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Mayor Arthur J. Holland Papers Trenton Council on Human Relations

Biography

Arthur John Holland (24 October 1918 – 9 November 1989) was born in Trenton, and was mayor of the city 1959-1966 and 1970-1989 (his death). He had studied to become a priest, but instead attended St. Francis College in New York and then Rutgers University. In 1951, he became deputy director of public affairs for Trenton, and was elected on the Democratic ticket to the city council in 1955. He became mayor in 1959.

In 1964, he moved into the Mill Hill section of Trenton, which at that time was a majority African-American neighborhood, in a public attempt to lead the way for racial integration in the city. The move received national attention, much of it negative.

Holland lost the Democratic primary to Carmen J. Armenti in 1966. After teaching at Rutgers University for four years, he ran for mayor again and was reelected in 1970, serving until his death in 1989. He was president of the United States Conference of Mayors from 1988 to 1989, and died at Trenton's St. Francis Medical Center.

The Trenton Committee on Unity was organized in 1943 as a grassroots organization apart from city government. By the late 1940s, it had changed its name to the Trenton Council on Human Relations and continued into the period of time that Holland was mayor.

Scope and Content Notes

These boxes are believed to have originated with the bulk of the collection that is now known simply as The Holland Papers. At some point, these files were separated and placed together in boxes and given names. Some of the papers are in their original folders, while others have been refoldered. Original order is unknown, and the boxes do not necessarily follow a pattern. The papers have not been fully processed and some of the boxes are not full. Students from the history department at The College of New Jersey created a basic inventory of the folders in each box.

This collection contains 4 record-sized storage boxes, numbered 3-6, that for some reason were separated from the other collection of papers in the Trenton Committee on Unity / Trenton

Scope and Content Notes (cont.)

Council on Human Relations boxes. It is unknown at this time if boxes 1-2 exist or if their contents are now part of the Trenton Committee on Unity collection.

The papers of Mayor Arthur J. Holland are significant in documenting the actions of a city politician during a significant period of civil, racial, and economic unrest in a large urban community and state capital. Subjects of interest to researchers include community and civic organizations in Trenton, civil rights activism in the 1960s, housing, and urban redevelopment and renewal.

Provenance

Holland's wife Betty, whom he married in the early 1960s, donated these papers. Committee on Unity boxes may have come from another source.

Related Collections

Mayor Arthur J. Holland Papers

Mayor Arthur J. Holland Papers – Advisory Committee on Human Rights, 1964-1965

Mayor Arthur J. Holland Papers – Trenton Committee on Unity / Trenton Council on Human Relations

Mayor Arthur J. Holland Papers – N.J. State Anti-Discrimination & Civil Rights Legislation

Box Lists

Box 3

- Division Against Discrimination, Women's Council, 1951-1958l
- F.E.P.C. Division against Discrimination, Correspondence
- Administrative Committee Minutes, Reports
- Delaware Valley United Fund report, 1960
- State Fair Booth, 1951
- Guestbook from 1956 Event; "*Brotherhood in Action Exhibit*"
- State Fair Booth, 1950
- Attendance Book, State Fair, 1955
- State Fair photographs from Orvill Zuckerman, 1952
- State Fair Booth, 1952
- State Fair Booth, 1953
- State Fair Booth, 1954
- Civic Problems Committee
- Fair Employment Practice Commission (FEPC), Formal Complaints, A-M, 1946-1948
- F.E.P.C. Formal Complaints, M-Z, 1946-1948
- F.E.P.C. Division Against Discrimination Cases, 1948-1947
- F.E.P.C. Division Against Discrimination Cases, 1948-1950

- F. E.P. Other States
- F.E.P.C. Local Commissions
- Congress of Racial Equality (CORE)
- Philadelphia Fellowship Commission
- Delaware Valley Council of Intergroup Relations Organization
- Council of Delaware Valley Human Relations Agencies
- F.E.P.C. New York State
- United Fund Account, 1950-1951
- United Fund Account, 1952
- United Fund Account, 1953
- United Fund Account, 1954
- United Fund Account, 1955
- United Fund Account, 1956
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- United Fund Account, 1958
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Box 4

- General Philosophy
- Housing, 1955-1956
- Housing, 1957
- A Civil Rights Inventory of San Francisco, Part 1, Employment
- American Jewish Committee, Papers, 1950
- Negroes, 1932-1949
- Suggested Readings for Children, Philadelphia, 1956-1957
- Reports, American Jewish Congress
- Reports from organizations such as the Trenton Committee on Unity from cities Nationwide, 1950-1955
- Reports from organizations such as the Trenton Committee on Unity from cities nationwide, 1956-1959
- Miscellaneous files

Box 5

- Report of Conference on Equality and Opportunity in Employment, November 1964
- Metropolitan Growth, Low Income Housing, August 1958
- Housing demographics, 1958
- Committee reports – housing, education, employment, 1954, 1959-1960
- Papers, Second Conference on Research in Intergroup Relations, October 1953

- Civil Rights & Liberties, 1945-1951
- Executive Board, 1949-1951
- Puerto Rican Community Evaluations
- Dunlap, Elizabeth F. - Puerto Rico
- Prints of Pictures in “Patterns for Living” book, Puerto Rico, 1957
- Employment Surveys
- Lecture Series, 1945-1947
- American Jewish Committee, Community Service Dept. Memorandum, 1955-1959
- Brotherhood-in-Action Exhibit at the State Fair, 1958
- N.J. Conference of Intergroup Officials
- Division Against Discrimination, Correspondence, 1951-1958
- Division Against Discrimination, Complaints
- Civil Rights Commission, 1951-1954
- Board of Education, 1945-1948

Box 6

- Miscellaneous Newsletters, 1949-1960
- American Jewish Congress, 1953-1955
- Commission on Law and Social Action (CISA), 1953-1955
- The American Jewish Committee, 1957
- The American Jewish Committee, 1956
- American Jewish Committee, June 1955-December 1959
- American Jewish Committee, January 1963 -
- The American Jewish Committee, 1961-1965
- The American Jewish Committee, n.d.
- Journal of Intergroup Relations. May 1958 Manpower Utilization Issue Vol.1-No.1
- N.A.I.R.O. 12th Conference, Pittsburgh, November 1958
- Nairo Report, Commission on Civil Rights, 1956
- Nairo Report, Commission on Education, 1956
- Nairo Report, Commission on Manpower, 1956
- Nairo Report, Commission on Housing, 1956
- Philadelphia Fellowship Commission, Report to the Community, 1959
- Commission on Human Relations for Los Angeles County.
- Fair Employment Practice Commission, California
- Fair Employment Practice Commission, Michigan
- Council for Civic Unity, San Francisco
- Pittsburgh Human Relations Review
- Milwaukee Commission
- Washington State
- THE SCOREBOARD, The Committee on Civil Rights in Metropolitan N.Y., Inc.

- Commission on Human Rights, Des Moines, IA
- Trenton Unity Workshops, 1951-1955
- American Council on Race Relations, Correspondence with Committee on Unity
- National Committee Against Discrimination on Housing