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FORT WAYNE REFUGEE PROJECT REPORT, 1999

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Fort Wayne Refugee Project was funded by Indiana Heritage Research Grant #99-3039. In the grant's abstract, the project describes itself the following way:

“This project consists of a collection of primary source materials, a written report, Fort Wayne newspaper clippings and slides of refugee groups from Vietnam, Laos, Burma, Bosnia, and the former Soviet Union. The researcher conducted an oral interview with a spokesperson for each of the five refugee groups. In addition, the researcher recorded interviews with the director of refugee placement at Catholic Charities in Fort Wayne and the executive director of the Fort Wayne Jewish Federation. Other research consists of forty-five written questionnaires that detail individual stories, cultural traditions, and adaptations to Fort Wayne. In addition, written interviews with a cross-section of Fort Wayne people connected to refugees are included. The eighteen page report gives background information, then describes the Fort Wayne experiences of each of the five refugee groups often using first person narratives. A detailed bibliography includes numerous Fort Wayne newspaper articles about Fort Wayne refugees...Materials collected and written for this project will be available for educational purposes through the Allen County – Fort Wayne Historical Society when the exhibit ‘Families and Faith: Community Ties that Bind’ opens in February, 2001.”

The Multicultural Heritage Research Project on Recent Immigration was sponsored by the Allen County – Fort Wayne Historical Society and conducted by Peggy Seigel.

Sources:

Material in collection

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains photocopies of the final report for the research grant, surveys from members of the five refugee groups, interviews with the five refugee spokespeople, and interviews with people in organizations that help refugees.

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