

Whitakers Scrapbooks

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This disk contains three Adobe Acrobat files in addition to this "read me Whitakers" file. Each of these files contains one of the three Whitakers scrapbooks. These were probably compiled in 1977 or 1978 using original documents and photographs. The person(s) who made the scrapbooks is not known. Also, we do not have the negatives of the pictures. Hopefully, we can find the negatives, the photographer, and the person(s) who compiled the scrapbooks. The scrapbooks are a real peoples' historical treasure.

These scrapbooks were passed on to me many years ago. I don't remember who gave them to me, but since I was something of a movement archivist, they were passed to me. I held on to these scrapbooks until the technology for preserving them digitally became available to me. Then I scanned the documents and burned these files to cd. The scrapbooks were reproduced using Adobe Acrobat to make copies of InDesign documents on a Macintosh computer. The cd contains the scrapbooks in version 5 of Acrobat.

The only changes I have made to the originals is that I've added scrapbook numbers and page numbers. This is a convenience for those who use this material on their computer.

I have long been involved in preserving and archiving movement documents to make them available to future generations of freedom fighters. It is my hope that those who were involved in this struggle (it inspired me, but I was not involved) will review these scrapbooks and develop a narrative (text, audio, video) to go with the pictures and documents. This supplementary material could easily be added to a cd and would greatly enhance the meaning for viewers unfamiliar with the struggle.

It has been my privilege to do the work of preserving and archiving the Whitakers scrapbooks. I am now tremendously pleased to be able to turn the original scrapbooks over to the people who organized the movement for justice in Whitakers.

In solidarity,
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