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Athens County Community Urban  
Redevelopment Corporation Files  
Collection

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OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Author: Unknown
Title: Athens County Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation Files
Date: 1981-1983
Abstract: Reports, code of regulations, clippings, correspondence, publications, and miscellaneous
Quantity: .3 cu. ft.

BACKGROUND

The Athens County Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation (ACCURC - pronounced "A Kirk") was organized in the 1980s by citizens from the Athens community concerned about the preservation of the buildings at the Athens Mental Health Center. It was ACCURC which, in its efforts to find new uses for these structures, sponsored a contest that gave the center the name by which the hilltop complex is now popularly known as "The Ridges." The organization focused on other projects as well, particularly the efforts to reconstruct the Stuart Opera House in Nelsonville, following a major fire there in 1979 and to develop a Hocking Valley Museum of Theatrical History.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION

The collection focuses on nine different areas that include: ACCURC, Athens Mental Health Center (AMHC), historical inventory and correspondence, Metropolitan Research and Development (MRD), miscellaneous publications, general correspondence, Athens County, Hocking Valley Museum of Theatrical History Inc. (HVMTH), and other miscellaneous items.
ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION

These records are organized into the following series:

Series I: Athens County Community Urban Redevelopment Commission (ACCURC)
Series II: Athens Mental Health Center (AMHC)
Series III: Historical Inventory; Correspondence
Series IV: Metropolitan Research and Development (MRD)
Series V: Miscellaneous Publications
Series VI: General Correspondence
Series VII: Athens County
Series VIII: Hocking Valley Museum of Theatrical History Inc. (HVMTH)
Series IX: Miscellaneous

Abbreviations with in content list:
N/A

RELATED MATERIALS
N/A

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Restrictions: The collection is open under the rules and regulations of the Ohio University Libraries.

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**Processing:**
Douglas McCabe began processing the collection in Spring 1990 and Janet Carleton-Smith completed the processing in Summer 1990.

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION**

*Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the location and box numbers shown below.*

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