

RUTH TEMONEY COLLECTION, 1891-1985

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USER INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 box

COLLECTION DATES: Inclusive 1891-1985; Bulk 1958-1984

PROVENANCE: Ruth Temoney, Kokomo, Indiana.

RESTRICTIONS: None

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RELATED HOLDINGS: None

ACCESSION NUMBER: 95.0002X

NOTES: The Ruth Temoney Collection was donated during the Black Women in the Middle West Project. The Black Women in the Middle West Project was a collecting effort to gather primary source materials of African-American women in Illinois and Indiana. The project, spearheaded by Darlene Clark Hine and Patrick Bidelman at Purdue University, was conducted in three phases from 1977-1985. Project records are located at five repositories within the two states including the Indiana Historical Society (IHS) [also houses the project's administrative records], Calumet Regional Archives, and the Northern Indiana Historical Society in Indiana and the Chicago Historical Society and the Illinois State Historical Society in Illinois. (Although the implementation phase of the project was from 1984-1985, several of the collections were donated to IHS in 1986).

Additional information about the project is contained in *The Black Women in the Middle West Project: A Comprehensive Resource Guide, Illinois and Indiana* (E185.6 .B53 1986), edited by Hine and Bidelman, et. al. and Wilma L. Gibbs's article "In Retrospect: The Black Women in the Middle West Project at the Indiana Historical Society," in *Indiana's African-American Heritage: Essays from Black History News & Notes* (E185.93 .I4 B52 1993).

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Ruth Marie Temoney was the Kokomo, Indiana coordinator for the Black Women in the Middle West Project (See page 1). Temoney moved to Kokomo in 1972. She worked as a teacher with the Kokomo Center Schools and joined the Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church. As project coordinator, Temoney was responsible for gathering materials to document the experiences and accomplishments of Black women in Kokomo. The Kokomo contribution to the project included biographical information pertaining to 18 local women and their club, church, and organizational activities. Most of the women were cited in their biographical sketches as being active in several organizations including the Young Women's Christian Association, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the Howard County Parent Teacher Association. Common organizational affiliations included the Interracial Friendship Club, Progressive Club, Siete Amigas Club, and the Woman's Improvement Club.

Sources: Materials in the collection; *The Black Women in the Middle West Project: A Comprehensive Resource Guide, Illinois and Indiana* (E185.6 .B53 1986).

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The collection is comprised of the materials gathered in Kokomo, Indiana by Ruth Temoney on behalf of the Black Women in the Middle West Project. The one manuscript box collection spans 1891-1985, with the bulk of the material dated 1958-1984.

The first several folders contain biographical information related to black women activists in the Kokomo community. Folder 6 includes a transcription of an interview of Theodore Clarke. Dr. Clarke discusses two sisters, Drs. Maggie Gaskin and Ella Willardson.

In addition to the biographical data, the collection includes materials related to clubs, churches, and other organizations. In folder 20, there is a history of the Siete Amigas Club and several clippings pertaining to its activities. The Order of Eastern Star information (folder 21) contains fragments of meeting programs. Of the church material in the collection, Wayman Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church is the best documented with numerous Sunday service bulletins and special events programs (folder 22). Records for Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church (folder 23) include a brief history of the institution, an 11th year anniversary program, and an 1891 Sunday school lesson book. Other church bulletins in folder 24 include First Congregational Christian Church of Kokomo; First Friends Church of Richmond; and Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church of Indianapolis. General programs and clippings related to the Kokomo area are in folders 25 and 26.

BOX AND FOLDER LISTING

BOX 1: Kokomo Individuals; Kokomo Organizations; Kokomo Churches; General Programs and Clippings

FOLDER

1: Inez Alsup

- 2: Janice Alsup
 - 3: Louise Bradley
 - 4: Judi Brown
 - 5: (Rev.) Marguerite Bush
 - 6: Theodore Clarke (Interview regarding Maggie Gaskin and Ella Willardson)
 - 7: Sallie W. Davidson
 - 8: Frances Davis
 - 9: Hazel Duggard Dunigan
 - 10: Kokomo High School yearbook, 1917
 - 11: Merle Stokes Dunston
 - 12: Juanita Jarrett
 - 13: Charlotte Ray King
 - 14: Goldie May Madry
 - 15: Dorothy Malone
 - 16: Alice Moore
 - 17: Wanda Perkins
 - 18: Merle Rush
 - 19: Lodie Vaughn
 - 20: Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church
 - 21: Order of Eastern Star--Golden Link Chapter #34
 - 22: Siete Amigas Club
 - 23: Wayman Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church
 - 24: Other Churches
 - 25: Programs, 1937-1983
 - 26: Clippings
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CATALOGUING INFORMATION

MAIN ENTRY: Temoney, Ruth Marie, 1947--collector

SUBJECT ENTRIES: Kokomo High School (Ind.)--Students--Yearbooks

Black Women in the Middle West Project

Afro-American women--Indiana--Kokomo

Women--Indiana--Kokomo

Afro-Americans--Indiana--Kokomo--Social life and customs

Afro-Americans--Indiana--Kokomo--Societies, etc.

Afro-Americans--Indiana--Kokomo--Religion

Afro-American churches--Indiana--Kokomo

Church bulletins--Indiana--Kokomo

Kokomo (Ind.)

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