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Biographical Note

William Levitt (1907-1994) was a well-known real-estate developer, and is often credited with being the father of modern suburbia. He is most celebrated for employing mass production and assembly line techniques in his construction projects, an innovation for the time. These advancements were critical in assuaging the housing shortage following the return of G.I.s at the end of World War II. The most famous of his development projects was Levittown, New York, a former potato field on Long Island that was transformed into affordable housing beginning in 1947. Levitt and his third wife, Simone, were also known for their philanthropic endeavors, specifically serving on the board of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York.

Scope and Content Note

This scrapbook was compiled by William Levitt's third wife, Simone Korchin Levitt. It contains a vast array of newspaper clippings and magazine articles, pertaining mainly to the couple's active social life in New York high society.

SUBJECTS

Names:

Korchin, Barney
Levitt, Abraham
Levitt, Alfred
Levitt, Simone Korchin (1935 -).
Levitt, William J. (1907-1994).
Meir, Golda (1898-1978).
Nixon, Richard M. (1913-1994).
Federal Housing Association.
Levitt & Sons.
United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York.

Subjects:

Construction.
La Belle Simone.
Suburbia.

Places:

Jerusalem.

La Colline (Mill Neck, N.Y.)

Lake Success (N.Y.)

Levittown (N.Y.) -- History

Mill Neck (N.Y.)

Monte Carlo.

New York City.

Form and Genre Terms:

Letters.

Magazine Articles.

Newspaper Clippings.

Scrapbooks.

Souvenir Albums.

Occupational Terms:

Real-estate developer.

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Box Listing

Box Title/Inclusive Dates

1 Scrapbook of William J. Levitt and Simone Korchin Levitt, 1970-1973.