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# **Farnsboro Tenants Association Records**

## **An inventory of Farnsboro Tenants Association 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>	Farnsboro Tenants Association
<b>Title:</b>	Farnsboro Tenants Association Records
<b>ID:</b>	031
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1972-1978
<b>Physical Description:</b>	2 Linear feet
<b>Physical Description:</b>	5 Boxes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
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## Biographical / Historical

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The Farnsboro is located at 2129 Florida Avenue NW, and was converted to condominiums in the late 1970s. The Tenants Association was formed in 1975 to negotiate with the landlord, Lester Carpenter Leonard, regarding rents and maintenance problems at the building. Later the tenants contested the conversion of the building to a condominium and the eviction of renters.

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## Scope and Contents

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The collection consists of materials produced and obtained by the Farnsboro Tenants Association. It includes clippings, newsletters, petitions, meeting minutes, and correspondence.

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## Arrangement

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Series 1: General Alphabetical Files, 1975-1978 (1 linear ft.) This series contains topical files arranged alphabetically. It includes, financial and administrative materials, meeting minutes and notes, member lists, clippings, and rental information. Much of the material concerns rent increases, maintenance problems and inspections, and the condominium conversion of the building. Series 2: Legal and Governmental Materials, 1975-1978 (.50 linear ft.) This series includes housing and landlord-tenant regulations, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) newsletters, legal notes, and exhibits prepared or compiled by Farnsboro tenants for litigation involving rents, property maintenance, and condo conversion. The folders are arranged alphabetically. Series 3: Petitions 1976-1978 (.25 linear ft.) This series includes petitions filed by the tenants regarding rental rollbacks for maintenance problems, the condominium conversion, and individual rental increases filed with the D.C. Rental Accommodations Commission. Folders are arranged alphabetically by type of petition, then chronologically. Series 4: Correspondence 1975-1978 (.25 linear ft.) This series contains correspondence and related documents, largely to the landlord and the D.C. Rental Accommodations Commission. The correspondence is arranged alphabetically by type, then chronologically.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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### Revision Description

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### Custodial History

The collection was donated to the Library in 1991 by Sidney S. Williston.

### Processing Information

Standard archival processing procedures were applied to the collection when it was processed.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Materials

Collection 006: Washington Housing Association Records (1953-1961)

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Housing
- Neighborhoods
- Associations, institutions, etc
- Tenants' associations
- Organizational Records
- Correspondence
- Legal documents
- Sheridan-Kalorama (Washington, D.C.)

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## Collection Inventory

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### Series 1: General Alphabetical Files, 1975-1978

#### Scope and Contents

The series contains topical files arranged alphabetically. It includes, financial and administrative materials, meeting minutes and notes, member lists, clippings, and rental information. Much of the material concerns rent increases, maintenance problems and inspections, and the condominium conversion of the building.

Title/Description	Instances	
Administrative materials, 1978	Box 1	Folder 1
Apartment 201 Detail, 1978	Box 1	Folder 2
Apartment 201 - Letters to and from Lester Leonard, 1975-1978	Box 1	Folder 3
Application to convert to condominiums, 1976-1978	Box 1	Folder 4

Building buy cooperative or condominium, 1978	Box 1	Folder 5
Bulletin Board Material, Undated	Box 1	folder 6
Clippings, 1976-1984	Box 1	Folder 7
Condominium Cafe, 1976-1978	Box 1	Folder 8
Condominium conversion press file, 1978	Box 1	Folder 9
Condominium protest, June 1978	Box 1	Folder 10
Decatur Associates, 1978	Box 1	Folder 11
District Capital Corporation, 1975-1976	Box 1	Folder 12
Emergency Committee to save rental housing, 1978	Box 1	Folder 13
Final accounting, 1978	Box 1	Folder 14
Genesis and member information, Undated	Box 1	Folder 15
Inspections, 1977-1978	Box 1	Folder 16
Maintenance problems, 1957, 1971-1973, 1976-78	Box 1	Folder 17
Meetings, 1975-1977	Box 1	Folder 18
Meeting notes and other administrative papers, October 1975-December 1977	Box 1	Folder 19
Meeting notes and other administrative papers, March-July 1978	Box 1	Folder 20
Meeting notes and other administrative papers, 1978	Box 1	Folder 21
Meeting notes and other administrative papers, October 1978	Box 1	Folder 22
Meeting notes and other administrative papers, November 1978	Box 1	Folder 23
Member and tenant lists, 1974-1976	Box 2	Folder 1
Members, 1975	Box 2	Folder 2
Minutes and attendance lists, 1975-1977	Box 2	Folder 3
Permission to be Inspected and Questionnaire, February 1977	Box 2	Folder 4
PG and E, 1976	Box 2	Folder 5
Purchase Agreement, 1978	Box 2	Folder 6
Registration, October 29 1975 and March 13 1978	Box 2	Folder 7
Registration analysis, October 29 1975	Box 2	Folder 8
Registration, March 30 1978	Box 2	Folder 9
Rental information, 1976	Box 2	Folder 10
Rents, 1970-1976	Box 2	Folder 11
Rent advice, 1972-1978	Box 2	Folder 12
Rent increases, 1975-1977		

	Box 2	Folder 13
Rent information, 1975-1977	Box 2	Folder 14
Rent refunds, 1976-1978	Box 2	Folder 15
Responses to questionnaire violations, 1977	Box 2	Folder 16
Settlement agreement, 1978	Box 2	Folder 17
Tenant forms, 1976	Box 2	Folder 18
Tenant matters, 1976	Box 2	Folder 19
Tenant purchasing data, 1978	Box 2	Folder 20

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## Series 2: Legal and Governmental Materials, 1975-1978

### Scope and Contents

Includes housing and landlord-tenant regulations, ANC newsletters, legal notes, and exhibits prepared or compiled by Farnsboro tenants for litigation involving rents, property maintenance, and condo conversion of Farnsboro. The folders are arranged alphabetically.

Title/Description	Instances	
ANC, Undated	Box 3	Folder 1
ANC newsletters, 1978	Box 3	Folder 2
Exhibits, 1975	Box 3	Folder 3
Housing code violations, 1977	Box 3	Folder 4
Housing regulations no. 19-23 change, 1972	Box 3	Folder 5
Landlord tenant regulations and forms, 1975-1978	Box 3	Folder 6
Lawyers, 1978	Box 3	Folder 7
Legal assistance, 1979	Box 3	Folder 8
Legal notes, 1975-1976	Box 3	Folder 9
Legal Notes, Undated	Box 3	Folder 10
Regulations of the D.C. Rental Accommodations Commission, April 26 1976	Box 3	Folder 11
Regulations of the D.C. Rental Accommodations Commission, 1977	Box 3	Folder 12
Regulations of the D.C. Rental Accommodations Commission, 1977	Box 3	Folder 13

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## Series 3: Petitions 1976-1978

### Scope and Contents

Includes petitions filed by the tenants regarding rental rollbacks for maintenance problems, the condominium conversion, and individual rental increases filed with the D.C. Rental Accommodations Commission. Folders are arranged alphabetically by type of petition, then chronologically.

Title/Description	Instances	
Allied tenant petitions, 1978	Box 4	Folder 1
Condominium conversion petition, 1977	Box 4	Folder 2
Rental accommodations petitions, 1975-1976	Box 4	Folder 3
Rental accommodations petitions, 1975-1976	Box 4	Folder 4
Rental accommodations petitions, 1975-1976	Box 4	Folder 5
Tenant petition 164, 1976	Box 4	Folder 6
Tenant petition 1034, 1977-1978	Box 4	Folder 7
Tenant petitions (6 folders), 1975-1978	Box 4	Folder 8

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## Series 4: Correspondence 1975-1978

### Scope and Contents

Contains correspondence and related documents, largely to the landlord and the D.C. Rental Accommodations Commission. The correspondence is arranged alphabetically by type and then chronologically.

Title/Description	Instances	
Correspondence, 1976-1977	Box 5	Folder 1
Correspondence and memoranda, 1975-1976	Box 5	Folder 2
Correspondence and memoranda, 1977-1978	Box 5	Folder 3
Correspondence re problems, 1973-1976	Box 5	Folder 4
Correspondence re problems, 1977	Box 5	Folder 5
Duplicate correspondence and other documents, 1975-1978	Box 5	Folder 6
Duplicate correspondence and other documents, 1975-1978	Box 5	Folder 7
Tenant correspondence, 1975-1977	Box 5	Folder 8



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