

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

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Brief history of your organization: The Department of Energy is the lineal descendant of the Manhattan Project effort during World War II to develop and build the first atomic bomb. Following the war, Congress established the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) to foster and control the development of both defense and civilian uses of the atom. In 1955, in response to the development of nuclear weapons by the Soviet Union, the AEC decided to move its headquarters from Washington, DC to Germantown in Montgomery County, Maryland so it would be beyond the primary nuclear weapon target zone.

Mission statement of your organization:

Name of archive, collections, records and/or files: Germantown Building Materials

Date range of archives/collections/records/files: 1949-1969

Language of archive/collections/records/files: English

Summary and scope of archive, collection, records/files: The Germantown Building Materials collection documents the planning and implementation of the move to Germantown. The collection consists of one box (one cu. ft.) of mostly paper records and some photographs.

Names and contents of any Special Collections within your archive, collections, records, and/or files:
None

Format of the materials in your archives, collections, records and files: Paper, Photographs

Suburbanization-related Subject Terms within archive, collection, records/files:

Capital Improvement Programs/Facilities Planning Documents; Government (Federal/State/Local);

Access and Use: By appointment only.

Copies: \$.10 per page.

Cost of Admission: Free

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