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Summary Information

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History

From the 1960s to the early 2000s, Beulah Groehn Croxford (1914-2001), a Detroit native, 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 location on West Canfield. In 1995 the Michigan Historic Preservation Network granted Croxford its President's Distinguished Service Award for Lifetime Achievement for her preservation efforts.

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Scope and Content

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Important Subjects: Cass Corridor (Detroit, Mich.). Detroit (Mich.). Historic preservation. Urban renewal.

Important Names: Anderson's Garden Bar. Blessing, Charles A. Canfield West-Wayne Preservation Association. Detroit Renaissance (Firm).

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Detroit Renaissance Records, Rosedale Park News Collection, Preservation Wayne Records, Wayne State University Historic Advisory Committee Records.

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