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**Title:** MS 0379 Harry S. Wender Papers, 1921-1964

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**Harry Sylvester Wender** (February 7, 1908–December 14, 1985) was a prominent lawyer and civic leader in Washington, D.C., from the 1930s to the 1960s, a period when the city experienced major influences such as the New Deal, World War II, urban renewal, and the beginnings of desegregation and the civil rights movement. Through his membership and leadership in many organizations, Wender was often at the forefront of activities involving recreation, transportation, traffic issues, civil defense, social opportunities for military and civilian personnel, urban planning, voting rights for District citizens, consumer affairs, and other aspects of daily life in Washington. Wender served as chairman of the Recreation Board of the District of Columbia when the segregation of recreational facilities became a major local issue. (The topic of racial segregation in many aspects of life in Washington, D.C., appears throughout the collection.) Wender also participated in Washington's Jewish and Masonic communities and the Bar Association for the District. On a broader front Wender held positions and was active in the Association of Claimants' Attorneys (later the National Association of Claimants' Compensation Attorneys).

Harry Wender was born in Knoxville, Tennessee, the son of Wolf B. Wender and Rosie Stern Wender and brother of Jennie Wender Diamond Millstein. He graduated from Smallwood-Bowen School, 1921; Central High School, 1925; Georgetown University Law School, 1933 (all in Washington, D.C.) and took pre-legal coursework at George Washington University, 1925-1927.

Harry Wender married Gertrude Schwartz (June 6, 1911-June 27, 1983) on October 14, 1937 in Washington, D.C. A native of New York City, Gertrude Schwartz attended the City College of New York and George Washington University. Mrs. Wender worked as a secretary for the Teamsters Union for 23 years before retiring in 1973. Before moving to the Teamsters, she previously worked for the National Bureau of Standards and the Social Security Board. She died of cancer in 1983, per her obituary in the *Washington Post*, June

28, 1983. The Wenders had two daughters, Marilyn Simon Wender Cohen and Elaine S. Wender.

Admitted to practice of law in D.C. in 1932, Wender worked in the Woodward Building and the Wender Building; partnered with Jules Fink (Wender & Fink); and practiced for more than 50 years.

Wender died of cardio respiratory arrest at Suburban Hospital in Rockville, Maryland.

**Scope and Content:** This collection consists primarily of correspondence, newspaper clippings, and miscellaneous publications.

The collection is arranged in six series, as follows:

**SERIES I: PERSONAL PAPERS, 1921-1963.** This series is arranged alphabetically by topic with biographical materials appearing at the beginning of the series.

**SERIES II: SOUTHWEST CITIZENS' ASSOCIATIONS RECORDS, 1926-1954.**

Sub-series A: General Correspondence, Meeting Minutes, and Newspaper Clippings, 1934-1950 Correspondence primarily between Wender and Federal and District authorities with jurisdiction over issues affecting the District of Columbia and the citizens of Southwest Washington.

Sub-series B: Subject Files, 1930-1954

**SERIES III: D.C. AGENCIES, ASSOCIATIONS, AND LOCAL ISSUES, 1922-1972.** Materials, arranged alphabetically by subject, reflect Wender's professional and personal involvement and interest in District affairs. A large number of files listed under "Race Relations" and "Recreation" reflect the issue of segregation in Washington's recreational facilities. There are also numerous files on the establishment of social venues for military and civilian personnel during World War II. Items of particular interest relate to the District's Board of Education's refusal to allow African-American singer Marian Anderson to perform in the Central High School auditorium in 1939 and recurring references to Eleanor Roosevelt and her involvement in District and national affairs.

**SERIES IV: FEDERATION OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATIONS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (FCA) RECORDS, 1932-1960.** This series primarily contains material on the activities of civic groups in Washington regarding District, Congressional, and other Federal government legislation and regulation affecting District citizens. Notable items relate to repeal of the Congressional "Red Rider," outlawing the teaching of Communism in District public schools and Wender's "kiss of death" remark at a Congressional hearing about Eleanor Roosevelt's support of desegregation in public housing. (*See also* Folder 17, Series I.)

Sub-Series A: Annual Reports, Constitution and By-laws, Correspondence, Minutes, and Agendas

Sub-Series B: Committee and Subject Files

SERIES V: ASSOCIATION OF CLAIMANTS' ATTORNEYS RECORDS, 1953-1963. This organization has undergone a series of name changes, most recently from Association of Trial Lawyers of America to American Association for Justice. Some material relates to the founding of the Roscoe Pound-NACCA Foundation (the Pound Civil Justice Institute).

Subseries A: Association of Claimants' Attorneys (ACA)

Subseries B: National Association of Claimants' Compensation Attorneys (NACCA)

SERIES VI: PHOTOGRAPHS ca. 1940-1960.

The collection reflects Wender's participation in organizations such as:

American Bar Association  
 Anteaters Club (National Zoo)  
 Association of Claimants' Attorneys (later National Association of Claimants' Compensation Attorneys) (Board of Governors, President)  
 Bar Association of the District of Columbia  
 Bar Association of the U.S. Supreme Court  
 Benjamin Franklin Lodge, No. 50 (Freemasons)  
 B'nai Brith  
 Central High School Alumni Association  
 Civilian War Services Board  
 Committee of 100 of the Federal City  
 Committee on Pepsi-Cola Center for Service Men (chairman)  
 District of Columbia Association of Plaintiffs' Trial Attorneys  
 District of Columbia Commissioners' Traffic Advisory Council  
 District of Columbia Suffrage Association  
 Federation of Citizens' Associations (president)  
 Georgetown University Alumni Association  
 Motor Vehicle Parking Agency  
 Potomac Area, American Youth Hostels, Inc.  
 Recreation Board of the District of Columbia (chairman)  
 Recreation Services, Inc. (World War II) (counsel)  
 Registrants Advisory Board, District of Columbia Selective Service System  
 Scribes (legal writers)  
 Southwest Citizens' Association (President)  
 Southwest Community House (board member)  
 U.S. Citizens Service Corps

War Hospitality Committee (general counsel)  
 Washington Hebrew Congregation of Greater Washington  
 Washington Municipal Theatre (advisory board)

The collection reveals that Wender received the following awards: Evening Star Trophy, 1940; Outstanding Trial Lawyer of the Year (D.C. Association of Plaintiffs' Trial Attorneys); Certificate of Merit from D.C. Commissioners; October 4, 1983 designated by Mayor Marion Barry as "Harry Wender Day."

Notable correspondents and named individuals include:

Marian Anderson (African American contralto)  
 Appleton P. Clark, Jr.  
 Melvin Belli (prominent American attorney)  
 Sen. Theodore G. Bilbo (D-Miss.)  
 Sen. Everett M. Dirksen (R-Ill.)  
 Gen. Ulysses S. Grant III  
 Commissioner Melvin Hazen  
 John Ihlder (Executive Director, National Capital Housing Authority)  
 Sen. Pat McCarran (D-Nev.)  
 Evalyn Walsh McLean (Washington socialite)  
 Hon. Andrew W. Mellon  
 Theodore W. Noyes  
 Victor Perlmutter (Editor, *District Leader*)  
 Roscoe Pound (Dean, Harvard Law School)  
 E. Barrett Prettyman (Federal attorney and jurist)  
 Eleanor Roosevelt  
 Commissioner H. C. Whitehurst  
 Hugo W. Wolter (Executive Director, Recreation Services, Inc.)

**Donor:** Elaine S. Wender and Marilyn Simon Wender Cohen, 1986.069, 1986.097

**Size:** 13 cubic ft. (26 containers)

**Access Restrictions:** The collection is open for research.

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CHS 11935	31st Anniversary Dinner of the Federation of Citizens' Associations of the District of Columbia
CHS 11936	30th Anniversary Dinner of the Federation of Citizens' Associations of the District of Columbia
CHS 11937	Georgetown Law School Testimonial Dinner to Hugh J. Fegan.
E 0057	Children's Aid, Inc. ephemera
E 0060	Citizens Committee on Race Relations ephemera
E 0088	District of Columbia Federation of Civic Associations, Inc. ephemera
E 0838	American Rescue Workers ephemera
E 0841	Community Chest ephemera
E 1015	D. C. Municipal Court ephemera
E 1030	Cavalcade of Freedom ephemera
E 1037	Fourth Street Dedication ephemera
E 1039	National Capital Sesquicentennial Commission ephemera
E 1150	Alley Dwelling Authority ephemera
E 1287	Central Suffrage Conference of the D. C. ephemera
E 1313	Voters League ephemera
E 1540	U. S. Government ephemera
M 0446	Plans proposed for metropolitan Washington
MS 0379	Harry S. Wender Papers, 1921-1964
P 2887	Your son is my brother.
P 2907	How the "sliding scale" reduces rates.
P 2908	The D.C. government attacks free speech ...
P 2910	Official traffic safety program for 1959.
P 5157	Cross-roads to war and the road back; a history of the United Nations Service Center, 1943-1947.
P 5158	"A good leave town"; a brief history of the War Hospitality Committee, Washington, D.C. (1942-1947).
P 5159	He's back.

P 5160	Just what does the Armed Services Hospitality Committee do? Report for the year 1952 of the Armed Services Hospitality Committee, Washington, D.C.
P 5161	Leave in Washington: Report of the War Hospitality Committee.
P 5162	Objective: morale: report for the year 1955 of the Armed Services Hospitality Committee.
P 5163	Recreation inventory of services available for service personnel and war workers, Washington, D.C. 1943.
P 5164	Study of community organization for military personnel, July 1950.

**Related Materials:**

Collections at the Historical Society that may contain material related to the subject matter of MS 0379 include:

**MS 0344** Ulysses S. Grant III papers

**MS 0442** Capital Transit Company records

**MS 0390** John Nolen Papers (re: National Capital Planning Commission)

Collections at other repositories:

**Papers of Harry S. Wender, 1930-1973, D.C. Public Library, Washingtoniana**  
Division, D.C. Community Archives (finding aid available at the Historical Society of Washington, D.C.)

## Container List

**Processors note:** The folder numbering sequence re-starts at the beginning of each series and/or sub-series. When requesting material, please note the relevant container number, series and subseries, and folder number.

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### SERIES I: PERSONAL PAPERS, 1921-1963

#### Container 1 (Folders 1-17)

**Folder 1:** Biographical file, 1935-ca. 1959, 1985, and undated. Personal sketches written by Wender and his 1985 obituary.

**Folder 2:** Best Restaurants, Incorporated, 1937, 1943. Copy of certificate of incorporation, minutes of meetings of incorporators, and other correspondence regarding founding of corporation "to maintain and operate cafes, restaurants and eating houses."

**Folder 3:** *Bexhill Corporation vs. Lowell H. Ewing*, 1954-1955. Correspondence and court documents in landlord and tenant case.

**Folder 4:** B'nai B'rith, 1913-1961. Includes meeting notices, *Congressional Record* excerpt, committee rosters, reports, newsletters, by-laws, correspondence.

**Folder 5:** Central High School Alumni Association, 1935-1950. Contains correspondence regarding "C" Club activities, high school athletics, and racial segregation in D.C. public schools. A February 16, 1950 letter from Irene J. Paulus severely criticizes Wender for advocating an end to segregation.

**Folder 6:** Central High School, Newspaper clippings, 1944-1951. Articles primarily explore the 1950 transfer of Central High School to Cardozo High School for use by African-American students. Some articles include pictures of Wender. Clippings also cover activities of Central High School Alumni Association.

**Folder 7:** Certificates. Membership in United States Citizens Services Corps, 1943, and Scribes, 1958.

**Folder 8:** Endorsements for public office, 1940-1951. Correspondence and newspaper clippings endorsing Harry S. Wender for police court, people's counsel, expert advisor to the Senate Committee on the District of Columbia, and D.C. Commissioner.

**Folder 9:** Fink, Jules. Correspondence, 1961-1963, between Jules Fink, of Wender & Fink, and Robert Kramer, Dean, George Washington University Law School, regarding law review articles. Includes program for D.C. Bar Day, May 9, 1961.

**Folder 10:** Freemasonry, 1937-1950. By-laws of Ben Franklin Lodge, membership cards, correspondence, invitations, booklet, Almas Death Listings from 1944-1949, and materials related to Almas activities.

**Folder 11:** Gasoline rationing, 1943-1945. Correspondence and applications regarding supplemental and occupational mileage ration.

**Folder 12:** Georgetown University Law School and Alumni Association, 1933-1950. List of 1933 graduates and correspondence with Georgetown University Alumni Association and officials at Georgetown University, New Hospital Fund contribution correspondence and newspaper articles, law school anniversary dinner program and related materials, and Alumni Association membership cards.

**Folder 13:** Jewish activities and issues, 1934-1949. Newspaper clippings on assorted topics relating to Jews, including the treatment of Jews during World War II and the creation of Israel. Includes card from National Security Files citing Wender as a Jewish Communist ("publicly supports Soviet policy to cause unrest among blacks and whites").

**Folder 14:** Jewish Community Council of Washington, 1946-1950. Later named Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington. Includes constitutions and by-laws, lists of committee members, position statements, correspondence, *Summary of Religious Holiday Observances in Public Schools* (1949), Anti-Defamation League material, and meeting notices.

**Folder 15:** Newspaper clippings, 1932-1951. Announcement of engagement to Gertrude Schwartz, activities of Wender, and assorted subjects.

**Folder 16:** Personal memorabilia, 1921-1930s, 1961. Limited correspondence from Gertrude Schwartz, drawing of Thomas Jefferson Memorial High School.

**Folder 17:** Speeches, 1935-1941. Invitations and drafts of speeches, radio talks, and other presentations regarding such topics as traffic safety, automobile inspection, and Congressional anti-Communist "Red Rider" legislation.

## **Container 2 (Folders 18-23; folders 1-5)**

**Folder 18:** Speeches, 1942-1949. Invitations and drafts of speeches and other presentations regarding such topics as war matters, recreation, and testimony on home rule for the District of Columbia before a subcommittee of the House Committee on the District of Columbia.

**Folder 19:** Washington Hebrew Congregation, 1929-1950. Bulletins, radio scripts, correspondence, Temple Journal, constitution and by-laws, and paid receipts. The fund to construct a new temple is covered in this file. Radio scripts include those by Rabbi Norman Gerstenfeld in 1944. See page 4 of October 24, 1929 *The Temple Bulletin* for dedication of pulpit in memory of Frieda Wender.

**Folder 20:** Wender Building entrance sign [2026 I St., N.W.].

**Folder 21:** Young People's League, Washington Hebrew Congregation, 1933-1936. Meeting notices, correspondence, President's Report.

**Folder 22:** Zionist Organization of America, 1948-1949. Invitations to join organization and limited correspondence. Includes telegram invitation to meet Israeli President Chaim Weizmann.

**Folder 23:** Miscellaneous publications. "In Honor of Theodore Williams Noyes: Eightieth Birthday Anniversary Dinner," January 26, 1938, (E1242); "Address by Theodore W. Noyes on His Eightieth Anniversary Birthday Dinner," January 26, 1938, (E1242); "The Forgotten Man and Not Forgetting the Forgotten Woman—the Political and Fiscal Relationship Between the United States and Its National Capital Community," Theodore W. Noyes, May 16, 1938; "Testimonial Dinner in Honor of Melvin Colvin Hazen: Celebrating Fifty Years of Service in the District of Columbia Government," June 28, 1939 (E1001).

## **SERIES II: SOUTHWEST CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION RECORDS, 1926-1954**

### Sub-series A: General Correspondence, Meeting Minutes, and Newspaper Clippings, 1934-1950

**Folder 1:** Newspaper clippings, 1934-1951. Articles in which Wender is mentioned or pictured. Subjects include recreational facilities, traffic issues, and public housing. Wender was president of the Association in the late 1930s and early 1940s.

**Folder 2:** Correspondence, resolutions, and reports, 1934. Wender served as the Chairman of the Law and Legislation Committee during the mid-1930s until he assumed the presidency of the Association in 1937.

**Folder 3:** Correspondence, resolutions, radio script, reports, meeting minutes, 1935.

**Folder 4:** Correspondence, reports, resolutions, 1936.

**Folder 5:** Correspondence, meeting minutes, and reports, 1937. Correspondence focuses heavily on traffic issues and the opening of Sternberg Court model apartments. December 14, 1937 letter discusses unfavorable conditions at Sternberg Court.

**Container 3 (Folders 6-11; folders 1-6)**

**Folder 6:** Correspondence, meeting minutes, and resolutions, January-June 1938. Subjects include the alley dwelling clearance projects, The Army War College, Theodore Noyes' 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, traffic issues, and renaming Water Street "Maine Avenue."

**Folder 7:** Correspondence, meeting minutes, and resolutions, July-December 1938. Subjects include Jefferson Dwellings and surrounding area, traffic concerns, use of playgrounds, responses from Congressmen to letters of congratulations issued by the Association following November 1938 elections, Barney Neighborhood House, and problem with dogs.

**Folder 8:** Correspondence, meeting minutes, and resolutions, 1939. Correspondence covers playgrounds, transportation issues, and Griffenhagen Bill. Also includes a flier advertising a rally to fight starvation in Washington, which included Eleanor Roosevelt as a speaker as well as January 18, 1939 letter commenting on efforts to provide sustenance to underweight girls in the Bowen and Greenleaf Schools,

**Folder 9:** Correspondence, meeting minutes, and resolutions, 1940. Correspondence covers subjects such as traffic and transportation issues, Congressional appropriation bills, and "dangerous loading platform" at corner of Maine Avenue and O Street, S.W. File includes advertisement for River Cruise to Marshall Hall sponsored by the Association.

**Folder 10:** Correspondence, meeting minutes, and resolutions, 1941. Topics include the opening of the Southwestern branch of District of Columbia Public Library, open house at Thomas Jefferson Memorial Junior High School, letters of recommendation for candidates seeking positions in D.C. public schools, and issue of "penny arcades."

**Folder 11:** Correspondence, meeting minutes, and resolutions, 1942-1950. Topics include transportation issues, Capital Transit Company prices for tokens, mention of effects of war effort and military service on community, letter of thanks to Wender for his service to the Association, and a "Survey of Southwest Washington." File also includes examples of Southwest Citizens' Association membership cards and a copy of the SWCA constitution.

Sub-series B: Subject Files, 1930-1954

**Folder 1:** Alley Dwelling Authority, 1937-1943. Press release on housing project in Southwest and change of organizational name and newspaper clippings.

**Folder 2:** Barney Neighborhood House, 1934-1948. Correspondence, a chronology of the House, and newspaper clippings.

**Folder 3:** Boys' Club newspaper clippings, 1934-1948, 1959.

**Folder 4:** Boys' Club of the Metropolitan Police, 1934-1950. Correspondence, program of Dance and Frolic benefit for Boys' Club, listing of gifts' committee, and some Boys' Club ephemera. Fundraising letters include a response from former Secretary of the Treasury Andrew W. Mellon.

**Folder 5:** Child Labor, 1938-1940. Resolutions regarding child labor laws and copies of Congressional legislation on employment of minors in the District of Columbia.

**Folder 6:** Civilian Defense, 1941-September 1942. Copies of Executive Orders relating to civilian defense, correspondence, literature distributed to civilian defense workers, and organizational chart of Southwest Warden Service. Notable topics of correspondence include salvage drives, wartime savings bonds, blackouts, and air raid wardens.

#### **Container 4 (Folders 7-20)**

**Folder 7:** Civilian Defense, October 1942-1946. Continuation of previous folder. Wender served as chairman of the Civilian Defense Committee, Southwest Area. Includes Constitution of the Civilian Defense Council of the District of Columbia and pamphlet, "Organization Outline for Local Defense Councils," U.S. Office of Civilian Defense.

**Folder 8:** Dog control, 1939-1945. Correspondence, newspaper clippings, resolutions, and legislative documents regarding regulations concerning dogs in the District of Columbia.

**Folder 9:** Fourth Street, S.W., January-June 1934. Resolutions and correspondence related to attempt to have Fourth Street, Four and a Half St., and John Marshall Place all renamed "John Marshall Avenue."

**Folder 10:** Fourth Street, S.W., Rededication, August-September 1934. Correspondence concerning plans for the rededication ceremony and repaving of Fourth Street (previously Four and a Half St.). Fundraising letters elicited responses and contributions from a variety of local businesses, including Christian Heurich Brewery, Continental Baking Company, Hechinger Company, Lowe's Theaters, Peoples Drug Store, and Sanitary Grocery.

**Folder 11:** Fourth Street, S.W., Rededication, October 1934-1935. Continuation of previous folder as well as lists of invitations, contributions, committee members, and general remarks. Correspondence is primarily carbon copies of letters sent by Wender as Chairman of the Fourth Street Rededication Committee.

**Folder 12:** Fourth Street, S.W., Rededication, scrapbook, 1934. Collection of "communications and publicity," including advertisements, programs, newspaper clippings, and correspondence.

**Folder 13:** Housing issues, Newspaper clippings, 1934-1941. Articles related to housing issues in Southwest, primarily that of slum clearance. Includes reproduced photographs of 456 N St. (once home of Washington Lewis), Old Wheat Row (between N and O Sts.), St. John's Lutheran Church on Fourth St. (between C and D Sts.), and Thomas Law House on Sixth and N Sts.

**Folder 14:** Housing issues, 1935-1946. Programs for conferences on housing issues, newsletters, correspondence, copies of Congressional legislation, and organizational literature. The primary newsletter represented is the *Housing Letter*, published by the Washington Housing Association.

**Folder 15:** Jefferson Junior High School, 1934-1947. Correspondence, Congressional legislation, memorandum, and event programs addressing the delay in replacing the old Thomas Jefferson School and the eventual completion of the new Jefferson Junior High School. Includes 1940 dedication program.

**Folder 16:** Jefferson Junior High School, Newspaper clippings, 1934-1947. Articles related to the old and new Jefferson Junior High School buildings and issues related to the students attending the school.

**Folder 17:** Milk regulation, 1940. Correspondence regarding labeling of milk and a report on its regulation in the District of Columbia. (*See also* "Milk" folders in Series IV.B.)

**Folder 18:** National Gallery of Art, 1937-1941. Resolution, correspondence, and memoranda regarding acceptance of gift from Andrew W. Mellon and closing of Sixth Street, S.W.; photograph of drawing of gallery, 1937; invitation to dedication.

**Folder 19:** National Gallery of Art, Newspaper clippings, 1935-1961. Articles primarily on closing of Sixth Street, S.W.

**Folder 20:** Penny Arcade, 1941-1948. Correspondence, resolutions, and newspaper clippings regarding the establishment of a penny arcade in the vicinity of Jefferson Junior High School.

#### **Container 5 (Folders 21-29; folders 1-5)**

**Folder 21:** Playgrounds, 1934-1948. Correspondence and reports on recreational facilities in Southwest and elsewhere in Washington, constitution and literature of the City-Wide Playground Council, resolutions and other materials relating to playgrounds and recreational facilities. (*See also* "Recreation" folders in Series III.)

**Folder 22:** Playgrounds, Newspaper clippings, 1930-1950. Articles regarding playgrounds and recreational facilities in Washington, D.C. (*See also* "Recreation" folders in Series III.)

**Folder 23:** Public Utilities Commission, 1934-1939. Primarily correspondence between Wender and various members of the D.C. Public Utilities Commission, draft resolutions, and a letter from Sen. Everett Dirksen.

**Folder 24:** Redevelopment--Southwest, 1952-1954. Newspaper clippings, a press release, and correspondence with planner Pierre Ghent on redevelopment in Southwest and title page of "Redevelopment Plan: Southwest Redevelopment Project Area B." (NA9127.W2 A53 1952, in book collection).

**Folder 25:** Southwest Community House, 1940-1943. Correspondence, information about this Community Chest organization, constitution, building specifications and requirements (prepared by architect Hilyard R. Robinson), budget reports, and activity schedules. Wender served on the SWCH board.

**Folder 26:** Taxicab Liability Law, 1934-1938. Correspondence, some with U.S. Senators, and statements of support regarding passage of the Taxicab Liability Law.

**Folder 27:** Transportation, 1934-1941. Correspondence, resolutions, reports, and organizational literature relevant to transportation in Washington, primarily regarding bus and street car service and often with D.C. Public Utilities Commission. (*See also* Folder 58 in Series IV.)

**Folder 28:** Transportation, Newspaper clippings, 1934-1942. Articles on assorted D.C. transportation issues.

**Folder 29:** Waterfront, Newspaper clippings, 1934-1940. Articles regarding the waterfront in Southwest and a copy of a letter from Wender to the *Evening Star* about an editorial.

### **SERIES III: D.C. AGENCIES, ASSOCIATIONS, AND LOCAL ISSUES, 1922-1972**

**Folder 1:** Automobile financing and other small loans, 1935-1941. Correspondence, copies of Congressional legislation, resolutions, and newspaper clippings regarding abuses in the small loan industries. Includes promotional brochures from finance companies.

**Folder 2:** Bar Association of the District of Columbia, 1932-1955. Correspondence, newspaper clippings, and miscellany associated with Wender's membership and correspondence related to his work on Association committees.

**Folder 3:** Bar Association of the District of Columbia, 1961-1962. Brochures and fliers from assorted social events sponsored by the Association, correspondence about service within the organization, and blank forms. Includes by-laws.

**Folder 4:** Bar Association of the District of Columbia, Juvenile Delinquency Committee, 1946-1950. Correspondence, reports, and resolution.

**Folder 5:** Bar Association of the District of Columbia, Legal Ethics Committee, 1960. Correspondence and material surrounding Wender's including information about his law firm in a greeting card. Includes a copy of ABA's "Canons of Professional Ethics" and "Consolidated Roster-JAG Detachments."

**Container 6 (Folders 6-16)**

**Folder 6:** Bar Association of the District of Columbia, Motor Vehicle Law and Traffic Committee, July 1953-March 1960. Copies of Congressional legislation, correspondence, memoranda, meeting minutes, and reports.

**Folder 7:** Bar Association of the District of Columbia, Motor Vehicle Law and Traffic Committee, April-May 1960. Copies of Congressional legislation, correspondence, memoranda, meeting minutes, and reports.

**Folder 8:** Bar Association of the District of Columbia, Motor Vehicle Law and Traffic Committee, June-December 1960. Copies of Congressional legislation, correspondence, memoranda, meeting minutes, and reports.

**Folder 9:** Bar Association of the District of Columbia, Motor Vehicle Law and Traffic Committee, January-May 1961. Copies of Congressional legislation, correspondence, memoranda, meeting minutes, and reports.

**Folder 10:** Bar Association of the District of Columbia, Motor Vehicle Law and Traffic Committee, August-September 1961, and undated. Copies of Congressional legislation, correspondence, memoranda, meeting minutes, and reports.

**Folder 11:** Bar Association of the District of Columbia, Motor Vehicle Law and Traffic Committee, 1964. Primarily drafts of the Motor Vehicle Indemnification Fund Act of the District of Columbia.

**Folder 12:** Bar Association of the District of Columbia, Traffic Court Conference Committee, 1947-1950. Conference materials, correspondence, meeting minutes, and reports. Wender was a member of the Committee.

**Folder 13:** Board of Education, 1935-1949. Correspondence related primarily to members of the D.C. Board of Education and newspaper clippings about assorted educational concerns in Washington. Included are letters suggesting Wender as a candidate for the Board.

**Folder 14:** Budget, D.C., Newspaper clippings, 1931-1944. Articles related to the District of Columbia's budget. (*See also* "Fiscal relations" below.)

**Folder 15:** Budget, D.C., Newspaper clippings, 1945-1949. Continuation of previous folder.

**Folder 16:** Charity rackets, 1940-1949. Correspondence and newspaper clippings about so-called "charity rackets," their methods of eliciting funds from the public, and related charity issues.

**Container 7 (Folders 17-29)**

**Folder 17:** Child daycare centers, 1946-1949. Copies of Congressional legislation, correspondence, certificate of incorporation, and newspaper clippings about daycare centers in Washington. Wender served as volunteer counsel.

**Folder 18:** Child labor law, Newspaper clippings, 1935-1943. Articles about child labor laws. (*See also* Folder 5, Series II.A.)

**Folder 19:** Civil rights, 1947-1950. Primarily newspaper clippings on civil rights issues. Also contains a copy of Wendell Berge's address on "The Present Threat to Our Civil Rights" and a Senate bill to establish a Commission on Human Rights in the District. (*See also* "Race relations" below.)

**Folder 20:** Committee of 100, 1944-1949. Contribution cards and receipts, correspondence, meeting minutes, mission statement, newspapers clippings, and resolutions. Wender accepted a position on the Committee of 100.

**Folder 21:** Community Chest and Community War Fund, 1938-1950. By-laws, correspondence, meeting minutes, membership roster, reports, and newspaper clippings.

**Folder 22:** Council of Social Agencies, 1945-1948. Primarily information about the organization.

**Folder 23:** Crime, 1929-1949. Items about D.C. jails and newspaper articles focusing on sexual offenses. Includes title page of "Crime in the Nation's Capital, 1943" (P0051 in pamphlet collection).

**Folder 24:** District Commissioners, Newspaper clippings, 1934-1951. Articles about membership of District Commissioners and their activities. Includes articles promoting Wender as a candidate to replace Commissioner Guy Mason.

**Folder 25:** District delegate, Newspaper clippings, 1938-1945. Articles on the role of the District's delegate in Congress and other issues related to the District's lack of voting rights.

**Folder 26:** District Delegate Committee, 1922-1946. Correspondence and copies of Congressional legislation related to the attempt to secure a Congressional delegate from the District of Columbia. Much of the material relates to District Delegate bills sponsored by Rep. George A. Paddock (R-IL).

**Folder 27:** *District Leader*, 1940-1942. Correspondence with editor Victor Perlmutter, newspaper clippings about and by the *District Leader* newspaper, and three issues of the publication. One clipping reprints a report given by Wender.

**Folder 28:** District of Columbia Legislative Council, 1940-1947. By-laws, correspondence, meeting minutes, and membership lists. Wender was an at-large member.

**Folder 29:** Fair trade, 1937-1950. Primarily contains publications and memoranda issued by other agencies, copies of Congressional legislation, constitution of the Citizens' Committee for Fair Taxation, and limited correspondence regarding fair trade issues and the Fair Trade Act. Also includes newspaper clippings relating to regulation of prices of retail merchandise in the District of Columbia.

#### **Container 8 (Folders 30-44)**

**Folder 30:** Fiscal relations, Newspaper clippings, 1942-1947. Articles on subjects relating to the District of Columbia's budget, tax burden, general fund, and relationship to Congress with regard to fiscal matters.

**Folder 31:** Home Rule, Newspaper clippings, 1923-1947. Articles on assorted Congressional bills aimed at providing autonomy to the District of Columbia, and other issues related to home rule.

**Folder 32:** Legal issues, Newspaper clippings, 1957-1961. Articles on miscellaneous subjects in D.C. area.

**Folder 33:** Motor Vehicle Parking Agency, 1938-1949. Correspondence, Public Law 454, 77<sup>th</sup> Congress, meeting minutes, survey, and newspaper clippings regarding parking issues in Washington, including the creation of the Motor Vehicle Parking Agency (of which Wender was a member) and its subsequent decisions.

**Folder 34:** Motor vehicles, Newspaper clippings, 1957-1972. Articles related to motor vehicle issues, such as driving ages, insurance, and drunk drivers.

**Folder 35:** National Capital Sesquicentennial, 1949-1950. Correspondence and newspaper clippings related to sesquicentennial events. Also includes a correspondence related to the sesquicentennial of the Naval Gun Factory in 1949. The amphitheater built in Rock Creek Park for the sesquicentennial was later renamed the Carter Barron Amphitheater.

**Folder 36:** National politics, 1936-1940. Membership applications, notices, rosters, and newspaper clippings regarding Presidential elections. Groups mentioned include Landon and Knox Campaign Club, Lawyers' Roosevelt & Garner Club, and Democratic National Committee.

**Folder 37:** National Stadium, 1944-1949. Correspondence, Congressional legislation, newspaper clippings, photograph of a model stadium between New York Ave. and Brentwood Parkway N.E., and a reference report compiled by the D.C. Recreation Department, all regarding proposals to erect a stadium in Washington with suggested names such as National War Memorial Stadium and Ernest Taylor Pyle Stadium.

**Folder 38:** Police Band, 1944. Correspondence, Congressional legislation, and newspaper clippings regarding status of Metropolitan Police Band.

**Folder 39:** Public health, 1936-1943. By-laws of and other documents produced by the District of Columbia Tuberculosis Association, newspaper clippings about tuberculosis, and a proposal to eradicate venereal diseases.

**Folder 40:** Public welfare, 1935-1944. Correspondence, copies of Congressional legislation, and newspaper clippings on subjects such as elimination of red-light districts, District of Columbia's Board of Public Welfare, housekeeping assistance, housing issues, and training schools.

Race Relations—*See also* "Recreation" (below).

**Folder 41:** Race relations, 1939 (Marian Anderson). Summary report of the actions taken by the D.C. Board of Education denying a request by Howard University to allow African-American singer Marian Anderson to perform in concert in Central High School auditorium.

**Folder 42:** Race relations, 1940-1943. The majority of the folder's contents relate to the activities of the Citizens' Committee on Race Relations, formed in May 1943. Contains correspondence, meeting minutes, membership list, a newsletter from the Lincoln Civic Association, newspaper clippings, and reports. Also includes correspondence with the Joint Citizens Committee on the subject of appointing an African-American lawyer as an assistant corporation counsel.

**Folder 43:** Race relations, Newspaper clippings, 1943-1950. Articles related to segregation and race relations in the District of Columbia and nationally.

**Folder 44:** Race relations, 1944. Correspondence, minutes of meetings, membership lists, and reports. The majority of the material relates to the Citizens Committee on Race Relations. Includes a hand-written letter from Mrs. Frances V. Beasley(?), of Mobile, Alabama, dated June 12, severely criticizing Eleanor Roosevelt for her words and actions,

especially during Mrs. Roosevelt's visit to Mobile, and an overall excoriation of attempts to change the status of blacks in the South.

### **Container 9 (Folders 45-57)**

**Folder 45:** Race relations, 1945. Documents mainly address the issue of the racial policies of the D.C. Recreation Board and segregation of public recreational facilities in Washington. Includes correspondence expressing support and disapproval of the Recreation Department's policies, copies of statements and addresses, and memoranda. Includes letter from Sen. Theodore Bilbo thanking Wender for upholding a segregation policy as chairman of the D.C. Recreation Board.

**Folder 46:** Race relations, 1946-1947. Includes correspondence; newspaper clippings; reports; program from the Conference for Racial Democracy in the Nation's Capital; newsletters from the Committee for Racial Democracy in the Nation's Capital; "Report and Resolution of Petworth Citizens' Association on District of Columbia Section of Civil Rights Report by President's Committee on Civil Rights"; and copy of James Wallace's pamphlet *Segregation on Common Carriers*. Organizations represented include Voteless District of Columbia League of Women Voters, NAACP, Washington League of Women Shoppers, and the Washington Urban League.

**Folder 47:** Race relations, 1948. By-laws of the D.C. Recreation Board, correspondence, handwritten notes, meeting minutes, reports, statements and addresses on the subject of segregation in public recreational facilities. Includes "Final Report of Citizens' Committee Against Segregation in Recreation."

**Folder 48:** Race relations, 1949, various, and undated. Correspondence; draft speeches; maps; publications; reports, including a response by Recreation Department staff to "Segregation in Washington"; copies of *ADL [Anti-Defamation League] Bulletins* discussing race issues in Washington; and "Recreation and Race Adjustment in Washington, D.C." Photocopies of maps, "Proposed Recreation System, District of Columbia, 1944" and "District of Columbia Recreation Plan, 1947" (originals stored with oversized materials).

**Folder 49:** Recorder of Deeds, Newspaper clippings, 1944. Articles regarding appointments of Recorder of Deeds, an office traditionally held by an African American.

Recreation—See also "Playgrounds" (Series II), "Race Relations" (above), and "War Hospitality Committee" (below).

**Folder 50:** Recreation, Newspaper clippings, 1934-1940. Articles related to recreation and recreational facilities in the District of Columbia. Includes items on appointments to recreation committees, school playgrounds, park improvements, Congressional legislation, and tourism.

**Folder 51:** Recreation, 1935-1940. Includes a report to the D.C. Commissioners by the Advisory Council on Playgrounds and Recreation and reports by Southwest Citizens' Association on recreational facilities.

**Folder 52:** Recreation, 1941. Correspondence, copies of Congressional legislation, and meeting minutes. Topics include bills for the creation of a Recreation Board, letter urging the National Gallery of Art to keep evening hours, correspondence and reports generated by citizens' associations (including the Southwest Citizens' Association) regarding recreational facilities and creation of a Recreation Board.

**Folder 53:** Recreation, Newspaper clippings, 1941. Articles on assorted topics related to parks, playgrounds, and recreational activities.

**Folder 54:** Recreation, January-July 1942. Material primarily concerns activities of the newly-created D.C. Recreation Board. Includes a report by the Acting Coordinator of Recreation, correspondence, program for inspection tour of recreational facilities, minutes of Recreation Board meeting, materials from the National Recreation Association and the War and National Recreation Congresses, notes on "wartown recreation" program, list of National Community Christmas Tree committee members, and list of sites providing free swimming lessons for the war effort.

**Folder 55:** Recreation, August-December 1942. Continuation of previous folder.

**Folder 56:** Recreation, Newspaper clippings. 1942. Articles on assorted topics related to parks, playgrounds, and recreational activities.

**Folder 57:** Recreation, 1942-1946. Memoranda and reports on jurisdiction over parks, playgrounds, and other recreational facilities in the District of Columbia, especially in regard to practices of racial segregation. Agencies involved include the Department of the Interior, District of Columbia Recreation Board, National Park Service, and National Capital Park and Planning Commission. Several documents include statements by individuals affected by discriminatory practices with regard to recreation.

#### **Container 10 (Folders 58-66)**

**Folder 58:** Recreation, 1943. Primarily contains documents related to the operation of the D.C. Recreation Board. Includes correspondence and memoranda, financial documents, a brochure from the Walsh Club for War Workers, meeting minutes, literature relating to Fourth of July celebrations, and a schedule of events for Howard University's War Recreation Program.

**Folder 59:** Recreation, Newspaper clippings, 1943-1948. Articles on assorted topics related to parks, playgrounds, and recreational activities.

**Folder 60:** Recreation, 1944. Primarily contains documents related to the operation of the D.C. Recreation Board. Includes correspondence; "Report on the Recreational Needs of the Brightwood Section"; revisions to rules guiding community use of facilities; requests made at citizens' meeting; copy of the Chevy Chase D.C. Community Memorial Project; and draft documents for the White House Conference on War Time Recreation. Also contains correspondence between E. Barrett Prettyman and Wender regarding hiring Gus Welch, "the old Carlisle Indian football player," for the Recreation Department.

**Folder 61:** Recreation, 1945. Primarily contains documents related to the operation of the D.C. Recreation Board. Includes correspondence and memoranda, materials related to the Fourth of July celebration, list of units in the D.C. recreation system, copy of a script of "Junior Police on Parade," and copies of "Victory Achievement Tests" for girls and boys.

**Folder 62:** Recreation, Newspaper clippings, 1945-1952. Articles on segregation in D.C. recreational facilities.

**Folder 63:** Recreation, January-June 1946. Primarily contains documents related to the operation of the D.C. Recreation Board. Includes correspondence, copies of Congressional legislation, lists of new units budgeted for addition to recreational system, statement of James E. Schwab regarding E. V. Brown School, report on the Recreation Board's activities, and materials relating to tourist camp facilities in East Potomac Park.

**Folder 64:** Recreation, July-December 1946. Continuation of previous folder.

**Folder 65:** Recreation, January-June 1947. Primarily contains documents related to the operation of the D.C. Recreation Board. Includes correspondence, meeting minutes, report on Forest Hills playground, and a copy of Congressional legislation. Documents also continue the topic of the E. V. Brown School, which involved rehabilitating an abandoned school building into a recreation center.

**Folder 66:** Recreation, July-December 1947. Primarily contains documents related to the operation of the D.C. Recreation Board. Includes correspondence, resolutions, meeting minutes, memoranda, and documents relating to controversy over free movie screenings sponsored by Recreation Board.

#### **Container 11 (Folders 67-76)**

**Folder 67:** Recreation, January-June 1948. Memoranda, correspondence, meeting minutes and reports regarding jurisdiction over park areas and other recreational facilities in the District of Columbia; minutes from Recreation Board meeting; and materials concerning racial segregation policies at recreational facilities, especially playgrounds. Other topics of interest include the Walsh Club for War Workers, centennial of the Washington Monument, and report on "Integration of Recreation with Home."

**Folder 68:** Recreation, July-December 1948. Continuation of previous folder.

**Folder 69:** Recreation, January-May 1949. Primarily contains documents related to the operation of the D.C. Recreation Board. Includes correspondence, agenda for meeting of Recreation Board, meeting minutes, and "Analysis of the Policies and Procedures in Issuing Permits for Community Use of School Properties." Correspondence throughout 1949 from "P.T.A." contains particularly inflammatory remarks about segregation and race relations.

**Folder 70:** Recreation, May 1949. Draft copies of "An Analysis of Recreation and Segregation in the District of Columbia," by Wender.

**Folder 71:** Recreation, June 1949. Primarily contains documents related to the operation of the D. C. Recreation Board, especially with regard to segregation policies. Includes correspondence, "Designations for use of areas and facilities administered by the D.C. Recreation Board," statement of dissent by Alice Hunter on segregation policy, report of by-laws committee, and newspaper clippings.

**Folder 72:** Recreation, July 1949. Primarily contains documents related to the operation of the D. C. Recreation Board, especially with regard to segregation policies. Includes correspondence, newspaper clippings, and agenda for meeting of Board.

**Folder 73:** Recreation, August-December 1949, and undated items ca. 1949. Primarily contains documents related to the operation of the D.C. Recreation Board. Includes correspondence, memorandum between the Board and the National Park Service, and materials related to *James Byrd, et al., v. Recreation Board of the District of Columbia, et al., and Julius Krug, Secretary of the Interior*, a civil action protesting segregation in recreational facilities.

**Folder 74:** Recreation, Newspaper clippings, 1949-1951. Articles on assorted topics related to parks, playgrounds, and recreational activities.

**Folder 75:** Recreation, 1950. Primarily contains documents related to the operation of the D.C. Recreation Board. Includes correspondence, meeting minutes, materials from the National Recreation Association, and "The Question of Segregation or Race Distinction" by unknown author.

**Folder 76:** Recreation, 1952, and undated. Materials related to appropriations and improvement campaigns.

#### **Container 12 (Folders 77-84)**

**Folder 77:** Recreation--Armory, 1947-1948. Correspondence, copies of Congressional legislation, and newspaper clippings, highlighting efforts by the Recreation Board to control activities at the D.C. Armory facility.

**Folder 78:** Recreation--*Federal Communique*, 1942. Correspondence and other papers regarding the creation of and advertising in magazine for Federal employees, proposed by Hugo W. Wolter, Executive Director, Recreation Services, Inc.

**Folder 79:** Recreation--Golf courses, 1942-1949. Correspondence, meeting minutes, motions, photocopied newspaper clippings, and copies of contracts documenting use of public golf courses in the District of Columbia, particularly with regards to contracts and leasing.

**Folder 80:** Recreation--Golf courses, Newspaper clippings, 1944-1951. Articles on golf courses in the District of Columbia, especially with regard to contract renewals with the S. G. Leoffler Company.

**Folder 81:** Recreation--Golf courses, 1950. A brief history of golf courses in Washington, D.C., draft agreements, correspondence, memoranda, press releases, rate schedules, and reports documenting the operation of golf courses in Washington.

**Folder 82:** Recreation--Golf courses, 1951. Correspondence, special meeting minutes, and reports related to operation of public golf courses in Washington, D.C.

**Folder 83:** Recreation, Social Survey report, 1946. *A Report on Recreation*, compiled by The Social Survey group.

**Folder 84:** Recreation--Swimming pools, ca. 1929-1949. Correspondence, copies of Congressional legislation, reports, and chronological review of data regarding operation of swimming pools in Washington.

### **Container 13 (Folders 85-91)**

**Folder 85:** Recreation--Swimming pools, Newspaper clippings, 1934-1950. Articles regarding operation of swimming pools and swimming programs, including items about drownings.

**Folder 86:** Recreation Board (D.C.)--Minutes, etc., 1941-1942. Minutes from (stated) meetings of the D.C. Recreation Board as well as by-laws, and lists of board members. Includes copies of selected pieces of Congressional legislation establishing the Recreation Board for the District of Columbia.

**Folder 87:** Recreation Board (D.C.)--Minutes, 1943, 1945. Minutes from (stated) meetings of the D.C. Recreation Board and 1945 by-laws.

**Folder 88:** Recreation Board (D.C.)--Minutes, 1949, 1951. Minutes from November 8, 1949 and assorted 1951 stated Recreation Board meetings.

**Folder 89:** Rent control, Newspaper clippings, 1941-1943. Articles on topics relating to rent control in the District of Columbia.

**Folder 90:** "Study of the Original City of Washington and Its Current Urban Problems," Plater T. Gedney, Washington, D.C., June 1, 1955.

**Folder 91:** Suffrage, Newspaper clippings, 1940-1944. Articles relating to voting rights and representation.

#### **Container 14 (Folders 92-98)**

**Folder 92:** Suffrage, Newspaper clippings, 1945. Articles relating to voting rights and representation.

**Folder 93:** Suffrage, Newspaper clippings, 1946-1948. Articles relating to voting rights and representation.

**Folder 94:** Taxation, 1937-1949. Copies of government legislation, correspondence, and organizational literature on the issue of taxation for the District of Columbia. Primary organization represented is the Citizens' Committee for Fair Taxation. Also includes a pamphlet, "Congress and the District of Columbia: A Policy of 'Reciprocity in Fair Play' Should Mark Their Relationship...." (1939).

**Folder 95:** Taxation, Newspaper clippings, 1935-1940. Articles addressing the issue of taxation in the District of Columbia.

**Folder 96:** Taxation, 1941-1949. Continuation of previous folder.

**Folder 97:** Taxicabs, Newspaper clippings, 1934-1958. Articles related to taxicabs and their operation in the District.

**Folder 98:** Taxicabs, 1937-1946, and undated. Correspondence, rules and regulations, pamphlets, memoranda, and copies of Congressional legislation related to operation of taxicabs in Washington, D.C. Most prominent issue is a move by the D.C. government to require taxicab drivers to obtain a special license to engage in any sightseeing activities.

#### **Container 15 (Folders 99-108)**

**Folder 99:** Theaters, Newspaper clippings, 1945-1950. Articles about events at theaters and other entertainment venues, particularly in relation to racial segregation policies instituted by local theater owners.

**Folder 100:** Theaters, 1948-1949. National Theatre Guild correspondence and public statements about the closing of the National Theatre and lease of the Belasco Theatre.

**Folder 101:** Traffic Advisory Council, ca. 1925, 1938-1939. By-laws, correspondence, reports, and standards of drunkenness, relating to automobiles and their drivers and the functions of the Council. Some correspondence generated by Wender as chairman of the Committee on Safety of the Federation of Citizens' Associations and as a member of the Traffic Advisory Council.

**Folder 102:** Traffic Advisory Council, Newspaper clippings, 1939-1959. Articles on such subjects as prosecution of motorists involved in accidents, pedestrian control, speed limits, and traffic lights. Also includes items related to Traffic Court.

**Folder 103:** Traffic Advisory Council, 1940. Includes correspondence, meeting minutes, reports, and resolutions related to issues of traffic safety, especially that of driving while intoxicated.

**Folder 104:** Traffic Advisory Council, 1941. Includes correspondence, reports, resolutions, and recommendations on automobile-related issues addressed by the Council. Also includes a draft copy of remarks made by Wender on WWDC radio and a "Survey of Detroit Traffic Court and Related Agencies."

**Folder 105:** Traffic Advisory Council, 1942-1948. Correspondence, assorted legal documents, Congressional legislation, memoranda, and reports on automobile-related issues addressed by the Council.

**Folder 106:** Traffic Advisory Council, 1951-1960. Includes Congressional legislation, correspondence, reports, and handwritten notes on automobile-related issues addressed by the Council, especially with regard to automobile insurance. Also includes "The Proposed 'Implied Consent' Chemical Test Legislation for the District of Columbia" by A.L. Ellison.

**Folder 107:** War--American Red Cross, 1942-1945. Correspondence and other material, mostly relating to Wender's participation in fundraising and blood donor drives. Includes an American Red Cross "Report on Insular and Foreign Operations, September 1939 to April 30, 1943" and Wender's Red Cross swimming test cards.

**Folder 108:** War Hospitality Committee, 1941-1942. Copy of Certificate of Incorporation of Recreation Services, Inc., which operated Committee and for which Wender was counsel; leases with hotels; agreement with Pepsi-Cola Company for operation of Center for Service Men; invitation to dedication ceremonies for Center; script of Wender radio address on WMAL; program for dedication of Officers Service Club for the United Nations; and related materials.

#### **Container 16 (Folders 109-117)**

**Folder 109:** War Hospitality Committee, 1943. Correspondence and other documents relating to activities of the Committee and other groups established for servicemen and war workers in Washington. Includes a 10-page list of such groups and their activities,

correspondence with Evalyn Walsh McLean about establishment of the Walsh Club for War Workers in stables behind her mansion at 2116 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., and materials addressing racial segregation in such groups. (Banneker Servicemen's Club and Hearthstone War Workers were established for African Americans.)

**Folder 110:** War Hospitality Committee, January-August 1944. Mostly correspondence and other documents relating to the activities of the Service Center in addition to other groups.

**Folder 111:** War Hospitality Committee, September-December 1944. Similar to above folder. Includes certification of incorporation and constitution for Officers' Service Club of the United Nations, Inc. (i.e., the United States and its allies) and copies of "I Came Home," training skits to assist in understanding the problems of returning servicemen, including those with physical and psychological disabilities.

**Folder 112:** War Hospitality Committee, 1945-1948. Correspondence and other documents dealing primarily with the Officers' Service Club of the United Nations, Inc., including a corrected constitution, meeting minutes, and lease with W. Wadsworth Wood for 1640-1642-1644 21<sup>st</sup> St. N.W. and 2100 R St., N.W. Includes order of the D.C. Board of Commissioners terminating the Committee effective March 28, 1947.

**Folder 113:** War Hospitality Committee, Newspaper clippings, 1942. Articles cover such topics as opening of Pepsi-Cola Center for Service Men, use of prominent private buildings for war personnel recreation (including stables of Evalyn Walsh McLean), and the Stage Door Canteen. Eleanor Roosevelt mentioned in some items.

**Folder 114:** War Hospitality Committee, Newspaper clippings, 1943. Articles focus on Pepsi-Cola Center for Service Men and Walsh Club for War Workers in stables behind Evalyn Walsh McLean mansion, among other topics.

**Folder 115:** War Hospitality Committee, Newspaper clippings, 1944-1951. Articles on recreation and care activities for armed service personnel, many featuring involvement of women.

**Folder 116:** War Hospitality Committee/Armed Services Hospitality Committee, 1950-1951 and undated. Documents and correspondence concerning the Armed Services Hospitality Committee, successor to the War Hospitality Committee. Includes constitution and meeting minutes of the Committee and correspondence regarding study commissioned by United Community Services and written by Milton Feitelson on recreational facilities for military personnel in Washington.

**Folder 117:** War Hospitality Committee/Armed Services Hospitality Committee publications, 1943-1955. Partial titles: "Recreation Inventory" (1943); "Leave in Washington" (1946); "A Good Leave Town" (1947); "Cross-Roads to War" (1947); "Just What Does the Armed Services Hospitality Committee Do?" (1952); and "Objective:

Morale” (1955). Also includes “Draft and Center—A Service to the Families of Drafted Fathers, U.S. Office of Civilian Defense (1944) and “Study of Community Organization for Military Personnel” (1950) by Milton Feitelson (*see* Folder 116). These publications have been assigned “P” numbers and are available in the pamphlet collection.

**Container 17 (Folders 118-120; folders 1-10; folders 1-2)**

**Folder 118:** War Hospitality Committee/Armed Services Hospitality Committee, newsletters, 1943-1950. Mostly copies of “Flags Abreast,” a newsletter to volunteers of the United Nations Service Center and guides to things to do and see in Washington. Includes one bulletin of the Walsh Club for War Workers.

**Folder 119:** Washington Municipal Theatre, 1944-1945. Correspondence (mostly drafted by the D.C. Board of Commissioners) and newspaper clippings about the founding of the theater. Wender served on the theater’s advisory board.

**Folder 120:** Youth Hostels, 1944-1945. Letter from Potomac Area, American Youth Hostels, Inc., inviting Wender to serve on its council and Wender’s acceptance and two annual reports of the Potomac Area group.

**SERIES IV: FEDERATION OF CITIZENS’ ASSOCIATIONS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (FCA) RECORDS, 1932-1960**

Sub-Series A: Annual Reports, Constitution and By-laws, Correspondence, Minutes, and Agendas

**Folder 1:** FCA, Annual Reports, 1942-1944. Wender served as President.

**Folder 2:** FCA, Constitution and By-laws, 1932-1948. Copies of constitution, by-laws, amendments, reports, and related correspondence; rules for the Evening Star Trophy Award to FCA members; some correspondence; copies of a proposed Congressional bill to incorporate the FCA; and draft of certificate of incorporation.

**Folder 3:** FCA, Constitution and By-laws, Newspaper clippings, 1939-1948. Articles related to FCA constitutional issues.

**Folder 4:** FCA, Correspondence, 1937-1942. Subjects include invitations to assorted events, reports to Traffic Advisory Council and Civil Protection Committee, and congratulations to Wender on becoming FCA president.

**Folder 5:** FCA, Correspondence, 1943. Consists largely of invitations to events and courtesy letters in addition to business matters.

**Folder 6:** FCA, Correspondence, 1944-1949. Bulk of correspondence is dated 1944 and includes communications between Wender and several U.S. Senators and Representatives.

**Folder 7:** FCA, Executive Board, 1940-1946. Minutes from meetings on Dec. 4, 1940 and May 13, 1942 and related and later material.

**Folder 8:** FCA, Meeting notices and digests, 1939-1940.

**Folder 9:** FCA, Meeting digests, 1941-1943.

**Folder 10:** FCA, Meeting notices, 1942-1949. Brief reminders to delegates (most on postcards) of upcoming FCA meetings.

#### Sub-Series B: Committee and Subject Files

**Folder 1:** FCA, Annual Dinner, 1941-1949. Invitations, responses, seating lists, one report, and two newspaper clippings. Invitees include Members of Congress and District of Columbia officials. Note: Dinner programs have been transferred to ephemera collection; see staff for assistance.

**Folder 2:** FCA, Association of the Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia (AOI), 1938-1945. Invitations to attend AOI annual dinners to Wender as FCA President and his responses; newspaper clippings regarding AOI, including lengthy Dec. 8, 1940 *Sunday Star* article on AOI's history to mark its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

#### **Container 18 (Folders 3-19)**

**Folder 3:** FCA, Auditing Committee, 1943. Wender letter to Benson Taylor on the latter's acceptance of the chairmanship of the Committee, list of Committee members, and related newspaper clipping.

**Folder 4:** FCA, Bilbo, Sen. Theodore G., Newspaper clippings, 1944. Articles related to Sen. Bilbo, Chairman of the Senate Committee on the District Committee.

**Folder 5:** FCA, Citizens' Committee, 1944, 1954. Correspondence between Wender and District Commissioners relating to his service on fundraising committee for the Metropolitan Police Band and the committee on District of Columbia Flag Recognition Day. A four-page list of members of the latter committee is included.

**Folder 6:** FCA, City Planning and Parks Committee, 1943-1944. Resolution, correspondence with Maj. Gen. U.S. Grant III, and progress report issued by the FCA's Committee on City Planning and Parks, a list of whose members is included.

**Folder 7:** FCA, City Planning and Parks Committee, Newspaper clippings, 1943-1947. Articles cover topics such as District boundary lines, suburbs, proposed subway system, and urban blight.

**Folder 8:** FCA, Civilian defense, Correspondence, 1941-1945. Largely correspondence between Wender and government officials and private persons relating to District of Columbia defense issues during World War II; includes reports and resolutions.

**Folder 9:** FCA, Civilian defense, Newspaper clippings, 1941-1942. Articles related to defense issues during World War II, notably air raid wardens and scrap metal collections.

**Folder 10:** FCA, Civilian defense, Newspaper clippings, 1943-1944. Articles related to defense issues during World War II, especially activities of Office of Civilian Defense.

**Folder 11:** FCA, Civilian War Services Board, 1942-1944. Includes correspondence, memoranda and reports, minutes from meetings, membership lists, and organizational charts. Wender was a member of the Board. The Civilian War Services Board was formerly known as the Civilian Mobilization Unit, and some early correspondence reflects this previous name.

**Folder 12:** FCA, Consumer Interests Committee, 1942-1943. Correspondence, membership list, summary of testimony before the Food Distribution Administration, and newspaper clippings regarding food and other rationed commodities.

**Folder 13:** FCA, Daylight saving time, 1941-1947. Includes correspondence from the Washington Automotive Trade Association and copies of Congressional legislation related to daylight saving time in the District of Columbia.

**Folder 14:** FCA, Daylight saving time, Newspaper clippings, 1946-1949. Articles regarding introduction and regulation of daylight saving time (DST) in the District of Columbia. DST became effective in the District in 1947.

**Folder 15:** FCA, Education Committee, 1940-1946. Correspondence, membership list, resolutions and statements, and newspaper clippings related to education, including articles on nurseries for children of war workers. Includes copy of "Schools at War: A War Savings News Bulletin for Teachers," produced during World War II by the U.S. Treasury Department.

**Folder 16:** FCA, Evening Star Trophy Award, 1940-1948. Includes citations for Wender and other FCA Presidents for Evening Star Trophy Award with related newspaper articles, including Dec. 1, 1940 *Sunday Star* cartoon marking Wender's receipt of trophy.

**Folder 17:** FCA, Executive Board elections, 1940-1949. Copies of official ballots to elect FCA Executive Board members (some annotated with election results) and material relating to the elections and some nominees.

**Folder 18:** FCA, Fiscal Relations and Taxation Committee, 1943-1948. Consists of correspondence, membership lists, reports, and newspaper clippings related to Committee activities.

**Folder 19:** FCA, Health and medicine, Newspaper clippings, 1935-1949. Articles on topics relating to health concerns, such as rodent populations and the spread of disease, health centers, and Gallinger Hospital.

**Container 19 (Folders 20-31)**

**Folder 20:** FCA, Health and medicine, 1943-1947. Correspondence with Wender about his joining the Committee on Medical Care of the Medical Society of the District of Columbia, limited correspondence regarding the FCA's Committee on Health, and a copy of Congressional legislation related to Gallinger Municipal Hospital. (*See also* Folder 55 below.)

**Folder 21:** FCA, Highway and Bridges Committee, 1940-1943. Report on a parking ban and invitation to attend opening of Maine Avenue overpass at 14<sup>th</sup> St., S.W.

**Folder 22:** FCA, Historic Sites Committee, ca. 1940. Membership list and letter from James Duhamel asking to be excused from Committee due to disagreement with John Clagett Proctor.

**Folder 23:** FCA, Housing, Newspaper clippings, 1934-1940. Articles regarding housing issues such as housing shortages, rent increases, alley dwellings, and slum clearance.

**Folder 24:** FCA, Housing, Newspaper clippings, 1941-1942. Articles related to housing issues, including rent control, war housing, and slum clearance. Contains map titled, "The Area in Which Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt Would Build Model Homes," Jan. 21, 1942.

**Folder 25:** FCA, Housing, Newspaper clippings, 1943. Articles related to housing issues including alley dwellings, slums, and shortage of housing for Members of Congress.

**Folder 26:** FCA, Housing, Newspaper clippings, January-May 1944. Articles related to housing, including alley dwellings, slum clearance, and the National Capital Housing Authority.

**Folder 27:** FCA, Housing, Newspaper clippings, June-December 1944. Articles related to housing issues, especially alley dwellings and slum clearance, including charges of Communism.

**Folder 28:** FCA, Housing, Newspaper clippings, 1945-1948. Articles related to housing issues, including slum clearance, public housing, and rent control.

**Folder 29:** FCA, Housing and Rent Control Committee, 1942-1943. Correspondence, reports, and resolution on such topics as the Alley Dwelling Authority, wartime housing shortage, and slum reclamation. Many letters, statements and reports were issued by Joseph H. Deckman (President and Directing Manager of R. Robinson, Inc., a hardware company

at 2301 Pennsylvania Ave., S.E.), Committee chair. Much of the correspondence is with John Ihlder, who served as Executive Director of the National Capital Housing Authority.

**Folder 30:** FCA, Housing and Rent Control Committee, 1944-1952. Chiefly correspondence and other documents regarding slum clearance, segregation in public housing, and low-income housing. Includes excerpts from Wender's testimony before a Senate subcommittee investigating public housing in which he characterized Eleanor Roosevelt's call for desegregation in public housing the "kiss of death" as well as reactions from individuals and organizations, such as a resolution of support sent to Mrs. Roosevelt by the Federal Civic Association, the black counterpart to the FCA. Includes 1951 address and 1952 editorial by John Ihlder regarding public housing. (*See also* [June] 1944 newspaper clippings in Folder 27 for articles on the "kiss of death" controversy.)

**Folder 31:** FCA, Inter-Federation Conference, 1943-1944. Primarily meeting minutes and "Articles of the Inter-Federation Conference." The Inter-Federation Conference, to which Wender was a delegate, consisted of civic organizations in the Washington metropolitan area.

#### **Container 20 (Folders 32-40)**

**Folder 32:** FCA, Juvenile delinquency, Newspaper clippings, 1941-1943. Articles regarding juvenile delinquency, suggestions for combating delinquency, and the Juvenile Court.

**Folder 33:** FCA, Juvenile delinquency, Newspaper clippings, 1944-1950. Continues previous folder.

**Folder 34:** FCA, Juvenile Delinquency Subcommittee, 1941-1947. Mostly reports, correspondence, and publications from relevant organizations, such as the National Recreation Association, and a "Report of the Special Committee on Juvenile Delinquency to the Commissioners' Traffic Advisory Council"; Wender was a Committee member. Also includes an article, "Juvenile Delinquency and the War," by Wender.

**Folder 35:** FCA, Law and Legislation Committee, 1921-1940. Committee reports, resolutions, correspondence, memoranda, and meeting minutes as well as copies and drafts of and commentary on Congressional legislation on assorted issues. Issues covered include rent commissions, taxation, rights of poor defendants, teaching Communism in public schools, elevator installation, incorporation of FCA, parking regulations, and citizenship.

**Folder 36:** FCA, Law and Legislation Committee, 1941-1949. Chiefly copies and drafts of and commentary on Congressional legislation as well as Committee reports and correspondence. Issues covered include a public defender for the District, rent control, District courts, creation of a recreation board, civilian defense, and boundary between the District and Virginia (suggesting the Pentagon and National Airport fall under D.C.'s jurisdiction). Several neighborhood citizens' associations are represented in this file.

**Folder 37:** FCA, Law and Legislation Committee, Newspaper clippings, 1936-1949. Many articles relate to District legislation before Congress, along with treatment of other local issues.

**Folder 38:** FCA, Local Suffrage Committee, 1937-1943. Contains *Congressional Record* statements, reports, correspondence, legislation, and resolutions regarding Committee activities, reorganization of the District government, and D.C. suffrage.

**Folder 39:** FCA, Local Suffrage, Newspaper clippings, 1939-1947. Articles relating to D.C. suffrage and District government reorganization, including Wender's participation.

**Folder 40:** FCA, Local Suffrage Committee, 1922, 1944-1947. Correspondence, copies of Congressional legislation, reports, and membership lists related to suffrage issues, the operation of assorted organizations dedicated to suffrage in the District of Columbia, and reorganization of the government of the District of Columbia. Includes a 1947 committee print, *Explanation of Charts Showing the Organization of Agencies Providing Governmental Services to the District of Columbia*, by the House Committee on the District of Columbia, articles of incorporation and by-laws for the Central Suffrage Conference of the District of Columbia, and an FCA open letter to the 1944 Presidential candidates.

(See also "Suffrage" folders in Series III.)

#### **Container 21 (Folders 41-55)**

**Folder 41:** FCA, Membership and committees, 1939-1949. Primarily lists of FCA delegates, committee members, and affiliated organizations, along with communications from the various local citizens' associations.

**Folder 42:** FCA, Milk, 1938-1945. Publications and correspondence regarding skim milk, wastage, and pricing. Includes excerpts from series "Milk Glossary for Consumers" from *Consumer Guide*, a U.S. Government publication. (See also Folder 13, Series II.B.)

**Folder 43:** FCA, Milk, Newspaper clippings, 1940-1946. Articles relating to milk consumption, pricing, and supplies for the needy.

**Folder 44:** FCA, Municipal Assembly (proposed), 1940-1943. Correspondence, copies of Congressional legislation, reports, and resolutions on establishment of a Municipal Assembly in the District of Columbia. Also includes a draft constitution.

**Folder 45:** FCA, Municipal Assembly (proposed), Newspaper clippings, 1941. Articles regarding the formation of a Municipal Assembly in the District of Columbia.

**Folder 46:** FCA, National representation, Newspaper clippings, 1935-1947. Articles on suffrage and the lack of national representation for District residents in Congress and Presidential elections.

**Folder 47:** FCA, National Representation Committee, 1943-1944. Contains correspondence with Committee chairman Jesse Suter, membership list, remarks by Sen. Arthur Capper on national representation for the District, FCA proclamation, and related newspaper clippings.

**Folder 48:** FCA, People's Counsel, 1936-1944. Information about People's Counsel William A. Roberts, correspondence, resolutions, letters of recommendation suggesting Wender as People's Counsel, and a report by Wender titled "The Case of Washington's Citizens in Support of a People's Counsel."

**Folder 49:** FCA, Physical fitness, Newspaper clippings 1942-1946. Articles on physical fitness issues in Washington, D.C.

**Folder 50:** FCA, Physical Fitness, 1942-1944. Correspondence, program, and Wender's remarks for physical fitness conference sponsored by George Washington University, along with fliers from the National Recreation Association and other private and government agencies responsible for physical fitness programs.

**Folder 51:** FCA, Police and fire protection, Newspaper clippings, 1934-1948. Articles on crime, operation of the D.C. police department, and, to a lesser degree, fire prevention, including a 1941 *Sunday Star* history of District police chiefs and articles about serial killings by Jarvis Catoe in 1941.

**Folder 52:** FCA, Police and Fire Protection Committee, 1935-1946. Congressional documents, resolutions, correspondence, and reports related to police issues, civilian defense, and activities of the Committee. Includes "Statement of Justification as to the Need of a Separate Protective Force for the National Capital Park System."

**Folder 53:** FCA, Polio (Sister Kenny), 1944-1945. Correspondence and newspaper articles on Sister Elizabeth Kenny's treatment of infantile paralysis.

**Folder 54:** FCA, Public Celebrations Committee, 1944. Committee membership list and report for 1943-1944 as well as program for 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Chillum Heights Citizens Association.

**Folder 55:** FCA, Public Health Committee, 1942-1944. Membership list, Congressional bill to extend District health regulations to Government restaurants, and correspondence on subjects such as Committee operations, availability of 24-hour pharmaceutical services, and resolutions by the Randle Highlands Citizens' Association. (*See also* Folder 20 above.)

### Container 22 (Folders 56-63)

**Folder 56:** FCA, Public Relations Committee, 1940-1949. Includes correspondence and reports, primarily on establishment of an FCA newsletter, *District of Columbia Citizen*. Copy of the first issue of the *Citizen* has been moved to newspaper collection.

**Folder 57:** FCA, Public utilities, Newspaper clippings, 1935-1947, 1960. Articles relating primarily to the District's Public Utilities Commission and transportation issues.

**Folder 58:** FCA, Public Utilities Committee, 1934-1946. Includes correspondence, legal briefs, and Committee reports, primarily on transportation issues with the Capital Transit Company. Materials also relate to the District's Public Utilities Commission. (*See also* "Transportation" in Series II.)

**Folder 59:** FCA, Public welfare, Newspaper clippings, 1940-1946. Articles related to public welfare issues such as child care, adoption, "Baby Broker" Bill, and Board of Public Welfare.

**Folder 60:** FCA, Public Welfare Committee, 1940-1945. Contains resolutions, reports, correspondence, membership list, and newspaper clippings on subjects including alcohol regulation, juvenile delinquency and curfews, child care, and operations of the Committee.

**Folder 61:** FCA, Publicity, Newspaper clippings, 1934-1939. Articles on a wide range of issues in which the FCA was involved and garnered publicity, including taxation, rent control, and transportation and traffic concerns.

**Folder 62:** FCA, Publicity, Newspaper clippings, 1935-1949. Articles on a wide range of issues in which the FCA was involved and which mention Wender by name; several articles include photographs of Wender. A December 17, 1942 issue of *The District Leader* contains a lengthy message from Wender and a complete list of FCA officers and its 24 committees with names of committee members.

**Folder 63:** FCA, Publicity, Newspaper clippings, 1940-1943. Articles on a wide range of issues in which the FCA was involved and garnered publicity, including taxation and FCA anniversaries.

### Container 23 (Folders 64-70)

**Folder 64:** FCA, Publicity, Newspaper clippings, 1944-1950, 1959. Articles on a wide range of issues in which the FCA was involved and garnered publicity. kiss

**Folder 65:** FCA, Recreation, Newspaper clippings, 1945-1948. Articles on segregation practices in District recreational facilities. Although the majority of articles are of a general nature, some do specifically mention the FCA.

**Folder 66:** FCA, Recreation, Newspaper clippings 1949. Articles on segregation practices in recreational facilities. Although the majority of articles are of a general nature, some do specifically mention the FCA.

**Folder 67:** FCA, Recreation Committee, 1941-1948. Newspaper clippings, copies of legislation, resolutions, correspondence on issues relating to recreational areas in the District of Columbia and operations of the Committee. Includes a June 11, 1944 letter from "Mud" harshly criticizing African Americans and Eleanor Roosevelt for her involvement in race relations.

(See also "Recreation" folders in Series III.)

**Folder 68:** FCA, "Red Rider" repeal, 1935-1937. Resolutions, correspondence, reports, speeches, copy of H.R. 11375 (74<sup>th</sup> Cong.), and *Congressional Record* debate regarding the repeal of the "Red Rider," which outlawed the teaching of Communism in D.C. public schools. Includes a 1935 report by the FCA's Special Committee on Textbook Review evaluating certain textbooks. Also includes a 1937 letter congratulating Wender on his being admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court. (See also Folder 17, Series I.)

**Folder 69:** FCA, "Red Rider" repeal, Newspaper clippings, 1935-1937. Articles documenting conflict over the "Red Rider," described in previous folder.

(See also Speeches, 1935-1941 in Series I.)

**Folder 70:** FCA, Safety--Traffic, Newspaper clippings, 1934-1937. Articles on such subjects as car accidents, car inspections, pedestrian control, and other traffic-related themes.

#### **Container 24 (Folders 71-82; folders 1-2)**

**Folder 71:** FCA, Safety--Traffic, Newspaper clippings, 1938-1941. Articles on such subjects as speed limits, pedestrian control, and taxicab insurance.

**Folder 72:** FCA, Safety--Traffic, Newspaper clippings, 1942-1958. Articles on such subjects as driving while intoxicated, automobile safety, jaywalking, and tire inspections.

**Folder 73:** FCA, Safety Committee, 1934-1937. Copies of Congressional legislation, correspondence, reports, resolutions, statistics, and a map of highway zones—mostly pertaining to automobiles, traffic, and transportation issues, especially as they relate to safety concerns. Some correspondence is by Wender in conjunction with the Southwest Citizens' Association.

**Folder 74:** FCA, Safety Committee, 1938-1941. Includes correspondence, reports, and copies of Congressional legislation regarding such issues as traffic, pedestrians, and taxicab regulations.

**Folder 75:** FCA, Safety Committee, 1941-1946. Recommendations and reports, statements, correspondence, meeting minutes, and a membership list of the Committee as well as documents concerning the District's Traffic Advisory Council. Includes the pamphlet "Traffic Courts on Trial," by the National Committee on Traffic Law Enforcement.

**Folder 76:** FCA, Special Committee on Revision of Procedure. 1942 Wender letter accepting resignation of Jesse C. Suter from Committee.

**Folder 77:** FCA, Special Committee on the Segregation Report, 1949. Committee reports on a 1948 report written by Kenesaw M. Landis and released by the National Committee on Segregation critical of conditions in the District.

**Folder 78:** FCA, Vigilance Committee, 1934. Report, correspondence, and membership list that includes Wender.

**Folder 79:** FCA, War Bond Sales, 1943-1946. Correspondence and other material relating to war funding drives in the District, including the program for a May 1, 1943 War Bond Rally and Stage Show. Also includes a list of FCA delegates enlisted in the Armed Forces and correspondence regarding the naming of a Navy vessel "District of Columbia."

**Folder 80:** FCA, War Bond Sales, Newspaper clippings, 1943-1944. Articles relating to the FCA's and other entities' war funding drives. Includes statement by Wender in the *Washington Post* regarding a Red Cross drive.

**Folder 81:** FCA, War effort--Draft, 1940-1947. Correspondence, newspaper clippings, and other material relating to establishment and functions of the District of Columbia Selective Service System, including a "Selective Service Occupational Questionnaire." Wender was a member of the Registrants' Advisory Board.

**Folder 82:** FCA, Zoning Committee, 1940-1947. Correspondence, newspaper clippings, and other material, mostly dealing with Committee membership and specific zoning issues.

#### **SERIES V: ASSOCIATION OF CLAIMANTS' ATTORNEYS RECORDS**

(Note: Group is variously referred to as Association of Claimants' Attorneys or National Association of Claimants' Compensation Attorneys.)

##### Subseries A: Association of Claimants' Attorneys (ACA)

**Folder 1:** ACA, Constitutions. Constitution and Certificate of Incorporation (1954) and Constitution of the National Association of Claimants' Compensation Attorneys (1958).

**Folder 2:** ACA, Correspondence, 1954-1956. Notices of meetings and other material, including membership application. In 1956 Wender became a member of the Board of

Governors and chair of the Program Committee. Includes copies of Public Law 365, 83<sup>rd</sup> Congress, Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Act of the District of Columbia, and “Joint Medical Plan for Screening Medical Malpractice Cases.”

**Container 25 (Folders 3-7; folders 1-5)**

**Folder 3:** ACA, Correspondence, 1957. Mostly material concerning Wender’s participation in ACA activities and meetings. Includes April 17 “Schedule of Medico-Legal Seminar” moderated by Wender and list of donors to the Roscoe Pound-NACCA Foundation.

**Folder 4:** ACA, Correspondence, 1958-1960. Mostly material concerning ACA activities and meetings, including correspondence surrounding ACA’s annual meeting in 1960. Also includes Wender’s being named to ACA’s Committee on Admission to the Supreme Court.

**Folder 5:** ACA, Correspondence, January-May 1961. Material relating to ACA activities, including meeting notices, membership issues, and responses to invitations to the ACA annual dinner. Wender was President of the ACA at this time. Also includes material related to Wender’s activity on the American Bar Association’s Committee on Motor Vehicle and Traffic Court, which he chaired.

**Folder 6:** ACA, Correspondence, June-December 1961. Material relating to ACA activities, including meeting notices and membership issues.

**Folder 7:** ACA, Correspondence, 1962. Material relating to ACA activities, including meeting notices and membership issues. The ACA changed its name to Association of Plaintiffs’ Trial Attorneys of Metropolitan Washington, D.C.

Subseries B: National Association of Claimants’ Compensation Attorneys (NACCA)

**Folder 1:** NACCA, Correspondence, etc., 1953-1955. Includes correspondence and programs regarding NACCA conventions and other NACCA business; Wender’s membership in NACCA, membership in ABA, editor of NACCA journals; and convention program signed by Roscoe Pound, former Dean of Harvard Law School and Editor of the *NACCA Law Journal*.

**Folder 2:** NACCA, Correspondence, etc., 1956. Includes correspondence regarding NACCA conventions, seminars, and symposiums and “Declaration of Trust of the Roscoe Pound-NACCA Foundation” (later changed to the “Pound Civil Justice Institute”).

**Folder 3:** NACCA, Correspondence, etc., 1957. Includes correspondence; Congressional legislation; reprint from *Congressional Record* of “NACCA: Rumor and Reflection”; Wender’s appointment as Chairman of the Committee on Legislation and Relations with the District of Columbia Government of the Association of Claimants’ Attorneys; and material on traffic issues in D.C.

**Folder 4:** NACCA, Correspondence, etc., 1958-1959. Includes correspondence regarding Wender's NACCA activities; Wender's recommendations of individuals to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court; Congressional legislation and other material regarding traffic and taxicabs in the District of Columbia; Wender's completed questionnaire on medicolegal issues from the American Medical Association; "A Guide for Practice, Medico-Legal Relations, for the District of Columbia"; program of "Tri-State Medico-Legal Seminar," moderated by Melvin M. Belli; minutes of the 1959 annual meeting of the NACCA Committee on Legislation; and a letter from the Internal Revenue Service confirming tax-exempt status of the Roscoe Pound-NACCA Foundation. Some correspondence is written under Wender's letterhead from the Wender Building, 2026 I St., N.W.

**Folder 5:** NACCA, Correspondence, etc., 1960. Primarily correspondence and other materials regarding NACCA 14<sup>th</sup> annual conference in San Francisco, Wender's contribution to the Melvin Belli portrait fund, and Wender's inability to attend conference due to mother's illness. Includes correspondence with Melvin M. Belli, reprint of "The Proposal of an Automobile Accident Commission" (lecture delivered by Roscoe Pound at the conference), and Wender's acceptance as Chairman of NACCA Committee on Admission to the Supreme Court of the United States.

**Container 26 (Folders 6-8; folder 1)**

**Folder 6:** NACCA, Correspondence, etc., 1961. Correspondence and publications from NACCA, NACCA members, and other organizations and individuals; material on NACCA 15<sup>th</sup> annual conference in Boston and other gatherings; material on proposed NACCA pension fund; and letter congratulating Wender on election as a Circuit Governor of NACCA for the District of Columbia.

**Folder 7:** NACCA, Correspondence, etc., 1962-1963. Includes programs and minutes of NACCA meetings and conventions and material regarding the Roscoe Pound-NACCA Foundation.

**Folder 8:** Miscellaneous insurance publications. October 15, 1955 issue of "Negligence and Compensation Service" and "High Cost of Playing Safe" by Ernest Havemann, 1961.

**SERIES VI: PHOTOGRAPHS, CA. 1940-1960**

**1 Folder:** Individual and group photographs showing Wender. Many other individuals are not identified. Those identified are Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther; Anteaters Club, National Zoo; Wilbur S. Finch; Robert Sullivan; SARS (U.S. Coast Guard Women's Reserve); and Jacob Gordon, Bernard Shankman, Martin Mendelsohn, William B. Wright, Warren E. Miller, Philip J. Lesser, Sidney A. Cohen, Robert A. Diemer, and Robert J. Skahan (NACCA Convention, Boston, 1961).

