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## **Mayor Arthur J. Holland Papers Advisory Committee on Human Rights, 1964-1965**

### **Biography**

Arthur John Holland (24 October 1918 – 9 November 1989) was born in Trenton, and was mayor of the city 1959-1966 and 1970-1989 (his death). He had studied to become a priest, but instead attended St. Francis College in New York and then Rutgers University. In 1951, he became deputy director of public affairs for Trenton, and was elected on the Democratic ticket to the city council in 1955. He became mayor in 1959.

In 1964, he moved into the Mill Hill section of Trenton, which at that time was a majority African-American neighborhood, in a public attempt to lead the way for racial integration in the city. The move received national attention, much of it negative.

Holland lost the Democratic primary to Carmen J. Armenti in 1966. After teaching at Rutgers University for four years, he ran for mayor again and was reelected in 1970, serving until his death in 1989. He was president of the United States Conference of Mayors from 1988 to 1989, and died at Trenton's St. Francis Medical Center.

### **Scope and Content Notes**

The files are believed to have originated with the bulk of the collection that is now known simply as The Holland Papers. At some point, they were separated and placed together in a box and labeled as such. Some of the papers are in their original folders, while others have been refoldered. Original order is unknown, and the box does not necessarily follow a pattern. The papers have not been fully processed. Students from the history department at The College of New Jersey created a basic inventory list.

The papers of Mayor Arthur J. Holland are significant in documenting the actions of a city politician during a significant period of civil, racial, and economic unrest in a large urban community and state capital. Subjects of interest to researchers include community and civic organizations in Trenton, civil rights activism in the 1960s, housing, and urban redevelopment and renewal.

## **Provenance**

Holland's wife Betty, whom he married in the early 1960s, donated these papers.

## **Related Collections**

Mayor Arthur J. Holland Papers

Mayor Arthur J. Holland Papers – Trenton Committee on Unity/ Trenton Council on Human Relations

Mayor Arthur J. Holland Papers – N.J. State Anti-Discrimination & Civil Rights Legislation

## **Box List**

- “Outline Guide for Voluntary Local and Human Relations Councils”
- Meeting Minutes, 1963
- Meeting Plans, 1964
- Meeting Minutes, 1964
- Negro Membership in MC Board of Realtors (1964)
- Police Dept. Issues, 1964-1965
- Racial Bias Police, 1964
- Correspondence, 1964
- Public School Issues, 1964
- Coalport Relocation Survey
- Vanguard Rally. 27 April 1964
- Meeting Plans, 1965
- Newspaper Clippings, 1964
- Correspondence, 1965
- Racial Imbalance in Public Housing, 1964-1965
- John Fitch Way Relocation