

**Guide to the Oral History of
POTTER, NEAL (1915–2008)**

Biographical/Historical Notes

Neal Potter was a Montgomery County Council Member and County Executive. He was born in 1915 in Arlington, Virginia. He was raised on a farm in Cabin John, Maryland. He attended Johns Hopkins University and the University of Minnesota and earned degrees in economics and political science. He worked at the Office of Price Administration, established by Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1941. Later, he taught economics at Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Washington State University in Pullman, Washington. In 1970, Potter was elected to the Montgomery County Council and was reelected five times, serving on the Council for 20 years, including three times as Council President. From 1990 to 1994, Potter served as County Executive, and he returned to the County Council in 1994.

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