



FINDING AID FOR

Alonzo F. Herndon Homes records

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Alonzo F. Herndon Homes records. -- circa 1940s-2016 and undated. -- 0.50 Cubic feet (1 boxes)

Scope and Content

The collection consists of project records, tenant association records, publications, photographs, and artifacts of Alonzo F. Herndon Homes. The item, "Herndon Homes community profile and fact booklet" a written account created circa the 1940's, portrays the community's involvement and activities during the Second World War period.

HISTORICAL NOTE:

The Alonzo F. Herndon Homes, part of the Low Rent Housing Program, were located at 920 Sells Ave., SW and 511 John St., NW in District 3. Herndon Homes was the fifth low-cost housing project in Atlanta for African-American tenants to be completed under the slum clearance program which was begun by the Housing Division of the Public Works Administration. Construction for Herndon Homes began August 1940 and was completed October 22, 1941. The principal architects were Burge & Stevens. It contained 520 units on 22 acres. One unit was occupied by the Herndon Homes Girls Club and another by the Herndon Homes Golden Age Club.

The R.L. Craddock Elementary School was within the project area, within two blocks of the Carver Boys Club and within walking distance of high schools and the Y.W.C.A. A spray pool, a large play area, and seven community porches were provided to the residents of Herndon Homes. Children had access to recreational programs and facilities and adults participated in social activities and took practical courses such as dressmaking, cooking, canning, and general home planning.

During World War II, the residents of Herndon Homes were especially active in the investment and sales of War Stamps and Bonds. Herndon Homes also conducted a number of First Aid Classes. Residents created victory gardens and provided canned goods for the war effort.

Herndon Homes was named to honor Alonzo Franklin Herndon (1858-1927) of Walton, Georgia, a business man and the founder of the Atlanta Family Life Insurance Company (Atlanta Life). Born into slavery, Herndon was emancipated in 1865, aged seven years old, homeless and destitute. Herndon had only saved 11 dollars and only had approximately one year of schooling when he opened his first barbershop. His barbering business thrived and expanded over the years. He later became the owner of three barbershops in Atlanta. Later, he invested in real estate, and then entered insurance and successfully built up the Atlanta Life Insurance Company. Through his enterprises Herndon became Atlanta's first African American millionaire.

Restrictions

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged into six series: 1. Project Records, 2. Tenant Association Records, 3. Publications, 4. Photographs, 5. Art and Artifacts, and 6. Audiovisuals.

Other Codes

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2015.0044.1 Project Records. -- circa 1940s-1999 and undated

2015.0044.1.1 Development. -- 1940s-1994 and undated

2015.0044.1.1.1 Herndon Homes community profile and fact booklet. -- circa 1940s

Other Codes

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2015.0044.1.1.2 Herndon Homes site plan. -- Feb. 10, 1941. -- (1 Photocopy and 1 hand drawing transparency located in Map Case with other items)

Scope and Content

Hand drawing transparency.

Other Codes

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2015.0044.1.1.3 Herndon Homes first anniversary program. -- 1942

Other Codes

aha_2017_doc_00290.pdf

2015.0044.1.1.4 Drawing A-1. Community Building and Maintenance Shop for Alonzo F. Herndon Homes architectural plan. -- Oct. 10, 1960. -- (Housed in Map Case with other items)

Scope and Content

Hand drawing transparency.

Other Codes

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2015.0044.1.1.5 Drawing A-2. Community Building and Maintenance Shop for Alonzo F. Herndon Homes architectural plan. -- Oct. 15, 1960. -- (Housed in Map Case with other items)

Scope and Content

Hand drawing transparency.

Other Codes

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2015.0044.1.1.6 Drawing A-3. Community Building and Maintenance Shop for Alonzo F. Herndon Homes architectural plan. -- Oct. 15, 1960. -- (Housed in Map Case with other items)

Scope and Content

Hand drawing transparency.

Other Codes

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2015.0044.1.1.7 20th anniversary and dedication of the Herndon Homes community center. -- 1961

Other Codes

aha_2017_doc_00314.pdf

2015.0044.1.1.8 Herndon Homes admissions statistical report. -- July 1, 1964-June 30, 1965

Other Codes

aha_2013_doc_04814.pdf

2015.0044.1.1.9 Herndon Homes modernization. -- 1988-1994

Other Codes

aha_2017_doc_00319.pdf

2015.0044.1.1.10 Herndon Homes Community Program Services list. -- 1993

Other Codes

aha_2017_doc_00291.pdf

2015.0044.1.1.11 Herndon Homes building captains and co-captains banquet . -- 1993

Other Codes

aha_2017_doc_00292.pdf

2015.0044.1.1.12 Herndon Homes Festival (Refers to anticipated guest appearance of James Brown "The Godfather of Soul"). -- 1993

Other Codes

aha_2017_doc_00293.pdf

2015.0044.1.1.13 AHA Community Relations Plan Herndon Homes. -- Aug. 1994

Other Codes

aha_2017_doc_00294.pdf

2015.0044.1.1.14 AHA flyer for public housing and Herndon Homes. -- undated

Other Codes

aha_2017_doc_00295.pdf

2015.0044.1.1.15 Herndon Homes Business Park, concept plan. -- undated

Other Codes

aha_2017_doc_00296.pdf

2015.0044.1.1.16 Herndon Homes Girls Club reception flyer. -- undated

Other Codes

aha_2017_doc_00297.pdf

2015.0044.1.2 Disposition. -- 1995-1999

2015.0044.1.2.1 Herndon Homes Planning Committee meeting documents. -- 1995-1999

2015.0044.1.2.2 Partial demolition application for Herndon Homes and letters of support. -- 1999

Other Codes

aha_2017_doc_00316.pdf

2015.0044.2 Tenant Association Records. -- 1991-1998

2015.0044.2.1 Correspondence. -- 1991-1998

2015.0044.2.1.1 Corbin, Delmar L. (to Laura Lawson, Herndon Homes Tenant Association President). -- Oct. 25, 1991

Other Codes

aha_2017_doc_00300.pdf

2015.0044.2.1.2 Glover, Renee Lewis (to Laura Lawson, Herndon Homes Tenant Association President). -- Sept. 21, 1998

Other Codes

aha_2017_doc_00301.pdf

2015.0044.2.1.3 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) (correspondence regarding Herndon Homes). -- Aug.-Sept. 1993

Other Codes

aha_2017_doc_00302.pdf

2015.0044.2.2 Bylaws of the Metropolitan Atlanta Housing Coalition for Herndon Homes. -- Nov. 1993

2015.0044.2.3 Herndon Homes Resident Association Application for Drug Elimination Funds. -- 1994

Other Codes

aha_2017_doc_00303.pdf

2015.0044.2.4 Herndon Homes resident association meetings. -- 1994-1995

Other Codes

aha_2017_doc_00304.pdf

2015.0044.3 Publications. -- 1984-2016

2015.0044.3.1 Newclippings. -- 1984-2016 and undated

2015.0044.3.1.1 Herndon Homes: "Atlanta, Georgia's Herndon Home Important In Black History." The Senior Tribune. -- Apr. 1984

Other Codes

aha_2017_doc_00305.pdf

2015.0044.3.1.2 Herndon Homes: "Hard Work, Determination Paid Off for Herndon." The Atlanta Journal Constitution. -- July 31, 1989

Other Codes

aha_2017_doc_00306.pdf

2015.0044.3.1.3 Herndon Homes: "Three shot in 47 minutes in northwest Atlanta area." The Atlanta Journal / The Atlanta Constitution. -- Mar. 27, 1992

Other Codes

aha_2017_doc_00307.pdf

2015.0044.3.1.4 Herndon Homes: "Herndon Home guide prizes selfless spirit of pioneering entrepreneur." The Atlanta Journal / The Atlanta Constitution. -- May. 27, 1993

Other Codes

aha_2017_doc_00308.pdf

2015.0044.3.1.5 Herndon Homes: "Developer selected for 12-acre mixed-income project near Mercedes-Benz Stadium." Atlanta Business Chronicle. -- June 16, 2016

Other Codes

aha_2017_doc_00312.pdf

2015.0044.3.1.6 Herndon Homes: "Exhibition at Herndon Home Showcases a Lavish Lifestyle." -- undated

Other Codes

aha_2017_doc_00309

2015.0044.3.2 Herndon Homes : Alonzo Herndon biography published in The Atlanta Inquirer. -- Feb. 7, 1987

Other Codes

aha_2017_doc_00310.pdf

2015.0044.3.3 A Celebration of Family at Herndon Homes, AHA news release. -- July 27, 1995

Other Codes

aha_2017_doc_00311.pdf

2015.0044.3.4 Herndon Homes : Atlanta Life Financial Group Centennial Celebration Gala program. -- Sept. 21, 2005

Scope and Content

This centennial celebration program includes biographical information and photographs about its founder, Alonzo Franklin Herndon, for which Herndon Homes was named.

Other Codes

aha_2017_doc_00318.pdf

2015.0044.4 Photographs. -- circa 1940s-2001 and undated. -- (56 still images)

Other Codes

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aha_2013_img_00085; aha_2013_img_00086; aha_2013_img_00087; aha_2013_img_00088;
aha_2013_img_00089; aha_2013_img_00090; aha_2013_img_00091; aha_2013_img_00092;
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aha_2013_img_04788; aha_2013_img_04789; aha_2013_img_04790; aha_2013_img_04791;
aha_2013_img_04792; aha_2013_img_04793; aha_2013_img_04794; aha_2013_img_04795;
aha_2013_img_04796; aha_2013_img_04797; aha_2013_img_04798; aha_2013_img_04799;
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aha_2013_img_04804; aha_2013_img_04805; aha_2013_img_04806; aha_2013_img_04807;
aha_2013_img_04808; aha_2013_img_04809; aha_2013_img_04810; aha_2013_img_04811

2015.0044.4.1 Photographs of Slums demolished to build Herndon Homes. -- circa 1940s. -- (56 still images) (2 folders)

2015.0044.4.2 Photograph of slums demolished to build Herndon Homes, Davis Street, N.W.. -- circa 1940. -- (1 still image)

Other Codes

aha_2014_img_06591

2015.0044.4.3 Photograph of Herndon Homes, aerial view. -- 1941. -- (1 still image)

Other Codes

aha_2013_img_04812

2015.0044.4.4 Photograph of Herndon Homes, exterior view. -- circa 1960. -- (1 still image)

Other Codes

aha_2013_img_04813

2015.0044.4.5 Slides of Herndon Homes exterior views. -- Oct. 1966. -- (2 still images)

Other Codes

aha_2013_img_04815; aha_2013_img_04816

2015.0044.4.6 Photographs of Herndon Homes playgrounds. -- 1990. -- (6 still images)

Other Codes

aha_2013_img_04819; aha_2013_img_04820; aha_2013_img_04821; aha_2013_img_04822;
aha_2013_img_04823; aha_2013_img_04824

2015.0044.4.7 Photographs of Herndon Homes, exterior. -- early 1990s. -- (3 still images)

Other Codes

aha_2017_img_00015; aha_2017_img_00016; aha_2017_img_00017

2015.0044.4.8 Photographs of Herndon Homes, modernization. -- early 1990s. -- (2 still images)

Other Codes

aha_2017_img_00018; aha_2017_img_00019

2015.0044.4.9 Photographs of Herndon Homes, post modernization. -- early 1990s. -- (3 still images)

Other Codes

aha_2017_img_00020; aha_2017_img_00021; aha_2017_img_00022

2015.0044.4.10 Photographs of Herndon Homes, before and after modernization. -- early 1990s. -- (4 still images)

Other Codes

aha_2017_img_00023; aha_2017_img_00024; aha_2017_img_00025; aha_2017_img_00026

2015.0044.4.11 Slides of Herndon Homes exterior. -- circa 2000. -- (5 still images)

Other Codes

aha_2013_img_04825; aha_2013_img_04826; aha_2013_img_04827; aha_2013_img_04828; aha_2013_img_04829

2015.0044.4.12 Photographs and Slides of Herndon Homes exterior. -- Nov. 2001. -- (2 still images)

Other Codes

aha_2013_img_04830; aha_2013_img_04831

2015.0044.4.13 Photographs of Herndon Homes exterior. -- undated. -- (2 still images)

Other Codes

aha_2013_img_04817; aha_2013_img_04818

2015.0044.4.14 Photographs of Herndon Homes street views. -- undated. -- (4 still images)

Other Codes

aha_2013_img_00101; aha_2013_img_00102; aha_2013_img_00103; aha_2013_img_00104

2015.0044.4.15 Photograph of Herndon Homes, Teen Club. -- undated. -- (1 still image)

Other Codes

aha_2013_img_00105

2015.0044.4.16 Photograph of Herndon Homes, aerial view. -- undated. -- (1 still image)

Other Codes

aha_2013_img_01236

2015.0044.4.17 Photographs of Herndon Homes exterior. -- undated. -- (4 still images)

Other Codes

aha_2014_img_06592; aha_2014_img_06593; aha_2014_img_06594; aha_2014_img_06595

2015.0044.4.18 Photograph of Herndon Homes, Bert Adams Boy Scout Camp. -- undated. -- (1 still image)

Scope and Content

"Herndon Homes. Bert Adams Camp."

Other Codes

aha_2014_img_06596

2015.0044.4.19 Photographs of Herndon Homes, community life. -- undated. -- (4 still images)

Other Codes

aha_2014_img_06597; aha_2014_img_06598; aha_2014_img_06599; aha_2014_img_06600

2015.0044.4.20 Photograph of slums demolished to build Herndon Homes, aerial view. -- circa 1938. - (1 still image)

Scope and Content

"Herndon Homes before construction, ca. 1938."

Other Codes

aha_2014_img_06590

2015.0044.5 Art and Artifacts. -- undated

2015.0044.5.1 Herndon Homes brick. -- undated. -- On Display

Scope and Content

This brick is unique in that on the face [exposed side] it appears to be a modular [2-3/8" x 8"] red clay brick. However, the Herndon Brick is actually a Structural Load Bearing Brick that is 2-3/8" high x 8" wide x 8" deep. This means that the brick was not used as a veneer [outside surface only] but as part of the actual structure of the buildings. As a structural component, the bricks were placed on the foundations and extended to support the first floor [over crawl space], second floor and the roof slabs. In addition, the interior surface of the structural walls [brick and mortar] were moisture proofed and then covered with plaster to provide the interior finish surface. One advantage with this type of wall construction is that you only require one trade [masons] to install the structural and exterior components. One major disadvantage is that there is no way to insulate the exterior walls of the buildings.

Other Codes

aha_2018_img_00007.jpg; aha_2018_img_00008.jpg

2015.0044.5.2 Atlanta Housing art: "Portrait of Alonzo Herndon." Oil on canvas.. -- undated. -- 48 1/4 x 35 3/8 inches

Provenance

On extended Loan from the Atlanta Housing Authority of the City of Atlanta, Georgia to the High Museum of Art Atlanta.

Restrictions

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Other Codes

EL635.2002; aha_2018_img_00041

2015.0044.6 Audiovisuals. -- 1995 and undated

2015.0044.6.1 Herndon Homes resident meeting. -- Nov. 7, 1995. -- Moving image

Other Codes

aha_2015_av_00070