

Charbonneau Place Cooperative Collection

Papers, 1940-1986 (Predominantly,
1959-1986)

2 linear feet

Accession Number 1296

The records of the Charbonneau Place Cooperative were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in November, 1986 by Ruth Tenny and were opened for research in May, 1995. Ms. Tenny's papers were also deposited into the Archives, and focus on urban renewal in Detroit in the 1950s and 1960s.

The Charboneau Place Cooperative was incorporated in 1962 by a group of active and retired Detroit teachers under the aegis of the newly established Detroit Teachers Housing Corporation. The DTHC was a progressive arm of the Detroit Teachers Credit Union. Charboneau Place Cooperative is located in downtown Detroit, bounded by Jefferson Ave., Chrysler Freeway, Gratiot Ave., and Orleans St. Due to the city's desire to promote and encourage urban renewal projects during the 1960s, Charbonneau Place was one of the first cooperative units constructed on redeveloped land called the Lafayette Park Project. Its first president was Ethel R. Torbett.

For information on the history of the Detroit Teachers Credit Union, see, *The Mustard Tree*, by Hazel Elizabeth Reid.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

Detroit Teachers Credit Union Detroit
Teachers Housing Corporation Housing,
Cooperative Urban renewal, Detroit

Among the important correspondents are:

Roy F. Bergengren	Helen H. Herriman
Edith M. Gonne	J. Clarence Howell
Karl W. Guenther	A. E. Reid

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Correspondence, minutes, newsletters, architectural drawings, clippings and other materials relating to the creation, maintenance, and sales of Charbonneau Place Cooperative housing units. Also included are documents relating to the Detroit Teachers Credit Union.

Non-manuscript Material:

Three books, *The Mustard Tree* by Hazel E. Reid, and *The History of the Michigan Credit Union League I and II* by Cecil R. Crews, have been placed the Archives Library.

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General files, Charbonneau Place 1940-1986
Boxes 1-4

Correspondence, minutes, newsletters, clippings, architectural drawings relating to Charbonneau Place Cooperative. Additional files relate to the Detroit Teachers Credit Union.

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