

The Origins of Self Help Housing in the United States

Presentation to:
National Conference on Self Help Housing
February 4, 2020

Outline

- ▶ Roots at Penn Craft, 1936-
- ▶ Mid-Century Urban Cooperative Self-Help, 1940s-50s
- ▶ Origins of Self-Help for Migrant Farmworkers, 1960s
- ▶ The Spread of Self-Help in the late 1960s and 1970s
- ▶ Self-Help as a National Movement and where my research is going

Penn Craft



Urban Self Help-Indianapolis



Archives

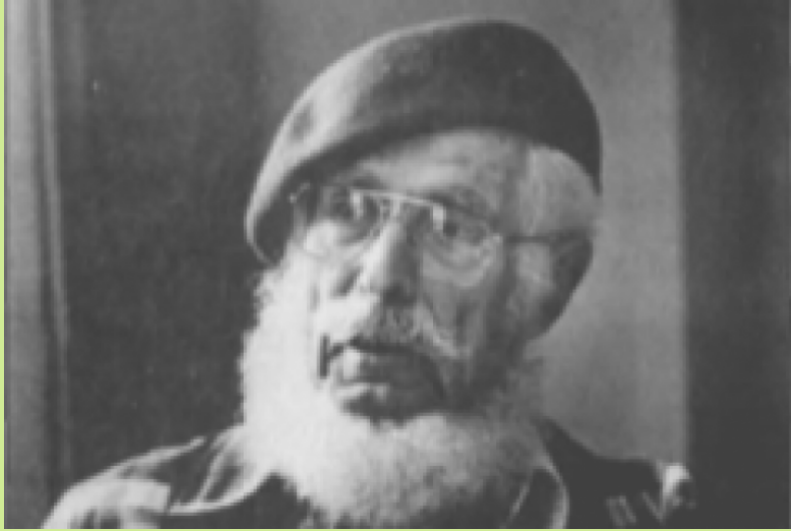


IUPUI University Library, Special Collections and Archives

Urban Self Help: Philadelphia



Migrant Farmer Housing: California



Expansion of Self-Help Housing- 1969

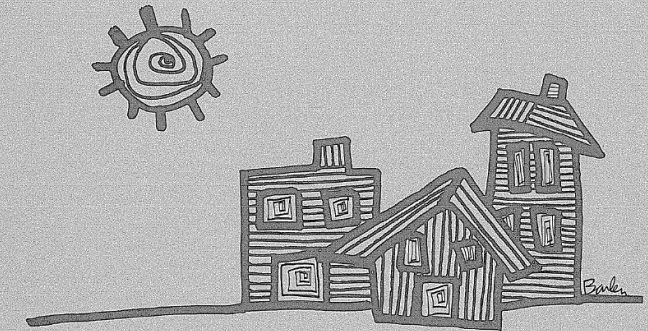


REPORT OF THE FIRST NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SELF HELP HOUSING

Airlie House

Warrenton, Virginia

December 6 - 9, 1965



What the participants recommended

What they talked about in workshops

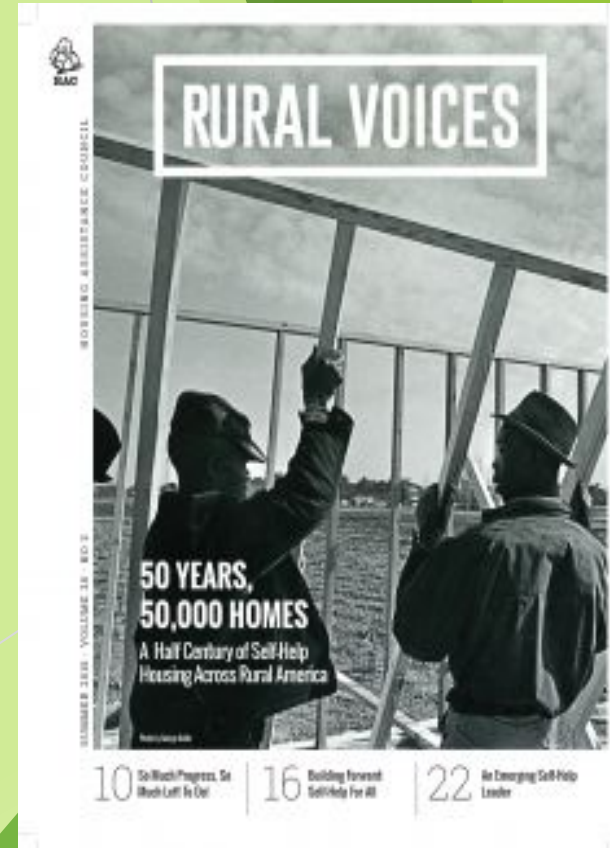
What the speakers had to say

What plans are being made for the future

What literature and financing is available

What's Next:

- Following the story into the 1980s and beyond
- Documenting and including grassroots experiences
- Oral history interviews and profiles



What its all about....

