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# **Adams Morgan Better Neighborhood Conference Records/Hollyday House Papers**

## **An inventory of Adams Morgan Better Neighborhood Conference/ Hollyday House 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>	Adams Morgan Better Neighborhood Conference
<b>Creator:</b>	Hollyday House
<b>Title:</b>	Adams Morgan Better Neighborhood Conference/Hollyday House Records
<b>ID:</b>	018
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1930-1962
<b>Physical Description:</b>	11 Boxes
<b>Physical Description:</b>	5.5 Linear feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
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## Biographical / Historical

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The Adams Morgan Better Neighborhood Conference and the Hollyday House were two organizations formed in the 1950s to combat blight, promote urban renewal, and restore community pride in the Adams-Morgan neighborhood. The Adams Morgan Better Neighborhood Conference was established in 1955 by Florence N. Cornell, principal of John Quincy Adams Elementary School, and Bernice Brown, principal of Thomas P. Morgan Elementary School, to promote a more integrated neighborhood. Adams, an all white school, and Mogan, an all black school, were segregated until the 1954 Supreme Court ruling finding school segregation unconstitutional. The Adams Morgan Better Neighborhood Conference organized the neighborhood into block associations and was active in involving neighborhood residents in urban renewal plans.

The Adams Morgan Better Neighborhood Conference recognized limitations in the services they were able to provide the neighborhood and sought a way to bring in professional organization. In March of 1958, through a Sears Roebuck foundation grant the Conference established the Hollyday House, named for the former Commissioner of the Federal Housing Administration, Guy T. O. Hollyday. Located at 2316 17th Street NW, Hollyday House served as an information and referral center for the Adams-Morgan neighborhood. Florence Cornell, co-founder of the Adams Morgan Better Neighborhood Conference, became the first executive director of Hollyday House in November 1959. Until the late

1960s directors of the Hollyday House, many who were tied to the Church of the Brethren, lived and worked in the house; which was maintained by Bell Vocational High School students. Programs offered to neighborhood residents included reading, tutoring, choirs, and social events for children; and cooking and sewing for adults. Programs changed with the interests of the directors and needs of the neighborhood.

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## Scope and Contents

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Items include by-laws, constitution, statement of purpose, a history, newsletters, correspondence, meeting minutes, financial information, studies, reports, photographs, publicity, clippings, membership lists, and incorporation papers for Hollyday House. Topics covered by the records include a neighborhood conference, desegregation, urban renewal, the Hollyday House Chorus, Barney House, the Urban Peace Corps, Church of the Brethren, and fundraising.

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## Arrangement

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Processed without series.

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## Administrative Information

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### Revision Description

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## Custodial History

Unknown donor.

## Processing Information

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

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## Controlled Access Headings

- Neighborhoods
- Associations, institutions, etc
- Adams Morgan (Washington, D.C.)
- Urban renewal
- Community development, Urban
- Church of the Brethren
- Social settlements
- Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc)
- Correspondence
- Organizational Records
- Minutes (Records)
- Newsletters

## Collection Inventory

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Independent Study, Undated	Box 1	Folder 1
Neighborhood Conference, Undated	Box 1	Folder 2
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