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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 131 SAVE Our Old Neighborhood (SOON) – Bowling Green, Kentucky

1/2 box. 8 folders. 59 items. 1983-1990. Originals.

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ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

Save Our Old Neighborhood (SOON) was established and incorporated in 1983. The purpose of the organization according to its Articles of Incorporation was to "preserve the neighborhood and the real property bounded by 12th Street on the North, State Street on the East, 15th Street on the South and Center Street on the West, in Bowling Green, Kentucky, and to restore and maintain the integrity of the neighborhood as an area of family residences." By 1985 the organization had 85 members and held regular neighborhood meetings, fund raisers, and an organized crime watch program. The organization also kept members informed of neighborhood changes, especially zoning hearings related to the area. Perhaps the organization's crowning achievement was the "College Hill: A Neighborhood Plan," financed by SOON in 1989 and prepared by Johnson-Romanowitz, architects and planners of Lexington, Kentucky. The plan laid the ground work for more restrictive zoning in the neighborhood, particularly those statutes related to new construction and parking. The organization basically disbanded after the zoning changes were implemented, and a more informal group known as the College Hill Neighborhood Association replaced it.

THE COLLECTION

This small collection contains the administrative papers of the Save Our Old Neighborhood organization, including articles of incorporation, bylaws, minutes, correspondence, membership lists, and financial records. Also included is a copy of the report "College Hill: A Neighborhood Plan" and some miscellaneous clippings. The collection outlines a grassroots effort to protect a neighborhood's historic integrity as an area of single-family dwellings.

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	SAVE Our Old Neighborhood	1983-1990	59 items
Folder 1	Inventory		1 item
Folder 2	Articles of incorporation and bylaws	1983-1987	4 items
Folder 3	Correspondence	1983-1990	19 items
Folder 4	Financial records	1983-1990	6 items
Folder 5	Membership list	1985-1988	3 items
Folder 6	Minutes	1983-1990	20 items
Folder 7	Report - "College Hill: A Neighborhood Plan"	1989	1 item
Folder 8	Miscellaneous items	1985-1986	5 items

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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Administrative papers of Save Our Old Neighborhood (SOON), an organization formed in the College Hill area of Bowling Green, Kentucky, to maintain the area's historic integrity.

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SUBJECT ANALYTICS

Civic improvement – Bowling Green, 1983-1990

Clubs – Bowling Green – Save Our Old Neighborhood, 1983-1990

Historic houses – Bowling Green, 1983-1990

Neighborhoods – Bowling Green, 1983-1990

Western Kentucky University – Fraternities – Relating to, 1983-1990

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