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## **An inventory of Arrington Dixon Papers at DC Public Library**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	People's Archive, MLK Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Dixon, Arrington
<b>Title:</b>	Arrington Dixon Papers
<b>ID:</b>	132
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1935-2008
<b>Date [bulk]:</b>	1953-1989
<b>Physical Description:</b>	17 Boxes
<b>Physical Description:</b>	9.5 Linear feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
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## Biographical / Historical

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Arrington Dixon is a local politician who served on the District of Columbia City Council as a Representative of Ward 4, Chairman, and an At-Large Member. Dixon was born in Washington, DC on December 3, 1942. He attended Birney Elementary, Douglass Junior High School, and McKinley Technical High School where he participated in the Cadet Corps program. Dixon went on to attend college at Howard University where he studied economic statistics, math, and physics; and participated in the Air Force ROTC. He transferred to the Air Force Academy for a short time, but returned to Howard following the 1964 death of his brother James W. Dixon, Jr., who served in the United States Air Force. After his graduation in 1966, Dixon worked for various institutions as a computer/systems analyst and educator. He ran for the Ward 5 Board of Education seat in 1968, which he ultimately lost. In 1972, Dixon earned a law degree from George Washington University. He ran for the then-newly established DC City Council in 1974, serving as Ward 4 Representative from 1975 to 1979, City Council Chairman from 1979 to 1982, and later for a brief period of time as an At-Large Member in 1997. Dixon was also involved with the District of Columbia Taxicab Commission and a number of other community groups such as the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, the National Capital Planning Commission, and DC Citizens for Better Public Education. Dixon married future District of Columbia Mayor Sharon Pratt (Kelly) in 1966. Their marriage ended in 1982. Dixon and Kelly have two children,

Aimee and Drew. Since serving as an elected official, Dixon founded Arrington Dixon and Associates, Inc. (ADAI) a professional consulting and public liaison service.

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## Scope and Contents

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The Arrington Dixon Papers Collection contains materials including campaign ephemera; correspondence; newspaper clippings and publications; photographs; pamphlets; and other documents related to Dixon's political campaigns, work in city government (especially for the District of Columbia City Council), and personal life. The bulk of the collection covers 1953 to 1989.

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## Arrangement

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The collection is divided into four series: Series 1: Campaigns Series 2: City Government Series 3: Personal Series 4: Photographs

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## Administrative Information

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### Revision Description

Series 2, 3, and 4 added to the finding aid. 2020-07-24

## **Custodial History**

Arrington Dixon donated this collection to the DC Public Library's Special Collections Department in August 2013.

## **Processing Information**

This collection was originally processed in 2014 as part of the DC Africana Archives Project, funded by the Council on Library and Information Resources Hidden Collections. The collection was reprocessed in 2019, and was divided into series and subseries and arranged chronologically thereunder, with related material grouped together. Oversized photographs are located in Box 14 and additional oversize materials are stored together in Box 17. Throughout processing, paper clips and loose, rusty, and/or warped staples were removed; folded papers were unfolded and pressed flat; and folders and binders were disassembled. Photographs were covered in protective sleeves. The processor made redacted copies of items containing personal or private information. The majority of newspaper clippings were photocopied; however, full-size newspapers were separated from other items with a sheet of acid-free paper. The processor relabeled and refoldered, as needed. The following items were removed from the collection and discarded: duplicates (more than two); original newspaper clippings; blank papers; envelopes containing no contextual or relevant information; and original folders, binders, and storage containers. The processor also shredded any originals containing personal or private information.

## **Conditions Governing Use**

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## **Related Materials**

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### **Related Materials**

Related Collections: Collection 029: Hilda Mason Papers Collection 131: Charlene Drew Jarvis Papers Collection 002: District of Columbia Citizens for Better Public Education Records

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## Controlled Access Headings

- Politics and government
- Politicians
- District of Columbia. City Council
- Political campaigns
- Transportation
- Personal and Family Papers
- Photographs
- Ephemera
- Correspondence
- African Americans

## Collection Inventory

### Series 1: Campaigns, 1974-1982

Physical Description: 7 Boxes

#### Scope and Contents

This series contains items such as candidate questionnaires, voter surveys, fundraising and budget materials, meeting agendas and notes, schedules, ephemera (bumper stickers, pamphlets, flyers, buttons, advertisements, etc.), correspondence, press releases, and newspaper clippings related to Arrington Dixon's political campaigns when he ran for the District of Columbia City Council. This series is divided into five (5) sub-series: Sub-Series 1: Outreach, Events, and Planning, Sub-Series 2: Fundraising and Financials; Sub-Series 3: Campaign Ephemera; Sub-Series 4: Publications; and Sub-Series 5: Correspondence.

### Subseries 1: Outreach, Events, and Planning, 1974-1982

Physical Description: 4 Boxes

#### Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains candidate questionnaires, voter surveys, meeting agendas and notes, event flyers and programs, schedules, and speeches and statements pertaining to Arrington Dixon's political campaigns, especially through voter outreach, planning, and strategy.

Title/Description	Instances	
Advance Manual for the Evelyn E. Murphy Campaign, 1982	Box 1	folder 1
Candidate Questionnaires, 1982	Box 1	folder 2
Candidate Questionnaires, 1974-1978	Box 1	folder 3
Comprehensive Planning Document: Arrington Dixon, Chairman, DC City Council, 1982	Box 1	folder 4

Planning Meeting Agendas and Minutes, 1982	Box 1	folder 5
Schedules, September 1982, 1982	Box 1	folder 6
Schedules, August 1982 (1 of 2), 1982	Box 1	folder 7
Schedules, August 1982 (2 of 2), 1982	Box 1	folder 8
Schedules, July 1982 (1 of 2), 1982	Box 1	folder 9
Schedules, July 1982 (2 of 2), 1982	Box 1	folder 10
Schedules, May and June 1982, 1982	Box 2	folder 1
Schedules, March and April 1982, 1982	Box 2	folder 2
Schedules and Events, 1968-1978	Box 2	folder 3
Event Flyers and Programs, 1974-1982	Box 2	folder 4
Speeches and Statements, 1982	Box 2	folder 5
Statements and Speeches, 1978-1981	Box 2	folder 6
Survey of Voter Attitudes and Opinions, 1982	Box 2	folder 7
Voter Surveys, 1978-1982	Box 2	folder 8
Appendix C: Tabulations, Vol. 1, DC Voters Survey, 1978	Box 2	folder 9
The Get-Out-The-Vote Master Action Plan, 1982	Box 3	folder 1
Campaign Strategy and Planning Documents, 1978-1982	Box 3	folder 2
Campaign Strategy and Planning Documents, 1976-1978	Box 3	folder 3
Memorandum Related to Campaign Planning, 1975-1982	Box 3	folder 4
Arrington Dixon Campaign Committee and Groups, 1974-1982	Box 3	folder 5
Position Summaries, 1974-1982	Box 3	folder 6
Volunteer Materials, 1974-1982	Box 3	folder 7
Volunteer Materials	Box 3	folder 8
Handwritten Notes and Contacts	Box 3	folder 9
Notecards with Constituent Contact Information	box 16	

## Subseries 2: Fundraising and Financials, 1974-1982

Physical Description: 2 Boxes

### Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains fundraising, budgeting, and financial materials related to Arrington Dixon's political campaigns.

Title/Description	Instances	
Budgeting, Expenses, and Quotes, 1982	Box 3	folder 10

Budgeting, Expenses, and Quotes, 1978-1981	Box 4	folder 1
Fundraising Events, 1978-1982	Box 4	folder 2
Contributor Forms, 1976-1978	Box 4	folder 3
Fundraising Contributions, 1974-1982	Box 4	folder 4

### Subseries 3: Campaign Ephemera, 1974-1982

Physical Description: 2 Boxes

#### Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains campaign advertisements, campaign literature, bumper stickers, buttons, flyers, and voter guides from Arrington Dixon's political campaigns, as well as some items from other candidates' campaigns.

Title/Description	Instances	
TV and Radio Advertisements, 1978-1982	Box 4	folder 5
Campaign Literature, 1978-1982	Box 4	folder 6
Printed Campaign Advertisements, 1976-1982	Box 4	folder 7
Printed Campaign Advertisements	Box 4	folder 8
Printed Campaign Advertisements	Box 4	folder 9
Campaign Literature and Advertisements, Other Candidates, 1974-1978	Box 4	folder 10
Sample Ballots and Voter Guides, 1974-1976	Box 4	folder 11
Bumper Stickers and Buttons	box 17	

### Subseries 4: Publications, 1974-1982

Physical Description: 1 Boxes

#### Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains press releases, newsletters, and newspaper clippings related to Arrington Dixon's political campaigns.

Title/Description	Instances	
Press Releases, Newsletters, and Newspaper Clippings, 1982	Box 5	folder 1
Press Releases, Newsletters, and Newspaper Clippings, 1974-1981	Box 5	folder 2

### Subseries 5: Correspondence, 1974-1982

Physical Description: 1 Boxes



## Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains correspondence pertaining to Arrington Dixon's political campaigns, including some letters related to campaign fundraising contributions.

Title/Description	Instances	
Campaign Correspondence, March 1978 - September 1982, 1978-1982	Box 5	folder 3
Campaign Correspondence, March 1974 - April 1977, 1974-1977	Box 5	folder 4

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## Series 2: City Government, 1963-1989

Physical Description: 8 Boxes

### Scope and Contents

This series contains items such as budget materials, speeches, statements, information about bills and legislation, invitations, correspondence, event programs and materials, newsletters, newspaper clippings, and press releases related to Arrington Dixon's time spent serving on the District of Columbia City Council and the DC Taxicab Commission. This series is divided into five (5) sub-series: Sub-Series 1: Financials, Sub-Series 2: Speeches and Actions; Sub-Series 3: Calendar and Events, Sub-Series 4: Publications, and 5 Correspondence.

### Subseries 1: Financials, 1979

Physical Description: 3 Boxes

#### Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains Arrington Dixon's copies of the Budget of the District of Columbia for FY1977 - FY1980.

Title/Description	Instances	
The Budget of the District of Columbia FY80, 1979	Box 5	folder 5
The Budget of the District of Columbia FY79	Box 5	folder 6
The Budget of the District of Columbia FY78	Box 5	folder 7
The Budget of the District of Columbia FY77	Box 5	folder 8
District of Columbia Capital Projects Financing; Critical Analysis of a New Approach, 1975	Box 6	folder 1

### Subseries 2; Speeches and Actions, 1975-1989

Physical Description: 2 Boxes

## Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains speeches, statements, and information about bills and legislation from Arrington Dixon's time spent serving on the District of Columbia City Council and the DC Taxicab Commission.

Title/Description	Instances	
DC Taxicab Commission, 1987-1989	Box 6	folder 2
No Fault Motor Vehicle Insurance Bill, 1981-1982	Box 6	folder 3
Speeches and Statements, 1981-1982	Box 6	folder 4
Speeches and Statements, 1975-1980	Box 6	folder 5
Update and Inquiry Procedures for the Dixon Constituency File, 1980	Box 6	folder 6
Legislation Introduced by Councilmember Arrington Dixon (1 of 3), 1977	Box 6	folder 7
Legislation Introduced by Councilmember Arrington Dixon (2 of 3), 1977	Box 6	folder 8
Legislation Introduced by Councilmember Arrington Dixon (3 of 3), 1977	Box 7	folder 1
Bills, 1975-1979	Box 7	folder 2

## Subseries 3: Calendar and Events, 1975-1989

Physical Description: 2 Boxes

### Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains invitations, correspondence, and event programs and materials from Arrington Dixon's time spent serving on the District of Columbia City Council.

Title/Description	Instances	
Democratic National Convention, 1980	Box 7	folder 3
Inauguration Activities, 1979	Box 7	folder 4
Inauguration Activities, 1974-1977	Box 7	folder 5
Event Programs and Materials, 1978-1979	Box 7	folder 6
Thank You Letters and Drawings from La Salle Elementary School Students, 1977	Box 7	folder 7
April and May 1976, 1976	Box 7	folder 8
DC City Council Calendar, March 1976, 1976	Box 7	folder 9
DC City Council Calendar, February 1976, 1976	Box 7	folder 10
DC City Council Calendar, January 1976, 1976	Box 7	folder 11
DC City Council Calendar, December 1975, 1975	Box 7	folder 12
DC City Council Calendar, November 1975, 1975		

	Box 7	folder 13
DC City Council Calendar, October 1975, 1975	Box 7	folder 14
DC City Council Calendar, September 1975, 1975	Box 7	folder 15
DC City Council Calendar, August 1975, 1975	Box 8	folder 1
DC City Council Calendar, July 1975, 1975	Box 8	folder 2
DC City Council Calendar, June 1975, 1975	Box 8	folder 3
DC City Council Calendar, May 1975, 1975	Box 8	folder 4
DC City Council Calendar, April 1975, 1975	Box 8	folder 5
DC City Council Calendar, March 1975, 1975	Box 8	folder 6
DC City Council Calendar, February 1975, 1975	Box 8	folder 7
Democratic National Convention Bag	box 17	

## Subseries 4: Publications, 1963-1989

Physical Description: 2 Boxes

### Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains newsletters, articles, newspaper clippings, press releases, and other publications related to Arrington Dixon, the District of Columbia City Council, and the DC Taxicab Commission.

Title/Description	Instances	
District of Columbia Taxicab Commission Newspaper Clippings, 1987-1989	Box 8	folder 8
District of Columbia Taxicab Commission News Clippings, June 25, 1987 - March 18, 1988 by David M. Watson, Public Information Officer, 1987-1988	Box 8	folder 9
DC City Council Press Releases, 1981-1982	Box 8	folder 10
Council of the District of Columbia Owner's Manual, 1981	Box 8	folder 11
Arrington Dixon Newspaper Clippings, 1981	Box 8	folder 12
DC City Council/Arrington Dixon Newspaper Clippings, 1980-1982	Box 9	folder 1
DC City Council/Arrington Dixon Newspaper Clippings, 1979	Box 9	folder 2
DC City Council/Arrington Dixon Newspaper Clippings, 1978	Box 9	folder 3
DC City Council/Arrington Dixon Newspaper Clippings, 1963-1977	Box 9	folder 4
Newsletters and Articles, 1978-1981	Box 9	folder 5

## Subseries 5: Correspondence, 1968-1978

Physical Description: 3 Boxes

## Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains cards, letters, and copies of correspondence from Arrington Dixon's time serving on the District of Columbia City Council.

Title/Description	Instances	
DC City Council Correspondence, 1978-1982	Box 9	folder 6
DC City Council Correspondence, December 1977, 1977	Box 9	folder 7
DC City Council Correspondence, November 1977, 1977	Box 9	folder 8
DC City Council Correspondence, October 1977, 1977	Box 9	folder 9
DC City Council Correspondence, September 1977, 1977	Box 9	folder 10
DC City Council Correspondence, July and August 1977, 1977	Box 9	folder 11
DC City Council Correspondence, June 1977, 1977	Box 9	folder 12
DC City Council Correspondence, May 1977, 1977	Box 9	folder 13
DC City Council Correspondence, April 1977, 1977	Box 10	folder 1
DC City Council Correspondence, December 1976, 1976	Box 10	folder 2
DC City Council Correspondence, November 1976, 1976	Box 10	folder 3
DC City Council Correspondence, October 1976, 1976	Box 10	folder 4
DC City Council Correspondence, September 1976, 1976	Box 10	folder 5
DC City Council Correspondence, August 1976, 1976	Box 10	folder 6
DC City Council Correspondence, July 1976, 1976	Box 10	folder 7
DC City Council Correspondence, June 1976, 1976	Box 10	folder 8
DC City Council Correspondence, May 1976, 1976	Box 10	folder 9
DC City Council Correspondence, April 1976, 1976	Box 10	folder 10
DC City Council Correspondence, October 1975, 1975	Box 10	folder 11
DC City Council Correspondence, September 1975, 1975	Box 10	folder 12
DC City Council Correspondence, August 1975, 1975	Box 10	folder 13
DC City Council Correspondence, July 1975, 1975	Box 10	folder 14
DC City Council Correspondence, June 1975, 1975	Box 10	folder 15
DC City Council Correspondence, May 1975, 1975	Box 10	folder 16
DC City Council Correspondence, April 1975, 1975	Box 11	folder 1
DC City Council Correspondence, March 1975, 1975	Box 11	folder 2
DC City Council Correspondence, February 1975, 1975	Box 11	folder 3
DC City Council Correspondence, January 1975, 1975	Box 11	folder 4

Cards and Correspondence, 1968-1978

Box 11

folder 5

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This series contains programs, awards, correspondence, official documents, newspaper clippings, certificates, notes, and drawings related to Arrington Dixon's personal life, especially with regard to his education, professional life, and family. Series 3 is divided into three sub-series: Sub-Series 1: School, Work, and Church, Sub-Series 2: Family, and Sub-Series 3: Miscellaneous Items, and Sub-Series 4: Photographs.

**Subseries 1: School, Work, and Church, 1957-2008**Physical Description: 1 Boxes**Scope and Contents**

This sub-series contains programs, awards, certificates, correspondence, and various other items related to Arrington Dixon's accomplishments and activities through school, work, and church.

Title/Description	Instances	
A Visit Through History: DC Council Photos, 2008	Box 11	folder 6
Ten Years of Home Rule, 1985	Box 11	folder 7
District of Columbia Federation of Civic Associations Thirty Eighth Annual Awards Dinner, 1968	Box 11	folder 8
Copyright Certificates and Information, 1967	Box 11	folder 9
Awards and Certificates, 1966-1987	Box 11	folder 10
Employment Paperwork and Identification Cards, 1966-1968	Box 11	folder 11
Commencement Exercises Programs, 1955-1966	Box 11	folder 12
Correspondence, 1959-1968	Box 11	folder 13
High School and Church Activities, 1957-1960	Box 11	folder 14
Arrington L. Dixon Resume	Box 11	folder 15
Howard University	Box 11	folder 16

**Subseries 2: Family, 1935-1990**Physical Description: 2 Boxes**Scope and Contents**

This series contains correspondence, official documents, programs, newspaper clippings, certificates, some genealogical research, and other items related to members of Arrington Dixon's family, especially his father and

mother (James W. Dixon, Sr. and Sallie Dixon) and brother (James W. Dixon, Jr.), who died while serving in the United States Air Force.

Title/Description	Instances	
American Indian Ancestry Research, 1990	Box 11	folder 17
James W. (Sr.) and Sallie Dixon, 1954-1963	Box 11	folder 18
James W. (Sr.) and Sallie Dixon, Cards and Correspondence, 1935-1967	Box 11	folder 19
James W. Dixon, Sr., Funeral Service, 1979	Box 11	folder 20
James W. Dixon, Sr., Golf, 1955	Box 11	folder 21
James W. Dixon, Jr.'s Death; Insurance, Benefits, and Communication with U.S. Air Force, 1964-1965	Box 12	folder 1
James W. Dixon, Jr.'s Death, Funeral and Obituaries, 1964	Box 12	folder 2
James W. Dixon, Jr., Newspaper Clippings, 1964	Box 12	folder 3
James W. Dixon, Jr., U.S. Air Force, 1961-1963	Box 12	folder 4
James W. Dixon, Jr., Correspondence, 1957-1964	Box 12	folder 5
James W. Dixon, Jr.; School, Work, and Church, 1953-1962	Box 12	folder 6
James W. Dixon, Jr., Awards and Certificates, 1953-1961	Box 12	folder 7
Sharon Pratt, Correspondence, 1964	Box 12	folder 8
Dorothy Frances Arrington and Julian Raymond Davis, Wedding Invitation, 1985	Box 12	folder 9

### Subseries 3: Miscellaneous Items, 1953-1989

Physical Description: 3 Boxes

#### Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains miscellaneous notes, drawings, and items whose owner is unclear.

Title/Description	Instances	
Congressional Record, Vol. 135, No. 98, 1989	Box 12	folder 10
Guest Books, 1979-1982	Box 12	folder 11
Miscellaneous Newspaper Clippings, 1965	Box 13	folder 1
Drawings, 1964-1989	Box 13	folder 2
Church Programs and Pamphlets, 1953-1964	Box 13	folder 3
Greeting Cards	Box 13	folder 4
List of Addresses	Box 13	folder 5
Miscellaneous Notes	Box 13	folder 6

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## Series 4: Photographs, 1976-1987

Physical Description: 3 Boxes

### Scope and Contents

This series contains images (photographs, contact sheets, and negatives) of Arrington Dixon, Dixon's time campaigning and serving on the District of Columbia City Council, and the Dixon family.

Title/Description	Instances	
Arrington Dixon Portrait Photographs, 1974	Box 13	folder 7
Arrington Dixon Portrait Contact Sheets	Box 13	folder 8
Campaign and DC City Council Photographs, 1976-1981	Box 13	folder 9
Campaign and DC City Council Photographs	Box 13	folder 10
Campaign and DC City Council Contact Sheets, 1982	Box 13	folder 11
Personal and Family Photographs, 1987	Box 13	folder 12
Personal and Family Contact Sheets	Box 13	folder 13
Oversized Photographs, Contact Sheets, and Negatives	box 14	folder 1
Arrington Dixon Portrait Negatives	box 15	folder 1
Arrington Dixon Portrait Negatives	box 15	folder 2
Arrington Dixon Portrait Negatives	box 15	folder 3
Campaign and DC City Council Negatives	box 15	folder 4
Campaign and DC City Council Negatives	box 15	folder 5
Campaign and DC City Council Negatives	box 15	folder 6
Campaign and DC City Council Negatives	box 15	folder 7

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