

Washington Housing Association Records

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Summary Information

Repository:	Stage
Title:	Washington Housing Association Records
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Biographical / Historical

The Washington Housing Association was originally organized in 1933 as the Washington Committee on Housing to improve housing for low-income residents in the District. WHA sponsored the Alley Dwelling Elimination Act of July 1934. Mrs. Charlotte Everett Hopkins, a long-time crusader for the passage of the Act, was instrumental in the formation of WHA. Eleanor Roosevelt served as WHA's honorary chairman, Frederic A. Delano was its first chairman, and John Ihlder, a nationally recognized housing activist, was its first secretary.

The Association fought for a sound housing code, to insure construction of low-rent housing, and encourage landlord responsibility to tenants. WHA became the Washington Planning and Housing Association in 1962 and later the Metropolitan Washington Planning and Housing Association. In the 1960s the Association assisted residents dislocated by urban renewal, freeway construction, and downtown development. Find affordable housing.

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Scope and Contents

The records contain primarily monthly reports and newsletters of WHA from 1953 through 1961. In addition, reports and studies prepared or published by WHA regarding housing in the District is found in the records. Testimony and statements submitted to Congress by WHA members on housing issues also appear in the records.

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Administrative Information

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Custodial History

The records of the Washington Housing Association (WHA) were donated to the Library by Anna S. Miller, a former Executive Director of the WHA.

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Controlled Access Headings

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Collection Inventory

Series 1		
Title/Description	Instances	
Interim Report: Landlord-Tenant Court Study, Undated	Box 1	Folder 1
Southwest relocation data, 1953	Box 1	Folder 2
Sick Children-WHA publication, 1950		

	Box 1	Folder 3
Report on a Study of Condemned Structures, Undated	Box 1	Folder 4
Further Views on the Need of a Central Relocation Service, Undated	Box 1	Folder 5
Report on Housing Sites, 1959	Box 1	Folder 6
Report on Urban Renewal in the District (2 copies), 1961	Box 1	Folder 7
Correspondence to Commissioners from Horsky, 1958	Box 1	Folder 8
Correspondence to Commissioners, 1959	Box 1	Folder 9
Statements given by staff of WHA, 1954-1955	Box 1	Folder 10
Statements given by staff of WHA, 1956	Box 1	Folder 11
Testimony of staff members of WHA, 1957	Box 1	Folder 12
Statements made by staff of WHA, 1958	Box 1	Folder 13
Testimony of staff of WHA, January-June 1959	Box 1	Folder 14
Statements and testimony given by the staff of WHA, 1959	Box 1	Folder 15
Speech of James G. Banks at WHA luncheon meeting, September 30 1959	Box 1	Folder 16
Statements and testimony of staff members of WHA, 1960	Box 1	Folder 17
Statements of WHA staff, 1961	Box 1	Folder 18
Listing of activities of WHA, 1953-1961	Box 1	Folder 19
Monthly reports (includes 1953 quarterly reports), 1954-1961	Box 2	Folder 1
Washington Housing Association Newsletters, 1956-1961	Box 3	Folder 1

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