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Accession#	2012-253-001		
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Source	Hiram Deats Bequest		
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Identity Statement:

Title: Records of the League of American Wheelmen, Hunterdon County Chapter
 Extent of the unit of description: 3 containers; 1.5 linear feet

Scope & Content / Abstract:

Abstract: This collection encompasses a wide variety of documents related to the League of American Wheelmen (LAW). There are several different types of documents in the collection which include newspaper articles, maps, and internal operational records from various organizational levels of the group. The organization was very active both politically and socially, and the group had a sizable membership within Hunterdon County. This collection would interest anyone researching the League of American Wheelmen, bicycling in the era of 1890 to 1910, or the contributions of this group to Hunterdon County's social history.

Scope and Content: This collection is comprised of one series of documents in three containers. The first box contains correspondence and notices from the National, State, and local levels of the LAW; bicycle accessories catalogs and insurance policies; club advertising, and public awareness campaign literature. The second container includes programs and notices of league meets, races, and other activities; personal information regarding the league activities of Hiram E. Deats; and club recruitment literature. The third box of the collection includes maps, guidebooks, and touring books produced by the League.

Context:

Name of Creator: Hiram E. Deats

Administrative / Biographical history: The League of American Wheelmen was founded on May 31st, 1890, and is still active today as an international organization. The object of LAW is to defend the rights of cyclists and secure the maintenance of good roads. This national objective was also prevalent on the state and local level which guided the organizational philosophy of LAW.

The League of American Wheelmen (LAW) was an entity dedicated to riding bicycles for both recreational and practical purposes. LAW had a hierarchal structure that had organizations on the National, State and Local level. In Hunterdon County, Hiram E. Deats was highly involved with the operation of LAW here in this area. There are several documents and items which show the local operation of LAW. On the State and National stage there are some documents which go through the correspondence between the different entities as well as, daily operations within these levels. LAW was heavily involved in fighting for causes for the typical bike rider. One of the most noteworthy missions was for the government to fund good roads that were suitable for bike riding. They were highly involved with officials on all levels of government championing for this cause.

Structure:**Disposition:****Disposition date:****Conditions of Access & Use:**

Access conditions: In person research at the Hunterdon County Historical Society.

Language of material: English

Finding Aids: In Vertical File

Allied Materials:

Location of originals: Vault 1

Related units of description in this repository: Bound Manuscript #140; Minute Book, Flemington Bicycle Club, 1893-1922

Bound manuscript #141; Treasurer's Book, Flemington Bicycle Club, 1893-1922

Bound Manuscript #142; Roll Book, Flemington Bicycle Club, 1893-1922

Collection HCHS Manuscripts Collection

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