

**Mary E. Sheridan Papers**  
(1948-1993)

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## DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY:

Creator: Mary E. Sheridan (1948-1993)

Title: Mary E. Sheridan Papers

Collection Number: 90

Dates of Process: January 11 – January 31, 2012

Volume: 0.8 linear feet in 2 containers

Restrictions: None

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

Related Collections: None

Abstract: The collection comprises Lambertville City oaths of office, records of the construction of the Third Ward School in Lambertville, and genealogical research. The genealogical research material includes negatives of newspaper articles, research for inclusion in colonial societies, and other family research. The collection also includes several images of Gov. Jim Florio's visit to Echo Hill Park, Clinton Township. An additional portion of the collection features railroad magazines concerning the Black River and Western Railroad; these items may have been subsequently accrued by an unknown donor.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES: Mary Sheridan was born in Lambertville, NJ in 1912. She entered city government in 1937, serving as city clerk for 45 years. In 1982 she was elected mayor, an office she held until her resignation in 1988. She continued to reside in Lambertville until her death in 1993. During the 51 years she served Lambertville, she was known as "a dedicated person and a good mayor who looked out for people and could be found at city hall almost any time". Sheridan was also a member of the Lambertville Historical Society and the Hunterdon County Historical Society. She often assisted in conducting genealogical research for individuals, and this is reflected in the papers she has donated to the HCHS.

SCOPE AND CONTENT: The collection consists of 14 folders of materials pertaining to Lambertville oaths of office, Third Ward School construction, and genealogical research. Also, there are 3 folders of railroad magazines and other articles subsequently accrued and of

unknown origin, but located within the confines of this collection. There are also 7 folders of photographic image negatives relating to genealogical research; and 7 folders of photographic images documenting Governor Jim Florio's visit to Echo Hill Park. The collection would be of interest to researchers of Lambertville, local government, and Governor Florio.

<b>Series 1:</b>	<b>Mary E. Sheridan Manuscript Papers</b>
<b>Folder No</b>	<b>Contents</b>
1	5 Lambertville oaths of public officers; 1948, 1952; Mary Sheridan, Edward Riordan, William Naylor, Harry Shepherd
2	Board of Education – Lambertville third Ward School – Vocke Construction correspondence with Wm. M. Hunt, Architect. Requisitions, contract, blueprints, change orders
3	Board of Education – Lambertville Third Ward School – George Vocke Inc – Time Sheets
4	Board of Education – Lambertville Third Ward School – contractor notes and calculations
5	Board of Education – Lambertville Third Ward School – vendor correspondence
6	Board of Education – Lambertville Third Ward School – vendor correspondence
7	Application of Mrs. Roberta Besson Grauert into the National Society of Colonial Dames, Daughters of the American Revolution; Daughters of the American Colonies, as well as instructional materials regarding the applications; DAR certificate
8	Roberta Besson Grauert – back up genealogical materials
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10	Lambertville Historical Society papers – Genealogical Correspondence D. Lannoo (Jerusha Naylor), Helen Starr Young (Mary Kooker, William Griffith); Ruth Wotring (Nathan Sacket, Jacob Probasco) Trustees, list of names and addresses
11	Copies of newspaper clippings of births, deaths, marriages, etc, primarily Washington NJ (Warren County) area.
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13	Hunterdon County Historical Society newsletters 1967 – 1986
14	Hunterdon County Land Maps by the Genealogical Society of New Jersey
15	Railroad Magazines containing articles of Hunterdon County Trains*
16	Black River and Western Information – recording “Riding on a Railroad Train” ; Black River News (1994, 1998), Asbury Park Press Article on Lambertville*
17	Article on Governor Florio visit to Clinton*

\*Subsequent accrual; donor unknown

Series 2:		Photographs					
Folder No.	Px No.	Creator	Title	Date	Location	Physical Characteristics	Subject Keywords
18	6280n					Strip of six film negatives; good condition	1. Doll Castle News (Image of magazine or book cover); 2,3, 4 Man and woman in front of building; 5, 6 Photo of room
	6281n		William Fritsche Killed			Strip of 4 film negatives; good condition	William Fritsche Killed, photo of newspaper article;
	6282n		George Fisher Green			Strip of 6 film negatives; good condition	1-6: George Fisher Green, New Sheriff Sworn In Hunterdon Democrat Advertiser
	6283n					Strip of 5 film negatives; good condition	1-5: Image of will
	6284n					Strip of 4 film negatives; good condition	1-3: Hunterdon Democrat article; Graduate of NYU Leo Yoel Selesnick (3 images); 4: Image of will
	6285n					Strip of 3 film negatives; good condition	1-3: Hunterdon Democrat article; Graduate of NYU Leo Yoel Selesnick (3 images);
19	6286n		Bryan in Milford		Milford, NJ	6 x 6 cm film negative;	Photo of a negative

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Folder No.	Px No.	Creator	Title	Date	Location	Physical Characteristics	Subject Keywords
						good condition	of William Jennings Bryan on a whistle stop tour
19	6287n					6 x 6 cm film negative; good condition	unknown
20	6288n				Stockton, NJ	6 x 6 cm film negative; good condition	Photo of a negative of the Stockton railroad station
21	6289n			1888?	Three Bridges, NJ	6 x 6 cm film negative; good condition	Photo of negative of Jersey Central construction train crash during blizzard
22	6290n		Fulper Pottery		Flemington, NJ	Strip of 3 6 x 6 film negatives, good condition	1. Fulper Pottery showroom; 2. Fulper factory with 3 founders[?]; 3. Potter at work
23	6290nb		Fulper Pottery		Flemington, NJ	Strip of 3 6 x 6 film negatives, good condition	1. Fulper Pottery showroom; 2. Fulper factory with 3 founders?; 3. Potter at work
24	6291n					Strip of 2 6 x 6 film negatives, good condition	1. Steam engine at the station; 2. Newspaper article "Battle of the Frogs" at Marshall's Corner back in 1876 Caused

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Folder No.	Px No.	Creator	Title	Date	Location	Physical Characteristics	Subject Keywords
							the Calling Out of State Troops and Threatened to Develop into a Tragedy Until Court's Decision Settled
25	6292*		Gov. Jim Florio in Clinton Township 1	July 1993	Echo Hill Park, Clinton Township, NJ	Color developed out print; 25 x 20 cm; good condition	Jim Florio; Echo Hill Park
26	6293*		Gov. Jim Florio with Flemington Mayor Barbara Muller	July 1993	Echo Hill Park, Clinton Township, NJ	Black and white developed out print; 17.5 x 12.5 cm; good condition	Jim Florio; Barbara Muller, Echo Hill Park
27	6294*		Gov. Jim Florio in Clinton Township 2	July 1993	Echo Hill Park, Clinton Township, NJ	Black and white developed out print; 17.5 x 12.5 cm; good condition	Jim Florio; Echo Hill Park
28	6295*		Gov. Jim Florio in Clinton Township 3	July 1993	Echo Hill Park, Clinton Township, NJ	Black and white developed out print; 17.5 x 12.5 cm; good condition	Jim Florio; Echo Hill Park
29	6296*		Gov. Jim Florio in Clinton Township 2	July 1993	Echo Hill Park, Clinton Township, NJ	Black and white developed out print; 17.5 x 12.5 cm; good condition	Jim Florio; Echo Hill Park
30	6297*		Gov. Jim Florio in Clinton Township 2	July 1993	Echo Hill Park, Clinton Township, NJ	Black and white developed out print; 17.5 x 12.5 cm; good	Jim Florio; Echo Hill Park

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Folder No.	Px No.	Creator	Title	Date	Location	Physical Characteristics	Subject Keywords
						condition	
31	6298*		Gov. Jim Florio with County Park Director Tom Rosol	July 1993	Echo Hill Park, Clinton Township, NJ	Black and white developed out print; 17.5 x 12.5 cm; good condition	Jim Florio; Tom Rosol; Echo Hill Park
32	6299*		Gov. Jim Florio with Clinton Township Mayor Hermia Lechner	July 1993	Echo Hill Park, Clinton Township, NJ	Black and white developed out print; 17.5 x 12.5 cm; good condition	Jim Florio; Hermia Lechner; Echo Hill Park

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