

Ellis (Sarah E.) Papers

An inventory of Sarah E. Ellis at DC Public Library

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Summary Information

Repository:	Stage
Title:	Sarah E. Ellis Papers
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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

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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

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
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