The papers of George F. Montgomery, Jr. were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs by Mr. Montgomery in April of 1973 and were opened for research in June 1983.

Mr. Montgomery was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan on August 21, 1933, the son of George Montgomery, Sr., who was an educator and a member of the Michigan State Legislature. George F. Montgomery, Jr. graduated from Cass Technical High School in Detroit, and from Wayne State University with a BA in 1959. He married Elizabeth A. LeBlanc in 1956 and has two daughters. He served in the United States Army from 1956 to 1958, and as a public school teacher from 1958 to 1964. He was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives from the 21st District of Detroit in 1964.

Mr. Montgomery served on the House Ways and Means Committee, then in August 1965 was named chairman of a Special Committee on Measures of Quality in Elementary and Secondary Education. In October 1969 he became chairman of a Special Committee on Community Colleges in Michigan under House Resolution 249. The purpose of the latter committee was to review the Community College System in the state and recommend an overall plan for districting, financing, building physical plants, and for future development which would take effect in July 1970.

The papers in this collection relate to research into the quality of Michigan education specifically, and also to development of the Michigan Community College System.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

- Quality of Education in Michigan, 1965
- Community College Study, 1969

Among the important correspondents are:

- James H. Griggs
- Willard C. Olson
- Henry B. Linne
- Ed Pfau

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