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Summary Information

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| Repository: | Stage |
| Title: | Sarah E. Ellis Papers |
| ID: | 019 |
| Date [inclusive]: | 1945-1979 |
| Physical Description: | 1 linear foot; 3 boxes |
| Language of the Material: | English |
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Biographical / Historical

Mrs. Ellis became a citizen activist after urban renewal forced her in 1959 to relocate the restaurant started by her late husband, Cy Ellis, from Southwest Washington, D.C. She was again forced to move from a second location at E Street, N.W., when metro began construction there in the 1960s. Her ten-year fight in the courts and Congress helped establish the "priority law" which requires that long-established businesses can use the "grandfather" clause to avoid relocation in urban renewal areas. Mrs. Ellis moved her restaurant back to the redeveloped Southwest waterfront in 1970. Born on a Potomac River farm in St. Mary's County, Maryland, she married and moved to Washington, D.C. with her husband sometime after World War I to start his oyster bar restaurant.

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Scope and Contents

The papers contain correspondence, clippings, meeting minutes, reports, and pamphlets of local issues and citizens organizations in which Mrs. Ellis was involved. These included the Chillum Heights Citizens Association, the D.C. Federation of Citizens Associations, Junior Village, the Committee for the Rights

of the D.C. Business Community, urban renewal, home rule, and mass transit. Of significance, is a 1972 report titled "Report of the Special Citizens Advisory Committee on Urban Renewal in D.C."

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Administrative Information

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Controlled Access Headings

- Neighborhoods

Collection Inventory

| Series 1 | | |
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| Title/Description | Instances | |
| Minutes Chillum Heights Citizens Association and correspondence, 1945-1950 | Box 1 | Folder 1 |
| Chillum Heights Citizens Association Correspondence, 1952-1954 | Box 1 | Folder 2 |
| Chillum Heights Citizens Association Correspondence, 1955 | Box 1 | Folder 3 |
| Chillum Heights Citizens Association Correspondence, 1956 | Box 1 | Folder 4 |
| Chillum Heights Citizens Association Correspondence, 1957-1958 | Box 1 | Folder 5 |
| Chillum Heights Citizens Association Correspondence, 1959 | Box 1 | Folder 6 |
| Chillum Heights Citizens Association Correspondence, 1959 | Box 1 | Folder 7 |
| Chillum Heights Citizens Association Correspondence, 1960 | Box 1 | Folder 8 |
| Chillum Heights Citizens Association Correspondence, 1973 | Box 1 | Folder 9 |
| Federation of Citizens Associations, Undated | Box 1 | Folder 10 |

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| Committee for the Rights of the Washington D.C. Business Community, Undated | Box 1 | Folder 11 |
| Bill Announcements and other Congressional Materials, Undated | Box 1 | Folder 12 |
| Correspondence, 1962-1966 | Box 1 | Folder 13 |
| Correspondence and Other materials, 1969-1972 | Box 1 | Folder 14 |
| Miscellaneous letters and testimony by Mrs. Ellis, Undated | Box 1 | Folder 15 |
| Historic Landmarks and districts, Undated | Box 1 | Folder 16 |
| Education, Undated | Box 1 | Folder 17 |
| Urban renewal, Undated | Box 1 | Folder 18 |
| Urban renewal and home rule, Undated | Box 1 | Folder 19 |
| Potomac River, Undated | Box 1 | Folder 20 |
| Metro and mass transit, Undated | Box 1 | Folder 21 |
| Miscellaneous inspirational notes, Undated | Box 1 | Folder 22 |
| Miscellaneous materials, Undated | Box 1 | Folder 23 |
| Correspondence and miscellaneous papers, 1974-1979 | Box 2 | Folder 1 |
| Downtown redevelopment and urban renewal, Undated | Box 2 | Folder 2 |
| History and bicentennial activities, Undated | Box 2 | Folder 3 |
| Reports, Undated | Box 2 | Folder 4 |
| Southwest Spectator Article re Mrs. Ellis, 26041 | Box 2 | Folder 5 |
| Capitol Hill Spectator - SW Waterfront Festival, 23874 | Box 2 | Folder 6 |
| Rolled Petition in support of Municipal Fish Market, Undated | Box 2 | folder 7 |
| Test of Roosevelt Speech given to Mrs. Ellis by Fund, 13486 | Box 2 | Folder 7 |
| Clippings, 1960-1970 | Box 2 | Folder 8 |
| Clippings, Undated | Box 2 | Folder 9 |
| Junior Village, 1971-1972 | Box 3 | Folder 1 |
| Junior Village, 1971-1972 | Box 3 | Folder 2 |
| Junior Village, 1971-1972 | Box 3 | Folder 3 |
| Junior Village, 1971-1972 | Box 3 | Folder 4 |
| Junior Village, 1971-1972 | Box 3 | Folder 5 |
| Junior Village - clippings, 1969-1973 | Box 3 | Folder 6 |

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