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Summary Information

Repository	Ball State University Archives and Special Collections
Title	<i>The Other Side of Middletown</i> project files and recordings
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Historical Note

Prompted by the omission of Muncie, Indiana's black community from the famous study by Robert S. Lynd and Helen Merrell Lynd, Luke Eric Lassiter, an associate professor of anthropology at Ball State University, Hurley Goodall, a former Indiana state legislator and life-long Muncie resident, Elizabeth Campbell, an independent folklorist and Michelle Johnson, a graduate student in the anthropology department at Ball State University, came together to reveal for the first time the unrecorded history and contemporary life of African American "Middletown." They organized a semester-long class through the Virginia Ball Center for Creative Inquiry at Ball State. Students were given the opportunity to research and interview African American residents of Muncie, Indiana. The project resulted in the publication of the book award-winning book *The Other Side of Middletown: Exploring Muncie's African American Community* in 2004.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of the original taped interviews, notes, and tape logs from the oral history interviews conducted by Ball State University students. These are organized in order by the sections discussed in the book, "Getting A Living", "Making a Home", "Training the Young", "Using Leisure", "Engaging in Religious Practice", and "Engaging in Community Activities". Scrapbooks and scans of the scrapbooks documenting the project and public presentations are also included.

R 254 includes original taped interviews and transcripts.

Arrangement

Series 1: *The Other Side of Middletown* project notes and drafts, 2003

Subseries 1.1: "Getting a Living", 2003

Subseries 1.2: "Making a Home", 2003

Subseries 1.3: "Training the Young", 2003

Subseries 1.4: "Using Leisure", 2003

Subseries 1.5: "Engaging in Religious Practices", 2003

Subseries 1.6: "Engaging in Community Activities", 2003

Series 2: *The Other Side of Middletown* release forms, 2004, 2006

Series 3: *The Other Side of Middletown* manuscript, 2006 and undated

Series 4: *The Other Side of Middletown* publicity, 2001-2006

Series 5: Goodall, Hurley *The Other Side of Middletown* photograph collection electronic files, 1994

Series 6: *The Other Side of Middletown* audio recordings, 2003

Series 7: *The Other Side of Middletown* photographs, 1900-1955

Series 8: *The Other Side of Middletown* oversize photographs, 1925-1926

Series 9: Muncie's African American Community *The Other Side of Middletown*, 2002 video

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Ball State University Archives and Special Collections

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

Legal title, copyright, and literary rights reside with Archives and Special Collections, Ball State University Libraries, Muncie, IN. All requests to publish or quote from manuscripts must be submitted to Archives and Special Collections.

Custodial History

This collection was received by Archives and Special Collections as a donation.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Documents
- Manuscripts

Geographic Name(s)

- Delaware County (Ind.)
- Muncie (Ind.)

Subject(s)

- African American history
- African Americans
- Local history
- Middletown Studies Collection
- Oral history
- Stoeckel Archives of Local History

Series 1: The Other Side of Middletown project notes and drafts, 2003

Collection Inventory**Series 1: *The Other Side of Middletown* project notes and drafts, 2003****Subseries 1.1: "Getting a Living", 2003**

	Box	Folder
"Getting a Living" archival citations, 2003	1	1
"Getting a Living" drafts, 2003	1	2
"Getting a Living" field notes, 2003	1	3
"Getting a Living" outline, 2003	1	4
"Getting a Living" schedules index, 2003/02/10	1	5
"Getting a Living" tape logs, 2003	1	6

Subseries 1.2: "Making a Home", 2003

	Box	Folder
"Making a Home" field notes, 2003	1	7
"Making a Home" tape logs, 2003	1	8

Subseries 1.3: "Training the Young", 2003

Subseries 1.3: "Training the Young", 2003		
	Box	Folder
"Training the Young" field notes, 2003	1	9
"Training the Young" tape logs, 2003	1	10

Subseries 1.4: "Using Leisure", 2003

Subseries 1.4: "Using Leisure", 2003		
	Box	Folder
"Using Leisure" archive information, 2003	1	11
"Using Leisure" field notes, 2003	1	12
"Using Leisure" notes, 2003	1	13
"Using Leisure" outline, 2003	1	14
"Using Leisure" tape logs, 2003	1	15

Subseries 1.5: "Engaging in Religious Practices", 2003

Subseries 1.5: "Engaging in Religious Practices", 2003		
	Box	Folder
"Engaging in Religious Practices" draft, 2003	1	16
"Engaging in Religious Practices" field notes, 2003	1	17

Subseries 1.6: "Engaging in Community Activities", 2003

"Engaging in Religious Practices" tape logs, 2003	1	18
"Engaging in Religious Practices" weekly summary, 2003	1	19

Subseries 1.6: "Engaging in Community Activities", 2003

	Box	Folder
"Engaging in Community Activities" field notes, 2003	1	20
"Engaging in Community Activities" handwritten notes, 2003	1	21
"Engaging in Community Activities" quotes from logs, 2003	1	22
"Engaging in Community Activities" tape logs, 2003	1	23

Series 2: *The Other Side of Middletown* release forms, 2004, 2006

	Box	Folder
Original release forms, 2004	2	1
Supplemental release forms, 2006	2	2

Series 3: *The Other Side of Middletown* manuscript, 2006 and undated

	Box	Folder
<i>The Other Side of Middletown</i> introduction, 2006/12/20	2	3

Series 4: The Other Side of Middletown publicity, 2001-2006

<i>The Other Side of Middletown</i> book one, undated	2	4
<i>The Other Side of Middletown</i> book two, undated	2	5
<i>The Other Side of Middletown</i> book three, undated	2	6
<i>The Other Side of Middletown</i> book four, undated	2	7
<i>The Other Side of Middletown</i> book five, undated	2	8
<i>The Other Side of Middletown</i> book six, undated	2	9
<i>The Other Side of Middletown</i> book seven, undated	2	10
<i>The Other Side of Middletown</i> book eight, undated	2	11
<i>The Other Side of Middletown</i> DVD scrapbooks 1-8, undated	2	12

Series 4: The Other Side of Middletown publicity, 2001-2006

	Box	Folder
Final presentation, 2003/4/17	2	13
<i>The Other Side of Middletown</i> Book Signing at Danner's Book Store Muncie, Indiana, photographs, 2004/06/19	2	14

Series 5: Goodall, Hurley The Other Side of Middletown photograph collecti...

<i>The Other Side of Middletown</i> a Photographic Exhibit at Bracken Archives Ball State University, 2002/02/04	2	15
<i>The Other Side of Middletown</i> Report to the Community at Union Baptist Church, 2003/04/17	2	16
<i>The Other Side of Middletown</i> Welcome Back Eric and Beth Celebration, 2006/04/28	2	17
A Photographic Record of an Effort to Capture in Pictures the History of Muncie's African American Community <i>The Other Side of Middletown</i> , Minnetrista, 2001/02/20	2	18
A Pictorial History of <i>The Other Side of Middletown</i> Study Done Ball State Students and Muncie Citizens who Served as Community Advisors, 2006/12/20	2	19
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R.254 Series 6: <i>The Other Side of Middletown</i> audio recordings, 2003		
PSC.269 Series 7: <i>The Other Side of Middletown</i> photographs, 1900-1955		
POVA.269 Series 8: <i>The Other Side of Middletown</i> oversized photographs, 1925-1926		
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