

HERMAN T. STICHMAN PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Repository:** Crandall Public Library.
Center for Folklife, History, and Cultural Programs,
Glens Falls, NY.
- Creator:** Unknown.
- Title:** Herman T. Stichman Photograph Collection.
- Dates:** ca. 1920-1972 (bulk 1947-1954)
- Abstract:** The Herman T. Stichman Photograph Collection contains primarily photographs of him while he served as Housing Commissioner of New York State from 1944-1954. These photographs are mainly from the 1947-1954. They show Stichman working on housing projects, mainly in New York City, and with various political leaders, including Thomas E. Dewey, also with members of numerous civic groups.
- Quantity:** 0.4 cubic feet (1 box, 107 photographs)
- Identification Number:** Photographs.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Herman T. Stichman (1902-1967) was Housing Commissioner of New York State from 1944-1954. The Herman T. Stichman Towers apartment complex in Glens Falls was named for him. His sister Rose Stichman lived at 146 Bay Street in Glens Falls in 1967. Herman Stichman was born in Glens Falls on January 16, 1902, son of Max Stichman, a ladies' tailor, and Belle Wanda Stichman, who lived at 7 Big Cross Street. The family lived at 103 Ridge Street from 1922-1925, years in which Herman Stichman was listed as a student in the Glens Falls City Directory. Stichman studied at Yale, earning his B.A. in 1923 and his law degree in 1925.

SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE RECORDS

The Herman T. Stichman Photograph Collection contains primarily photographs of him while he served as Housing Commissioner of New York State. These photographs are mainly from the late 1940's through the early 1950's. They show Stichman with various political leaders, including Governor Thomas E. Dewey, also with members of veterans groups and service clubs. There are photographs showing him giving speeches, participating in ground breaking ceremonies for housing projects, and investigating poor housing conditions, mainly in New York City. There are some photographs of Stichman as a young man, from his student days. Also included in the collection are a few newspaper clippings about his life and work, and some telegrams sent to his sister, Rose Stichman, following his death in 1967. Public housing low-rent projects described in New York City include Governor Alfred E. Smith Houses, Sound View Houses, and Bell Park Gardens (a Veterans Mutual Housing Project). There are also newspaper clippings concerning the dedication of the Herman T. Stichman Towers apartment complex in Glens Falls in 1972. A detailed inventory of the photographs and the accompanying documents is provided on the following pages.

PROVENANCE

The origin of the collection is unknown, but it is likely that it came from the Stichman family after 1972.

INDEX TERMS

- Topics:** Public housing—New York (State)—New York.
Public housing—New York (State)—Glens Falls.
- Important People:** Dewey, Thomas E.
Stichman, Herman T.
- Form/Genre:** Photographs.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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