

DISCOVER THE HERITAGE OF SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO

# Summit Memory Project

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Administered by the Special Collections Division of  
The Akron-Summit County Public Library



# Overview

The Summit Memory Project was conceived as a county-wide collaborative digital initiative in late 2006 by the Special Collections Division of the Akron-Summit County Public Library. Its mission is to improve the public's access to the remarkable historic collections found throughout Summit County. Funding was provided by the Robert W. Little Foundation in early 2007, and [www.SummitMemory.org](http://www.SummitMemory.org) was born.

Summit Memory hosts collections from local partners and is itself a partner in [www.OhiosHeritageNortheast.org](http://www.OhiosHeritageNortheast.org); a wider northeastern Ohio digital consortium. Administered by the Special Collections Division, Summit Memory continues to grow and provide a gateway for many people to Discover the Heritage of Summit County, Ohio.

# Robert W. Little

This project is funded by a grant from the Robert W. Little Foundation. Mr. Little (1917-2000) served as a librarian at the Akron-Summit County Public Library for nearly 30 years. Before coming to the library, he worked at the B.F. Goodrich Company and attended the University of Akron where he received a degree in history. This World War II veteran enjoyed local history and collected many books, artifacts and documents about Summit County. It is through his generosity that these historic items are so readily available to the public.

## Technology

The Robert W. Little grant supported the purchase of hardware which includes two computer servers and two workstations equipped with scanners. In addition, CONTENTdm software was purchased to meet Web site and database needs. CONTENTdm is owned by OCLC and distributed by OHIONET. This generous grant also provides funding for a temporary contract employee dedicated to scanning materials and loading them into the new database.



