

THE ROSE P. KLEINMAN COLLECTION
(Greater Detroit Fair Housing, Inc.)

Papers, 1958 - 1972
(Predominantly, 1962 - 1969)

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The papers of Rose P. Kleinman were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs on June 19, 1970 by Mrs. Kleinman, and were opened for research in June of 1982.

Born in 1914, Mrs. Kleinman was a long time housing reform activist in Detroit and was active in helping establish the Michigan State Housing Development Authority, which was set up in 1967 to finance low income housing. In the 1960s she worked for the Foundation for Cooperative Housing in Washington and was later the head of the Fair Housing Listing Service, a committee of Greater Detroit Fair Housing, Inc., a position she retained until shortly before her death in 1977.

Greater Detroit Fair Housing, Inc. was originally formed in 1962 by a group of concerned citizens as the Greater Detroit Committee for Fair Housing Practices, whose expressed purpose was "the elimination of residential segregation and the creation of an open housing market for all". Actively working with local religious, business, and political leaders, as well as civil rights groups, the organization initiated several programs designed to achieve this goal:

1. Publication of a periodic newsletter "to bring information to members and interested organizations on programs and current events . . . and develop better communication between civil rights groups who work in the housing field."
2. Organization of region wide meetings in order to "coordinate activities and exchange program information among Detroit and suburban human relations groups."
3. "Covenant card" campaigns to obtain pledges of sympathetic realtors and citizens dedicated to open housing.
4. Fair Housing Listing Service to list prospective buyers and sellers for open occupancy housing.

The papers of Mrs. Kleinman are primarily the working files of Greater Detroit Fair Housing, Inc., and reflect her work with this organization as well as involvement in similar community activities.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

Greater Detroit Fair Housing, Inc.
Greater Detroit Committee for Fair Housing Practices
Fair Housing Listing Service
Housing Desegregation
Civil Rights Legislation

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