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Abstract:

Transcripts, cassette tapes, CDs, notes and various documents regarding the Arab Americans and the Automobile: Voices from the Factory project. The project was undertaken by ACCESS in 1999 and focused on fifteen interviews with Arab Americans who worked in the Detroit automobile factories.

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Biography

“Arab Americans and the Automobile: Voices from the Factory” was a project conducted in 1999 by the Cultural Arts Department of the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services. The main objective of “Voices from the Factory” was to document, through oral testimonies, the history of the Detroit area’s Arab immigrants in the automobile industry. The project included seminars and workshops on conducting oral history and aimed to create a booklet using the information from the oral histories collected. In addition to collecting the materials at ACCESS, the project planned to donate copies of the oral histories at the Michigan Historical Society and UAW Local 600.

Scope and Content

The Arab Americans and the Automobile: Voices from the Factory collection contains audio of oral histories, transcripts of the interviews, related papers and the draft of a book manuscript. Fifteen individuals were interviewed for the project over 18 cassette tapes that have been digitally stored on two thumb drives. Original transcripts from the project are included for 11 of the interviews and the remaining transcripts were created at a later date. Two CDs are included with three interviews on them.

Subjects

Arab Americans--History--20th Century

Arab Americans--Michigan

Interviews--Arab Americans

Genre terms

- Cassette Tapes
- CDs
- Interview Transcripts
- Manuscript Draft
- USB Flash Drives

Contents

Box 1

Folder 1: CDs and USB

- Ron Amen interview
- Abdullah Rizkallah and Ismael Ahmed interviews
- Flash drive 1
- Flash drive 2

Folder 2: Miscellany

- October 25, 2006 List of oral histories included
- Helpful hints for interviewers
- Helpful hints for interviewers (with notes)
- Arab Americans and the Automobile manuscript draft

Folder 3: Ismael Ahmed

- September 1, 1999 Transcript of interview

Folder 4: Ron Amen

- June 8, 1999 Transcript of interview

Folder 5: Sandra Amen

- November 8, 1999 Transcript of interview
- November 8, 1999 Transcript of interview draft

Folder 6: Sami Freij

- July 1, 1999 Transcript of interview

Folder 7: George Kassab

- August 22, 1999 Transcript of interview
- August 22, 1999 Excerpts from interview

Folder 8: Abdullah Rizkallah

- August 12, 1999 Rizkallah interview notes
- August 12, 1999 Transcript of interview

Folder 9: Fares Warra

- August 12, 1999 Warra interview notes
- August 12, 1999 Typed interview notes
- August 12, 1999 Excerpts from interview
- August 12, 1999 Transcript of interview

Folder 10: Chuck Shamey

- August 19, 1999 Transcript of interview
- August 19, 1999 Excerpts from interview

Folder 11: Imad Srour

- June 19, 1999 Transcript of interview
- June 19, 1999 Transcript of interview (c.2 partial)
- June 19, 1999 Excerpts from interview

Folder 12: Ali Baleed Almaklani

- September 9, 1999 Transcript of interview

Folder 13: Sam Amen

- October 22, 1999 Transcript of interview

Folder 14: Ahmed Hassan

- August 29, 1999 Transcript of interview

Folder 15: Aliya Hussin

- August 24, 1999 Transcript of interview

Folder 16: Ali Souhouba

- October 22, 1999 Transcript of interview
- October 22, 1999 Notes from interview

Folder 17: Katherine Amen

- October 22, 1999 Transcript of interview

Folder 18: Don Unis

- March 6, 2000 Transcript of interview

Folder 19: Cassettes

- September 1, 1999 Ismael Ahmed interview (4)
- June 8, 1999 Ron Amen interview
- November 8, 1999 Sandra Amen interview (2)
- July 13, 1999 Sami Freij interview
- August 12, 1999 Fares Warra interview
- August 19, 1999 Chuck Shamey interview
- June 19, 1999 Imad Srour interview
- September 9, 1999 Ali Baleed Almaklani interview
- Sam Amen interview
- August 29, 1999 Ahmed Hassan interview
- August 24, 1999 Aliya Hussin interview
- October 22, 1999 Ali Souhouba interview
- October 22, 1999 Sam and Katherine Amen interview
- Don Unis interview