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Olde Mill Hill Society Records

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History

The Mill Hill Neighborhood of Trenton, New Jersey is a charming and storied community located at the center of both New Jersey's history as well as the history of the nation. The community consists of a number of homes, most originating in the 1800s, with some dating to the 1700s. The neighborhood itself sits within the crossroads of the American Revolution. The Battle of The Assunpink took place right along the shores of the community, as well as the greater Battle of Trenton, which turned the tides of the Revolutionary War.

Scope and Content Notes

This collection of papers was received prior to 2015 from the Olde Mill Hill Society. Files were arranged in hanging folders within 9 storage boxes. For several months prior to 2020, members of the board came in on a regular basis to go through the boxes to straighten up and remove any items that they believed should not remain in the collection. Once that was completed, the files were transferred into acid-free legal-sized folders and archival boxes in the same order as had been in the original storage boxes. Duplicates were removed when found, and papers were unfolded when appropriate.

Some information in this collection worth noting:

- Pamphlets, brochures, and promotional material from many of the Society's garden tours, holiday tours, and general house tours.
- Minutes from society meetings, both physical documents as well as recordings of said meetings.
- Historical information on the neighborhood, as well as battles that took place in the area. Also, a copy of the National Register of Historic Places application (1977).
- Information regarding the residents of the Mill Hill Neighborhood, as well as the members of the society.
- Box 15, folders 5-7 contain information about Tree Grants applied to by the society, these grants represent a greater push in the Trenton area for more greenery in the city.

Scope and Content Notes (cont.)

There are 4 storage boxes of files that appear to have originated with Edwin Soyka, who was active with the Olde Mill Hill Society. He owned several properties in the Mill Hill area which he rented out, but did not live in the area himself. These boxes have not been processed and are in the order in which they were donated, presumably around the same time as the main Society's collection.

Series Description

The collection remains in the original order as it was received from the organization. Folders have been kept in the original alphabetical order, and are titled the same as originally titled. A couple labels were missing and a general guess was written on the folder [in brackets] and filed in its original sequence. The collection contains 17 document boxes and 1 artifact box.

Container List

Box / Folder Title

1 / 1	Adopt-a-Spot
1 / 2	Annual Report
1 / 3	Architectural History
1 / 4	Architectural Standards
1 / 5	Artworks
1 / 6	Assunpink Creek
1 / 7	[Grants]
1 / 8	Audits
1 / 9	Awards Dinner - includes plaque from Trenton Council of Civic Associations for Project of the Year Award (2008)
2 / 1	Broad Street (1/2)
2 / 2	Broad Street (2/2)
2 / 3	Broad Street Bridge
2 / 4	Budgets
2 / 5	Business Programs
2 / 6	Cable
2 / 7	Capitol City Redevelopment Plan (1/2)
2 / 8	Capitol City Redevelopment Plan (2/2)
2 / 9	Community Development Block Grant
3 / 1	Charitable Registrations
3 / 2	Clay Street
3 / 3	Cogeneration Plant
3 / 4	Colony
3 / 5	Community Development Block Grants
3 / 6	Comcast
3 / 7	Committees
3 / 8	Community Watch
3 / 9	Concerned Residents and Merchants of Mill Hill
3 / 10	Condition of Neighborhood

Container List (cont.)

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3 / 11	Conover's Alley
3 / 12	Constitution and Bylaws
3 / 13	Court House
3 / 14	Crime
3 / 15	Douglas House
3 / 16	Eagle Cotton Factory
4 / 1	Exempt Org Permit
4 / 2	Films
4 / 3	Friends Center
4 / 4	Front Street
4 / 5	Flea Market
4 / 6	Garbage
4 / 7	Garden Tours (pt. 1)
4 / 8	Garden Tours (pt. 2) - DVD 2009
4 / 9	Gas Lights
4 / 10	Grants
4 / 11	Grants (cont.)
5 / 1	Greenwood Avenue
5 / 2	Heritage Days
5 / 3	HHG
5 / 4	History
5 / 5	Historic District Boundaries (plus National Register application)
5 / 6	Historic Structure Report
5 / 7	Historic Preservation
5 / 8	Holland Move
5 / 9	Homesteading
5 / 10	House Tours (pt. 1)
5 / 11	House Tours (pt. 2)
5 / 12	House Tours (pt. 3)
6 / 1	House Tours (pt. 4) - DVD 2008
6 / 2	House Tours and "Budget" Info
6 / 3	Ike Williams Center
6 / 4	Incorporation
6 / 5	Insurance (1/2)
6 / 6	Insurance (2/2)
7 / 1	Jackson Street
7 / 2	Jackson Street Bridge
7 / 3	Kid's Committee
7 / 4	Kiosk
7 / 5	Labor Lyceum

Container List (cont.)

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7 / 6	Landmarks
7 / 7	Land Trust
7 / 8	Land Use Plan
7 / 9	Lecture Service
7 / 10	Lights
7 / 11	Livingston Street
7 / 12	Loan Program
7 / 13	Market Street
8 / 1	Membership and Residents
8 / 2	Mercer Street
8 / 3	Mercer Jackson Project Area Committee
8 / 4	Mercer Street Friends
8 / 5	Mill Hill
9 / 1	Mill Hill Mews
9 / 2	Mill Hill
9 / 3	PAC Meeting Minutes 1968 (Soyka Papers)
9 / 4	Minutes 1969
9 / 5	Minutes 1970
9 / 6	Minutes 1977
9 / 7	Minutes 1978
9 / 8	Minutes 1979
9 / 9	Minutes + Agenda 1980
9 / 10	Minutes + Agenda 1981
9 / 11	Minutes, Agenda, Treasurer's Report 1982
10 / 1	Minutes + Agenda 1983
10 / 2	Minutes, Agenda, Treasurer's Report 1984
10 / 3	Minutes + Agenda 1985
10 / 4	Minutes 1986
10 / 5	Minutes 1987
10 / 6	Minutes 1988
10 / 7	Minutes 1989
10 / 8	Minutes + Agendas 1991
10 / 9	Minutes + Agendas 1992
11 / 1	Minutes 1993
11 / 2	Minutes + Agenda 1994
11 / 3	Minutes 1995
11 / 4	Minutes 1996
11 / 5	Minutes 1997
11 / 6	Minutes 1998
11 / 7	Minutes, Agenda, Treasurer's Report 1998

Container List (cont.)

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11 / 8	Minutes 1999
11 / 9	Minutes 2000
11 / 10	Minutes 2001
12 / 1	Minutes 2003
12 / 2	Minutes 2004
12 / 3	Minutes 2014
12 / 4	Minutes 2015
12 / 5	Misc.
12 / 6	Misc.
12 / 7	Misc.
12 / 8	Montgomery Street
12 / 9	National Night Out
12 / 10	Neighborhood Watch
13 / 1	Newsletter (pt. 1)
13 / 2	Newsletter (pt. 2)
13 / 3	Non-profit status (pt. 1)
13 / 4	Non-profit status (pt. 2)
13 / 5	Non-profit status (pt. 3)
13 / 6	Officers
13 / 7	Park Place
14 / 1	Parking
14 / 2	Parking Garage
14 / 3	Photos
14 / 4	Plantings
14 / 5	Playhouse
14 / 6	Police
14 / 7	Property Owners/Residents
14 / 8	Redistricting
14 / 9	Research Suggestions
14 / 10	Route 1
14 / 11	Sidewalks
14 / 12	Sign
14 / 13	South Broad Businesses
14 / 14	Stockton Street
14 / 15	Stockton Murder
14 / 16	Strategic Plan
14 / 17	Street Repairs
14 / 18	Sykes
14 / 19	Tax Permit and ID #

Container List (cont.)

Box / Folder Title

15 / 1	TCCA Bylaws
15 / 2	Traffic
15 / 3	Trash Cans
15 / 4	Treasurer's Report
15 / 5	Tree Grants (pt. 1)
15 / 6	Tree Grants (pt. 2)
15 / 7	Tree Grants (pt. 3)
15 / 8	Urban Renewal Plan
15 / 9	Ward Boundaries
15 / 10	Washington Statue
16 / 1	Welcome Pack
16 / 2	Welfare Move
16 / 3	Whitaker (pt. 1) [name of condo complex on S. Broad]
16 / 4	Whitaker (pt. 2)
16 / 5	Whitaker (pt. 3)
16 / 6	Whitaker (pt. 4)
16 / 7	Whitaker (pt. 5)
17 / 1	Whitaker (pt. 7)
17 / 2	Whitaker Site
17 / 3	Zoning Variances
17 / 4	Same Cop Same Neighborhood Mill Hill Pilot Program (Binder #1)
17 / 5	Same Cop Same Neighborhood Mill Hill Pilot Program (Binder #2)
17 / 6	Same Cop Same Neighborhood Mill Hill Pilot Program (Binder #2)
18	Cassette Tapes, 1986-199X (meeting recordings)