

# Washington Housing Association Records

## An inventory of Washington Housing 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>	Washington Housing Association
<b>Title:</b>	Washington Housing Association Records
<b>ID:</b>	006
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1953-1961
<b>Physical Description:</b>	3 Boxes
<b>Physical Description:</b>	2 Linear feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
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## Biographical / Historical

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The Washington Housing Association (WHA) was 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. 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 the first chairman; and John Ihlder, a nationally recognized housing activist, was the first secretary. WHA 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

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The records primarily contain monthly reports and newsletters of the Washington Housing Association (WHA) from 1953 through 1961. Also included are reports and studies prepared or published by WHA ; and testimony and statements submitted to Congress by WHA members on housing issues.

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## Arrangement

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The collection was processed without series.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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### Revision Description

Finding aid revised to be more evergreen. 2019-11-22

### Custodial History

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

### Processing Information

Basic archival procedures were used at the time of processing.

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## Controlled Access Headings

- Housing
- Associations, institutions, etc
- Newsletters
- Organizational Records

## 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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