

**“The Times They Were A-Changin’: Akron Remembers 1968”
Oral History Project Collection
Special Collections – Akron Summit County Public Library**

ACCESSION #2008-97

ACQUISITION: These materials were collected by the Special Collections Division of the Akron Summit County Public Library (ASCPL) in the fall of 2008 as part of a collaborative oral history project between the Library, the City of Akron and members of Dr. Gregory Wilson’s History 485/585: History, Communities and Memory class at the University of Akron.

ACCESS: Restricted access; materials fragile; access by request at Main Library Special Collections only.

VOLUME: two boxes, 1.5 linear feet

RELATED COLLECTIONS: Memories of Downtown Project, Neighborhood History Project, Wallpaper Project, The Times They Were A-Changin': Akron Remembers 1968 online collection on Summit Memory.org

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

This collection is a result of a collaborative oral history project between ASCPL, the City of Akron and members of Dr. Gregory Wilson’s History 485/585: History, Communities and Memory class at the University of Akron in the fall of 2008 to document events that took place in Akron and across the county in 1968, as well as northeast Ohio residents’ recollections of those events. Nineteen brief (5-20 minute), walk-in oral history interviews were conducted by ASCPL employees Judy James and Cheri Goldner and by Dr. Wilson at four of the City’s Lock 3 Live concerts in August. An additional nineteen interviews with select individuals were conducted from August through November by Special Collections staff, Dr. Wilson and the students in his class. ASCPL and Dr. Wilson’s class also worked with the Summit County Historical Society, the TV Dinner Club Museum, and librarians at the Akron Beacon Journal and the Capital Planning Division of the City’s Department of Planning and Urban Development to mount an accompanying exhibit at the Akron History Exhibit at Lock 3. The Akron Beacon Journal also provided images for a virtual exhibit on Summit Memory (www.SummitMemory.org), the county-wide collaborative online scrapbook administered by the Library.

The collection consists of planning documents related to the project, signed release forms, interview notes, interview transcripts, printouts of digital images of the narrators, audio recordings of all thirty-nine interviews on CD-R and in electronic format (WAV and/or MP3 files), video recordings of eighteen of the nineteen longer interviews on DVD-R, and digital images (JPEG and/or TIFF files) of most of the narrators and of other images used in the exhibits. Note that ASCPL does not have the rights to and cannot make reproductions of images provided by the Beacon or the Capital Planning Division of the City’s Department of Planning and Urban Development.

ARRANGEMENT: The collection is organized into two series. Series 1 contains manuscript materials (paperwork) related to the project, and Series 2 contains audio and audio-visual recordings of the interviews.

INVENTORY:

BOX/SERIES 1: MANUSCRIPT MATERIALS

Folder 1: Planning and PR Documents

Note: Unless indicated otherwise, each of the narrator folders below includes a black and white printout of the electronic color image that we have for him or her. If there is not a printout in the folder, then we do not have an image for that person. The color images may be found on the CD in folder 42.

Folder 2: release form and transcript for Malik Abdul-Zahir, interviewed at Main Library October 5, 2008 by Jessica King and Katrina Phillips

Folder 3: release form and transcript for Alice M. Ahern, interviewed at Lock 3 August 16, 2008 by Greg Wilson

Folder 4: release form and transcript for Mark Auburn, interviewed at Main Library October 29, 2008 by Greg Wilson

Folder 5: release form and transcript for William Baird, interviewed at Main Library September 26, 2008 by Judy James

Folder 6: release form and transcript for John Ballard, interviewed at his home in Medina on October 28, 2008 by Greg Wilson

Folder 7: release form, interview information form and transcript for Rose Brudno, interviewed at Main Library August 26, 2008 by Judy James and Josh Gippin (Rose's grandson)

Folder 8: release form and transcript for James C. Buie, interviewed with John T. Cunningham at Main Library September 30, 2008 by Patrick Carbon

Folder 9: release form and transcript for James Carney, interviewed at Main Library September 5, 2008 by Greg Wilson (no image)

Folder 10: release form and transcript for Kraig Cawley, interviewed at Lock 3 August 16, 2008 by Greg Wilson

Folder 11: release form and transcript for Laura Crossland, interviewed at Main Library October 6, 2008 by Chelsea Jalbrzikowski and Morgan Choffin

Folder 12: release form and transcript for John T. Cunningham, interviewed with James C. Buie at Main Library September 30, 2008 by Patrick Carbon

Folder 13: release form, interview information form and transcript for Mike and Janna Demchak, interviewed at Lock 3 August 9, 2008 by Cheri Goldner

Folder 14: release form and transcript for Susan Dyser and Anne C. Crogan (sisters), interviewed at Lock 3 August 16, 2008 by Greg Wilson

Folder 15: release form and transcript for James P. Eichler, interviewed at Main Library September 5, 2008 by Greg Wilson

Folder 16: release form and transcript for Rev. Ronald Fowler, interviewed at Main Library October 21, 2008 by Katie Chambers and Samantha Whetherholt

Folder 17: release form and transcript for Ott Gangl, interviewed at Main Library November 2, 2008 by Adam Meigs

Folder 18: release form and transcript for Richard Harpster, interviewed at Main Library October 20, 2008 by Cheri Goldner

Folder 19: release form and transcript for Barbara Henson, interviewed at Main Library October 15, 2008 by Cheri Goldner

Folder 20: release form, interview information form and transcript for Bobbie Johnson, interviewed at Lock 3 August 9, 2008 by Cheri Goldner (no image)

Folder 21: release form, business card and transcript for Zachary J. Jordan, interviewed at Lock 3 August 23, 2008 by Judy James

Folder 22: release form, interview notes and transcript for Leslie Paul Kovacs, interviewed at Main Library October 10, 2008 by Aaron Boyle

Folder 23: release form, interview notes and transcript for David A. Lieberth, interviewed at Main Library 26 September 2008 by Judy James

Folder 24: release form and transcript for Ruby McDaniel, interviewed at Lock 3 August 30, 2008 by Greg Wilson

Folder 25: release form and transcript for Judy Miles, interviewed at Lock 3 August 23, 2008 by Judy James

Folder 26: release form, interview information form and transcript for John R. Morrison, interviewed at Lock 3 August 9, 2008 by Cheri Goldner

Folder 27: release form and transcript for Judith Nicely, interviewed at Main Library September 29, 2008 by Mary Andre

Folder 28: release form and transcript for Fred Pero, interviewed at Main Library October 19, 2008 by Adam Meigs (no image)

Folder 29: release form and transcript for Lee Richard, interviewed at Lock 3 August 30, 2008 by Greg Wilson

Folder 30: release form and transcript for Emliss Ricks, interviewed November 1, 2008 by Aaron Boyle (no image)

Folder 31: release form, interview information form and transcript for John Roberts, interviewed with Matthew Sibbit at Main Library August 13, 2008 by Judy James

Folder 32: release form, interview information form and transcript for Evie Rosen-Morris, interviewed at Lock 3 August 9, 2008 by Cheri Goldner (no image)

Folder 33: release form, interview information form and transcript for John J. Roth, interviewed at Lock 3 August 9, 2008 by Cheri Goldner

Folder 34: release form and transcript for Matthew Sibbit, interviewed with John Roberts at Main Library August 13, 2008 by Judy James

Folder 35: release form and transcript for Dick Stine, interviewed at Lock 3 August 30, 2008 by Greg Wilson

Folder 36: release form and transcript for Gregg Sutak, interviewed at Lock 3 August 30, 2008 by Greg Wilson

Folder 37: release form, interview information form and transcript for Ron Unk, interviewed at Lock 3 August 9, 2008 by Cheri Goldner

Folder 38: release form and transcript for David Walker, interviewed at Lock 3 August 23, 2008 by Judy James (no image)

Folder 39: release form and transcript for Yolanda Walker, interviewed at Lock 3 August 23, 2008 by Judy James

Folder 40: release form and transcript for Carolyn L. Ware, interviewed at Lock 3 August 23, 2008 by Judy James (no image)

Folder 41: release form and transcript for Dennis Wheeler, interviewed at Lock 3 August 16, 2008 by Greg Wilson

Folder 42: Contact sheets and CD with color JPEG images of narrators

Folder 43: Contact sheets and CD with JPEGs of images taken in 1968 that are held in the Akron Beacon Journal library, subjects: Mayor John S. Ballard, Blossom Music Center, Hubert Humphrey's visit to Akron, Richard Nixon's two visits to Akron, ROTC at the University of Akron, Schroeder's Café (a popular campus hangout), University of Akron aerial photo, Vietnam demonstrators and memorial. Accompanied by typed notes. Retouched TIFFs of these images can be found on the Library's server in the following location: \\staff-server1\staff\Local History\Oral History\1968 (2008)\Photos\ABJ photos. These images are also included in the online exhibit at www.SummitMemory.org. ASCPL does not have the rights to and cannot make reproductions of these images.

Folder 44: Contact sheets and CD with JPEGs of before and after images of Akron's urban renewal projects Cascade and Opportunity Park, held in the library of the City of Akron's Department of Planning and Urban Development. Accompanied by typed notes. TIFFs of these images can be found on the Library's server in the following location:

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Folder 45: Notebook containing comments from visitors to the 1968 exhibit at Lock 3

BOX/SERIES 2: AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS

AUDIO RECORDINGS (MP3 FILES)

Envelope 1: CD with audio of Malik Abdul-Zahir, interviewed at Main Library October 5, 2008 by Jessica King and Katrina Phillips

Envelope 2: CD with audio of CD with audio of Alice M. Ahern, interviewed at Lock 3 August 16, 2008 by Greg Wilson

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Envelope 4: CD with audio of William Baird, interviewed at Main Library September 26, 2008 by Judy James. This 35-minute interview is divided into five-minute tracks.

Envelope 5: CD with audio of John Ballard, interviewed at his home in Medina on October 28, 2008 by Greg Wilson

Envelope 6: CD with audio of Rose Brudno, interviewed at Main Library August 26, 2008 by Judy James and Josh Gippin (Rose's grandson)

Envelope 7: CD with audio of James C. Buie and John T. Cunningham, interviewed at Main Library September 30, 2008 by Patrick Carbon

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Envelope 18: CD with audio of Bobbie Johnson, interviewed at Lock 3 August 9, 2008 by Cheri Goldner. This eight-minute interview is divided into two tracks.

Envelope 19: CD with audio of Zachary J. Jordan, interviewed at Lock 3 August 23, 2008 by Judy James

Envelope 20: CD with audio of Leslie Paul Kovacs, interviewed at Main Library October 10, 2008 by Aaron Boyle. This 41-minute interview is divided into two tracks—a five-minute intro and then the remainder of the interview.

Envelope 21: CD with audio of David A. Lieberth, interviewed at Main Library 26 September 2008 by Judy James. This 44-minute interview is divided into five-minute tracks.

Envelope 22: CD with audio of Ruby McDaniel, interviewed at Lock 3 August 30, 2008 by Greg Wilson

Envelope 23: CD with audio of Judy Miles, interviewed at Lock 3 August 23, 2008 by Judy James

Envelope 24: CD with audio of John R. Morrison, interviewed at Lock 3 August 9, 2008 by Cheri Goldner. This nine-minute interview is divided into two tracks.

Envelope 25: CD with audio of Judith Nicely, interviewed at Main Library September 29, 2008 by Mary Andre. This 46-minute interview is divided into five-minute tracks.

Envelope 26: CD with audio of Fred Pero, interviewed at Main Library October 19, 2008 by Adam Meigs

Envelope 27: CD with audio of Lee Richard, interviewed at Lock 3 August 30, 2008 by Greg Wilson

Envelope 28: CD with audio of Emliss Ricks, interviewed November 1, 2008 by Aaron Boyle. This 27-minute interview is divided into three tracks—two brief introductory tracks and then the interview.

Envelope 29: CD 1 of 2 with audio of John Roberts and Matthew Sibbit, interviewed at Main Library August 13, 2008 by Judy James

Envelope 30: CD 2 of 2 with audio of John Roberts and Matthew Sibbit, interviewed at Main Library August 13, 2008 by Judy James

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VIDEO RECORDINGS

Envelope 40: DVD of Malik Abdul-Zahir, interviewed at Main Library October 5, 2008 by Jessica King and Katrina Phillips

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Envelope 44: DVD of Rose Brudno, interviewed at Main Library August 26, 2008 by Judy James and Josh Gippin (Rose's grandson) (Note: This interview is also available on 8mm video cassette.)

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Envelope 54: DVD of David Lieberth, interviewed at Main Library 26 September 2008 by Judy James

Envelope 55: DVD of Judith Nicely, interviewed at Main Library September 29, 2008 by Mary Andre

Envelope 56: DVD of Fred Pero, interviewed at Main Library October 19, 2008 by Adam Meigs

8mm video cassette of Rose Brudno, interviewed at Main Library August 26, 2008 by Judy James and Josh Gippin (Rose's grandson) (Note: This interview is also available on DVD.)