



FINDING AID FOR

Antoine Graves Homes records

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Antoine Graves Homes records. -- 1959-2001 and undated. -- 0.25 Cubic feet (1 box)

Scope and Content

The collection consists of project records, publications, and photographs of Antoine Graves Homes annex and highrise.

HISTORICAL NOTE:

The Antoine Graves Homes included the Annex and the Highrise. The Antoine Graves Annex was located at 110 Hillard Street was built in 1965. The Antoine Graves Highrise located at 126 Hilliard St, SE was built in 1973. The highrise comprised an eight-story building designed around a central atrium. The highrise was constructed by then up-and-coming Atlanta architect, John Portman. Portman, a graduate of Georgia Tech, began his firm, Portman and Associates in 1953. He became well known for the 1960 building of the Atlanta merchandise Mart (AmericasMart) which became the foundation of Peachtree Center. His now famous atrium design concept was created specifically with the intention of combating a sense of isolation. He believed the atrium design would enhance people's lives and create community space within the interior. With the atrium design, residents were able to open windows on both sides of their apartments, creating a cross breeze. The building also had large fans on the roof, which cooled the entire building by creating a breeze. Sky lights allowed warm, natural light to bathe the entire atrium.

The open space also allowed residents the ability to sit in open interior corridors like a stoop or a terrace. Residents could be alone if they wanted or they could engage with others in the community in the open corridors. Portman felt that by creating the atrium as a public space within a housing community, he was doing "something that was a relief from the congestion of urban life." Antoine Graves Highrise would be the only time Portman designed a public housing building. His atrium concept would be integrated into the convention corridor in downtown Atlanta, with the Hyatt Regency, Westin Peachtree Plaza, and the Marriott Marquis. The atrium would bring him international fame within architectural design with the debut of the Hyatt Regency in 1967, only a year after the Antoine Graves Highrise opened. Although Portman's architecture defined and endured over much of the skyline of Atlanta, the Antoine Graves Highrise suffered as many of the housing projects in Atlanta did. The building was discovered to have asbestos and was in poor condition when it was further damaged by a 2008 tornado. The building was demolished in 2009.

SOURCES:

Saporta, Maria. "Portman's first atrium building to be torn down." Atlanta Business Chronicle, October 12, 2009.

Restrictions

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged into four series: 1. Project Records, 2. Publications, 3. Photographs, and 4. Audiovisuals.

Other Codes

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2015.0027.1 Project Records. -- 1966-1989 and undated

2015.0027.1.1 Dedication. -- 1966

2015.0027.1.2 Open House Ceremony. -- 1974

2015.0027.1.3 HUD letter award of contracts to Antoine Graves Homes and Leila Valley Homes. -- 1985

2015.0027.1.4 Historical American Building Survey (HABS) Report including photographs, written historical and descriptive data, and field records. -- 2010

2015.0027.1.5 Antoine Graves and Annex profile. -- undated

2015.0027.2 Publications. -- 1964-1965

2015.0027.2.1 Antoine Graves Homes Newsclippings. -- 1964

2015.0027.2.2 Newsclipping regarding groundbreaking of Antoine Graves Homes. -- 1965

2015.0027.3 Photographs. -- 1959-2001

2015.0027.3.1 Slides of Grady Homes, Antoine Graves Annex, exterior, sports field, playground. -- 1959-1974. -- (13 still images)

Other Codes

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aha_2014_img_03217; aha_2014_img_03218; aha_2014_img_03219; aha_2014_img_03220;
aha_2014_img_03221; aha_2014_img_03222; aha_2014_img_03223; aha_2014_img_03224;
aha_2014_img_03225

2015.0027.3.2 Slides of Antoine Graves High Rise, exterior and interior views. -- 1965-1974. -- (52 still images)

Other Codes

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aha_2014_img_03274; aha_2014_img_03275; aha_2014_img_03276; aha_2014_img_03277

2015.0027.3.3 Slides of Antoine Graves highrise and annex, exterior views. -- 1966-1974. -- (2 still images)

Other Codes

aha_2013_img_04434; aha_2013_img_04435

2015.0027.3.4 Slides of Antoine Graves highrise lobby and interior. -- circa 1967. -- (2 still images)

Other Codes

aha_2013_img_04436; aha_2013_img_04437

2015.0027.3.5 Photographs of Antoine Graves Highrise apartment interior. -- circa 1967. -- (3 still images)

Other Codes

aha_2014_img_06138; aha_2014_img_06139; aha_2014_img_06140

2015.0027.3.6 Slides of Antoine Graves Highrise, community life. -- 1976. -- (12 still images)

Other Codes

aha_2014_img_03278; aha_2014_img_03279; aha_2014_img_03280; aha_2014_img_03281;
aha_2014_img_03282; aha_2014_img_03283; aha_2014_img_03284; aha_2014_img_03285;
aha_2014_img_03286; aha_2014_img_03287; aha_2014_img_03288; aha_2014_img_03289

2015.0027.3.7 Photographs of Antoine Graves Highrise Thanksgiving dinner. -- Nov. 1979. -- (3 still images)

Other Codes

aha_2014_img_06146; aha_2014_img_06147; aha_2014_img_06148

2015.0027.3.8 Negatives of Antoine Graves Homes - Exterior and Community. -- 1982. -- (23 still images)

Other Codes

aha_2014_img_03898; aha_2014_img_03899; aha_2014_img_03900; aha_2014_img_03901;
aha_2014_img_03902; aha_2014_img_03903; aha_2014_img_03904; aha_2014_img_03905;
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aha_2014_img_03918; aha_2014_img_03919; aha_2014_img_03920

2015.0027.3.9 Photographs of Antoine Graves Highrise, exterior. -- 1990s. -- (4 still images)

Other Codes

aha_2014_img_06141; aha_2014_img_06142; aha_2014_img_06143; aha_2014_img_06144

2015.0027.3.10 Slides of Antoine Graves highrise exterior. -- circa 2000. -- (4 still images)

Other Codes

aha_2013_img_04438; aha_2013_img_04439; aha_2013_img_04440; aha_2013_img_04441

2015.0027.3.11 Photographs and Slides of the Antoine Graves highrise exterior and lobby. -- Nov. 2001. -- (7 still images) (2 folders)

Other Codes

aha_2013_img_04442; aha_2013_img_04443; aha_2013_img_04444; aha_2013_img_04445;
aha_2013_img_04446; aha_2013_img_04447

2015.0027.3.12 Photographs of Antoine Graves Annex street views and exterior. -- undated. -- (6 still images)

Other Codes

aha_2014_img_06124; aha_2014_img_06126; aha_2014_img_06127; aha_2014_img_06128;
aha_2014_img_06129; aha_2014_img_06130

2015.0027.3.13 Photographs of Antoine Graves Highrise, exterior and lobby. -- undated. -- (7 still images)

Other Codes

aha_2014_img_06131; aha_2014_img_06132; aha_2014_img_06133; aha_2014_img_06134;
aha_2014_img_06135; aha_2014_img_06136; aha_2014_img_06137

2015.0027.3.14 Photograph of Antoine Graves Homes, luncheon. -- undated. -- (1 still image)

Scope and Content

"Resident of Antoine Graves. Luncheon."

Other Codes

aha_2014_img_06145

2015.0027.3.27 (Unprocessed) Photographs Not On Shelf

2015.0027.3.27.1 Antoine Graves Homes, case assessment. -- 1977. -- (1 still image)

Other Codes

aha_2014_img_03312

2015.0027.3.27.2 Negatives of Susie Labord presenting Christmas gifts to children, Antoine Graves Homes, Christmas event. -- Dec. 1987. -- (4 still images)

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Contact sheet.

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aha_2014_img_05572; aha_2014_img_05573; aha_2014_img_05574; aha_2014_img_05575

2015.0027.3.27.3 Photographs of Susie Labord presenting gifts to children at the Antoine Graves Homes Christmas event. -- Dec. 1987. -- (18 still images)

Other Codes

aha_2014_img_05554; aha_2014_img_05555; aha_2014_img_05556; aha_2014_img_05557;
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aha_2014_img_05566; aha_2014_img_05567; aha_2014_img_05568; aha_2014_img_05569;
aha_2014_img_05570; aha_2014_img_05571

2015.0027.3.27.4 Photographs of Grady Homes and Antoine Graves Homes, exterior and interior. -- Mar. 4, 2005. -- (8 still images)

Other Codes

aha_2013_img_02975; aha_2013_img_02976; aha_2013_img_02977; aha_2013_img_02978;
aha_2013_img_02979; aha_2013_img_02980; aha_2013_img_02981; aha_2013_img_02982

2015.0027.4 Audiovisuals

2015.0027.4.1 Channel 2 - Antoine Graves Senior Highrise fire. -- undated. -- Moving image

Other Codes

aha_2015_av_00110