

Guide to the Guide to the Maurice Kelman Papers UP001282

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Summary Information

Repository:	Walter P. Reuther Library
Creator:	Kelman, Maurice
Creator - iver:	Girardin, Ray
Title:	Maurice Kelman Papers
ID:	UP001282
Date [inclusive]:	1943-2012
Date [bulk]:	1968-1974
Physical Description:	7.25 Linear Feet (6 SB, 1 printed transcript, 9 reels), 9 audiocassettes. Recordings on magnetic audio tape.
Physical Description:	479.7 Megabytes (1 file). Consists of a WAV file.
Physical Description:	14.25 Linear Feet (11 SB, 1 MB, 1 OS) Part 2
Language of the Material:	English
Language of the Material:	Material entirely in English.
Abstract:	<p>Attorney Maurice Kelman taught at Wayne State University Law School and served as Special Counsel to Mayor Jerome Cavanagh. Part 1 of Mr. Kelman's papers, which reflect his career as an attorney and arbitrator, primarily relate his work as Special Counsel to Mayor Cavanagh. Part 2 of the Collection spans the years of 1943 to 2012, including materials from Kelman's early life attending Durfee Intermediate and Cass Technical High Schools, further education at the University of Michigan, Wayne State University, and Harvard Law School, up through his entire professional career. This Collection contains his numerous publications, work concerning Elected Officeholder Expense Funds, Ray Girardin interview transcripts, and features his passion for drawing and cartoons. Important subjects include: Kwame Kilpatrick, Coleman A. Young, Jerome P. Cavanagh, Ray Girardin, and Wade H. McCree Jr. Collection includes a 1971 interview recording and transcript with Ray Girardin who served as Detroit police commissioner for five years under Mayor Jerome Cavanagh. Prior to his police career he was a crime reporter. Girardin talks about his career as a crime reporter with <i>The Detroit Times</i> and as Detroit police commissioner during the 1967 civil unrest, which he describes in detail over its unfolding, from his perspective as a law officer. (Advisory: Contains profanity.)</p>

Citation Style

"Maurice Kelman Papers, Box [#], Folder [#], Walter P. Reuther Library, Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs, Wayne State University"

For the oral history: "Ray Girardin Oral History, Walter P. Reuther Library, Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs, Wayne State University"

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History

Maurice Kelman, born in 1935, received a bachelor's degree from Wayne State University in 1956 and in 1959 graduated first in his class from the Wayne State Law School. In the early 1960s, he clerked for U.S. District Judge, later Solicitor General, Wade H. McCree, Jr. and after earning an LL.M. from Harvard in 1963, joined the Law School faculty at Wayne State, specializing in constitutional and administrative law and the federal courts. He left briefly to teach law at Ohio State University, but returned to Wayne in 1970, where he remained until his retirement in 1996. During these years he also maintained a private law and arbitration practice in Detroit. Professor Kelman served as Special Counsel to Detroit Mayor Jerome Cavanagh from 1968 until 1969, handling litigation, speech writing and departmental liaison as well as special projects.

In 1971, history professor Maurice Kelman conducted an oral history interview with Ray Girardin. Girardin served as Detroit police commissioner for five years under Mayor Jerome Cavanagh. Prior to his police career he was a crime reporter.

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Scope and Content

Part 1 of the papers of Maurice Kelman primarily reflect his work as Special Counsel to Mayor Cavanagh and contain correspondence, reports, legal briefs, speeches, newspaper clippings and other material documenting the last two years of the Cavanagh administration. Other files relate to Kelman's participation in the revision of Detroit's City Charter, in a few labor arbitration cases, and in various legal matters involving the mayoralty of Coleman Young.

Important subjects in the collection: Afro-American police--Michigan--Detroit Campaign funds--Michigan--Detroit Cavanagh, Jerome P. Detroit Boat Club/Yacht Club v. City of Detroit Detroit Charter Revision Commission Detroit (Mich.) riot, 1967 Discrimination in employment--Law and legislation--

Michigan Discrimination in housing--Michigan--Detroit Elections--Michigan--Detroit Gun control--Michigan--Detroit McCree, Wade H., Jr. Police--Complaints against--Michigan--Detroit Police--Selection and appointment--Michigan Race relations--Michigan--Detroit Thomas Cooley Law School Young, Coleman A. Young v. Edwards

Important correspondents in the collection: Jerome P. Cavanagh Coleman A. Young

Collection includes a 1971 interview recording and transcript with Ray Girardin. Girardin talks about his career as a crime reporter with *The Detroit Times* and as Detroit police commissioner during the 1967 civil unrest, which he describes in detail over its unfolding, from his perspective as a law officer. (Advisory: Contains profanity.)

Part 2 of the Maurice Kelman Papers follow his life from early school-age years up through his entire professional career. Part 2 include correspondence, photographs, teaching materials, Ray Girardin interview transcripts, Arbitration and Fact Finding Cases, Elected Officeholder Expense Fund work, cartoons and drawings, publications and articles, cassette tapes, and other materials documenting his legal career and personal interests.

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Arrangement

Part 1: Folders are arranged alphabetically by title.

Transcript arranged alphabetically by surname with other individual oral history transcripts at the Walter P. Reuther Library.

Part 2: Folders are arranged following the original order of the shipment, which was chronological.

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Revision Description

Finding aid revised by Rebecca Bizonet to include Ray Girardin oral history description. Finding aid revised by Deborah Rice to include new accession of Ray Girardin recordings Finding aid revised by Elizabeth Nicholson to include Part 2 of the collection. 2016-05-11 2017-03-21 2019-08-05

Acquisition

Donated by Maurice Kelman circa 1971 or later.

Part 2 donated by Amy Roth on March 6, 2017.

Processing History

Processed by Walter P. Reuther Library. Finding aid updated by Rebecca Bizonet on May 11, 2016.

Part 2 was processed and finding aid written by Elizabeth Nicholson on August 5, 2019.

Access

Collection is open for research.

Use

Refer to the Walter P. Reuther Library "Rules for Use of Archival Materials."

RESTRICTIONS: Due to the personal nature of oral history, the Library prohibits use of the material in any way that infringes on individual right to privacy, or results in libelous statements or slander, in accordance with U.S. law.

Permission to publish or quote must be obtained from the interviewee or interviewee heirs or assigns.

Other Copies

The Ray Girardin oral history transcript was digitized and is available as seven PDF files. Audio recordings copied to audiocassette from the original open reel tapes. Audiocassettes were also digitized and are available as mp3s.

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Related Materials

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Jerome P. Cavanagh Papers, (City of) Detroit Human Rights Department Records, New Detroit, Inc. Records, and Mel Ravitz Papers.

Transfers

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Part 2: Box 19, containing photographs and cassette tapes, was transferred to the AV Department.

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