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Lavanburg Foundation records

1927-2011

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Summary

Creator: Fred L. Lavanburg Foundation

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Abstract: The records of the Lavanburg Foundation contain meeting minutes and administrative files documenting the activities of the foundation, records of construction of the Lavanburg Villages, and files on grants awarded. Materials are organized in three series (Administrative Files, Lavanburg Villages Project, and Grants), and range in date from 1927 to 2011.

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Creator history

The Fred L. Lavanburg Foundation was established in 1927 as a low-income, non-profit housing corporation for families with children who were unable to find housing elsewhere. The Lavanburg Homes were constructed at 124-142 Baruch Place in Manhattan in 1927, opening to the first residents in December of that year. In 1956, having served as a model for subsized low-income housing, but well-overshadowed by the growth of public housing projects in the 1930s and beyond, the Lavanburg Homes were donated to New York City. The City repurposed these buildings for a program to rehabilitate temporarily homeless families. In the 1960s, the Lavanburg Foundation took on a second construction project, building the Lavanburg Villages in the Bronx. From 1927 to 2006, the Lavanburg Foundation also provided seed-money grants to organizations assisting in the foundation's mission of providing better housing and social support for low-income families. The Lavanburg Foundation closed in 2011.

Scope and content note

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Key terms

Subjects

Building -- New York (State) -- New York
Public housing -- New York (State) -- New York
Subsidies -- New York (State) -- New York

Names

Fred L. Lavanburg Foundation

Special formats

Correspondence
Scrapbooks
Sketches

Container list

Series I. Administrative Files, 1927-2010 (7 boxes)

The Administrative Files series contains correspondence with trustees of the Lavanburg Foundation and with housing regulation agencies, meeting minutes, scrapbooks, reports on the foundation's activities, and other records related to the administrative oversight of the foundation.

- b.1 f.1 Annual report, 1998
- b.1 f.2 Bialla, Rowley, 1994-2002
- b.1 f.3 Board of Trustees, 1998-2010
- b.1 f.19 Brainerd, Amanda S., 1998
- b.1 f.4 Committees, 2005
- b.1 f.5 Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) (New York), 1964-1969
- b.1 f.6 Department of Housing and Urban Development (Washington, D.C.), 1964-1968
- b.1 f.7 Federal Housing Administration (FHA) (New York), 1964-1969
- b.1 f.8 Federal Housing Administration (Washington, D.C.), 1964-1968
- b.1 f.9 Hockstader, Alan F., 1998
- b.1 f.10 Housing and Development Administration (HDA), 1966-1968
- b.1 f.11 Housing and Redevelopment Board, 1964-1966
- b.1 f.12 Housing Assistance Administration (HAA), 1961-1967
- b.1 f.13 Kingsland, James, 1970-2010
- b.1 f.14 Krooth and Altman, 1965
- b.1 f.15 *Life for Dead Spaces* scrapbook, 1963-1965
Minutes, 1932-2010
- b.2 f.9 1932-1943
- b.2 f.10 1943-1958
- b.3 f.1 1959-1964
- b.3 f.2 1964-1969
- b.3 f.3 1969-1974
- b.4 f.1 1975-1985
- b.4 f.2 1986 May 15
- b.4 f.3 1987
- b.4 f.4 1988 April 20
- b.4 f.5 1988 June 14, 1989 April 25
- b.5 f.1 1990-1991
- b.5 f.2 1992-1993
- b.5 f.3 1994
- b.5 f.4 1995
- b.5 f.5 1996 May 31
- b.5 f.6 1997
- b.5 f.7 1998 May 20 (1 of 2)
- b.6 f.1 1998 May 20 (2 of 2)
- b.6 f.2 1999 May 20 (1 of 2)
- b.6 f.3 1999 May 20 (2 of 2)
- b.6 f.4 2000 June 15

Series I. Administrative Files (cont.)

Minutes (cont.)

- b.6 f.5 2001 June 7
- b.6 f.6 2002
- b.6 f.7 2003 June 12
- b.7 f.1 2004 June 2
- b.7 f.2 2005 June 8
- b.7 f.3 2006 June 1
- b.7 f.4 2007
- b.7 f.5 2008 (1 of 2)
- b.7 f.6 2008 (2 of 2)
- b.7 f.7 2009
- b.7 f.8 2010
- b.13 Panoramic image of land prior to construction, undated
- b.1 f.16 Photograph, undated
- b.1 f.17 Reports of the President, 1927-2002
- b.1 f.18 Salins, Peter D., 1983-2005
- b.2 f.1 Starr, Roger, 1994-2001
- b.2 f.2 Steering Committee, 1990-1995
- b.2 f.3 Straus, Joan M., 1993-1996
- b.2 f.4 Tax-exempt certification, 1939-1998
- b.2 f.5 Tour, 2005
- b.2 f.6 Tour, 2006
- b.2 f.7 Tour, 2008
- b.2 f.8 Urban Renewal Administration (URA), 1964
- b.13 "The Village in the City" promotional booklet, undated

Series II. Lavanburg Villages Project, 1961-1972 (6 boxes)

The Lavanburg Villages Project series is comprised of records corresponding to construction of the Lavanburg Villages, including correspondence with contractors, budgeting and other planning files, minutes from meetings concerning the project, artist renderings of buildings, scrapbooks, and other files related to the work.

- b.8 f.1 Accountants, 1964-1966
- Architect, 1964-1966
- b.8 f.2 Correspondence, 1964-1965
- b.8 f.3 Correspondence, 1966
- b.8 f.4 Contract and billing, 1964
- b.8 f.5 Schedules for facilities, 1966
- b.8 f.6 Urban design study for Soundview area, 1964-1966
- b.8 f.7 Budget, 1964-1965
- b.8 f.8 Clason Point Urban Design, 1966
- b.8 f.9 Consultants, 1965

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- b.8 f.10 Contractors, 1964-1968
- b.8 f.11 Engineering report, 1965 December 13
- b.8 f.12 FHA fees, 1969
 - b.13 Floor plans, 1965 December
- b.8 f.13 HRH Construction Company, 1964-1968
 - b.15 'Lavanburg Common' artist's renderings (4 sketches), 1961
 - b.15 "The Lavanburg Commons Anywhere" (10 sketches, 10 negatives), 1962
 - o.16 Lavanburg Villages artist's rendering (sketch), 1966
- Lavanburg Villages minutes, 1964-1972
 - b.8 f.14 1964-1966
 - b.9 f.1 1966-1972
 - b.9 f.2 Levin option, 1968-1972
 - b.9 f.3 Market analysis, 1965
 - b.9 f.4 Outline specifications: Lavanburg Community, 1969-1970
 - b.9 f.5 Rent supplement program, 1965
 - b.9 f.6 Resolutions, 1964-1965
 - b.13 Revised construction plans and specifications, 1969 April 14

Scrapbooks

- b.14 "The Future by Design", 1964
- b.14 Lavanburg Foundation, 1964-1965
- b.14 Lavanburg Villages building project, 1964
- b.9 f.7 Surveys, 1965
- b.9 f.8 Test borings, 1968
- b.9 f.9 Whittlesey & Conklin, 1964-1968
- b.9 f.10 Work program and budget projections, 1965-1971

Series III. Grants, 1966-2011 (4 boxes)

Series III contains lists of recipients the Lavanburg Foundation awarded grants to, as well as files on individual grant recipients including correspondence, reports, and other documentation of work done as a product of grant money received.

Awards, 1966-2010

- b.9 f.11 1966-1972
- b.9 f.12 1980-2000
- b.9 f.13 2001
- b.9 f.14 2002
- b.9 f.15 2003
- b.9 f.16 2004
- b.9 f.17 2005
- b.9 f.18 2006
- b.9 f.19 2007

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Awards (cont.)

- b.9 f.20 2008
- b.9 f.21 2009
- b.9 f.22 2010
- b.9 f.23 Bailey House, 2005-2007
- b.10 f.1 Baruch College, 2000
- b.10 f.2 Birch Services, 2003-2006
- b.10 f.3 Boys & Girls Club of Bellport, New York, 2004-2006
- b.10 f.4 Brooklyn Tenants' Council, 2000
- b.10 f.5 Center for the Elimination of Violence in the Family, 1999
- b.10 f.6 Citizens Committee for New York City, 1997-2010
- b.10 f.7 Citizens Housing and Planning Council, 2000-2009
- b.10 f.8 Dorot, 2003-2010
- b.10 f.9 Encore, 2001-2005
- b.10 f.10 Eviction Intervention Services, 2000-2001
- b.11 f.1 Goddard Riverside Community Center, 2000-2007
- b.11 f.2 Grace Church Community Center, 2003-2007
- b.11 f.3 Grand Street Settlement, 2005-2011
- b.11 f.4 Graybeards, Ltd., 2003-2005
- b.11 f.5 Hartley House, 2002-2010
- b.11 f.6 Health Advocates for Older People, Inc., 2008-2010
- b.11 f.7 Henry Street Settlement, 2002
- b.11 f.8 The Lantern Group, 1996-1999
- b.11 f.9 Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, 2003-2005
- b.12 f.1 Project Find, 2001-2010
- b.12 f.2 Sanctuary for Families, 2008-2009
- b.12 f.3 St. Matthew's, 2009-2010
- b.12 f.4 Settlement Housing Fund, Inc., 1999-2005
- b.12 f.5 University Settlement, 2004-2010
- b.12 f.6 Women's Prison Association & Home, Inc., 2003-2006