

Records of the Hunterdon County Park Service
(1954-1992)

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DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY:

Creator: Ranger Doug Kiovsky

Title: Hunterdon County Park Service Records

Collection Number: 111

Dates of Process: February 22 – March 7, 2012

Volume: 0.4 linear feet in 1 container

Restrictions: None

Access: During open library hours of the Society (12 PM to 4 PM every Thursday; 10 AM to 4PM every 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month; and by appointment).

Related Collections: None

Abstract: The collection comprises certain papers of the Hunterdon County Park System from 1954 – 1992, including (i) forms and promotional material relating to park events; and (ii) acquisitions of land for the Sourland Mountain Reservation, Union Forge, and the Teetertown Ravine. The collection also contains photographs of George Bloomer (the founder and owner of Bloomer Nurseries on Route 31 that is now the site of the Hunterdon County Arboretum); park properties and events; and racing magazines found by Ranger Kiovsky during the demolition of the Flemington Fairgrounds. This collection would be of interest to anyone interested in Hunterdon County parks, youth programs or scouting.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The collection consists of (i) 5 folders of papers related to the Hunterdon County Park System, including park programs and land acquisitions; (ii) 3 folders of racing magazines found during the demolition of the Flemington Fairgrounds; and (iii) 11 folders of photographs of George Bloomer, Echo Hill Park, Camp Watchung, and the South Branch Reservation (prior to or at the time of acquisition).

Container List:

Series 1:	Hunterdon Park Service Records
Folder No	Contents
1	Copy of Camp Echo Hill Handbook 1954 "The Echo"
2	Copy of Camp Echo Hill Handbook 1957 "The Echo"
3	<p>Camp Watchung – Lebanon Township documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipment Request Form • Camp Inspection • Reservation Form • Purchase Request • Payment Authorization • Early History • Appraisal Sheet • Township Directory 1978
4	<p>Hunterdon County Park System Promotional Materials and Forms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brochure 1972 • Junior Explorers application 1979-80 • Land acquisition sheet 1981 • Hunterdon Nature Club • Educators Newsletter Spring 1981 • Deer Path Park Fact Sheet • Program Registration • Ramble 1983 • 10 year Success Story 1983 • Harbinger Fall 1979, Spring 1982 • Events – Fall 1979, Spring 1981 • 1979 Annual Report • Arboretum Trail Book • Park System Map • Copy of Deer Path Park photos
5	<p>Hunterdon County Park System Land Acquisition documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from Lloyd B. Wescott to Hunterdon County Park Commission Director Thomas J. Rosol, May 10, 1990 • Delaware Township Property Tax Stub 1992, for 82 Raven Rock Road owned by the estate of Lloyd Wescott • Quotation solicitation for surveying services for proposed Sourland Mountain Reservation April 1981 with quote from Bohren & Bohren Engineering Services. • Correspondence from Bohren & Bohren regarding Teetertown Ravine 1976 • Letter from Senator Walter E. Foran to NJ Green Acres Program regarding Union Forge 1986

6	Auto Racing Magazines recovered by Doug Kioovsky from demolition of Flemington Fairgrounds <i>Eastern Old Timers Auto Racing Club Hall of Fame Souvenir Program Sept. 15-16, 1979</i>
7	Auto Racing Magazines recovered by Doug Kioovsky from demolition of Flemington Fairgrounds <i>Trackside 8/2000 – (contains picture of Flemington Fairgrounds)</i>
8	Auto Racing Magazines recovered by Doug Kioovsky from demolition of Flemington Fairgrounds <i>Pitstop 1975 Racing Program – Nazareth (contains picture of Flemington Fairgrounds)</i>

Series 2:		Photographs					
Folder No.	Px No.	Creator	Title	Date	Location	Physical Characteristics	Subject Keywords
9	6598			1980's	Echo Hill Park, Clinton, Township	Proof sheet, 21 images, good condition but 3 magic marker marks 25.5 x 20 cm	Hunterdon County Park Service Echo Hill Summer Nature Program
10	6599			1975 (printed 2003)	Camp Watchung, Lebanon Township	Color developed out print, good condition 17.5 x 12.5 cm	Camp Watchung dining hall; burned down 1988
11	6600			1975 (printed 2003)	Camp Watchung, Lebanon Township	Color developed out print, good condition 17.5 x 12.5 cm	Entrance to Camp Watchung in winter
12	6601			1975 (printed 2003)	Camp Watchung, Lebanon Township	Color developed out print, good condition 17.5 x 12.5 cm	Camp Watchung Camporee, canoeing
13	6602			1975 (printed 2003)	Camp Watchung, Lebanon Township	Color developed out print, good condition 17.5 x 12.5 cm	Camp Watchung Camporee, Scouts sawing wood
14	6603			1972	Deer Path Road, Readington Township	Black and white developed out print; good condition 11.5 x 8.5 cm	South Branch Reservation, Site of former Wing residence; Empire style house with Cadillac parked in front
15	6604			1972	Deer Path Road, Readington Township	Black and white developed out print; good condition 11.5 x 8.5 cm	South Branch Reservation, Site of former Wing equipment building

Series 2:		Photographs					
Folder No.	Px No.	Creator	Title	Date	Location	Physical Characteristics	Subject Keywords
16	6300		George Bloomer	Ca. 1930 (printed 2003)		Sepia developed out print; good condition 12.5 x 18 cm	George Bloomer, arborist, standing in a hollow tree
17	6301		Wedding Photo of George and Esther Bloomer	Ca 1950 (printed 2003)		Black and white developed out print; good condition 12.5 x 18 cm	George and Esther in a yard with a white picket fence, before a tree in full leaf
18	6302		George Bloomer with his dog, Chrissie	Ca. 1955 (printed 2003)		Color developed out print; good condition 12.5 x 18 cm	George with his German Shepherd, Chrissie
19	6303		Getting ready for Deer Path Camp	August 1969 (printed 2003)		Color developed out print; good condition 12.5 x 18 cm	Five children sitting on the trunk of a car.
20	6605		Hunterdon County Park System, Board of Recreation Committee	Ca 1970		Black and white developed out print; good condition 12.5 x 9 cm	Eleanor Todd is 3 rd from right
21	6606		Eleanor Todd	Ca 1970		Black and white developed out print; good condition 12.5 x 9 cm	Eleanor Todd, wife of the chairman of the State GOP and mother of Christine Todd Whitman

Series 2:		Photographs					
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22	6607			Ca 1970	Deer Path Park, Readington Twp.	Color developed out print; 9 x 12 cm; somewhat faded but otherwise good	Pond at Deer Path Park
23	6608			Ca 1970	Deer Path Park, Readington Twp.	Color developed out print; 9 x 12 cm; somewhat faded but otherwise good	Pond at Deer Path Park
24	6609			Ca 1965	Deer Path Park, Readington Twp.	Color developed out print; 9 x 6 cm; fair condition – faded, dirty	Pond at Deer Path Park
25	6610			Ca 1930	Stanton Station, NJ	Black and white developed out print; good condition; 10 x 15 cm	A man and a boy stand before the Stanton LVRR Train Station. The station was subsequently moved to Echo Hill Park