

MONTGOMERY COUNTY ARCHIVES

Guide to the Records of the

HISTORICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE 1972-1976

Record Group 15: Boards, Committees, and Commissions

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ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

The Montgomery County Historical Review Committee was established by the County Council on June 12, 1973 to ensure the successful completion of the History Project. This project was initiated in conjunction with the Montgomery County Historical Society upon the approach of the bicentennial celebrating the founding of the County on September 6, 1776. Its goals were to produce a comprehensive written history of the County and to locate, inventory, and reproduce its basic historical records. Responsibility for devising a preliminary work plan, scope, and general procedures was delegated to the Department of Public Libraries. County funds were allocated to locate, inventory, and reproduce local records, in addition to an oral history project initiated by the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County. One component of the project, the history *A Grateful Remembrance: The Story of Montgomery County, Maryland* by Richard K. MacMaster and Ray Eldon Hiebert was published in 1976 by the Montgomery County Historical Society and Montgomery County Government.

EXTENT

1 cubic foot: 2 letter-size Hollinger boxes and 1 flat file.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The records of the Historical Review Committee comprise materials from 1973 to 1976 and consist of memoranda, correspondence, resumes, reports, press releases, clippings, resolutions, agendas, contracts, notes, outlines, and photographs. Some of these appear to be personal files maintained by Dr. Richard K. MacMaster and include historical essays, items relating to a Conference on Pacifism which he helped to organize in 1974, and records relating to the Bicentennial Consortium for Local History, of which he was chairman of the executive committee. Of special significance among the research notes and outlines are those relating to the history of the County's African-American population. The correspondence folders document research methods, the compilation of sources, and access and preservation projects undertaken during the project. There is also a collection of publishing materials, including the photographs cropped for inclusion in the final book, as well as other historical material collected for the History Project.

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series I: Administration, 1973-1975

(0.15 cubic feet)

This series contains proposals, contracts, resumes, project plans, and budgetary documents related to the general administration of the History Project, by the Historical Review Committee. Correspondence to and from committee members is located in Series II. Material is arranged chronologically.

Series II: Correspondence, 1972-1975

(0.15 cubic feet)

This series contains correspondence from HRC members, Richard MacMaster (in the course of his research), genealogical inquiries related to the project, and communication with local civic

associations. Material is arranged by topic.

Series III: Book Research, 1973-1976
(0.3 cubic feet)

This series contains reference material, notes, research on specific topics, editing/criticism of drafts, as well press releases/news coverage of the History Project and follow up material after project completion. Also included is material on a Conference on Pacifism that MacMaster organized during his time working on the project. Material is arranged by topic.

Series IV: Publication Material
(1 folder)

This series contains photographs, negatives and proofs, consisting of the photographic material used in A Grateful Remembrance. Some photos have evidence of crop markings and tape damage from the publishing process in 1976. Also included are facsimiles of historic documents used in connection with the History Project. This material is located in Flat File 16.

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS

This collection is open for research.

LANGUAGE

English.

PROVENANCE

This collection was compiled from several accessions, including 1996-23 and 1996-26.

USING THESE RECORDS

To request records listed in this finding aid, the following information should be given to the archivist:

Record Group 15, **Records of the Historical Review Committee**, Series Number and Name, Box Number and Folder Title(s).

The preferred citation for materials from these records is:

Montgomery County Archives; Gaithersburg, Maryland. Record Group 15: Boards and Commissions. Records Title: The Records of the Historical Review Committee. Series number and series name. Box number and folder title, if appropriate.

PROCESSING PROCEDURES

Processing procedures consisted of discarding duplicates and removing photographs from their crop mountings. Oversized documents and photographs were removed from the rest of the collection and placed in the oversized flat file boxes.

PROCESSING STAFF/FINDING AID AUTHOR

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BOX INVENTORY

Series I: Administration

Box 1

Contracts, Resolutions, and Public Hearings, 1973-1976
Resumes/Nominations for HRC, 1973
Resumes/Applications for Book authorship, 1973
Resumes for Research Assistants, 1973
Quarterly Reports and Expense Reports, 1973-1974
Budget and Funding, 1973-1974
Bicentennial Consortium Proposal, 1974
NEH Proposal (denied), 1973-1974
Project Plans and Timelines, 1973-1975

Series II: Correspondence, 1972-1975

(Box 1, cont.)

General Administration, 1973-1974
MacMaster Research Correspondence, 1972; March-August 1973
MacMaster Research Correspondence, September-December 1973
General Project Correspondence, 1974-1975
Genealogy, 1973-1975
Civic Organizations, 1974

Series III: Book Research

Box 2

Reference Material and Notes, n.d.
MacMaster Personal File, 1974-1975
Reid Personal File, 1974
Editing, Review and Suggestions, 1974-1975
Fairfax History, 1974
Rockville History, n.d.
Black Heritage in Montgomery County, 1974-1975
Post-World War II section notes, n.d.
Chapters I-XI outlines, 1973
Chapter XI outline, n.d.
Drafts and outlines, n.d.
Press Releases/News Coverage, 1973-1974
MacMaster: Conference on Pacifism, 1974
Follow-up, 1975-1976

Series IV: Publication Material

Flat File box 18

Book Photographs, n.d.

(Series IV: Publication Material, Cont.)

(Flat File box 18, cont.)

Photo Negatives, n.d.

Proof Envelopes, n.d.

Facsimile of Maryland Charter from Maryland State Archives

Facsimiles of the Hungerford Resolution and the accompanying article from the Maryland
Gazette, in reaction to the closing of the Boston Harbor, 1774

Copy of A Grateful Remembrance, 1976