

**Collection Number:** MS-299

**Title:** Kent Organ Dayton School Desegregation Papers

**Dates:** 1977 – 2004

**Creator:** Kent Organ, College Hill Community Church, Dayton, Ohio

**Summary/Abstract:** The Kent Organ Dayton School Desegregation Papers consist primarily of the final report of the Ad Hoc Committee to the Dayton Citizens Advisory Board on the Dayton School Desegregation Plan. The report was submitted to Judge Carl B. Rubin in August 1977 after being approved by the Dayton Citizens Advisory Board. Kent Organ was chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee.

**Quantity/Physical Description:** .25 linear feet (1 Hollinger Box)

**Language(s):** English

**Repository:** Special Collections and Archives, Paul Laurence Dunbar Library, Wright State University, Dayton, OH 45435-001, (937) 775-2092

**Restrictions on Access:** None

**Restrictions on Use:** None

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**Acquisition:** The Kent Organ Dayton School Desegregation Papers were donated by Ken Organ on September 30, 2004. Kent Organ is a former pastor of the College Hill Community Church, Dayton, Ohio.

**Related Material:** The Dayton City Manager's Office has two Hollinger boxes containing information on school desegregation in Dayton from 1970 to 1977. The information is available in Local Government Records, Montgomery County, Dayton, Ohio, Special Projects School Desegregation.

**Processed by:** John Armstrong, December 4, 2008.

**Arrangement:** The Kent Organ Dayton School Desegregation Papers consists of one Administrative series.

**Biographical/Historical Note:** The Dayton Citizens Advisory Board (DCAB) was established by U.S. District Court Judge Carl B. Rubin on February 12, 1976 to oversee the implementation of the desegregation order he had issued in December 1975. Fifty-five men and women from all

segments of the community comprised the DCAB. Dr. Robert J. Kegerreis was name the chairperson. The DCAB was divided into five committees consisting of the School Relations Committee, the Safety and Transportation Committee, the Student Relations Committee, the Monitoring Committee, and the Community Relations Committee.

On April 13, 1977, the DCAB chairman appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to analyze the Desegregation Plan, and its implementation. The committee was also tasked with forecasting problems that may be anticipated for the 1977-1978 school year and offer recommendations to Judge Rubin, the Dayton Citizen Advisory Board, and as appropriate, to community organizations and institutions and to school administration. The Ad Hoc Committee consisted of Kent Organ (Chairperson), Tyree Broomfield, Phyllis Greer, Robert Kolze, Carol Pavlofsky and Richard Zimmer. The Ad Hoc Committee's report was submitted to the DCAB on June 24, 1977. The report was approved by the DCAB and forwarded to Judge Rubin in August 1977.

**Scope and Content:** The bulk of the Kent Organ Dayton School Desegregation Papers consists of the final report submitted by the Ad Hoc Committee of the Dayton Citizens Advisory Board. In addition to the report, the papers contain two articles written by Kent Organ and the Agenda for a School Desegregation Panel held at College Hill Community Church in October 2004.

As noted, the bulk of the papers consists of the Ad Hoc Committees report to the DCAB. The report is divided into three parts: Analysis of the 1976-77 Experience; Forecast for 1977-78; and Recommendations. The report also has 10 appendices including: Community Preparation; Transportation; Racial Ratio; Safety and Security; Human Relations; Student Relations; Student Conduct and Discipline, Parent Relations, Curricular Offerings, and Comments from the Superintendent. Researchers will found the introductory comments interesting as it describes some of the difficulties in obtaining data for the report after the fact. Also, of note, are the statistical reports found in the appendices.

## **Subject Terms**

### **Persons/Families**

Organ, Kent M.  
Rubin, Carl B.

### **Organizations/Corporate Names**

Dayton Citizens Advisory Board

### **Places**

Dayton (Ohio)

### **Subjects**

School Integration – Ohio – Dayton  
School Integration – Ohio – Dayton – History  
Busing for School Integration – Ohio - Dayton

## Collection Inventory

### SERIES I: ADMINISTRATION

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	Report – Ad Hoc Committee Final Report on the 1976-77 Dayton Public School Year to Judge Carl B. Rubin, with Recommendations to the Judge, the Dayton Citizens Advisory Board and Others	Jun. 24, 1977
	2	Newspaper Clipping – Dayton Desegregation, <i>Dayton Journal Herald</i>	Jul. 3, 1979
	3	“To Be ... An Incarnate Church, An Inclusive Community, A Pilgrim People,” by Kent Organ	1994
	4	“Pointing Ahead From Midpoint,” by Kent Organ	Oct. 2, 2004
	5	Agenda – School Desegregation Panel, College Hill Church	Oct. 2, 2004