SCENICVIEW COUNTRY CLUB
COLLECTION, 1969–1973

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:
1 half size manuscript box, 1 folder photographs, 3 folders color photographs

COLLECTION DATES:
Inclusive, 1969–1973; Bulk, 1972–73

PROVENANCE:
Guy Russell, Indianapolis, IN, 4 October 1999

RESTRICTIONS:
None
HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Scenicview Country Club, Inc. was founded in Indianapolis during the fall 1971. According to its bylaws, the purpose of the organization was to encourage and promote educational, cultural, and athletic pursuits with family involvement. The club, founded and operated by African Americans, was situated on a 70-acre tract of land at 6601 Grandview Drive. The Indianapolis Sportsman’s Club previously owned the property. It was operated with a board of directors. Early board members included Ernest Davis, Rocky Fanning, Richard Head, Jr., Larry Liggett, Aubrey Love, Donald Oldham, Guy Russell, Joseph Slash, Riley Smith, Joseph Summers, Clifford Wilson, and Ruby Woodson. Payton R. Wells served as a paid general manager.

Scenicview Country Club sponsored many social and sports activities including dinner dancing, travelogues, Weight Watchers, arts and crafts programs, checkers, modern dancing, volleyball, karate, archery, and golf. The activities of the country club were regularly reported in the Indianapolis Recorder and Jean Jensen’s “Every Tuesday” column in the Indianapolis News.

Sources: Materials in the collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection is contained in one manuscript box. Most of the collection dates from 1971 to 1973. It contains correspondence, board minutes, a lease, programs, clippings, and photographs related to the Scenicview Country Club. The last two folders pertain to the Ace Social Club and the Indianapolis Sportsman’s Country Club.

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