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The papers of Kenneth V. and Sheila M. Cockrel were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs between 1988 and 2004 by Ms. Cockrel and DARE members Ingrid White, Ron Alpern and others, and were opened for research in October of 2004.

Kenneth Vern Cockrel was born November 5, 1938 in Royal Oak Township, a poor, black community just across Detroit's northern border. His parents, Sye and Cynthia Cockrel, died when he was 12 years old and he was raised by relatives in Detroit. After dropping out of school in 1955, he joined the Air Force and was trained as a weapons technician, stationed in Germany. Returning to the United States, he enrolled in a special program for adults without diplomas at Wayne State University in Detroit, earning a B.A. in political science in 1964. Realizing that law would be at the center of the struggle for social and economic justice, he entered Wayne's Law School and earned his J.D. in 1967. While at Wayne State, Cockrel met and married Carol White and fathered a son, Ken Cockrel, Jr.

As the sixties heated up, so did Ken Cockrel's politics, and much of that activism was played out on Wayne's campus, where he became something of a celebrity. While working at the Detroit News to pay his way through school, he met Mike Hamlin and John Watson, who were organizing black auto workers, and with others, they formed the League of Revolutionary Black Workers in 1969 as an umbrella organization uniting local Revolutionary Union Movements, like DRUM, and their support groups. In 1971, after political and personal differences forced his resignation from the League and the Black Workers Congress, Cockrel and some Motor City Labor League defectors formed the multi-racial Labor Defense Coalition, which was instrumental in forcing the dismantling of STRESS, the undercover police unit reviled in Detroit's black community.

At the same time, in the late 1960's, Cockrel helped found Philo, Maki, Ravitz, Pitts, Moore, Cockrel & Robb, a law firm which, under various names, provided legal representation for individuals and organizations involved in the struggle against political and economic repression. Over the next ten years, he and his colleagues earned reputations as crusaders for working and poor people by winning a number of high-profile lawsuits that put the establishment on trial—the judiciary and jury selection process in New Bethel, the corporation and assembly line in James Johnson, the police in Hayward Brown and Madeline Fletcher.

By 1977, when he was elected to a seat on the Detroit City Council as an "independent socialist," Ken Cockrel had become the most well-known and influential radical in the city, respected, even by his adversaries, for his intellect, rapid-fire eloquence and passionate commitment to fighting inequity and injustice. But disillusioned at his inability to use his Council position to improve conditions in the city, he decided not to run for re-election in 1981. He returned to the practice of law, ultimately rejoining his friend and former colleague, Justin Ravitz, at Sommers, Schwartz, Silver & Schwartz in 1988, and was considering a run for mayor when he died of a heart attack on April 25, 1989.

Sheila Ann Murphy Cockrel was born on November 3, 1947 and grew up in Detroit's Corktown, the daughter of the founders of the Detroit Catholic Worker movement, Louis and Justine L'Esperance Murphy. She attended Catholic schools in Detroit and Wayne State's Monteith College. From 1966-1968 she worked as staff secretary for the West Central Organization, a grassroots community group in the Saul Alinsky mode, where she first met Ken Cockrel. In the late sixties and early seventies, as a founder of the Ad-Hoc Action Group, the Motor City Labor League and the Labor Defense Coalition, she honed her organizing skills in demonstrations and rallies against police brutality, absentee landlords and Wayne County Jail conditions and in petition campaigns like the one to abolish STRESS. At the same time she helped initiate and maintain a series of city-wide mass educational programs known first as Control, Conflict & Change Bookclub and then as From the Ground Up Bookclub. Perhaps the best tests of Murphy's organizing and administrative skills came in 1972 when she successfully managed Justin Ravitz's campaign for Detroit Recorder's Court judge and again in 1977 with her stewardship of the Cockrel campaign and his Council staff.

In the wake of the Cockrel victory, those who had worked on his election campaign regrouped as the Detroit Alliance for a Rational Economy (DARE), charged with researching issues Cockrel would face as a councilman, like tax abatement and public health, and creating an independent, mass political force that called for strong community control of basic urban institutions. Longtime political allies, Sheila Murphy and Kenneth Cockrel married in 1978; their daughter, Katherine, was born three years before her father died. In 1993 Sheila Cockrel ran successfully for the Detroit City Council and is currently serving her third term.

The Kenneth V. and Sheila M. Cockrel Collection consists of correspondence, reports, government surveillance files, minutes, newspaper clippings and other media coverage, speeches, articles and radio commentaries, legal case records and other material documenting the Cockrels' involvement in progressive social and political causes in Detroit in the 1960's and 1970's as well as Mr. Cockrel's activities as a Detroit City Councilman.

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Kathryn Bryant  
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Derek Shearer  
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**Related collections:**

Detroit Revolutionary Movements  
Dan Georgakas  
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**Non-manuscript material:**

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