

GUIDE TO PRIMARY & SECONDARY SOURCES ON THE SUBURBANIZATION OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD

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Name of archive/collection/records: University Archives, Special Collections

Date Range of archive/collection/records: 1975-1992

Language of archive/collection/records: English

Background Information: The University Archives is the official repository for the records of The George Washington University. This division collects and preserves the University's administrative and social history, including Mount Vernon Seminary and College and the Foggy Bottom neighborhood. The Special Collections Research Center's mission is to collect, preserve, and make accessible primary resources and rare or unique materials to all researchers regardless of institutional affiliation.

Summary and scope of archive/collection/records: This collection includes publications produced by the Center for Washington Area Studies. The materials range from 1975 to 1992 and include various topics and people in and about the Washington, D.C. area. The materials were transferred by the Center for Washington Area Studies and are organized in two series: publications and office files.

Special Collection: Center for Washington Area Studies Special Collection

The Center for Washington Area Studies Special Collection contains publications and information related to the suburbanization of Washington, DC and the Maryland and Virginia suburbs. The collection includes publications produced by the Center for Washington Area Studies. The materials range from 1975 to 1992 and include various topics and people in and about the Washington, D.C. area. Its primary activities include: 1) support of efforts by The George Washington University (GW) faculty to seek external funding for research on the Washington region or that includes the Washington region in more general research, 2) support of research by GW faculty and students that is of relevance to the Washington area, and 3) support for GW faculty seeking to incorporate the Washington region into their courses by maintaining and disseminating resource materials. The materials in this series are publications numbered 1-10 and 12 and were encoded by Jennifer King in 2008. The publications include information about various parts and people in the Washington, D.C. area. The catalog numbers are: RG0033, Series 1: Publications, 1975-1986, 0.5 linear feet and RG0033, Series 2: Office files, 1979-1992: .25 linear feet.

The Center for Washington Area Studies (CWAS) is a multi-disciplinary university-wide center whose purpose is to encourage, promote, and engage in research related to Washington, DC and surrounding region. CWAS is located within the George Washington Institute of Public Policy, a university-wide public policy research institute. The Center for Washington Area Studies was established in 1980 to bring the resources of George Washington University to bear on the development of a fuller understanding of the Washington area as a locality, with its own economy, history, politics, and culture.

As a regional studies institute, CWAS' purpose has been to encourage scholarly inquiry, both disciplinary and interdisciplinary, on a broad range of matters relating to the national capital area. The Center has supported faculty and student research, conferences and symposia, and a publications program. In addition, CWAS has supported programs to enrich the collections of the University's Gelman Library related to the Washington area. CWAS was initiated as part of the University's former Division of Experimental Programs efforts to draw faculty and students from many disciplines into common discourse and endeavors and to encourage exchange among the social sciences, the humanities, and professional fields. While the Center was, until 2004, organized as a scholarly unit within the Columbia College of Arts and Sciences, it encouraged and facilitated participation by faculty from other schools within the University. As of July 2004, CWAS has moved organizationally from the Columbian College and is now located within the George Washington Institute of Public Policy, a university-wide public policy research institute reporting to the Executive Vice-President for Academic Affairs.

Format of materials in Center for Washington Area Studies collection: Paper

Suburbanization Subject Terms within Center for Washington Area Studies collection: Washington, DC area history

Catalog number:

Access and Use:

Open: Monday – Friday: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday: By appointment

Sunday: Closed

Cost of Admission: Free

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