

Collection #  
BV 4951–4956

**BLACK HISTORY IN ANDERSON AND MADISON  
COUNTY, INDIANA  
COLLECTION, 1937–1967**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

VOLUME OF  
COLLECTION: 6 bound volumes

COLLECTION  
DATES: 1937–1967

PROVENANCE: Black History Committee, Anderson Public Library, 1996

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## **HISTORICAL SKETCH**

In 1992, Lillie Givens Manuel, an Anderson, Indiana, resident enlisted the help of Howard Eldon and Phyllis Leedom, staff members at the Anderson Public Library, to help consider how best to identify, organize, and make accessible information about African Americans in Anderson and Madison County. From these conversations, a Black History Project developed. Initially, the plan was to photocopy pages from vertical files and local newspapers, place them in volumes, and supply an index to them. The project generated grants from three funding sources including the Indiana Humanities Council (now Indiana Humanities), the Madison County Community Foundation, and the Indiana Historical Society (Indiana Heritage Research Grant—94-3031).

By the project's end, the photocopied sheets of news clippings and a card index of personal names had been converted to six bound volumes including four that housed news clippings dated from 1937 to 1967, and two that were a personal name index to the clippings. The bulk of the clippings are from a weekly column that began as the "Anderson Colored Circles" in the *Anderson Herald*. From 1935 columnists for this feature included: Ruth B. Jones Waughfield, Myrtle Renfro Parker, Bernice Renfro Butler, Lilly B. Gholston Leavell, Anna Katherine Bailey, Rowena LaRue, and Madelyn Irvin. Sometime after Bailey began writing the column in 1943, the name changed to reflect whoever the writer was.

The Anderson Public Library staff and the Library Black History Project Volunteer Committee worked to complete the project. Over the duration of the project, scores of people volunteered to sort, photocopy, date, and index the news clippings. At the project's inception Leedom served as project manager and Manuel was the project co-coordinator. Library staff members, Beth E. Oljace and Renee Anderson, compiled the index.

Sources: Materials in the collection.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection is comprised of six bound volumes of materials pertaining to the history of African Americans in Anderson and Madison County, Indiana. There are four volumes of photocopied newspaper articles, mostly from local newspapers, dating from 1937 through 1967. There is a two-volume index of personal names for the four volumes.

## **SERIES CONTENTS**

### **Series 1: Bound Volumes of Anderson News clippings**

CONTENTS	CONTAINER
News clippings, 1937 – 1943	BV 4951
News clippings, 1944 – 1950	BV 4952
News clippings, 1951 – 1962	BV 4953
News clippings, 1963 – 1967	BV 4954

### **Series 2: Index of Personal Names**

CONTENTS	CONTAINER
Volume I, A – L	BV 4955
Volume II, M – Z	BV 4956

## CATALOGING INFORMATION

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1. Go to the Indiana Historical Society's online catalog:  
<http://opac.indianahistory.org/>
2. Click on the "Basic Search" icon.
3. Select "Call Number" from the "Search In:" box.
4. Search for the collection by its basic call number (in this case, BV 4951–56).
5. When you find the collection, go to the "Full Record" screen for a list of headings that can be searched for related materials.