

## Sampling of records in Pennsylvania State Archives, Harrisburg

Please note: The researcher was looking for specific information on African American housing discrimination during the postwar period. There may be more information at the archives in other [Manuscript](#) or [Records](#) Groups that are not cited on this list. Please visit the [Pennsylvania State Archives](#) for further research into their holdings.

Record Group	Record Title	Slot Location	Carton #	Folders/Folder Location	Title of Document	Sample Information Found in File	Description of File	Useful ?
MG-209	Raymond P. Shafer	14-2114	Carton 4	10	Pennsylvania Housing Agency, 1970	Letters sent calling for the reason and formation of Housing Task Force	Correspondence to those being asked to serve on task Force	Files too late
MG-209	Raymond P. Shafer	9-0921	32	10	Department of Housing and Urban Development	n/a	Information regarding Housing and Urban Development. No discussion of moving outside Metropolitan area.	Files too late
MG-209	Raymond P. Shafer	9-1089	41	2	Housing and Urban Development	Newspaper Articles from 1966 on Integration and Housing Bill, Memorandum on Housing Market, Housing and Urban Development Book 1969, Booklets on Housing Development Proposals	Housing and Urban Development, Articles on Housing Bill in Senate, Discrimination in communities, housing problems, etc.	Articles referencing time prior to 1966
MG-209	Raymond P. Shafer	9-1165	115	1	Urban Affairs, New Towns and Cities for Pennsylvania, A Statement-State Planning Board	Policy Statement proposed by Governor Shafer	Policy Statement proposed by Governor Shafer on New Cities and Towns in Pennsylvania. File on proposed plan for Westmoreland County building growth.	Files too late

MG-190	James H. Duff	GM-1375	2	1	Joseph V. Baker, Chief, Division of Negro Research & Planning	Correspondence between Governor and Mr. Baker, Open positions in office, need for more workers, number of African Americans working in state government, job difficulties, etc.	Correspondence letters between Mr. Baker and the Governor and various Offices. Mostly on the office of Negro Research & Planning	not topic
MG-190	James H. Duff	1394	13	1	Carl Murphy, President Afro-American Newspapers, Balt.	On Downingtown Industrial School. No discussion of African American affairs.	Correspondence from Mun-Muse, by last names.	not topic
MG-190	James H. Duff			3	National Negro Council	Information regarding Edgar Brown and the foundation of the National Negro Council, Application for Organization, Criminal Record on Edgar Brown, Call for Civil Rights Day	See Folder #3 (National)	not topic
MG-190	James H. Duff	1400	17	1	United Negro Civil Rights League	Voter information, asking for a donation to a local hospital.		
MG-190	James H. Duff	1415	7	1	Pennsylvania, 1947-50: Commission on Interracial Cooperation, 1949-50	Creation of Committee, why needed, funding, studies, outline only	Outline created by Governor Duff regarding the creation of the committee, who will serve and what it will represent.	not topic

MG-190	James H. Duff	1433	17	4	Housing , A-Z, 1947-50	(1) Mainly Public Housing, Letter on Federal Housing Legislation. Letters describing Housing conditions that people are living in. (2&3&4) General Correspondence between the Housing Authorities, Builders, and the Governors office on rent control, inability to find housing, and why they do or do not approve the TEW Act discussed in Congress.	Correspondence and letters in regards to public housing problems, considerations, and recommendations across the Commonwealth. File begins with description of Housing Shortage all across the United States and a sample of 6 State recommendations for Housing Development plans	Mostly discussion of rent control buildings
MG-190	James H. Duff	1448	27	1	Post War Planning Commission, 1947		State Conservation Program for PA Report Recommendations, copy of Act 413 creating Commission June 4, 1945, amount of funds spent and allocation of funds from 1945-1947	
MG-190	James H. Duff	1499	12	2	Senate Bills, 137th Session 1947 Legislative Filing, General (Inc: Racial Relations Commission)	Last file, creation of Commission on Race Relations. Brief description of purposes of the committee, and why the committee needs to be formed.	Legislative bills and files in which documentation of the 1947 session is located.	no mention of housing

MG-190	James H. Duff	1525	2	3	Post War Planning Commission, 1944-46 (Inc: Recreational Area Survey, 1945)	(2 Folders) Plans from other states, specifically New York calling for the formation of a Postwar Planning Commission. Folder 2 contains a draft of the act that established the post-war planning commission as well as comments by others. Both contain a State land conservation program for PA including water and soil usage.	Recreational surveys. Letters on what is needed to be done by the Postwar Commission. Folder 3 is all Recreational Area Planning	Why housing study is needed, and why more housing will be needed in PA.
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## Manuscript Groups

**MG-209**

### **Raymond P. Shafer Papers**

#### **Pennsylvania Housing Agency, 1970 14-2114 Carton 4 Folder 10**

Collection of letters sent calling for the reason and formation of the Governor's Housing Task Force

#### **Department of Housing and Urban Development 9-0921 Carton 32 Folder 10**

Information regarding Housing and Urban Development within metropolitan areas only.

#### **Housing and Urban Development 9-1089 Carton 41 Folder 2**

Housing and Urban Development documents, articles, and letters. Articles pertaining to the Housing Bill in the United States Senate. Letters and articles on Discrimination in communities. Letters on the housing problems and proposals for development of housing.

#### **Urban Affairs, New Towns and Cities for Pennsylvania, A Statement-State Planning Board**

##### **9-1165 Carton 115 Folder 1**

Policy Statement proposed by Governor Shafer on New Cities and Towns in Pennsylvania. File on proposed plan for Westmoreland County building growth.

**MG-190**

### **James H. Duff Papers**

#### **Joseph V. Baker, Chief, Division of Negro Research & Planning GM-1375 Carton 2 Folder 1**

Correspondence letters between Mr. Baker and the Governor and various Offices. Mostly on the office of Negro Research & Planning

#### **Correspondence**

##### **GM-1394 Carton 13 Folder 1, 3**

Carl Murphy, President Afro-American Newspapers, Balto.  
National Negro Council (Folder 3)

#### **United Negro Civil Rights League**

##### **GM-1400 Carton 17 Folders 1**

Voter information and asking for a donation to a hospital.

#### **Pennsylvania, 1947-50: Commission on Interracial Cooperation, 1949-50 GM-1415 Carton 7 Folders 1**

Outline created by Governor Duff regarding the creation of the committee, who will serve and what it will represent.

**Housing , A-Z, 1947-50**

**GM-1433 Carton 17 Folders 4**

Correspondence and letters in regards to public housing problems, considerations, and recommendations across the Commonwealth. File begins with description of Housing Shortage all across the United States and a sample of 6 State recommendations for Housing Development plans.

**Post War Planning Commission, 1947**

**GM-1448 Carton 27 Folders 1**

State Conservation Program for PA Report Recommendations, copy of Act 413 creating Commission June 4, 1945, amount of funds spent and allocation of funds from 1945-1947

**Senate Bills, 137th Session 1947 Legislative Filing, General (Inc: Racial Relations Commission)**

**GM-1499 Carton 12 Folders 2**

Legislative bills and files in which documentation of the 1947 session is located.

**Post War Planning Commission, 1944-46 (Inc: Recreational Area Survey, 1945)**

**GM-1525 Carton 2 Folders 3**

Plans from other states, specifically New York calling for the formation of a Postwar Planning Commission. Folder 2 contains a draft of the act that established the post-war planning commission as well as comments by others. Both contain a State land conservation program for PA including water and soil usage. Folder 3 is all Recreational Area Planning

**MG-206**

**John S. Fine Papers**

**Housing, 1951-53**

**9-0003 Carton 18 Folders 4 and 5**

complaints of housing problems, information on public housing being built, and the usage of defense housing until people that had lived there can find a place to live.

**MG-156**

**Edward Martin Papers**

**Appointments 1943-47, Commissions 43-46: Post War Planning, 1943-44**

**GM-0935 Carton 1**

Namely requests and complaints about the formation of the members of the Commission. Groups demanding representation, and groups protesting the appointment of certain officials.

**State 1943-47: Housing Authority 1943-1946**

**GM-0941 Carton 5**

Letters of recommendation on appointments to the newly created Housing Authority.

**Housing Problem, 1946****GM-0955 Carton 12**

Complaints on Housing issues all across the state asking the Housing Authority or the governor to help.

**Postwar Planning Commission****GM-0961 Carton 16**

Folder #1 Vocational Rehabilitation, Employment opportunities, Highway building, construction jobs (not on construction projects). Folder #2 Contains information on grant projects using post war commission funds, reports on agriculture. Folder #3 Summary Report of Applications for State Grants, Project descriptions for grant usage, recreational land survey. Folder # 4 Summary of Report of Applications for Grants, Project descriptions for grants. (Meetings) Letters from Governor to members of the commission announcing meeting times of July 6, July 20th, and October 6th meetings. (Prentis file) Socio-Economic Aspects of Post War Planning Pamphlet, Report of Special Counsel For Housing to PA Post-War Planning Commission on Projections for future projects. (General File A) Employment Plan, Land use of farms and forest to save them. Importance of Education to returning veterans. (General File B) Discussion of economics, employment, highway changes. (General File C) Industry, Juvenile Delinquency and Crime Program, Employment, School Revitalization

**Postwar Planning Commission- Allocations for Buildings****GM-0962 Carton 17**

(A-M Folder 1) Project descriptions for schools and public works extensions. (A-P Folder 2) Updates to the Penitentiary, school buildings, suggested letters to the governor he run for senate, water supply and sewage facility updates, Hamburg State Sanatorium, State Hospital Updates, State Teachers Colleges Project Files. (Q-Z Folder 3) State Hospitals. (General File D-E) Highways, Employment Opportunities. (General File F-G) Unemployment, Re-Employment, Job Opportunities. General File (H-I) Industry and Economic Development. General File (J-K) Employment re-establishment letters. General File (L) Labor and Industry plans. (General File M-N) Employment. (General File O-P) Education and Employment Plans, also statements on whether or not a commission should be created. (General File R-So) Employment, Highways, Township/City Improvement projects. (General File St-Sw) Plans for a peacetime economy on items such as economic activity, and general commerce.

**State Board of Housing, 1946****GM-0968 Carton 21**

Wyatt Report on housing about the need for postwar home development (general) with priority given to veterans.

**GM-191****David L. Lawrence Papers****Legislative Files: Fair Housing 1959-61****9-0486 Carton 6 Folders: 1**

Copy of Senate Bill #53 of the 1961 Session. Copy of House Bill #322 of 1959 Session. News conference release statement from the Governor's office on the problem with housing discrimination and segregated housing within Pennsylvania. Notice of Hearing on Proposed Regulation from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Public Instruction: Bureau for Professional Licensing (regulations 15.3 and 15.4 state no reference to race may be made in ads or in sales). Statement of Council for Equal Housing Opportunities of the Philadelphia Fellowship Commission by George W. Grier on problems with interracial housing options. Report on Pennsylvania Housing, Citizens Committee on Housing, 1957.

**Housing: A-F 1959-62, Conference on Equal Housing Opportunity 1962, G-H, 1959-62**

**9-0360 Carton 12**

Letter from Clarence C. Walton, Chair of Governor's Committee on Discrimination in Housing January 19, 1959 to Governor Leader in Report on "Housing Discrimination in Pennsylvania". Information on U.S. Senate Committee on Banking and Currency. Mention of Levittown in 1957. Future developments.

**Segregation, 1959-62**

**9-0387 Carton 38 Folders: 2**

Statements on the different forms of segregation occurring in Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, and other southern states. Includes the Governor's response to, and correspondence from the other states.