



Guide to the Folklore Archive: Studies and Research Projects Records WSR001731

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Summary Information

Repository:	Walter P. Reuther Library
Creator:	Wayne State University
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Title:	Folklore Archive: Studies and Research Projects Records
ID:	WSR001731
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Physical Description:	2 Linear Feet (2 SB)
Language of the Material:	English
Language of the Material:	Material entirely in English.
Abstract:	The Folklore Archive, established in 1939, contains the oldest and largest record of urban folk traditions in the United States. To document these traditions, Wayne State University students conducted field research projects covering a broad range of topics. The archive is strong in modern industrial and occupational folklore, reflecting the rich ethnic diversity and work-oriented heritage of Detroit and southeastern Michigan. The Folklore Archive: Studies and Research Projects Records contain transcripts and research studies related to Greek-American family life, Southern upland migrant folk culture, traditional medical beliefs and American folk music.

Citation Style

"Folklore Archive: Studies and Research Projects Records, Box [#], Folder [#], Walter P. Reuther Library, Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs, Wayne State University"

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History

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document these traditions, Wayne State University students conducted field research projects covering a broad range of topics. The archive is strong in modern industrial and occupational folklore, reflecting the rich ethnic diversity and work-oriented heritage of Detroit and southeastern Michigan.

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Scope and Content

The Folklore Archive: Studies and Research Projects Records contains scholarly papers documenting Greek-American family life, the migration of Southern Appalachian whites to the metropolitan Detroit area, traditional medical beliefs and American folk music.

Transcripts complemented by audio recordings are so indicated in the inventory. Greek-American Family project oral histories, 1983-84, listed by family name all have recordings available in the Folklore Archive: Greek-American Family Life Oral Histories, unless otherwise noted.

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Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically by project title.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Revision Description

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Acquisition

Selected materials from the Wayne State University Folklore Archive were transferred to the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in July of 1999 by the Archive's director, Professor Janet Langlois.

Processing History

Processed and finding aid written by Walter P. Reuther Library in March 2000. Revised in 2019 by Deborah Rice.

Access

Collection is open for research.

Use

Refer to the Walter P. Reuther Library "Rules for Use of Archival Materials." Refer to the Walter P. Reuther Library "Rules for Use of Archival Materials." Restrictions: Researchers may encounter records of a sensitive nature – personnel files, case records and those involving investigations, legal and other private matters. Privacy laws and restrictions imposed by the Library prohibit the use of names and other personal information which might identify an individual, except with written permission from the Director and/or the donor.

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Related Materials

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Folklore Archive Collections: Bruce L. Harkness Poletown Photographs, Student Field Projects Oral Histories, Student Field Projects Records, Student Field Projects Photographs Greek-American Family Life Oral Histories, Southern Upland Folklife in the Midwest Oral Histories

Transfers

A number of reel-to-reel and cassette audiotapes of oral interviews have been transferred to the Archives Audiovisual Department (see related materials note). A microfilm copy of a Master's thesis by Margaret T. Buchanan entitled "Migration of Workers from Tennessee to Michigan" has been placed in the Archives Library.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Working class--Songs and music
- Transcripts
- Urban legends
- Families -- United States
- Greek Americans
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- Manners and customs
- Religious life
- Appalachians (People)
- Rural-urban migration -- United States
- Traditional medicine
- Detroit (Mich.)
- Immigrants -- United States
- African Americans -- Medical care
- Ethnic groups -- United States
- Folk songs
- Seeger, Pete, 1919-2014
- Silber, Irwin, 1925-2010

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Great Lakes Arts Alliance Regional Folklife Project on Southern Upland Folklife in the Midwest (GLAA RFP); corres., 1980-82	Box 1	Folder 1
GLAA RFP; Donor Cultures and the Behaviors of Southern Whites in Cities: Overview and Critique of Research Literature, 1973	Box 1	Folder 2
GLAA RFP; Field Research Summary, 1982	Box 1	Folder 3
GLAA RFP; Southern Whites in Detroit, final report by Patricia Radecki, 1981	Box 1	Folder 4
GLAA RFP; Southern Whites in Detroit, interview tapes index, 1981	Box 1	Folder 5
Greek-American Family project; corres., publicity, reports, 1983-84	Box 1	Folder 6
Greek-American Family project; exhibit corres., background material, 1983-84	Box 1	Folder 7

Greek-American Family project; Michigan Council for the Humanities grant, 1983	Box 1	Folder 8
Greek-American Family project; oral histories-Anton, Gus	Box 1	Folder 9
Greek-American Family project; oral histories-Asim, Despina	Box 1	Folder 10
Greek-American Family project; oral histories-Athans, Aristeia and John	Box 1	Folder 11
Greek-American Family project; oral histories-Bachakes, Pat	Box 1	Folder 12
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Greek-American Family project; oral histories-Becharas, Mr. and Mrs.	Box 1	Folder 14
Greek-American Family project; oral histories-Blond (Xantheas), George	Box 1	Folder 15
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Southern Upland Folklife in Greater Detroit student projects; published works survey-literature of Southern whites, 1995	Box 2	Folder 24
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