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Overview

Title: East Baltimore Documentary Photography Project collection
Call Number: Coll278
Creator: Rich, Linda G., Netherwood, Joan Clark, Cahn, Elinor B.
Dates: 1975-1981
Size:
Language: English
Abstract: The East Baltimore Documentary Photography Project includes the working papers, interview cassette tapes and photographs from a project that began as an assignment in a documentary photography course at the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore, Maryland. The three photographers, Linda Rich (Instructor at MICA) and her returning students, Joan Netherwood and Elinor Cahn, located their documentary in East Baltimore and their subjects were people who lived there. The project resulted in a series of exhibits in the local churches and beyond to City Hall. The final product of the project was a book, *Neighborhood: A State of Mind*, Johns Hopkins University Press, 1981. Photograph prints, negatives, interviews, and related files for the East Baltimore Documentary Photography project and the Equitable Trust survey.
Citation: East Baltimore Documentary Photography Project collection, Collection 278, Special Collections, University of Maryland, Baltimore County (Baltimore, MD).

Administrative/Biographical Note

Elinor B. Cahn Born in 1925 in Baltimore, Ms. Cahn was raised in the city that would become the focus of this project. She attended the Park School and, after marriage and raising a family, returned to the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore, Maryland, to major in photography. She was key to the Social Documentary Photography course because she knew East Baltimore well and interacted easily with the residents who would become central to the project. Her photographs were exhibited at local galleries and the Baltimore Museum of Art. A memorial fund has been established at MICA in her name. Joan Clark Netherwood Born in York, South Carolina, in 1932, Ms. Netherwood's career began in banking in South Carolina and Kentucky. She moved to fundraising and development work at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in the District of Columbia and eventually to the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore, Maryland. There she became a full-time returning student in photography and received her B.F.A. in 1977. In the fall of 1976 she took a course in Social Documentary Photography from Linda G. Rich. It was in this course that she, Ms. Rich, and another student, Elinor B. Cahn, initiated the East Baltimore Documentary Photography Project. Linda G. Rich Born in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1949, Ms. Rich received her B.A. in Communication Arts (radio and television) in 1971 and her M.F.A. in Art (photography and graphics) from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, in 1975. After a series of teaching assistantships in the Department of Art in Madison she became an Instructor at the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore, Maryland. There, she taught a course in Social Documentary Photography during which she and two returning students developed the project that is the subject of this archive. Throughout the early 1970s she gave numerous lectures on topics such as Women in the Arts and New Directions in Photography. During the same time she exhibited photographs in nearly 50 venues including four one-person shows.

Scope & Content

Arrangement

The East Baltimore Documentary Photography Collection is divided into series that include the logistics/administrative aspects of the project as it developed and the content itself – the photographs and interviews. Publication of the book involved selecting photos from the exhibits and adding text which depends heavily on the taped interviews. The collection is organized into five series: Series I. Project Series II. Book Series III. Exhibit Series IV. Research Series V. Interviews

Provenance Information

Provenance and Acquisition Information

Accession P2018-08.

Processing Note

The collection was intended to reside at UMBC. Joan C. Netherwood delivered boxes of photos, proofs, tapes, and peripheral items such as publicity and press clippings. Administrative papers and documents of support from local government and institutions were included somewhat randomly

as well. Papers other than taped interviews, photographs, and permission slips were found throughout the files in the boxes. Duplicate publicity handouts and press reviews were weeded out. Specifications regarding film, camera shots, and development procedures are scattered throughout the boxes but are primarily in Series III. Photographs and interview tapes were carefully preserved in envelopes clearly marked with the names of each participant. An inventory was prepared to document the items in each box. This inventory was used to reorganize the archives in a logical order to facilitate research. This finding aid was initially drafted by Mary Jane Arnold and published by Laurainne Ojo-Ohikuare, in July 2021.

Descriptive Rules Used

Describing Archives: a Content Standard (DACS)

[Archives Processing Manual: Description \(2015\)](#): The processing manual used in Special Collections for all descriptive platforms, including PastPerfect.

Access & Use

Finding Aids

Finding Aid is available.

Access Conditions

The collection is open for research. There are no restricted materials.

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Subject Headings

Creators

Rich, Linda G.

Netherwood, Joan Clark

Cahn , Elinor B.

Netherwood, Joan Clark

Cahn , Elinor B.

Subjects

Documentary photography.

East Baltimore (Baltimore, Md.)--Social life and customs.

Maryland Institute, College of Art.

Series Description & Container List

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Series I. Project

Date: 1980, bulk undated

Folder Title/Description	Date	Box #	Folder #	Additional Info.
Project Proposal	undated	1	1	
Correspondence	undated	1	2	
Correspondence to Office	undated	1	3	
American Planning Association	undated	1	4	
CETA Correspondence	undated	1	5	
Grant Request + Forms	undated	1	6	
Grants Received	undated	1	7	
Maryland Committee for the Humanities + Pub Policy Grant Announcement	undated	1	8	
E.Balt.: Time Spent + Money Spent LGR, JNC, EBC	undated	1	9	
HUD	undated	1	10	
Letters of Support	undated	1	11	
Planning Committee	undated	1	12	
Planning Committee	undated	1	13	
Project Brochures	undated	1	14	
Donors	undated	1	15	
Mica	undated	1	16	
Press Releases, Publicity, Reviews	undated	2	1	
Interviewers, Vendors + Contacts - Notes + Contact Info	undated	2	2	
Notes on technical Specs, Layout,+ Expenses (Project)	undated	2	3	
1980 Conference on Visual Anthropology	1980	2	4	

Series II. Book

Date: 1980-1982, bulk undated

Folder Title/Description	Date	Box #	Folder #	Additional Info.
Book Proposal	undated	2	5	
Funding Request + Letters of Support	undated	2	6	
Book Contract, Manuscript Questionnaire	undated	2	7	
Maryland Committee, Hopkins Book Proposal	undated	2	8	
Matching Support / Funds for Book	undated	2	9	
Donors for Book Publication	undated	2	10	
Budget, Expenses,+ Technical, Specs (book)	undated	2	11	
Press Release, Reviews, Clippings	undated	2	12	
Reviews + Clippings	undated	2	13	
Reviews, Clippings,+ Awards	undated	3	1	
Draft Text	undated	3	2	
Captions	undated	3	3	
Book Permissions/ Releases with Photos	undated	3	4	
Book Permissions/ Releases with Photos	undated	3	5	
Book Launch Celebration at Union Trust Office, November 9, 1981	1981	3	6	
Neighborhood: A State of Mind Second Printing	undated	3	7	
Authors: General	undated	3	8	
Authors: Joan Netherwood	undated	3	9	
Linda Rich	undated	3	10	
David Lewis	undated	3	11	
Correspondence: Rich, Netherwood + Cahn	1980-1981	4	1	
Correspondence: Rich, Netherwood	1981-1982	4	2	

Series III. Exhibit

Date: 1977-1981

Folder Title/Description	Date	Box #	Folder #	Additional Info.
Equitable Bank Photographic Survey of Maryland 1 of 3	undated	4	3	
Equitable Bank Photographic Survey of Maryland 2 of 3	undated	4	4	
Equitable Bank Photographic Survey of Maryland 3 of 3	undated	4	5	
Exhibit Schedule	1977-1978	4	6	
N.H.S. National Conference Photos	1977	5	1	
Baltimore Museum of Art Traveling Exhibit	1978-1979	5	2	
Traveling Church Exhibit	1978	5	3	
Slideshow P2018-08 1 of 2	undated	5	4	
Slideshow P2018-08 2 of 2	undated	5	5	
Senator Barbara Mikulski's Office, Clipping	undated	5	6	
City Hall Exhibit 1978	1978	5	7	
City Hall Letters of Thanks, 1978 Exhibit	1978	5	8	
City Hall Correspondence, 1978 Exhibit	1978	5	9	
Fells Point Gallery Exhibit, Publicity & Reviews	1978	5	10	
Fells Point Exhibit Layout	undated	5	11	
Fells Point Exhibit "Contact Sheets"	undated	5	12	
UMBC Exhibit	1979	6	1	
City Hall Correspondence, 2nd Exhibit	1980	6	2	
City Hall Announcement + Press Release	1980	6	3	
Notes for City Hall Exhibit	1980	6	4	
MICA Exhibit	1980-1981	6	5	
Maryland Committee Exhibit at Baltimore Hilton	1981	6	6	
Text for Exhibit + Book	undated	6	7	
Slide Show Script	undated	6	8	
Slide Show	undated	6	9	

Series IV. Research

Date: undated

Folder Title/Description	Date	Box #	Folder #	Additional Info.
Ethnic History	undated	6	10	
Oral History, Maryland Historical Society	undated	6	11	
Local Histories	undated	6	12	
Local Histories	undated	7	1	
Notices of Neighborhood Activities	undated	7	2	
Neighborhood Housing Services	undated	7	3	
Neighborhood Housing Services	undated	7	4	
Religious Practices	undated	7	5	
Photography- General	undated	7	6	

Series V. Interviews

Date: 1978-1980

Folder Title/Description	Date	Box #	Folder #	Additional Info.
Notes on Local Confirmations	1977-1978	7	7	
Info Regarding People Photographed	undated	7	8	
Interviews- Trans[cript] from Tapes, January 1979	1979	7	9	
Interviews 1979	1979	7	10	

Mrs. Virginia Jensen	undated	7	11
Holy Trinity Orthodox Church Calendar 1979	1979	7	12
Solomon Faïman	undated	8	1
Marion Seif	1979	8	2
Johnny Eck	undated	8	3
Friend of Susan Lowe, Susan Berman, June 6, 1979	1979	8	4
Loretta Hochrein	undated	8	5
Permission Slips	undated	8	6
Permission Slips	undated	8	7
Permission Slips /w Photos	undated	8	8
Permission Slips /w Photos	undated	8	9
Judge Carl Bachrach, June 12, 1979	1979	9	1
Birch, Jim Ross - Gloria Kolker-Hack	undated	9	2
Ruby Bevenstock, July 19, 1979 (Tape See Stella Figinski)	1979	9	3
David Boelke (Not Transcribed) and Gloria Aull, May 9, 1979	1979	9	4
Paul Baginski	undated	9	5
Margaret Borowicz	undated	9	6
Jim Bready and Doris Hortop, June 1979	1979	9	7
Irene Burns, February 2, 1979	1979	9	8
Italian Canta, March 2, 1979	1979	9	9
Maria Celluzzi, January 6, 1979	1979	9	10
Sam Cohen, June 6, 1979	1979	9	11
Ronnie Conley	undated	9	12
Graham Cromwell and Hochrein Bar Owners	undated	9	13
Helen and Bill Dannermann	undated	9	14
Mimi DiPietro, January 1980	1980	9	15
Betty Deacon	undated	9	16
Margaret Dukert	undated	9	17
Foley	undated	9	18
Stella Figinski + Polish Pope	undated	9	19
Adam Glowacki	undated	9	20
Catherine Glowacki - "Fronnie" Potaralski - see Stella Figinski Tape	undated	9	21
Highstein- Tape and Transcript	undated	9	22
Catherine Hodges, Mary+ Jim Bready, February 1979	1979	9	23
Charles Hughes Sr., October 30, 1979- November 17, 1979	1979	9	24
Ralph Katz + Beatrice Kinder, December 1979	1979	9	25
Selma Katzenberg, Marion Seif	undated	9	26
Beatrice Kinder	undated	9	27
Carl Klimowitz	undated	9	28
Lindwood Bakery, Frank Krajewski	undated	9	29
Hans Kramm, Friend of Susan Lowe	undated	9	30
Mrs. Michael Kujawa, January 23, 1979	1979	9	31
Dr. Andrew Kunkowski, November 1979	1979	9	32
Renee Lane, January 1980	1980	9	33
Mrs. Delia Langhirt, January 17, 1979	1979	9	34
Samuel Lazinsky	undated	9	35
Leah Leach & Elizabeth O'Brien; see Stella Figinski	1978	9	36
Father Lou Esposito	undated	10	1
Susan Lowe, May 3, 1979	1979	10	2
Mrs. Lukowski, October 30, 1979	1979	10	3
Mr & Mrs. Sam Moss, February 1, 1980	1980	10	4
Paul Musatto	undated	10	5
Albert "Little Charlie" Nasdor, May 2, 1979	1979	10	6
Mary Ordakowski	1979	10	7
Cassandra and Caismir Pelczynski, July 20, 1979	1979	10	8
Rose Rodner, January 10, 1979	1979	10	9
John Reisinger, April 1979	1979	10	10
Sophie Rominski	undated	10	11
Chris and Craig Russell, March 1979	1979	10	12
Joann Sanders	undated	10	13
Edward (Rich) Siekierski	undated	10	14
Listein, March 6, 1979	1979	10	15
Tina Tabor	undated	10	16
Josephine Vacca	undated	10	17
Renee Walschlager	undated	10	18
"Hots" Paul Wilber Watkins	undated	10	19
Mildred Waxman	undated	10	20
Elizabeth Wozniak	undated	10	21
Rose Silverman Weiner, June 1979	1979	10	22
Jeanette Wolf, June 27, 1979	1979	10	23
Ed. Wladkowski, Febbruary 1, 1979	1979	10	24
Judge Carl Bachrach; Maria Celluzzi (coll278_cassette01)	undated	11	1
Burch [Birch]; Jim Ross-Rosenblatt; Gloria Koiker Hack (coll278_cassette02)	undated	11	2
David Boehlke; Gloria Aull (coll278_cassette03)	undated	11	3
Gloria Aull (coll278_cassette04)	undated	11	4
David Boehlke (coll278_cassette05)	undated	11	5
Margaret Bolowicz (coll278_cassette06)	undated	11	6
Jim Bready; Mildred Waxman (coll278_cassette07)	undated	11	7
Catherine Hodges; Mary Bready and Mother; Jim Bready (coll278_cassette08)	undated	11	8

Irene Burns (coll278_cassette09)	undated	11	9
Italia Conta (coll278_cassette10)	undated	11	10
Maria Hensley; Ronnie Conley (coll278_cassette11)	undated	11	11
Ronnie Conley; Paul Baginski; Glowacki (cont); Sophie Rominski (coll278_cassette12)	undated	11	12
Graham Cromwell; Hochrein Bar (coll278_cassette13)	undated	11	13
Helen Dannermann; Mr. and Mrs. Dannermann (coll278_cassette14)	undated	11	14
Margaret Dukert (coll278_cassette15)	undated	11	15
Stella Figinski; Ruby Bevenstock (coll278_cassette16)	undated	11	16
Mrs. Michael Kujawa; Adam [remaining]; Stella Figinski (coll278_cassette17)	undated	11	17
Mr. Foley (coll278_cassette18)	undated	11	18
Stella Figinski (coll278_cassette19)	undated	11	19
Selma Katzenberg; Catherine; Adam Glowacki; Paul Boginski; Peanuts, Drzymala, Adam (coll278_cassette20)	undated	11	20
Sophie Rominski; Ronnie Conley; Adam Glowacki politics (coll278_cassette21)	undated	11	21
Mr. Highstein (coll278_cassette22)	undated	12	22
Catherine Hodges; "Pacy's Bridal Shop" ethnic information about weddings (coll278_cassette23)	undated	12	23
Mr. Lukowski; Charles Hughes Sr.; Vane Bros. (coll278_cassette24)	undated	12	24
Kinder - Beatrice; Ralph Katz (coll278_cassette25)	undated	12	25
John Koczor of Mary's Polish House, May 2, 1979; Frank Krajewski, March 1979 (coll278_cassette26)	1979	12	26
Hans Kramm; Friend of Susan Lowe, Berman (coll278_cassette27)	undated	12	27
Andrew Kunkowski (coll278_cassette28)	undated	12	28
Mimi DiPietro 1/80; Renee, Lane granddaughter, January 1980 (coll278_cassette29)	1980	12	29
Mrs. Delia Langhirt; Mrs. Irene Burns January 30, 1979 (coll278_cassette30)	1979	12	30
Sam Lazinsky at starting point; Adam - hayride to country; Selma Katzenberg (coll278_cassette31)	undated	12	31
Mr. Rott; Lea Leach and Elizabeth O'Brien (coll278_cassette32)	undated	12	32
Father Lou Esposito (coll278_cassette33)	undated	12	33
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Moss February 1, 1980; Joann Sanders (coll278_cassette34)	1980	12	34
"Charlie" Nasdor; Susan Lowe (coll278_cassette35)	undated	12	35
Mrs. Mary Ordakowski (coll278_cassette36)	undated	12	36
Mary Ordakowski 2nd tape (coll278_cassette37)	undated	12	37
Caismir Pelczynski, Cassandra Pelczynski (coll278_cassette38)	undated	12	38
Caismir Pelczynski, Cassandra Pelczynski (coll278_cassette39)	undated	12	39
Rose Rodner (coll278_cassette40)	undated	12	40
Rose Rodner (coll278_cassette41)	undated	12	41
Mr. Reisinger, April 1979 (coll278_cassette42)	1979	12	42
Chris and Craig Russell (coll278_cassette43)	undated	13	43
Chris and Craig Russell (coll278_cassette44)	undated	13	44
Ms. Dale Sanders, Ms. Euta Bueche; Mr and Mrs. John Rad, Betty Deacon (coll278_cassette45)	undated	13	45
Edward (Rich) Siekjerski (coll278_cassette46)	undated	13	46
L. Stein (coll278_cassette47)	undated	13	47
Tina Tabor; Dora Schwartz (coll278_cassette48)	undated	13	48
Josephine Vacca; Mimi DiPietro (coll278_cassette49)	undated	13	49
Hots' Paul Wilber Watkins (coll278_cassette50)	undated	13	50
Elizabeth Wozniak (coll278_cassette51)	undated	13	51
Sam Cohen; Rose Silverman Weiner (coll278_cassette52)	undated	13	52
Jim Bready; Jeanette Wolf; Mildred Waxman (coll278_cassette53)	undated	13	53
Edward Wladkowski (coll278_cassette54)	undated	13	54
Sam Lizinsky, Tina Tabor, Selma Katzenberg, Dora Schwarz; Jos. Poodles Sr., Martha Lane (coll278_cassette55)	undated	13	55
Martha Lane, Russell Harbaugh, Stella Figinski, Veronica Poturalski, Catherine Glowacki (coll278_cassette56)	undated	13	56
Adam Glowacki; Betty Deacon (coll278_cassette57)	undated	13	57
Mrs. Madeline Mengele, Mr. John Mengele (coll278_cassette58)	undated	13	58
JCN Delaware Museum, April 4, 1980 (coll278_cassette59)	1980	13	59
Walter Rosenblum Lecture, March 9, 1980 (coll278_cassette60)	1980	13	60
Md Historical Society, January 18, 1979 (coll278_cassette61)	1979	13	61
Pl. committee meeting, March 20, 1979 (coll278_cassette62)	1979	13	62

Series VI: Joan Netherwood negatives

Date: undated

Folder Title/Description	Date	Box #	Folder #	Additional Info.
Joan Netherwood 2 1/4 Negatives	undated	14	1	Description
Joan Netherwood 2 1/4 Negatives	undated	14	2	Description
Joan Netherwood 2 1/4 Negatives	undated	14	3	Description
Joan Netherwood 2 1/4 Negatives	undated	14	4	Description
Joan Netherwood 2 1/4 Negatives	undated	14	5	Description
Backyards	undated	14	6	Description
Joan Netherwood 2 1/4 Negatives	undated	14	7	Description
Joan Netherwood 2 1/4 Negatives	undated	14	8	Description
Joan Netherwood 2 1/4 Negatives	undated	14	9	Description

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Folder Title/Description	Date	Box #	Folder #	Additional Info.
Elinor Cahn Contact Sheets #166-198	undated	24	16	Description
Elinor Cahn Contact Sheets #166-198	undated	24	17	Description
Elinor Cahn Contact Sheets #166-198	undated	24	18	Description
Elinor Cahn Contact Sheets #166-198	undated	24	19	Description
Elinor Cahn Contact Sheets #166-198	undated	24	20	Description
Elinor Cahn Contact Sheets #166-198	undated	24	21	Description
Elinor Cahn Contact Sheets #166-198	undated	24	22	Description
Elinor Cahn Contact Sheets #199-232	undated	24	23	Description
Elinor Cahn Contact Sheets #199-232	undated	24	24	Description
Elinor Cahn Contact Sheets #199-232	undated	24	25	Description
Elinor Cahn Contact Sheets #199-232	undated	24	26	Description
Elinor Cahn Contact Sheets #199-232	undated	24	27	Description
Elinor Cahn Contact Sheets #199-232	undated	24	28	Description

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Elinor Cahn Mixed Enlargements & Contact Sheets	undated	32	17	Description
Elinor Cahn Mixed Enlargements & Contact Sheets	undated	32	18	Description
Elinor Cahn Mixed Enlargements & Contact Sheets	undated	32	19	Description
Elinor Cahn Mixed Enlargements	undated	32	20	Description
Elinor Cahn Blue Cards Enlargements #58	undated	32	21	Description
Elinor Cahn Blue Cards Enlargements #58-59	undated	32	22	Description
Elinor Cahn Blue Cards Enlargements #60-64	undated	32	23	Description
Elinor Cahn Blue Cards Enlargements #64	undated	32	24	Description
Elinor Cahn Blue Cards Enlargements #65-67	undated	32	25	Description
Elinor Cahn Blue Cards Enlargements #67-84	undated	32	26	Description
Elinor Cahn Blue Cards Enlargements #95	undated	32	27	Description
Elinor Cahn Blue Cards Enlargements #96-97	undated	32	28	Description
Elinor Cahn Blue Cards Enlargements #100, 24	undated	32	29	Description
Joan Netherwood Blue Cards Enlargements #10	undated	33	1	Description
Joan Netherwood Blue Cards Enlargements #10	undated	33	2	Description
Joan Netherwood Blue Cards Enlargements #11	undated	33	3	Description
Joan Netherwood Blue Cards Enlargements #11-13	undated	33	4	Description
Joan Netherwood Blue Cards Enlargements #13	undated	33	5	Description
Joan Netherwood Blue Cards Enlargements #13-14	undated	33	6	Description
Joan Netherwood Blue Cards Enlargements #14-16	undated	33	7	Description
Joan Netherwood Blue Cards Enlargements #16-19	undated	33	8	Description
Joan Netherwood Blue Cards Enlargements #22-24	undated	33	9	Description
Joan Netherwood Blue Cards Enlargements #24-26	undated	33	10	Description
Joan Netherwood Blue Cards Enlargements #26-28	undated	33	11	Description
Joan Netherwood Blue Cards Enlargements #28	undated	33	12	Description
Joan Netherwood Blue Cards Enlargements #29	undated	33	13	Description
Joan Netherwood Blue Cards Enlargements #29-30	undated	33	14	Description
Joan Netherwood Blue Cards Enlargements #30	undated	33	15	Description
Joan Netherwood Blue Cards Enlargements #30-32	undated	33	16	Description
Joan Netherwood Blue Cards Enlargements #32-33	undated	33	17	Description
Joan Netherwood Blue Cards Enlargements #33-35	undated	33	18	Description
Joan Netherwood Blue Cards Enlargements #33-36	undated	33	19	Description



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