

SC-307: “Freedom Libraries: Mississippi Summer Project, 1964” Materials

Collection Number: SC-307

Title: “Freedom Libraries: Mississippi Summer Project, 1964” Materials

Dates: 1964-1965, 1996

Creator: Steele, Virginia, 1922-2006

Scope and Content:

This collection contains materials pertaining to the Freedom Libraries project undertaken by Virginia Steele during Freedom Summer of 1964. The materials were assembled by Mary Steele Morgan, Virginia’s sister. The collection consists primarily of journal articles about the project.

Quantity/Physical Description: 0.1 linear feet

Language(s): English

Repository:

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Acquisition: This collection was donated to Special Collections and Archives by Judith Ezekiel, a friend of Mary (Steele) Morgan on May 28, 2015.

Other Finding Aid:

The finding aid is available on the Special Collections & Archives, Wright State University Libraries web site at

http://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collection_guides/guide_files/sc307.pdf.

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Finding aid written according to DACS standards by Alyssa Stark and Lisa Rickey, July 2017.

Biographical/Historical Note:

Virginia Steele (1922-2006) was a librarian who responded to the call for volunteers to join the Mississippi Freedom Summer Project in 1964. Because of her training as a librarian, she was assigned the task of organizing “Freedom Libraries” from all of the books sent from northern donors. The books were parceled out to public places where they would be accessible to African Americans, who were not allowed to use public libraries in Mississippi.

Subject Terms:**Persons/Families**

Morgan, Mary Margaret (Steele), 1925-2015

Steele, Virginia, 1922-2006

Subjects (General)

Mississippi Freedom Project

Material Types**Collection Inventory**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	Virginia Steele, “ ‘Freedom Libraries’ of the Mississippi Summer Project,” <i>The Southeastern Librarian</i> 15, no. 2 (Summer 1965): 76-81	1965
2	Virginia Steele, “ ‘Freedom Libraries’ of the Mississippi Summer Project,” <i>The Southeastern Librarian</i> 15, no. 2 (Summer 1965): 76-81 (Reprint)	1965
3	Virginia Steele, “A New Librarian on the Mississippi Summer Project – 1964,” <i>California Librarian</i> 26, no. 3 (July 1965): 145-150	1965 July
4	“Freedom Libraries” of the Mississippi Summer Project by Virginia Steele reprinted from <i>Southeastern Librarian</i>	1965
5	“John Henry: Negro Folk Hero” Post Card	Undated
6	Letter from Library of Congress to Ms. Virginia Steele	1996 June 14
7	Reprint booklet, with additional commentary: Virginia Steele, “ ‘Freedom Libraries’ of the Mississippi Summer Project,” <i>The Southeastern Librarian</i> 15, no. 2 (Summer 1965): 76-81 (3 copies)	1965, 2014