



FINDING AID FOR

Palmer House records

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Palmer House records. -- 1960s-2001 and undated. -- 0.25 Cubic feet (1 box)

Scope and Content

The collection consists of project records, tenant associations, publications, and photographs of the Palmer House. The project records include dedication materials and programs of the Palmer House in 1967 in which Anna Roosevelt Halstead, the daughter of President Roosevelt, was a speaker. Some items of note are Halstead's dedicatory address at the dedication of the Palmer House on January 25, 1967, Charles F. Palmer's correspondence, and programs and news releases pertaining to the dedication.

HISTORICAL NOTE:

The groundbreaking ceremony for the Palmer House took place on May 19, 1964 at 430 Techwood Drive, NW. The project, a high rise for the elderly, was erected and owned by Atlanta Housing and completed June 1966. The architect for the project was Finch Alexander Barnes Rothschild & Paschal Architects & Engineers. A three tower and seventeen story complex, the Palmer House contained 250 units and was part of the Low Rent Housing Program.

The building was constructed in such a manner as to give each floor three halls, each in different directions from the elevators. The Palmer House included a recreational area, reading room, arts and crafts rooms, counseling rooms, and a clinic open to tenants and the public. On the lawn of the Palmer House were both a sundial and bird bath donated by the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Palmer, Laura, Jeanette, and Margaret.

The building was named for Charles F. Palmer, Atlanta Housing's first chairman. It was dedicated January 25, 1967 in a ceremony which included a dedicatory address given by Anna Roosevelt Halstead (the daughter of President Roosevelt). Other speakers at the dedication included the Reverend Fred R. Stair, Jr., minister of Central Presbyterian Church, and Edwin L. Sterne, Chairman of Atlanta Housing. Demolition of the Palmer House occurred from mid 2010 thru 2011.

Restrictions

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged into four series: 1. Project Records, 2. Tenant Association Records, 3. Publications, and

4. Photographs.

Other Codes

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2015.0047.1 Project Records. -- 1965-1976 and undated

2015.0047.1.1 Palmer House dedication correspondence. -- 1965-1967

Other Codes

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2015.0047.1.2 Palmer House Dedication program. -- Jan. 25, 1967

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2015.0047.1.3 Anna Roosevelt Halstead's remarks at the dedication of the Palmer House. -- Jan. 25, 1967

Other Codes

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2015.0047.1.4 Fact sheets on Charles Palmer for whom the Palmer House is named. -- Jan. 25, 1967

Other Codes

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2015.0047.1.5 Palmer House architectural print. -- 1967

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2015.0047.1.6 Correspondence and print copy of photograph of Edwin L. Sterne, speaker for the Palmer House 10th anniversary. -- 1976

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2015.0047.1.7 Demolition application for Palmer House submitted to HUD. -- Feb. 1, 2008

2015.0047.1.8 Palmer House postcard. -- undated

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2015.0047.1.9 Palmer House background information and site plans. -- undated

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2015.0047.2 Tenant Association Records. -- 1986-1997

2015.0047.2.1 Palmer House Tenant Association invitation for "Continuing to Meet the Challenge". - - June 6, 1986

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2015.0047.2.2 Palmer House Tenant Association correspondence. -- 1994-1995

Other Codes

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2015.0047.2.3 Memorandum of Understanding between AHA and the Palmer House Tenant Association. -- Sept. 1996

Other Codes

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2015.0047.2.4 Palmer House Tenant Opportunities Program (TOP). -- 1997

Other Codes

2015.0047.3 Publications. -- 1960s-1970s

2015.0047.3.1 Newsclippings. -- 1960s-1970s. -- (Housed in oversize box with other collections)

2015.0047.3.1.1 "17-Story Project Rises for Elderly." Palmer House newsclipping. -- 1960s

Other Codes

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2015.0047.3.1.2 "Old Age with a Skyline view." Palmer House newsclipping. -- 1974

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2015.0047.3.2 Palm Print : Serving Senior Citizens of The Palmer House, Clark-Howell, Techwood Homes Areas. Newsletter. -- Sept. 1969

Other Codes

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2015.0047.4 Photographs. -- 1964-2001 and undated

2015.0047.4.1 Slides of Palmer House construction. -- Aug. 1964. -- (8 still images)

Other Codes

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aha_2013_img_05121; aha_2013_img_05122; aha_2013_img_05123; aha_2013_img_05124

2015.0047.4.2 Slide of Palmer House, exterior. -- 1966. -- (1 still image)

Other Codes

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2015.0047.4.3 Photographs of Interior and exterior. -- 1966 and undated. -- (9 still images)

Other Codes

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aha_2013_img_00406; aha_2013_img_00407; aha_2013_img_00408; aha_2013_img_00409;
aha_2013_img_00410

2015.0047.4.4 Slides of Palmer House dedication (with Charles Palmer and Anna Roosevelt Halsted in attendance). -- Jan. 1967. -- (14 still images)

Other Codes

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aha_2013_img_05133; aha_2013_img_05134; aha_2013_img_05135; aha_2013_img_05136;
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aha_2013_img_05141; aha_2013_img_05142

2015.0047.4.5 Slides of Palmer House exterior views, lobby, and skyline. -- Feb. 1974. -- (6 still images)

Other Codes

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aha_2013_img_05147; aha_2013_img_05148

2015.0047.4.6 Photographs of Palmer House exterior. -- circa 1984. -- (2 still images)

Other Codes

aha_2013_img_05149; aha_2013_img_05150

2015.0047.4.7 Photographs of Palmer House, exterior. -- 1990s. -- (3 still images)

Other Codes

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2015.0047.4.8 Slides of Palmer House exterior. -- circa 2000. -- (2 still images)

Other Codes

aha_2013_img_05151; aha_2013_img_05152

2015.0047.4.9 Photographs and Slides of Palmer House exterior and lobby. -- Nov. 2001. -- (3 still images)

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2015.0047.4.10 Photographs of Palmer House, community life. -- undated. -- (2 still images)

Other Codes

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2015.0047.4.11 Photographs of Palmer House, exterior views. -- undated. -- (3 still images)

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2015.0047.4.12 (Unprocessed) Photographs Not On Shelf

2015.0047.4.12.1 Palmer House, exterior and interior. -- Sept. 1983. -- (8 still images)

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aha_2014_img_00754; aha_2014_img_00755; aha_2014_img_00756; aha_2014_img_00757

2015.0047.4.12.2 Techwood-Clark Howell Homes, Fowler Elementary School, Palmer House (Samuel A. Hider, Executive Director in attendance). -- circa 1980-1984. -- (8 still images)

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