

Guide to the Council for Equality Collection

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COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

The Council for Equality, a “bi-racial, private, non-profit organization,” was focused on trying to “study, improve, and change discrimination on whatever level it is found” in Ithaca and Tompkins County. An educational and advocacy group, the Council focused their efforts mostly in the areas of equality in housing, education, and employment.

Founded in 1959, at its height the organization, sometimes known as the Ithaca Council for Equality, had over 200 members, most from Ithaca but some from surrounding towns. Members included local luminaries such as James L. Gibbs, Beverly J. Martin, and Alfred Kahn. This collection contains meeting minutes, correspondence, and miscellaneous records from 1960-1966.

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Booklets: Poverty

Laws against discrimination

Equality in housing

Senate Act

Papers: Economic Opportunity Act

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Summary of Economic Opportunity Act

Functions of Local Human Relations

Units in the Race Relations Revolutions of the 60s

Miscellaneous Papers (8 items)

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Papers: Housing Committee

Community Involvement Plan

Volunteer Programs

Form for recording incidents of alleged discrimination

Scrapbook of news clippings (loose in box)