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Finding aid for the Native American History and education project Collection 496

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Summary Information

Repository:	Grand Rapids History and Special Collections
Title:	Native American History and education project
ID:	Collection 496
ID [Archivists Toolkit Database::ACCESSION]:	196
Date [bulk]:	1969-1979
Physical Description:	0.75 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	This collection contains materials related to activities of several Native American groups in the Midwest (primarily Michigan) during the 1970s. Primarily, this collection is comprised of newsletters, pamphlets, and selected resource guides (e.g., bibliographies) around Native American life and literature about Native American tribes in the late 20th century. Among the tribes represented in this collection are the Chippewa, Ojibwe, Potawatomi, Dakota, and others. In addition, there are also some collected papers from organizations such as the Michigan Commission on Indian Affairs, the National Indian Education Association, and the Minnesota Historical Society. A researcher wishing to understand more about Native American life would be interested in viewing activities around these organizations and may also want to see the newsletters, a few of which are in Native languages.

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Biographical / Historical

The bulk of the items in this collection originated in connection to work done in Grand Rapids, Michigan on a project called the Indian Oral History Project. This collection of oral histories is also held by the Grand Rapids Public Library (Collection 65) and contains grant-funded work that led to the collection of oral histories as well as the publication of a book.

The research guides and bibliographies (including one by the Bentley Historical Society in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and the Grand Rapids Public Library in Grand Rapids, Michigan) provide summaries of

literature published about and/or by Native Americans. There are also a few examples of correspondence between representatives from Native American groups and other organizations, many of which were in Grand Rapids, Michigan or Lansing, Michigan (e.g., meeting minutes from the Commission on Indian Affairs).

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Scope and Contents

This collection is comprised primarily of newsletters, correspondence, bibliographies, histories, and other educational documents related to Native American life in the 1970s.

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Publication Statement

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

According to the accession record (1981.004), the exact provenance is unknown. The materials are believed to be partly from Gordon Olson (former Grand Rapids City Historian and Grand Rapids Public Library Employee) and partly from research documents collected in connection with Collection 65, the Native American oral history project collection.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History

- Indians of North America -- Michigan
- Potawatomi Indians
- Ojibwa Indians

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Information System for Native American Media (ISNAM) pamphlet, n.d., circa 1975	Box 1	Folder 1
Anishinabe Giigidowin: workshop enrollment (1976); Wisconsin Native American Language Project newsletters (Jan. 1976 – June 1979): a bilingual newsletter for Ojibwe and Potawatomi second language teachers	Box 1	Folder 2
Council Drum News: Grand Valley American Indian Lodge, October 1976-March 1978	Box 1	Folder 3
Cress-Cross annual newsletter, January 1977. Eric Clearinghouse on rural education, small schools, Mexican Americans, American Indians, migrants, outdoor education	Box 1	Folder 4
The Forecaster, newsletter vol. 1 no.1., n.d., circa 1975. Downtown Senior Neighbor Center, with a paragraph on the Native American Center.	Box 1	Folder 5
Huron Potawatomi newsletter, vol. 1, no. 1, Feb. 1978, Athens Indian Reservation, Fulton, Michigan.	Box 1	Folder 6
Indian Education, vol. 7, no. 1, September 1976, National Indian Education Association.	Box 1	Folder 7
Indian Talk: The Native American's Magazine (Grand Rapids, Michigan office). Vol 2: no. 4, Feb. 1975; no. 5, Mar. 1975; no. 6, April 1976; no. 7, May 1975; no. 8, June 1975; no. 10, Aug. 1975; no. 11, Sept. 1975; no. 12, Oct. 1975. Vol 3: no. 2, Dec. 1975; no. 3, Jan. 1976; no. 4, Feb. 1976, no. 5 & 6, Mar/ April 1976.	Box 1	Folder 8
Jibkenyan newsletter, "Roots" – no. 6, March 1, 1978; no. 7, March 1978; no. 8, April 5, 1978.	Box 1	Folder 9
The Michigan Indian newsletter, Michigan Commission on Indian Affairs. Vol. 4, no. 2, Nov. 1975/Jan. 1976; Dec. 20, 1977; Mar. 1978.	Box 1	Folder 10
Neshnabe Gigdowen: a bilingual newsletter for Ojibwe and Potawatomi Second language teachers: April 1976; March 1977; January 1978.	Box 1	Folder 11
Northland Native American News: vol. 3, no. 1, Jan. 1977; vol. 3., no. 2, Winter/Spring 1977; vol. 4, no. 1, Jan. 1978.	Box 1	Folder 12
Redletter pamphlet, Chicago – September 1975	Box 1	Folder 13
Talking Peace Pipe, March 1978; April 1978	Box 1	Folder 14

Turtle Talk – March 1978; April 1979	Box 1	Folder 15
American Indian Libraries newsletter: Spring 1978	Box 1	Folder 16
Voices of Indian America: a selected resource catalog of educational materials for use in grades K-12, September. 1977; October 1977.	Box 1	Folder 17
Chippewa and Dakota Indians: a subject catalog of books, pamphlets, periodical articles, and manuscripts in the Minnesota Historical Society, 1969.	Box 1	Folder 18
The North American Indian: a representative bibliography, by the Grand Rapids Public Library, March 1972.	Box 1	Folder 19
American Indian Ethnohistory: a collection of new titles by noted scholars; n.d., circa 1975.	Box 1	Folder 20
Guides/information on using the Michigan Historical Collections at the Bentley Historical Library, ca. 1974.	Box 1	Folder 21
Michigan Indian Groups and Organizations Directory, Dec. 1977. Published by the Commission on Indian Affairs (Lansing, Michigan).	Box 1	Folder 22
Books about the American Indians, published by the American Indian Historical Society, n.d., circa 1974.	Box 1	Folder 23
"Chippewa Indian Folklore" by Sister Laurina Levi; list of Indian newsletters by ASAIL (Association for study of American Indian Literature); n.d., circa 1974.	Box 1	Folder 24
Various bibliographies on American Indian literature (9) circa 1975, including one by the Grand Rapids Public Library.	Box 1	Folder 25
Commission on Indian Affairs (Lansing, Michigan): meeting minutes; correspondence; notice of meetings; program proposals, etc., circa 1975	Box 2	Folder 1
Nishnawbe Guide Newsletter, Jan. 1977: Grand Rapids Public Schools' Native American Education Program, March 1977.	Box 2	Folder 2
Tepee Times: Mt. Pleasant Indian Reservation, April 1973: Vol. 1, issue 1.	Box 2	Folder 3