

**Guide to the
MS-194: Richard Hutch '67 Papers**



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(2 boxes, 1.5 cubic feet)

Inclusive Dates: 1963-2015

Bulk Dates: 1965; 1963-1967; 2015

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Provenance

This collection was donated by Dr. Richard Hutch class of 1967 in 2016.

Biographical Note

Richard Hutch, Ph.D. attended Gettysburg College from 1963-7. While at Gettysburg, Hutch was Chairman of the Student Union, President of the Student Senate, a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, and wrote for the school newspaper *The Gettysburgian*. Hutch was a strong supporter of the Civil Rights Movement, and during the summer of 1965 he participated in the SCOPE (Summer Community Organization and Political Education) Project. SCOPE was a volunteer organization focused on assisting voter registration in the south. Hutch joined a team of students from Gettysburg and Dickinson Colleges and worked with a voter registration campaign primarily in Barbour County, Alabama. Hutch returned to Gettysburg College in April 2015 to give a presentation on his summer experience with SCOPE. Hutch holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Gettysburg College, a PhD from University of Chicago, a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Yale University, and is a professor of Historical and Philosophical Inquiry at University of Queensland in Australia.

Historical Note

The Civil Rights Movement is generally defined by the years 1954-1968. The goal of this movement was to secure political, social, and economic equality for African Americans. The Civil Rights Movement was sparked by the continued disparity faced by African Americans in the years after World War II. Many African Americans had hoped that their participation in the war effort would earn them equal status at home. However, conditions for African Americans changed very little during the war period. As a result, numerous civil rights organizations were formed during the 1950s and 60s. Major Civil Rights organizations included CORE (Congress on Racial Equality), NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People), SNCC (Student Non-Violent Coordination Committee), and SCLC (Southern Christian Leadership Conference). One of the most prominent methods used by civil rights organizations to improve conditions for African Americans was voter registration campaigns. These campaigns worked to help African Americans, particularly in the southern United States, register to vote. The SCOPE Project was spawned from SCLC in an effort to assist in these voter registration campaigns.

Scope and Content Notes

This collection consists primarily of materials produced by SCOPE for SCOPE participants, correspondence between Richard Hutch and various companions, and publications regarding civil rights. Though aspects of the collection extend beyond 1965, it focuses most heavily on Hutch's SCOPE experience during the summer of 1965 and does not provide great detail on

other civil rights organizations. The collection provides an overview of the role that SCOPE played in the larger Civil Rights Movement, as well as valuable insight to the individual experience of a participant in the Civil Rights Movement. While the collection includes materials from Hutch's time at Gettysburg College, it does not provide strong representation of the attitude among the larger student body regarding civil rights. Most of the materials from Hutch's undergraduate experience were written by him and reflect his own personal perspective on the Civil Rights Movement.

Subjects

Civil rights -- United States

Civil rights movements -- United States -- History -- 20th century

College students -- Political activity -- History

United States -- Race relations -- History -- 20th century

Civil rights movements -- Alabama -- History -- 20th century

Alabama -- Social conditions -- 20th century

United States -- Race relations -- Political aspects

Voter registration -- Southern States

Series Description

This collection is divided into five Series. **Series 1:** Gettysburg College—School Days, **Series 2:** SCOPE, **Series 3:** Newspapers and Publications, **Series 4:** Correspondence, **Series 5:** Retrospective Materials

Box List

Box 1

1-0 Finding Aid and Biographical Information

Notes from donor:

Includes description and inventory of donated materials, as well as their significance to the donor. Folder also contains a USB flash drive from donor, a listing of its contents, and their digital location.

Series 1: Gettysburg College—School Days

1-1 Gettysburg College—School Days

- Letter of acceptance to Gettysburg College
- College publications written by or about Hutch
- Letters from Hutch to Bethany United Presbyterian Church (Hutch's hometown church)
- Bethany United Presbyterian Church monthly church bulletin

Series 2: SCOPE

1-2 Orientation materials, Project information, & Organizational manuals

1-3 Personal Diary of Richard Hutch from summer 1965

1-4 Pamphlets, Brochures, Publications, & Memorabilia

Oversized Worker shirt worn by Hutch summer 1965
 "Freedom Now CORE" –CORE Poster
 "Redeem Southern Politics" –SCLC Poster
 "Support SCOPE" –SCOPE Poster

Series 3: Newspapers & Publications

1-5 Newspapers & Publications 1964-1966

- *Crossroads: Studies for Adults in Christian Life and Faith* (October-December 1965)
- *The New York Times* (June 12, 1966)
- *Southern Courier* (July 16, 1965; July 23, 1965;
- *The Eufaula Tribune* (July 1, 1965;
- *The Atlanta Inquirer* (June 19, 1965)
- *The Diamondback* (November 8, 1965)
- US Commission on Civil Rights publications—"Special Publications" (August 1964; January 1965; March 1965)
- "The Economics of Equality"—League for Industrial Democracy pamphlet (1964)
- *The Improved Adult-Teacher Sunday School Quarterly of the AME Church* (July-September 1965)
- Miscellaneous publications

Oversized *The New York Times Magazine* (April 17, 1966)
Look (November 16, 1965)

Series 4: Correspondence

1-6 Letters to Parents, Relatives, & Friends June - July 1965

1-7 Letters from Richard Wright (local black civil rights volunteer from Barbour County, Alabama; worked with SCOPE volunteers)

1-8 Letters from Barbara "Bimbi" (girlfriend)

- 1-9 Letters from Toni Franklin August 1965 – May 1966 (friend of Hutch’s during his SCOPE experience)

Series 5: Retrospective Materials

- 1-10 Retrospective Materials (includes materials created or acquired by Hutch that reflect on the Civil Rights Movement or his SCOPE experience)
- Materials from Hutch’s 2015 SCOPE Presentation at Gettysburg College
 - “‘For You Were Called to Freedom, Brethren...’: A Short History of the Freedom Movement in Barbour County, Alabama” by Larry Scott Butler
 - Hutch’s “vision” of 1968, published in his book *The Meaning of Lives: Biography, Autobiography and the Spiritual Quest*
 - Photograph of Hutch in front of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia (currently maintained by the National Park Service and known for being the baptismal site of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.)

Box 2—Oversized

Item list:

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Related Collections

MS-036: Radical Pamphlets, 1965 - 1975

MS-156: Integration Crisis in Little Rock, Arkansas

For more information about MS—194 Richard Hutch '67 Papers

See Michael Birkner’s oral history with Richard Hutch April 23, 2008 (Oral History Collection located in the Reading Room)