The Columbia County collection circa late 1700s - present

The Hudson Area Library History Room

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Descriptive Summary Note

Title: The Columbia County collection

Date (inclusive): circa late 1700's - present

Abstract:

The collection provides insight into the history of Columbia County from the late 18th century to the present day. This collection is an inexhaustible source of information thanks to an astonishing range of documents: maps, copyright documents, music partitions, newspaper clippings, scrapbooks, memorabilia, ephemera and photographs.

Administrative Information

Accession number: A2023-006

Extent: 8 linear feet

Repository: Hudson Area Library

Language (s): Materials are in English

Access: collection opens for research

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Acquisition information:

Archivists at the Hudson Area Library accessioned materials offered from a variety of sources over a period of time.

Accruals: New materials are added to the collection as they are received from individual donors.

Processing information:

This collection was originally processed by Archivists Marie Stark (2015-2016) and Marie O'Toole (2018-2019). The collection has been updated and a finding aid created by volunteer Elaine Eichelberger.

Scope and Content of information

The Columbia County collection comprises 8 linear feet. It takes a historical, societal and analytical look at Columbia County from the late 18th century to the present day. The collection offers a diversity of documents accessioned by the Hudson Area Library over a period of time in order to fully describe all the phases of the evolution and construction of Columbia County from an urban, architectural, socio-economic, educational, cultural, and media perspective. The various materials and formats represented in the collection range from maps, business records, copyright documents, music compositions, newspaper clippings, scrapbooks, memorabilia and ephemera. The photographic materials consist of professional and personal photographs.

Arrangement

The previous archivist organized the materials into nine subgroups and therein by series, which are arranged by folders. There is an item level container listavailable which lists the individual contents of each folder.

Columbia County Collection Finding Aid A2023-006

Sub-Group I: Columbia County Towns

Series 1: Ancram, Town of

Series 2: Austerlitz, Town of

Series 3: Canaan, Town of

Series 4: Chatham, Town of

Series 5: Claverack, Town of

Series 6: Clermont, Town of

Series 7: Copake, Town of

Series 8: Gallatin, Town of

Series 9: Germantown, Town of

Series 10: Ghent, Town of

Series 11: Greenport, Town of

Series 12: Hillsdale, Town of

Series 13: Kinderhook, Town of

Series 14: Livingston, Town of

Series 15: New Lebanon, town of

Series 16: Stockport, Town of

Series 17: Stuyvesant, Town of

Series 18: Taghkanic, Town of

Sub-Group II: General Information

Series 19: General Information

Series 20: Maps

Series 21: Environment

Series 22: Tourism

Sub-Group III: History

Series 23: General History

Series 24: Historic Sites

Series 25: Museums

Series 26: Folklore & Legends

Series 27: Military

Series 28: Black Americans

Series 29: Indigenous Peoples

Series 30: Law

Sub-Group IV: Business & Industry

Series 31: Manufacturing

Series 32: Trade & Commerce - Banks, Real Estate, Retail Business

Series 33: Agriculture

Sub-Group V: Arts & Entertainment

Series 34: Literature & Publishing

Series 35: Visual Arts

Series 36: Performings Arts - includes music, theater

Series 37: Architecture

Sub-Group VI: Infrastructure

Series 38: Public Services

Series 39: Public Spaces

Series 40: Transportation

Sub-Group VII: Government

Series 41: Departments

Series 42: Local Governance

Sub-Group VIII: Community

Series 43: Development

Series 44: Organizations

Series 45: People

Series 46: Communities

Series 47: Events

Series 48: Education

Series 49: Activism

Sub-Group IX: Oversized