

Community Commission on Integration Collection

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HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The Community Commission on Integration was established in June 1967 by the Board of Education of the Decatur Public Schools. This commission's goal was to create a workable plan for the positive socio-economic and racial integration of the schools by September 1968. This was later extended to January 1969. The CCI consisted of 61 members from the community and district staff. Their integration plan for the secondary schools was implemented in September 1968, while the elementary school plan was presented to the Board of Education on January 28, 1969. The commission was discharged in February 1969.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains information pertaining to the Community Commission on Integration. The collection is 1 linear foot, and contains membership lists, meeting minutes, and resources for teaching African-American history in schools.

The collection was donated by David C. Jack, Jr., and was originally housed in a hanging folder. There was no noticeable order to the collection, so it was organized with the researcher in mind.

COLLECTION INVENTORY

I. Membership

Folder Name	Box #	Folder #
Membership	Box #1	FF 1
Membership – Task Force #2		FF 2

II. Commission Meetings

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III. Reports

Folder Name	Box #	Folder #
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“Communication and Request to the Board of Education from the Community Commission on Integration” (2/12/1969)		FF 29
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IV. Task Forces
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“Integrating the History and Culture of Negro Americans into the Existing Social Studies Curriculum” – 5 th Grade		FF 49
“Integrating Negro History into the Existing Social Studies Curriculum” - 1 st Grade		FF 50
“Integrating Negro History into the Existing Social Studies Curriculum” – 2 nd Grade		FF 51
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“Bitter Minorities Demand Action” – Education U.S.A. (11/27/1967)		FF 54
“Calendar of Famous Negroes”		FF 55
“How Racism Works”		FF 56
“Kindergarten-by-TV Experiment is Planned in \$8 Million Gamble”		FF 57

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“Schools for the Sixties: A Summary of the Reports of the NEA Project on Instruction”		FF 58
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“These Integration Approaches Work – Sometimes”		FF 61
“When the Buses Began to Roll”		FF 62

IX. Oversized

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Resources - Book Reviews		FF 2
Printed Materials – “Nobody Wanted School Desegregation” – American Education (6/1967)		FF 3