



120 Academy Street, Trenton, N.J. 08608
609-392-7188 * www.trentonlib.org

Trenton Tax Assessment Collection
Circa 1849–1985 (bulk circa 1908–1915)

By Chris Loos
March 2024

Summary Information

Creator(s):

City of Trenton, Commissioners of Tax Assessment; Charles Chauncey Haven (Boxes 1-3 and OS1)

Donor:

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

Language of Materials:

English

Extent:

Approximately 39 linear feet

Location of Repository:

Trentoniana Department, Trenton Free Public Library, 120 Academy St., Trenton, NJ 08608

Subjects:

Addresses--New Jersey--Trenton / Corporations--Taxation--United States / Donnelly, Frederick William (1866-1935) / Finance--New Jersey--Trenton / Haven, Charles Chauncey (1849–1927) / Industries--New Jersey--Trenton / Municipal law--New Jersey / Personal property--Valuation / Public utilities--United States--Valuation / Real property--New Jersey--

Trenton / Tax assessment--New Jersey--Trenton / Tax collection--New Jersey / Tax exemption--
New Jersey / Tax expenditures--New Jersey--Periodicals / Tax protests and appeals--New Jersey
/ Taxation of personal property--New Jersey / Taxation--Rates and tables / Trenton (N.J.)--
Economic conditions / Trenton (N.J.)--History / Trenton (N.J.)--Politics and government /

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access:

No access restrictions.

Reference Number:

CITY—TAO

Preferred Citation:

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Trenton Tax Assessment Collection, Trentoniana Department, Trenton Free Public Library, 120 Academy St., Trenton, NJ 08608

Scope/Content

This collection comprises the materials of Trenton’s tax assessment office, also known as the Board of Taxation and the Division of Assessments. It includes a small number of administrative items from the office, including some minutes, correspondence, and publicity materials. The collection also contains documents relating to valuation assessments from the city’s early street-paving and sewer-laying efforts; these assessments provide insight into property ownership in Trenton in the early 20th century. Personal property returns and associated documents, most from the years 1908 and 1909, make up most of the remaining document boxes. A final box contains records of property transfers from 1969 to 1971--these cards do not relate to tax assessments per se, but ostensibly came from the Division of Assessments and have therefore been included here. The last series includes numerous real estate tax ledgers from the second half of the 20th century.

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. Street pavement assessments have been organized alphabetically by street, sewer valuations by sewer number, and personal property documents alphabetically by surname. Finally, the items in boxes 9 through 12 have been filed in their original order at time of processing, using the same folder names verbatim. While the vast majority of items in these boxes date to 1973, a handful date to at least as early as 1971 and at least as late as 1975.

[See also: Trentoniana's collection of property tax cards and photographs, circa 1937-1956, the Trenton City Clerk Collection (CITY-CLERK), and the F.W. Donnelly Collection (CITY-FWD).]

Arrangement

Series I: Tax Assessment Office Administrative

Box 1, Folder 1: Tax ratables lists and other statistical reports (city, county, and state)

Folder 2: Tax assessors and other personnel--Legislation and ephemera

Folder 3: Minutes of Tax Assessors' Board, 1910-1911

Folder 4: Petitions of Appeal and related correspondence (most 1965)

Folder 5: Other correspondence re: taxes and taxation (1964-1965)

Folder 6: Tax-related publicity and promotion

Folder 7: Other Tax Board forms and documents (receipts, bills, notices, etc.)

Folder 8: Record of properties seized by city? (removed from otherwise blank ledger; also includes 3 council resolution)

Series II: Street Paving and Sewer Assessments

Box 1, Folder 9: Academy Street paving, 1905

Folder 10: Adeline Street paving, 1915

Folder 11: Agnes Alley paving, ca. 1896; 1909

Folder 12: Anderson Street paving, 1909; 1915

Folder 13: Ardmore Avenue paving, 1916

- Folder 14: Asbury Street paving, 1913
- Folder 15: Ashmore Avenue paving, 1914
- Folder 16: Barbara Street paving, 1906
- Folder 17: Barclay Street paving, 1905
- Folder 18: Barnes Street paving, undated
- Folder 19: Beatty Street paving, 1911
- Folder 20: Benton Street paving, 1909
- Folder 21: Boudinot Street paving, 1915
- Folder 22: North Broad Street paving from Canal Feeder to Brunswick Avenue, 1905
- Folder 23: South Broad Street widening, 1890--Assessments, objections, approval
- Folder 24: South Broad Street paving from Greenwood Avenue to D&R Canal, 1897
- Folder 25: South Broad Street paving from Jennie Street to Liberty Street, 1902
- Folder 26: South Broad Street--petition re: real estate assessments, undated
- Folder 27: Brunswick Avenue paving, 1903-1906
- Folder 28: Butler Street paving, 1909
- Folder 29: Camden Street paving, 1913
- Folder 30: Carroll Street paving, 1905
- Folder 31: Cass Street paving from Broad Street to Lamberton Street, 1906
- Folder 32: Centre Street paving from Broad Street to railroad, 1895
- Folder 33: Centre Street paving from Ferry Street to Lalor Street, 1903
- Folder 34: Chancery Street paving, undated
- Folder 35: Chapel Street paving, 1915
- Folder 36: Chauncey Street paving, 1898
- Folder 37: Chestnut Avenue paving, 1895 (*see OSI*); 1910
- Folder 38: Church Street paving, 1905

- Folder 39: Cleveland Avenue paving, 1916
- Folder 40: South Clinton Avenue improvements, 1894; paving, 1905
- Folder 41: Colonial Avenue paving, 1915
- Box 2, Folder 1: Cooper Street paving, 1916
 - Folder 2: Cummings Avenue paving, 1909
 - Folder 3: Davies Street paving, 1913
 - Folder 4: Decatur Street paving, 1910
 - Folder 5: Dillon's Alley paving, undated
 - Folder 6: Division Street paving from Roebling Avenue to Hamilton Avenue, undated; whole street paving, 1914
 - Folder 7: Edgemere Avenue paving, 1913
 - Folder 8: Ellis Avenue paving, 1916
 - Folder 9: Ellsworth Avenue paving, 1913
 - Folder 10: Evans Avenue paving, 1914
 - Folder 11: Ewing Street extension paving, 1904
 - Folder 12: Fair Street paving, 1915
 - Folder 13: Fall Street paving, 1910
 - Folder 14: Fountain Avenue paving, 1905
 - Folder 15: East Front Street paving from Montgomery Street to Stockton Street, 1900
 - Folder 16: East Front Street paving from Broad Street to Montgomery Street, 1903
 - Folder 17: Fulton Street paving, 1916
 - Folder 18: General Green Avenue paving, 1915
 - Folder 19: Grand Street paving, 1914
 - Folder 20: Hamilton Avenue repaving, circa 1896-1898; paving, 1914
 - Folder 21: Hancock Street extension paving, 1898
 - Folder 22: Hancock Street paving, 1911; 1915
 - Folder 23: Hanford Place paving, 1906
 - Folder 24: West Hanover Street paving, undated
 - Folder 25: Hart Avenue paving, 1915

- Folder 26: North Hermitage Avenue paving, 1913
- Folder 27: South Hermitage Avenue paving, 1914
- Folder 28: Hewitt Street paving, 1913
- Folder 29: Hill's Alley paving, 1914
- Folder 30: Home Avenue paving, 1915
- Folder 31: Howell's Alley paving, 1913
- Folder 32: Jefferson Street paving, 1903-1905
- Folder 33: Kent Street paving, 1905
- Folder 34: Lafayette Street paving from Broad Street to Warren Street,
1895
- Folder 35: Lamberton Street paving, 1914; 1916
- Folder 36: Lewis Street paving, 1916
- Folder 37: Liberty Street paving, 1905; 1910; 1915
- Folder 38: Market Street paving from the Water Power to Broad Street,
circa 1890s?
- Folder 39: Market Street paving, 1915
- Folder 40: McCarrier's Alley paving, 1897
- Folder 41: Meade Street paving, 1897
- Folder 42: Merchant Street paving, 1894
- Folder 43: Mill Street paving, 1915
- Folder 44: Monmouth Street paving from Southard Street to Clinton
Avenue, 1905; 1910
- Folder 45: Montgomery Street paving from Assunpink Creek to Academy
Street, 1894
- Folder 46: Montgomery Street paving from Canal Feeder to Brunswick
Avenue, 1896
- Folder 47: Mott Street paving from South Clinton Avenue to Chestnut
Street (two spans), 1913
- Folder 48: Mulberry Street paving, 1906
- Folder 49: Murray Street paving, 1910
- Folder 50: Ogden Street paving, 1905

Folder 51: North Olden Avenue paving, 1910

Folder 52: Orange Street paving, 1915

Folder 53: Parkline [aka Parkside] Avenue paving, 1909

Folder 54: Passaic Street paving, 1901-1903

Folder 55: Pennington Avenue paving, 1898-1900

Folder 56: Peter's Alley paving, 1897-1898

Folder 57: Paul Avenue paving, 1915

Folder 58: Peace Street paving, 1913

Folder 59: Pearl Street paving, 1910; 1916

Folder 60: Pike Alley paving, 1904

Folder 61: Princeton Avenue paving, 1911

Folder 62: Prospect Street paving, undated

Folder 63: Quarry Street paving, 1913

Box 3, Folder 1: Reservoir Street paving, 1916

Folder 2: Riverside Avenue paving, 1915

Folder 3: Roebling Avenue paving, 1915

Folder 4: Rose Street paving, 1903

Folder 5: Middle Rose Street paving, 1909

Folder 6: Rusling Street paving from Anderson Street to Liberty Street and
from Whittaker Avenue to Chestnut Avenue, 1915

Folder 7: Sanford Street paving, 1914

Folder 8: Second Street paving, 1914

Folder 9: Sherman Avenue paving, 1914

Folder 10: Southard Street paving, 1905

Folder 11: Spring Street paving, 1895-1896

Folder 12: State Street paving, 1901-1904

Folder 13: East State Street widening (and related correspondence), 1901-
1903

Folder 14: East State Street paving, 1905

Folder 15: East State Street paving, 1909

Folder 16: West State Street paving from Willow Street to Calhoun Street,
1896

Folder 17: West State Street paving, 1903; 1916

Folder 18: Stockton Street paving, “1906” (1896 only?)

Folder 19: Stuyvesant Avenue paving, 1905; 1913

Folder 20: Swan Street paving, 1915

Folder 21: Sweets Avenue paving, 1905

Folder 22: Tremont Street paving, 1915

Folder 23: Turpin Street Extension paving, 1898

Folder 24: Tyler Street paving, 1910; 1913

Folder 25: Union Street paving, 1905; 1913

Folder 26: Walnut Avenue paving, 1909

Folder 27: Warren Street paving, 1888-1889

Folder 28: South Warren Street paving, undated

Folder 29: Whittaker Avenue straightening, undated; paving, 1916

Folder 30: New Willow Street paving, 1905

Folder 31: Wood Street paving, 1913

Folder 32: Miscellaneous and summary paving assessments, circa 1903

Folder 33: Assessments for sewers 155-398 (incomplete)

Folder 34: Assessments for sewers 402-449 (incomplete)

Box 4, Folder 1: Assessments for sewers 450-499 (incomplete)

Folder 2: Assessments for sewers 501-555 (incomplete)

Folder 3: Assessments for sewers 556-608 (incomplete)

Box OS1, Folder 1: Oversized pavement assessment ledger sheets

Centre Street (1903), East Front Street (1900), Passaic Street
(circa 1901-1903), Rose Street (1903)

Folder 2: Oversized pavement assessment maps, Part I

North Alley (1892), Chauncey Street (undated), Dillon’s Alley
(undated), Lafayette Street (1895), McCarrier’s Alley (1897),
Ewing Street extension (1904)

Folder 3: Oversized pavement assessment maps, Part II

Agnes Alley (ca. 1896?), South Broad Street (1896), Centre Street (1895; 1902), Chancery Street (1898), Chestnut Avenue (1895), East Front Street (1893; ca. 1900-1903), Hamilton Avenue (ca. 1896-1898), Hancock Street extension (1898), West Hanover (1896), Mead Street (1896), North Montgomery Street (1894; 1896)

Folder 4: Oversized pavement assessment maps, Part III

Passaic Street (1903), Pennington Avenue (ca. 1898-1903), Prospect Street (undated), Rose Street (1903), Spring Street (1896), East State Street (1902; 1906), West State Street (ca. 1903?), Stockton Street (1896)

Folder 5: Oversized pavement assessment maps, Part IV (all on blueprint)

Barbara Street (1905), Cass Street (1906), Hanford Place (1906), Monmouth Street (1905), Ogden Street (1906), Sweets Avenue (1905)

Series III: Personal Property Taxes

Box 4, Folder 5: Personal property returns, 1908--A/B

Folder 6: Personal property returns, 1908--C/D

Folder 7: Personal property returns, 1908--E/F/G

Folder 8: Personal property returns, 1908--H/I/J/K

Box 5, Folder 1: Personal property returns, 1908--L/M

Folder 2: Personal property returns, 1908--N/O/P/Q

Folder 3: Personal property returns, 1908--R/S

Folder 4: Personal property returns, 1908--T/U/V/W/XYZ

Folder 5: Notices of Preliminary Assessment (without corresponding return), 1908

Folder 6: Personal property tax assessments (1908) by ward (missing 3rd, 7th, 8th, 11th, and 13th wards)

Folder 7: Personal property taxes, 1908--Miscellaneous forms

Box 6, Folder 1: Personal property returns, 1909--A/B

Folder 2: Personal property returns, 1909--C/D

Folder 3: Personal property returns, 1909--E/F

Folder 4: Personal property returns, 1909--G/H/I/J

Folder 5: Personal property returns, 1909--K/L

Folder 6: Personal property returns, 1909--M/N

Box 7, Folder 1: Personal property returns, 1909--O/P/R

Folder 2: Personal property returns, 1909--S

Folder 3: Personal property returns, 1909--T/U/V

Folder 4: Personal property returns, 1909--W/Y (plus blank)

Folder 5: Notices of Preliminary Assessment (without corresponding return), 1909

Folder 6: Personal property returns--Other (ca. 1963-1965)

Series IV: Real Property Taxes

Box 8: Records of Property Transfers, circa 1967-1971

Box 9, Folder 1: 1973 Real Estate Permits [*for building, plumbing, tax exemptions, deductions, etc.; also includes correspondence and diagrams*]-Aberfeldy Drive to Bloomfield Avenue

Folder 2: Bond Street to Butler Street

Folder 3: Cadwallader [*sic*] Drive to Clay Street

Folder 4: Cleveland Avenue to Cuyler Avenue

Box 10, Folder 1: Dayton Street to Exton Avenue

Folder 2: Faircrest Avenue to Greenwood Avenue

Folder 3: Hamilton Avenue to Klagg Avenue

Folder 4: LaBarre Avenue to Lyndale Avenue

Folder 5: Maple Avenue to Nordacs Street

Box 11, Folder 1: Oak Street to Prospect Street

Folder 2: Quinton Avenue to Rutherford Avenue

Folder 3: Sanford Street to East State Street (even)

Folder 4: East State Street (odd) to Sylvester Street

Folder 5: Taylor Street to Yard Avenue

Box 12, Folder 1: Ratable Changes for 1973

Folder 2: “1973--Assessors Appeals (added)”

Folder 3: “Omitted--1973”

Folder 4: “1973 Omitted Assessment”

Folder 5: “Added Assessments 1973”

Series IV: Ledgers

Wrapped Ledgers 01 (L01): Exempt Property, 1951-1952

Real Estate Assessors’ Field Books (volumes defined by first letter of surname)

L02: 1959 F-G, 1963 C-1, and 1964 B

L03: 1968 A, B, C-1, C-2

L04: 1968 D-E, F-G, H

L05: 1968 I-J-K-L, M-N, O-P

L06: 1968 Q-R, S, T-Y and Commercial Property

L07: 1969 A, C-1, C-2 (B missing)

L08: 1969 D-E, F-G, H

L09: 1969 I-J-K-L, M-N, O-P

L10: 1969 Q-R, S, T-Y and Commercial Property

L11: 1970 C-1, T-Y and Commercial; 1971 M-N, T-Y and Commercial

L12: 1972 A, S, T-Y and Commercial; 1973 C-2

L13: 1975 A, B, C-1 (copy 1)

L14: 1975 C-1 (copy 2), C-2, F-G (D missing)

L15: 1975 H, I-J-K-L, M-N

L16: 1975 O-P, Q-R

L17: 1975 S, T-Y and Commercial

L18: 1982 Book 6 (Block 335, Lot 20 to Block 430, Lot 18)

L19: 1983 Book 3 (Block 65, Lot 157 to Block 145 Lot 40)

L20: 1985 Tax List Alphabetical Index, Book 2 (A-Y)

L21: 1991 Property Owners “(Not all, recent transfers?)”