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Guide to the

Andrew Goodman Memorial collection

1943-2010 [bulk 1946-2000]

Sc MG 825

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Summary

Creator: Goodman, Andrew, 1943-1964

Title: Andrew Goodman Memorial collection

Date: 1943-2010 [bulk 1946-2000]

Size: 1.38 linear feet (5 boxes)

Source: Gift of David Goodman, 2009-2010.

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Abstract: Andrew Goodman, along with hundreds of other students, was a volunteer in the Mississippi Summer Project launched in June 1964 to register Black Mississippi residents to vote and to establish Freedom Schools. The Andrew Goodman Memorial collection consists primarily of news clippings and other printed material related to the 1964 murder of three civil rights workers Andrew Goodman, James Chaney, and Michael Schwerner.

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Creator History

Andrew Goodman, along with hundreds of other students, was a volunteer in the Mississippi Summer Project launched in June 1964 to register Black Mississippi residents to vote and to establish Freedom Schools. He along with another white activist, Michael Schwerner, and James Chaney, an African American resident of Mississippi and Project volunteer, were shot to death on June 21, 1964. The disappearance and murder of the three men led to the intervention by President Lyndon Baines Johnson and an FBI investigation. By 1967, nineteen members of the Ku Klux Klan were arrested by the FBI and charged with violating the civil rights of the three activists. Forty-one years later, on June 21, 2005, Edgar Ray Killen, a Klan member and part-time preacher, was found guilty of being the mastermind behind these murders.

In 1966, Carolyn and Robert Goodman founded the Andrew Goodman Foundation, in order to use their son's sacrifice for positive ends. From that time until her death in August 2007, Carolyn Goodman directed the Foundation to raise money for and support organizations whose work expressed the values for which Andrew Goodman stood, such as universal civil rights and social justice. Over the years the Foundation has coordinated a number of projects, in particular, the Chaney, Goodman, Schwerner Coalition of 1989, which commemorated the twenty-fifth anniversary of Freedom Summer and the death of the three civil rights workers by sponsoring the "Historic South-North Freedom Caravan" in June 1989. Hundreds of people travelled from Philadelphia, Mississippi, the location of the church that had been fire-bombed by the Klan and that the three young men had visited just prior to their murder, to meet with officials and townspeople. This event was used to support additional legislation for voter registration.

Scope and Content Note

The Andrew Goodman Memorial collection consists primarily of news clippings and other printed material related to the 1964 murder of civil rights workers Andrew Goodman, James Chaney, and Michael Schwerner, and subsequent events. There are also personal papers concerning Goodman, and letters of sympathy and remembrance written to the family.

Arrangement: Organized into four series: I. Personal papers; II. Disappearance and murder; III. Memorial activities and legacy; and IV. Aftermath.

Key Terms

Subjects

African American civil rights workers
African Americans -- Civil rights -- Southern States
Civil rights movements
Civil rights movements -- Mississippi
Civil rights workers

Geographic Names

United States -- Race relations

Names

Barnett, Horace Doyle
Chaney, James Earl, 1943-1964
Goodman, Andrew, 1943-1964
Killen, Edgar Ray

Posey, Buford W.
Schwerner, Michael Henry, 1939-1964
Andrew Goodman Foundation
Chaney Goodman Schwerner Memorial Coalition
Ku Klux Klan (1915-)

Container List

Personal 1943-1964

This series consists of a small group of Andrew Goodman's personal papers. Of particular significance are items pertaining to Goodman's participation in Freedom Summer such as his application and a postcard postmarked June 21, 1964, written to his parents the day after arriving in Mississippi. Related papers include his cancelled check for a donation to SNCC, and printed material on the civil rights movement.

- b. 1 f. 1 Childhood 1943-1956
- b. 1 f. 2 Walden School 1960-1961
- b. 1 f. 3 Queen College (papers) 1961-1964
- b. 1 f. 4 Acting stints 1962-1963
- b. 1 f. 5 Work papers 1963
- b. 1 f. 6 Civil Rights activities, Mississippi 1963-1964

Disappearance and murder 1964-1966

This series contains statements, letters, an interview, a copy of the indictment of the murderers, and associated items directly related to the disappearance and death of the three men, Goodman in particular. Of special note is a transcript of an interview (June 27, 1964) with Robert McNamara, Secretary of Defense, about Buford Posey, a white Mississippian who suspected that the Ku Klux Klan had killed the three men; and a statement (November 24, 1964) furnished to the FBI by Horace Doyle Barnett, one of the murderers, detailing exactly what had occurred. There are also sympathy letters from many political and civil rights leaders, and detailed articles about the disappearance and murder.

- b. 2 f. 1 Schwerner case 1964 June 21-22
Includes chronology of contacts with the federal government.
- b. 2 f. 2 "Our Powerless Government" 1964
- b. 2 f. 3 First person accounts of murders 1964
Includes an interview with Buford Posey regarding his accusation that Ku Klux Klan were the murderers, June 27, 1964, and statement of Horace Doyle Barnette, November 24, 1964.
- b. 2 f. 4 Statement by Robert Goodman 1964 August 5
- b. 2 f. 5 Funeral and unveiling of monument 1964-1965
- b. 2 f. 6 Articles on the murders 1964
- b. 2 f. 7-8 Sympathy letters ("letters from famous people") 1964 June-1965 April
- b. 2 f. 9 U.S. District Court for Southern District of Mississippi indictment 1965
- b. 2 f. 10 U.S. Supreme Court opinion regarding indictments of 18 persons charged with violating civil rights statutes 1966

Memorial activities and legacy 1965-2010

This series covers a wide array of events that commemorated the lives of the three men. Most of the material consists of news clippings and other printed matter on the memorial activities that were sponsored by the Andrew Goodman Foundation, and one of its projects, known as the Chaney, Goodman, Schwerner Coalition of 1989. Additionally, the emergence of Carolyn Goodman as an activist for justice is documented in clippings and speeches that she delivered.

- b. 2 f. 11 Flyers
Tributes
- b. 2 f. 12 Walden School 1965-1993
- b. 2 f. 13 "Letters from Famous People" 1965-2009
- b. 2 f. 14 Songs written about Chaney, Goodman, and Schwerner 1966-1974
- b. 2 f. 15 Goodman, Carolyn correspondence 1964-2002

Memorial activities and legacy (cont.)

Andrew Goodman Foundation

- b. 2 f. 16 1983
- b. 2 f. 17-18 Freedom Summer '94 1993-1994
Includes staff bios, participating groups, Executive Committee, and staffing issues.
- b. 2 f. 19 Hidden Heroes project and film 1996-2005
- b. 3 f. 1 Tributes 1965-1994
- b. 3 f. 2-5 25th anniversary of murders 1989
Includes clippings and formation of Chaney Goodman Schwerner Memorial Coalition.
- b. 3 f. 6 1990-1998
- b. 3 f. 7 1999-2000 May
- b. 3 f. 8 2000 May-2004 May
- b. 4 f. 1 2004 June-December
- b. 4 f. 2 2005 January-September
- b. 4 f. 3 2005 October-2007 May
- b. 4 f. 4 2007 May-2008 Summer
- b. 4 f. 5 Clippings 2008 September-2010
- b. 5 *Lyon, Danny. Memories of the Southern Civil Rights Movement* 2010

Aftermath 1989-2008

This series contains news clippings and other printed material about the Ku Klux Klan in Pennsylvania in 1989, serving as a counterpoint to the Coalition, which sponsored the South-North Freedom Caravan that same year. Other events discussed in this series include the Edgar Ray Killen trial and the documentary film, *Neshoba*, about the attempts at reconciliation in Neshoba County where the murder and Killen's trial took place.

- b. 4 f. 6 25th anniversary of murder, Ku Klux Klan, Pennsylvania 1989
- b. 4 f. 7 Background on Federal Civil Rights Act and Voting Rights Laws 1964-1992
- b. 4 f. 8-9 Edgar Ray Killen trial 2004-2008
Includes *Neshoba*, documentary film.