



**George Legare Homes records, 1977-2009 (bulk 1978-1980)
SCHS #552.00**

Description: 4 Linear Feet (2 boxes + flat files)

Biog./Historical Note: The George Legare Homes was a six-hundred unit housing development built on the site of the Charleston Prison Farm in response to a need for housing for war workers and Navy Yard employees. The Federal Housing Authority approved the site in 1940. The George Legare Homes were renamed North Park Village in 1984 after the North Charleston Housing Authority took control of the project. North Park Village was demolished in 2005.

Scope and content: This collection consists of records relating to renovations and improvements to the George Legare Homes including bids, contracts, project manuals, landscaping records, correspondence, plans, and miscellaneous items.

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Container Listing:

BOX 1

- 1 Letter of interest from Constantine & Constantine, Architects, to Donald J. Cameron, executive director of the Housing Authority of the City of Charleston, 1980.
- 2 Project manual for "Modernization to Existing Low Rent Housing, George Legare Homes" (mainly for roofing and porch lighting), 1979.
- 3 Project manual for exterior painting, doors, sashes, etc.
- 4 Specifications for electrical improvements, 1979.
- 5 Punch list inspection record, 1979.
- 6 Documentation relating to a proposed day care center, 1979.
- 7 Landscaping records, 1979-1980.
- 8 Safety and Security Program, 1977.

- 9 Miscellaneous records, 1978-1980.
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- 11 Correspondence, plans, etc., 1978-1979.
- 12 “Report documenting the George Legare Homes, North Charleston, SC, Prepared by Historic Preservation Consultants Inc. in accordance with the: Memorandum of Agreement between the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the S.C. State Historic Preservation Office Regarding the North Park Demolition and Rehabilitation Project May 2009.” This booklet includes a history of the George Legare Homes, the Charleston Prison Farm, and public housing in the United States; information on landscape architect Loutrell Briggs, several architectural firms, low income housing, the integrated housing project of 1965, and World War II era housing in North Charleston; oral histories of residents of the George Legare Homes; and black and white and color photographs of the George Legare Homes buildings.

BOX 2

- 1 Folder marked “GLH – Phase I” which includes construction records, 1978-1979.
- 2 Contract between the Housing Authority of the City of Charleston and Constantine & Constantine, Architects, 1977, for a low rent housing project in North Charleston.
- 3 Folder marked “GLH – Phase II” which includes construction records, 1978-1980.
- 4 Folder marked “GLH – Phase III” which includes construction records, 1978-1980.
- 5 Folder marked “GLH – 4” dating 1979-1980.
- 6 Miscellaneous records, 1978-1979.
- 7 Folder marked “GLH – 5, Landscape Development” 1979-1980.
- 8 Application for public housing rehabilitation, 1978.
- 9 Folder marked “GLH -7” relating to lighting improvements, 1980.
- 10 Minutes of a conference of the Housing Authority regarding “Revitalization Plans for George Legare and Ben Tillman Homes;” a budget (1977); architect’s contract; correspondence, etc.
- 11 Financial records, correspondence, etc., 1979-1980.

OVERSIZE MATERIAL

32-165 (Flat file drawers): plans and blueprints.