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Manuscript Collection

Collection Title: Oxford Development Association

Dates Covered: 1970's to 1990's

Volume: 1 H

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Provenance:

The Oxford Development Association collection was received from Mrs. Della Davidson, President of the Oxford Development Association, as a part of the Mississippi Statewide Survey of African American Records. The survey project was coordinated by the Margaret Walker Alexander National Research Center and the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

Restrictions:

The original were photocopied and returned to the donor by the request of Mrs. Della Davidson, President of the Oxford Development Association.

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Biography/History:

The Oxford Consumer Co-op was established by the energetic citizens of the Oxford community who were interested in the self-improvement and up-grading of the entire Oxford community. The co-op first started as a buying club. The buying club collected capital among its members and purchased goods in large quantities to be distributed among the members of the club.

A number of meetings were held to discuss ways in which the citizens could provide an even greater service to the community that would bring economic and educational benefits for all. After several such meetings, the oxford consumer co-op became a reality. It opened with almost bare shelves and an antique cash register. The citizens were proud, however, and shared the many responsibilities that have made the co-operative, a twenty-five member Co-op group. They determine all rules for the operation of the food store. Since the oxfords consumer Co-op is a non-profit organization, all the benefits are exclusively those to the citizen, and the capital is that of the working for the citizen.

Scope and Content:

The Oxford Development Association (1970's to 1990's) was donated by Della Davidson. This Association is made up of the working community of citizens dedicated to the ideas of self-improvement. It is located in a six room house on 411 North 5th Street. The house is the headquarters for Oxford Consumer Co-operative Store, a tutorial program Hampton and Clark Library, The Soul Force, A Community Newspaper, and Pre-school Program.

The collection has been arranged into the following series.

- Series I: Photographs
- Series II: Programs
- Series III: Newspapers
- Series IV. Miscellany

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Series I: Photographs, 1987; 1 folder, 1 item

Box 1

F1 Contest winner Little Miss and Mr. ODA, 1987; 1 folder, 1 item

Series II: Programs, 1979, 1986-1987, 1989-1990; 6 folders; 8 items

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F1 Pre-Mother's Day Program, 1979; 1 item
F2 2nd Annual Martin L. King, Jr., National Holiday Celebration, 1986-87, 1990; 3 items
F3 Eighth Annual W. N. Redmond, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund, 1987; 1 Item
F4 Wayne Johnson Playmates and learners Cooperative Childcare Center, 1989; 1 item
F5 Blue and Gold Banquet, Troop and Pack 55, 1990; 1 item
F6 Annual Miss. and Mr. ODA Pageant, 1990; 1 item

Series III: Newspapers, (The Soul Force, a community newspaper) 1971-1975, 1983-1990, 1996

Box 1

F1 The Soul Force, 1971; 1 item
F2 The Soul Force, 1972; 10 items
F3 The Soul Force, 1973; 10 items
F4 The Soul Force, 1974; 2 items
F5 The Soul Force, 1975; 1 item
F6 The Soul Force, 1983; 1 item
F7 The Soul Force, 1984; 3 items
F8 The Soul Force, 1985; 1 item
F9 The Soul Force, 1986; 2 items
F10 The Soul Force, 1987; 5 items
F11 The Soul Force, 1988; 4 items
F12 The Soul Force, 1989; 4 items
F13 The Soul Force, 1990; 4 items
F14 The Soul Force, 1996; 1 item



Series IV: Miscellany, n.d., 1970, 1990; 3 folders, 3 items

Box 1

- F1 ODA-Membership Card, n.d.; 1 item
- F2 Organizational Plans, 1970; 1item
- F3 The Oxford Eagle: Article; Local Services honor memory
Of King's works, 1990; 1 item.

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