

Howard Droker collection, 1944-2017

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Droker, Howard
Title	Howard Droker collection
Dates	1944-2017 (inclusive) 1944 2017
Quantity	0.18 cubic feet (1 box) plus 5 sound cassettes, 2 vertical files and 2 audio mp3 files
Collection Number	1586, 1617, 1658, 2112, 2220
Summary	Oral history interviews and various textual materials created or conducted by Howard Droker.
Repository	University of Washington Libraries, Special Collections Special Collections University of Washington Libraries Box 352900 Seattle, WA 98195-2900 Telephone: 206-543-1929 Fax: 206-543-1931 speccoll@uw.edu
Access Restrictions	Some materials are restricted. For terms of access, contact Special Collections, University of Washington Libraries.
Languages	English

Biographical Note

Howard Droker is a Seattle historian and author, and retired attorney specializing in real estate law and estate planning.

Content Description

This collection contains primarily material collected by Droker for his Ph. D. dissertation, The Seattle Civic Unity Committee and the Civil Rights Movement, 1944-1964, including report on and tape-recorded interviews with Jesse Epstein, Gary Gayton, Kenneth A. MacDonald, Samuel McKinney, and Alfred J. Westberg, concerning the Fair Housing Campaign in Seattle (1962-1964); and interview with MacDonald relating to his activities as member of the Washington State Board Against Discrimination; together with letters, writings, and published material by Droker. Includes material on Seattle houseboats and Seattle race relations during World War II as well as history of Seattle's Jewish community. Other persons represented include Sidney Gerber and Irene Burns Miller.

Other Descriptive Information

Use of the Collection

Restrictions on Use

Use restrictions vary. Consult the restrictions governing use for each accession listed below.

Administrative Information

Arrangement

Organized into 10 accessions.

Accession No. 1586-001, Howard Droker oral history collection relating to Civic Unity Committee, 1971

Accession No. 1586-004, Howard Droker papers, 1973-1975

Accession No. 1586-005, Howard Droker papers, 1976

Accession No. 1586-006, Howard Droker papers, 1978

Accession No. 1586-007, Howard Droker papers, 1983

Accession No. 1617-001, Howard Droker papers, 1944-1964

Accession No. 1658-001, Howard Droker papers, 1971

Accession No. 2112-001, Howard Droker oral history interview, 1973

Accession No. 2220-001, Howard Droker interview with Kenneth A. MacDonald, 1974

Accession No. 2220-002, Oral History Interview with Howard Droker, 2017

Related Materials

Howard Droker is the featured interviewer on several other oral history interviews in Special Collections, University of Washington Libraries.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Accession No. 1586-001: Howard Droker oral history collection relating to Civic Unity Committee, 1971

2 sound cassettes

Scope and Content: Tape recorded interviews conducted by Howard Droker in connection with his doctoral dissertation on the Civic Unity Committee, 1971. Tape 61: Interviews with the Reverend Samuel McKinney conducted on 7 Apr, 1971 AND Alfred J. Westberg on the Fair Housing Campaign in Seattle; 1962-1964. Tape 62: Interview with Gary Gayton conducted on 8 Apr 1971, on the Fair Housing Campaign in Seattle, 1962-1962.

Digital Content/Other Formats: [Listen to the audio recording of the Gary Gayton interview](#) on the Libraries Digital Collections site.

[Listen to the audio recording of the Samuel McKinney and Alfred Westberg interview](#) on the Libraries Digital Collections site.

Restrictions on Access: Access restricted: For terms of access contact repository.

Restrictions on Use: Creator's literary rights not transferred to the University of Washington Libraries.

Description

Howard Droker oral history collection relating to Civic Unity Committee

Accession No. 1586-004: Howard Droker papers, 1973-1975

1 item (30 pages)

Scope and Content: Manuscript of article, "Seattle Race Relation During the Second World War", Nov 1975; letter from Irene Miller, Jun 1973. Dr. Droker's Ph.D. on the Seattle Civic Unity Committee is the basis of this manuscript.

Restrictions on Access: Open to all users.

Description

Howard Droker papers

Accession No. 1586-005: Howard Droker papers, 1976

1 item (174 pages)

Scope and Content: Transcript copy of manuscript, "Seattle's Unsinkable Houseboats : Floating Homes and the Making of an Urban Lake, 1852-1976".

Restrictions on Access: Open to all users.

Restrictions on Use: Creator's literary rights retained. Contact repository for details. Permission to quote must be granted by Mr. Droker.

Description

Howard Droker papers

Accession No. 1586-006: Howard Droker papers, 1978

1 item.

Scope and Content: Notebook kept by surveyor for Washington and Idaho for Women's History Sources Survey, a nationwide NEH grant project of the University of Minnesota, ca. 1978.

Restrictions on Access: Open to all users.

Restrictions on Use: May be quoted.

Description

Howard Droker papers

Accession No. 1586-007: Howard Droker papers, 1983

1 vertical file

Scope and Content: Portage (The Magazine of the Historical Society of Seattle and King County) Volume 4 #2, Spring 1983. Contains Droker's article, "A Coat of Many Colors: The History of Seattle's Jewish Community".

Restrictions on Access: No restrictions on access.

Restrictions on Use: Copyrights retained by creator. Contact University of Washington Libraries Special Collections for details.

Acquisition Info: Washington State Jewish Archives

Description

Howard Droker papers

Accession No. 1617-001: Howard Droker papers, 1944-1964

1 volume (23 pages)

Scope and Content: Report, "The Campaign for Fair Housing in Seattle, 1944-1964".

Restrictions on Access: Access restricted: For terms of access contact repository.

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Description

Howard Droker papers

Accession No. 1658-001: Howard Droker papers, 1971

1 letter and 1 manuscript.

Scope and Content: Manuscript by Howard Droker, "The Seattle Civic Unity Committee : a case study of a 'white liberal' approach to race relations", letter from Alfred J. Westberg (xerox copy) re manuscript; 1971.

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Description

Howard Droker papers

Accession No. 2112-001: Howard Droker oral history interview, 1973

2 sound cassettes (ca. 80 min.); summary: 5 pages.

Scope and Content: Tape recorded interview conducted by Jesse Epstein on 13 Mar 1973; summary of interview Mr. Epstein describes the establishment of the Seattle Housing Authority, of which he was the first director, and the impact of black workers recruited from the South on the housing situation. He discusses community and black attitudes and integrated projects. He assesses the Seattle Civic Unity Committee and the effect of McCarthyism on the civil rights movement.

Digital Content/Other Formats: [Listen to the audio recording](#) of this interview on the Libraries Digital Collections site.

Restrictions on Access: Access restricted: For terms of access contact repository.

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Description

Howard Droker oral history interview

Accession No. 2220-001: Howard Droker interview with Kenneth A. MacDonald, 1974

1 sound cassette (60 min.); summary.

Scope and Content: Tape recorded interview of Kenneth A. MacDonald conducted by Howard Droker on 9 Jan 1974; summary. Mr. Droker asked questions which arose in the course of preparing his doctoral dissertation.

Digital Content/Other Formats: [Listen to the audio recording](#) of this interview on the Libraries Digital Collections site.

Restrictions on Access: Access restricted: For terms of access contact repository.

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Description

Howard Droker interview with Kenneth A. MacDonald

Accession No. 2220-002: Oral History Interview with Howard Droker, 2017

2 audio mp3 files (1 interview), 1 PDF transcript

Scope and Content: Oral history interview.

Digital Content/Other Formats: [Listen to the audio recording and view the transcript](#) of this interview on the Libraries Digital Collections site.

Restrictions on Access: No restrictions on access.

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Description

Oral History Interview with Howard Droker

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

African Americans--Civil rights--Washington (State)
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Civil rights--Washington (State)
Discrimination in housing--Washington (State)
Discrimination--Washington (State)
Houseboats--Washington (State)
Housing--Washington (State)
Race discrimination--Washington (State)
Race relations
World War, 1939-1945--African Americans

Personal Names :

Droker, Howard. Seattle Civic Unity Committee and the civil rights movement, 1944-1964
Droker, Howard--Archives
Epstein, Jesse, 1910-
Gayton, Gary D., 1933-
Gerber, Sidney, -1965
MacDonald, Kenneth A
McKinney, Samuel Berry, 1926-
Miller, Irene Burns
Westberg, Alfred J., 1905-

Corporate Names :

Civic Unity Committee (Seattle, Wash.)
Washington State Board Against Discrimination

Geographical Names :

Seattle (Wash.)--Race relations
Washington (State)--Race relations

Form or Genre Terms :

Audiotapes
Interviews

Other Creators :

Corporate Names :

Washington State Jewish Archives (University of Washington)
(host institution)

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Personal Papers/Corporate Records (University of Washington)

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