications. Work is represented in Ford Times magazine, pulp fiction serials, and a variety of sports and travel publications.

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Butz, Caspar, 1825-1885

- Caspar Butz papers, 1851-1852.
- 1 folder

Detroit, Mich., newspaper publisher.

Resolutions of greetings to Gottfried Kinkel, German author and revolutionary, and subscription appeals to a German loan fund (Deutsches National Anlehen zur F?rderung der Revolution).

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Cromwell, Percy W.

- Percy W. Cromwell cartoon collection, ca. 1918-ca. 1932.
- 6 oversize boxes.

Cartoonist for the Detroit Times.

Editorial cartoons and sketches relating to local political and social issues.

[Finding Aid](#)

Cushing, George William, 1888-1968.

- George Cushing papers and sound recordings, 1942-1955.
- 1.3 linear feet and ca. 230 audio-tapes.

News editor and vice president of Detroit radio station WJR; moderator of radio program, In Our Opinion.

Correspondence, radio transcripts, scrapbooks, broadcast discs, and audio-tapes of discs; include material concerning career of Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg, the senatorial campaign of 1942 between Prentiss Brown and Homer Ferguson, and radio broadcasting in general.

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Custer, George A. (George Armstrong), 1839-1876.

- George Armstrong Custer letter Oct. 29, 1864
- 1 item.

General in the Cavalry during the Civil War.

Letter to unknown person discussing a victory over General S. Early and the editorial policy of the Detroit Free Press.

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Detroit news.

- Isle Royale papers, 1885-1955 (bulk 1921-1946).
- 2 linear ft.

Files of Detroit News conservation editor Albert Stoll and director of public relations Lee A. White.

Correspondence, newspaper clippings, photographs, and miscellaneous papers relating to the Detroit News campaign to make Isle Royale a national park and to secure land for it.

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Detroit Post and Tribune Company.

- Detroit Post and Tribune Company records, 1861-1886.
- 18 items and 1 volume.

Newspaper publishing company.

Record book containing articles of incorporation and board minutes; also miscellaneous papers.

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Dreyfuss, Allan L., 1919-2011.

- Allan L. Dreyfuss papers 1948-1991
- 4.5 linear feet.

Foreign correspondent for Reuters stationed in Germany after World War II; speech-writer for New York mayor Robert F. Wagner and for executives of the Ford Motor Company; member of the Public Affairs staff of the New Detroit Committee.

The Allan Dreyfuss collection has been arranged into the following series: Career (prior to 1963); Articles/Speeches written; New Detroit Committee; Ford Motor Company; and Political. The bulk of the papers relate to his work after 1963 when he came to work with the Ford Motor Company as a speech writer for the company's top executives: Henry Ford II, Alex Trotman, Donald Petersen, H. A. Poling, among others. There are also subject files, reports, and notes of meetings relating to the work of New Detroit.

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Fitzpatrick, Leo J., 1894-1971.

- Leo J. Fitzpatrick papers, 1926-1973.
- 75 items.

General manager of radio station WJR, Detroit.

Correspondence, financial material and printed miscellanea largely concerning the operation of WJR and the history of radio broadcasting in general, including transcript of oral history reminiscences, and John F. Patt's remembrances of radio pioneer George A. Richards; also a letter from Charles E. Coughlin, 1929, containing brief comments on religious broadcasting.

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Flechsigt, Jack.

- Jack Flechsigt papers 1919-1988, bulk 1970-1988
- 1.3 linear feet (including oversize)

Art Director for WXYZ-TV Channel 7 in Detroit, Mich. (1948-1987).

Set designs, advertisements, promotional items created by Flechsigt during his tenure at WXYZ-TV Channel 7. Personal papers series includes material of Flechsigt's family members and relatives of his wife Constance McBrearty Flechsigt.

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Frenette, Oscar.

- Oscar Frenette papers, 1970s-1990s.
- 1 linear ft.

WJR radio commentator.

Scripts for radio commentaries on life and things in the Great Lakes area.

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General Television Network.

- General Television Network records 1954-1997
- 11 linear feet (in 12 boxes) and 3 oversize volumes.
Detroit, Mich., television production and post-production company. One division of the company designed telecommunication equipment and systems, and the company established a national closed circuit television network.
The record group includes administrative records; historical and background information; albums containing photographs, transcripts of programs, clippings, and correspondence; photographs and snapshots of events and personalities; and video and sound recordings.
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Guest, Edgar A. (Edgar Albert), 1881-1959.

- Edgar A. Guest papers, 1898-1950.
- 7 linear ft., 2 oversize folders, 1 oversize v.
Special writer for the Detroit Free Press, poet, and lyricist.
Galley proofs of poetry, manuscripts of radio talks, fan mail, scrapbooks and newspaper clippings of poems, greeting cards containing Guest verses, sheet music with lyrics by Guest or based on Guest's poetry, and miscellanea.
[Finding Aid](#)

Hayden, Jay G., 1884-1971.

- Jay G. Hayden scrapbooks, 1916-1965.
- 46 volumes.
Washington correspondent for the Detroit News.
Extensive comment on national politics and foreign relations, particularly as relates to Michigan.
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Krebs, M. (Michelle)

- Michelle Krebs papers, 1984-2009.
- 9.3 linear feet and 2 oversized items.
Michelle Krebs is an authority on the automotive industry, writes regularly for numerous automotive publications, and is an adjunct professor at Detroit's College for Creative Studies.
The collection includes her writings on the automobile industry, research materials collected as part of her work, and promotional materials received from automobile companies about new car models, mainly in the form of photographs, CDs, DVDs, and videotapes.
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Lagos, James.

- James Lagos papers 1930s-1990s
- .1 linear ft.
Also known as Adamantios Lagopoulos. Resident of Warren, Mich., who published the newspapers Ethnikon Vima (Detroit Greek Tribune) and To Vima (National Greek Tribune), in Detroit, Mich.
Scattered writings by and about Lagos, and videotape.

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Manning, John C. (John Charles), 1893-1967.

- John C. Manning papers, 1907-1973.
- 4 linear ft.

Editor of the Detroit Times, later columnist for the Detroit Free Press.

Correspondence, speeches, topical files, photographs, and writings relating to his newspaper career, his interest in Detroit, and his involvement with various Catholic organizations and affairs.

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McGriff, Floyd, 1890-1968.

- Floyd McGriff papers, 1931-1966.
- 0.2 linear ft. and 1 oversize folder.

Newspaper publisher of suburban Detroit.

Correspondence, photographs, and other papers relating to his career and political interests.

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Moody, Blair, 1902-1954.

- Blair Moody papers, 1928-1954 and undated.
- 31 linear ft.

Detroit newspaperman and United States Senator from Michigan.

Correspondence chiefly with his wife, mother and other family members, concerning his 1952 senatorial campaign and his newspaper work in the United States and abroad during World War II; also include Moody's record of voting in the Senate; appointment books; scrapbooks of newspaper articles written by Moody and published for the most part in the Detroit News and Barron's Weekly [34 volumes]; tape recordings; films; addresses; notes; and miscellaneous newspaper articles and other materials; and photographs.

[Finding Aid](#)

Mudge, James Maxwell, 1914-1970.

- James M. Mudge papers, 1951-1970.
- 2 linear ft. and 1 oversize folder.

Newspaper reporter and columnist for Grand Rapids Herald, Grand Rapids, Michigan, bureau chief for Detroit Free Press, and press aide to Congressmen Gerald R. Ford and Guy Vander Jagt.

Correspondence, certificates, drafts of speeches, and clippings of his newspaper articles and columns, including material on Detroit mayor Jerome Cavanagh, especially his campaign for U.S. Senate in 1966.

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Mudge, James Maxwell, 1914-1970.

- James M. Mudge papers 1951-1970
- 1.2 linear ft. and 1 oversize folder.

Newspaper reporter and columnist for Grand Rapids Herald, Grand Rapids, Michigan, bureau chief for Detroit Free Press, and press aide to Congressmen Gerald R. Ford and Guy Vander Jagt.

Correspondence, certificates, drafts of speeches, and clippings of his newspaper articles and columns, including material on Detroit, Michigan, mayor Jerome Cavanagh, especially his campaign for U.S. Senate in 1966. Correspondents include: Robert Griffin, John B. Swainson and G. Mennen Williams.

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O'Brien family.

- O'Brien family (Detroit, Mich.) papers, ca. 1932-1965.
- 0.3 linear ft. and 1 volume.

Papers of the O'Brien family of northern Michigan and Detroit.

Papers and scrapbooks of John H. O'Brien, newsman with the Hearst newspaper chain largely concerning campaign, 1952-1957, for better interstate highway system; and scrapbooks and miscellanea of Michael O'Brien relating to insurance business and to the political campaigns of his brother Patrick H. O'Brien for mayor of Detroit.

[Finding Aid](#)

Scripps, James E. (James Edmund), 1835-1906.

- James E. Scripps papers, 1858-1940.
- 9 linear ft. and 2 oversized volumes

Detroit newspaper publisher

Papers of Scripps and of the James E. Scripps Trust established to ensure that control of Scripps's Evening News Association would remain with his immediate family. Series in the collection include: biographical material, notably unpublished biography and personal diaries, 1858-1868 and 1872-1881; business records of various Scripps newspapers and publishing companies; George H. Scripps probate records; and James E. Scripps trust records.

[Finding Aid](#)

Sicko, Dan.

- Dan Sicko papers 1983-2008 bulk 1993-2003.
- 2.5 linear feet (in 3 boxes).

Daniel S. Sicko was a music journalist and scholar of techno music dedicated to legitimizing Detroit techno and establishing its place in music history. Throughout his career Sicko engaged in extensive researches on the Detroit music industry and on electronic music in general, for which he conducted dozens of interviews with Detroit-based techno artists and producers.

The Dan Sicko Papers comprise over two decades of Sicko's writings and research materials pertaining to the history of Detroit techno music and its role in the electronic music industry. The collection contains materials pertaining to Sicko's book "Techno Rebels: The Renegades of Electronic Funk," articles written over the course of Sicko's career as a freelance music journalist, popular and scholarly articles written by others, industry-specific and general interest periodicals, and sound recordings of interviews with Detroit-based techno artists, producers, and distributors. The collection is divided

into four series: Writings (book and article drafts, including a digital draft on CD-ROM, interview transcripts, and related correspondence), Research Materials (clippings, articles, discographies, photographs, etc.), Periodicals (industry periodicals, some obscure), and Sound Recordings (36 microcassette tapes with recordings of interviews). The Dan Sicko Papers comprise the written work and research undertaken by Sicko on the topic of Detroit techno music and its significance for the broader techno genre.

[Finding Aid](#)

Stark, George W. (George Washington), 1884-1966.

- George W. Stark and Anne Campbell scrapbooks 1907-1908, 1925-1928, and 1938-1940
- 5 volumes (in 1 box).

George W. Stark was a Detroit newspaperman, a feature writer for the Detroit News. During the mid-1920s, he wrote theater reviews. Anne Campbell, wife of George W. Stark, wrote poetry for the Detroit News and was a public speaker in various forums. Scrapbook of columns written by George W. Stark for the Detroit Free Press (1907-08) on various topics, crime reporting and human interest; scrapbooks of theatrical reviews (1925-26) of plays performed in Detroit theaters; scrapbook (1938-40) containing clippings, letters, and photographs relating in part to his book, "In old Detroit"; and scrapbook (1926-28) of Anne Campbell, Detroit News poet, including clippings and publicity.

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University of Michigan. Dept. of Communication.

- Dept. of Communication (University of Michigan) records 1926-1995
- 9.3 linear ft.

Formerly called the Department of Journalism.

Administrative files, records of sponsored workshops, conferences, and lectures; faculty personnel files; and records of internship programs, including reports from students interning at local Michigan newspapers, including the Detroit Free Press, Detroit News, and Detroit Times.

[Finding Aid](#)

Van Arnem, Heidi.

- Heidi Van Arnem papers 1977-2003, bulk 1994-2001
- 3 linear feet and 1 oversize volume.

Disability rights activist and entrepreneur from Birmingham, Mich.

Personal and entrepreneurial files providing biographical information and a history of Van Arnem's business ventures; fundraising and advocacy files documenting Van Arnem's advocacy efforts for people with disabilities, as well as her fundraising efforts for spinal injury research; news clippings, including columns Van Arnem wrote for Detroit newspapers; and photographs and videotapes.

[Finding Aid](#)

Van Coevering, Jack, 1900-

- Jack Van Coevering papers, 1928-1978.
- 21 linear ft.

Detroit Free Press outdoor writer and later faculty member in the University of Michigan School of Natural Resources.

Files of Detroit Free Press outdoor pages and conservation articles, clippings, and photographs, correspondence, and notes on Michigan conservation history, pesticides, pollution, plants and animals, hunting and fishing, parks, rivers and lakes, conservation writing, and ecology; also manuscript of history of conservation in Michigan with background information; and materials gathered for intended biographical study of Michigan conservationists.

[Finding Aid](#)

Wachtel, Stanley Zenon, 1887-1959.

- Stanley Zenon Wachtel papers ca. 1938-ca. 1944
- 1 folder.

Polish language radio broadcaster in Detroit, Michigan. Also known as Stanislaw Wachtel.

Essay by Estelle P. Wachtel-Torres on Polish radio broadcasting in pre-World War II Detroit (2011); biographical information; photographs; and miscellaneous clippings and a letter.

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White, Lee A., b. 1886.

- Lee A. White papers 1909-1960
- 3 folders.

Detroit, Michigan journalist.

Correspondence with Chase and Stella Osborn relating to personal matters and letters from James B. Angell, Earle Dow, Fred Newton Scott, and Claude H. Van Tyne, largely concerning teaching of journalism and University of Michigan lecture series; also correspondence with and writings of Hans Honegger.

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Wilkinson, Warren S.

- Warren S. Wilkinson papers 1967-1989
- 5 v. and .1 linear ft.

Member of the board of the Evening News Association, publishers of the Detroit News. Scrapbooks containing clippings, magazine articles, correspondence, legal documents and other materials relating to the sale of the News in 1985 and the litigation surrounding the sale; also miscellaneous documents relating to sale of newspaper.

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Woodford, Frank Bury, 1903-1967.

- Frank Bury Woodford papers, 1940-1967.
- 3 linear ft.

Detroit journalist and historian.

Correspondence, speeches, scrapbooks, book reviews and manuscripts of unpublished writings; also research materials concerning Lewis Cass, Augustus B. Woodward, Gabriel Richard, and Alexander J. Groesbeck, and papers relating to the Civil War in

Michigan, the development of Harper Hospital in Detroit, the Detroit Public Library, the Detroit Free Press, and the building of the Mackinac Bridge.

[Finding Aid](#)

Political and Social Reform and Activism

Ahwal, Terry.

- Terry Ahwal personal memoir 2009
- 1 item (115 pages)

A native of Ramallah, Palestine, Terry Ahwal immigrated to Detroit, Mich., in 1972. She has worked as Executive Director of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, Assistant Wayne County Executive, and Director of Development at the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan.

Memoir describing her childhood in Palestine, life and work in Detroit, and numerous visits to Palestine. Part of University of Michigan-Dearborn Immigrant Memoir Project.

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Anonymous Association of Suburban People officer.

- Anonymous Association of Suburban People officers papers 1973-2004, bulk 1976-1985.
- 1 linear foot and 1 outsize folder.

The collection was created and collected by an officer of the Association of Suburban People who wishes to remain anonymous. The Association of Suburban People (ASP) was founded in 1976 as a social and political organization for Metropolitan Detroit gays and lesbians (for most of its history it was primarily a gay male organization).

The collection contains legal papers, correspondence, and other official records of the Association of Suburban People, but concentrates on the organization's social activities.

Photographs, flyers, and posters from Hottest Hairy or Hairless Chest Contests, Halloween Contests, and Club Nites are included, events held at the Interchange, the Outlaw, the R & R Saloon, and other Detroit area gay bars. The collection also includes a collection of matchbooks, matchboxes, and buttons.

[Finding Aid](#)

Brown, Gloria.

- Gloria Brown papers, 1964-1967.
- 50 items.

Chairwoman of the Detroit chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality.

Correspondence, news releases, and printed material relating to the activities of the Detroit CORE.

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Dancy, John C. (John Campbell), 1888-1968.

- John C. Dancy papers 1920-1960
- 1 linear ft. and 1 v. [outsize].

Executive director of the Detroit Urban League.

Correspondence, scrapbook, photographs, and miscellanea concerning personal matters, the work of the Urban League, and the concerns of the African American community of Detroit.

[Finding Aid](#)

Davidson, Carlisle G.

- Carlisle Davidson papers 1944-1986
- 1 folder.
Resident of Detroit, Michigan.
Correspondence and miscellanea relating to the Episcopal Peace Fellowship and other religious social action groups in Detroit; also papers relating to the Detroit Round Table of Catholics, Jews and Protestants in the 1940s.
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DeLeon, Linda.

- Linda DeLeon papers 1981-2013.
- 1 linear foot.
President of the Christians for Decency Anti-Pornography Information Center in Wayne County, Michigan.
Anti-pornography and anti-abortion campaigns correspondence, publications, mailing, petitions, and other material produced by the Christians for Decency, American Family Association of Michigan, American Decency Association of Michigan, National Federation for Decency Greater Detroit Chapter, Focus on the Family, and other Michian and national organizations. Majority of the Christians for Decency material relates to Inkster, Mich. anti-pornography and anti-abortion campaigns.
[Finding Aid](#)

DeMeunier, Leon.

- Leon DeMeunier papers, 1960-1964.
- 1 linear ft.
Chairman of the Detroit chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality.
Correspondence, minutes of CORE meetings, and printed materials, relating primarily to the activities of CORE in Detroit, concerning activities against job discrimination, and in support of Freedom Rides into the South in the early 1960s.
[Finding Aid](#)

Detroit (Mich.). Welfare Commission.

- Detroit Welfare Commission records 1927-1935
- 1 microfilm reel : positive.
Minutes of meetings relating to Detroit, Michigan, hospitals and hospital personnel.
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Dignity/Detroit

- Dignity Detroit records, 1974-2004.
- 2.3 linear ft.
Organization established to unite gay Catholics and provide a vehicle through which they might be heard within the Church and by the wider Detroit community.
Organizational files; Executive Council and general membership meeting records; and programs and other materials of organization anniversaries, retreats, and other activities.
[Finding Aid](#)

Donabedian, Avedis.

- Avedis Donabedian papers 1946-2000
- 2.0 linear ft.

Avedis Donabedian was a professor of Public Health at the University of Michigan from 1961 to 1988. He conducted pioneering research in quality assessment of public health and service, developing systematic frameworks for understanding health service and managed healthcare.

The Donabedian papers include biographical material, correspondence, annual activity reports, and files relating to his research interests and professional activities. Papers include studies for the Community Health Association of Detroit, Michigan and background on various publications. Some scattered photographs of Donabedian are also included.

[Finding Aid](#)

Ellis, Ruth, 1899-2000.

- Ruth Ellis papers 1900s-2000
- 3 linear ft. and 1 oversize folder.

African American lesbian from Detroit, Mich.

Biographical information, awards and citations, articles and clippings about her, and photographs.

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Florescu, Stefan.

- Stefan Florescu papers 1946-2001 (bulk 1965-1985)
- 2 linear ft.

As a quadriplegic, Florescu was involved in activities and organizations for the handicapped in the Detroit area. Florescu was founder of Michigan Wheelchair Athletic Committee.

The collection includes personal/biographical material, files relating to his organizational activities, and files pertaining to wheelchair athletics.

[Finding Aid](#)

Gardner, Nannette Brown Ellingwood, 1828-1900.

- Nannette B. E. Gardner papers, 1871-1893.
- 0.1 linear ft. and 1 oversize folder.

Detroit woman suffrage leader.

Scrapbooks containing biographical sketch of Mrs. Gardner and members of her family; two pages of a diary on voting in Detroit, 1871; miscellaneous papers which largely relate to woman suffrage; and visual materials.

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Gray Panthers - Metro North (Mich.)

- Gray Panthers - Metro North records, 1979-1995.
- 0.2 linear ft.

Chapter of the Gray Panthers serving the northern Detroit suburbs.

Organizational material including minutes of meetings and newsletters; also photographs.

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Grimes, Lucia Isabelle Voorhees, 1877-1978.

- Lucia I. V. Grimes papers, 1912-1949.
- 4 linear ft. and 3 oversize items.

Suffragist, leader of the Michigan Branch of the National Woman's Party, and candidate for the Michigan legislature in 1924.

Correspondence, newspaper clippings, pamphlets, periodicals and other materials concerning her activities in the Michigan Equal Suffrage Association, the Legislative Council of Michigan Women, the National Woman's Party, and the Republican Party; also photographs.

[Finding Aid](#)

Haller, Douglas M.

- Douglas M. Haller papers 1978-2011, bulk 1979-1982
- 1 linear foot and 1 oversize folder.

Archivist and information officer active in various Gay/Lesbian organizations, notably the Association of Suburban People (ASP).

The collection related mainly to Haller's activities with ASP and includes membership materials, executive board minutes and agendas, reports of the information officer, files relating to ASP's political action committee, published material and scattered photographs.

[Finding Aid](#)

Jabara, Abdeen, 1940-

- Abdeen M. Jabara papers, 1956-1986 (bulk 1968-1983).
- 9 linear ft.

New York attorney originally based in Detroit. Jabara was concerned with issues of civil rights of Arab Americans and the rights of Arabs living or traveling in the United States. He challenged practice of law enforcement agencies to collect information and maintain surveillance of Arabs and Arab Americans. Jabara was involved in the murder trial of Sirhan Sirhan and the extradition case of Ziad Abu Eain.

Litigation and case files; subject files regarding his Arab American activism, organizational involvements, and participation in the Middle East delegation of the National Lawyers Guild.

[Finding Aid](#)

Kavanaugh, John L.

- John L. Kavanaugh papers 1970-2011, bulk 1990s-2000s
- 4 linear feet (in 5 boxes).

John Kavanaugh is Detroit, Mich. resident and social activist. He has been active in GLBT movement since 1968, was member of Detroit's Gay Liberation Front, founding member and first lay head of Metropolitan Community Church of Detroit, Integrity, ONE, GLBT Caucus of the Episcopal Church, Detroit chapter of Black and White Men Together, and the Triangle Foundation of Detroit. Kavanaugh also has been active in public transit causes.

Correspondence, records of organizations, conference materials; writings by Kavanaugh and by others; publications of organizations and Kavanaugh's self-published periodicals; and news clippings. Also included 1 audiocassette and a CD-ROM, and some photographs; and oversize materials.

[Finding Aid](#)

Kleinman, Rose Parker, 1914-1977.

- Rose P. Kleinman papers, 1947-1977, bulk 1964-1977.
- 2 linear ft.

Detroit social activist and reformer.

Correspondence and subject files relating to her interest in cooperatives, especially organizations concerned with low-income, open housing projects; also photographs and audiotapes.

[Finding Aid](#)

Kundak, Jennifer.

- Jennifer Kundak papers, 1977-1990.
- 0.6 linear feet.

Feminist, staff member with Planned Parenthood of Detroit, also member of other health care related organizations.

Published material; videotape (and DVD copy) featuring Michael and Jennifer Kundak upon occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Planned Parenthood organization, 1990; sound cassettes of radio programs with Jennifer Kundak speaking on women's issues, including birth control, abortion, and alternatives to abortion.

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M.O.S.E.S.

- M.O.S.E.S. records, 1993-2003 (bulk 1998-2001).
- 3 linear ft.

Inter-racial, inter-faith organization established in 1997 to strengthen metropolitan Detroit congregations and communities through social programs, leadership training, and encouragement of civic participation. M.O.S.E.S was formed from three faith-based organizations: Jeremiah, West Detroit Inter-faith Community Organization, and NOAH. The name M.O.S.E.S. is an acronym for Metropolitan Organizing Strategy Enabling Strength.

History and background materials, financial files, executive board files, and records of Jeremiah Project Board.

[Finding Aid](#)

Marsh, Pliny W., 1876-

- Pliny W. Marsh papers 1936, ca. 1945, 1956 and undated
- 1 folder.

Legal counsel and political strategist for the Michigan Anti-Saloon League, secretary of the Detroit Citizens League, Detroit Recorder's Court judge, and advocate of prison reform.

Reminiscence, ca. 1945, of Michigan Anti-Saloon League, 1903-1911, and of the Citizens League, 1912-1916; report on the state penal system, 1936; history of Narcotic Education Association of Michigan; and miscellanea.

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McCauley, Dorothy.

- Dorothy McCauley papers, 1961-1989.
- 1.5 linear ft.

Organizer and executive director of the Dav-Joy-Lin-Dex Community Council, Detroit network of neighborhood block organization; community activist concerned with neighborhood youth and senior citizen programs, and with interest in matters of zoning, health, housing, and police-community relations.

Newsletters and minutes of executive committee of the Dav-Joy-Lin-Dex Community Council; newsletters of area block clubs; files relating to her community and organizational involvement; published materials; and photographs.

[Finding Aid](#)

Michigan Organization for Human Rights.

- Michigan Organization for Human Rights records 1970-1995
- 13 linear ft. (14 boxes) and 1 oversize folder.

Organization established in 1977 to serve as resource for different human rights organizations. The organization early on focused on issues of civil rights for lesbians and gay men.

Administrative files include minutes, reports, and agendas; correspondence; topical files; clippings, and audio-tapes (1973-1982) of gay radio broadcasts on station WDET in Detroit.

[Finding Aid](#)

Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion.

- Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion records 1941-2006
- 4.5 linear feet, 21 oversize volumes, and 1 oversize folder.

Organization originally established in 1940 as the Detroit Round Table of Catholics, Jews and Protestants. The organization held seminars and workshops, sponsored lectures, and organized annual Brotherhood Week events. The name of the organization has had several name changes. In 2006, it became the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion.

Scrapbooks, 1942-1952; program files; record books detailing activities of the Women's Division of the Greater Detroit Round Table, 1952-1992; and photographs.

[Finding Aid](#)

Michigan Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

- Michigan Woman's Christian Temperance Union records, 1874-1991.
- 15.3 linear ft.

Papers of early W.C.T.U. workers, Alice E. H. Peters and Ella Eaton Kellogg, both including correspondence with Frances Willard and Anna A. Gordon; also minutes and

other records of individual Michigan W.C.T.U. districts and chapters. Included are secretary's records for the Detroit Federation, 1959-1965 (3 volumes)

[Finding Aid](#)

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (Organization). Wayne County Chapter (Mich.)

- Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Wayne County Chapter records, 1982-1986.
- 0.3 linear ft.
Established in 1982, this chapter also served as state headquarters until 1986. Reports to national office, including financial summaries; minutes of meetings, bulletins, and newsletters; and newspaper clippings.
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Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (Detroit, Mich.)

- Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (Detroit, Mich.), 1986-1996.
- 0.8 linear ft.
Detroit chapter of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (also called PFLAG) established in 1986 by Bill and Harriet Dart as an informational support group. Records of organization include minutes, financial reports, newsletters, photographs, videocassette recordings, correspondence, promotional materials, clippings, and photographs.
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Planned Parenthood League, Inc. (Detroit, Mich.)

- Planned Parenthood League, Inc. records, 1932-1979.
- 9 linear ft.
Records of the Planned Parenthood League, Inc., Detroit and Oakland County affiliate of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America. Histories, board of directors file, and committee records; grants, clinic reports, and applications; records detailing their relationship with the Planned Parenthood Federation of America and various Michigan organizations and agencies; and photographs.
[Finding Aid](#)

Ravitz, Allyn.

- Allyn Ravitz papers 1973-1997
- 0.6 linear feet.
Feminist attorney from Detroit, Michigan. Topical files relating to cases in which she was involved; organizational activities, especially the Feminist Federal Credit Union; and feminist issues and interests, including credit and housing discrimination, sexual harassment, etc.
Search [Mirlyn](#)

Responsible Enterprise Association Educational Foundation.

- Responsible Enterprise Association Educational Foundation records 1945-1972
- 0.1 linear feet and 1 oversize folder.

Conservative libertarian organization founded by Royal D. Rood, at one time a chemistry teacher at the St. Matthew Lutheran School in Detroit, Mich. The organization held anti-government views.

Addresses by Royal D. Rood, newsletters, bulletins, and pamphlets published by the Association, as well as several pieces of correspondence with St. Matthew Lutheran School.

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Roberts, Carmen A.

- Carmen A. Roberts papers, 1972-1981.
- 5 linear in. and 1 volume.

Member of the Detroit school board and a leader of the anti-busing movement in Detroit. Correspondence, speeches, clippings, legal brief, organizational miscellanea, and collected pro- and anti-busing materials; also photographs and motion picture film.

[Finding Aid](#)

Rogers, Felix J., 1947-

- Felix J. Rogers papers, 1985-1991.
- 0.5 linear ft.

Physician involved with peace organizations, notably Physicians for Social Responsibility, an organization opposed to nuclear weapons testing and the construction of nuclear power plants.

Files relating to activities with the Physicians for Social Responsibility-Detroit and with the Episcopal Peace Fellowship.

[Finding Aid](#)

Save Our Sons and Daughters (Organization)

- Save Our Sons and Daughters records, 1987-1992.
- 2 linear ft.

Detroit-based civic organization (known as SOSAD) formed to educate the public to the problem of teen violence and youth homicide.

Topical files, correspondence, and videotape relating to organizational programs and activities.

[Finding Aid](#)

Tennyson, Katharine

- Katharine Tennyson papers, 1969-1973.
- 0.5 linear ft.

Detroit, Michigan, nurse, active in organizations dedicated to the reform of Michigan abortion laws.

Notes on meetings, flyers, minutes, financial miscellanea relating to her support and participation in the Michigan Organization for the Repeal of Abortion Laws, the Michigan Abortion Referendum Committee, and other abortion reform groups.

[Finding Aid](#)

Tessmer, Raymond.

- Proceedings of the trial of the People vs. Raymond Tessmer 1939
- 0.2 linear feet.

Raymond Tessmer, member of the United Auto Workers and supporter of former union president Homer Martin. Tessmer was accused of criminal libel by Maurice Sugar, the union's general counsel under president R. J. Thomas. Tessmer was represented by Larry Davidow, a union attorney identified with Martin. The case revolved around issues of Communism in the UAW. The trial took place in Detroit Recorder's Court, before Judge Thomas M. Cotter.

Trial transcript. The transcript is incomplete, ending at p. 236 and lacking a portion of the judge's charge to the jury.

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Travelers Aid Society of Metropolitan Detroit

- Travelers Aid Society of Metropolitan Detroit records, 1929-1999 (bulk 1950-1985)
- 0.3 linear ft.

The Travelers Aid Society of Metropolitan Detroit was established in 1907, as part of St. John's Episcopal Church, with an emphasis on helping young women who arrived in the city alone. Services expanded, and in 1923 the Society became an independent organization, no longer associated with the church. The Society is now a member of the National Travelers Aid Association and focuses on helping many groups of people, including women, immigrants, individuals in the military, and other travelers with special needs. Their services include providing information on obtaining food and shelter for stranded and homeless individuals, orienting new arrivals to the services and rules of the city, and counseling runaway children.

Brochures, newspaper clippings, histories, and official documents of the Society, including the charter, constitution, and a few reports to directors; also videotapes of public affairs programs featuring the Travelers Aid Society.

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Triangle Foundation.

- Triangle Foundation records, 1987-1999 (bulk 1990-1994).
- 6 linear ft.

The Triangle Foundation is a gay and lesbian civil rights and advocacy organization, located in Detroit. It was formed in 1990. Its programs include an anti-violence project, media activism, and legislative education on gay civil rights. While its focus is on southeast Michigan, Triangle collaborates with other groups across the state and nationally.

Minutes, correspondence, press releases, case statements, and publications of the Triangle Foundation; news clippings documenting issues relevant to the gay/lesbian community and of Triangle activities; and videotapes of local cable television newsmagazine, Lambda Digest.

[Finding Aid](#)

Van Arnem, Heidi.

- Heidi Van Arnem papers 1977-2003, bulk 1994-2001
- 3 linear feet and 1 oversize volume.

Disability rights activist and entrepreneur from Birmingham, Mich. Personal and entrepreneurial files providing biographical information and a history of Van Arnhem's business ventures; fundraising and advocacy files documenting Van Arnhem's advocacy efforts for people with disabilities, as well as her fundraising efforts for spinal injury research; news clippings, including columns Van Arnhem wrote for Detroit newspapers; and photographs and videotapes.

[Finding Aid](#)

Warshay, Diana.

- Diana Warshay papers, 1971-1979.
- 2 linear ft.

Michigan sociologist specializing in areas of abortion rights and crisis intervention training. She conducted a study of abortion referral agencies 1971-1973, one of whose members was the Michigan Clergy Counseling Service. She was also coordinator of the Detroit Police Department's Social Conflict Research Project, 1978-1979, and was one of the founders of the Tri-County Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

The collection includes correspondence, minutes, bylaws, newsletters, grant applications, and other materials relating to her work in studying abortion and domestic abuse cases.

[Finding Aid](#)

Wohlfield, Shirley.

- Shirley Wohlfield papers, 1972-1978.
- 1 linear ft. and 1 oversize volume.

Detroit anti-busing activist.

Correspondence, speeches, minutes of meetings, and other materials relating to her involvement with anti-busing organizations, principally Northeast Mothers Alert, Mothers Alert Detroit, and the National Association for Neighborhood Schools; also files detailing involvement with Happiness of Women (HOW) and the 14th Congressional District Republican Committee; and scrapbook containing clippings and photographs relating to anti-busing rallies and activities.

[Finding Aid](#)

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti Branch.

- Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti Branch records, 1938-1996.
- 1 linear ft.

Correspondence, minutes, newsletters and newspaper clippings concerning activities of the Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti branch; also collected materials from the state chapter and from local branches in Detroit, Ingham County, Oakland County, Rouge Valley, and Traverse City, Michigan.

[Finding Aid](#)

Politics, Government, and City Services

Newspaper history of the Detroit street railway system, ca. 1899

- 5 volumes.
Mimeographed typescripts of articles relating to Detroit's street railway system, 1862-1899.
Search [Mirlyn](#)

Ankenbrandt, Stephen W.

- Stephen W. Ankenbrandt scrapbooks 1916-1941.
- 11 volumes.
Postal worker.
Newspaper clippings concerning the United States Postal Service in Detroit and the activities of the locals of the National Association of Letter Carriers and the Michigan Federation of Post Office Clerks.
Search [Mirlyn](#)

Bradley, Martin R., 1888-

- Martin R. Bradley papers, 1918-1961.
- 2 linear ft.
Democratic state representative from Menominee County, Michigan, in the Upper Peninsula, 1923-1925 and 1927-1935.
Correspondence, subject files, and clippings and scrapbooks primarily relating to his legislative career. The collection includes two files relating to the arbitration of the Detroit Street Railway dispute in 1949.
[Finding Aid](#)

Brewer, Clarence E., 1892-1964.

- Clarence E. Brewer papers, 1914-1964.
- 2 linear ft.
Pioneer in the public recreation movement, Detroit Recreation Commissioner.
Correspondence, memoranda, and printed matter relating to the work of the War Camp Community Service program in the 1920s.
[Finding Aid](#)

Brownell, Samuel Miller, 1900-

- Samuel Miller Brownell and Esther Delzell Brownell papers 1900-2003
- 14 linear feet and 1 oversize item.
Samuel Miller Brownell was an educator and school administrator who served as U.S. Commissioner of Education from 1953-1956 and as Superintendent of Detroit Public Schools from 1956-1966. He was married to Esther Delzell Brownell.
Personal papers of the Brownell family and some professional papers of Samuel Miller Brownell. Materials include correspondence, largely between Esther and Samuel Brownell, scrapbooks of clippings, photographs, correspondence, and newsletters, and miscellaneous household papers and ephemera.
[Finding Aid](#)

Burt, Flora, collector.

- Flora Burt family papers 1820s-1980s
- 3 linear ft. and 1 oversize folder.

Historical documents, family papers, and photographs accumulated and maintained by Flora Burt relating to the Burt family and to other family lines. Included are materials and information pertaining to James P. McKinstry, officer in the U.S. Navy in the 19th century, and to John R. Williams, 1st mayor of Detroit. The collection also contains letters, 1839-1846, to William A. Burt from his son Alvin Burt, then doing survey work in Iowa; also letter, 1845, from William Burt to Alvin Burt, describing the solar compass that he patented.

[Finding Aid](#)

Conely, Edwin Forrest, 1847-1902.

- Edwin Forrest Conely scrapbook, May-December 1882.
- 1 volume.

Detroit superintendent of police.

Scrapbook containing newspaper clippings with accounts of police matters in which Conely was involved.

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Cudlip, William B., 1904-

- William Byrnes Cudlip papers, 1922-1985.
- 9 linear ft.

Detroit attorney, Republican regent of the University of Michigan.

Files relating to his activities as regent of the University of Michigan, 1963-1972, to his work as delegate to Michigan's Constitutional Convention, 1961-1962, and as general counsel for the Michigan Bankers Association, 1932-1953; personal and political correspondence, 1922-1985, detailing in part his involvement in Republican Party affairs, especially his friendship with Michigan senator Arthur H. Vandenberg and his support of Vandenberg's candidacy for the Republican nomination for president in 1940; speeches relating mainly to banking during the depression.

[Finding Aid](#)

Cushing, George William, 1888-1968.

- George Cushing papers and sound recordings, 1942-1955.
- 1.3 linear feet and ca. 230 audio-tapes.

News editor and vice president of Detroit radio station WJR; moderator of radio program, In Our Opinion.

Correspondence, radio transcripts, scrapbooks, broadcast discs, and audio-tapes of discs; include material concerning career of Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg, the senatorial campaign of 1942 between Prentiss Brown and Homer Ferguson, and radio broadcasting in general.

[Finding Aid](#)

Democratic Party (Mich.). 17th Congressional District Official Democratic Party Organization.

- 17th Congressional District Official Democratic Party Organization records, 1968-1985.
- 1 linear ft.
Congressional district encompassing Oakland County and parts of Detroit.
Election files, 1968-1980; minutes of meetings; newsletters of Liberal Conference of 17th District Democrats; and subject files.
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Denby, Edwin, 1870-1929.

- Edwin Denby papers 1845-1846 and 1880-1929
- 2.4 linear ft. Photographs .4 linear ft.
Detroit attorney; U.S. Congressman, 1905-1911; and U.S. Secretary of the Navy, 1921-1924.
Correspondence, 1880-1927, concerning personal matters, business affairs, and political activities; letters to Mrs. Denby regarding Denby's death; articles, speeches, notes and memoranda on various topics including the Panama Canal, Boxer Indemnity, United States Navy, and oil leases; photostats of letters exchanged between Nathaniel Denby and George Bancroft, 1845-1846; and photographs. Correspondents include: Joseph G. Cannon, Calvin Coolidge, James J. Couzens, Josephus Daniels, Fred W. Green, William H. Hobbs, Herbert C. Hoover, Truman H. Newberry, Chase S. Osborn, Elihu Root, Arthur J. Tuttle, Arthur H. Vandenberg, Henry C. Wallace, and Curtis Dwight Wilbur.
[Finding Aid](#)

Dingell, John D. (John David), 1894-1955.

- John D. Dingell papers, 1932-1956.
- 4 linear ft.
Democratic U.S. Congressman from Michigan's 15th District.
Biographical material; speeches, press releases, and interviews; and legislation files concerning the bills introduced in Congress by Dingell (Restricted access).
[Finding Aid](#)

Dreyfuss, Allan L., 1919-2011.

- Allan L. Dreyfuss papers 1948-1991
- 4.5 linear feet.
Foreign correspondent for Reuters stationed in Germany after World War II; speech-writer for New York mayor Robert F. Wagner and for executives of the Ford Motor Company; member of the Public Affairs staff of the New Detroit Committee.
The Allan Dreyfuss collection has been arranged into the following series: Career (prior to 1963); Articles/Speeches written; New Detroit Committee; Ford Motor Company; and Political. The bulk of the papers relate to his work after 1963 when he came to work with the Ford Motor Company as a speech writer for the company's top executives: Henry Ford II, Alex Trotman, Donald Petersen, H. A. Poling, among others. There are also subject files, reports, and notes of meetings relating to the work of New Detroit.
[Finding Aid](#)

Earle, Horatio Sawyer, 1855-1935.

- Horatio S. Earle diaries 1870-1934
- 1 linear ft. (51 v.).

Detroit, Michigan, salesman, president of the Earle Equipment Company and Michigan State Highway Commissioner.

Descriptions of farm and road equipment sales, the good roads movement, the League of American Wheelmen, and Michigan politics, including the 1912 election.

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Gomon, Josephine Fellows, 1892-1975.

- Josephine Fellows Gomon papers, 1913-1975.
- 10 linear ft. and 2 oversize volumes.

Executive secretary to Detroit Mayor Frank Murphy, 1930-1933, chairwoman of the Mayor's Unemployment Committee, later director of the Detroit Housing Commission, candidate for Detroit public office, and director of women personnel at the Willow Run Bomber Plant during World War II.

Correspondence and diaries concerning the Murphy mayoralty, Clarence Darrow and the Ossian Sweet murder trial of 1925, and local Detroit politics; and photographs.

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Griffiths, Martha Wright, 1912-

- Martha W. Griffiths papers, 1956-1976.
- 60 linear ft. and 8 oversize volumes

Detroit attorney, Democratic member of the U.S. House of Representatives, 1955-1974, and member of the House Ways and Means Committee. Griffiths' district included a portion of Detroit.

Congressional papers, arranged by term, include legislative files, bills files, topical files, schedules, sound recordings, photographs, motion pictures, and scrapbooks. The collection details relationship with colleagues and constituents and pertains to committee activities, legislation sponsored, and issues of the day. Topics of interest include civil rights, the war in Vietnam, Sleeping Bear Dunes, the humane slaughtering of animals, the economy and the fiscal policy of the federal government, women's rights, the Equal Rights Amendment, economic problems of women, and the need for national health insurance legislation.

[Finding Aid](#)

Hart, Philip A. (Philip Aloysius), 1912-1976.

- Philip A. Hart papers, 1948-1976.
- 281 linear ft., 3 oversize volumes and 2 oversize folders.

Democratic U.S. Senator from Michigan, 1959-1976.

Legislative, staff, and press files; other records relating to operation of Hart office; speeches and press releases; political materials detailing Democratic Party activities and his election campaigns in 1964 and 1970; and photographs and films; include materials documenting the legislative issues of the 1960s and 1970s, especially civil rights, environmental protection, and the Vietnam War.

[Finding Aid](#)

Heineman, David Emil, 1865-1935.

- David Emil Heineman papers, 1899-1912.
- 18 volumes. and 1 oversize folder.
Detroit merchant and attorney, state legislator from Wayne County, Michigan, later Detroit city councilman.
Newspaper clippings relating to his political career and Detroit politics; also photograph album of the Heineman home, and memorial clippings on his death. Poem written by Isidore Frankel, 1886, and dedicated to Emil Heineman, David Heineman's father.
[Finding Aid](#)

Karlstrom, Signe.

- Signe Karlstrom papers, 1954-1979.
- 1 folder.
Detroit area civic leader.
Correspondence exchanged with Thomas Schippers, conductor of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra.
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Kemp, Edward Gearing, 1887-1962.

- Edward G. Kemp papers, 1920-1962 and undated.
- 1.5 linear ft. and 1 oversize folder.
Detroit attorney and aide of Frank Murphy.
Correspondence and other papers dealing with personal and professional affairs, particularly his work with Murphy in the Philippines and service as an assistant U.S. Attorney General; also, scrapbook, 1933-1962, with photographs, clippings, and other memorabilia of his public career.
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Kennedy, G. Donald (George Donald), 1900-

- G. Donald Kennedy papers, 1928-1968.
- 6 linear ft. and 15 oversize volumes.
Civil engineer, Michigan state highway commissioner, and president of the Portland Cement Company in Chicago.
Correspondence, speeches, scrapbooks, photographs, and reports relating to his professional career; contain files relating to his work as municipal engineer in Pontiac, with the Mackinac Straits Bridge Authority, the American Association of State Highway Officials, the Automotive Safety Foundation, and the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority; include papers relating to highway and airport construction, to economic mobilization during World War II, the Willow Run Bomber Plant, Democratic Party politics, and the campaign visit of Franklin Roosevelt to Michigan in 1936. Included are materials on the development of the Detroit freeway system and of the expressway to the Willow Run bomber plant during World War II.
[Finding Aid](#)

Lacy, Arthur J. (Arthur Jay), 1876-1975.

- Arthur J. Lacy papers, 1891-1975.
- 10 linear ft. and 1 oversize volume.
Detroit attorney and judge, Democratic candidate for governor in 1934.
Correspondence, legal case files, family materials, speeches, essays, diary notes, financial materials, newspaper clippings, scrapbooks, photographs, and transcript of oral interview.
[Finding Aid](#)

League of Women Voters of Detroit.

- League of Women Voters of Detroit records, 1931-1988.
- 4 linear ft.
Board meeting minutes, correspondence, newsletters, position statements on various statements, and pamphlets and other publications; also visual materials; subjects covered by files include environmental quality, education, and women's rights issues.
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League of Women Voters of Michigan.

- League of Women Voters of Michigan records, 1924-1985.
- 31 linear ft.
Papers of the state office of the League of Women Voters.
Minutes, annual reports, presidents' letters, legislative programs, issue files concerning its involvement with such issues as child welfare, civil service, the Constitutional Convention of 1961-1962, election law reform, environmental quality, fair employment practices, human resources, reapportionment, taxation, and voters services; also include materials relating to local branch offices.
[Finding Aid](#)

Leonard, Donald S. (Donald Sparling), 1903-1976.

- Donald S. Leonard papers, 1925-1966.
- 33 linear ft. and 1 oversize folder.
Michigan Director of Civil Defense, 1943-1952; Commissioner of the Michigan State Police, 1947-1952; Detroit Police Commissioner, 1952-1954; Republican candidate for governor in 1954; officer in various police organizations, including the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police and the International Association of Chiefs of Police; chairman of the Liquor Control Commission, 1964-1966; and Detroit Recorder's Court Judge, 1966-1976.
Correspondence, memoranda, reports, photographs, and other materials concerning his law enforcement and political activities.
[Finding Aid](#)

Lincoln, James H.

- James H. Lincoln papers, [ca. 1949-ca. 1980].
- 3 linear ft.
Detroit and Harbor Beach, Michigan, resident and Detroit city councilman and later Wayne County juvenile court judge.
Notebooks containing copies of clippings, letters, speeches and other materials concerning his career, the career of Justice Frank Murphy, the development of Detroit's

water system in the 1950s, and the genealogy of the Lincoln family of Harbor Beach, Michigan.

[Finding Aid](#)

Michigan. Circuit Court (Wayne County)

- Wayne County Circuit Court papers, 1822-1851.
- 3 linear ft. (34 reels microfilm: positive and negative, and ca. 2000 items)
Court journals, calendars, and case files; photocopy of court agenda, 1838; and miscellaneous case listings and indices.
Photostatic copies of portions of the microfilmed records available.
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Moody, Blair, 1902-1954.

- Blair Moody papers, 1928-1954 and undated.
- 31 linear ft.
Detroit newspaperman and United States Senator from Michigan.
Correspondence chiefly with his wife, mother and other family members, concerning his 1952 senatorial campaign and his newspaper work in the United States and abroad during World War II; also include Moody's record of voting in the Senate; appointment books; scrapbooks of newspaper articles written by Moody and published for the most part in the Detroit News and Barron's Weekly [34 volumes]; tape recordings; films; addresses; notes; and miscellaneous newspaper articles and other materials; and photographs.
[Finding Aid](#)

Moore, George William, b. 1847.

- George William Moore papers 1874-1941
- 5 linear feet, 3 oversize volumes, and 1 oversize folder.
Detroit attorney; member of the Michigan Democratic Party State Central Committee; supporter of William Jennings Bryan in his three presidential campaigns.
Correspondence, letterpress books, and other records of the law firm of Moore & Moore; scattered materials relating to his involvement in the Democratic Party of Michigan; and correspondence from family members living in Romulus, Michigan.
[Finding Aid](#)

Mudge, James Maxwell, 1914-1970.

- James M. Mudge papers 1951-1970
- 1.2 linear ft. and 1 oversize folder.
Newspaper reporter and columnist for Grand Rapids Herald, Grand Rapids, Michigan, bureau chief for Detroit Free Press, and press aide to Congressmen Gerald R. Ford and Guy Vander Jagt.
Correspondence, certificates, drafts of speeches, and clippings of his newspaper articles and columns, including material on Detroit, Michigan, mayor Jerome Cavanagh, especially his campaign for U.S. Senate in 1966. Correspondents include: Robert Griffin, John B. Swainson and G. Mennen Williams.
[Finding Aid](#)

Murphy, Frank, 1890-1949.

- Frank Murphy papers, 1908-1949.
- 106 linear ft., 39 volumes, and 2 oversize folders
Detroit Recorder's Court Judge, Mayor of Detroit, Governor of Michigan, Governor-General of the Philippines, U.S. Attorney General, and Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.
Correspondence, reports, speeches, scrapbooks and other papers relating to his personal life and public career, with extensive material on Detroit and Michigan politics, Philippine Islands in the thirties, sit-down strikes of 1937 and New Deal politics, Presidency of Franklin D. Roosevelt and international affairs; also photographs and other visual materials.

[Finding Aid](#)

Murphy, George, 1897-1961.

- George Murphy papers, 1911-1961.
- 15 linear ft. and 1 volume.
Judge of Detroit Recorder's Court and aide to his brother Frank Murphy.
Correspondence, legal briefs, grand jury findings and public hearings, newspaper clippings, and other materials concerning Detroit politics, 1935-1961, campaign of Franklin D. Roosevelt for presidency in 1932, grand jury investigation of Detroit street railways, 1936, arbitration of labor disputes, 1936-1941, and investigation of Charles Street housing project in Detroit, 1939-1940; also interview, 1957, concerning Frank Murphy and his role in sit-down strike of 1937, and other materials relating to public careers and personal affairs of Murphy family, particularly in relation to Detroit politics and Philippine Islands.

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Murphy, Marguerite.

- Marguerite Murphy papers, 1901-1949.
- 4 linear ft.
Papers of Marguerite Murphy Teahan of Detroit.
Correspondence with her parents and brothers, Frank and George, and clippings and other materials relating to Frank Murphy's career as Recorder's Court judge and as Governor General and U.S. High Commissioner to the Philippines.

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O'Brien family.

- O'Brien family (Detroit, Mich.) papers, ca. 1932-1965.
- 0.3 linear ft. and 1 volume.
Papers of the O'Brien family of northern Michigan and Detroit.
Papers and scrapbooks of John H. O'Brien, newsman with the Hearst newspaper chain largely concerning campaign, 1952-1957, for better interstate highway system; and scrapbooks and miscellanea of Michael O'Brien relating to insurance business and to the political campaigns of his brother Patrick H. O'Brien for mayor of Detroit.

[Finding Aid](#)

O'Hara, James G.

- James G. O'Hara papers, 1958-1987.
- 53 linear ft. and 2 oversize volumes.
Democratic congressman from Michigan, member of the House committees on Education and Labor, Interior and Insular Affairs, Budget, and the Joint Committee on Congressional Operations; and chairman of the Democratic Study Group, 1967-1968, and chairman of the Democratic Party Commission on Rules, 1969-1972. O'Hara's district included a portion of the city of Detroit.
Congressional files, political files, Democratic Party materials; and photographs.
[Finding Aid](#)

Patchin, Jared, 1828-1892.

- Jared Patchin scrapbook 1852-1903
- 1 volume.
Graduate of the University of Michigan, class of 1853, later Wayne County Circuit Court judge.
Scrapbook containing clippings, programs, and memorabilia of general interest; included is a letter of reference written by University of Michigan president Henry P. Tappan. The scrapbook contains items added after Patchin's death.
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Patrick, Lawrence C.

- Lawrence C. Patrick, Jr. papers, 1987-2009.
- 0.7 linear feet.
Attorney, member and president of the Detroit Board of Education (1989-1995), educational reformer active in his support of local school control through empowerment agreements, charters, and other related management options.
Files relating to his involvement in Group of Organized Detroiters for Quality Education (GOOD), 1987-1989, his campaign to the Detroit Board of Education in 1988, his efforts to implement reforms and school empowerment through local control of budget, personnel, curriculum, etc.; also speeches, clippings, and collected reports and studies relating to issues within the Detroit Public School system.
[Finding Aid](#)

Pingree, Hazen S., 1840-1901.

- Hazen Stuart Pingree papers, 1896 and 1901.
- 3 items.
Mayor of Detroit and governor of Michigan.
Mayor's annual report to Detroit Common Council, 1896, and letter to King Edward VII of England, 1901; also includes passport, 1901.
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Pistorius, Frederick.

- Frederick Pistorius letter 1862
- 1 item.

Soldier from Detroit, Michigan who served as a first lieutenant in the Ninth Michigan Cavalry during the Civil War.

Letter to the Reverend Mr. Hildner concerning impending draft.

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Rickey, Joseph.

- Joseph Rickey papers, 1850-1862.
- 5 items.

Detroit businessman.

Four business papers and a letter from Lewis Cass, 1850, on action by territorial legislatures on slavery issue.

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Romney, George W., 1907-

- George W. Romney pre-gubernatorial subgroup, 1939-1962.
- 21 linear ft. (includes 6 linear ft. of sound recordings of speeches)

President of American Motors, governor of Michigan.

Biographical information; personal, family, and church correspondence; speeches and articles; files from his service with Nash-Kelvinator and American Motors; and subject files detailing civic involvement with Citizens for Michigan, revision of the Michigan constitution, and his gubernatorial campaign in 1962. The library also houses the gubernatorial papers of George Romney.

[Finding Aid](#)

Roth, Stephen J.

- Bradley v. Milliken case files 1962-1976, bulk 1970-1974
- 12 linear feet.

Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, 1962-1974. Judge Roth presided over the school desegregation case of Bradley v. Milliken where he ruled that the Detroit Public School system was guilty of de jure segregation and ordered the implementation of an inter-district metropolitan busing plan to achieve integration.

Roth's ruling was overturned in the U.S. Supreme Court in 1974 (Milliken v. Bradley).

The collection consists of Roth's files on the Bradley v. Milliken case. Included are trial materials (pleadings, desegregation plans, court transcripts, etc.), appellate materials, opinions and orders, correspondence, and clippings.

[Finding Aid](#)

Schmidt, Carl Ernest, 1856-1934.

- Carl Ernest Schmidt scrapbooks, 1892-1935.
- 16 volumes.

Detroit German-American businessman.

Newspaper clippings, printed articles, photographs, ink drawings, and handwritten sections concerning his role on the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, 1892-1894, the State Board of Arbitration and Mediation, 1897-1898, and the State Forest Inquiry Commission, 1907-1908.

[Finding Aid](#)

Schnell, Alma.

- Alma Schnell papers 1927-1938 and undated, bulk 1933-1935.
- 0.3 linear feet.

Alma Schnell (nee Thurkow) was secretary of Frank Murphy, the last U.S. Governor-General of the Philippines (1933-1935) and mayor of Detroit (1930-1933). Schnell resided in Detroit during Murphy's tenure as Governor-General.

Schnell's correspondence constitutes the bulk of the collection. Correspondence includes Schnell's exchanges with Murphy's office staffers, most notably with Edward G. Kemp, Murphy's aide. Also included printed addresses by Murphy, press releases, newspaper clippings, several photographs, and legal documents.

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Sinclair, John, 1941-

- John and Leni Sinclair papers, 1957-1999.
- 60.5 linear ft., 1 oversize folder, and 1 oversize volume.

John and Leni Sinclair were leaders of the counterculture movement in Michigan, organizers of radical social, political, and cultural endeavors primarily in the areas of music, poetry, graphic design, and community welfare projects. John Sinclair was also a performer and producer of jazz performances. He also had numerous radio programs about jazz that he produced and moderated in Detroit and New Orleans.

Papers and photographs relating to all phases of their careers, including participation in the Artists' Workshop in Detroit, the Rainbow Multi-Media Corporation, the White Panther Party and its offshoot, the Rainbow Peoples Party; also materials concerning the legalization of marijuana, radical politics, and prison reform. The papers dated 1979-1999 relate to the career of John Sinclair as a writer of poetry and performer/producer of jazz and rock concerts.

[Finding Aid](#)

Smith, Gerald L. K. (Gerald Lyman Kenneth), 1898-

- Gerald L. K. Smith papers, 1922-1976.
- 102 linear ft.

Founder of the America First Party, head of the Christian Nationalist Crusade, and outspoken anti-Semite. During the 1930s, Smith was a vocal opponent of communism and the CIO. In 1939, he began a series of broadcasts over WJR in Detroit and as a result of their reception, Smith relocated to Detroit from Louisiana. Smith ran unsuccessfully for the United States Senate from Michigan in 1942. In 1947, he moved his base of operation from Detroit to St. Louis.

Correspondence, speeches, oral history transcript, memoranda and other materials detailing his criticism of America's participation in World War II, his Michigan senatorial race in 1942, his campaign for the presidency in 1944, his opposition to the spread of communism after the war, and his support of conservative Christian causes and right wing individuals and organizations.

[Finding Aid](#)

Stanczyk, Benjamin C. (Benjamin Conrad), 1915-

- Benjamin C. Stanczyk papers, 1944-1975.
- 3 linear ft. and 12 oversize volumes.
Detroit Judge of Common Pleas.
Correspondence, notebooks, scrapbooks, and miscellanea largely relating to Democratic Party Affairs, Polish-American activities and organizations, and legal and political interests.
[Finding Aid](#)

Sugar, Maurice, 1891-1974.

- Maurice Sugar correspondence, 1923, 1931, 1937-1939.
- 13 items.
Detroit labor attorney.
Office correspondence, including letter, 1937, accusing Michigan governor, Frank Murphy of making an anti-labor speech.
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Swainson, John Burley, 1925-

- John Burley Swainson papers, 1943-1975.
- 71.5 linear ft., 1 oversize folder, and 1 oversize volume.
Attorney, Democratic Lieutenant Governor, Michigan Governor, 1961-1962, and state Supreme Court judge.
Political and gubernatorial files, judicial papers, and personal papers, including World War II correspondence and papers, 1969-1970, reflecting his interest in drug rehabilitation.
[Finding Aid](#)

Travis, Noble, 1901-

- Noble Travis papers, 1927-1970.
- 1 linear ft.
Detroit banker, state Republican Party worker, leader of the Wayne County, Michigan, Republican Precinct Organization.
Papers concerning his work surveying the commercial aviation facilities of the Detroit area in the 1920s, his work with the Detroit Chamber of Commerce, and his political interests, especially in the elections of 1942 and 1944, and his work in opposition to Frank McKay's control of the Michigan Republican Party.
[Finding Aid](#)

Ungermann, Charles William, d. 1968.

- Charles William Ungermann papers, 1939-1967.
- 1 linear ft.
Detroit police officer.
Scrapbooks containing material concerning the Detroit Police Department and Ungermann's career; also photographs.
[Finding Aid](#)

Weideman, Carl May, 1898-1972.

- Carl May Weideman papers, 1921-1972.
- 4 linear ft., 2 oversize volumes, and 1 folder.
Detroit trial attorney, Democratic Congressman, 1933-1935, and Wayne County Circuit Court Judge.
Correspondence and other materials concerning his term in Congress, national and local politics, and various judicial decisions; miscellaneous diaries, newspaper clippings, and scrapbooks concerning his association with the American Turners Association (German-American athletic society), Detroit politics, and the election and recall of Detroit Mayor Charles Bowles; and photographs.
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Wember, Bertha.

- Bertha and Lawrence Wember collection 1952-1960 and undated.
- 0.3 linear feet (in 1 box)
Bertha and Lawrence Wember were librarians at the Detroit Public Library.
Scripts for Detroit Public Library staff skits, events programs and flyers, dated between 1952 and 1960, and undated.
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Williams, G. Mennen, 1911-

- G. Mennen Williams papers, 1883-1988.
- 818 linear ft.
Michigan Democratic Governor, 1949-1960; Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, 1961-1966; U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines, 1967-1969; Michigan Supreme Court justice, 1970-1987.
Official and personal files arranged into four series of papers: 1) Gubernatorial papers, 1949-1960 (681 linear ft.); 2) Non-gubernatorial papers, 1883-1948 and 1958-1988 (107 linear ft.); 3) Visual materials, ca. 1911-1988 (ca. 25 linear ft.); and 4) sound recordings, 1950-ca. 1988 (5 linear ft.). Included with the collection are scrapbooks and unmounted clippings covering Williams' career activities (with some gaps) from 1948 to 1988, also scrapbooks and personal papers of Nancy Quirk Williams. Many of the issues Williams faced as governor impacted on the city of Detroit.
[Finding Aid](#)

Wing, Warner, 1805-1876.

- Warner Wing papers, 1837-1878.
- 0.2 linear ft.
Democratic State Legislator and Michigan Supreme Court Justice.
Family letters of Wing, his wife Eliza Anderson Wing, their daughter May Wing, and other relatives, including letters written from Monroe and Detroit, Michigan, with mention of Wing's activities as judge; also two biographical sketches, and an abstract, 1878, of the Wing homestead.
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Wojsowski, Anthony.

- Anthony Wojsowski papers, 1921-1978, bulk 1920s-1930s, and 1950s.

- 0.6 linear feet, 1 oversize volume, and 1 oversize folder.
Socialist Party candidate for Congress from the 1st Michigan District in 1948, and General Secretary of Polish-American Labor Council. He was actively involved with the Polish Mechanics Company, Inc., Michigan and Midwest chapters of the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born, and other Michigan Polish and political organizations.
Correspondence, calendars of events, meeting announcements, addresses, financial documentation, as well as texts of essays and articles on historical and political subjects, newsletters and other printed material of the Polish-American Labor Council, the Polish People's University (Polski Uniwersytet Ludowy), Michigan, Midwest, and out of state chapters of the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born. Also by-laws, correspondence, financials, and legal documentation, as well as lists of names of stockholders of the Polish Mechanics Company, Inc., and Wojsowski's personal files relating to his U.S. legal status and travel abroad. Also included are George G. Sadowski 78th U.S. Congress election campaign materials.

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Professional: Lawyers, Physicians, etc.

Allen, Henry Clay, 1836-1909.

- Henry Clay Allen papers 1878-1880
- 1 folder
Detroit, Michigan, physician.
Correspondence and petitions supporting Allen for the position of professor of materia medica in the University of Michigan Homoeopathic Medical School.
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Banks, Sarah Gertrude, b. 1839.

- Sarah Gertrude Banks papers 1842-1932
- 1 linear foot and 2 oversize folders.
Detroit, Michigan, physician; early woman graduate of the University of Michigan Medical School, class of 1873; woman's rights advocate, especially of the right to vote. Letters to and from family members; letter from Anna Howard Shaw, 1906, regarding woman suffrage; medical case notebooks, 1863-1905; collected letters from other members of her extended family, including Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wixom, founders of the village of Wixom in Southeast Michigan, and the Sibley family; biographical and genealogical materials; and visual materials.
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Birkerts, Gunnar.

- Gunnar Birkerts papers, 1930-2002.
- 10.5 linear ft., 1912 architectural drawings
Michigan-based architect, founder of Gunnar Birkerts and Associates, professor in the University of Michigan College of Architecture and Urban Planning.
The Gunnar Birkerts collection is comprised of four series: Personal papers, Professional papers, Faculty papers, and Project files. Personal papers includes biographical information, family photographs, early architectural drawings, and course notebooks and project drawings completed while a student at the Technische Hochschule Stuttgart. Professional papers includes transcripts and notes of speeches, lectures and seminars (many of these are also available on audiotapes; some are available on videocassettes). Also included are correspondence, awards, travel diaries with conceptual drawings, newspaper and journal articles and photographs. Faculty papers include course and other materials relating to his career as professor at the University of Michigan College of Architecture and Urban Planning. Project files contains textual files, photographs, and conceptual drawings associated with 122 of the buildings and projects designed by Birkerts.
[Finding Aid](#)

Brand, George E., 1888-1963.

- George E. Brand papers 1910-1963
- 3 linear ft. and 11 v. [outsize]
Detroit, Michigan, attorney.

Papers relating to his activities with the American Bar Association, the American Judicature Society, and the Michigan Bar Association; include correspondence, articles, speeches, and scrapbooks; also papers concerning activities of the University of Michigan class of 1912.

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Brook, Jacob D. (Jacob Daniel), 1876-1956.

- Jacob D. Brook papers, 1886-1954.
- 3 linear ft.

Grandville, Kent County, Michigan, physician and public health official.

Family and professional correspondence and other materials relating in part to his medical career, especially his education at the Detroit College of Medicine.

[Finding Aid](#)

Callender, Sherman Delwan, 1869-1952.

- Sherman Delwan Callendar papers 1890-1937 (scattered dates)
- .7 linear ft. (2 boxes)

Detroit, Michigan attorney and judge.

Descriptive letters written from West Point Military Academy in 1890 preliminary to his decision not to attend; essay entitled, "A Trip to West Point"; letters with family members, 1890-1916, concerning in part studies at Oberlin College and Ohio State University; diaries, 1897-1928 (scattered dates), largely concerning European travels; and photographs.

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Cooper, John S.

- John S. Cooper letter book, 1886-1890.
- 1 volume.

Detroit lawyer.

Letters concerning legal affairs, including cases being tried before the U.S. Supreme Court.

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Detroit General Hospital. Service League.

- Detroit General Hospital, Service League records 1960-1979
- 1 linear ft.

Minutes (1960-1973), by-laws, membership lists, newsletters, and related material.

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Detroit Ophthalmological Club.

- Detroit Ophthalmological Club records 1902-2004 (bulk 1915-2004)
- 1.2 linear ft.

Professional-social club for Detroit area ophthalmologists.

Correspondence, constitution and bylaws, minutes of meetings, history of the organization, and a case report detailing the early use of X-ray photography for ophthalmological procedures performed in Eloise, Michigan, in 1897.

[Finding Aid](#)

Doty, Wirt P.

- Wirt P. Doty business records, 1916-1935.
- 6 volumes.

Detroit pharmacist.

Notebook containing recipes for remedies of common ailments; three volumes of Doty Land Company records; and two volumes of pharmacy accounts.

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Douglass family.

- Douglass family (Detroit and Ann Arbor, Mich.) papers, 1812-1911.
- 9 linear ft., 3 oversize volumes and 1 oversize folder.

One member of the family, Samuel T. Douglass, was a Detroit attorney and jurist.

Included are papers of the Douglass and Walker and Campbell Law Firm.

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Duffield, Samuel Pearce, b. 1833.

- Samuel P. Duffield papers, 1865-1895.
- 1 linear ft.

Detroit physician, teacher at the Detroit College of Medicine, and Health Officer of the city of Detroit, 1887-1893 and 1895-1898.

Letter books, 1865-1882; account book, 1871-1879; scrapbook, 1892-1895, reports of the health officer; and miscellanea concerning his medical interests and the administration of Mayor Hazen S. Pingree; also letter book, 1881-1886, of O. W. Wright, Health Officer of Detroit.

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Farmer, Ruth C.

- Ruth C. Farmer photograph collection 1936, 1949 and 1964
- 1 folder.

Detroit public health nurse.

Group photographs of public health nurses; one photograph is of the monthly meeting of nurses at Harper Hospital, 1936; another is of the supervisors of nursing of the Detroit Department of Health.

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Gibson, Kenneth Richard, 1895-1959.

- Kenneth R. Gibson papers, 1930-1956.
- 14 linear ft.

Detroit dentist; director, 1929-1948, of the dental division of the Children's Fund of Michigan, and director of the child health division of the Children's Fund.

Correspondence, reports, budgets, questionnaires, inventories, and notebooks, concerning various dental programs. A portion of this collection relates to the Detroit Dental

Inspection program of the Detroit Department of Health, 1931-1952.

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Green, Henry.

- Henry Green papers 1957-1980, bulk 1957-1962
- 0.5 linear feet.

President of the Detroit District Dental Society, also chairman of its past presidents committee.

Biographical information collected about the presidents of the Detroit District Dental Society.

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Gunnar Birkerts & Associates.

- Gunnar Birkerts and Associates records, 1960-1999.
- 69 linear ft. and 7158 drawings and prints.

Architectural firm headed by Gunnar Birkerts and headquartered in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

Project files consisting of textual records, architectural and engineering drawings, and photographs for fourteen of the structures designed by the firm of Gunnar Birkerts & Associates in Michigan and other states.

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Harison, Beverley Drake, 1855-1924.

- Beverley Drake Harison address, Dec. 6, 1904.
- 1 item.

Detroit physician.

Speech delivered before the Michigan State Medical Society arguing in favor of the relocation of the University of Michigan Medical School to Detroit.

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Hoobler, Icie Gertrude Macy, 1892-

- Icie G. M. Hoobler papers 1914-1979
- 29 linear ft.

Scientific research consultant of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Correspondence, scientific reports and publications, other papers, and photographs, primarily concerning her interest in the problems of nutrition and aging, including her work with the Merrill-Palmer School in Detroit, the Detroit Institute of Cancer Research, the Children's Fund of Michigan, and Grand Valley State College in Allendale; also materials relating to her membership on the White House Conference on Food, Nutrition and Health, 1969, and various White House conferences on children and youth

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Hopkins, George Hiram, 1842-1906.

- George H. Hopkins letterbooks 1902-1913
- 2 v. in 1 matchbook case.

Detroit, Michigan, attorney.

Correspondence, including a few family letters, of Hopkins and his brother Charles who was administrator of his estate.

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Inglis family.

- Inglis family papers [ca. 1867]-1969
- .3 linear ft.
Detroit and Ann Arbor, Michigan, family.
Family history and genealogy; records of David Inglis, Detroit physician, including journal of trip to Hamburg, Germany, 1872, compositions, and letter, 1867, concerning student life at the University of Michigan, and medical lecture, 1877; his wife, Jenny Baxter Inglis; papers of children Henry Baxter Inglis, and Dorothy Inglis Milliken; miscellanea of other family members; and photographs.

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Irwin, Patricia A., interviewee.

- Patricia A. Irwin oral history interview, 2001.
- 3 videocassettes (VHS) : sd., col. ; 1/2 in.
Public health nurse in Detroit, Mich.
Interview conducted by Elizabeth J. Miller regarding Irwin's life and career. A transcript of the interview is found in Miller's thesis, "Patricia A. Irwin, forty years working a public health nurse life (1961-2001)."

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Kahn family

- Kahn family papers, 1869-1989.
- 0.5 linear ft.
Albert Kahn was a prominent industrial architect.
Letters, miscellaneous papers, and photographs of Albert Kahn, his wife Ernestine, and their son Edgar, who served as chair of the department of neurosurgery at the University of Michigan.

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Kahn, Albert, 1869-1942.

- Albert Kahn papers, 1896-2004 (bulk 1902-1943).
- 8 linear ft. 1969 architectural drawings (in 12 drawers)
Prominent Michigan-based industrial architect, innovative designer of automobile plants and other factories, as well as many Detroit and University of Michigan commercial and institutional facilities.
Papers and records of Albert Kahn and of his firm Albert Kahn Associates; includes correspondence, speeches, newspaper and journal articles, and project photographs. The project records consist of architectural and engineering construction drawings of many of his most significant designs.

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Kellogg African American Health Care Project.

- Kellogg African American Health Care Project records, 1997-2000.
- 5 linear ft.

Project funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to document the health care experiences of African Americans in southeastern Michigan consisting primarily of oral history interviews with African American health care practitioners and administrators covering the period 1940-1969.

Background files relating to the project, and 42 oral history interview transcripts and tape recordings. Interviews discuss biographical details, desegregation efforts in Detroit area hospitals, and social conditions facing African Americans.

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Kennedy, Johnstone Burnside, 1859-1927.

- Johnstone Burnside Kennedy papers July-August, 1910

- 1 linear ft.

Detroit, Michigan physician and political ally of Governor Chase S. Osborn.

Biographical sketch; correspondence from observers throughout the state concerning Osborn's chances for getting the Republican nomination for governor, including letters to Osborn and Frank Knox, Osborn's campaign manager; also patient record book, 1908-1910; miscellaneous correspondence and financial papers; and scrapbooks, 1902-1927.

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Kiefer, Hermann, 1825-1911.

- Hermann Kiefer papers, 1838-1911.

- 1 linear ft.

Detroit physician and regent of the University of Michigan.

Articles, newspaper clippings and printed material concerning his career. (Primarily in German)

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King, Paul H.

- Paul Howard King papers 1926-1935

- 11 items.

Detroit, Michigan lawyer and secretary of the Michigan Constitutional League during the 1930's. Born 1879, died 1942.

Letters from J. Lee Barrett, Harvey Campbell, and Martin J. Cavanaugh concerning the Michigan Constitutional League; also a program of the League and photographs.

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Lawson, William H., 1890-1966.

- William H. Lawson papers 1958-1992

- 1 folder.

African American optometrist, resident of Detroit, Michigan.

Biographical information and miscellanea relating to Lawson and his son, optometrist William Emmet Lawson.

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Lehman, Ira A., 1891-1992.

- Ira A. Lehman papers 1910-1989

- 0.5 linear feet and 1 oversize folder.
Orthodontist of Detroit, later Plymouth, Michigan.
Correspondence with his mentor, A. LeRoy Johnson, dean of the Harvard School of Dental Medicine; also his reminiscences of Johnson; files relating to organizational activities; and photographs.
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MacPherson, Kenneth C.

- Kenneth C. MacPherson records, 1928-1949.
- 6 volumes.
Detroit physician.
Billing records, patient receipts, and record of income and expenses.
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Marshall College (Marshall, Mich.)

- Marshall College records, 1857-1867.
- 5 items and 1 oversize folder.
Letters concerning disposal of assets of the college, including suggestions that its charter be used by a medical school to be founded in connection with Harper Hospital in Detroit.
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McDonald, James Henry, 1853-1934.

- James Henry McDonald collection, 1783-1938.
- 2.4 linear ft., 2 oversized folders, and 1 oversize volume.
Graduate of the University of Michigan (B.A., 1876; Law, 1878), Detroit attorney. James McDonald was married three times. His third wife, Christine Jewell, was active in the state Democratic party and a collector of materials relating to family history and activities.
The collection has been arranged into five series. The Christine Jewell family papers includes some papers of William Franklin Jewell, founder of Detroit Business University.
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McMahon family.

- McMahon family papers 1907-1920
- .8 linear ft.
Dr. Henry O. McMahon, a Detroit area surgeon, met Miss Juliet Richards of Racine, Wisconsin, at the turn of the twentieth century. After a long courtship, they married in 1913. In 1914, Juliet gave birth to their first child, Mary Louise. With the onset of World War I, Henry's Medical Officer Reserve unit became active. Stationed far from home, he and Juliet corresponded once again.
The McMahon family papers consist of a single series of correspondence, subdivided into letters to and from Juliet Richards and Henry McMahon. The majority of the correspondence series are letters to Juliet Richards from Henry McMahon, during their friendship, courtship, engagement, and after their marriage, while Henry served in World War I. His letters home reflect the changes in his life, dealing with life at the base,

learning new surgical techniques, and missing his wife and family at home in Detroit. With the end of the war, he rejoined his wife and children in Detroit.

[Finding Aid](#)

Miller, Canfield, Paddock, and Stone (Firm)

- Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone records, 1913-1971.
- 12 volumes.
Detroit law firm.
Minute books and other records of client businesses and philanthropic organizations; include land and realty organizations, notably the Palms Realty Co. and the Ernst Kern Co.

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Moore, George William, b. 1847.

- George William Moore papers 1874-1941
- 5 linear feet, 3 oversize volumes, and 1 oversize folder.
Detroit attorney; member of the Michigan Democratic Party State Central Committee; supporter of William Jennings Bryan in his three presidential campaigns.
Correspondence, letterpress books, and other records of the law firm of Moore & Moore; scattered materials relating to his involvement in the Democratic Party of Michigan; and correspondence from family members living in Romulus, Michigan.

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Norris, Harold, 1918-

- Harold Norris papers, 1946-1971.
- 3 linear ft.
Detroit lawyer, officer of National Lawyers Guild, professor at Detroit College of Law, and Democratic delegate to the Michigan Constitutional Convention, 1961-1962.
Correspondence, notes, reports, and publications concerning National Lawyers Guild, Constitutional Convention, and legal problems relating to civil rights and legislative reapportionment.

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Norton, William J. (William John), 1883-1975.

- William J. Norton papers, 1906-1987.
- 4 linear ft. and 1 oversize folder.
Detroit social worker, executive vice president of the Children's Fund of Michigan, and chairman of various relief commissions during the depression.
Materials relating to his welfare activities, his interests in mental health and the work of the American Red Cross, and his general interest in the field of social work; also papers detailing his activities with the Prismatic Club of Detroit.

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Pitcher, Zina, 1797-1872.

- Zina Pitcher papers, 1829-1880.
- 2 folders.

Professor in the Medical School of the University of Michigan.
Includes documents relating to Detroit property, notably an agreement with the Association for the Promotion of Female Education.

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Porter, Frederick Bissell, 1831-1905.

- Frederick Bissell Porter journals, 1848-1854.
- 2 volumes.

Detroit attorney and real estate agent.

Volume of notes, essays, addresses, letters, autobiographical comments, written while a student at the University of Michigan (Class of 1851); and diary, 1854, commenting on law practice, politics, and current events.

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Redstone, Louis G.

- Louis G. Redstone photograph collection, 1937-1977.
- 4 linear ft.

Detroit, Mich., area architect.

Photographs commissioned by Redstone of his architectural projects; also includes photographs of sketches, floor plans, and blueprints. Projects include banks, shopping, office and commercial establishments, libraries, synagogues, and various community buildings.

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Smith, J. V. (John V.)

- Davenport House drawings and specifications, ca.1873.
- 1 folder

Detroit architect.

Drawings and specifications for the Beverly Davenport House, E. Henry St., Saline, Michigan, designed by J. V. Smith.

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Spalding family.

- Spalding family papers, 1808-1910.
- 3 linear ft. (photocopies)

Spalding-Sexton family of Connecticut, Alabama, and northern Michigan.

Includes correspondence, 1887-1901, of Edward Spalding, dental student at the University of Michigan, later Detroit dentist, about his practice and about Detroit social, musical, and church affairs.

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Taylor, Orla Benedict, 1865-1945.

- Orla Benedict Taylor papers, 1831-1943.
- 4 linear ft.

Detroit lawyer and banker, and alumnus of the University of Michigan.

Correspondence, essays, and newspaper clippings concerning in part the Detroit banking crisis of 1933.

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Taylor, Orla Benedict, 1865-1945.

- Orla Benedict Taylor papers 1831-1943
- 4 linear ft.

Detroit, Michigan lawyer and banker, and alumnus of University of Michigan.

Correspondence, essays, and newspaper clippings concerning the Detroit banking crisis of 1933; and biographical and genealogical information on the Church, Benedict and Mahon families; also photographs. Correspondents include: Henry M. Bates, William W. Bishop, Clarence M. Burton, Carter Glass, and Clarence J. McLeod.

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Vaughan, Henry Frieze, 1889-1979.

- Henry Frieze Vaughan papers, 1913-1971.
- 3 linear ft.

Commissioner of the Detroit Department of Health, later dean of the School of Public Health of the University of Michigan.

Correspondence and manuscripts of articles and speeches; papers detailing his activities with the American Public Health Association, the Association of Schools of Public Health, the Detroit Department of Health, the Michigan Department of Health, and the W. K. Kellogg Foundation.

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Walls, Arch, 1895-1971.

- Arch Walls papers, 1955-1971.
- 0.2 linear ft.

Detroit physician, president of the Michigan State Medical Society.

Newspaper clippings, correspondence, and photographs relating to his activities.

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Wilcox, Lucinda S. (Lucinda Sexton), 1820-1884.

- Lucinda S. Wilcox papers 1853-1886
- ca. 50 items.

Homeopathic physician in Louisiana and Detroit, Michigan.

Letters concerning personal matters, women's rights and her medical practice with women and children; also promotional material concerning her practice, and application of the Electro Thermal Bath.

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Z.T. Gerganoff (Firm : Ypsilanti, Mich.)

- Z.T. Gerganoff architectural drawings, 1928-1977.
- 28 folders and 1 linear ft.

Architectural drawings of the firm of Z.T. Gerganoff, of Ypsilanti, Michigan, (and predecessor firms of R.S. Gerganoff and S.T. Gerganoff).

Drawings and specifications for various area churches, service stations and auto dealerships, including St. Clement Ohridski church in Detroit and various D.M. Silkworth Oil company service stations in the Detroit area.

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Religion: Churches and other Organizations

All Saints Episcopal Church (Detroit, Mich.)

- All Saints Episcopal Church records 1891-1914.
- 1 volume.
Record of baptisms and burials.
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Arnold Home.

- Arnold Home records 1899-2004
- 0.4 linear feet and 1 outsize folder.
Home for the aged in Detroit, Mich.; established 1901 and closed in 2004. The home was associated with the Episcopal Church.
Histories, clippings, and miscellaneous materials relating to the home and to its founder Charles London Arnold; also photographs. The collection does not include business records or registers of residents.
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Bethany Presbyterian Church (Detroit, Mich.)

- Bethany Presbyterian Church records, 1929-1943.
- 3 volumes.
Membership rolls, minutes and reports of the session and the board of trustees.
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Bethel A.M.E. Church (Detroit, Mich.)

- Bethel A.M.E. Church records, 1897-1990s (bulk 1912-1969)
- 0.2 linear ft., 2 oversize items, and 2 microfilm reels.
Historical and background information; inaugural address of pastor Joseph L. Roberts; biographical sketch of pastor William H. Peck; and photographs.
Microfilmed materials include quarterly conference reports; record books with lists of members, baptisms, marriages, and related information; minute books of trustees and various church groups.
[Finding Aid](#)

Cathedral Church of St. Paul (Detroit, Mich.)

- Cathedral Church of St. Paul records 1824-1995
- 7 linear feet (in 10 boxes) and 19 oversize volumes.
Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan, originally St. Paul's Episcopal Church.
Registers of baptisms, marriages, confirmations, communicants, and burials, 1824-1936; meeting minutes, 1824-1941; registers of church services, 1924-1995; financial records; membership lists, 1936-1940; scrapbooks and other administrative miscellaneous.
[Finding Aid](#)

Cathedral Church of St. Paul (Detroit, Mich.). Chapter.

- Chapter of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul collection 1987-1989
- 1 linear foot.

The Cathedral Chapter is responsible for the physical plant of the Episcopal Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit, Mich.

In 1989 the Chapter published "Through the Years, 1834-1988," which contained histories of parishes and other organizations in the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan. This collection contains parish histories, clergy lists, photographs, and other documents collected for the book.

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Christ Church (Detroit, Mich. : United Church of Christ)

- Christ Church, United Church of Christ, Detroit records, 1886-1966.
- 1 linear ft.

Church originally established as Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, then later (date uncertain) as Christ Evangelical and Reformed Church. After 1961, the name became Christ Church, United Church of Christ. The church originally served the German community of Detroit.

Church government documents; record books of marriages, baptisms, and funerals; and consistory minutes. (Records in German prior to 1926.)

[Finding Aid](#)

Church of Our Saviour (Leesville, Detroit, Mich.)

- Church of Our Saviour records, 1888-1966.
- 9 volumes.

Episcopal church located in Detroit.

Minutes of vestry meetings, 1888-1944 and 1963-1966 (8 volumes); minutes of women's guild, 1925-1928; and church register, 1906-1942.

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Church of the Ascension (Detroit, Mich.)

- Church of the Ascension records, 1911-1988.
- 3 linear ft., 5 oversize volumes, and 1 oversize folder.

Episcopal church located in Detroit.

Church records include church histories, vestry minutes, annual parish meeting minutes and reports, membership directories and card indexes, scattered correspondence and bulletins, records of churchwomen's organization, and photographs; also registers of baptisms, marriages, burials, and communicants; and registers of church services.

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Church of the Good Shepherd (Detroit, Mich.)

- Church of the Good Shepherd records, 1881-1907.
- 1 item.

Episcopal Church in Detroit.

Record of baptisms, communicants and burials.

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Church of the Holy Spirit (Detroit, Mich.)

- Church of the Holy Spirit records, 1946-1952.

- 2 volumes.
Episcopal church in Detroit.
Register of church services and records of baptisms and confirmations.
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Church of the Messiah (Detroit, Mich.)

- Church of the Messiah records, 1875-1998.
- 2.75 linear ft.
Organized in 1874, the Church of the Messiah has a long history of involvement in social action activities both within its Detroit, Michigan neighborhood and in national and international arenas. Urban ministry under leadership of Ron Spann and Dean Cole in the 1970s focused on housing, health, education, and political empowerment. Collection composed of minutes, 1883-1963; registers of services, 1926 through 1979; scattered financial registers; and annual reports, 1926 to 1929. A member register for 1881 to 1901 includes a brief history. Scrapbooks contain significant documentation of church construction and its early history. The collection also includes a history of the church written in ca. 1922.
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Congregation B'nai Israel (Detroit, Mich.)

- Congregation B'nai Israel warranty deed, 1891
- 2 items.
Deed for sale of property; and related letter.
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Detroit Clericus (Mich.)

- Detroit Clericus records, 1885-1888 and 1894-1933.
- 5 volumes.
Records of monthly meetings of Detroit clergy of the Episcopal Church.
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Detroit Presbyterial Association (Mich.)

- Detroit Presbyterial Association records, 1904-1986.
- 2 linear ft.
Organization of women's groups within the Detroit Presbytery.
Minutes and other materials relating to activities of the organization.
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Emmanuel Episcopal Church (Detroit, Mich.)

- Emmanuel Episcopal Church records, 1874-1898.
- 2 volumes (in 1 box)
Vestry minutes, 1874-1898; register of families, baptisms, marriages, burials, communicants, 1875-1897.
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Emmanuel-Bethel United Church of Christ (Royal Oak, Mich.)

- Emmanuel-Bethel United Church of Christ records, 1880-1974.
- 7.5 linear ft.
Formed in 1974 as a result of a merger between the Emmanuel United Church of Christ (Royal Oak, Mich.), founded in 1874, and Bethel United Church of Christ (Detroit, Mich.), founded in 1912. Both churches initially served an immigrant German population. Reinhold Niebuhr was pastor of the Bethel church from 1915 to 1928. Membership records, church council and congregation meeting minutes, records of church organizations, histories, publications, and photographs. The bulk of the records are from Bethel Evangelical and Reformed Church.
[Finding Aid](#)

Ephphatha Episcopal Church (Detroit, Mich.)

- Ephahatha Episcopal Church records, 1911-1928 and 1938-1959.
- 0.5 linear ft.
Church began as Episcopal mission to the deaf. Minutes of vestry meetings, 1912-1914 and 1918-1928; bishop's committee minutes, 1938-1942; register of baptisms, burials, marriages, etc., 1943-1959; financial ledgers, 1911-1928.
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Epiphany Episcopal Church (Detroit, Mich.)

- Epiphany Episcopal Church records, 1895-1975 (bulk 1930-1973).
- 1 linear ft. and 4 oversized volumes.
Parish established in 1894. Parishioners built church and community center at Cadillac and Kercheval in Detroit. Declining membership in the 1950s and 1960s led to merger in 1973 with Church of the Messiah and the eventual sale of the buildings in 1975. Minutes from 1895 through late 1940s and 1968-1973; registers of membership for 1896-1969 and services for 1930-1973; miscellaneous administrative files including correspondence and financial records, mainly from the 1960s and 1970s.
[Finding Aid](#)

Episcopal Church. Diocese of Michigan.

- Episcopal Church, Diocese of Michigan records, 1830-1993.
- 15.5 linear ft., 6 oversize volumes, and 2 oversize folders.
Correspondence, deeds, committee reports, church histories, minutes of the executive council, records of ordinations, dismissals and confirmations, treasurer's reports, and minutes of trustees.
[Finding Aid](#)

Faith Presbyterian Church (Saint Clair Shores, Mich.)

- Faith Presbyterian Church (Saint Clair Shores, Mich.) records, 1914-1980, bulk 1914-1942.
- 1 linear foot.
The church was established in 1914 as the First Italian Presbyterian Church of Detroit. The name was changed to Faith Presbyterian Church in 1942. The church moved to Saint Clair Shores in 1956.

Church record books containing session meeting minutes, also registry of baptisms, communicants, marriages, and deaths; scattered annual reports and bulletins; and correspondence, research material, and other documents collected by Vittorio Re in preparation of his history of the church.

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First Methodist Episcopal Society (Detroit, Mich.)

- First Methodist Episcopal Society constitution, 1822.
- 1 item (photostatic copy)

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First Presbyterian Church (Detroit, Mich.)

- First Presbyterian Church records, 1817-1933.
- 1 linear ft.

Formerly the First Protestant Society.

Financial records of the First Protestant Society, 1821-1847; minutes and financial records of the board of deacons, 1872-1888; Sunday school accounts, 1923-1933; pew records, deeds, constitution, scattered correspondence and minutes of various church groups and of the session, and receipts and other financial records.

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Fort Wayne Presbyterian Church (Detroit, Mich.)

- Fort Wayne Presbyterian Church membership register, 1906-1924.
- 1 volume.

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Grace Church (Detroit, Mich.)

- Grace Church, Detroit, Michigan, records, 1866-1914.
- 9 volumes and 2 folders (in 2 boxes)

Registers of baptisms, marriages, burials, communicants, etc., 1866-1914; vestry minutes, 1867-1910; treasurer's record books, 1868-1910; and miscellaneous.

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Greater Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church (Detroit, Mich.)

- Greater Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church records ca. 1920-2008
- 2 linear feet.

Church also called Shiloh Baptist Church.

Church history, celebratory and obsequy programs, clippings, and notebooks of materials accumulated during the pastorates of R. B. James, Solomon David Ross, William H. Crews, and Harold Knox; also bulletins of church services.

[Finding Aid](#)

Hammond Church of God in Christ (Detroit, Mich.)

- Hammond Church of God in Christ records, 1964-1989.
- 0.3 linear ft.

Church and Sunday school account books detailing money offerings; bylaws and other organizational records; brief history; publications and other mailings; and photographs.
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Hartford Memorial Baptist Church (Detroit, Mich.)

- Hartford Memorial Baptist Church records, 1922-2000.
- 13 linear ft.
Files concern church governance and policies; church committees and other organizations; and church events, celebrations, and services; also include publications and topical files with information on pastors Charles Hill and Charles Adams.
[Finding Aid](#)

Henry Ford Hospital. Chaplain.

- Henry Ford Hospital Chaplain records, 1972-1993.
- 3 v. in 1 box.
During the period of these records the chaplain was often (but not always) an Episcopal priest.
Register of church services, 1980-1988; register of baptisms, 1988-1993; register of marriages, 1972-1989.
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Immanuel United Church of Christ (Detroit, Mich.)

- Immanuel United Church of Christ records, 1894 and 1912-1995 (bulk 1942-1978)
- 6 linear ft. and 1 oversize motion picture.
Church established by German immigrant workers to Detroit. The congregation was formerly associated with the Evangelical and Reformed Church.
Series in the record group include Administrative files, Registers of Services, Historical Materials, records of Church Organizations, Yearly Files, Publications, and Visual Materials.
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Kenjockety Club (Detroit, Mich.)

- Kenjockety Club minutes, 1904-1958.
- 0.5 linear ft. (4 volumes)
An organization of wives of Presbyterian ministers.
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Lutheran Church in America. Michigan Synod.

- Lutheran Church in America, Michigan Synod records, [ca. 1917-1987].
- 42 linear ft. and 2 oversize volumes.
President's correspondence, executive committee minutes, and minutes of annual conventions; also files on individual churches in the Synod, including clippings, reports, church histories and programs; contain information on Lutheran Churches in various Michigan cities, including Detroit.
[Finding Aid](#)

Mariners' Church of Detroit (Detroit, Mich.)

- Mariners' Church records, 1848-1907.
- 1 volume (typescript copy)
History of the church and record of official acts of board of trustees.
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Memorial Presbyterian Church (Detroit, Mich.)

- Memorial Presbyterian Church records, 1854-1938.
- 2 linear ft.
Minutes, 1881-1938; membership records; church library records, 1862-1869; women's society records; Sunday school attendance records; financial records; minutes of special trustees, 1913-1918; records of the Clinton Avenue mission of Memorial Church, including minutes, 1866-1880; Sunday school records, Russell Street Sunday school records, 1858-1862, correspondence and reports.
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Metropolitan Christian Council (Detroit-Windsor)

- Metropolitan Christian Council (Detroit-Windsor) records, 1920-2006
- 8 linear ft.
Federation of Detroit Christian churches established in 1919 as the Detroit Council of Churches of Christ. The Council was established to aid local churches in their evangelistic and social service programs. The council was known as Metropolitan Detroit Council of Churches (1962-1975) and Christian Communication Council of Metropolitan Detroit (1976-1999).
The record group documents the activities of the Council from the early 1920s until 2006. Records include annual reports produced by the Council, minutes from administrative meetings, pamphlets and promotional materials, photographs of council leadership and churches, topical files, records from General Assembly meetings, and videotapes of television programs produced by the council. Videocassettes of television programs produced by the Council including discussions of faith-based issues and artistic programs directed toward youth; and photograph portraits of Council officers.
[Finding Aid](#)

Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion.

- Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion records 1941-2006
- 4.5 linear feet, 21 oversize volumes, and 1 oversize folder.
Organization originally established in 1940 as the Detroit Round Table of Catholics, Jews and Protestants. The organization held seminars and workshops, sponsored lectures, and organized annual Brotherhood Week events. The name of the organization has had several name changes. In 2006, it became the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion.
Scrapbooks, 1942-1952; program files; record books detailing activities of the Women's Division of the Greater Detroit Round Table, 1952-1992; and photographs.
[Finding Aid](#)

Most Holy Trinity Church (Detroit, Mich.)

- Most Holy Trinity Church records, 1834-1869.
- 1 microfilm reel.
Catholic parish largely composed of Irish immigrants..
Records of baptisms, marriages and deaths. (In English and Latin; permission of donor required)
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New Bethel Baptist Church (Detroit, Mich.)

- New Bethel Baptist Church records, 1979-1988.
- 0.3 linear ft.
Organized in 1932, New Bethel Baptist Church has long been a center for religious development, civil rights leadership, and social action in the Detroit neighborhood of Linwood. Its pastors have included C. L. Franklin and Robert Smith, Jr.
The collection consists of five booklets and promotional materials pertinent to a variety of commemorative programs (1979, 1985-1988), and two membership handbooks (1987, 1988). Program booklets contain numerous photographs and some church history and pastoral biography.
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New Harmony Baptist Church (Detroit, Mich.)

- New Harmony Baptist Church (Detroit, Mich.) record book 1946-1959
- 1 volume.
African American Baptist church.
Record book includes financial records, membership lists, record of offerings, and minutes of scattered meetings.
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Olivet Presbyterian Church (Detroit, Mich.)

- Olivet Presbyterian Church records, 1933-1945.
- 2 volumes.
Minutes and membership rolls.
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Parishfield.

- Parishfield records, 1948-1971.
- 2.5 linear ft.
The Parishfield community (1948-1967) was a semi-independent agency of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan established to create a ministry of lay people who would further the mission of the church in society. The community, which was first based in Brighton, Michigan, hoped to renew the church through an awareness of society's critical issues. Meetings centered on broad topics that included religion, industry, corrections, freedom, and poverty. Hoping for more active involvement in the problems of urban society, Parishfield-Detroit opened in 1962. In 1966, the community moved its total operation to Detroit and the Brighton site was closed. Parishfield disbanded in 1967.
The records of Parishfield are organized into the following series: Correspondence, Background information, Publications, Photographs, Staff files, Administrative Records,

Groups, Meetings, Programs, and Miscellaneous. The record group includes correspondence and other files of Parishfield administrators Francis O. Ayres, Roger Barney, and James Guinan. The staff files include notes and other materials of Guinan who participated in civil rights demonstrations in Detroit and in the South during the 1960s. The Programs series includes information pertaining to the work of Detroit Industrial Mission.

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People's Tabernacle (Detroit, Mich.)

- People's Tabernacle articles of association, 1878.
- 1 item.
Free tabernacle for the evangelization of the masses.
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Redeemer Episcopal Church (Detroit, Mich.)

- Redeemer Episcopal Church records, 1928-1952.
- 0.4 linear ft. (3 volumes)
Name changed in 1936 from Church of the Redeemer.
Records of baptisms, marriages, burials, and membership; also treasurer's reports.
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Redford Avenue Presbyterian Church (Detroit, Mich.)

- Redford Avenue Presbyterian Church, Detroit, Michigan records 1906-2009
- 13 linear feet (in 16 boxes), 3 oversize volumes, and 1 oversize item.
Detroit, Michigan Presbyterian Church established in 1906. In 2009, the membership voted to consolidate with Southfield Presbyterian Church.
Administrative and topical files, minutes of the Board of Deacons, annual reports and membership directories, records of women's organizations, baptismal records, membership records, newsletters and church bulletins, and scrapbooks detailing church functions.
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Second Baptist Church (Detroit, Mich.)

- Second Baptist Church records, 1911-1989, bulk 1926-1988.
- 14 microfilm reels and 1 folder.
Annual reports, financial records, histories, minutes of advisory board meetings, pastoral correspondence, annual and quarterly publications, and weekly bulletins; include files of pastors Robert L. Bradby, Sr. and Allan A. Banks, Jr. detailing in part their efforts in finding employment for members of Detroit's black community, especially with the Ford Motor Company; and photographs.
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St. Andrew's Memorial Episcopal Church (Detroit, Mich.)

- St. Andrew's Memorial Episcopal Church records, 1886-1988 (bulk 1944-1969).
- 3 linear ft.

Historical and other background information; vestry records include correspondence, meeting minutes, reports, registers of church services, and other subject files; records of church organizations; files pertaining to church camp and special church services; printed materials, and photographs.

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St. Barnabas Episcopal Church (Detroit, Mich.)

- St. Barnabas Episcopal Church records, 1908-1940.
- 2 volumes.
Record of baptisms, marriages, and burials.
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St. Christopher's Episcopal Church (Detroit, Mich.)

- St. Christopher's Episcopal Church records, 1958.
- 1 folder.
Papers relating to the dedication of the church.
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St. Columba's Episcopal Church (Detroit, Mich.)

- St. Columba's Episcopal Church records, 1917-2003.
- 5 linear ft. and 18 oversized v.
St. Columba's Episcopal Church in Detroit, Michigan was established in 1913 as a mission extension of Old Christ Church, was incorporated, and continued functioning until 2003.
The record group includes administrative records, vestry records, official church registers, and information on church activities; also photographs.
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St. George's Episcopal Church (Detroit, Mich.)

- St. George's Episcopal Church records, 1885-1935.
- 5 volumes.
Records of baptisms, confirmations, membership, and burials.
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St. James Episcopal Church (Detroit, Mich. : 1869-1910)

- St. James Episcopal Church records 1871-1890
- 3 volumes.
Episcopal Church located at the corner of Brooklyn Ave. and Bagg Street, Detroit, Mich. (Street names have been changed to Brooklyn and Temple). The church was organized in 1869 and closed in 1910 by merger with Trinity Episcopal Church.
Baptisms (1871-1880), marriages (1871-1880), confirmations (1872-1879), and burials (1871-1880); letterbook (1882-1885 with a few added items to 1890).
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St. James Episcopal Church (Detroit, Mich.)

- St. James Episcopal Church records, 1924-1993.

- 6 linear ft. and 1 oversize volume
Church located in the Brightmoor area of Detroit.
Vestry meeting minutes; administrative files; registers of services; registers of baptisms, burials, marriages, etc.; records of different church organizations; bulletins of special church services; yearly files of collected clippings, photos, and other materials regarding church activities.
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St. Luke's Episcopal Church (Detroit, Mich.)

- St. Luke's Episcopal Church records, 1900-1905.
- 1 volume.
St. Luke's was discontinued in 1905.
Records of baptisms, marriages, and burials.
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St. Mark's Episcopal Church (Detroit, Mich. : 1897-1923)

- St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Detroit, Mich., records 1898-1924
- 0.1 linear ft.
Located at Thaddeus St. and West End Ave. in Detroit, St. Mark's merged with Church of the Ascension in 1923.
Register of baptisms, confirmations, communicants, marriages, and burials, 1898-1911 (with some gaps); vestry minutes, 1923-1924.
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St. Mark's Episcopal Church (Detroit, Mich. : 1927-)

- St. Mark's Episcopal Church records 1927-1994
- 4 linear ft. and 1 oversize volume.
Located in the Seven Mile-Gratiot area of Detroit.
Registers of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, burials, etc.; registers of church services; vestry minute books; records of church organizations; historical information; subject files; and photographs.
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St. Martha's Episcopal Church (Detroit, Mich.)

- St. Martha's Episcopal Church records 1948-2007
- 1 linear foot and 2 oversize volumes.
Church established in 1947, named St. Bartholomew's as a parochial mission of St. Matthias. In 1951, the church was named St. Martha's Mission and Parish. The church closed in 2007.
The record group includes registers of church services, 1975-1993; registers of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, burials, etc., 1948-2007; annual reports, 1997-2006; building specifications and land purchase file; publications and historical miscellaneous.
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St. Mary's Episcopal Church (Detroit, Mich.)

- St. Mary's Episcopal Church records, 1990-2000.

- 2 v. in 1 folder.
Registers of church services including attendance and name of celebrant.
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St. Matthew's and St. Joseph's Episcopal Church (Detroit, Mich.)

- St. Matthew's and St. Joseph's Episcopal Church records, 1884-1997.
- 12.5 linear ft.
Church formed in 1971 from the merger of two Detroit Episcopal parishes.
Historical and informational files; vestry minutes and treasurer's records; records of church organizations; publications and church bulletins; subject files; scrapbooks; and photographs.
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St. Matthias' Episcopal Church (Detroit, Mich.)

- St. Matthias' Episcopal Church records, 1901-1978.
- 2 linear ft. and 5 oversize v.
Episcopal church located in Detroit.
Sacramental records including baptismal, marriage, and burial registers; registers of confirmations and communicants; vestry minutes; and photographs.
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St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church (Detroit, Mich.)

- St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church records, 1957-1987.
- 4 linear ft.
Correspondence, administrative files, Sunday bulletins, and topical files relating to the activities of the church and its pastors, most notably William Hilliard and William C. Ardrey.
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St. Peter's Church (Detroit, Mich.)

- St. Peter's Church records, 1859-1986.
- 1.5 linear ft. and 2 oversize v.
Episcopal church in Detroit, Mich.
Registers of marriages, baptisms, burials, communicants, and confirmations, 1859-1967 (record books for 1920-1967 are oversize volumes); vestry meeting minutes, reports, and correspondence, 1944-1955 and 1975-1986; minute book of church men's group, 1923-1943; and miscellaneous other records.
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St. Peter's Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church (Detroit, Mich.)

- St. Peter's Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church records, 1880-1980.
- 5 linear ft.
Histories, minutes of meetings, treasurer's reports and minutes; records of youth and women's organizations; and yearbooks and church newspaper. (Partially in Danish)
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St. Philip's and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church (Detroit, Mich.)

- St. Philip's and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church (Detroit, Mich.) records, 1869-2008.
- 1 linear foot and 11 oversize volumes.

St. Philip's and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church was formed in 1917 with the merger of St. Philip's (begun in 1886) and St. Stephen's (organized in 1869). The church closed in 2009.

The records of St. Philip's and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church include records of St. Stephen's Church (1869-1917), records of St. Philip's Church (1886-1917), and records of the merged church (1917-2008). For each of these sets of records, the researcher will find church registers containing membership information, such as record of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, burials, church history, and communicants. In addition for the merged church, there are also vestry materials, newsletters, directories, annual reports, church history and anniversary materials, and a scattering of photographs.

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St. Thomas Episcopal Church (Detroit, Mich.)

- St. Thomas Episcopal Church records, 1885-1988.
- 3 linear ft. (5 boxes).

Church established as mission Sunday School in 1884 and disbanded in 1988 because of declining membership.

Registers of baptisms, marriages, burials and communicants; registers of church services; vestry minutes, annual parish meeting minutes, bishop's committee minutes, correspondence, budgets and treasurer's annual reports, and photograph albums.

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Ste. Anne's Church (Detroit, Mich.)

- Ste. Anne's Church records, 1704-1844.
- 3 microfilm reels.

Oldest Catholic parish in Detroit.

Parish register and record of baptisms, marriages, deaths and burials (in French). There is restricted access to these records. Reel 3 also includes records of Most Holy Trinity Church, 1834-1869.

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United Church of Christ. Michigan Conference.

- United Church of Christ, Michigan Conference records, 1840-1975.
- 20 linear ft.

Formed from the Michigan Conference of the Congregational Church and the Michigan-Indiana Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Retired records of individual associations and churches, including files on a number of Detroit churches; also photographs.

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United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. Presbytery of Detroit.

- United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., Presbytery of Detroit records, 1828-1974.
- 13 linear ft.

Minutes, rosters of ministers, and statistical and financial records; also retired records of individual Presbyterian churches, including the Cadillac Boulevard, Broadstreet United, Third Street Union Mission Sunday School, Church of the Redeemer, Forest Avenue, Marston Avenue, and the Welsh United in Detroit, the Hamtramck United, Waterford Center, and the Ida Presbyterian Church; and miscellaneous synodical files.

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United Presbyterian Church of North America. Presbytery of Detroit.

- Presbytery of Detroit minutes, 1852-1948.
 - 4 volumes
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Religion: Clergy and other Persons

Bury family.

- Bury family papers, 1831-1931.
- 0.4 linear ft.

Family of Rev. Richard Bury (1792-1875), Episcopal priest, rector of St. Paul's Church, Detroit, and later a farmer at Grosse Ile, Michigan; and his son Richard Augustus Bury (1830-1901), of Adrian, Michigan.

Includes notebook of Rev. Richard Bury (and Antoinette E. Gregory and E. B. Gregory) on sermons heard in Detroit, and Albany, New York, 1831-1833, and of lectures of John Lord at Lane Seminary in Cincinnati, 1852; journal of farm activities at Grosse Ile, 1834-1859; diary, 1853, of Richard Augustus Bury describing boat trip from Detroit to the Straits of Mackinac and Eagle River with comments on northern Michigan copper mining.

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Caurdy, Mary A.

- Mary A. Caurdy photograph 1957 August
- 1 item.

Co-chair of the Detroit Islamic Council.

Panoramic photograph of the attendees at the banquet of the Sixth Annual Convention of the Federation of Islamic Associations in the United States and Canada, August 2, 3 and 4, 1957 held in Detroit, Michigan.

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Cleage, Albert B.

- Albert B. Cleage Jr. papers 1949-2005
- 11 linear feet.

Detroit, Michigan clergyman, pastor at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, which later became Central Congregational Church. In the 1960s, Cleage and his congregation began restructuring the church's rituals, programs, and theology to conform to the Black Christian Nationalist philosophy. In 1970, the church was renamed the Shrine of the Black Madonna.

The collection contains correspondence, sermons, and writings of Albert B. Cleage, Jr. (his name would later be changed to Jaramogi Abebe Agyeman); records of the shrine of the Black Madonna; papers of individuals within the church who assisted Cleage; and records of the National Office of the Shrine.

[Finding Aid](#)

Cooper, David M. (David Mack), 1827-1908

- David Mack Cooper papers, [ca. 1812]-[ca. 1908].
- 1 item and 2 volumes.

Presbyterian clergyman in Saginaw, Grand Haven, Albion and Detroit, Michigan.

Two scrapbooks, one containing business accounts of father, David Cooper, a tax roll for War of 1812 damages, documents signed by President John Q. Adams, and some correspondence, including two letters from William Woodbridge and one from Henry

Schoolcraft sent from Washington, D.C., 1819, via the Walk-in-the-Water; the other containing clippings pertaining to his ministerial activities plus scattered manuscript articles; also a letter, 1848, to his father listing his expenses for one term at the University of Michigan.

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Coughlin, Charles E. (Charles Edward), 1891-1979

- Charles E. Coughlin photograph series, 1934-1936
- 1 folder

Detroit area priest known for his opposition to President Franklin Roosevelt and his New Deal programs.

Photographs, accumulated from different sources, of Coughlin speaking in Detroit and in Twin Cities of Minnesota; also exterior view of the Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak, Michigan.

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Crane, Henry Hitt, 1890-1977.

- Henry Hitt Crane papers, 1902-1977 (bulk 1938-1958).
- 32.5 linear ft. and 1 film reel.

Methodist clergyman, pastor of the Centre Methodist Church in Malden, Massachusetts, the Elm Park Methodist Church in Scranton, Pennsylvania, and Central Methodist Church in Detroit.

Correspondence, 1938-1958, subject reference file, ca. 1902-1966, name reference file, 1938-1958, sermon file, 1925-1958, scrapbooks, 1928-1958, church bulletins and newsletters from churches at which Crane served, sound tape recordings of messages.

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Duffield family.

- Duffield family papers, 1839-1884.
- 0.4 linear ft.

Detroit and Lansing, Michigan family.

Notebook of sermons, notes and miscellaneous receipts of George Duffield, Sr., Presbyterian minister and regent of the University of Michigan; account book, 1871-1875, letter book, 1855-1884, and religious notebook of George Duffield, Jr., minister in Adrian, and Lansing, Michigan, later regent of the University of Michigan.

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Emrich, Richard S. M. (Richard Stanley Merrill), 1910-

- Richard Stanley Merrill Emrich paper, 1942-1984.
- 5.6 linear ft. and 2 oversize volumes.

Episcopal bishop of Michigan.

Scrapbooks and notebooks containing newspaper clippings and photographs relating to his church career, and clippings of newspaper columns containing his views on current events.

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Fisher, Frederick Bohn, 1882-1938.

- Frederick Bohn Fisher sermons, 1937-1938.
- 1 folder.
Pastor of Central Methodist Church, Detroit.
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Franklin, C. L. (Clarence LaVaughn), 1915-1984.

- C. L. Franklin papers, 1957-1991 (bulk 1963-1984).
- 0.5 linear ft.
African-American clergyman active in the civil rights movement in the 1960s; pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church in Detroit. Collection consists of photocopies and copy prints of originals in donor's possession.
Papers accumulated by Franklin's daughter, Erma Franklin, relating to the life and career of her father; include biographical information, transcripts of oral interviews; scattered sermons and correspondence, including letters from daughter Aretha and from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; topical files about his church and civil rights activities; and photographs.
[Finding Aid](#)

Franklin, Leo Morris, 1870-1948.

- Leo M. Franklin papers, [ca. 1906-ca. 1941].
- 3 volumes.
Detroit rabbi and Jewish leader.
Manuscripts of sermons, and discourses on literary matters.
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Haass family.

- Haass family papers, [ca. 1898]-[ca. 1941].
- 0.2 linear ft.
Detroit family.
Papers, 1898, of Charles W. F. Haass, Lutheran clergyman, including church program, and notes and prayer in German; scrapbooks, 1913-1931, of Julius H. Haass, Detroit banker, containing obituary notices of family members; and papers, 1936-1941, of Walter F. Haass concerning banking in Detroit, and the career of his father, Charles Haass. (Charles W. F. Haass materials largely in German)
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Harris, Samuel Smith, 1841-1888

- Samuel Smith Harris papers, 1878-1889.
- 2 linear ft.
Episcopal bishop of Michigan.
Sermons, lectures, correspondence and miscellanea; also include volumes of sermons.
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Hill family.

- Charles A. Hill family papers, 1917-1981 (bulk 1939-1970)
- 2.7 linear ft.

Charles A. Hill was pastor of Hartford Memorial Baptist Church (formerly Hartford Avenue Baptist Church) in Detroit, 1920-1969.

Papers of Charles A. Hill and family pertaining to his church activities and to his involvement in various political and civil rights causes; includes minute book to the meetings of the Detroit chapter of the NAACP, 1944-1947; collected material on Hill and his activities gathered by the Detroit Police Department; and scrapbooks of clippings and photographs of Hill relating to his role as a pastor.

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Hilliard, William Alexander, 1904-

- William Alexander Hilliard papers, 1946-1980 (scattered dates).

- 0.5 linear ft.

Pastor of St. Paul A.M.E. Zion Church, Detroit, 1947-1959; bishop of A.M.E. Zion Church, 1960-

Church reports written by Hilliard and his wife Edra Mae Hilliard, programs, published A.M.E. Zion Church materials, biographical information, and photograph.

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Hopper, William F., 1949-2003.

- William F. Hopper papers 1990-2003 (scattered)

- 0.5 linear ft.

Pastor of St. Andrew Redeemer Lutheran Church, Detroit, Michigan.

Sermons, clippings, and miscellaneous; also sound cassettes of some services.

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Kavanaugh, John L.

- John L. Kavanaugh papers 1970-2011, bulk 1990s-2000s

- 4 linear feet (in 5 boxes).

John Kavanaugh is Detroit, Mich. resident and social activist. He has been active in GLBT movement since 1968, was member of Detroit's Gay Liberation Front, founding member and first lay head of Metropolitan Community Church of Detroit, Integrity, ONE, GLBT Caucus of the Episcopal Church, Detroit chapter of Black and White Men Together, and the Triangle Foundation of Detroit. Kavanaugh also has been active in public transit causes.

Correspondence, records of organizations, conference materials; writings by Kavanaugh and by others; publications of organizations and Kavanaugh's self-published periodicals; and news clippings. Also included 1 audiocassette and a CD-ROM, and some photographs; and oversized materials.

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Kresge, Stanley Sebastian, 1900-

- Stanley S. Kresge papers, 1909-1985.

- 11 linear ft., 2 oversized volumes, and 1 oversized folder

Businessman with the S. S. Kresge Company (later K-mart Corporation) and philanthropist.

Business records, materials relating to philanthropic activities, notably documenting the work of the Kresge Foundation, and family materials; also organizational materials, speeches, and photographs.

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Lemon, William Philip, 1882-1967.

- William P. Lemon papers, 1908-1966.
- 18 linear ft.

Presbyterian clergyman, pastor of Calvary Presbyterian Church, Newark, New Jersey, 1915-1921, of Andrew Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 1921-1931, of the First Presbyterian Church of Iowa City, Iowa, 1931-1934, and the First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1934-1951.

Correspondence, copies of essays and book reviews written for religious periodicals, sermons and addresses, mimeographed study notes of talks given in Detroit before the Men's Club for the Study of Religion, religious and literary notebooks, and travel journals; also photographs.

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Lyster, William Narcissus.

- William N. Lyster papers, 1839-1861.
- 1 microfilm reel.

Missionary at large of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan.

Sermons, poems, and reports; also drafts of letters to his family in Ireland, Bishop Samuel McCoskry and other colleagues, primarily concerning his work and the communities to be visited.

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Martin, George Urquhart, 1896-1961.

- George Urquhart Martin papers, 1939-1940.
- 0.1 linear ft.

Pastor of First United Presbyterian Church, Detroit, Mich.

Correspondence and other documents relating to a proposed conference on church architecture to be held in Detroit; contains correspondence with Michigan architects including Alden Dow; also responses to an architecture survey from about 20 Detroit area churches.

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McCoskry, Samuel Allen, 1804-1886.

- Samuel Allen McCoskry diary, 1836-1840.
- 1 volume

Pioneer bishop of the Michigan Episcopal Church.

Description of the placement of clergy in the Michigan diocese; and photographs.

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Meally, John Edward, 1864-

- John E. Meally papers, 1893-1949.

- 1 linear ft.
Methodist minister and secretary of the Board of Stewards of the Detroit Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.
Correspondence and financial materials relating to his work on behalf of retired ministers; report, 1944, of the Peoples' Congress of Applied Religion.
[Finding Aid](#)

Monteith, John, 1788-1868.

- John Monteith papers, 1797-1885.
- 2 linear ft.
Presbyterian minister in Elyria, Ohio, Detroit and Blissfield, Michigan; professor at Hamilton College and first president of the University of Michigan.
Correspondence between Monteith and other family members, 1817-1885, concerning current events, travels, temperance reform, slavery, and banking failures; annual report, November 1818, of John Monteith to governor and judges of Michigan Territory concerning the university; diaries, 1808-1838, notes on his library, sermons and sermon outlines, speeches, notes on class lectures, account books, notebook, 1820, containing a Chippewa-English vocabulary; student notes, 1797-1798, taken by Alexander Monteith at Dickinson College; and manuscript play, entitled, "The Raging Firelands" composed by John Monteith, Jr.; biographical sketch of Abigail Monteith written by Edwin Harris Monteith; correspondence of Monteith's wife Abigail, his daughter Sarah and his sons George, John Jr., Charles and Edwin; letters concerning George Monteith's service as an officer in the Fourth Michigan Infantry during the Civil War; and photographs.
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Morrison, Minnie T.

- Minnie T. Morrison papers, 1920-1957.
- 0.5 linear ft.
Resident of Detroit.
Scattered correspondence, three scrapbooks, reminiscences of Redford and Detroit, Michigan, histories of various Detroit organizations, especially women's clubs and St. Paul's and St. Christopher's Episcopal churches.
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Nissen family.

- Nissen family papers 1954-[ongoing]
- 0.1 linear ft.
Papers of the Eugene Nissen family of Ann Arbor, Michigan.
Letter, 1982, from Beth Nissen, Latin American correspondent for Newsweek concerning conditions in Nicaragua; family Christmas letters; histories and other materials relating to St. Andrew-Redeemer Lutheran Church in Detroit.
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Olert, Frederick H.

- Frederick H. Olert papers ca. 1956-1972
- 5 items

Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Detroit, Michigan, and Central Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Sermons.

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Page, Herman, 1866-1942.

- Herman Page papers, 1900-1942.
- 1 linear ft.

Episcopal bishop of diocese of Michigan and diocese of Northern Michigan.

Correspondence, sermons, and scrapbooks concerning his life in Fall River, Massachusetts, Chicago, Illinois, Spokane, Washington, and Detroit, Michigan, especially relating to Episcopal City Mission and Mariners' Church in Detroit.

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Potts, Robert L.

- Robert L. Potts papers, 1966-1992.
- 4 linear ft.

Episcopal priest, member of the executive committee of the Metropolitan Detroit Citizens Development Authority, civic organization established with the goals of improving the economic, social, educational, cultural and general welfare of the people of the city of Detroit; also coordinator of the Youth Opportunity Council of Detroit.

Executive committee minutes, financial statements, and miscellaneous papers relating to his activities; also writings of his son, Randolph Potts and sound recordings of sermons given by Potts.

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Regal family.

- Regal family papers, 1834-1905.
- 0.9 linear ft.

Macomb, and Washtenaw County, Michigan family.

Correspondence, sermons, diaries, and other papers of Eli Regal, Disciples of Christ clergyman in Michigan and Ohio; papers of his wife, Sarah Jane, and their children, Ellen, Abel, and Eli, Jr.; contain papers written from Detroit, Richmond and Ypsilanti, Michigan.

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Rennells, Charles S. (Charles Stephen), 1873-1962.

- Charles S. Rennells papers, 1890-1960.
- 1 linear ft. and 1 oversize item.

Hickory Corners, Michigan, Wesleyan Methodist clergyman.

Includes collected historical documents relating to churches in Detroit and Romulus, Michigan.

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Richard, Gabriel, 1767-1832.

- Gabriel Richard papers, 1792-1832.

- 0.2 linear ft. (photostats, microfilm, typescripts, and originals).
French Catholic priest and missionary in Detroit; also co-founder of the Catholepistemiad (or University of Michigan).
Copies of documents, transcripts of letters, and scattered original documents collected from various sources and relating to Richard's activities.
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Rochte, Virgil B.

- Virgil B. Rochte collection 1916-1937.
- 1 folder.
Virgil B. Rochte was a chiropractor in Detroit, Mich., later living in Manistee, Mich. He was also a singer, performing for churches and societies.
Programs and other items relating to Rochte's singing; most are bulletins from Detroit's St. Mark's Methodist Episcopal Church. One 1929 bulletin includes a financial history of the church.
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Rohland, Richard M., 1919-1993.

- Richard M. Rohland papers, 1950s-1960s.
- 1 folder.
Detroit minister and founder of Protestant Youth Organization, a social service organization.
Biographical and other miscellanea and photographs.
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Salvatore, Nick, 1943-

- C. L. Franklin oral history project 1998-2002
- 47 transcripts of interviews and 117 audiocassettes (in 3 boxes).
Professor of history at Cornell University.
Recordings and transcripts of interviews conducted in the course of his research into the life and career of C. L. Franklin, African American clergyman, long-time pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan, and active participant in the civil rights movement.
[Finding Aid](#)

Sampson, Frederick G.

- Frederick G. Sampson papers, 1970-2008.
- 1.25 linear feet and 1 oversize folder. ;
Pastor of Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan.
Pastoral files include church programs, newsletters, souvenir booklets, and events file relating largely to church's African American Male Spirituality Week; also writings, sermons, biographical material, and photographs.
[Finding Aid](#)

Smith, William, 1846-1889.

- William Smith papers, 1889.

- 20 items.
Pastor of the Palmer Memorial (Methodist) Church.
Letters to family written from Europe describing travels and state of health; newspaper obituaries; and miscellanea.
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Studley, William Sprague, 1823-1893.

- William Sprague Studley papers, 1846-1910.
- 0.6 linear ft.
Methodist Episcopal minister in Detroit and Ann Arbor, Michigan, and Evanston, Illinois.
Correspondence; diaries, 1860 and 1873, of trips through Florida and Europe; scrapbook, newspaper clippings concerning activities of Studley family, 1855-1910.
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Tibbs, Chrystal G.

- Chrystal G. Tibbs papers 1913-2013, bulk 1990-2013
- 4 linear feet, 1 oversize box, and 1 oversize folder
Michigan educator, graduate of Wayne State University and the University of Michigan, active member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha (A.K.A.) sorority. Tibbs is A.K.A. Golder Soror (50-year member) and has held a number of administrative posts within the sorority, most notably the Great Lakes Regional Representative to the International Archives Committee of A.K.A. Tibbs served in administrative capacities at various Detroit elementary schools and as a Principal of Hampton Elementary School. The collection includes materials accumulated through Tibbs's participation in A.K.A. conferences, chapter meetings, and special interest groups at the local, state, regional, and national level over a span of 50 years. The activities of Michigan-based chapters are particularly well represented. Material includes policy documents, programs of events, meeting proceedings, reports, scrapbooks, photographs. Also personal material related to Tibbs and her mother Maggie Powell, and Tibbs's church, the Grace Episcopal Church in Detroit.
[Finding Aid](#)

Titus, Sam W.

- Sam W. Titus marriage record books 1845-1907
- 3 v.
Baptist clergyman.
Record of marriages performed in Flint, Grand Rapids, and Detroit, Michigan.
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Van Dyke, Ernest.

- Ernest Van Dyke papers, 1886 and 1918.
- 1 folder.
Detroit Catholic priest.
Clippings from scrapbook, 1918, commemorating both his ordination and his years as priest at St. Aloysius Church in Detroit.

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Waddles, Charleszetta, 1912-

- Charleszetta Waddles autobiography, [ca. 1975].
- 1 folder.
Pentecostal minister and founder of the Perpetual Mission for Saving Souls of All Nations in Detroit.
The autobiography describes her mission work and other aspects of her life.
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Washington, Georgia M.

- Georgia M. Washington papers 1940s-1950s
- 0.2 linear feet.
Detroit African American church woman and cosmetologist.
Event programs and other publications from Hartford Ave. Baptist Church, other Detroit churches, and area cultural performances; cosmetology publications; and snapshots of family, friends, and trips.
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Willard family.

- Willard family scrapbooks, [ca. 1870-ca. 1910].
- 3 volumes
George W. and Carrie May Thurston Willard family of Detroit.
Scrapbooks of clippings of a general nature on St. John's Episcopal Church of Detroit, state politics, and miscellaneous subjects.
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Williams, Charles David, 1860-1923.

- Charles David Williams papers, 1878-1923.
- 3 linear ft.
Episcopal bishop of Michigan.
Correspondence concerning personal and church affairs and the social gospel movement, including correspondence with Walter Rauschenbush, Samuel Mather, and Lucretia Garfield; also sermons and addresses, 1885-1923, journals of European trips, 1896, 1917, and 1921, notebooks on social and labor problems, material on the 1908 forest fire at Metz, Michigan (Presque Isle County), and material on the Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland, Ohio, in 1898; biographical writings by his sons, Benedict Williams, his wife, Lucy V. Williams, and his secretary, Charles O. Ford; letters of condolence from fellow clergy, including Reinhold Niebuhr; also photographs.
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Winter, S. C. (Sara C.)

- S. C. Winter oral history collection 1994-1995
- 0.2 linear feet (8 CD-ROMs)
Faculty member at Eugene Long College, The New School for Liberal Arts.

Interviews with persons active in the development of Parishfield, Episcopal religious community in Brighton, Michigan, and later Detroit, seeking to create a lay ministry to further the mission of the church in society. Interviewees include Bishop Robert DeWitt, Tony Stoneburner, Paul Van Buren, and Gibson Winter.

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Travel Descriptions and Diary Accounts

Andrews family.

- Andrews family papers 1835-1915 (scattered dates).
- 0.2 linear ft.

Family of Seth L. Andrews and Parnelly Pierce Andrews, originally of Pittsford, N.Y. (Seth), and Woodbury, Conn. (Parnelly), missionaries to Hawaii, and their granddaughter Winifred Parnelly Sarah Andrews, student at the University of Michigan and resident of Detroit.

Includes diary (1910-1915) of Winifred Andrews while living in Detroit (with description of a trip to Europe).

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Broad, Athanasius, 1895-1983.

- Athanasius Broad diaries, 1895-1922.
- 0.1 linear ft.

Resident of Negaunee and Detroit, Michigan; musician and office worker.

Diary (begun at Broad's birth by his father) describing Broad's educational, musical, and work activities, including his service in the U.S. Navy during World War I.

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Brown, Albert Emerson.

- Albert Emerson Brown papers, 1923-1942.
- 1 linear ft.

Poet and editor of the Verse-land Press, Shelbyville, Michigan.

Literary manuscripts, and diaries, 1923-1927, concerning his boyhood in Detroit, his interest in writing for religious magazines, and his church activities at the Oakman Mission in Detroit.

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Bury family.

- Bury family papers, 1831-1931.
- 0.4 linear ft.

Family of Rev. Richard Bury (1792-1875), Episcopal priest, rector of St. Paul's Church, Detroit, and later a farmer at Grosse Ile, Michigan; and his son Richard Augustus Bury (1830-1901), of Adrian, Michigan.

Includes notebook of Rev. Richard Bury (and Antoinette E. Gregory and E. B. Gregory) on sermons heard in Detroit, and Albany, New York, 1831-1833, and of lectures of John Lord at Lane Seminary in Cincinnati, 1852; journal of farm activities at Grosse Ile, 1834-1859; diary, 1853, of Richard Augustus Bury describing boat trip from Detroit to the Straits of Mackinac and Eagle River with comments on northern Michigan copper mining.

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Carnegie, William R., 1866-1945.

- William R. Carnegie diary, 1887

- 1 item (47 p.); Original and typescript copy.
Detroit businessman.
Description of voyage from Aberdeen, Scotland to Detroit and first impressions of the United States and Detroit in particular.
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Cook, Henry, 1831-1919.

- Henry Cook papers, [ca. 1919] and 1969.
- 5 items.
Resident of Holland, Michigan.
Autobiographical account of his passage in 1846 from the Netherlands to Detroit and St. Clair, Michigan, and his subsequent settlement in Holland, Michigan.
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Crosier, Edward Stokoe, d. 1891.

- Edward Stokoe Crosier letters, 1856
- 1 folder.
Student at the University of Michigan.
Letters to family discussing in part educational convention held at Detroit; impressions of Windsor, Canada and Battle Creek Michigan; also comments about his studies at the University of Michigan.
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Dickinson, Monroe.

- Monroe Dickinson papers, 1839-1895.
- 34 items.
Resident of Ottawa County, Michigan, and New York state.
Correspondence of Dickinson and his family dealing with family affairs, including letter, 1842, detailing a journey by boat from New York to Michigan.
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Dorsch, Eduard, 1822-1887.

- Edward Dorsch papers, 1852-1914.
- 0.4 linear ft.
Physician and member of the Michigan State Board of Education.
Includes memorandum of expenses of trips from Monroe, to Ypsilanti, and Detroit, Michigan. (Largely in German)
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Dougherty, Peter, 1805-1894.

- Peter Dougherty papers, 1838-1870.
- 3 volumes and 2 microfilm reels (originals of microfilm in the Presbyterian Historical Society, Philadelphia, Pa.)
Presbyterian missionary to Indians in the Mackinac and Grand Traverse Bay areas of Michigan.

Include diaries, 1838-1842 and May 1850, recording trips from New York City to Detroit, Mackinac Island and Chicago via the Erie Canal and the Great Lakes; contain descriptions of Detroit, Mackinac Island, and other towns and places, in Michigan, and of Indian customs and his missionary activities.

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Fisher, James Samuel, 1826-1913.

- James S. Fisher papers, 1850-1863.
- 3 volumes and 4 folders.

1861 graduate of the University of Michigan Law School, served as captain in the 1st Michigan Cavalry during the Civil War.

Includes typescript of excerpts from Fisher's diary describing a Michigan boat trip from Detroit to Ontonagon via Sault Ste. Marie in 1850.

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Gray family.

- Gray family papers, ca. 1849.
- 2 items.

Grosse Ile, Michigan, family.

Paper by Fanny Gray describing a trip by boat from Detroit to Milwaukee, Wisconsin [fragmentary]; and letter from Lydia F. Gray written while traveling by boat from Detroit to Virginia.

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Green family.

- Green family papers, 1833-1841, 1845-1855, 1864, 1950, and 1988.
- 2 folders and 2 volumes.

Residents of Plymouth and Homer, Michigan.

Includes reminiscence of A. D. Green describing his childhood in Detroit in the 1870s and 1880s.

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Green, Sullivan Dexter, 1833-1889.

- Sullivan D. Green papers, 1853-1890.
- 0.3 linear ft.

Student at the University of Michigan, 1855-1858, officer in Co. F, 24th Michigan Infantry and correspondent for the Detroit Free Press during the Civil War.

Includes notes on baseball games played in Detroit in 1867; also diary of a trip to Detroit in 1854.

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Griffith, Walter T.

- Walter T. Griffith papers, undated.
- 26 items (Photostatic copies in part)

Resident of Detroit.

Drawing of scenes of late nineteenth century Detroit, together with attached explanatory notes; also six manuscripts containing his reminiscences of Detroit and the surrounding area and of the early automobile industry.

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Harlow family.

- Harlow family papers, 1836-1950.
- 1 linear ft.

Early settlers of Marquette [originally Worcester], Michigan, and founders of the Marquette Iron Company.

Includes diaries of Ellen (Ella) Harlow concerning daily activities and family affairs in Detroit, 1859-1868.

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Hartsuff family

- Hartsuff family papers, 1839-1950.
- 7 volumes and 3 folders.

Detroit family.

Family correspondence, 1839-1861, miscellaneous newspaper clippings and obituaries, and genealogical notes on the Hartsuff, Banning and Elliott families; also diary, 1908-1915, of Alice Hartsuff, describing her travels in Europe; diary, 1882, of Albert Hartsuff, compiled while stationed with the army in New Mexico; and diaries, 1884-1890, of Florence Hartsuff Bethel, describing activities as Detroit school girl, and relating to her trip to Europe; and photographs.

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Hitchcock, Lambert, 1795-1852.

- Lambert Hitchcock letter, 1835.
- 1 item (photostatic copy)

Chair manufacturer.

Letter to Araba Alford containing a description of Detroit and the state of Michigan in 1835.

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Holmes, Pricilla.

- Pricilla Holmes papers, 1867 and 1877.
- 3 items.

Copy of a reminiscence of a boat trip from Detroit to Lake Superior through Sault Ste. Marie in 1867, and memorandum book of a trip to New York.

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Hull family.

- Hull family papers, 1870-1970.
- 1 linear ft.

Includes diaries of Frances Ball Hull, 1915-1919 and 1947-1957, a 1915 graduate of Detroit Central High School concerning high school and other social activities.

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Johnson family.

- Johnson family papers, 1831, ca. 1880 and undated.
- 4 items.
Oakland County, Michigan, family.
Letter, 1831, from Martha Sharp in Oriskany, New York, to relatives in England concerning family business matters; autobiography, ca. 1880, of Augustus S. Johnson, Oakland County businessman, including description of his settling in Michigan at Detroit and Springfield in 1836 and later business and political activities; and memoir, undated, of Jane Johnson Smith, daughter of Augustus S. Johnson, describing her trip from New York to Michigan in 1836.
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King, John A., 1921-

- John A. King papers, 1938-1957.
- 1.5 linear ft.
Animal behaviorist, professor at Michigan State University.
Diaries detailing his growing up in Detroit, vacation travels, his education at the University of Michigan, 1939-1943, and his pilot training during World War II.
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Leneweaver, C. F.

- C. F. Leneweaver papers, 1833-1857.
- 12 items.
Resident of Lansing, Michigan.
Correspondence and other papers, mostly from Adrian, Detroit, Howell, St. Joseph, and Branch County, with comments on the work of the 1839 Michigan Legislature.
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Look family.

- Look family papers, 1851-1903.
- 25 items.
Papers of the Johann Look family of Detroit.
Letters of family members concerning life in Detroit. Largely in German but some with translations.
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Mullett family.

- Mullett family papers, 1825-1924.
- 1 linear ft.
Williamston, Ingham County, Michigan, family.
Includes diary, 1840-1841, of Catherine Hall written in Detroit.
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Nichols, Henry Alonzo, 1836-1899.

- Henry Alonzo Nichols papers, 1859-1860.
- 3 volumes.
Law student at the University of Michigan.
Diaries describe in part a trip from western New York to Detroit in 1860.
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Parker, Justine L.

- Justine L. Parker diary 1874-1875
- 0.2 linear feet.
Daughter of Thomas A. Parker and Elizabeth Maxwell Parker of Detroit, Mich., born about 1861. Thomas A. Parker was a wholesale grocer.
Travel journal of a tour of Europe taken by Justine Parker and her mother, including visits to England, France, and Italy.
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Power, Nathan, 1801-1874.

- Nathan Power record, 1826-1873.
- 1 item (photostatic negative)
Quaker anti-slavery reformer from Farmington, Michigan.
Notations on visits, buildings built, land cleared, political activities, account of winters, Quaker meetings, anti-slavery activities, and travels, including a journey from New York to Michigan in 1826.
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Ransom, Ezra, b. 1836.

- Ezra Ransom autobiographical writings, 1909, 1915 and undated.
- 15 items.
Soldier in Co. B, Third Michigan Infantry, during the Civil War.
Description of life in Genesee County, Michigan, time spent in Detroit and Ohio before the war, military campaigns in which he participated, a hospital stay, and brief comments on his activities after the war; also miscellaneous family letters, 1888, largely written to his son, Reuben Ransom.
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Rice family.

- Rice family correspondence, 1824-1852 and 1888.
- 20 items.
Justin Rice family of Detroit.
Correspondence concerning travels, daily life, and family affairs.
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Ritze, Claude C. (Claude Cecil), 1885-1977.

- Claude C. Ritze papers, ca. 1910, 1966-1969, and 1982.
- 0.2 linear ft.
1910 graduate of Olivet College, and Iron County, Michigan, probate judge.

Reminiscences of his childhood on a farm near Capac, Michigan, his work in Iron River before World War I and in Detroit after World War I and during World War II, and his views on problems of the 1960s; also include reminiscence of childhood by Gladys Ritze Love; and photographs.

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Rose, Stephen, b. 1817.

- Stephen Rose reminiscences, 1830.
- 1 item (9 p.; typescript copy)

Resident of Detroit.

Genealogy of the Rose family, reminiscences of the family's settlement in Detroit area and later on Indian reserve at Swan Creek, Michigan, including a description of French-Canadian life in the Detroit area with material on Indians.

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Smith, Joseph Rowe, 1831-1911.

- Joseph Rowe Smith papers, 1837 and 1869-1935.
- 22 items.

Brigadier general and surgeon in U.S. Army.

Reminiscences about early Detroit, account of a trip to the Arkansas River in 1850, scattered correspondence, biographical sketch, paper on the Smith family by Susan Wegg Smith, 1935, and typewritten copy of record of his father's military operations against the Florida Seminole Indians in 1837; also photographs.

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Smith, Sidney, 1800-1844.

- Sidney Smith papers, 1826-1867.
- 23 items.

Kent County, Michigan, attorney.

Personal correspondence, including letters of his wife, Laura Richardson Smith, and other members of his family; letter, 1853, describing a large fleet of ships off Detroit and convention of the Female State (New York) Temperance Society at which Susan B.

Anthony and Lucy Stone spoke; Civil War letter by Albert S. Smith written while serving in Company B, Michigan Engineers and Mechanics; also seven miscellaneous legal and business papers.

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Spalding, Wilbur F., 1834-1864.

- Wilbur F. Spalding letters, 1862-1864.
- 0.2 linear ft. (photostatic copies)

Soldier from Richland, Michigan who served in Company I, Sixth Michigan Infantry during the Civil War.

Letters to his wife while in the army and diary (Sept.-Dec. 1862) with brief entries describing trip from Detroit to Washington, D.C. and on to New Orleans, Louisiana.

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Stevens, William Collin, 1837-1921.

- William Collin Stevens papers, 1861-1921.
- 0.6 linear ft.
Resident of Whitmore Lake, Michigan; lieutenant in the 3rd Michigan Cavalry, later major in the 9th Michigan Cavalry during the Civil War; later East Tawas, Michigan, Republican politician.
Includes in part diaries, 1903-1916 and 1918-1921, recounting daily life in Detroit and Ann Arbor, Michigan.
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Ten Brook, Andrew, 1814-1899.

- Andrew Ten Brook papers, 1854-1935.
- 0.2 linear ft.
Professor of philosophy and University of Michigan librarian.
Includes typescript copies of letters originally published in the New York Baptist Register describing a trip he made in 1854 through eastern United States and Michigan with mention of Baptist church work and railroad travel.
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Thorne, George Taylor, 1865-1945.

- George Taylor Thorne papers, ca. 1885-ca. 1920.
- 0.3 linear ft.
Worker in repair shop of the Overman Wheel Company of Detroit, later employed with Universal Button Factory.
Diaries containing comments concerning work activities, life in Detroit, and his interest in bicycling; notebook concerning activities of the Detroit Wheelmen; and photographs detailing Detroit and rural Michigan scenes, special events, factories, bicycling activities, farm life, and automobile excursions.
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Townsend, John.

- John Townsend papers, 1836-1851.
- 1 folder.
Albany, New York, businessman.
Business letters, 1836-1851, from John A. Wells and others of the Detroit Farmers and Mechanics Bank; letter, 1843, from Barstow and Lockwood, Detroit law firm, describing property near Birmingham, Michigan; letter from Allen Munroe, 1847, relating primarily to the condition of railroads in Michigan; and letter, 1850, from George C. Munroe relating to land transactions in Michigan.
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Trowbridge, L. S. (Luther Stephen), 1836-1912.

- L. S. Trowbridge papers, ca. 1842-1890
- 0.4 linear ft.
Civil war general and lawyer.

Correspondence of Trowbridge and members of his family concerning Birmingham and Detroit, college life at Yale, and the Civil War.

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Welch family.

- Welch family papers, 1864-1944.
- 1 linear ft.

Eldred and Lulu Welch family of Huntington and Portland, Oregon.

Letters from family members in Port Huron, Detroit, and Carsonville, Michigan concerning everyday happenings and family affairs.

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Wells, Clinton, collector.

- Clinton Wells papers, 1821 and ca. 1843-ca. 1910.
- 3 items (ca. 60 p.; photocopies)

Dickerson, Maryland, resident.

Papers collected by Clinton F. Wells relating to his family; include diary, 1821, of Abigail Smith Hudson detailing her trip from Sandwich, Massachusetts to Detroit.

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Wilcox family.

- Willcox-Davis family papers, 1836-1869 and 1912.
- 35 items.

Willcox-Davis family of Chicago, Illinois and Detroit.

Letters discussing everyday events in Chicago, Illinois, ca. 1840-1850, and later events in Detroit and letters, 1869, from Richard Mason to his wife written during a European trip.

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Wilder, Oshea, d. 1846.

- Oshea Wilder diary, 1831.
- 1 volume.

Civil engineer, lumberman, and land speculator.

Diary description of a journey, via boat, from Buffalo, New York to Detroit and nearby areas in southern Michigan.

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Wright family.

- Wright family papers, 1825-1938.
- 3 linear ft.

Philo E. and Fannie E. Pettibone Wright family of Detroit.

Personal correspondence of Fannie Wright with her husband Philo, her brother Sherman Pettibone, her daughters Virginia, Maude, and Evelyn, her son Philo S., and other members of the family, concerning family affairs and the genealogy of the Wright and Pettibone families; also fifty-seven volumes of Fannie E. Wright's diaries, 1863-1925, recording family news, social events, and home activities in Detroit; account books of Philo S. Wright, 1893-1913; and photographs.

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Visual Materials

[Aerial photograph of Detroit, Mich., from the South], [ca. 1940]

- 1 photograph ; 121 x 184 cm.
Gift of Ernest and Marietta Drucker, former residents of Detroit.
Oblique aerial photograph showing Detroit watershed and downtown, centered on Washington Blvd.
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"Topping-out" ceremony : the Detroit Plaza Hotel in Renaissance Center

- 1 photo album
The Renaissance Center in Detroit, also known as the GM Renaissance Center, is a group of seven interconnected skyscrapers located on the International Riverfront in downtown Detroit, Mich. The Detroit Plaza Hotel was opened in the tallest central tower of the Renaissance Center in 1977.
Photo album containing thirteen 8" x 10" black-and-white photographs documenting events of the topping-out ceremony of the Detroit Plaza Hotel in Renaissance Center in Detroit, Mich.
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Anonymous.

- Anonymous photograph, untitled 1930s.
- 1 item.
Photographs depicting children holding Christmas trees; a man in Native American costume holding a drum; and a dog (most likely a German shepherd). Caption submitted with the photograph reads: "Taken in Detroit Dec. 20, 1933[?] by Detroit Free Press."
This photograph was not found in microfilmed Detroit Free Press for the 1930s.
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Bergey, Arthur.

- Arthur Bergey photograph collection 1938
- 1 item.
Detroit, Mich., architect employed by Albert Kahn Associates.
Photograph of Albert, Moritz, and Louis Kahn (left to right) inspecting model of Ford Motor Company Press Shop, Rouge River Plant, Dearborn, Mich.
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Caurdy, Mary A.

- Mary A. Caurdy photograph 1957 August
- 1 item.
Co-chair of the Detroit Islamic Council.
Panoramic photograph of the attendees at the banquet of the Sixth Annual Convention of the Federation of Islamic Associations in the United States and Canada, August 2, 3 and 4, 1957 held in Detroit, Michigan.
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Chrysler Group LLC.

- Chrysler Eminem Super Bowl commercial collection [electronic resource] 2011
- 2 CD-ROMs.
Downloaded copy (MPEG4) of Chrysler commercial aired during the 2011 Super Bowl titled either "Imported from Detroit" or "Born of Fire." The commercial features views of Detroit, Eminem, and the Selected of God Choir. The commercial advertises the Chrysler 200. The collection also includes stills from the commercial (TIFF) and creative credits.
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Cromwell, Percy W.

- Percy W. Cromwell cartoon collection, ca. 1918-ca. 1932.
- 6 oversize boxes.
Cartoonist for the Detroit Times.
Editorial cartoons and sketches relating to local political and social issues.
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Detroit & Canada Tunnel Corporation.

- Detroit & Canada Tunnel Corporation visual material collection, 1930-1980.
- 0.2 linear ft.
Assembled by the Detroit & Canada Tunnel Corp. in 1980 for the 50th anniversary of the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel.
Photographs of tunnel construction, dedication, and use, and a film, "The Detroit-Windsor Tunnel," produced by Jack Kausch, 1980, of tunnel construction.
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Detroit (Mich.). Police Dept.

- Detroit Police Department photograph collection, July 1967.
- Photographs taken by the Detroit Police Department following the 1967 Detroit riot; views of burned-out and vandalized businesses and offices, including interior and exterior views of drinking club where disturbance began. The photographs are arranged by precinct number.
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Elmwood Cemetery (Detroit, Mich.)

- Elmwood Cemetery photograph collection, ca. 1980.
- 0.2 linear ft.
Photographs copied from color slides taken by Mark C. Stevens, secretary-treasurer of the cemetery.
Views of Detroit, the neighborhood around the cemetery, scenery within the cemetery, and gravestones, monuments, and markers; also a transcript of commentary by Stevens on the photographs.
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Farmer, Ruth C.

- Ruth C. Farmer photograph collection 1936, 1949 and 1964
- 1 folder.

Detroit public health nurse.

Group photographs of public health nurses; one photograph is of the monthly meeting of nurses at Harper Hospital, 1936; another is of the supervisors of nursing of the Detroit Department of Health.

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Goin' north : Black Detroit and the great migration, 1910-1930.

- Exhibition materials, 1991.
- ca. 1 linear ft. and 2 oversize folders.

Exhibit (1991) of photographs and documents produced by the Bentley Historical Library in commemoration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day at the University of Michigan.

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JJR Inc.

- JJR Inc. photographic slides 1960s-1990s
- 35 linear feet.

Ann Arbor, Mich. based national landscape architectural firm noted for urban design, campus planning, environmental analyses, community development, and historic preservation.

Photographic slide collection documenting Michigan projects only. Included are project slides, site plans, conceptual drawings, etc. Many of the projects relate to projects at colleges and universities, especially the University of Michigan. There are projects from throughout the state, but especially from Ann Arbor, Detroit, Flint, Grand Rapids, and Saginaw.

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Marshall, Russ.

- Russ Marshall photograph collection 1958-2010.
- 0.2 linear feet.

Russ Marshall is a Detroit, Mich., photographer who has worked for the United Auto Workers' Solidarity magazine.

Photographs including Detroit's Michigan Central Railroad Station, judges of the U.S. District Court of Eastern Michigan, and Violet Anna Swartzentruber. Also a collection of press passes.

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Michigan Bell Telephone Company.

- Michigan Bell Telephone Company photograph collection, 1949-1983.
- ca. 63 linear ft.

Photographs (positive and negative), slides, and transparencies taken by the company's photographers to document company activities, products, services, employees at work and at leisure, company exhibits and commemorations, and the response of the company to natural disasters and civil disturbances. Many of the photographs are images of Detroit sites, activities, and personalities.

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Michigan Photographers Society.

- Michigan Photographers Society photograph collection, ca. 1880-ca. 1925.
- 0.33 linear ft.
Copy print photographs of streets, businesses, and dwellings in many Michigan cities; also views of ships, railroads, lumbering and agriculture.
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Perazza, Julio.

- Julio Perazza visual materials 1970s and 1984-1986
- 0.2 linear feet.
Detroit, Mich. Latino photographer and teacher.
The Julio Perazza collection consists of photograph negatives taken during the period of 1984-1986. The images relate mainly to the Hispanic community of Detroit, particularly of activities at Casa de Unidad. These include photographs of various classes (dance, photography, etc.) and social events sponsored by this Hispanic organization. The collection also includes a motion picture created by Latino students at the University of Michigan in the early 1970s intended as a recruiting tool to encourage individuals to apply for admission.
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Schicker, Louis E., 1896?-1964.

- Louis E. Schicker photograph album, 1910s-1930s.
- 0.5 linear ft.
Resident of Detroit, Mich., who served as photographer with the 310th Engineers during the American intervention in North Russia; he later worked as a Detroit firefighter, homesteaded in Roscommon County, Mich., logged in the L'Anse, Mich. area, and vacationed at Higgins Lake, Mich.
Photograph album has been disbound. Photographs of 310th Engineers training at Camp Custer, Mich., and in Russia, Detroit Fire Dept. personnel and equipment, Detroit waterfront, farming in Roscommon County, hunting and fishing in Roscommon County, logging in Baraga County.
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Stephan, Art.

- Art Stephan motion picture collection 1960s-1980s
- 28 film reels in 1 box.
Ann Arbor, Mich. filmmaker and founder of the Ann Arbor Silent Film Society.
Home movies, 5 16 mm film reels including Detroit Zoo and golf with other topics; 5 8 mm film reels including Saginaw Forest and Delhi Park with other topics; 18 super 8 mm film reels including a film autobiography, film accomplishment for Paul Bowles' "Music for a Farce," Ann Arbor Art Fair 1973, American Broach and Machine Company, Detroit Metro Airport 1972, Curwood Castle, Mr. Ann Arbor and Mr. Michigan contests, and other topics.
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Williams, Howard S.

- Howard S. Williams photograph collection ca. 1903-ca. 1910.
- 0.4 linear feet.

Howard Stephen Williams was a civil engineer who graduated from Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa, in 1903. He worked on the Detroit River Michigan Central railroad tunnel (built 1906-1910) and on railroad construction projects. He was born about 1876, and was married to Gertrude E. Beard.

Glass negatives of images of the construction of the Detroit River railroad tunnel, images of the Williams family at their home in the Ivanhoe Apartments on Howard Street in Detroit, images of Detroit's Belle Isle Park, and images of unidentified railroad construction, possibly in Fulton County, Illinois.

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Women

Ahwal, Terry.

- Terry Ahwal personal memoir 2009
- 1 item (115 pages)

A native of Ramallah, Palestine, Terry Ahwal immigrated to Detroit, Mich., in 1972. She has worked as Executive Director of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, Assistant Wayne County Executive, and Director of Development at the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan.

Memoir describing her childhood in Palestine, life and work in Detroit, and numerous visits to Palestine. Part of University of Michigan-Dearborn Immigrant Memoir Project.

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Bach, Frank, 1948-

- Frank and Peggy Bach papers, 1965-1995.
- 5.4 linear ft. and 1 oversize folder.

Frank and Peggy Bach were involved with the counterculture in Detroit and Ann Arbor beginning in the -1960s as musicians, performers, graphic designers, promoters, and activists for area jazz, blues, and pop acts. Frank Bach was also involved in community organizations supporting housing and economic development activities in Detroit.

The collection documents the Bachs' numerous professional activities and organizations, groups, and individuals with whom they were associated, including Rainbow Corporation and Rainbow Multi-media, Allied Artists Association of America, Strata Associates, Detroit Jazz Center, Grande Graphics, Morda-Sinclair & Associates, and John Sinclair. Detroit community organizations documented in the collection include the Creekside Community Development Corporation, the Jefferson-Chalmers Citizens? District Council, and the Jefferson East Business Association.

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Banks, Sarah Gertrude, b. 1839.

- Sarah Gertrude Banks papers 1842-1932
- 1 linear foot and 2 oversize folders.

Detroit, Michigan, physician; early woman graduate of the University of Michigan Medical School, class of 1873; woman's rights advocate, especially of the right to vote. Letters to and from family members; letter from Anna Howard Shaw, 1906, regarding woman suffrage; medical case notebooks, 1863-1905; collected letters from other members of her extended family, including Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wixom, founders of the village of Wixom in Southeast Michigan, and the Sibley family; biographical and genealogical materials; and visual materials.

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Bielenberg, Irma C. (Irma Christina), 1891-

- Irma C. Bielenberg papers, 1897-1971.
- 2 linear ft.

Teacher and Methodist missionary to India, 1924-1927.

Correspondence and printed material concerning her work in India, college notebooks and papers from Detroit Teachers College; her thesis "Economic Detroit?1860-1870;" family letters, many in Swedish, relating in part to Michigan's Upper Peninsula at the end of the nineteenth century.

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Brown, Gloria.

- Gloria Brown papers, 1964-1967.
- 50 items.

Chairwoman of the Detroit chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality.

Correspondence, news releases, and printed material relating to the activities of the Detroit CORE.

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Brucker, Clara H.

- Clara H. Brucker papers, 1920-1980.
- 8 linear ft.

Wife of Wilber M. Brucker, former governor of Michigan and Secretary of the Army.

Correspondence, speeches, travel briefs and diaries; include papers concerning her work with the Detroit School of Government and Mock Republican Conventions and her interest in the prevention of sex crimes against women and children, the General Federation of Women's Clubs and miscellaneous charities.

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Bryant, Frances Maire, 1899-1970.

- Frances Maire Bryant papers, ca. 1960-1973.
- 3 folders and 1 oversize folder.

Detroit resident.

Papers relating to her participation in the Huguenot Society of Michigan and to the genealogy of the Mettetal family; also tape of her husband, Edward Bryant, discussing her collection; and photographs.

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Burns, Carolyn Sinelli, 1915-

- Carolyn S. Burns papers, 1943-1968.
- 8 linear ft.

Detroit civic worker and fund-raiser.

Files relating to her work with Italian-American organizations, especially the American committee on Italian Migration, the American-Italian Business and Professional Women's Club, and the Piemontese Ladies Social Club; papers concerning her interest in U.S. immigration law and the problems of displaced persons and refugees; files relating to her Catholic faith and work for Catholic missionary organizations, notably the Friends of Sts. Peter and Paul Missionaries; and files concerning Democratic politics and her work during the 1966 senatorial campaign of G. Mennen Williams.

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Campbell, James V. (James Valentine), 1823-1890.

- James V. Campbell papers, 1830-1941.
- 3.2 linear ft.
University of Michigan professor of law, Detroit attorney, Michigan Supreme Court justice.
Includes in part papers of Valeria Campbell, corresponding secretary of the Soldiers' Aid Society of Detroit, concerning the society, the Detroit Soldiers' Home, and other relief agencies.
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Campbell, Katherine Hill, 1868-1942.

- Katherine Hill Campbell papers, 1933-1939.
- 15 items.
Superintendent of the Women's Division of the Detroit House of Correction.
Reports, articles, history of women's division, and expressions of friendship from women of the prison.
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Cardona, Ana Luisa.

- Ana Luisa Cardona papers, 1973-2004.
- 1 linear foot and 1 oversize folder.
Member of Detroit, Michigan Latino arts organization Casa de Unidad and the Alliance for Cultural Democracy.
Files relate to her association with Casa de Unidad particularly as art consultant on grants submitted by the organization; also materials relating to Jack Delano, who was a photographer with the Farm Security Administration, including interview with Delano about his career. The collection also includes files relating to the Alliance for Cultural Democracy .
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Caurdy, Mary A.

- Mary A. Caurdy photograph 1957 August
- 1 item.
Co-chair of the Detroit Islamic Council.
Panoramic photograph of the attendees at the banquet of the Sixth Annual Convention of the Federation of Islamic Associations in the United States and Canada, August 2, 3 and 4, 1957 held in Detroit, Michigan.
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Chandler, Elizabeth Margaret, 1807-1834.

- Elizabeth Margaret Chandler papers, 1793-1854.
- 0.6 linear ft.
Papers of Elizabeth Margaret Chandler, abolitionist poet.
There is some correspondence describing in part affairs of the Pontiac and Detroit railroad.
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Clive, Alan, 1944-

- Alan Clive transcripts of interviews, 1973-1974.
- 2 folders.

Doctoral student in history at the University of Michigan.

Transcript of interview with author Harriette Arnow describing her life in the Detroit area following her migration from Kentucky during the mid-1940s; also interview with Jane Gonzalez discussing Chicano community in Muskegon area during the war. The interviews were used in Clive's thesis (later book), "State of War: Michigan in World War II."

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Connor, Mamie E.

- Mamie E. Connor diaries, 1890-1937.
- 42 volumes.

Housewife and bookkeeper in Plymouth, Michigan.

Accounts of social activities, weather, and trips to Detroit and other nearby towns.

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Cristy, Emma Crapo.

- Emma Crapo Cristy papers, 1890-1897 and 1901.
 - 0.4 linear ft. (Original letters, photocopy of edited typescript, and computer disk)
- Resident of Detroit and Wequetonsing, Michigan. Daughter of H. H. Crapo, wife of H. P. Cristy.

Letters to her son, James Crapo Cristy, describing family activities.

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Davis, Mary P.

- Mary P. Davis letters, 1861 and 1864.
- 2 items.

Letters to Mrs. S. E. Mead, one containing description of her work at the Detroit House of Correction where she was employed.

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DeLeon, Linda.

- Linda DeLeon papers 1981-2013.
- 1 linear foot.

President of the Christians for Decency Anti-Pornography Information Center in Wayne County, Michigan.

Anti-pornography and anti-abortion campaigns correspondence, publications, mailing, petitions, and other material produced by the Christians for Decency, American Family Association of Michigan, American Decency Association of Michigan, National Federation for Decency Greater Detroit Chapter, Focus on the Family, and other Michian and national organizations. Majority of the Christians for Decency material relates to Inkster, Mich. anti-pornography and anti-abortion campaigns.

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Dessaw, Marie.

- Marie Dessaw papers, ca.1956-ca.1985.
- 0.5 linear ft.
Detroit, Michigan civic leader, member and officer of the National Housewives League of America.
Correspondence, reports, minutes, and other materials relating to her participation and leadership of the National Housewives League.
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Detroit Association of University of Michigan Women.

- Detroit Association of University of Michigan Women records 1970-2006
- 0.5 linear feet and 1 oversize volume.
Organization established in 1912 of University of Michigan alumnae from Detroit Metropolitan area.
History, constitution and by-laws, membership rosters, newsletters, minutes of annual meetings, treasurer's reports, various mailings, scrapbook of activities, and photographs.
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Edwards, Gladys Whelan.

- Gladys Whelan Edwards scrapbooks, 1913-1917 and 1942-1955.
- 1 linear ft.
Clippings, photographs, and memorabilia concerning student activities, Detroit history, and her activities as Victory Aide during World War II and as vice-chairman of the American Women's Voluntary Services.
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Ellis, Ruth, 1899-2000.

- Ruth Ellis papers 1900s-2000
- 3 linear ft. and 1 oversize folder.
African American lesbian from Detroit, Mich.
Biographical information, awards and citations, articles and clippings about her, and photographs.
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Farmer, Ruth C.

- Ruth C. Farmer photograph collection 1936, 1949 and 1964
- 1 folder.
Detroit public health nurse.
Group photographs of public health nurses; one photograph is of the monthly meeting of nurses at Harper Hospital, 1936; another is of the supervisors of nursing of the Detroit Department of Health.
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Ford, Frederica Buhl.

- Frederica Buhl Ford guest book 1912-1931

- 1 volume.
Resident of Detroit, Michigan, widow of James H. Ford.
Guest book of names and whether the occasion of the visit was for lunch or dinner.
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Fox, Emma Augusta Stowell, 1847-1945.

- Emma Augusta Stowell Fox papers, 1894-1945.
- 1 linear ft.
Detroit author and teacher of parliamentary practice for women's organizations.
Letters exchanged between Mrs. Fox and various women and women's organizations (particularly state federations of women's clubs) concerning club activities; also letter, 1903, from Jane Addams; and photographs.
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Gardner, Nannette Brown Ellingwood, 1828-1900.

- Nannette B. E. Gardner papers, 1871-1893.
- 0.1 linear ft. and 1 oversize folder.
Detroit woman suffrage leader.
Scrapbooks containing biographical sketch of Mrs. Gardner and members of her family; two pages of a diary on voting in Detroit, 1871; miscellaneous papers which largely relate to woman suffrage; and visual materials.
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Gomon, Josephine Fellows, 1892-1975.

- Josephine Fellows Gomon papers, 1913-1975.
- 10 linear ft. and 2 oversize volumes.
Executive secretary to Detroit Mayor Frank Murphy, 1930-1933, chairwoman of the Mayor's Unemployment Committee, later director of the Detroit Housing Commission, candidate for Detroit public office, and director of women personnel at the Willow Run Bomber Plant during World War II.
Correspondence and diaries concerning the Murphy mayoralty, Clarence Darrow and the Ossian Sweet murder trial of 1925, and local Detroit politics; and photographs.
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Gordy family.

- Gordy family papers, 1928-1947.
- 2 linear ft.
Detroit business and cultural family.
Materials of Berry Gordy, Sr. and Bertha Fuller Gordy and their children largely relating to business, church and civic activities; include letters of daughter, Esther Gordy, written from Howard University, and letters from sons, Fuller and George Gordy, written while serving in the military during World War II; also assorted materials detailing Detroit church activities with the Church of God in Christ and Bethel A.M.E.; and miscellaneous records relating to the Booker T. Washington Grocery Store, and the Booker T. Washington Trade Association; and other materials concerning interest in black organizations and individuals. Use of this collection requires the permission of the donor.

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Griffiths, Martha Wright, 1912-

- Martha W. Griffiths papers, 1956-1976.
- 60 linear ft. and 8 oversize volumes

Detroit attorney, Democratic member of the U.S. House of Representatives, 1955-1974, and member of the House Ways and Means Committee. Griffiths' district included a portion of Detroit.

Congressional papers, arranged by term, include legislative files, bills files, topical files, schedules, sound recordings, photographs, motion pictures, and scrapbooks. The collection details relationship with colleagues and constituents and pertains to committee activities, legislation sponsored, and issues of the day. Topics of interest include civil rights, the war in Vietnam, Sleeping Bear Dunes, the humane slaughtering of animals, the economy and the fiscal policy of the federal government, women's rights, the Equal Rights Amendment, economic problems of women, and the need for national health insurance legislation.

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Grimes, Lucia Isabelle Voorhees, 1877-1978.

- Lucia I. V. Grimes papers, 1912-1949.
- 4 linear ft. and 3 oversize items.

Suffragist, leader of the Michigan Branch of the National Woman's Party, and candidate for the Michigan legislature in 1924.

Correspondence, newspaper clippings, pamphlets, periodicals and other materials concerning her activities in the Michigan Equal Suffrage Association, the Legislative Council of Michigan Women, the National Woman's Party, and the Republican Party; also photographs.

[Finding Aid](#)

Hall, Emma Amelia, 1837-1884.

- Emma Amelia Hall papers, 1866-1935.
- ca. 150 items, 8 volumes, and 1 oversize folder (originals of diaries and reports in Michigan State Archives)

Superintendent of the Michigan State Training School for Girls at Adrian, Michigan. Reports, 1871-1884, minutes, 1880, and expense accounts of the school; four volumes of diaries, 1879-1884, noting everyday events and happenings; personal correspondence; manuscript history of the Detroit Presbyterial Home Mission Society; obituary notes, notebooks, sermons, photographs, and miscellaneous papers; and scrapbook of clippings.

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Harlow family.

- Harlow family papers, 1836-1950.
- 1 linear ft.

Early settlers of Marquette [originally Worcester], Michigan, and founders of the Marquette Iron Company.

Includes diaries of Ellen (Ella) Harlow concerning daily activities and family affairs in Detroit, 1859-1868.

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Hartsuff family

- Hartsuff family papers, 1839-1950.
- 7 volumes and 3 folders.

Detroit family.

Family correspondence, 1839-1861, miscellaneous newspaper clippings and obituaries, and genealogical notes on the Hartsuff, Banning and Elliott families; also diary, 1908-1915, of Alice Hartsuff, describing her travels in Europe; diary, 1882, of Albert Hartsuff, compiled while stationed with the army in New Mexico; and diaries, 1884-1890, of Florence Hartsuff Bethel, describing activities as Detroit school girl, and relating to her trip to Europe; and photographs.

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Hassen, Aliya, 1910-1990.

- Aliya Hassen papers, 1910-1991.
- 1.5 linear ft. and 1 oversize folder.

Arab-American community leader in the Dearborn-Detroit area of Michigan.

Articles, manuscripts and poems on Islamic topics; topical files, 1948-1991, relating to Arab community affairs, including files concerning the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services, 1986-1991 and the Federation of Islamic Associations of the U.S. and Canada; also correspondence and articles of Malcolm X; and photographs.

[Finding Aid](#)

Hicks, Lillian Beall, 1896-1996.

- Lillian Beall Hicks papers ca. 1900-1996 (bulk 1930s-1950s)
- 0.3 linear ft.

Detroit, Mich., stage and radio singer-actress.

Scrapbook containing clippings and programs of appearances, 1930s-1950s; also scattered correspondence and biographical information; photographic portraits and informal snapshots; and sound cassettes of Lillian Hicks singing and reminiscing about her career.

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Holmes, Pricilla.

- Pricilla Holmes papers, 1867 and 1877.
- 3 items.

Copy of a reminiscence of a boat trip from Detroit to Lake Superior through Sault Ste. Marie in 1867, and memorandum book of a trip to New York.

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Hoobler, Icie Gertrude Macy, 1892-

- Icie G. M. Hoobler papers 1914-1979
- 29 linear ft.

Scientific research consultant of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Correspondence, scientific reports and publications, other papers, and photographs, primarily concerning her interest in the problems of nutrition and aging, including her work with the Merrill-Palmer School in Detroit, the Detroit Institute of Cancer Research, the Children's Fund of Michigan, and Grand Valley State College in Allendale; also materials relating to her membership on the White House Conference on Food, Nutrition and Health, 1969, and various White House conferences on children and youth

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Hull family.

- Hull family papers, 1870-1970.

- 1 linear ft.

Includes diaries of Frances Ball Hull, 1915-1919 and 1947-1957, a 1915 graduate of Detroit Central High School concerning high school and other social activities.

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Hunter, Sara E.

- Sara E. Hunter papers 1800s-1990s

- 0.5 linear ft.

African American member of St. Matthew's and St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, Detroit, Mich.; historian of her family.

Family and genealogical materials, accumulated relating to different family lines, notably O'Neal, Jones, King, Garlington, and Johnson families.

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Irwin, Patricia A., interviewee.

- Patricia A. Irwin oral history interview, 2001.

- 3 videocassettes (VHS) : sd., col. ; 1/2 in.

Public health nurse in Detroit, Mich.

Interview conducted by Elizabeth J. Miller regarding Irwin's life and career. A transcript of the interview is found in Miller's thesis, "Patricia A. Irwin, forty years working a public health nurse life (1961-2001)."

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Jenny Lind Club of Detroit.

- Jennie Lind Club of Detroit records, 1937-1988.

- 1 linear ft.

Swedish American women's organization.

Correspondence; minutes of meetings; and yearbooks containing annual reports.

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Kenjockety Club (Detroit, Mich.)

- Kenjockety Club minutes, 1904-1958.

- 0.5 linear ft. (4 volumes)

An organization of wives of Presbyterian ministers.

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Kleinman, Rose Parker, 1914-1977.

- Rose P. Kleinman papers, 1947-1977, bulk 1964-1977.
- 2 linear ft.

Detroit social activist and reformer.

Correspondence and subject files relating to her interest in cooperatives, especially organizations concerned with low-income, open housing projects; also photographs and audiotapes.

[Finding Aid](#)

Knight, Mona.

- Mona Knight scrapbook 1920s-1930s

Programs and clippings taken from scrapbook and relating to performances of concerts held in Detroit.

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Krebs, M. (Michelle)

- Michelle Krebs papers, 1984-2009.
- 9.3 linear feet and 2 oversized items.

Michelle Krebs is an authority on the automotive industry, writes regularly for numerous automotive publications, and is an adjunct professor at Detroit's College for Creative Studies.

The collection includes her writings on the automobile industry, research materials collected as part of her work, and promotional materials received from automobile companies about new car models, mainly in the form of photographs, CDs, DVDs, and videotapes.

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League of Women Voters of Detroit.

- League of Women Voters of Detroit records, 1931-1988.
- 4 linear ft.

Board meeting minutes, correspondence, newsletters, position statements on various statements, and pamphlets and other publications; also visual materials; subjects covered by files include environmental quality, education, and women's rights issues.

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League of Women Voters of Michigan.

- League of Women Voters of Michigan records, 1924-1985.
- 31 linear ft.

Papers of the state office of the League of Women Voters.

Minutes, annual reports, presidents' letters, legislative programs, issue files concerning its involvement with such issues as child welfare, civil service, the Constitutional Convention of 1961-1962, election law reform, environmental quality, fair employment practices, human resources, reapportionment, taxation, and voters services; also include materials relating to local branch offices.

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Martha Cook Alumnae Association of Detroit (Mich.)

- Martha Cook Alumnae Association of Detroit records, 1945- 1965 and 1988-1991.
- 0.4 linear ft.
Organization of alumnae of the University of Michigan's Martha Cook Building (residence hall for female students.)
Minutes; notebook detailing activities, 1945-1965; membership lists for classes of 1916-1956; and 75th anniversary material.
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McCauley, Dorothy.

- Dorothy McCauley papers, 1961-1989.
- 1.5 linear ft.
Organizer and executive director of the Dav-Joy-Lin-Dex Community Council, Detroit network of neighborhood block organization; community activist concerned with neighborhood youth and senior citizen programs, and with interest in matters of zoning, health, housing, and police-community relations.
Newsletters and minutes of executive committee of the Dav-Joy-Lin-Dex Community Council; newsletters of area block clubs; files relating to her community and organizational involvement; published materials; and photographs.
[Finding Aid](#)

McGinnis, Esther.

- Esther McGinnis papers, 1948-1950.
- 1 linear ft.
Detroit director of the Merrill-Palmer School.
Materials relating to the National Conference on Family Life, 1948, and the White House Conference on Youth, 1950.
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Michigan Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

- Michigan Woman's Christian Temperance Union records, 1874-1991.
- 15.3 linear ft.
Papers of early W.C.T.U. workers, Alice E. H. Peters and Ella Eaton Kellogg, both including correspondence with Frances Willard and Anna A. Gordon; also minutes and other records of individual Michigan W.C.T.U. districts and chapters. Included are secretary's records for the Detroit Federation, 1959-1965 (3 volumes)
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Miller, Janette, 1879-1969.

- Janette Miller papers, 1886-1970.
- 2 linear ft.
Papers of Janette Miller, Congregationalist missionary to Angola, and other members of the Miller family.
Family letters, missionary newsletter, personal diaries concerning life in Hancock and Detroit; Miller family materials; and photographs.

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Muñoz, Cynthia L.

- A long road to the beginning : a caucasian metamorphosis : memoir 2011
- 1 item (58 p.)

Cynthia Muñoz was born in Detroit, Mich., "half Mexican/Spanish and half Polish/Hungarian."

Memoir describing her childhood and youth in Detroit, her father's family life in Texas and mother's family in Detroit, lives of other family members, her drug use and rehabilitation.

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Mullett family.

- Mullett family papers, 1825-1924.
- 1 linear ft.

Williamston, Ingham County, Michigan, family.

Includes diary, 1840-1841, of Catherine Hall written in Detroit.

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Murphy, Marguerite.

- Marguerite Murphy papers, 1901-1949.
- 4 linear ft.

Papers of Marguerite Murphy Teahan of Detroit.

Correspondence with her parents and brothers, Frank and George, and clippings and other materials relating to Frank Murphy's career as Recorder's Court judge and as Governor General and U.S. High Commissioner to the Philippines.

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National Housewives' League of America.

- National Housewives' League of America records, 1931-1996 (bulk 1941-1987).
- 2.1 linear ft. and 1 oversize item.

Organization established in 1933 to encourage African American housewives to patronize African American-owned businesses. The national organization was comprised of local groups, the most important of these being the Housewives' League of Detroit, which was founded in 1930 under the leadership of Fannie B. Peck. The Detroit League worked in conjunction with the Booker T. Washington Trade Association, whose organization was headed by the Rev. William H. Peck, and the National Negro Business League.

The records, accumulated by Fannie B. Peck and subsequent officers of the organization, Christina Fuqua and Lydia Hibbert, include minutes, correspondence, publications, and activity files of both the national organization and the Detroit league. The same individuals maintained the records. The series in the record group are History and Organization; Core Records; Correspondence; Programs and Events; Media Coverage; Publications; Chapters; Related Organizations; and Other Materials. The largest portion of the Chapters series consists of records of the Detroit league and includes history, publications, and other organizational materials.

[Finding Aid](#)

Pacosz, Christina V.

- Christina V. Pacosz diaries and publications 1970-2008, bulk 1980-2004
- 6 linear feet.

Polish-American poet, born and educated in Detroit, Michigan.

The collection consists primarily of personal diaries and copies of her published work, including serial publications and anthologies containing her poetry. The diaries are detailed glimpses into her thoughts, her life as a poet, her teaching, travels, and daily activities.

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Parker, Justine L.

- Justine L. Parker diary 1874-1875
- 0.2 linear feet.

Daughter of Thomas A. Parker and Elizabeth Maxwell Parker of Detroit, Mich., born about 1861. Thomas A. Parker was a wholesale grocer.

Travel journal of a tour of Europe taken by Justine Parker and her mother, including visits to England, France, and Italy.

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Peel, Maria.

- Maria Peel scrapbook, 1896 and 1928-1932.
- 1 item.

President of Ann Arbor, Michigan, Business and Professional Women's Club.

Scrapbook containing clippings, letters, annual report and miscellaneous items relating to the Ann Arbor, Michigan, Business and Professional Women's Club; also letter, January 19, 1896, from Detroit Board of Education to the Detroit Independent Women's Voters Association commending the association for arousing public interest in the Detroit school system.

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Potter, Eleanor, 1907-

- Eleanor Potter papers, 1943-1945.
- 2 volumes.

Resident of Detroit, convoy leader driver with the Fort Wayne and Palmer Woods Ordnance Depots, Detroit, during World War II.

Photographs, clippings, and memorabilia.

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Ravitz, Allyn.

- Allyn Ravitz papers 1973-1997
- 0.6 linear feet.

Feminist attorney from Detroit, Michigan.

Topical files relating to cases in which she was involved; organizational activities, especially the Feminist Federal Credit Union; and feminist issues and interests, including credit and housing discrimination, sexual harassment, etc.

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Roberts, Carmen A.

- Carmen A. Roberts papers, 1972-1981.
- 5 linear in. and 1 volume.

Member of the Detroit school board and a leader of the anti-busing movement in Detroit. Correspondence, speeches, clippings, legal brief, organizational miscellanea, and collected pro- and anti-busing materials; also photographs and motion picture film.

[Finding Aid](#)

Rosenthal, Henrietta E., 1887-1975.

- Henrietta E. Rosenthal papers, 1913-1975 (scattered dates).
- 0.2 linear ft.

Detroit attorney; director of legal research, Detroit Recorder's Court (1945-1973). Biographical information, photographs, and publications.

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Russell, Sara J.

- Sara J. Russell letters, 1874-1877.
- 5 items.

Detroit schoolteacher.

Personal letters to friend about her activities.

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Schnell, Alma.

- Alma Schnell papers 1927-1938 and undated, bulk 1933-1935.
- 0.3 linear feet.

Alma Schnell (nee Thurkow) was secretary of Frank Murphy, the last U.S. Governor-General of the Philippines (1933-1935) and mayor of Detroit (1930-1933). Schnell resided in Detroit during Murphy's tenure as Governor-General.

Schnell's correspondence constitutes the bulk of the collection. Correspondence includes Schnell's exchanges with Murphy's office staffers, most notably with Edward G. Kemp, Murphy's aide. Also included printed addresses by Murphy, press releases, newspaper clippings, several photographs, and legal documents.

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Selmon, Bertha Eugenia Loveland, 1877-1949.

- Bertha Eugenia Loveland Selmon papers, 1932-1949.
- 2.5 linear ft.

Battle Creek, Michigan, physician.

Correspondence with medical colleagues on professional subjects, including the Medical Women's National Association, early women physicians in Michigan, and birth control; and writing and research materials on the history of Michigan women in medicine; include correspondence with Dr. Augusta Thompson; and photographs.

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Shemke family.

- Raymond and Edith Shemke letters 1940-1945
- 2 linear feet.

Raymond Shemke was a second Lieutenant, 157 United States Infantry during World War II. His wife, Edith, lived in Detroit, Michigan during the War.

Letters exchanged between Raymond and Edith written concerning his war-time service and her activities in Michigan; also includes some letters exchanged with other family members. The collection includes several letters written from the Anzio beachhead in 1944.

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Sinclair, John, 1941-

- John and Leni Sinclair papers, 1957-1999.
- 60.5 linear ft., 1 oversize folder, and 1 oversize volume.

John and Leni Sinclair were leaders of the counterculture movement in Michigan, organizers of radical social, political, and cultural endeavors primarily in the areas of music, poetry, graphic design, and community welfare projects. John Sinclair was also a performer and producer of jazz performances. He also had numerous radio programs about jazz that he produced and moderated in Detroit and New Orleans.

Papers and photographs relating to all phases of their careers, including participation in the Artists' Workshop in Detroit, the Rainbow Multi-Media Corporation, the White Panther Party and its offshoot, the Rainbow Peoples Party; also materials concerning the legalization of marijuana, radical politics, and prison reform. The papers dated 1979-1999 relate to the career of John Sinclair as a writer of poetry and performer/producer of jazz and rock concerts.

[Finding Aid](#)

Smialek-Sinclair, Noreen.

- Noreen Smialek-Sinclair papers 1955-2010, bulk 1958-1974
- 0.5 linear feet (in 1 box).

Noreen Smialek-Sinclair was a Detroit, Mich., Polish American violinist and promoter of Polish classical music. She served for many years as music chairwoman of the Friends of Polish Art of Detroit, performed locally and internationally, and taught on the faculty of the Detroit Conservatory of Music.

Scrapbook containing articles, newspaper clippings, concert programs and announcements, and photographs depicting performances and portraits. Also loose articles and newspaper clippings, and concert announcements.

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Sprague, Marie Steiger, 1900-1996.

- Marie Steiger Sprague diaries 1919-1923
- 0.4 linear ft.

Stenographer in Detroit, Mich.

Diaries describing in detail her social life and friendships. (Diary for 1920 is in shorthand.)

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Stanley, Jane C., 1863-1940.

- Jane C. Mahon Stanley journal, Mar. 1884-Oct. 1886.
- 1 microfilm reel.
Mother-in-law of Dean Acheson.
Account of trip to Ireland, 1884-1885, and comments on daily life in Detroit and Ann Arbor, Michigan.
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Stark, George W. (George Washington), 1884-1966.

- George W. Stark and Anne Campbell scrapbooks 1907-1908, 1925-1928, and 1938-1940
- 5 volumes (in 1 box).
George W. Stark was a Detroit newspaperman, a feature writer for the Detroit News. During the mid-1920s, he wrote theater reviews. Anne Campbell, wife of George W. Stark, wrote poetry for the Detroit News and was a public speaker in various forums. Scrapbook of columns written by George W. Stark for the Detroit Free Press (1907-08) on various topics, crime reporting and human interest; scrapbooks of theatrical reviews (1925-26) of plays performed in Detroit theaters; scrapbook (1938-40) containing clippings, letters, and photographs relating in part to his book, "In old Detroit"; and scrapbook (1926-28) of Anne Campbell, Detroit News poet, including clippings and publicity.
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Tayler, Mildred.

- Mildred Tayler scrapbook 1917
- 1 volume.
Student at Detroit, Mich., Northwestern High School, 1917, later graduated from the University of Michigan, class of 1921.
Scrapbook of memorabilia, autographs, and photographs from her high school years.
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Teed, Florence Ernestine Schleicher, 1901-1954.

- Florence Ernestine Schleicher Teed papers, 1919-1953.
- 2 linear ft.
Graduate of the University of Michigan and ordained Methodist minister.
Correspondence, student papers, sermon outlines, newspaper clippings, and religious and inspirational writings by Mrs. Teed, Ralph W. Sockman, Seth C. and Paul S. Rees, Joseph H. Smith, and others relating to preaching, the role and activities of women in the church, the holiness movement within Methodism, and personal affairs; also information concerning Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church, American Association of Women Ministers, Detroit Holiness Tabernacle, and Michigan Association for the Promotion of Holiness; and photographs.
[Finding Aid](#)

Tibbs, Chrystal G.

- Chrystal G. Tibbs papers 1913-2013, bulk 1990-2013

- 4 linear feet, 1 oversize box, and 1 oversize folder
Michigan educator, graduate of Wayne State University and the University of Michigan, active member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha (A.K.A.) sorority. Tibbs is A.K.A. Golder Soror (50-year member) and has held a number of administrative posts within the sorority, most notably the Great Lakes Regional Representative to the International Archives Committee of A.K.A. Tibbs served in administrative capacities at various Detroit elementary schools and as a Principal of Hampton Elementary School. The collection includes materials accumulated through Tibbs's participation in A.K.A. conferences, chapter meetings, and special interest groups at the local, state, regional, and national level over a span of 50 years. The activities of Michigan-based chapters are particularly well represented. Material includes policy documents, programs of events, meeting proceedings, reports, scrapbooks, photographs. Also personal material related to Tibbs and her mother Maggie Powell, and Tibbs's church, the Grace Episcopal Church in Detroit.

[Finding Aid](#)

Top Ladies of Distinction. Ann Arbor Chapter.

- Top Ladies of Distinction, Ann Arbor Chapter records, 1982-1987.
- 0.3 linear ft.
Ann Arbor, Michigan chapter of an African American women's organization. These records include minutes and newsletters of the Detroit area district of the organization.

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Van Arnem, Heidi.

- Heidi Van Arnem papers 1977-2003, bulk 1994-2001
- 3 linear feet and 1 oversize volume.
Disability rights activist and entrepreneur from Birmingham, Mich. Personal and entrepreneurial files providing biographical information and a history of Van Arnem's business ventures; fundraising and advocacy files documenting Van Arnem's advocacy efforts for people with disabilities, as well as her fundraising efforts for spinal injury research; news clippings, including columns Van Arnem wrote for Detroit newspapers; and photographs and videotapes.

[Finding Aid](#)

Waddles, Charleszetta, 1912-

- Charleszetta Waddles autobiography, [ca. 1975].
- 1 folder.
Pentecostal minister and founder of the Perpetual Mission for Saving Souls of All Nations in Detroit. The autobiography describes her mission work and other aspects of her life.

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Warshay, Diana.

- Diana Warshay papers, 1971-1979.
- 2 linear ft.

Michigan sociologist specializing in areas of abortion rights and crisis intervention training. She conducted a study of abortion referral agencies 1971-1973, one of whose members was the Michigan Clergy Counseling Service. She was also coordinator of the Detroit Police Department's Social Conflict Research Project, 1978-1979, and was one of the founders of the Tri-County Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

The collection includes correspondence, minutes, bylaws, newsletters, grant applications, and other materials relating to her work in studying abortion and domestic abuse cases.

[Finding Aid](#)

Wilcox, Lucinda S. (Lucinda Sexton), 1820-1884.

- Lucinda S. Wilcox papers 1853-1886

- ca. 50 items.

Homeopathic physician in Louisiana and Detroit, Michigan.

Letters concerning personal matters, women's rights and her medical practice with women and children; also promotional material concerning her practice, and application of the Electro Thermal Bath.

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Wohlfield, Shirley.

- Shirley Wohlfield papers, 1972-1978.

- 1 linear ft. and 1 oversize volume.

Detroit anti-busing activist.

Correspondence, speeches, minutes of meetings, and other materials relating to her involvement with anti-busing organizations, principally Northeast Mothers Alert, Mothers Alert Detroit, and the National Association for Neighborhood Schools; also files detailing involvement with Happiness of Women (HOW) and the 14th Congressional District Republican Committee; and scrapbook containing clippings and photographs relating to anti-busing rallies and activities.

[Finding Aid](#)

Wojtowicz, Harriet.

- Harriet Wojtowicz papers 1915-2000, bulk 1938-1988

- 1 linear foot.

Teacher of Spanish in the Detroit Public School System.

Correspondence with friends and colleagues in various countries that she visited; correspondence with Encarnacin Alzona and Enid Starkie; memorabilia from her foreign travels; and miscellaneous regarding her life in Detroit, her teaching career, including controversy over her refusal to use a board-mandated Spanish textbook.

[Finding Aid](#)

Women's Architectural League of Detroit.

- Women's Architectural League of Detroit notebook, 1960-1964.

- 1 volume.

Material compiled by Frances L. Youtz relating to the preservation and furnishing of the Biddle House on Mackinac Island, including reports, correspondence, and photographs.

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Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti Branch.

- Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti Branch records, 1938-1996.

- 1 linear ft.

Correspondence, minutes, newsletters and newspaper clippings concerning activities of the Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti branch; also collected materials from the state chapter and from local branches in Detroit, Ingham County, Oakland County, Rouge Valley, and Traverse City, Michigan.

[Finding Aid](#)

Wright family.

- Wright family papers, 1825-1938.

- 3 linear ft.

Philo E. and Fannie E. Pettibone Wright family of Detroit.

Personal correspondence of Fannie Wright with her husband Philo, her brother Sherman Pettibone, her daughters Virginia, Maude, and Evelyn, her son Philo S., and other members of the family, concerning family affairs and the genealogy of the Wright and Pettibone families; also fifty-seven volumes of Fannie E. Wright's diaries, 1863-1925, recording family news, social events, and home activities in Detroit; account books of Philo S. Wright, 1893-1913; and photographs.

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Young Woman's Home Association (Detroit, Mich.)

- Young Woman's Home Association employment register 1877-1882

- .2 linear ft.

Detroit, Michigan, agency concerned with the housing and employment of women coming into the city.

Name, residence, nationality, work accustomed to, and work wanted.

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Miscellaneous

American Youth Hostels, inc. Michigan Council.

- Michigan Council Hostelling International records 1941-2005
- 5 linear feet and 2 oversize scrapbooks.

Nonprofit organization that serves members and budget travelers across the state of Michigan, formerly known as the Metropolitan Detroit Council. Provides programming through workshops and unique trips, social activities and special events. Oversees hostels as part of Hostelling International-American Youth Hostels.

Administrative files, including correspondence and strategic planning files; state and local board and committee reports and minutes; brochures, pamphlets, and manuals; topical files; photographs; slides; and scrapbooks.

[Finding Aid](#)

Ames, Dewey.

- Dewey Ames papers 1982-1998
- 1 linear foot and 1 oversize folder.

Organizer and member of the Detroit Team (and later Team Great Lakes) which participated in the Gay Games.

Subject files, visual materials, posters, and ephemera relating to the organization and playing of the Gay Games; also photographs and a videotape.

[Finding Aid](#)

Bach, Frank, 1948-

- Frank and Peggy Bach papers, 1965-1995.
- 5.4 linear ft. and 1 oversize folder.

Frank and Peggy Bach were involved with the counterculture in Detroit and Ann Arbor beginning in the -1960s as musicians, performers, graphic designers, promoters, and activists for area jazz, blues, and pop acts. Frank Bach was also involved in community organizations supporting housing and economic development activities in Detroit.

The collection documents the Bachs' numerous professional activities and organizations, groups, and individuals with whom they were associated, including Rainbow Corporation and Rainbow Multi-media, Allied Artists Association of America, Strata Associates, Detroit Jazz Center, Grande Graphics, Morda-Sinclair & Associates, and John Sinclair.

Detroit community organizations documented in the collection include the Creekside Community Development Corporation, the Jefferson-Chalmers Citizens? District Council, and the Jefferson East Business Association.

[Finding Aid](#)

Bald, F. Clever (Frederick Clever), 1897-1970.

- Frederick Clever Bald papers 1917-1919 and 1936-1970
- 7 linear ft.

Professor of history and director of the Michigan Historical Collections at the University of Michigan.

Correspondence, speeches, lecture and research notes, and manuscripts of published and unpublished research writings, including "The University of Michigan in World War II";

questionnaires sent out to Michigan colleges and universities relating to their activities during the Second World War; letters, 1944-1946, from Chester A. Antiau discussing his work with the U. S. Army Information and Education Service during World War II including comments on conditions in Italy and Germany; diaries of trips in Michigan; correspondence, 1917-1919, covering his World War I service in the 111th Ambulance Company; and correspondence and other material concerning his activities with the Michigan Historical Collections, the Civil War Centennial Observance Commission, and the Algonquin Club of Detroit.

[Finding Aid](#)

Bell, J. Bertram, 1894-1958.

- J. Bertram Bell scrapbook 1900-1958.
- 1 volume and 1 folder in 1 box.

J. Bertram Bell was director of the Detroit Conservatory of Music.

Scrapbook of musical programs, clippings, photographs, and other items relating to Bell's musical career, mainly at the Detroit Conservatory of Music.

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Braidwood, Charles M.

- Charles M. Braidwood notebooks, 1896 and 1898.
- 2 volumes.

Student at Almont, Michigan, High School, later at the Detroit College of Medicine.

Notes on class lectures.

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Children's Fund of Michigan.

- Children's Fund of Michigan records, 1929-1965 (bulk 1929-1961).
- 23 linear ft., 4 oversize volumes, and 1 oversize folder.

Philanthropic foundation created by Senator James J. Couzens and administered by William J. Norton to fund organizations in Michigan involved in child health and child guidance.

Series in this record group include: Administration, Alphabetical, Photographs, Scrapbooks, Financial, and Miscellaneous. The Administration series contains annual reports, board of trustees minutes and resolutions, files of William J. Norton, executive vice president and secretary including in part reports of field visits and memoranda received from the Child Health Division. The Administration series also includes reports, correspondence and other records of the Fund's subunits, the Research Laboratory, the Child Health Division and the Child Guidance Division. The Alphabetical series details the Fund's relationship with organizations receiving grants. File headings with substantial materials include the Michigan State Emergency Relief Administration, Detroit's Interracial Committee, the University of Michigan, the United Community Services of Metropolitan Detroit, and Children's Hospital of Michigan.

The record group includes files of correspondence and other papers of John Dorsey, James J. Couzens, Kenneth Gibson, Maud Watson, Marion E. Kenworthy, and B. W. Carey. The record group documents support of children's health and recreational programs in Michigan during the depression, World War II, and the post-war period.

[Finding Aid](#)

Clock, John Percey.

- John Percey Clock papers 1918-2010
- 0.1 linear feet.

John Percey Clock, of Detroit and later Southfield, Mich., served in the 337th Ambulance Company during the American intervention in North Russia, the "Polar Bear Expedition." Interview with transcription of John Percey Clock and Lawrence K. Montgomery of Charlevoix, Mich., who served in Company K, 339th Infantry, interviewed by John Robert Clock June 25, 1978. Also miscellaneous papers relating to Clock's service and activities of the Polar Bear Association.

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Cohen, Wilbur J. (Wilbur Joseph), 1913-1987.

- Wilbur J. Cohen papers 1967-1987
- 18 linear ft. and 1 oversized folder.

Dean of the School of Education at the University of Michigan.

Dean's files; working files, 1978, relating to his work with the Governor's Task Force on Prevention and Investigation of Abuse in State Institutions; papers relating to the Summit Conference on Inflation, 1974; and files concerning involvement with school desegregation cases in Detroit and Kalamazoo, Michigan; also photographs.

[Finding Aid](#)

Crawford, Richard, 1935-

- Richard Crawford papers 1893-1915 and 1949-2001
- 3.75 linear ft.

Professor of music at the University of Michigan, and collector.

Records of the University of Michigan School of Music Honors Program; files relating to the UM Jazz Band tour of Central and South America in 1965; teaching materials, including course and reference files; student notes and coursework, cassette tapes of interviews with Earl Moore; and collected material including scrapbooks on vocalist William Howland, 1893-1913, and various Detroit musical programs and performances, 1909-1915; and photographs.

[Finding Aid](#)

Delano family.

- Delano family papers 1830 and [ca. 1870]-[ca. 1929]
- 1 box (40 items and 1 v.)

Detroit, Michigan, family.

Diary, 1830, of Mortimer F. Delano, describing trip to France and Italy; memoirs of Frederick M. Delano, including account of his connection with the National Bell Telephone Company (from 1876); clipping of published letter of F. M. Delano, Jr., describing confrontation with U-boat during World War I; and miscellaneous correspondence, biographical information, and clippings.

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Detroit Bicentennial Commission.

- Detroit Bicentennial Commission collection 1976
- 0.2 linear ft.
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Dewey, Fred G.

- Fred G. Dewey scrapbook 1895-1904
- 1 oversize v. (ca. 100 p.)
Student at the University of Michigan, class of 1902.
Scrapbook concerning student activities and detailing founding of the University of Michigan Association of Detroit.
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Duffield, George, 1794-1868.

- George Duffield weather records and meteorological observations 1839-1857
- 2 v. (in one wooden case)
Detroit, Michigan, clergyman.
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Edwards, George Clifton, 1940-

- George Clifton Edwards papers 1962-1963
- 1 reel microfilm : negative.
Peace Corps volunteer from Detroit, Michigan, later Detroit City Clerk.
Correspondence of Edwards and his wife, Katherine, relating to their Peace Corps training at Ohio University and their service with St. Paul's Teaching Training Center, Bonjongo, West Cameroons, West Africa; also journals kept by Katherine, Aug. 1962-Feb. 1963, and by Edward's mother on visit, July 5-21, 1963; letter of congratulations from Senator Philip Hart, addresses of welcome and of farewell from African students; and copies of Share, the Peace Corps African newsletter.
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Fey, Charles.

- Charles Fey papers 1914-1970
- 9 linear ft.
Birmingham, Michigan, businessman and Masonic historian.
Correspondence, printed materials and miscellanea relating to the Chicago Pneumatic Tool Company, the history of Royal Oak Township, Oakland County, Michigan, the Townsite Congregational Church of Birmingham, the Mariner's Church of Detroit, Michigan, and Masonic history particularly in Michigan; includes extensive collection of biographical sketches of Masons.
[Finding Aid](#)

Fitch, Abel F., d. 1851.

- Abel F. Fitch correspondence, 1851.
- 13 items.
Michigan Center farmer.

Letters written from Detroit to his wife Amanda, concerning his arrest and trial for setting fire to the Michigan Central Railroad depot in Detroit with fellow alleged conspirators because of the railroad's refusal to install fences along their tracks.

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Forsyth, Richard Alexander.

- Richard A. Forsyth papers ca. 1907-1970
- 1 linear ft.

Student at the University of Michigan, later professional stage actor.

Playbills from Detroit and University of Michigan productions, theatrical publications, miscellaneous correspondence, clippings, and writings; and photographs.

[Finding Aid](#)

Freedman, Ronald, 1917-

- Ronald Freedman papers 1961-2000
- 2.0 linear ft.

Professor of sociology and director of the University of Michigan Population Studies Center.

Papers reflect Freedman's research interests on population, fertility practices, and social change, especially in Taiwan. Includes Taiwan Population Studies working papers and survey material and data. Also material on Detroit Area Studies on family growth.

[Finding Aid](#)

Grigaut, Paul L.

- Paul L. Grigaut papers 1929-1969
- .7 linear ft.

Art museum administrator; University of Michigan professor of history and associate director of the U-M Museum of Art.

Correspondence, photographs and slides, printed ephemera, lecture notes, and administrative materials accumulated while affiliated with the Detroit Institute of Arts (1945-1963), Richmond Museum of Fine Arts (1963-1965), and the University of Michigan Museum of Art (1965-1969).

[Finding Aid](#)

Harms, Walter S.

- Walter S. Harms papers, 1938-1940.
- 0.1 linear ft.

Officer in the Old Time Baseball Players Association of Detroit.

Correspondence and other material relating to the promotion of baseball in Detroit.

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Horace H. Rackham and Mary A. Rackham Fund.

- Horace H. Rackham and Mary A. Rackham Fund records, 1929-1950 (bulk 1934-1940).
- 14 linear ft. and 1 oversize volume.

The last will and testament of Horace H. Rackham provided for the establishment of a trust fund to provide for the health and welfare of individuals, particularly the sick, aged,

the young, the poor, and other underprivileged. Much of the trust money went to the University of Michigan to be used for a building for the graduate school and an endowment to be used for different kinds of research. The Fund also awarded grants to agencies involved in child welfare, community culture, education, health, philanthropy, and science. The Fund distributed money from 1934 until about 1941.

The series in this record group consist of administrative and executive files, and project applications and grant files. The administrative and executive office files consist of records from the Detroit and Ann Arbor offices of the Fund and relate specifically to the operation of the Fund. This series consists primarily of the files of Fund officers, Bryson Horton, Mark Knapp, and Mary Clark. This series includes board of trustee minutes, director's reports, correspondence, financial records, and scrapbooks. This series also includes the files relating to University of Michigan research and project. The project application and grant files are composed of information from those organizations that sought aid from the fund. The files include both successful and unsuccessful applicants. The record group has scattered photographs.

[Finding Aid](#)

Kemnitz, Milton.

- Milton Kemnitz papers 1932-1995 (bulk 1960-1990)
- 3 linear ft.

Milton Kemnitz is an Ann Arbor based artist specializing in images of local businesses and sites. His wife Eddie collaborates with him on much of his work. Together they were involved in local organizations and causes, including effort to oppose building of condominiums in what had been Bird Hills Park.

The collection has been arranged in three series. The Artwork series includes drawings of buildings and other projects, publications containing reproductions of his work, and files relating to galleries, exhibits, auctions, and art fairs. The Supplemental Materials series concerns the art organizations and associations of which Kemnitz was a member, correspondence, and files pertaining to other activities, notably the Bird Hills Park controversy. The third series, Southern White Migration to Detroit in the 1930s, consists of research materials and reports resulting from Kemnitz' research as a member of a University of Michigan sociology seminar on metropolitan community organization. A portion includes Elmer Akers' research on the Black Legion.

[Finding Aid](#)

Kenny R.E.H.A.B.

- Kenny R.E.H.A.B. records, 1945-1997 (bulk 1950-1964).
- 2 linear ft.

Detroit-area chapter (est. 1946) of organization founded to provide the Kenny method treatment for neuromuscular diseases.

Administrative files of the Detroit Chapter of the Sister Elizabeth Kenny Foundation; collected information pertaining to the Minneapolis headquarters of the Foundation and about Sister Kenny; informational publications; scrapbooks containing clippings and scattered photographs; and slides of 40th anniversary programs in 1986.

[Finding Aid](#)

Kosino, Arthur J.

- Arthur J. Kosino papers [19--].
- 1 folder.

Arthur J. Kosino, a resident of Detroit and later Monroe, Mich., served in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. In April 1944 he bailed out of a crippled B-17 over Germany and was held as a prisoner-of-war for the remainder of the war.

The collection includes Kosino's reminiscence, "My Story of Army Life and Combat Experience during World War II;" a description of the experience of the pilot of Kosino's plane, Ed Michael, who was awarded the Medal of Honor, "Lt. Michael's Own Story;" and an illustrated account of life as a prisoner-of-war by Ben H. Phelper, "Kriegie Memories." Phelper was held in the same POW camp as Kosino, and Kosino has added comments to the book.

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Lawton, James Frederick, 1888-1969.

- James Frederick Lawton papers 1908-1969
 - 2.5 linear feet, 3 oversize volumes, 1 oversize folder, and 2 sound recording tapes.
- Insurance executive, poet and composer, and University of Michigan alumnus. Correspondence, papers relating to activities of the class of 1911, to his involvement in the University of Michigan Club of Detroit, and to his interest in Michigan football, especially the career of coach Fielding H. Yost; also scrapbooks, manuscripts of poetry and song lyrics, and photographs. Correspondents include: Wilber M. Brucker, Mortimer E. Cooley, James Couzens, Thomas E. Dewey, George A. Dondero, Louis Elbel, Edgar A. Guest, Harlan Hatcher, Norman H. Hill, George Humphrey, Hugh S. Johnson, Connie Mack, David Mattern, Earl V. Moore, James O. Murfin, Frank Murphy, William J. Norton, Alexander Ruthven, Arthur H. Vandenberg, Fielding H. Yost, and Fred M. Zeder.

[Finding Aid](#)

Lorch, Emil, 1870-1963.

- Emil Lorch papers, 1891-1963.
 - 18 linear ft. and 14 oversize folders.
- Dean of the College of Architecture and Design at the University of Michigan. Correspondence, newspaper clippings, and other papers relating to his career as a professional architect and educator, including his association with Louis Sullivan and the Chicago School of Architecture; also research materials collected by Lorch relating to historic Michigan buildings, building preservation, and his work for the Historic American Buildings Survey of the 1930s. Much of the collected materials and photographs relates to historic homes and commercial and industrial buildings, and public and semi-public buildings in Detroit and Wayne County, including Fort Wayne and Fort Pontchartrain.

[Finding Aid](#)

Louis Tendler Elementary School.

- Louis Tendler Elementary School collection 1960-1981
- 1 linear ft.

Detroit, Michigan elementary school.
Scrapbooks, class photo albums, and miscellaneous reports relating to the school.
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Macomb County Committee on Oral Polio.

- Macomb County Committee on Oral Polio records, 1960-1971 and 1994.
- 0.5 linear ft.
Organization established in 1964 as part of a Tri-County Polio Campaign to distribute polio vaccines in the Detroit metropolitan area to individuals over the age of one. Dr. Gerald W. Morris headed the Macomb County Committee.
Correspondence, memoranda, clippings, reports, forms, and other files accumulated by Dr. Gerald W. Morris relating to the immunization campaign.
Search [Mirlyn](#)

McCord, Carey Pratt, 1886-

- Carey P. McCord papers 1913-1978
- 5.5 linear ft.
Industrial hygienist, consultant and lecturer in environmental and industrial health in the School of Public Health of the University of Michigan.
Logs of daily activities, 1936-1961, correspondence relating to consulting projects, speech and lecture material, and research files on lead poisoning and the effects of air conditioning on workers; history of occupational health at the University of Michigan, 1873-1970, history of the American Academy of Occupational Medicine, 1946-1956; study of automobile body industry in Detroit, 1936; and related photographs.
[Finding Aid](#)

McDaniels, John D.

- John Dewey McDaniels papers 1917-1953
- .2 linear ft.
Officer in the 125th Infantry during World War I, later colonel in the Michigan State Troops.
History of the Detroit Armory Corporation, list of World War I dead from the 125th Infantry, and miscellanea.
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McEvoy family.

- McEvoy family papers ca. 1890-1943
- .2 linear ft
James McEvoy family of Detroit, Michigan.
Courtship letters exchanged between James McEvoy and Helen Huff, 1939; miscellaneous clippings and photographs.
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McGraw, Alexander Cooley, 1809-1893.

- Alexander C. McGraw papers, 1842-1893.
- ca. 55 items.

Detroit shoe merchant.

Letters to his son Edward Walker McGraw, student at the University of Michigan, concerning family affairs, University personalities and European travels; genealogy; biographical sketch of McGraw written by his son Augustus in 1893; also photographs.

Search [Mirlyn](#)

Michigan Historical Records Survey.

- Michigan Historical Records Survey records, 1936-1942.
- 47 linear ft. and 68 microfilm reels.

Records survey undertaken by the U.S. Work Projects Administration.

Correspondence, drafts of guides to county archives, proceedings of county boards of supervisors, field reports of workers, and copies of land patents for some counties.

Included are surveys of records for Detroit and Wayne County. There are also records from the Survey's "Inventory of Negro Manuscripts" project with information about historical personalities and private collections.

[Finding Aid](#)

Milliken, Herbert A.

- Herbert A. Milliken scrapbooks 1888-1911
- 2 volumes (in 1 box)

Music teacher and concert violinist from Flint and Bay City, Michigan; director of Bay City Symphony Orchestra; head of violin department, Detroit Conservatory of Music; president of Michigan Music Teachers Association.

Scrapbooks contain clippings and programs of concerts.

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Olds, Edson B. (Edson Baldwin), 1802-1869.

- Edson Baldwin Olds papers, 1911-1927.
- 27 items.

Resident of Washington, D.C.

Correspondence and papers relating to genealogy of Olds family of Detroit.

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Palmer, Gardner, 1903-1976.

- Gardner Palmer papers, 1903-1976.
- 0.3 linear ft.

United States State Department official and Foreign Service officer.

Biographical material, career memorabilia, and miscellanea relating to Detroit and family members; also photographs.

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Raub, George R., collector.

- George R. Raub papers, 1820s -ca. 1950
- 1 linear ft.

Clippings, photos, and copies of documents relating to his interest in the history of Zion Lodge, No. 1, Free and Accepted Order of Masons, Detroit; also history and miscellanea relating to the Detroit Visiting Nurse Association.

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Rodgers, Curtis E.

- Curtis E. Rodgers papers, 1953 and 1966-1971.
- 1 linear ft.

Secretary-director of the Detroit Commission on Community Relations. Records, 1969-1971, of meetings, including minutes, reports, and other discussed documents; speeches, press releases, studies undertaken, and subject files; also photograph of commission members.

[Finding Aid](#)

Rosen, Bernard.

- Bernard Rosen papers 1938-1952
- 0.5 linear ft. and 1 outsize folder

Clarinetist and chairman of the Little Symphony of Detroit. Programs, clippings and miscellanea relating to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, disputes over orchestra leadership, and the Little Symphony; also photographs.

Search [Mirlyn](#)

Safford family.

- Safford and Sunderland family papers, 1826-1987 (bulk 1890-1940).
 - 6.5 linear ft. and 1 oversize folder.
- Southeastern Michigan family, many of whom graduated or attended the University of Michigan.

The collection begins with a series of family photographs followed by series of correspondence and other papers for Gertrude Sunderland Safford, Homer Erwin Safford, Homer's sister, Ada Murray Safford, and Mildred Hortense Safford and Helen Safford Toohy, daughters of Gertrude and Homer Safford. In addition to extensive family correspondence and travel diaries, the Gertrude Sunderland Safford series contains records of Sunderland Safford's involvement with women's clubs, the League of Women Voters, and the Merrill-Parker School. The Homer Erwin Safford series includes diaries, correspondence, and clippings documenting his medical career as a general practitioner in the 1900s, his work on efforts to build a new hospital in Detroit before World War I, his service in the Army Medical Corps during the War, and his later work as a psychiatric consultant for the Highland Park school system, the Children's Aid Society and various juvenile court systems; also the letters of Winfield S. Safford while serving with the 24th Michigan Infantry during the Civil War. The Ada Murray Safford series revolves around her significant interest in family history. The Mildred Hortense Safford series is strong on family correspondence, especially for 1918-1925; it also documents her career at the Detroit Children's Museum and her involvement with the Detroit Women's City Club. The Helen Safford Toohy series contains extensive family correspondence, focusing on her years during and immediately following college; it also includes personal diaries.

[Finding Aid](#)

Schmalzriedt, Fred R.

- Fred R. Schmalzriedt student notebooks 1893-1899
- 7 v.
High school student in Detroit, Michigan.
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Schmalzriedt, Fred R., collector.

- Fred R. Schmalzriedt contracts, 1799 and 1801.
- 2 items.
Detroit attorney.
Contracts, 1799 and 1801, signed by Henry Dearborn and James McHenry, U.S. Secretary of War, for distributing food rations to various army posts, including Detroit and Michilimackinac.
Search [Mirlyn](#)

Stanley, John Mix, 1814-1872.

- John Mix Stanley papers 1842, 1868-1871
- 5 items.
Painter from Detroit, Michigan, primarily of pictures of Indians.
Correspondence concerning trip to Europe in 1868; and photographs. Correspondents include: Alice C. Stanley, George M. Stanley, John C. Spencer, Ross Mahon and George C. Mahon. Photocopies.
Search [Mirlyn](#)

Taylor family (Detroit, Mich.)

- Tayler family papers 1860s-1940s
- 0.5 linear feet.
Detroit, Michigan family. Some members of the family graduated from the University of Michigan. Theron Tayler was an engineer, University of Michigan class of 1908 (eng.) A related member, Josiah Clark was a Detroit grocer. The Farmer family is also represented in the collection.
Genealogy and other vital information found in family Bible; travel diaries of Josiah Clark of trips to Canada and New York city; notebook with production and sales information maintained by Theron Tayler from brick-making business, 1921-1931; and photographs.
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Taylor, S. Vern (Seneca Vern), 1887-1969.

- S. Vern Taylor papers, 1833 and ca. 1860-1914.
- 1 linear ft. and 1 oversize folder
Graduate of the College of Engineering of the University of Michigan in the class of 1911, later president of the Concrete Steel Fireproofing Company of Detroit.
Arithmetic notebook, 1833, of H. Green, student at the Detroit Academy; also programs and newspaper clippings concerning student life at the University of Michigan; and photographs.

[Finding Aid](#)

University of Michigan Club of Detroit.

- University of Michigan Club of Detroit records 1913-1957
- 2 linear ft.
University of Michigan alumni group.
Correspondence files and history of the club.

[Finding Aid](#)

University of Michigan. Arts of Citizenship Program.

- Arts of Citizenship Program (University of Michigan) records 1997-2005
- 2.5 linear feet.

Program designed to foster the community role of the arts and humanities through collaborative cultural partnerships and projects. Partnerships include the Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti school districts, Ann Arbor District Library, Mosaic Youth Theater of Detroit, City of Ann Arbor Broadway Bridge Project, Matrix Theatre Company, Students on Site project, and a project on the Underground Railroad. David Scobey directed the program from 1998 to 2005.

Documentation includes project files, correspondence, publicity records relating to administrative activities, public programs, research, and community partnerships. A website capture taken in 2005 illustrates many of the initiatives and projects more fully. Sound recordings and oral history interviews are described in the sound recordings series. Some photographs are included.

[Finding Aid](#)

University of Michigan. Bureau of School Services.

- Bureau of School Services (University of Michigan) records 1871-1992
- 166 linear ft.

Unit established in 1871 to accredit secondary schools. Participating schools were reviewed by committees which reported on facilities, curriculum, and quality of instruction. Activity was formalized by the appointment of Allen S. Whitney as the first full-time inspector of high schools in 1899 at which time there were 127 accredited schools. Following several administrative changes, the unit was designated as the Bureau of School Services in 1948. It handled 635 schools and was closely related to the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The Bureau closed in 1992 when the state took over accreditation activity.

Consists primarily of accreditation inspection reports, 1871-1992, representing over 1,000 public and private high schools in Michigan. Reports include information on demographics, facilities, finances, curriculum, staffing, and reviewers comments. Some early reports were completed by John Dewey. Files are arranged by school alphabetically by city. Also included are miscellaneous administrative files, records of the Committee on Diploma Schools, 1884-1907, and records of the Detroit High School Study Commission (1966-1968) chaired by Remus Robinson.

[Finding Aid](#)

University of Michigan. Detroit Area Study.

- Detroit Area Study (University of Michigan) records 1951-2004
- 3.5 linear ft.
Annual Detroit Metropolitan Area social survey conducted 1951-2004, largely as a graduate training program at the University of Michigan. Research focus changed each year, common topics were life in an urban environment, politics, family, and race relations. Affiliated with the Department of Sociology and Survey Research Center, part of Institute for Social Research.
Records include survey proposals, 1960-2004; questionnaires, 1952-2003, reports and survey analysis, publications, and some 1980s photographs and slides.
[Finding Aid](#)

University of Michigan. Programs for Educational Opportunity.

- Programs for Educational Opportunity (University of Michigan) records 1969-1996
- 19.5 linear ft.
A race desegregation assistance center based at the University of Michigan, the Program for Educational Opportunity was established by funding through the 1964 Civil Rights Act. The program was expanded to encompass race, gender, and national origin equity in public schools in the Great Lakes region.
Administrative files, topical files, workshop and task force material, handbooks, and material pertaining to desegregation and equality in public schools in Ann Arbor, Detroit, and elsewhere in Michigan and the Great Lakes region. Includes reports from school districts and histories of desegregation.
[Finding Aid](#)

University of Michigan. School of Education.

- School of Education (University of Michigan) records 1904-[ongoing]
- 48 linear ft.
School records consisting of executive committee and faculty meeting minutes, subject files concerning in part promotion and tenure decisions, teacher certification, programs in Detroit Public Schools, the School's accreditation review in 1973-1974, and the University's review of the School in 1982-1984. Topical files of various deans and administrative officers, notably James B. Edmonson, Willard Olson, Carl F. Berger, Frederick W. Bertolaet, Joan Stark, and Charles F. Lehmann; and information on programs and departments at one time administered by the School, including Department of Physical Education, Fresh Air Camp, Bureau of School Services, and vocational education.
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University of Michigan. School of Public Health.

- School of Public Health (University of Michigan) records 1909-[ongoing] (bulk 1941-2003)
- 96 linear ft.
Dean's files of Henry F. Vaughan, Myron Wegman, Richard Remington, John Kirscht, June E. Osborn, interim dean Richard Cornell, and Noreen Clark; files concerning the Association of Schools of Public Health; records of the school's Program in Public Health Nursing; institutes and inservice courses; records regarding school-wide issues and

departmental affairs, including accreditation and program reviews; committee and faculty meeting minutes; building construction records; and files relating to state and national public health issues such as PBB contamination, poliomyelitis, and AIDS; including materials concerning public health in Detroit.

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Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. Chapter 9 (Detroit, Mich.)

- Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc., Chapter 9 records, 1981-1987.
- 1 linear ft.
Articles of incorporation and bylaws, minutes, correspondence, newsletters, and subject files.

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Walker, Bryant, 1856-1936.

- Bryant Walker papers 1873-1931
- 10 linear ft.
Detroit, Michigan attorney, shell collector and student of conchology. Correspondence relating primarily to his interest in shells; also Walker family correspondence, including copies of family letters, 1830-1841, written from Buffalo, New York, Grand Rapids and Detroit, Michigan; University of Michigan student notebook on course in physics, 1874; letterbook, 1877-1886; scientific maps, manuscripts, and catalogues.

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Whitbread, Arno G.

- Arno G. Whitbread scrapbook 1944-1945
- 1 oversize volume.
Arno Whitbread, from Detroit, served with the 101st Airborne Division during World War II as a member of the 327th Glider Infantry Regiment. Whitbread landed in Normandy by glider on June 7, 1944. Scrapbook of Detroit newspaper coverage of the D-Day invasion and subsequent progress with an emphasis on airborne operations. Includes postcards and ephemera from Berchtesgaden where Whitbread was stationed at the end of the war.

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Witter, L. Ellis.

- L. Ellis Witter letter 17 February 1848.
- 1 item.
Lawyer in Detroit, Mich.
Letter to a friend, Dewitt C. Lathrop, of Windham, Conn., describing his life in Detroit and evaluating St. Paul, Minn., and Milwaukee, Wis., as possible places to live.

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Wortley, Alfred Charles, Jr.

- Alfred Charles Wortley, Jr. papers 1941-1945 bulk 1944-1945.
- 0.75 linear feet (in 1 box).

Alfred Charles Wortley, Jr. grew up in Highland Park (Mich.) and Ypsilanti (Mich.) After graduation from the Wayne State Law School, he worked at Bodman Law Firm in Detroit. Alfred enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1944, following his younger brother John Showerman who enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1942. In 1945 Alfred married Elizabeth Rawson Jones.

Correspondence between Alfred Charles Wortley Jr. and Elizabeth Jones; his parents Helen Alice Showerman, and Alfred Charles Wortley, Sr.; letters to Alfred from his brother John, other family members, and friends. Alfred's letters are written from U.S. Naval hospitals in Camp Sampson (NY), Philadelphia (Penn.), and Portsmouth (Va.) where he served; and Naval Training Center in Great Lakes (Ill.) Also included biographical information about extended Wortley family; family portraits and photographs of Wortley's home in Highland Park (Mich.); and newspaper clippings. Correspondence dated 1943-1945, bulk 1944-1945. Photographs dated approximately 1941 to 1945.

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YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit. Metropolitan Offices.

- YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit, Metropolitan Offices records 1877-2006
- 8.5 linear ft. (10 boxes) and 20 oversize v.
Annual reports, correspondence, financial records, minutes of meetings, photographs, published materials, and scrapbooks; also includes collected branch records for the Railroad branch, 1877-1890, and the Downtown branch, 1890-1909; and publication, Detroit Young Men, 1911-1922.

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