

Beulah Groehn Croxford Papers

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Abstract

From the 1960s to the early 2000s, Beulah Groehn Croxford was a resident of West Canfield Street, located between Second and Third Avenues in Detroit, Michigan. Croxford lived in a historic home, actively working for the preservation of both her block and neighborhood. In 1969, Croxford organized the Canfield West-Wayne Preservation Association, created to enable the restoration and preservation of the block's homes. Additionally, she succeeded in creating Detroit's first historic district in 1970 and the West Canfield Historic District was listed on the National Register in 1971. A notable aspect of the West Canfield Historic District is that the street is made up of brick pavers, which were uncovered during the construction of the Renaissance Center. Croxford is credited with organizing the preservation of the pavers and arranging for their new home on West Canfield. In 1995 the Michigan Historic Preservation Network granted Croxford the President's Distinguished Service Award for Lifetime Achievement for her preservation efforts.

The Beulah Groehn Croxford Papers contains correspondence, meeting minutes, restoration blueprints, and court documents related to the Canfield West-Wayne Preservation Association and the Historic Preservation Committee. Additionally, this collection holds newspaper clippings, events, and information about crime statistics and public housing initiatives in Cass Corridor in the 1970s and 1980s. The Papers also include documents from numerous other Detroit neighborhood associations including Cityscape Detroit, Inc., the Historic Sites Committee, and Detroit Landmarks, Inc. and newspaper clippings pertaining to Detroit crime rates, neighborhood associations, the city government, and community institutions.

Important Subjects:

Cass Corridor (Detroit, Mich.)
Detroit (Mich.)
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Urban renewal

Important Names:

Anderson's Gardens Bar
Blessing, Charles A.
Canfield West-Wayne Preservation Association
Croxford, Beulah Groehn
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