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**“ASIAN INDIAN COMMUNITIES IN INDIANA”
PROJECT, 1999–2000**

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NOTES:

HISTORICAL SKETCH

“The Asian Indian Communities in Indiana” Project described its results the following way in its abstract for the Indiana Heritage Research Grant #99-3002:

“The project produced tape recordings and transcripts of ten oral history interviews conducted with immigrants from India and their children. Transcripts include subject indexes and tables of contents. The interviews range in length from fifty minutes to three hours. Nine of the interviews were with a single interviewee. The other included two interviewees. In total, researchers interviewed four women and seven men; eight immigrants and three second generation Indiana-Americans; and persons from a wide range of religious traditions and regional backgrounds. The interviews followed a ‘life history’ format, asking the interviewee to talk about his or her own personal history from early childhood to the present. In addition to gathering personal data, the life history format offered the interviewees an opportunity to place their own stories within the larger context of immigration history and community identity. Within the abundance of historical data, researchers concentrated on exploring three major themes—the formation of an ethnic community out of a regionally, linguistically, and religiously diverse population; the importance of memories of India in shaping ethnic identity; and generational change within the Indian-American community. The collection constitutes an invaluable resource for scholars interested in studying post-1965 immigration, Indiana’s ethnic heritage, Indian-American communities, and the process of historical memory.”

The project was sponsored by the Indiana University Oral History Research Center (OHRC), and the interviews were conducted by Steven Sheehan in 1999. It was part of the OHRC project “Indian American Communities in Indiana, 1998-1999” (No. ohrc065). It is now housed in the Indiana University Center for Documentary Research and Practice by the Indiana University Center for the Study of History and Memory.

Sources:

Material in collection

Indiana University. “Indian American Communities in Indiana, 1998-1999.” Archives Online at Indiana University. Accessed 18 May 2018.

http://webapp1.dlib.indiana.edu/findingaids/view?doc.view=entire_text&docId=ohrc065

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains ten interview transcripts and information about the grant project.

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