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# Wender (Harry S.) Papers

## An inventory of Harry S. Wender 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>	Wender, Harry S.
<b>Title:</b>	Harry S. Wender Papers
<b>ID:</b>	009
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1930-1973
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1 Linear feet
<b>Physical Description:</b>	2 Boxes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
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## Biographical / Historical

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Harry S. Wender was born in 1908 in Knoxville, Tennessee and moved to Washington, D.C. as an infant. He graduated from Smallwood-Bowen School in 1921, Central High School in 1925, and Georgetown Law School in 1933. From 1925-1927 Mr. Wender attended pre-legal coursework at George Washington University. Mr. Wender was a practicing attorney in Washington, D.C. from 1932 until his death; focusing his work on racial segregation in D.C. recreation facilities, traffic law, transportation issues, and automobile insurance law. On October 14, 1937 Mr. Wender married Gerturude Schwarz. He was a member of B'Nai Brith, Southwest Citizens' Association, Federation of Citizens' Associations, D.C. Suffrage Association, Commissioners' Traffic Advisory Council, Washington Hebrew Congregation, District of Columbia and American Bar Associations, Association of Plaintiff's Trial Attorneys of Metropolitan Washington, Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington, and editor of D. C. Bar Journal. He served as chairman of the D.C. Recreation Board from 1942-1952 and President of the Southwest Citizens' Association. Mr. Wender received awards for Outstanding Trial Lawyer of the Year Award from D.C. Association of Plaintiff's Trial Attorneys; Certificate of Merit from D.C. Commissioners; and October 4, 1983 was designated by Mayor Marion Barry as "Harry Wender Day." Mr. Wender died December 14, 1985.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection contains correspondence, internal memorandum, proposals, publicity materials, legislative materials, meeting minutes, editorials, and membership lists. Most of these materials are related to Home Rule voting rights for D.C. residents from the 1930s through the 1960s. Organizations mentioned in this collection include the D.C. Suffrage Association, Committee of the 100, Citizens Conference on District Suffrage, and Young People's Home Rule League.

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## Arrangement

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Papers processed without series.

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## Administrative Information

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### Custodial History

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### Conditions Governing Use

No known restrictions.

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## Controlled Access Headings

- Neighborhoods
- Home rule -- Washington (D.C.)
- Suffrage
- Lobbying

## Collection Inventory

Series 1		
Title/Description	Instances	
Correspondence, 1930-1965	Box 1	Folder 1
Proposals for Home Rule, 1930-1973	Box 1	Folder 2
National Support for Home Rule, Undated	Box 1	Folder 3
D.C. Home Rule Committee, Undated	Box 1	Folder 4
Home Rule Committee budgets, Undated	Box 1	Folder 5
Actions of the D.C. Suffrage Association, 1930-1975	Box 1	Folder 6
Local Support for Home Rule (organization), Undated	Box 1	Folder 7
Norman Jay Show Very Truly Yours with Discussion of D.C. suffrage, Undated	Box 1	Folder 8
Lobbying efforts with Congress, 1939-1960	Box 2	Folder 1
Publicity materials and editorials, 1930-1974	Box 2	Folder 2
Bills and Reports on the District of Columbia, 1940-1949	Box 2	folder 3
Miscellaneous, Undated	Box 2	Folder 4

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