

RECORD GROUP 25

FAIRLINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORY

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#### SCOPE AND CONTENT

Record Group 25 houses materials collected and generated by the Fairlington community and civic association. The diverse documents and photographs date from 1944 through 1984 and measure approximately 1/2 linear foot.

Fairlington is a community of townhouses built as rental units during World War II. The houses were built to accommodate the large influx of Federal workers associated with booming wartime Washington activities. At that time, there was an acute shortage of rental housing for the growing population in the area. After the war, many workers stayed in the area to support expanded Federal departments and activities associated with the defense industry.

Up until 1975, the FairMac Corporation continued to operate Fairlington Village as moderately priced rental units. In 1975, however, the company began to renovate and convert the rental townhouses into condominiums. Presently, Fairlington Village is a community of condominiums and considered one of the most desirable areas of Arlington for retired and young working couples.

This group of records and ephemera documents the development of Fairlington from its beginnings as a rental community through its conversion into condominium housing. The collection includes a large series of newsletters published by the Fairlington Civic Association, anniversary brochures, and miscellaneous papers concerning a renter's strike in 1947 and a paper drive in 1947. Tenant protests to the condominium conversion in 1975 are also found in this collection of records.

This group of records also houses scattered records of the Fairmac Corporation, the company which built Fairlington Village. Researchers will find scattered apartment promotional literature, condominium floor plans, advertisements for the condominiums, newsclippings, and scattered marketing files.

Record group 25 also contains newsletters and bulletins of the Fairlington Elementary School PTA and the Abingdon Elementary School. In addition, the group houses 85 photographs (color and black and white) and 13 color slides. These images depict various views of Fairlington Village, its buildings, and its residents.

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### RESTRICTIONS

There are no research restrictions on this record group.

### PROVENANCE

Record Group 25 was donated to the Library by the Fairlington Civic Association in 1985.

### ARRANGEMENT/ORGANIZATION

Because this record group contains materials generated or created by several different organizations, the records of each organization or creating body have been arranged into three subgroups. An additional subgroup was established to house photographic images. Within each subgroup, documents have been arranged into record series according to either document type or topical area.

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RECORDS ARRANGEMENT

**Subgroup 1: Fairlington Citizen's Association**

- Series 1: Newsletters and Bulletins, 1944-1984
- Series 2: Anniversary Booklets, 1953-1983
- Series 3: Paper Drives, 1947-1948
- Series 4: Voter Registration Drive, 1950-1952
- Series 5: Rent Strike, 1947
- Series 6: Tenants Protests to Condo Conversion, 1975
- Series 7: Miscellaneous Information, 1946-1980

**Subgroup 2: Fairmac Corporation**

- Series 1: Apartment Promotional Literature
- Series 2: Condominium Conversion, Floor plans
- Series 3: Condominium Advertisements, 1974-1975
- Series 4: Newsclippings
- Series 5: Marketing Files

**Subgroup 3: Fairlington Schools**

- Series 1: Fairlington Elementary School
- Series 2: Abingdon Elementary School

**Subgroup 4: Neighborhood Images**

- Series 1-8: Prints, color and B&W (#5618-5699)
- Series 9: Slides, 13 color, 2x2