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OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Agency:** Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota.
Series Title: Robert L. Shoffner files,
Dates: 1948-1984.
Quantity: 1.3 cu. ft. (1 box and 1 double oversize volume in partial box).
Location: See Detailed Description section for box locations.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Subject files (1948-1984), publications (ca. 1950-1979), and reports on equivalent elimination (destruction of dwellings, 1950s) kept by Robert L. Shoffner, Assistant to the Civil Engineer. Containing correspondence, reports, statistics, maps, and photographs, the records document redevelopment in St. Paul, particularly as related to urban renewal projects. Areas highlighted include the Eastern and Western Redevelopment Areas and the Mount Airy Housing Project in the Capitol area. The reports on equivalent elimination (destruction of dwellings), organized first by street, then by address, contain detailed information on individual properties.

INDEX TERMS

These records are indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.

Topics:

- Appraising.
- City planning--Minnesota--Saint Paul.
- Developing.

Housing authorities--Minnesota--Saint Paul.
Public housing--Minnesota--Saint Paul.
Urban renewal--Minnesota--Saint Paul--Photographs.

Places:

Capitol Approach (Saint Paul, Minn.).

Persons:

Shoffner, Robert Lee.

Organizations:

Mount Airy Community (Saint Paul, Minn.).
Saint Paul Public Housing Agency (Saint Paul, Minn.).

Types of Documents:

Photographs--Minnesota--Saint Paul.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the location and box numbers shown below. Each file consists of one folder unless specified otherwise.

Location	Box	
105.I.18.9B	1	<p>Subject files:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Boundary and acquisition maps, undated.Condemnation and elimination reports, 1948-1975.Demolition estimates, April 6, 1968 - October 22, 1970.Demolition maps, 1964-1984.Development program data, 1958-1972.<ul style="list-style-type: none">Includes black and white photographs (snapshots) of sites, many identified, none dated, some with negatives; correspondence; maps; and site plans.Development Project descriptions, undated.File on PHA material, 1958-1964.<ul style="list-style-type: none">Public Housing [Administration?].File on Project No. UR Minn. 1-1, 1959-1961.<ul style="list-style-type: none">Eastern Redevelopment Area.File on UR Minn. 1-2, 1959-1961.<ul style="list-style-type: none">Western Redevelopment Area.File on URA materials, 1960-1962.<ul style="list-style-type: none">Urban Renewal Administration.Loan and grant tabulation sheet, for years 1969-1978.Minn. 1-3 Excluded property, March 1962.<ul style="list-style-type: none">Structure survey cards listing excluded area by street address; all seem to be related to the Mount Airy Housing Project.Miscellaneous HRA correspondence and documents, 1956-1979.Public housing data, 1963-1969.Redevelopment data, 1961-1968.Reports of equivalent elimination, 1953-1979.Urban Development Project chronologies and summary data sheets, St. Paul.<ul style="list-style-type: none">Chronologies cover 1950-1979. <p>Publications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Capital Centre—Downtown Urban Renewal, Saint Paul, Minnesota, HRA, September 1964. 1 volume.The Character of the City, Community Revitalization Program Report 1, City Planning Board, July 1967. 1 volume.Commercial Land for Sale: 10 Acres...4 Choice Parcels Within the Western Redevelopment Project..., HRA, March 15, 1960. 1 volume.

Location	Box	
105.I.18.9B	1	Publications (cont.): A Consultant Design Study for the St. Paul Model Cities Neighborhood Development Program by Williams/O'Brien Associates Inc., undated. 1 volume. Downtown Residential Opportunity in Capital Centre, Downtown Urban Renewal Area, Saint Paul, Minnesota, HRA, September 1964. 1 volume. "Freeway Exodus" Experiences in Finding Housing as a Result of the St. Anthony Rondo Freeway Displacement from Western to Lexington Avenues in St. Paul, August 1, 1962. 1 volume. New Life in St. Paul—Community Improvement—Urban Renewal, March 21, 1956. 1 volume. P.E.D. (Planning and Economic Development) Focus Agenda for a Future of St. Paul, 1978-1979. 1 volume. Progress Report: Capital Centre, Downtown Urban Renewal Project, Minn. R-20, HRA, January 27, 1967. 1 volume. Public Housing in the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota, February 1967, HRA. 1 volume. Saint Paul Advance, HRA, undated. 1 volume. The Twin Cities Tear Down to Rebuild, Reprinted from Engineering News-Record, August 16, 1962. 1 volume. Urban Renewal: A Report of Progress, HRA, [ca. 1967]. 1 volume. A slide show script. Urban Renewal Programs of the HRA of the City of Saint Paul, February 1967. 1 volume.
126.I.3.8	2	Preliminary Study: Capitol Redevelopment, [ca. 1950]. 1 volume.
105.I.18.9B	1(cont.)	Reports on Equivalent Elimination (destruction of dwellings), [1950s]. Index cards (3x5 inches) organized first by numbered streets, then alphabetically by named streets. List address, number of stories and type of structure, number of [d.u.?] eliminated, number of extra families, date of elimination, method of elimination, reason for elimination, and remarks.