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Identity Statement:

Title: J. Edward Stout Papers

Extent of the unit of description: 5 boxes; 2 linear feet

Scope & Content / Abstract:

Abstract: This collection contains a number of records and volumes accumulated by J. Edgar Stout (1923-2001), longtime Historian of Franklin Township, NJ. Part of the collection pertains to Mr. Stout's personal genealogy, including research notes, legal papers, and diaries and ledgers of individuals from the Leaver and Hampton families. Other records doucment a court battle between the Lackatong Lodge No. 114 and the Franklin Township Board of Education from the early part of the Twentieth Century. The collection also holds records of the Franklin Telephone Company, the first telephone company in Franklin Township. This collection would interest anyone who holds an interest in the genenalogy of the Leaver and Hampton families, or of Frankling Township in general.

Scope and Content: This collection is composed of 38 folders in five boxes.

Box 1 of the collection contains the records of a court battle from 1913-1915 between the Lackatong Lodge No. 114 and the Franklin Township Board of Education. Papers included are:

- Court documents
- Correspondence between the Lodge and the School Board
- Correspondence of the judge, Paul A. Queen
- Correspondence of the attorney, Charles Woodruff
- Correspondence of James Trimmer and John Leaver, Lodge officers

Box 2 and 3 of the collection includes account books, diaries, day books and cash books of individuals from the Franklin Township area, generally. Those included are Morris Hampton, Jacob Cliffton, John Gary, Samuel Willson, Morris Leaver, and William Cliffton.

Box 4 of the collection includes records of the Franklin Telephone Comapny, 1910-1917. Records include the foundational documents of the company, minutes, and correspondence; shareholders and certificates; and sales of stock.

Box 5 contains more general records, including tax notices, freight bills, genealogical notes, other financial records, and ephemera. Much of the papers in this portion of the collection come from the Hampton and Leaver families, particularly George Leaver.

Context:

Administrative / Biographical history: J. Edward Stout (1923-2001) was a prominent historian and civic leader from Franklin Township, NJ. He was a life-long resident of that place.

He was a graduate of Flemington High School in 1940, and served in the Army Air Corps during WWII. Subsequently, he was the Postmaster of Pittstown Post Office for 34 years, until his retirement in 1980.

Mr. Stout was a leading figure in the area, and was a member of many different volunteer organizations, including serving as township historian, officer of the Quakertown Fire Company, officer of the Franklin Township Board of Education, member of the township Planning Board, member of the Hunterdon County Historical Society, trustee of the Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead Museum, member of the Lackatong Lodge, and a boy scout leader.

In addition, Mr. Stout was the author of a volume entitled "Facts and Fantasies of Franklin", a source often used for local history.

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