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**Trenton Infrastructure and Public Works Collection**  
**Circa 1841–2014 (bulk circa 1950-1990)**

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**Summary Information**

**Creator(s):**

City of Trenton

**Donor:**

Unknown (found in collections); Betty Holland (donor)

**Language of Materials:**

English, with some items in Spanish

**Extent:**

Approximately 13 linear feet

**Location of Repository:**

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**Subjects:**

City planning--New Jersey--Trenton / Cogeneration of electric power and heat--New Jersey / Government facilities--New Jersey--Trenton / Groundwater flow--New Jersey--Trenton Region / Highway planning--New Jersey / Holland, Arthur John (1918-1989) / Local transit--New Jersey--Trenton / Parking facilities--New Jersey--Trenton / Recycling (Waste, etc.)--New Jersey / Rivers--New Jersey--Trenton / Sewage disposal--New Jersey / Street-railroads--New

Jersey--Trenton / Trenton (N.J.)--Politics and government / Urban policy--New Jersey--Trenton / Waste disposal sites--New Jersey / Water-supply--New Jersey--Trenton / Waterways--New Jersey

### **Administrative Information**

#### **Conditions Governing Access:**

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### **Scope/Content**

This collection contains reports, plans, minutes, correspondence, ephemera, and other documents related to the City of Trenton's infrastructure and public works. Much of this material dates to the second half of the twentieth century, but the collection also includes some items dating as far back as the mid-nineteenth century and as late as the twenty-first century. It comprises documents related to managing the city's automotive traffic and parking, its public transportation, the Port of Trenton and the city's other waterways, its drinking water, its waste disposal, and some of its electrical generation. Note, however, that the vast majority of documents regarding Trenton's electricity relate to the city's Communication Bureau, included as part of the separate Police, Fire, and Public Safety Collection (*CITY—PFPS*). This collection nevertheless provides valuable insight into how Trenton's city government managed public utilities, and it complements the Planning and Development Collection (*see CITY—PD*)

*Archivist's Note:* Like with all collections within the Trenton City Records, these items have been compiled from various locations within Trentoniana and arranged ad hoc. Many of the

documents likely came from the Arthur Holland Collection, having been removed from their original locations by prior librarians. This archivist has imposed the order below on these materials, and has arranged the items in each folder approximately chronologically.

*[See also: Trentoniana's collection of reports by the State of New Jersey and the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission on roads, bridges, mass transit, and waterways; and scrapbooks SB 47, 269-274, and 287 (by city commissioner George Reiker, all part of the Parks and Recreation Collection). Other pertinent items listed below, under the corresponding section.]*

## **Arrangement**

### **Series I: Department of Public Works administrative**

Box 1, Folder 1: "Act Constituting and Rules Governing the Board of Public Works" (1892)

Folder 2: WPA booklet on city bureau of weights and measures (1940)

Folder 3: Joseph Tucillo (Public Works director)—Correspondence and timesheets (1970-1986)

### **Series II: Streets, Traffic, and Parking**

Box 1, Folder 4: Traffic planning—"Trans Air" periodical (1981)

Folder 5: Assunpink Way—Plans, publicity, report (1910s-1930s)

Folder 6: East-West Highway—Planning Board proceedings

Folder 7: Route 29—Report on connection with US-295

Unfolded: US-195/295 and NJ-29/129: "Final Environmental Impact Statement," Vols. 1-3

Box 2, unfolded: US-195/295 and NJ-29/129: "Final Environmental Impact Statement," Vol. 4

Folder 1: East-West Freeway/Route 29—Additional reports and ephemera

Folder 2: Trenton Freeway—Scanned newspaper clippings (1949-1951)

Folder 3: Trenton Freeway—Additional ephemera (ca. 1940s-1950s) and Correspondence (1985-1987)

Folder 4: Route 129—Report (1987) and Access Study (1989)

Unfolded: Reports on proceedings before U.S. Coast Guard re: Calhoun Street Bridge replacement, Sessions I and II (1979)

Unfolded: Supplement to draft Environmental Impact Statement for Calhoun Street Bridge (1979)

Folder 5: Street widening—Publicity and opposition towards

Folder 6: New York Ave—Reconstruction plans

Folder 7: Market Street—Reports and Correspondence

Folder 8: Other streets—Miscellaneous correspondence re: planning, construction, and naming

Folder 9: Street maintenance—Correspondence

Folder 10: “The Importance of Keeping Street Maintenance Costs” (report by Joseph E. English, 1913)

Folder 11: Sidewalk maintenance

Box 3, Folder 1: Traffic and Parking—Reports/Surveys

Folder 2: Traffic and Parking—Correspondence

Folder 3: Traffic and Parking—Publicity and Ephemera

Folder 4: Parking and Traffic Commission attendance lists and meeting notes (1962-1963)

Box OS1: Scrapbook by Philip Gummere on various roads and bridges (1919-1928) (formerly SB310)

*[See also: Map Case 1, Drawers 8, 9, and 12; Scrapbooks SB0073-74, 269, 271, 272, and 287]*

### **Series III: Public Transportation**

Box 3, Folder 5: Mass Transit—Small maps (Taxi fare zones and city facilities)

Folder 6: “The Trenton Transit System: A Study” (Goldman and Saaz, 1932), plus supplementary diagrams and clippings

Unfolded: “Report on Present and Proposed Local Transit Service” in Trenton, Ewing, Hamilton, and Lawrence, Vols. 1 and 2 (1959)

Unfolded: “Trenton Transit Study” (1975)

Unfolded: “Proposal for a Downtown People Mover”

Folder 7: Trenton Train Station—Plan and Publicity

Folder 8: Mass Transit—Additional reports and surveys

Box 4, unfolded: “State of the Case, Volume I” for *Trenton and Mercer County Traction Corporation v. City of Trenton et al.* (circa 1916)

Folder 1: Inspector’s report, *Commission of the City of Trenton vs. Trenton and Mercer County Traction Corp.*, Exhibits 80-113 (1918)

Box 5, Folder 1: Trenton and Mercer County Traction Corp.—Overview and Route Map [*See also TMCTC collection*]

Folder 2: Reports by Abram Swan (Engineer of Streets) on damages from TMCTC (1917)

Folder 3: Resolutions by City Council served to TMCTC Board (1917)

Folder 4: TMCTC—Charts/tables re: Employee wages and cost of living (circa 1919)

Folder 5: TMCTC—Fare zone system changes—Utility Board hearings (1919), Part I

Folder 6: TMCTC—Fare zone system changes—Utility Board hearings (1919), Part II

*[See also: Scrapbooks SB072 and 088, containing clippings (circa 1960s-1970s) related to mass transit in Mercer County and New Jersey; Scrapbooks 130-174 (clippings from various passenger rail companies in the city); and the Trenton & Mercer Co. Traction Corp. Collection]*

#### **Series IV: Port of Trenton/Marine Terminal and Waterways**

Box 5, Folder 7: Port of Trenton/Marine Terminal—1952 report

Unfolded: “Report on Port of Trenton” (1952)

Unfolded: “A Study of the Potential for Reactivating the Marine Terminal” (1978)

Folder 8: Marine Terminal—Reports (1932-1934; 1962)

Folder 9: Marine Terminal—Leases (1944; 1958; 1961)

Box 6, Folder 1: Marine Terminal—Additional correspondence (1962)

Folder 2: Port of Trenton/Marine Terminal—Publicity and ephemera

Folder 3: Waterways—Reports and map

Unfolded: “Relief Drainage Project, Wilbur & Villa Park Areas:  
Preliminary Engineering Report” (1962)

Folder 4: Flood Insurance studies (1981; 1990)

Unfolded: “Final Environmental Impact Statement, Assunpink Creek  
Watershed” (1974)

Unfolded: “Dredging the Delaware and Raritan Canal: Program Plan  
and Environmental Assessment Report” (1981)

Folder 5: Waterways—Memoranda and correspondence

Unfolded: Report by Sidney Goldmann on the city acquisition of the  
canal known as “the Water Power” (1938)

Folder 6: Reports on acquisition and abandonment of “the Water Power”

Box OS2: Scrapbook of newspaper clippings on the Port of Trenton/Marine  
Terminal (formerly SB308)

### **Series V: Trenton Water Works (TWW)**

Box 7, Folder 1: TWW—Charters and supplements (1841; 1852; 1867)

Folder 2: TWW—Annual reports (1856; 1900-1902; 1911-1912; 1999-  
2000; 2005-2006; 2008)

Folder 3: TWW—Additional reports and notes on Water Board  
“irregularities”

Folder 4: TWW—Water rates, installation charges, and rules/regulations

Folder 5: TWW—Publicity and ephemera on new filtration plant (1962)

Folder 6: TWW—Fact-finding documents and EPA report re: 1975 pump  
failure

Folder 7: TWW—Alerts/information about drinking water standards  
(2005)

Folder 8: TWW—Additional correspondence

Box 8, Folders 1-13: TWW—Specifications and proposals for various Water  
Works contracts (1935-1936)

Box 9, Folder 1: TWW—Specifications and proposals for Water Works contract  
10A (1935)

Box OS3: Blueprints for new filtration plant (1950; 1952)

**Series VI: Power and Electricity**

Box 9, Folder 2: Electric and Lighting reports (1935; 1938)

Folders 3-6: Petition for municipal ownership of light and power plant (1935), Parts I-IV

Box 10, Folder 1: Trenton District Energy Company (aka Trenton ICES)—Proposals and Reports (circa 1978-1985)

Folder 2: Trenton ICES—Pertinent state and national legislation

Folder 3: Trenton ICES/Cogeneration—Correspondence, 1978-1982

Folder 4: Trenton ICES/Cogeneration—Correspondence, 1983-1985

Folder 5: Trenton ICES/Cogeneration—Publicity and ephemera

*[See also: Scrapbook SB0019, related to the campaign to municipalize the lighting and power plant;*

*Trenton Department of Public Safety Collection, Electrical Bureau]*

**Series VII: Sewage, Wastewater, and Garbage Disposal**

Box 10, Folder 6: Sewage and Wastewater Disposal—Reports, 1880-1881; 1885; 1890; 1895

Folder 7: Sewage and Wastewater Disposal—Reports, 1909; 1922; 1928; 1940)

Box 11, Folder 1: Sewage and Wastewater Disposal—Reports and Map, circa 1950; 1953; 1958; 1965

Unfolded: “Control of Combined Sewage Flooding and Overflows” (1974)

Unfolded: “Value Engineering Study: Upgrading Wastewater Treatment Facility” (1977)

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Unfolded: Industrial Pretreatment Program, Final Report (1983)

Folder 2: Sewage Disposal—Plan and proposal invitation (circa 1924)

Folder 3: Sewage Disposal—Facilities Plan Executive Summary and Appendices (1975-1976)

Box 12, Unfolded: “Wastewater Facilities Plan” (1975-1976)

Folder 1: Sewage Disposal—Correspondence re: Lower Makefield  
Township plant (1984-1985)

Folder 2: Garbage Disposal—Mercer Co. plans and hearing (circa 1985)

Folder 3: Garbage Disposal—Correspondence re: Mercer Co. plan

Folder 4: Recycling—Plan, reports, correspondence (circa 1985-1986)

Folder 5: Waste Management—Additional correspondence and ephemera  
(1911; circa 1970s-1990s)