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COLLECTION REGISTER

Name: **Steelton Oral History Project (1996-97)** **STL.1996**
Material: Interviews, Student Papers
Volume: 64 folders, 50 cassette tapes, 41 video tapes.
Donation: Gift of Professors Susan Rose, Sharon O'Brien and Charles Barone.
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

During the 1996 Steelton Project, some 25 students and 3 faculty members met with workers, teachers, local business people, and residents of Steelton, Pennsylvania, a multi-ethnic mill town that lies along the Susquehanna River on the south side of Harrisburg. Students explored questions such as how to raise a family, how to earn a living, and how to sustain faith in a community hit hard by deindustrialization.

The American Mosaic Semester course was based on the desire for a more interdisciplinary, experiential, and collaborative learning program. The experimental three-credit course was offered by Professors Charles Barone, Sharon O'Brien, and Susan Rose an immersion in American cultural diversity. Students earned one credit each in English or American Studies, Economics and Sociology, and an additional course credit in Community Studies that supported independent or group research projects.

The Steelton Project was an experiment in multicultural education. The group of Dickinson students and faculty members, Steelton-Highspire elementary and high school students and teachers, and various members from the Steelton community collected oral histories that explored and documented the history and diversity of the town. Dickinson and Steelton interacted and engaged each other across race, class, gender, religious and generational lines.

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

The collection is divided into 4 series. Series 1 consists of 33 interview transcripts, typed accounts of Steelton interviews conducted by student and faculty interviewers. It also contains a folder of library reserve copies of select interviews, placed on reserve by Prof. Kim Lacy Rogers. Interviews are organized alphabetically according to narrator's last name. Series 2 – Student Papers consists of 12 final papers and 2 independent studies. There are two copies of each paper in this series. Series 3 consists of 17 folders of project resources, including completed release forms, the Dauphin County Data book, an autobiography by William Pollard, photograph proofs, course syllabi and research notes. Series 4 consists of corresponding media: 50 audio cassette tapes and 41 video tapes.

Interviews and papers covered a variety of topics: the Steelton cemetery, artwork, family and children, religion/church, education, Bethlehem Steel and Pennsylvania Steel

Technologies, society, work, the Great Depression, change, community involvement, segregation and prejudice, the Army War College, the Midland cemetery, minorities, and marriage. The Dauphin County Data book contains information about Dauphin County such as transportation facilities, maps and income.

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SERIES 1—INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPTS
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- 1.1 Barksdale, Barbara, interviewed by Sherry Bell. Apr. 28, 1996. [Tape CTX00761]
- 1.2 Barksdale, Barbara, interviewed by Kara Watson and Jamie Metzinger. Nov?. 6, 1996 [Tape VHS00201]
- 1.3 Bowers, Greg, interviewed by Samantha Eburne. Apr. 4, 1996 [Tapes CTX00762-63]
- 1.4 Bowers, Greg, interviewed by Becci Menghini, Erica Monheit and Christinie Murphy. Apr. 10, 1996 [Tape CTX00764, VHS00202]
- 1.5 Brannock, Philome, interviewed by Jonathan Coldren. Mar. 31, 1997 [Tape CTX00765]
- 1.6 Bratina, Michael and Mary, interviewed by Jamie Metzinger and Yasmine Sandhu. Apr. 16, 1996 [Tape CTX00766]
- 1.7 Brown, Beth, interviewed by Sherry Bell. Apr. 17, 1996 [Tape CTX00767]
- 1.8 Carelock, Clayton, interviewed by Sherry Bell. Apr. 3, 1996 [Tape CTX00768, VHS00203]
- 1.9 Carelock, Charles and Clayton, interviewed by Joanne Manrique. Apr. 9 and 22, 1997 [Tape CTX00769-70]
- 1.10 Cooley, Reverend, interviewed by Tom Wallace and Nysha King. Apr. 2, 1997 [Tape CTX00771]
- 1.11 Culpepper, Edith and Robert, interviewed by Tom Wallace and Christen DeMarco. Apr. 1, 1997 [Tape CTX00772]
- 1.12 Dean, Kim, interviewed by Samantha Eburne. Mar. 29, 1996 [Tape CTX00773]
- 1.13 Discussion between Alexis and Stacey.
- 1.14 Fortune, Blondena, interviewed by Sherry Bell. Apr. 4, 1996 [Tape CTX00774]
- 1.15 Gittlen, Ike, interviewed by Becci Menghini, Erica Monheit and Christine Murphy. Apr. 23, 1996 [Tape CTX00775, VHS00204]

- 1.16 Hrenda-Roberts, Liz. Spring 1996 [Tape CTX00776]
- 1.17 Hodge, Ruth, interviewed by Elizabeth Hearst and Jonathan Coldren. May 6, 1997 (Includes research notes) [Tape CTX00777-78]
- 1.18 Jefferies, Elizabeth, interviewed by Mary Anne Powers and Kathleen Rice. Apr. 19, 1996 [Tape CTX00779]
- 1.19 Masonic Lodge – Presentation by Harold Kerns and John Nettling. Write-up by Alexis Hinchey. Feb. 12, 1996 [Tape CTX00780, VHS00205]
- 1.20 Payne, Etta, interviewed by Sherry Bell. Feb. 27, 1996 [Tape CTX00781]
- 1.21 Payne, Etta, interviewed by Sherry Bell. Mar. 12, 1996 [No Tape]
- 1.22 Phoenix, Lucille, interviewed by Beth Hearst. Apr. 2, 1997 [Tape CTX00782]
- 1.23 Phoenix, Zane, interviewed by Samantha Eburne. Apr. 25, 1996 [Tape CTX00783]
- 1.24 Pollard, William, interviewed by Sherry Bell. Apr. 13, 1996 (*listen to tape) [Tape CTX00784]
- 1.25 Pollard, William, interviewed by Nysha King and Christen DeMarco. Apr. 28, 1997 [Tape CTX00785-86]
- 1.26 Powell, Jesse, interviewed by Sherry Bell. Apr. 26, 1996 [Tape CTX00787]
- 1.27 Reese, Greg, interviewed by Becci Menghini, Erica Monheit and Christine Murphy. Apr. 2, 1996 [Tape CTX00788, VHS00206]
- 1.28 Romeo, Doug, interviewed by Becci Menghini, Erica Monheit, Christine Murphy and Samantha Eburne. Mar. 13, 1996 [Tape CTX00789, VHS00207]
- 1.29 Stovall, Iamergene, interviewed by David Kates. Apr. 17, 1997. (Includes transcript and notebook) [Tape CTX00790-94]
- 1.30 Stubljär, Helen and Michael, interviewed by Jamie Metzinger and Yasmine Sandhu. Apr. 4, 1996 [Tape VHS00208]
- 1.31 Watkins, Bob, interviewed by Dixie Palmer. Apr. 4, 1996.
- 1.32 Woodson, Jethro, interviewed by Dixie Palmer.
- 1.33 Young, Jim, interviewed by Becci Menghini, Erica Monheit, Christine Murphy and Samantha Eburne. Mar. 13, 1996 [Tape CTX00795, VHS00207]
- 1.34 Library Reserve Copies

SERIES 2 – STUDENT PAPERS
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FINAL PAPERS

- 2.1 Eburne, Samantha. "The Dirty Jobs" – May 13, 1996
- 2.2 Hanna, Marella and Aylin Gulsoy. "Incorporating and Transforming Steelton's Urban Reality into Play" – May 12, 1996
- 2.3 Jones, Jeffrey. "Deindustrialization and Its Effect on a Small Steel Town"
- 2.4 Kates, David. "Ms. Iamergene Stovall" – May 13, 1997
- 2.5 Manrique, Joanne. "Charles and Clayton Carelock" (binder)
- 2.6 Metzinger, Jamie and Yasmine Sandhu. "Community Studies Final Project integrated with Political Economy Final Project" – May 13, 1996
- 2.7 Monheit, Erica. "Labor-Management Relations at Pennsylvania Steel Technologies; A Political Economic Analysis" – May 13, 1996
- 2.8 Murphy, Rebecca M. "Steelton's Croatians; Independent Study on Immigration and Socialization of Croatians in Steelton, PA" – May 10, 1996
- 2.9 Olcott, Cyndi Lyn. "The Mainstreaming Process" – Apr. 23, 1987
- 2.10 Palmer, Dixie. "Ethnography: Going Beneath the Surface of Steelton" – May 13, 1996
- 2.11 "Photographic Essay of life in Steelton, Pa., as seen through the eyes of four high school senior males" – Author Unknown
- 2.12 Rice, Kathleen. "A Collection of Stories: Narratives of Steelton's Croatian Community" – May 13, 1996

INDEPENDENT STUDIES

- 2.13 Bell, Sherry. "Roots: In the African American community and church—an ethnographic study of African Americans in Steelton"
- 2.14 Menghini, Becci, Erica Monheit and Christine K. Murphy. "Life Lessons: An Ethnography in the Making"

SERIES 3 – PROJECT RESOURCES SERIES INVENTORY

- 3.1 AMOS Notebook 3: Religion/Churches

- 3.2 AMOS Notebook 4: African American Community
- 3.3 AMOS Notebook 5: Schools/Education
- 3.4 Bodnar, John. "Steelton: Immigration and Industrialization 1870-1940" – University of Pittsburg Press, 1977.
- 3.5 Dauphin County- 1993 Pennsylvania County Data Book
- 3.6 Final Project Assignment
- 3.7 Final Project Checklist (blank)
- 3.8 Interview Release Forms
- 3.9 Letters to Participants
- 3.10 Photograph Proofs
- 3.11 William Pollard, an autobiography
- 3.12 Research Notes
- 3.13 "Steelton—Yesterday...and Today" (Steelton Borough Booklet)
- 3.14 "Steelworker Voice": Career Development Program Steelton Plant Storytelling Session – Apr. 2, 1996
- 3.15 "The Story of Highspire: Sesqui-Centennial 1814-1964"
- 3.16 Syllabus: "Oral History" – History 311-01/American Studies 301-01
- 3.17 Yetter, John B. with Harold Kerns. "Steelton, PA: Stop, Look and Listen" – Triangle Press, 1979.

SERIES 4 – MEDIA SERIES INVENTORY

AUDIO CASSETTE TAPES, TRANSCRIBED

- CTX00761: Barbara Barksdale, Apr. 28, 1996
- CTX00762: Greg Bowers, Apr. 4, 1996
- CTX00763: Jim Roberts and Greg Bowers.
- CTX00764: Greg Bowers, Apr. 10, 1996
- CTX00765: Phil Brannock, Mar. 31, 1997
- CTX00766: Michael and Mary Bratina, Apr. 16, 1996
- CTX00767: Beth Brown, Apr. 17, 1996
- CTX00768: Clayton Carelock, Apr. 3, 1996
- CTX00769: Charles and Clayton Carelock, Apr. 9, 1996
- CTX00770: Charles and Clayton Carelock, Apr. 22, 1997
- CTX00771: Reverend Cooley, Apr. 2, 1997
- CTX00772: Edith Culpepper, Apr. 1, 1997

CTX00773: Kim Dean, Mar. 29, 1996
 CTX00774: Blondena Fortune, Apr. 4, 1996
 CTX00775: Ike Gittlen, Apr. 23, 1996
 CTX00776: Liz Hrenda-Roberts, Feb. 20, 1996
 CTX00777: Ruth Hodge, May 6, 1997 [Tape 1]
 CTX00778: Ruth Hodge, May 6, 1997 [Tape 2]
 CTX00779: Milan and Katie Cordas, Apr. 18, 1996
 CTX00780: Masonic Lodge: Harold Kerns, John Nettling and Frank, Feb. 2, 1996
 CTX00781: Ettia Payne, Feb. 27, 1996
 CTX00782: Lucille Phoenix, Apr. 2, 1997
 CTX00783: Jim Roberts and Zane Phoenix, Apr. 22, 1996
 CTX00784: William Pollard, Apr. 13, 1996
 CTX00785: William Pollard, Apr. 28, 1997 [Tape 1]
 CTX00786: William Pollard, Apr. 28, 1997 [Tape 2]
 CTX00787: Jesse Powell, Apr. 26, 1996
 CTX00788: Greg Reese, Apr. 2, 1996
 CTX00789: Doug Romeo, Mar. 13, 1996
 CTX00790: Iamergene Stovall, Apr. 1, 1996 [Tape 1]
 CTX00791: Iamergene Stovall, Apr. 1, 1996 [Tape 2]
 CTX00792: Iamergene Stovall, Apr. 17, 1996 [Tape 1]
 CTX00793: Iamergene Stovall, Apr. 17, 1996 [Tape 2]
 CTX00794: Iamergene Stovall, Apr. 17, 1996 [Tape 3]
 CTX00795: Jim Young, Mar. 13, 1996

CASSETTE TAPES, ANGELA YEAGER INTERVIEWS

CTX00796: Imory Binecz and Romira Mucra, interviewed by Angela Yeager. Apr. 25, 1996
 CTX00797: Austin Griffin, interviewed by Angela Yeager. Apr. 16, 1996
 CTX00798: Brian Proctor, interviewed by Angela Yeager. Apr. 2 and 16, 1996
 CTX00799: Mr. Smith (Guidance), interviewed by Angela Yeager. Apr. 17, 1996
 CTX00800: Tromayne Terry, interviewed by Angela Yeager. Apr. 25, 1996

CASSETTE TAPES, MISC.

CTX00801: Mrs. Davis, interviewed by Ashley Davis
 CTX00802: Mr. Dempsy, Apr. 23, 1996
 CTX00803: Elizabeth Jefferies Address at Steel-High Elementary School, Apr. 11, 1996 and Mr. Hoerner's Fifth Grade Class (discussion on Steelton), Apr. 18, 1996
 CTX00804: Mrs. Navano, Feb. 15, 1996
 CTX00805: John Nettling, Mar. 8, 1996
 CTX00806: Rick Vukmanic, interviewed by Rebecca Murphy and Kathleen Rice. Apr. 1, 1996

- CTX00807: Rick Vukmanic, Mr. Hoerner's Fifth Grade Class and Croatian Teenagers, interviewed by Rebecca Murphy, Kathleen Rice and Tara Major, Apr. 4, 1996
- CTX00808: Dave Wise, Apr. 22, 1996
- CTX00809: Leigh Beth Zema, interviewed by Brandi Coleman. Apr. 2, 1996
- CTX00810: Interview at Joel's, Mar. 11, 1996

VIDEO TAPES

- VHS00201: Barbara Barksdale – Oct. 6, 1996
- VHS00202: Greg Bowers – Apr. 10, 1996
- VHS00203: Clayton Carelock – Apr. 3, 1996
- VHS00204: Ike Gittlen – Apr. 23, 1996
- VHS00205: Masonic Lodge: Harold Kerns, John Nettling and Frank – Feb. 2, 1996
- VHS00206: Greg Reese – Apr. 2, 1996
- VHS00207: Jim Young and Doug Romeo – Mar. 13, 1996
- VHS00208: Michael and Helen Stubljär – Apr. 3/4, 1996
- VHS00209: Mrs. Navano, Casa Chica – Feb. 15, 1996
- VHS00210: John Nettling – Mar. 8, 1996
- VHS00211: Mr. Vukmanic and Fifth Grade Class
- VHS00212: Linda Hare (Office Administrator) – Apr. 11, 1996
- VHS00213: The History of Steelton (two men, churches)
- VHS00214: Boys from SHHS Senior's English, interviewed by Angie and April – Apr. 11, 1996
- VHS00215: SHHS Boys – Apr. 17, 1996
- VHS00216: 9th Grade, SHHS
- VHS00217: Forgeng and Shannon #1 (Mrs. Hoffman's Classes) – Apr. 17, 1996
- VHS00218: Forgeng and Shannon #5
- VHS00219: "Growing Up Female in S.H.H.S." by April Forgeng and Mary Shannon
- VHS00220: Croatian Dance Festival
- VHS00221: Croatian Dancers; Homestead – Feb. 23, 1996
- VHS00222: Kolo Club Dance Practice
- VHS00223: Tara Major Video Project – "Welcome to Steelton"
- VHS00224: Monheit, Menghini and Murphy (Dressed in Steelworker Gear) – Mar. 6, 1996
- VHS00225: AME Baptist Church
- VHS00226: Profs. Rose and O'Brien's Class
- VHS00227: Mosaic Lunch – Mar. 11, 1996
- VHS00228: "United Steelworkers of America Safety Awareness Program"

VIDEO TAPES, ERNSBERGER/LEDFOORD INTERVIEWS

- VHS00229: Hilary Ernsberger and Ayana Ledford #1
- VHS00230: Ernsberger/Ledford #2
- VHS00231: Ernsberger/Ledford #3
- VHS00232: Ernsberger/Ledford #4

VHS00233: Ernsberger/Ledford #5
VHS00234: Ernsberger/Ledford #6
VHS00235: Ernsberger/Ledford #7
VHS00236: Ernsberger/Ledford #8
VHS00237: Ernsberger/Ledford #9
VHS00238: Ernsberger/Ledford #10
VHS00239: Ernsberger/Ledford #11
VHS00240: Ernsberger/Ledford #12
VHS00241: Ernsberger/Ledford #13