

Title: Milwaukee Commission on Human Rights Collection

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Abstract: The purpose of the Milwaukee Commission on Human Rights Collection was to conduct studies and investigations and “provide advice to the municipal government with respect to the existence of discrimination or alleged violation of rights because of race, creed or national origin.” The commission’s roots reach back to 1944 when the Mayor’s Committee on Inter-Racial Relations was formed. The name was changed in 1948 to the Mayor’s Commission on Human Rights, an indication that the group’s focus was broadened beyond only black-white relations to include “intergroup and interfaith relationships.” The Milwaukee Common Council adopted a resolution in July 1954 that changed the name again to the Milwaukee Commission on Human Rights. The organization’s name was changed again in 1960 to the Milwaukee Commission on Community Relations (see Mss-1967).

Scope and Content: The collection consists of the commission’s 1956-1958 annual reports; a program re the presentation of the commission’s 1958 report; as well as an article “Color and Cadillacs: Some Evidence About a Stereotype”), curriculum vita and obituary of Irwin D. Rinder, a University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee professor of Sociology.

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