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Identity Statement:

Title: Hunterdon County Historical Society Corporate Archives Extent of the unit of description: 14 boxes + 36 bound volumes; 20 linear feet

Scope & Content / Abstract:

This collection comprises the corporate record of the Hunterdon County Historical Society. Essentially, it is the archive and the history of the organization. It includes the Society's foundational documents, by-laws, constitutions, minutes, reports, finances, and filings. It also includes historical papers, speeches, presentations, acquisition records, special projects, and photographs. The collection records the foundation, growth, activities, and debates of the Society.

Box 1: Foundation and early documents, 1885-1962

- Box 2: Treasurer's Records, 1885-1971
- Box 3: Treasurer's Records [1971], Obituaries [1887-1973], Publication of the "Marriage Records of Hunterdon County, New Jersey,
- 1795-1875" [1917], Hiram E. Deats Birthday Celebration [1960], Memoranda [1913-1968]
- Box 4: Correspondence 1886-1907
- Box 5: Correspondence 1908-1920
- Box 6: Correspondence 1920-1973
- Box 7: Papers Read Before the Society 1886-1961 (Anderson Larison)
- Box 8: Papers Read Before the Society 1886-1961 (Larison Vosseller)
- Box 9: Doric House Purchase and Preparation [1957-1971], Jimison Farm Acquisition [1968-1973]
- Box 10: Acknowledgments of contributions to the Building Fund, 1970-1972
- Box 11: Acknowledgments of contributions to the Building Fund, cont., [1970-1972]; Correspondence [1965-1974]
- Box 12: By-Laws [1899-1966]; Publication Records [1964-1970]; Historic Sites Inventory [1960-1969]; and Correspondence [1898-1970]
- Box 13: Bills, Receipts, and Miscellaneous, 1930-1971
- Box 14: Papers Read Before the Society 1894-1901

Bound Manuscripts AR 001 - AR 036, including Minutes [1898-1983]; Officer's books, Treasurer's books, Library ledgers and logs, Doric House donor registers, and scrapbooks.

Box 100: Interior and Exterior Photographs of the Doric House, ca. 1947-1982

This is an open-ended collection; more material will be added as processed.

Context:

Dates of accumulation: 1885-

Name of Creator: Hunterdon County Historical Society

Administrative / Biographical history: The Hunterdon County Historical Society was founded in 1885 in Flemington to "collect all possible important County historical facts…for future reference"; thus: Collect, Preserve and Share became our mission.

Today the Society has more than 500 members.

In the beginning, the Society operated out of one room on the second floor of the Flemington Public Library, built on land donated by Hiram E. Deats, a civic leader, author, philatelist and historian. Mr. Deats was the Society's Librarian from 1891 to 1963, when he died and bequeathed the organization large numbers of books, manuscripts and genealogical files. As a memorial to his generosity, the Society named its collection the Hiram E. Deats Memorial Library and opens it to the public at no charge. It is now housed in a 1940s building matched to the Greek Revival style of the adjacent 1845 Doric House at 114 Main designed by Architect/ Builder Mahlon Fisher (1810-1874) for his own home.

The Society purchased the Doric House in 1969, restored it and moved there in 1972. Today it is a museum furnished with authentic antiques appropriate to the period. It is free and open periodically and by appointment.

A sampling of the Society's collection includes Lenape Indian artifacts, genealogies of Hunterdon families, records of its businesses, churches and civic groups, historical manuscripts, 5,000 printed volumes, photographs, maps, and County newspapers since 1825. They are stored in a two-story, state-of-the-art, environmentally-controlled archives building at 67 River Road in Raritan Township designed to serve archival needs for the next 50 years.

Custodial history: This is an open ended accession; as time passes more materials from the Board of Trustees, Administrative Office and back files of the Society will be processed and added to this collection.

Structure:

Accruals: Ongoing System of Arrangement: Subject, as accrued

Disposition:

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