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Trenton Alcoholic Beverages Commission Collection
Circa 1907–1986 (bulk 1933-1944)

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Summary Information

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Trenton / Liquor industry--New Jersey / Liquor laws--New Jersey--History--20th century / Municipal government--New Jersey--Trenton / Municipal law--New Jersey / Municipal officials and employees--New Jersey / Prohibition--New Jersey--History / Religious organizations / Salter, Harry B. (1873-1938) / Trenton (N.J.)--History / Trenton (N.J.)--Politics and government

Administrative Information

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Scope/Content

This collection comprises the surviving papers of Trenton’s Alcoholic Beverages Commission, established alongside the end of Prohibition in 1933. Although the State of New Jersey dictated regulations on alcoholic beverages throughout the state, the government devolved management and enforcement powers to municipalities like Trenton. As a result, many of the items in this collection represent the bureaucratic relationships between city and state; such documents include license applications, receipts for fees, and reports of investigations by Trenton police. Although this collection does not focus on Prohibition--it only includes a few mentions of illicit activities in the 1920s and early 1930s--it instead offers insight into the period immediately after. Aside from the regulatory aspect, these papers offer a look at the various parties who manufactured, sold, and drank alcohol in the years after the end of Prohibition.

Archivist’s Note: Like with all collections within the Trenton City Records, these items have been compiled from various locations within the Trentoniana Department and

arranged *ad hoc*. Many of the items from the 1950s through the 1980s were likely originally part of the Arthur Holland Papers, having been removed by previous librarians. [See also the rest of the City Records, including: *The F.W. Donnelly Collection (CITY-FWD)*, *the Trenton Police, Fire, and Public Safety Collection (CITY-PFPS)*, and *the Trenton City Clerk Collection (CITY-CLERK)*.]

Administrative History

Trenton has long had a history of producing and consuming alcohol, with its various immigrant communities establishing breweries and saloons throughout the city. When the Eighteenth Amendment (1919) prohibited the sale and transportation of alcohol, public opinion split between “drys” who supported the ban and “wets” who opposed it. And while Trenton had a robust temperance movement, a significant portion opposed Prohibition for various reasons. Illegal production and trade almost immediately emerged, and various organized crime groups garnered the tacit support of local government officials--Trenton Mayor George LaBarre was forced to resign in 1935 after the public learned that city police officers, including the Chief of Police, had helped bootleggers during LaBarre’s tenure as Commissioner of Public Safety. While few documents from this period are known to have survived, police reports from after the end of Prohibition in 1933 occasionally record past raids on speakeasies and distilleries throughout the city. These reports made up part of the requirements set forth by the state’s Alcoholic Beverage Commission, which considered applications for licenses after Prohibition ended. The state and city both required investigators to determine if applicants had any criminal history, as well as if their businesses remained clean, orderly, and “morally fit.” This first decade after the passage of the Twenty-First Amendment makes up the primary focus of this collection.

Arrangement

Series I: Alcoholic Beverages Commission Administrative

Box 1, Folder 1: ABC Regulations and Resolutions (city and state), ca. 1934-1935

Folder 2: Records of rules and regulations served to licensees, ca. 1936

Folder 3: City Ordinance No. 41 and list of saloons in receipt of it, 1936

Folder 4: Boilerplate correspondence and documents (blank)

Folder 5: Data on rules, regulations, fees of other municipalities, ca. 1937

Folder 6: Correspondence with State Commissioner D. Frederick Burnett,
1933-1934

Folder 7: Correspondence with Commissioner Burnett, 1935-1936

Folder 8: Correspondence with Commissioner Burnett, 1937

Folder 9: Correspondence with Commissioner Burnett, 1938

Folder 10: Correspondence with Commissioner Burnett, 1939-1940

Folder 11: Correspondence state beverage tax division, 1935-1936

Folder 12: Correspondence with ABC and City Manager Paul Morton,
1935-1938

Box 2: City clerk's ledger of alcoholic beverage licenses, 1933-1942

Box 6, Folder 1: Lists of applicants and licensees, ca. 1930s; 1946-1947

Folder 2: Lists of applicants approved and rejected, ca. 1933-1934

Folder 3: Vouchers of license fee payments and returns (other), 1936-1942

Folder 4: Letters endorsing/protesting license applicants (other), 1933-
1934

Folder 5: Other applications for Class "C" licenses, 1933-1934

Folder 6: Other applications for temporary retail licenses, 1933

Folder 7: Other special permits, ca. 1935-1946

Folder 8: Appeals--Calendar (April-May 1934); lists of notices of
hearings; cover letters of notices

Folder 9: Other notices of appeals, 1934

Folder 10: Records of license transfers (as meeting minutes), 1936-1938

Folder 11: Records of license transfers, 1939-1941

Folder 12: Records of license transfers, 1942 (Jul.-Dec.)-1943 (Mar.-Jun.)

Folder 13: City clerk's report on license applicants, June 1936

Folder 14: Records/reports of complaints to ABC Police, ca. 1931-1936

Folder 15: Police reports on qualifications for permanent licenses, ca.
1934? (missing Fifth Ward)

Folder 16: Police reports of applicants with and without preferred/pending
charges, ca. 1936-1944

Folder 17: Report of proceedings against Howard D. Fitzgerald
(photocopy), 1986

Folder 18: Miscellaneous ABC Investigators' reports re: license transfers,
ca. 1943-1947

Folder 19: Other ABC reports/correspondence

Series II: Applicants for Individual and Retail Licenses

Box 3, Folder 1: Alberti's, Inc. (30-32 E. Front St.)

Folder 2: Anderson, George A. (801 Anderson St.)

Folder 3: Angelini, Orlando (184-186 Anderson St.)

Folder 4: Angelucci, Torello (302-304 Franklin St.)

Folder 5: Axiotes, Nicholas (145 N. Broad St.)

Folder 6: Barbuto, Nicholas (216 N. Clinton Ave.)

Folder 7: Bartolini, Adelio (931 Chambers St.)

Folder 8: Bash, Abe (689 Princeton Ave.)

Folder 9: Bash, Michael (SE Corner of S. Broad and Livingston Sts.)

Folder 10: Belza, Sophie A. and John (650 N. Clinton Ave.)

Folder 11: Bentley, Edwin (841 Genesee St.)

Folder 12: Berkowitz, Bessie (611 S. Warren St.)

Folder 13: Berish, John and Matilda (856 S. Broad St.)

Folder 14: Berman, Joseph (Hotel Warren, 15 N. Warren St.)

Folder 15: Bernocchi, Alfredo (402 Roebling Ave.)

Folder 16: Blasi, Angelo, and Alberto Procoli (92 Washington St.)

Folder 17: Boczany, Elizabeth (600 S. Clinton Ave.)

Folder 18: Bonanni, Ponziano (273 Morris Ave.)

Folder 19: Bridge Tavern (1171 Lamberton St.) [*See also Trenton Yacht
Club*]

Folder 20: Broadway Inn (13 N. Warren St.)

Folder 21: Broadway Liquor Store (13 W. Hanover St.)

Folder 22: Brown, Joseph H. (556 Perry St.) [*1907 license only*]

Folder 23: Brown, Veronica "Ronnie" (502 S. Warren St.)

Folder 24: Bulitsky, Joseph (Stuyvesant Grill, 602 Stuyvesant Ave.)

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- Folder 25: Bunnell, George S. (33 N. Stockton St.)
- Folder 26: Carnecky, Stanley (837 S. Warren St.) [*Police reports, ca. 1923-1926*]
- Folder 27: Catana, James (208-210 N. Broad St.)
- Folder 28: Catana, Joseph (602 Mulberry St.)
- Folder 29: Chambers, Charles W., Jr. (Hotel Davenport, 89 S. Clinton Ave.)
- Folder 30: Cohen, Harry (118 E. Front St.)
- Folder 31: Coluccio, John J. (600 Perry St.)
- Folder 32: Cooper, William H. (18 E. Canal St.)
- Folder 33: Cooperstein, William (104 Market St.)
- Folder 34: Dal Corso, Elmer (273 Morris Ave.)
- Folder 35: Damiani, Joseph (785 Chambers St.)
- Folder 36: Drucker, Sadie (1109 Hamilton Ave.; 1472 W. State St.)
- Folder 37: Elias, Abdo (18 E. Lafayette St.)
- Folder 38: Francimore, Joseph (478 N. Clinton Ave.)
- Folder 39: Finney, Harry (1133 E. State St.)
- Folder 40: Franciamore, Filomena (E. Trenton Liquor Store, 468 N. Clinton Ave.)
- Folder 41: Gallagher, Charles (227 Mulberry St.)
- Folder 42: Gallagher, Stephen (17-19 N. Warren St.)
- Folder 43: Gendek, Herman (130 S. Broad St.)
- Folder 44: Giuliano, Vincenzo (216 N. Clinton Ave.)
- Folder 45: Gliba, Louis (805 S. Clinton Ave.)
- Folder 46: Hamilton Wine & Liquor Co. (166 Hamilton Ave.)
- Folder 47: Hargreaves, Charles R. (432 S. Broad St.)
- Folder 48: Haveson, Harry (354 S. Broad St.)
- Folder 49: Henry, James (216 N. Broad St.)
- Folder 50: Hotel Kurland (106 Market St.)
- Folder 51: Hotel Windsor (117 E. State St.)
- Folder 52: Howell, Edwin Leon (225 Brunswick Ave.)

- Folder 53: Hoxton Mercantile Corp. (S. Broad and Front Sts.)
- Folder 54: Jahn, Rupert A. (28-30 Barnes St.)
- Folder 55: Kalb, Simon and Morris (400 Center St.)
- Folder 56: Kaplan, Jennie (406 N. Clinton Ave.)
- Folder 57: Kaplan, Meyer (170 S. Broad St.)
- Folder 58: Kaplan, Morris (13 N. Willow St.)
- Folder 59: Keller, Michael (457-459 S. Broad St.)
- Folder 60: Kestner, Joseph (1205 S. Broad St.)
- Folder 61: Ketterer, Joseph F. (668 S. Broad St.)
- Folder 62: Keuper, Joseph and Joseph J. (920 Brunswick Ave.)
- Folder 63: Klotz, Jacob (324 Calhoun St.)
- Folder 64: Konvitz, Solomon A., and S. Michelsohn & Co. (23 N. Warren St.; 3 E. State St.)
- Folder 65: Kovacs, Andrew J. (366 Union St.)
- Folder 66: Kubiak, Valentine (801 Lamberton St.) [*See also Sondej, Peter*]
- Box 4, Folder 1: LaFerrara, Nicholas (158 Kent St.)
- Folder 2: Laffey, Michael (255 N. Broad St.)
- Folder 3: Lanning, Charles (235 N. Broad St.)
- Folder 4: Lanzi, Frank (478 N. Clinton Ave.)
- Folder 5: Lavan, James (121 Girard St.)
- Folder 6: Lavine, Ivan (33 and 40 N. Stockton St.)
- Folder 7: Levenson, Harry (214 S. Warren St.)
- Folder 8: Levin, Louis (13 N. Stockton St.)
- Folder 9: Levy, Louis A (148 Lamberton St.)
- Folder 10: Lewis, Joseph S. (44 Jefferson St.)
- Folder 11: Lipnicki, Benjamin (662 N. Clinton Ave.)
- Folder 12: Lucidi, Spartaco (762 Roebling Ave.)
- Folder 13: Maddock, J. Frank (491 Southard St.)
- Folder 14: Manning, William (689 Princeton Ave.)
- Folder 15: McCann, Thomas (Hanover Hotel, 137 E. Hanover St.)

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- Folder 16: McConnell, Charles (107 S. Olden Ave.)
- Folder 17: McGinn, Frank A. (919 S. Broad St.)
- Folder 18: Miga, Joseph, and Charles Krawiec (702 Pine St.)
- Folder 19: Mirkin, Milton (215 E. Front St.)
- Folder 20: Moran, Anthony J., Sr. (130 Calhoun St.)
- Folder 21: Morelli, Frank and Theresa (945 Princeton Ave.)
- Folder 22: Morichelli, Lorenzo (419 Hudson St.)
- Folder 23: Moss, Jack, and Bob Convery (502 S. Warren St.)
- Folder 24: Nobili, Gustavo and Armida (232 Hamilton Ave.)
- Folder 25: O'Donovan, James (corner of Division and Emory Sts.)
- Folder 26: Palmieri, John (530-532 Hudson St.)
- Folder 27: Papp, Louis and Mary (647 Cass St.)
- Folder 28: Perlman, Louis (274 N. Willow St.)
- Folder 29: Peterson, Clinton (206 N. Willow St.)
- Folder 30: Podmore, Harry J. (Crescent Inn, 108 Brunswick Ave.)
- Folder 31: Quisito Distributing Co. (62 Butler St.)
- Folder 32: Rathouser, Jack (806 Stuyvesant Ave.)
- Folder 33: Rednor, Isaac "Ike" (15 E. Front St.)
- Folder 34: Ridolfi, Bennie Frank (221 Union St.)
- Folder 35: Ridolfi, Oswaldo (142 Mott St.)
- Folder 36: Rosati, Andrew (521-523 Perry St.)
- Folder 37: Ross, William (221 Union St.)
- Folder 38: Ryan, Pierce J. (320 N. Broad St.)
- Folder 39: Sachs, Charles (339 N. Warren St.)
- Folder 40: Sachs, Joseph (202 Perry St.)
- Folder 41: Sacks, Irving (236 Clay St.)
- Folder 42: Sacks, Samuel (90 Pennington Ave.)
- Folder 43: Sailliez, Edward (337 W. Hanover St.)
- Folder 44: Salamandra, Leo V. (133 Morris Ave.)
- Folder 45: Sarkadi, Louis (856 S. Broad St.)
- Folder 46: Savoy Restaurant (43 E. State St.)

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- Folder 47: Schroeder, William B. (253 N. Broad St.)
- Folder 48: Schulman, David (172 S. Broad St.)
- Folder 49: Schultz, Edward L. (1101 Chestnut Ave.)
- Folder 50: Serafine, Anthony (221 Union St.)
- Folder 51: Shapiro, Benjamin (106 W. Hanover St.)
- Folder 52: Shell, Daniel (44 N. Olden Ave.)
- Folder 53: Shumski, Daniel (232 Bloomsbury St.)
- Folder 54: Silver, Abe and Herman (N.J. Bottling Co., 112 Cass St.)
- Folder 55: Simonko, Louis (151 Liberty St.)
- Folder 56: Sivo, Andrew (54-56 Butler St.)
- Folder 57: Smith, Abe (319 S. Warren St.)
- Folder 58: Sondej, Peter and Mary (811 Beatty St.)
- Folder 59: Stacewicz, Alex (81 Fillmore St.)
- Folder 60: Stacy-Trent Hotel (Gardner H. Cain, 49 W. State St.)
- Folder 61: Stawinski, Anthony J. (28 Elm St.)
- Folder 62: Stein, Adolph (601 Princeton Ave.)
- Folder 63: Straussvogel, Adolph (241 N. Willow St.)
- Folder 64: Sutton, Rose [estate of] (302 Brunswick Ave.)
- Folder 65: Tankel, Samuel (52 Pennington Ave.)
- Folder 66: Tenzler, Anthony (838 S. Broad St.)
- Folder 67: Thaler, John (24 S. Warren St.)
- Folder 68: Tootleman, David (140 Locust St.)
- Folder 69: Torretti, Taide (800 Chestnut Ave.)
- Folder 70: Vannozzi, Alexander (801 Lamberton St.)
- Folder 71: Weinmann, William (Builders Club, 39 W. State St.)
- Folder 72: Wittkin, Benjamin (18 E. Canal St.)
- Folder 73: Yetman, Lorenzo (1286-1288 S. Broad St.)
- Folder 74: Zelenak, Sandor (44 Hart Ave.)
- Folder 75: Zidalis, Joseph (356 N. Clinton Ave.)
- Folder 76: Zuccarello, Joseph (351-353 Perry St.)

Series III: Applicants for Club Licenses; Special Permits for Clubs and Organizations

- Box 5, Folder 1: American-Hungarian Democratic Club (755 Cass St.)
- Folder 2: Ancient Order of Hibernians Home Association (132 N. Warren St.)
- Folder 3: Aurora Singing Society (145 Morris Ave.)
- Folder 4: Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, Trenton Lodge #105 (120 N. Warren St.)
- Folder 5: Bernard J. Walsh Democratic Club (121 Girard Ave.)
- Folder 6: The Carteret Club (333 W. State St.)
- Folder 7: Chambersburg Republican Club (95-98 S. Broad St.)
- Folder 8: Church of the Holy Cross (201 Adeline St.)
- Folder 9: The Commercial Club (NE corner of W. State and Calhoun Sts.)
- Folder 10: Fourth Ward Young Democratic Club (219 Ferry St.)
- Folder 11: Fraternal Order of Eagles, Trenton Aerie #100 (124 N. Warren St.) (824 Adeline St.)
- Folder 12: Holy Trinity Ukrainian-Orthodox Church (824 Adeline St.)
- Folder 13: Hungarian Reformed Church (150 Home Ave.)
- Folder 14: In-and-Out Social Club (805 Hudson St.)
- Folder 15: Italian-American World War Veterans, Trenton Post #2 (344 Hamilton Ave.)
- Folder 16: Knights of St. Stephens Club (108 Roebling Ave.)
- Folder 17: L.A. Young Spring & Wire Corporation, Union Local 672 (1395 New York Ave.)
- Folder 18: Lenoxville Athletic Club (109 Vroom St.)
- Folder 19: Loyal Order of Moose, Trenton Lodge No. 164 (403 E. State St.)
- Folder 20: Magyar Home, Inc., and associated groups (140 Genesee St.)
- Folder 21: Mercer Silent Club (108-110 N. Broad St.)
- Folder 22: New Casteltermini Social of Trenton (216 N. Clinton Ave.)
- Folder 23: Ninth Ward Italian Social Club (303½ Hudson St.)
- Folder 24: Officers' Club of Trenton (116 W. State St.)

- Folder 25: Order of Ahepa Chapter #72 (American Hellenique Educational Progressive Association; also the “Hephaistos Lodge #120, Greek-American Progressive Association, 106 Jackson St.)
- Folder 26: Philopthos Society of the Greek Orthodox Church (aka Philopthos Greek Ladies’ Society, 106 Jackson St.)
- Folder 27: Pride of Trenton Lodge 1118, Improved Brotherhood and Protective Order of Elks of the World (106 Belvidere St.)
- Folder 28: Prospect Democratic Club (39 Kelsey Ave.)
- Folder 29: Polish-American World War Veterans’ Club (12 Grand St.)
- Folder 30: Polish Falcons #59 (1002-1004 N. Olden Ave.)
- Folder 31: The Republican Club (139 E. Hanover St.)
- Folder 32: Roman Beneficial Society (202-206 Butler St.)
- Folder 33: Slovak Gymnastic Union Sokol #59 (35 S. Lafayette Ave.)
- Folder 34: Società Operaia di Mutuo Soccorso Villalba (31 George St.)
- Folder 35: South Trenton Political and Social Club (428½ Bridge St.)
- Folder 36: St. Mary’s Greek Catholic Church (corner of Grand and Malone Sts.)
- Folder 37: St. Stanislaus Church (60 Randall Ave.)
- Folder 38: St. Nicholas Greek Catholic Magyar Church (968 S. Broad St.)
- Folder 39: St. Stephen’s Catholic Church and Lodge (210 Genesee St.)
- Folder 40: Trenton Bananter Singing Society (aka Trenton Bananter Gesang Verein, 340 William St.)
- Folder 41: Trenton German Club (aka Harmony Social Club, 1051 S. Clinton Ave.)
- Folder 42: Trenton Silent Club (439-441 S. Broad St.)
- Folder 43: Trenton Yacht Club (aka Trenton Yachtsmans Club, 1171 Lamberton Ave.)
- Folder 44: Twelfth Ward Democratic Club (51 Winder Ave.)
- Folder 45: Union Republican League of Mercer County (139 E. Hanover St.)

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Folder 46: United Steel Workers of America, CIO, Local #2111 (719 S. Clinton Ave.)

Folder 47: Victory Beneficial and Social Association (206 N. Broad St.)

Folder 48: Workmen's Sick and Death Benefit Fund (1216 Chambers St.)

Folder 49: Other correspondence/documents related to club licenses

Folder 50: Other applications for club licenses

Folder 51: Other special permits for clubs and organizations