



National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Portsmouth Branch (Portsmouth, N.H.) Records

1963-1966

1 box (0.25 linear foot)

Call no.: MS1006

Collection overview

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Background on NAACP Portsmouth Branch

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Inventory

Brochures: Fair housing	1965-1966	Box 1: 1
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NAACP. Portsmouth Branch: Minutes	1964-1965	Box 1: 8
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Administrative information

Access

The collection is open for research.

Provenance

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Search terms

Subjects

- African Americans--New Hampshire
- Civil rights movements--New Hampshire
- Discrimination in housing--New Hampshire
- Hill, Barney, 1922-1969

Contributors

- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Portsmouth Branch (Portsmouth, N.H.) **[main entry]**
- Cobbs, Thomas
- Hill, Betty (Eunice)

Genres and formats

- Minutes (Administrative records)

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