

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

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Name of archive/collection/records: Germantown Historical Society Archives

Date Range of archive/collection/records: 1900–present.

Language of archive/collection/records: English

Background Information: The Germantown Historical Society was incorporated in 1990. The mission of the Society is “the preservation of buildings, structures, objects and spaces that contribute to the historic character of Germantown, the development and implementation of plans for preserving and effectively using these resources, and the promotion of research and education in local history.”

Summary and scope of archive/collection/records: The archives are specific to Germantown, dating from before suburbanization began to present. It includes maps, letters, oral histories, photographs, artifacts, master plans, site plans, and books.

Collection(s) of Particular Interest to Suburbanization: Germantown Master Plans and maps dating from 1967, photographs, articles from the *Gazettes* from 1998 and selected pieces from 1965, Historic Area Work permits for buildings in Germantown, aerial photographs circa 1935 & 1968, farm and family histories, histories of buildings, community organizations and communities lost to suburbanization. The collections also hold a study of the attempt by county government to develop a Greenbelt City.

Special Collections: Bank records from the 1930s; B & O Railroad.

Format of materials in archive/collection/records: Paper, Digital Records, Maps, Photographs, Microfilm, Artifacts, Audio tapes, Video tapes

Suburbanization Subject Terms within archive/collection/records: Civic/Community Organizations; Government (Federal/State/Local); Land Development/Infrastructure Development; Maps/Atlases/Street Maps; Residential Real Estate Development; Transportation: Railroad, Automobile, Bus, Bike.

Access and Use: Open by appointment

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Admission: Donations accepted

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