WHAT THEY SAID:
ORAL HISTORIES FROM JEWISH CITIZENS AROUND THE STATE
TRANSCRIPTIONS, 1974–1981

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: Seven manuscript folders
PROVENANCE: Transferred from Public Programs Division, Indiana Historical Society, July 2003
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Longtime Jewish residents from Muncie, Ligonier, Evansville, Lafayette, South Bend, Gary, Kokomo, and Crawfordsville were interviewed individually and collectively through a focus group. The interviews took place between 1974 and 1975 although several transcripts are not dated. The panel discussion that took place in Muncie occurred in 1981 and was moderated by Joan Schwartz.

Those interviewed include: Sam Mulis of Kokomo, Max K. Tannenbaum of Crawfordsville, Mrs. Sydney Greenfield of Gary, Rabbi Jacob Bergman of South Bend, Dorothy Pearlman of Lafayette, and Margaret Goldsmith Welt of Evansville.

Interviewees discussed anti-Semitism, KKK influence in their town, growing up, temple and synagogue life.

Interviewers were Joseph Levine and Irv Ross. The project director was Eileen Baitcher. The project was funded through an Indiana Heritage Research Grant through the Indiana Historical Society.

Sources:
Materials in the collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Seven typed transcripts of six individual interviews done in 1974 and 1975, and one panel discussion conducted in 1981 make up the collection. Each transcription is in a legal size manuscript folder.

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Mrs. Sydney Greenfield Transcript, 20 Feb. 1974
Margaret Goldsmith Welt Transcript, April 1975
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