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## **Biographical Note**

Eleanor Humes Haney was born in Milford, Delaware on December 20, 1931 of James and May (Garbutt) Humes. She graduated from the College of William & Mary with a B.A. in English; from Wellesley College with an M.A. in English; from the Presbyterian School of Christian Education with an M.R.E. and from Yale University with a Ph.D. in Christian Ethics. She taught at Virginia Union University, Concordia College, the University of New England, Westbrook College, Maine College of the Arts, Bangor Theological Seminary and the University of Southern Maine. Haney came to Maine in 1979. She was the founder and/or initiator of: the Feminist Spiritual Community, Portland; Astarte Shell Press; Center for Vision and Policy; Maine Share; Maine Community Loan Fund; Communiversity and the United Voice Community Land Trust. She was a member of the Fargo-Moorhead Indian Association and she founded the Native American Childcare Center in Fargo, North Dakota. Haney died in Phippsburg, Maine on July 10, 1999

## **Description of the Papers**

These papers of and relating to Eleanor Humes Haney were collected by Deborah Leighton, Haney's long-term associate. The papers span the dates 1933 to 2001, but the bulk of the material dates from the late 1990s. They largely relate to Haney's activities as a feminist theologian and a community activist after moving to Maine in 1979. She first settled in Portland and later moved to Bath.

Haney believed strongly in social justice without losing the importance of the individual. This viewpoint is especially documented in the records related to United Church of Christ (Congregational) of Bath (folders 30-44). The evolution of Haney's personal ethics, development of her religious thought, her emerging feminism and the modern day interpretation of social rights and responsibilities are major threads in the papers. Also reflected are Haney's involvement in building groups and communities within

communities whose focus was concern for the welfare of others, whether it was teaching women to change the oil in their cars or providing financial assistance in home purchase. Dr. Haney's approach to problem solving is particularly well described by David C. Hall in his remarks at the presentation of the Maine Council of Churches 1999 Ecumenical Achievement Award (see Celebration of the Life of Elly Haney, folder 8).

Approximately half the collection is writings, published and unpublished, of both Haney's work and those in which she had an intellectual interest. Folders marked (D.L.) result from word processing files of Ms. Leighton. This material documents a spread of activities of these sensitive and socially committed women.

Box	Folder	Description	Date
1	1	Astarte Shell Press: Catalog	1977
		Collective Catalog of Five Awards:	undated
	2	Maine Council of Churches, Ecumenical Achievement	1999
	3	Maryann Hartman & Maine Initiatives	1998-1999
	4	Bangor Theological Seminary, Conference on "Being Black In New England"	1995-1996
	5	Bookmark	undated
	6	Borg, Mark, lectures	undated
	7	Broadsides (D.L.)	1997 & undated
	8	Celebration of the life of Elly Haney	1999
		Center For Vision and Policy:	
	9	Dare to Dream	undated
		Envisioning a Just and Desirable Future	undated
	10	Housing	1994
	11	Racial Justice	1993-95 & undated
	12	Correspondence (D.L.)	1994-99 & undated
	13	Davies, Susan E.: Nomination of Eleanor H. Haney for the Maryann Hartman Award	undated
	14	Presentation for Eleanor H. Haney- Maryann Hartman Award	1998
	15	Remarks at the USM Reception Re: Eleanor H. Haney	2001
	16	Eleanor H. Haney Fund Brochure	1999
	17	Feminist Ethics, course notes	1986
	18	Feminist Spiritual Community: Spirituality, Politics, Mysticism	1990 & undated
	19	Haney, Eleanor H. (D.L.)	1998-99 & undated
	20	Just Folks	1995-96 & undated

Box	Folder	Description	Date
1	21	Maine Welfare Reform Testimony Minutes (D.L.)	1996-1997 1994-98 & undated
2	22	Minutes (D.L.)	1994-98 & undated
	23	Newspaper clippings	1975, 1998 & 1999?
	24	Notes	undated
	25	Passover Service	undated
	26	Press releases (D.L.)	undated
		Tapes, 90 minute audio:	
	27	A Crone Ritual Book United Church of Christ: Healing Stories, 2 tapes	undated 1997
		Tapes, video:	
	28	Maryann Hartman Awards	1998
3	29	Ellie Haney, Memorial Service	1999
	30	Test [Feminism course?]	1991
		United Church of Christ (Congregational) of Bath [Maine]:	
	31-32	Church and Community, 2 folders	1995-97 & undated
	33	Church Study Group	undated
		Communiversity:.	
	34	General	1997 & undated
	35	General (D.L.)	1997-99 & undated
	36	Workshop 1997?	
	37	Coordinating Commission Leadership	1998?
	38	Healing Pain Task Force, Mental Health	undated
	39	Healing Prayers	undated
	40	Spiritual Life	1997-98 & undated
	41	United Voice	1994-1998
	42-43	Community Land Trust, 2 folders, one (D.L.)	1995-1999
	44	Grants	1996-1997
	45	Worship Services [original folder bore the name: Tim Crowley, 16 Channel Rd., South Portland, Maine 04106]	1996 & undated
		Word Files;	
	46	4 Discs (printed Aug. 2001)	undated
	47	Mixed material (D.L.)	undated
		Writings:	
		Eleanor H. Haney (by date):	
	48	Ventures In Decision, with Carol Bailey	1970
	49	God and Wo/man: A Feminist Perspective	1977
	50	A Feminist Legacy: The Ethics of Wilma Scott Heide and Company	1985
	51	Pauli Murray: Acting and Remembering	1988

Box	Folder	Description	Date
4	52	Vision & Struggle: Meditations On Feminist Spirituality and Politics	1989
	53-54	Redefining Sexual Ethics, 2 folders	1991
	55	Living Toward Creation	1991
	56-57	Towards a White Feminist Ecological Ethic, 2 folders, one (D.L.)	1993
	58	Cosmos; Character	1994-1995
	59	Women At The Well: Meditations On Healing and Wholeness	1996
	60	Where Should We Go From Here, Or How Should White Christian Ethicists "Do" Ethics	1997
5	61	The Great Commandment: A Theology of Resistance and Transformation, volume & documentation	1997-1998
	62	Typescript	1998
	63	Ending Racism In The Church, Appendix, A Guide To Address Racism and Work For Justice	1998
	64	A Guided meditation on Coummnity; Images of Peace; Lesbian Per- spectives in the Curriculum	undated
		Writings By Others:	
		Published Articles:	
	65	The Power of Anger In The Work Of Love, Beverly Wilding Harrison	1985
		Finding Our Sisters, Reta Haltema Finger	1996
		"Go And Tell Mary And Martha:" The Spirituals, Biblical Options For Women, And Cultural Tensions In The African American Religious Experience, Cheryl Townsend Gilkes	1966
	65	Sell Everything And Become "Rich:" Dealing With Possessions According To Luke, Edgar Mayer	undated
		Published Volumes (by title):	
	66	America's Original Sin: A Study Guide On White Racism, from the Editors of Sojourners	1995
	67	A Just Peace Church: The Peace Theology Development Team, Edited By Susan Thistlewaite	1986
	68	Defecting In Place: Women Claiming	

Box	Folder	Description	Date
5	68	Responsibility For Their Own Spiritual Lives, Miriam Therese Winter, et al.	undated
	69	White Woman's Christ And Black Woman's Jesus: Feminist Christology And Womanist Response, Jacquelyn Grant	undated
	70	Women Encounter God: Theology Across Boundaries of Diference, Linda A. Moody	undated
	71	Women Resisting Violence: Spirituality For Life, Edited By Mary John Mananzan, et al.	undated
	72	Writings By Others: (D.L.) Blanchard, Margaret Reid, Paddy	undated undated
	73	Unknown, chapters 2 &6 Piercy, Marge – For Strong Women	undated 1987
		Unpublished Papers	
	74	Editing By Eleanor H. Haney ?: Ecological Ethics: Points of Engagement, James A. Nash Freedom, Justice, And Community In The Eco-Justice Literature, Peter W. Bakken Toward A Vision Of Earth Community: Theological Reflections On The Role Of Euro-Americans, Beth Blissman White Privilege And Male Privilege, Peggy McIntosh Interactive Phases Of Curricular Re-Vision: A Feminist Perspective, Peggy McIntosh The Bible And Christian Moral Practices, Lisa Sowle Cahill The Role Of Experience In Moral Discernment, Margaret A. Farley Creating A Global Discourse In A Pluralist World: Stratagies From Environmental Ethics, Christina L. H. Traina Ecology: A primer For Christian Ethics, Holmes Rolston, III	1997 1996 1995 1988 1933 undated undated
	75	Resources, lists	undated