**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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