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**Identity Statement:**

Title: Kenneth V. Myers Papers  
Extent of the unit of description: 4.5 linear feet in 9 containers

**Scope & Content / Abstract:**

Abstract: Ken Myers was a Freeholder of Hunterdon County and long time member and President of the Hunterdon County Historical Society. This collection consists largely of correspondence, notes, clippings, and informational material collected by Myers during his lifetime. Of particular interest is the campaign literature for Myers' Freeholder race, the correspondence, reports and other documentation regarding the establishment of the Hunterdon County Communications System, and the early years of the Hunterdon Medical Center. Also of note are a handwritten receipt or recipe book from 1912, the Constitution of Hunterdon Mechanics' Association from 1848 and an account book from the early 19th century. This collection would be of particular interest to anyone researching Hunterdon County during the 1960s and 70s.

**Scope and Content:**

This collection is divided into five series.

Series 1 – Personal Life consists of documents from Myers' early years, including personal correspondence, school documents, army records, and family correspondence, in particular from his daughters.

Series 2 – Political Life contains correspondence from Myers' early political years, in particular his activity with the Young Republicans Club, as well as campaign literature and clippings from his tenure as a Hunterdon County freeholder. The series also contains a scrapbook kept by Myers at the start of his Freeholder tenure, as well as demographical reports on Hunterdon County during the late 1960s-early 1970s.

Series 3 – Public and Professional Life includes clippings and documents from Myers' involvement in other organizations, including a scrapbook about the Hunterdon Medical Center compiled by Myers, as well as correspondence, clippings and informational material during his trusteeship at the Hunterdon Medical Center. Of particular note are documents covering all aspects of the establishment of the Hunterdon County Communications System.

Series 4 – Hunterdon County History and Contemporary Life contains information on historical and contemporary people and places in Hunterdon County, clippings and notes on Myers' numerous public speaking engagements, as well as historical documents salvaged from Myers' collection.

Series 5 – Photographs consists of photographs of Myers, his family, and Hunterdon County personalities.

**Context:**

Administrative / Biographical history: Kenneth Voorhees Myers was born in Franklin Township in 1914. He had been involved in Hunterdon County politics since the 1930's, serving as county treasurer and as a county freeholder from 1968 to 1973. He was a president of the Quakertown fire company, a member of the school board of North Hunterdon Regional High School, and a trustee of the Hunterdon Medical Center. He also directed the establishment and construction of the Hunterdon County Communications System in Cherryville, Franklin Township. A local historian and noted speaker, he was a founder and trustee of the Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead Museum in Delaware Township. At the time of his death he was president of the Hunterdon County Historical Society. He wrote "The Flemington Fair Story," a history of the annual Flemington Agricultural Fair. He was on the fair's board of directors for 17 years. Kenneth Myers died in 1995 at the age of 81.

**Structure:**

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

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Language of material: English

Physical characteristics: The collection was salvaged from a fire that severely damaged Myers' home in 2004. Several of the items in the collection are water damaged

Finding Aids: In vertical file.

**Allied Materials:**

**Collection** HCHS Manuscript Collection

**Event**

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**Subjects** Agricultural groups  
Agricultural societies  
Benevolent societies  
County government  
Historical societies  
Hospitals  
Political campaigns  
Political candidates  
Political elections  
Political organizations

**Classification**

Political participation  
Politics & government  
Fire departments  
Police departments  
Genealogy  
History

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**Notes**

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