

## DeKalb History Center

### South DeKalb Neighbors

**Scope and content:** The South DeKalb Neighbors group was formed in August 1969 as a non-profit “dedicated to fair housing, neighborhood stability, good schools and a beautiful community.” The collection contains membership information and lists, a constitution, correspondence and financial records and spans 1969 until 1972.

**Provenance:** Gift of Edwin Smith, Accession # 1994.44.

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**Organizational History of South DeKalb Neighbors:** The non-profit anti-blockbusting group was founded in August 1969 and worked for fair housing and neighborhood stability. Dues were \$5.00 a year and the group was headed by a steering committee with president, secretary and treasurer, and there were committees for publicity, membership and programs. According to an *Atlanta* magazine article from the collection, one of their first public actions was to sue a real estate agent who employed blockbusting tactics in the area. They won by virtue of the first ruling under Title 8 of the 1968 Civil Rights Act, which makes it illegal to solicit sales on the grounds that potential buyers are of a “particular race, color, religion or national origin.”

**Description:** The collection contains the group’s constitution, financial records, correspondence and newsletters of similar groups. There are newspaper clippings on racial issues and some receipts for newsletter printing costs. There is also information from a Georgia State University seminar on race relations that was held in August 1972.

**Subject Headings:** Where possible, Library of Congress Subject Headings have been used.

Main Entry: South DeKalb Neighbors

Subject/Added Entries:       DeKalb County (Ga.)  
  Civil rights  
  1968 Civil Rights Act  
  Real estate law

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