

Collection #
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CT 0783

**ROGER A. PETERSON
USING COUNTY RECORDS FOR HISTORICAL AFRICAN AMERICAN
RESEARCH :
ADDRESS AT THE NORTHERN INDIANA CENTER FOR HISTORY, SOUTH
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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 folder and 1 audio cassette

COLLECTION DATES: Inclusive 1995

PROVENANCE: Roger A. Peterson, Spencer, Indiana

RESTRICTIONS: None

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RELATED HOLDINGS: None

ACCESSION NUMBER: 1996.0010

NOTES: None

HISTORICAL SKETCH

After working as a steel industry executive in the midwest for many years, Chicagoan Roger A. Peterson (22 October 1923 -) and his wife Jean chose to retire near the Indiana University School of Music. They moved to Spencer, Owen County, Indiana, home county of Roger Peterson's mother. Since his retirement, the history buff and 30-year member of the Indiana Historical Society has volunteered as county archivist and served on the board of the Society of Indiana Archivists. He writes a column about African Americans for Owen County History and Genealogy, a quarterly newsletter.

Sources:

Materials in the collection; Telephone interview conducted by Wilma L. Gibbs with Jean Peterson, 18 October 1995.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The collection consists of 1 folder and 1 audio cassette. The folder contains the written notes from a presentation delivered by Roger Peterson on 13 September 1995 to the general public at the Northern Indiana Center for History located at 808 West Washington Street in South Bend. The audio cassette contains

the oral presentation of the program.

John Charles Bryant, a family history researcher from South Bend, Indiana was directed to Roger Peterson in 1995, as someone who could help him trace his forbearers during their time in Owen County. A subsequent meeting between Bryant and Peterson eventually led to Peterson's presentation, which was attended by descendants of Owen County African-Americans, many living in South Bend and across the state line in Cass County, Michigan. Peterson's talk, "Using County Records for Historical African American Research," focused on relevant records at the Owen County Archives including files from the offices of the recorder, auditor, and clerk.

FOLDER LISTING

- 1 Written presentation, "Using County Records for African American Research," by Roger Peterson, 13 September 1995

- 2 CT 0783 Oral presentation (same as above; also includes introductory notes to presentation)

CATALOGING INFORMATION

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