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Trenton Finances and Budgets Collection

Circa 1860-2017

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Summary Information

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City of Trenton

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Scope/Content

This collection includes the budgets, bonds, and other financial instruments created by the City of Trenton from the mid-to-late 19th century to nearly the present. Its first series comprises annual financial reports, which fell under the purview of the City Treasurer and, later, the City Comptroller. This series also includes other finance-related reports, including audits and other external reviews. The second series contains yearly budgets and budgetary working papers for certain years. By necessity, this series overlaps with the first, and these budgets also include some financial reports; similarly, the financial reports in Series I also include budgets for those years. Series III includes currency printed by banks in Trenton during the Civil War, but predominantly contains Trenton municipal bonds, issued by the city government to pay for various expenses and improvements. A final series comprises ledgers, most notably a large finance book of the Borough of Chambersburg, perhaps the oldest extant municipal record from The Burg prior to its annexation in 1889.

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 these items were likely donated directly by Betty Holland as

part of the Arthur Holland Papers, but had since been separated and filed elsewhere in the collection. *[See also the rest of the City Records, including: The F.W. Donnelly Collection (CITY-FWD), the Arthur Holland Papers, the Trenton Administration Collection (CITY-ADMIN), the Trenton Tax Assessment Collection (CITY-TAO), and the Trenton Planning and Development Collection (CITY-PD).]*

Arrangement

Series I: Annual Reports (City Treasurer and City Comptroller)

- Box 1, Folder 1: “Annual Report of the Finances of the City of Trenton”
(1869/1870 to 1874/1875)
- Folder 2: “Annual Report of the Finances of the City of Trenton”
(1875/1876 to 1879/1880)
- Folder 3: “Annual Report of the Finances of the City of Trenton”
(1875/1876 to 1879/1880)
- Folder 4: “Annual Report of the Finances of the City of Trenton”
(1885/1886; 1885/1887; 1891/1892; 1893/1894 to 1894/1895)
- Folder 5: “Annual Report of the Finances of the City of Trenton”
(1896/1897 to 1898/1899)
- Box 2, Folder 1: “Annual Report of the City Treasurer” (1900/1901 to 1904/1905)
- Folder 2: “Annual Report of the City Treasurer” (1905/1906 to
1909/1910)
- Box 3: “Annual Report of the Comptroller of the City of Trenton” (1912/1913 to
1930)
- Box 4: “Annual Report of the Comptroller of the City of Trenton” (1931 to
1954/1955)
- Box 5: Annual financial reports (1963-1968)
- Box 13, Folder 8: Additional budget/financial reports and audits (1898-1975;
most ca. 1960s-1970s)
- Unfoldered: “City of Trenton Audit Report” (1969)
- Unfoldered: “City of Trenton: Report on [Financial] Examination with
Supplementary Information” (1979)

Box OS1, Folder 1: Finances/Expense reports (1880; 1918; 1926)

Series II: Budgets, Budget Handbooks, and Other Budget Preparatory Materials

Box 2, Folder 3: City budgets and financial statements on newsprint (Jan. 1915 to Dec. 1916) [copied from F. W. Donnelly scrapbooks]

Folder 4: Local/Municipal/City budgets (1937; 1948-1950; 1952-1954; 1962; 1965; 1967-1968; 1970-1974; 1976)

Folder 5: Budget Handbooks and Manuals (1968-1970)

Box 5: “Proposed Annual Budget of the City of Trenton” (1936); Annual budget (1937-1938; 1958-1960); “Budget and Report to the People” (1961-1962)

Box 6, Unfolded: City budget handbooks (1971-1974; 1976)

Box 7, Unfolded: City budget handbooks (1977-1981)

Unfolded: Trenton 1965 budget, Volume 1 (Supporting Detail)

Box 8, Unfolded: Trenton 1965 budget, Volumes 2 and 3 (Supporting Detail)

Unfolded: Trenton 1973 budget (one small volume of Supporting Detail)

Unfolded: Trenton 1974 budget, Volume 1 (Supporting Detail)

Folder 1: Trenton 1974 budget, Volume 2 (Supporting Detail)

Box 9, Unfolded: Local/municipal budget (1966; 1967)

Envelope 1: Local/municipal budget (1965; 1975)

Envelope 2: Local/municipal budget (1977)

Envelope 3: Local/municipal budget (1980)

Envelope 4: Local/municipal budget (1981)

Envelope 5: Local/municipal budget (1984)

Envelope 6: Local/municipal budget (1992)

Folders 1-3: Local/municipal budgets (1996-1998)

Boxes 10 and 11: Trenton 1979 budget, Volumes I-IV (one Final Budget and three volumes of Supporting Detail)

Box 12, Folders 1-8: Trenton municipal budgets (2005-2012)

Folder 9: Trenton municipal budget (2017)

Box 13, Folder 1: 1962 City budget working papers: Department of Health and F.W. Donnelly Memorial Hospital

Folder 2: 1962 budget working papers: Department of Public Works

Folder 3: 1962 budget working papers: Department of Public Safety

Folder 4: 1962 budget working papers: Free Public Library

Folder 5: 1962 budget working papers: Other departments and general
budget

Folder 6: 1962 budget working papers: Miscellaneous correspondence and
notes (from Arthur Holland?)

Folder 7: City finances publicity (“Your Taxes at Work,” etc.)

Folder 9: Miscellaneous correspondence and memos (most from City
Business Administrator Roger McGregor, ca. 1960s)

Folder 10: Miscellaneous financial documents (insurance contract (1928);
anonymous tract on high city taxes (ca. 1975))

Box OS1, Folder 2: Oversize budgets not on newsprint (1945-1947; 1951-1954;
1961-1962; 1975; 1977)

Folder 3: Annual budgets on newsprint (1956; 1959; 1961-1963; 1965-
1969)

Folder 4: Annual budgets on newsprint (1971-1973; 1975-1976; 1978-
1979)

Folder 5: Annual budgets on newsprint (1982-1986; 1988; 1991)

Series III: Currency, Bonds, and Other Financial Documents

Box 14, Folder 1: City of Trenton banknotes/currency (1860s)

Folder 2: Bond certificates: City Hall land and buildings (1909)

Folder 3: Bond certificates: School on Rutherford and Exton Aves. (1910)

Folder 4: Bond certificates: Mott School, 1911

Folder 5: Bond certificates: Harbor improvements (1911)

Folder 6: Bond certificates: Emergency relief (1936)

Folder 7: Bond certificates: Street improvements, emergency relief (1936)

Folder 8: Bond certificates: Street and sewer improvements (1937)

Folder 9: Bond certificates: Bond anticipations, water bonds (1937)

Folder 10: Bond certificates: Emergency relief, general improvements
(1937)

- Folder 11: Bond certificates: Tax revenue bonds (1937), water bonds (1939)
- Folder 12: Bond certificates: Individuals and organizations (1936-1938)
- Folder 13: Miscellaneous printed bonds (1947-1948; 1952-1953)
- Box 15, Folder 1: Bonds: Various sidewalks and curbs (Improvement 520X, 1966) [*START of Anthony R. Russo and John W. Comfort files*]
- Folder 2: Bonds: Curbs and sidewalks on Jersey St. (Improvement 522, 1967)
- Folder 3: Bonds: City fire apparatus, City Hall elevator, public works equipment (1975)
- Folder 4: Bond anticipation notes: Purchase and development of 707 Calhoun St. (1976)
- Folder 5: Bond anticipation notes: Purchases of various equipment (1976)
- Folder 6: Bond anticipation notes: Fire apparatus and radio communications equipment (1976)
- Folder 7: Bonds: “Ordinance 76-83 – Purchase fire apparatus – \$237,000” (1976)
- Folder 8: Bonds: Firehouse construction (1977)
- Folder 9: Bonds: Parking garage at Center City South Urban Renewal Area (1973-1977)
- Folder 10: Bonds: Trenton Water Works disaster (1975-1977), Part I
- Folder 11: Bonds: Trenton Water Works disaster (1975-1977), Part II
- Folder 12: Bonds: Purchasing fire apparatus (1977)
- Folder 13: Bonds: Ohio Ave. sewer (1977)
- Folder 14: Bonds: Purchasing communications equipment (1977)
- Folder 15: Bonds: Water Works improvements (1977)
- Box 16, Folder 1: Bonds: Trenton Water Works (1978)
- Folder 2: Bonds: Water Works obsolete meters, etc. (1974-1978)
- Folder 3: Bond Anticipation Notes - Various Improvements to City - \$342,000 (1978)

Folder 4: Bond Anticipation Notes - Various Improvements to City -
\$1,790,000 (1978)

Folder 5: Bonds: Water Filtration Plant rehabilitation (1976-1978)

Folder 6: Bonds: Parking Garage (1973-1978)

Folder 7: Bonds: Construction of Sewage Pump Station (1977-1978)

Folder 8: Bonds: Construction of Sewer #930 (1978)

Box 17, Folder 1: Bonds: Sewer Ordinance – Ohio Ave. (rescinded) (1977-1978)

Folder 2: Bonds: Center City South Parking Garage (1976-1978)

Folder 3: Bond Anticipation Notes: Trenton Commons (1977-1978)

Folder 4: Bonds: Clearfield and School Lanes sewage pumping stations
equipment (1978)

Folder 5: Bonds: Trenton Water Works (1973-1978) [*END of Anthony R.
Russo and John W. Comfort files*]

Box OS2: Scrapbook of city bonds (1901-1908)

Series IV: Ledgers

L1: Borough of Chambersburg financial ledger [payrolls, tax records, license fees,
school expenses, etc.] (1880-1889)

L2: Trenton City Treasurer's ledger of cash payments (1912-1914)

L3: Trenton Senior Accountant's ledger (1975)

L4: Trenton Senior Accountant's ledger (1976)

L5: Trenton Senior Accountant's ledger (1980) [unbound and in four folders]