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Collection Summary
Title: Pioneers in Housing: An Oral History Project oral history interviews
Inclusive Dates: 1981-1996
Bulk Dates: 1993-1995
ID No.: MSS84909
Creator: Schussheim, Morton J.
Extent: 150 items
Extent: 3 containers
Extent: 1.2 linear feet
Extent: 41 digital files (2.0MB)
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm2002084909
Summary: Senior specialist in housing, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress. Transcripts of oral history interviews in both paper and digital format and related material pertaining to public housing and community development.

Selected Search Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People
Rouse, James W. James W. Rouse oral history interview.
Schussheim, Morton J.
Weaver, Robert C. (Robert Clifton), 1907-1997. Robert C. Weaver oral history interview.

Organizations
United States. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
United States. Housing and Home Finance Agency.

Subjects
Community development, Urban.
Housing policy.
Public housing.

Titles
Morton J. Schussheim papers

Acquisition Information
The oral history interviews of Pioneers in Housing: An Oral History Project were given to the Library of Congress by Morton J. Schussheim in 2002 and 2013.

Processing History
The oral history interviews of Pioneers in Housing: An Oral History Project were processed in 2010. A small addition and digital files were processed in 2014.
Digital files were received as part of the Pioneers in Housing papers on a variety of storage media, each of which was assigned a unique digital ID number. Use the digital ID number to request access copies of the files associated with each.
media. A description of the standard processes taken on all born digital records can be found in the Processing History Note: Born Digital Collection Material at https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.mss/eadmss.digital.

In instances when files would not render in the original format, they were converted to Microsoft Word by Manuscript Division Staff.

**Transfers**

Sound recordings of interviews have been transferred to the Motion Picture, Broadcasting, and Recorded Sound Division where they are identified as part of these records.

**Copyright Status**

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Morton J. Schussheim in these records and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the public.

**Access and Restrictions**

The oral history interviews of Pioneers in Housing are open to research. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use. Access to digital content is available onsite only in the Manuscript Reading Room and requires advanced notice. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting.

**Technical Requirements**

The digital files in the collection are primarily Word Perfect for Windows 5.0 and 5.1. The majority of files can be accessed with a standard file viewer. In instances when files would not render in the original format, they were converted to Microsoft Word by Manuscript Division Staff.

**Preferred Citation**

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**Scope and Content Note**

The records of Pioneers in Housing: An Oral History Project oral history interviews span the years 1981-1996 with the bulk of the material dating from 1993 to 1995. They consist of transcripts in both paper and digital format of oral history interviews conducted by Morton J. Schussheim, senior specialist in housing in the Congressional Research Service at the Library of Congress. Interviewees discussing the development of public housing and community planning include officials in the Department of Housing and Urban Development and its predecessor, the Housing and Home Finance Agency, educators in urban studies, and community developers. Among the interviewees are Albert M. Cole, Philip M. Klutznick, James W. Rouse, Robert C. Weaver, and Coleman Woodbury. The collection also contains a self-published memoir by Morton J. Schussheim entitled, "This I Remember (or Looked Up): A Houser's Story (2010). Digital files in this collection were created in 1994 and consist of the interview transcripts organized by name of interviewee. The files are a subset of the printed interview transcripts and are in WordPerfect format.
Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by the name of the interviewee.
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