The papers of Dale Vinyard were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs by Dale Vinyard and accessioned in February of 1987. They were opened for research in November of 1988.

Dale Vinyard was a professor of political science at Wayne State University, Detroit Michigan at the time he did these research papers in collaboration with Roberta Siegel of the State University of New York at Buffalo. The papers consist primarily of unpublished manuscripts dealing with the role and impact of newspapers as a source of information for urban voters. In addition to the studies of newspapers there are a few items in the collection relating to the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act of 1975 which was designed to inhibit the practice of "red-lining" by financial institutions in their policy of mortgage and home improvement loans in urban neighborhoods.