

**Title:** Greendale, Wisconsin Collection

**Reference Code:** Mss-1471

**Inclusive Dates:** 1950 – ongoing

**Quantity:** 000.3 cu. ft.

**Location:** LM, Sh. 146

**Abstract:** As part of the U.S. government's economic revival program during the Great Depression, the Department of Agriculture's Resettlement Administration purchased 3,400 acres near Milwaukee to construct Greendale, one of three "greenbelt" towns in the country. The project had a three-fold purpose: provide a suburban community that combined the advantages of city and country life, provide good, affordable housing for moderate income families, and provide jobs for thousands of unemployed workers. Construction began in 1936, and the first families moved in on April 30, 1938.

**Scope and Content:** The collection is comprised largely of material relating to Greendale's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as well as a booklet *Greendale, The Garden Community*, 1996, *This is Greendale* (circa 1940's).

**Access and Use:** No restrictions

**Language:** English

**Notes:** The collection was donated by Jim Stahlman.