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Trenton Historical Society Collection

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Institutional History

On January 25, 1919 a group of gentlemen were celebrating the anniversary of the Second Battle of Trenton as they dined at Hildebrecht's Café in Trenton. During the festivities, they resolved to create a Trenton Historical Society and quickly formed an organizational committee. By March of that year, a constitution and bylaws were written and approved, 75 charter members accepted and officers elected. The purpose of the Society was "collection and preservation of materials of the Local History of Trenton and its vicinity" and to promote this through lectures, erecting historical plaques at appropriate sites and the publication of their activities.

The charter members were some of the leading citizens of Trenton including lawyers, businessmen, state officials, politicians, ministers and academics. Among them were: William J. Backes, member of a prominent family of Trenton Lawyers; General Thomas S. Chambers, Assistant Adjutant General of the State of New Jersey and future successful businessman; Trenton Mayor Frederick W. Donnelly; businessmen Edmund C. Hill, Karl G. Roebing, and Edward W. Dunham; Dr. Carlos E. Godfrey, director of the State Public Records Office (precursor to the New Jersey State Archives); Assemblyman A. Dayton Oliphant; and former Governor of New Jersey Edward C. Stokes.

Over the years, the Society has presented lectures, sponsored publications and historical research, spearheaded building preservation efforts through its Preservation Committee, and collected records, artifacts and photographs documenting Trenton's past through its Artifacts Committee. Today, one of their most visible activities is the *Restore Trenton! Historic Property Grant Rehabilitation Program* which is aimed at helping Trenton residents restore the facades of historic buildings in Trenton, funded in part, by their yearly "Stop the Wrecking Ball" dinner.

For more information about the Trenton Historical Society's activities, research services and online resources visit their website at <https://trentonhistory.org>.

Scope and Contents Notes

This collection consists of archival and non-active administrative records of the Trenton Historical Society including organizational records, minutes, financial records, membership information, and publications, as well as documentation of the Society's projects and events it has sponsored. The collection spans the period between 1919 and 2021 and consist of 12 boxes, and 1 wrapped package of display photographic reproductions for a total of 6.45 cubic feet. The material is divided into 13 series as outlined in the chart below.

The records of the Trenton Historical Society provide information about the Society's history and activities. It also provides insight into the evolution of an early 20th century social club for men interested in history into a 21st century organization of men and women who are advocates for historic preservation and civic pride.

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Series Description

Series 1. Organizational Records, 1973-2007 [with gaps]

This series consist of essential founding and organizational documentation including by-laws (1973, ca. 2005 and 2012); 1973 certificate of incorporation and its 1987 revocation; various state, federal and local filings for tax exempt / charitable organization status (1973-2007); a 2005 strategic plan; and various other documents as listed below. Researchers should note that the original by-laws and constitution are printed in the first Minute book and the most recent by-laws are posted on the Society's website.

Series 2. Minutes of the Executive Board / Board of Trustees and Society Meetings, 1919-2012 [with gaps]

This series consists of two bound volumes (1919-1945, 1945-1974) and loose minutes (1982-2012) of Executive Board (later Board of Trustees) and Society meetings. There is an obvious gap in the minutes from July of 1974 to December of 1981. It is assumed that there is or was a third volume of minutes covering at least some of this time since the second volume of minutes ends mid-sentence of the meeting held on 7/15/1974. The earliest records provide documentation of the Society's formation including its first constitution, by-laws and names and signatures of founding members. While the earliest minutes focus on new members, and general society meetings which often included talks and presentations, later minutes (ca. 1980s onward) document more of the Board of Trustees' activities including community out-reach, fund raising, finances and projects.

Series 3. Reports, 1968-2006 [with gaps]

This series consists of Annual Reports (2002-2004 & 2006); reports of the nominating committee (1968, 1972-1973); Treasurer's reports (1977, 1981-2002 [with gaps]) and a report of the Committee on the Restoration of Ellarslie, the city's museum (1974). A complete set of annual reports which were produced from 2002 to 2010 can be found at the Society's website and reports of the Treasurer are often included in the minutes.

Series 4. Financial Records, 1919-2009 [with gaps]

This series consists of various records of the Society's income and expenditures. The earliest two bound Treasurer's accounts (1919-1942, 1943-1963) document the earliest decades of income, predominantly via members' dues. These books also show a gradual increase in expenditures over these decades as the Society became more engaged in outreach which included advertising, printing of early talks, rental needs for meetings and events. Early volumes also double as a membership list since the dues account includes names and the membership number of everyone. Included in this series are *New Jersey Historical Commission General Operating Grant* files which consist of applications, awards letters, and reports to the Commission. These grant files provide a good overview of the Society's financial situation, activities, and plans for future activities at the time of each grant request.

Series 5. Committee Records, 2001-2009

This series consists of records of the Artifacts Committee (2001-2009), the Publications Committee (1976), and the Preservation Committee (2001-2003). The Artifacts Committee records include minutes, agendas, and news clippings (2001-2003) as well as receipts and brief descriptions of materials purchased or received (2002-2009). The Publications Committee records include, correspondence, notes, printing quotes and postage estimates regarding the re-publishing of several standard books about Trenton and Mercer/Burlington Counties. It seems that this was their contribution to the country's bicentennial celebration. The Preservation Committee records include minutes, agendas, and inter-committee communications from 2001-2005 and lists and photographs of endangered buildings, informational hand-outs, and newspaper clippings. For the Preservation Committee's major focus, *Restore Trenton! Historic Property Rehabilitation Grant Program* see the **Projects** series described below.

Series 6. Correspondence, 1919-1937 [with gaps], 1960s-2008

This is a small collection of both incoming and outgoing correspondence. Topics included are arrangements for upcoming events, meeting notices, remembrances of Trenton's past, and letters encouraging membership in the Society.

Series 7. Membership Records, 1919-2009 [with gaps]

This series consists of records that help document the membership of the Society. The earliest of these include scattered "yearbooks" from 1919, 1923, 1941 and 1960 which include printings of the society's constitution, bylaws, officers, and members. There are also scattered lists of members from the 1930s to 2002 as well as accounts, notices, and receipts for dues payments. As indicated above, records of membership can be found in the earliest minute books as well as the bound treasurer's account books. Also included in this series are results of a 2006 members' survey and a ca. 2007 draft of an annual membership plan which outlines month-by-month actions for promoting membership.

Series 8. Projects, 1973-2013

This series includes files on a variety of research, preservation, and documentation projects that the Society has conducted over the years. Information on each project varies, but may include grant applications, award letters, correspondence with project contractors, progress reports and resulting publications. Included is information on the Society's on-going project, *Restore Trenton! Historic Property Rehabilitation Grant Program* which is funded through the annual "Stop the Wrecking Ball" event and grants from the New Jersey Historical Commission. The projects are arranged alphabetically by topic.

Series 9. Events, 1926-2019 [with gaps]

This series documents events sponsored by the Society from about 1926-2019. The first two files are arranged chronologically by event date and consist of programs and informational notices of upcoming talks, meetings, etc. The remaining folders are arranged by event title and may include planning information, advertisements, and attendees. The most documented event is the annual "Stop the Wrecking Ball". Folders for this may include some planning information, programs, attendees' ticket requests and news clippings. Researchers should note that the Society's activities are also documented in the earliest publications found in the collection as well as the minutes.

Series 10. Subject Files, 1920s, 1969 and 2000s

Miscellaneous material including histories of the Society written in 1928, 1929, ca. 1970 and the 2000s, and a file on the Society's website design and usage statistics.

Series 11. Newspaper Clippings, 1919-2005 [with gaps]

One folder of unsorted clippings of articles reporting on the Society's activities.

Series 12. Publications, 1919-2021 [with gaps]

This series includes pamphlets, books, newsletters, and calendars published by the Society. The earliest material (1919-1933) are papers/addresses presented to the Society. There is a copy of Ivy Jackson Banks' *Banks of the Delaware: The Life and Times of Frederick Banks, 1898-1964* (1967). In addition, there is correspondence and promotional material for the Society's *A History of Trenton, 1679-1929* (1929), as well as the printing blocks used to produce the book's illustrations. This two-volume book may be found in the Trentoniana's reference collection and is available online at the Society's website.¹ Finally, of particular interest are incomplete sets of the Society's *Newsletter* (1981-1993) and *Trenton History Gazette* (1997-2007) that provide documentation of the Society's activities and outreach.

Series 13. Display Banners and Exhibit Photo Reproductions, undated and ca. 2019

This series consist of 8 large black & white or sepia-toned prints of Trenton street scenes on vinyl with gromets (probably used as part of an exhibit), and a vinyl Trenton Historical Society banner featuring the original American Indian logo. Also, there are four untitled black & white photographs on metal which were used in the Society's 100th anniversary exhibit at Ellarslie in 2019.

Container List

Series 1. Organizational Records, 1973-2007 [with gaps]

Box / Folder / Contents

- 1 / 1 By-laws, 1973, ca. 2005 and ca. 2012
- 1 / 2 2002 New Jersey Division of Revenue copy of Certificate of Incorporation, 1973 & 1987 revocation
- 1 / 3 Applications for Recognition of [Federal Tax] Exemption, December 1975
- 1 / 4 Letter of [Federal] Tax Exempt Status, 2002
- 1 / 5 New Jersey Charitable Registration, 1994
- 1 / 6 New Jersey Charitable Registration, 1997
- 1 / 7 New Jersey Charitable Registration, 2001
- 1 / 8 New Jersey Charitable Registration, 2003
- 1 / 9 New Jersey Charitable Registration and Mercer County Form 1099, 2004
- 1 / 10 New Jersey Charitable Registration, 2005
- 1 / 11 New Jersey Charitable Registration, 2006
- 1 / 12 New Jersey Exempt Organization Certificates, 1976 and 2003
- 1 / 13 New Jersey Cultural Trust Qualified Organizational Designation, 2004-2007
- 1 / 14 First Union Certified Corporation Resolution for Depository Authorization, 2003
- 1 / 15 Strategic Plan, 2005
- 1 / 16 General Liability Insurance Policy, 11/15/1981
- 1 / 17 Trustee and Executive Board Lists, 1974, 2000-200, 2006 [see also Minutes series, and Yearbooks in Publications series for earlier lists.]

¹ The efforts made to produce *A History of Trenton, 1679-1929* are found in *Trenton Historical Society Reports on the Publication of Trenton History*, available in Trentoniana's reference collection. This binder contains reports of committees on the scope, finance, publicity, printing, and publishing of the book, together with minutes of meetings and treasurer's records.

Series 1. Organizational Records, 1973-2007 [with gaps] (cont'd)

Box / Folder / Contents

1 / 18 Board Biographies, 1990 and 2000s

Series 2. Minutes, 1919-2012 [with gaps]

1 / 19 1919-1945 Minute Book [includes organizational meeting, constitution, by-laws and founding members signatures]

1 / 20 1945-1974 Minute Book [final entry for 7/15/1974 is incomplete]

2 / 1 1982

2 / 2 1983

2 / 3 1984

2 / 4 1985

2 / 5 1986

2 / 6 1987

2 / 7 1988

2 / 8 1989

2 / 9 1990

2 / 10 1991

2 / 11 1996-1998 (scattered)

2 / 12 2000

2 / 13 2001

2 / 14 2002

2 / 15 2003

2 / 16 2004

2 / 17 2005

2 / 18 2006

3 / 1 2007

3 / 2 2008

3 / 3 2009

3 / 4 2010

3 / 5 2011

3 / 6 January - February 2012

Series 3. Reports, 2002-2006 [with gaps]

3 / 7 Annual, 2002-2006, 2009²

3 / 8 Nominating Committee, 1968 & 1972-1973

3 / 9 Treasurers', 1977, 1981-2002 [with gaps]

3 / 10 Report of the Committee on the Restoration of Ellarslie, 1974

Series 4. Financial Records, 1919-2009 [with gaps]

3 / 11 Treasurer's Account Book, 1919-1942

4 / 1 Treasurer's Account Book, 1943-1963

4 / 2 Check Register, 1954-1959

4 / 3 Financial Statements [yearly audits and financial overview], 2002-2005

4 / 4 Financial Statements [yearly audits and financial overview], 2006-2008

² See the Society's website for a complete set of Annual Reports which were produced from 2002 to 2010.

Series 4. Financial Records, 1919-2009 [with gaps] (cont'd)

Box / Folder / Contents

- 4 / 5 Federal Tax Returns and New Jersey Renewal Registration Statement and Financial Reports, 2003-2005
- 4 / 6 Federal Tax Returns and New Jersey Renewal Registration Statement and Financial Reports, 2006-2008
- 4 / 7 Employer's Quarterly Tax Reports, 2006 & 2009 [confidential]
- 5 / 1 "Grants General," 2005-2008, 2011
- 5 / 2 New Jersey Historical Commission General Operating Support Grant, FY 2005
- 5 / 3 N. J. Cultural Trust Grant Application for Financial Stabilization, FY 2005 [denied]
- 5 / 4 New Jersey Historical Commission General Operating Support Grant, FY 2006
- 5 / 5 New Jersey Historical Commission General Operating Support Grant, FY 2007-2008
- 5 / 6 Receipts, bank records, etc., 1992
- 5 / 7 Receipts, bank records, etc., 1995-1997
- 5 / 8 Receipts, bank records, etc., 1998
- 5 / 9 Receipts, bank records, etc., 1999
- 5 / 10 Receipts, bank records, etc., 2000-2001

Series 5. Committee Records, 2001-2009

- 5 / 11 Artifacts Committee, Minutes, Agendas, Notices and News Clippings, 2001-2003
- 5 / 12 Artifacts Committee Receipts, 2002
- 5 / 13 Artifacts Committee Receipts, 2003
- 5 / 14 Artifacts Committee Receipts, 2004
- 5 / 15 Artifacts Committee Receipts, 2005
- 5 / 16 Artifacts Committee Receipts, 2006
- 6 / 1a Artifacts Committee Receipts, 2007-2009
- 6 / 1b Publications Committee, 1976
- 6 / 2 Trenton Preservation Committee, Minutes, Agendas, memos, 2001-2005
- 6 / 3a Trenton Preservation Committee, Lists and Surveys of Endangered Buildings, ca. 2001-2002
- 6 / 3b Trenton Preservation Committee, Trenton's Ten Most Endangered Historic Buildings, 2003
- 6 / 4 Trenton Preservation Committee, Images of Endangered Homes, ca. 2001-2002
- 6 / 5 Trenton Preservation Committee, Notices and Informational hand-outs, ca. 2001-2002
- 6 / 6 Trenton Preservation Committee, News Clippings, 2001-2003

Series 6. Correspondence, 1919-1937 [with gaps], 1960s-2008

- 6 / 7a 1919, 1926, 1929, 1934, 1937
- 6 / 7b 1960s - 1990s
- 6 / 8 October 2000, 2002
- 6 / 9 2003-2004
- 6 / 10 2007-2008
- 6 / 11 Year Booklets, 1919, 1923, 1941, 1960

Series 7. Membership Records, 1919 -2009 [with gaps]

Box / Folder / Contents

- 6 / 12 Lists, 1938 (?), 1954, 1966, 1969, 1974
- 6 / 13 Lists, 1980s
- 6 / 14 Lists, 1990s
- 6 / 15 Lists, 2000-2002
- 6 / 16 Lists, Undated
- 6 / 17 Members' Account Book, 1981-2000
- 7 / 1 Dues Payment Forms, ca. 1998
- 7 / 2 Dues Payment Forms, 2002
- 7 / 3 Dues Payment Forms, 2003
- 7 / 4 Dues Payment Forms, 2004
- 7 / 5 Dues Payment Forms, 2005
- 7 / 6 Dues Payment Forms, 2007
- 7 / 7 Dues Payment Forms, 2008
- 7 / 8 Dues Payment Forms, 2009
- 7 / 9 Member Survey Results, January 2006
- 7 / 10 Annual Membership Plan - Draft, ca. 2007
- 7 / 11 Application Forms Samples, ca. 1970s-1980s, 1995-1996

Series 8. Projects, 1973-2013

- 7 / 12 Survey of African American Sites, 2011³ [NJHC funded]
- 7 / 13 Three Centuries of African American History in Trenton: Significant People and Places, 2015 [NJHC funded]
- 7 / 14 Battle of Trenton Cell Phone/Podcast, 2007-2008 [NJHC funded]
- 7 / 15 Eagle Tavern, ca. 1973-1977
- 7 / 16 Eagle Tavern 1977-1992, undated
- 8 / 1 Eagle Tavern Research, Artifact Analysis and Report, 2002-2005⁴ [NJHC funded]
- 8 / 2 Historic Markers Project funded by the Kiwanis Club of Trenton, 1989-2000
- 8 / 3 Internships, 2002-2003, 2006
- 8 / 4 Obituary Index, 2007-2009 [Mercer County History Grant funded]
- 8 / 5 *Restore Trenton! Historic Property Rehabilitation Grant Program*, undated, 2007 and 2013
- 8 / 6 "Trenton 325", 2005
- 8 / 7 Trenton Ferry Historic District National Registration of Historic Places Documentation, 2003-2007 [NJHC funded]
- 8 / 8 Trenton in 1775 Mapping Project, 2005-2008 [NJHC funded]

Series 9. Events, 1926-2019 [with gaps]

- 8 / 9 1926, 1932, 1944 & 1953
- 8 / 10 1965-2016 [with gaps]
- 8 / 11 "Cool Off at the Car Wash Cocktail Party," August 2002
- 9 / 1 "Stephanie Plum's Trenton by Numbers Bus Tour", May 2004

³ This draft was later published as *Three Centuries of African American History in Trenton: A Preliminary Survey of Historic Sites* which is available in Trentoniana's reference collection.

⁴ The final report for this project can be found in the Trentoniana Collection cataloged as *A Historical Account and Archaeological Analysis of the Eagle Tavern, City of Trenton, Mercer County, New Jersey*.

Series 9. Events, 1926-2019 [with gaps] (cont'd)

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- 9 / 2 "Trenton Eclectic: An Exhibition of Art, Objects & Artifacts from Three Hundred and Fifty Years of Trenton History", November 1919 - March 2020 [exhibit catalog]
- 9 / 3 "In & Around Adeline - Walking Tour of South Trenton Neighborhood", March 2003
- 9 / 4 "Stop the Wrecking Ball", 2003
- 9 / 5 "Stop the Wrecking Ball", 2004
- 9 / 6 "Stop the Wrecking Ball", 2005
- 9 / 7 "Stop the Wrecking Ball", 2006
- 9 / 8 "Stop the Wrecking Ball", 2008
- 9 / 9 "Stop the Wrecking Ball", 2009, 2010
- 9 / 10 "Stop the Wrecking Ball" Program, 2015, 2016, 2019
- 9 / 11 "Trolley Tours", 2005

Series 10. Subject Files, 1920s, 1969 and 2000-2011

- 9 / 12 Ephemera: blank stationery and membership cards; Trenton Historical Society business card of Jean M. Bickal
- 9 / 13 History, 1928-1929, 1970s, 2000s
- 9 / 14 League of Historical Societies of New Jersey New Jersey Historic Preservation Survey, 1968 [guidelines and procedures]
- 9 / 15 League of Historical Societies of New Jersey Bulletin, Autumn 1969
- 9 / 16 Trent House Association Agreement with the City of Trenton, 1998
- 9 / 17 Trenton 1784 Membership List, ca. 2009
- 9 / 18 Trenton New Urban Park Competition Finalists' Proposals, 2005
- 9 / 19 Website Design, ca. 2003 & 2011; Website Usage Statistics, 2001-2004

Series 11. Newspaper Clippings, 1919-2005 [with gaps]

- 9 / 20 Clippings 1919-2005 [with gaps]

Series 12. Publications, 1919-2014 [with gaps]

- 10 / 1 Trenton Historical Society Publications, June 1944 [list of publications of the Society - see folder 17 below for those available in this collection]
- 10 / 2 Lectures presented to, and latter published by the Society, 1919-1933:
- Burslem, Alex Young - *Washington at Rocky Hill*, 1933
 - Cleary, John J. - *Trenton's Historical Assets*, 1919
 - Gnitchel, Frederick W. - *The End of Duelling [sic.] in New Jersey, 1921; The Trenton Decree of 1782 and the Pennamite War*, 1920
 - Godfrey, Carlos E. - *The Dutch Trading Post*, 1919; *The Lenape Indians, their Origin and Migration to the Delaware*, 1919; *Washington's Debarkation at Johnson's Ferry on Christmas Night in 1776*, 1932; *Washington's March to Trenton on Christmas Night in 1776*, 1924
 - Pedrick, William E. - *The Battles of Trenton and Princeton as Pictured by Artists*, 1925
 - Podmore, Harry - *Some early Trenton Washington Celebrations*, 1933
- 10 / 3 Lectures presented to the Society but Privately Printed, 1927 & 1928:
- Walker, Edwin Robert - *The Great Seal of the State of New Jersey*, 1928; *An Interesting Case: Being an Account of the Legal Controversy Over the Will of Benjamin Van Cleve a Soldier of the Revolution*, 1927

Series 12. Publications, 1919-2014 [with gaps] (cont'd)

Box / Folder / Contents

- 10 / 4 Cleary, John J. - *Fighting the Battles of Trenton Over Again: A Playful Fantasy Incident to the Sesqui-Centennial [sic] Celebration and Daniel Fenton: Early Local Publisher, Bookseller and Public Librarian, 1927.*⁵
- 10 / 5 *A History of Trenton, 1679-1929* - Promotional material and reviews
- 10 / 6 *Nottingham Township, New Jersey Minute Book, 1692-1772, 1940*
- 10 / 7 *Banks of the Delaware: The Life and Times of Frederick Banks, 1898-1964, 1967*
- 11 *A History of Trenton, 1679-1929* - Printing blocks for illustrations
- 10 / 8 *Newsletter, 1981-1993 [with gaps]; History Gazette, 1997-2007 [with gaps]*
- 10 / 9 Calendars - publication planning information, ca. 2007-2008
- 10 / 10 Calendars - 2007, 2009-2011
- 10 / 11 Calendars - 2012-2014
- 10 / 12 Calendars - 2016-2021
- 10 / 13 Miscellaneous pamphlets, flyers, etc., undated and 1988

Series 13. Display banners and exhibit photographic reproductions, undated and ca. 2019

- 12 / 1 "A building Spring Afternoon on South Broad Street in 1937. Swern's and Goldberg's two popular and competitive department stores ..." [37"x50"]
- 12 / 2 "This aerial view of downtown Trenton was taken circa 1970. The large white trail at lower left is the Assunpink Creek, which had just been covered over." [37"x50"]
- 12 / 3 "A typical shopping day in 1956, looking East on State Street. Three and four generations of Trenton families have fond memories of visits to Dunham's, Yard's, and Traver's Book Store, downtown Trenton landmarks." [37"x50"]
- 12 / 4 "A view of Broad Street, looking South from the corner of State Street, on August 22, 1954. Kreger's Five and Dime had entrances on both State and Broad." [37"x50"]

Series 13. Display banners and exhibit photographic reproductions (cont'd)

- 12 / 5 "During the Great Depression, the B. F. Keith Capitol Theatre on South Broad Street offered a variety of diversions; both live and vaudeville acts and movies were available on this day in 1929." [37"x50"]
- 12 / 6 Untitled sepia toned vertical photograph of a parade coming down West State Street toward corner of North Warren. [37"x60"]
- 12 / 7 Untitled Street scene with view of State Theatre [37"x60"]
- 12 / 8 "East State Street at the corner of Stockton, during its 1954 repaving." [37"x60"]
- 12 / 9 Trenton Historical Society banner [34"x60"]
- Wrapped photographic reproductions, ca. 2019
- 4 untitled B&W photographic reproductions [4"x6" (2), 9"x13" (1), 10"x20" (1)]

Provenance

The bulk of this material was transferred by officers of the Society sometime after 2012. Material previously filed in Trentoniana's vertical file has also been added to the collection.

⁵ Reprinted from the Sunday Times-Advertiser, the first part of this publication is the recounting of a fictional meeting of the Trenton Historical Society where members debate various details of the Battle of Trenton with some long dead participants and historians of the era. Though not a Society publication, it is an amusing homage to the Society, its members, their discussion of Trenton's history and the other lectures printed by the Society.

Processing Notes

During processing every attempt was made to maintain the order of material within each series as found. When this was not possible material was arranged and inventoried in the most useful way for researchers to use the records. Non-permanent financial records (cancelled checks, bank statements, receipts etc.) have, for the most part been weeded from the collection and shredded. This non-permanent material was, however, maintained for time periods in which there were few or no minutes found.

Restrictions

In Series 4. Financial records, there are Employer's Quarterly Tax Reports forms housed in Box 4, folder 7 that include Social Security numbers. This folder has been marked as confidential.

Bibliography

Records of the Trenton Historical Society, Trentoniana Department, Trenton Free Public Library

Additional Trenton Historical Society material available at the Trenton Free Public Library

A History of Trenton, 1929 [Trentoniana reference room]

Trenton Historical Society Reports on the Publication of Trenton History, 1920s [Trentoniana reference room]

How Streets of Trenton Obtained Present Names, by Gary Nigh [Trentoniana reference room]

Records (currently unprocessed) of the Eagle Tavern [Trentoniana manuscript collection, stacks]