

LMHS.19: Lower Merion Realty Company minute book, photographs, and brochures

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Summary Information

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| Repository | Lower Merion Historical Society |
| Creator | Lower Merion Realty Company. |
| Title | LMHS.19: Lower Merion Realty Company minute book, photographs, and brochures |
| Call number | 19 |
| Date | circa 1880-1952 |
| Extent | 0.5 linear feet |
| General Physical Description Note | One 3" binder of photographs and one volume |
| Language | English |
| Abstract | <p>At the turn of the 20th century, the Roberts family of Lower Merion, Pennsylvania decided to consolidate its remaining farm land and form the Lower Merion Realty Company. The company successfully developed land along a new train line, conveniently constructed under the direction of Pennsylvania Railroad president George Brooke Roberts. The collection "Lower Merion Realty Company minute book, photographs, and brochures, circa 1880-1952," contains the minute book of meetings of Stockholders and Directors, 1906-1952, and one binder of photographs with two brochures.</p> |

Biography/History

From the 1830s the Reading Railroad prospered as its rail line brought anthracite coal to Philadelphia along the Schuylkill. 50 years later, the Pennsylvania Railroad (PRR) bought nearby land and built a competing line, now truncated to South Eastern Pennsylvania Public Transportation Authority (SEPTA) Cynwyd line. As was the custom, the PRR bought more land than they needed and the Lower Merion Realty Company was established to develop the land and bring commuter traffic to the line, profiting some of their officers and family as well as the railroad.

Bibliography

Buten, Max, email message, July 3, 2012.

Scope and Contents

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Administrative Information

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Access Restrictions

Contact Lower Merion Historical Society for information about accessing this collection.

Immediate Source of Acquisition Note

Gift of the Roberts family.

Related Materials

Separated Materials Note

This collection was separated from the Roberts Family Collection (also at Lower Merion Historical Society).

Controlled Access Headings

Family Name(s)

- Roberts family

Geographic Name(s)

- Bala-Cynwyd (Pa.)
- Lower Merion (Pa. : Township)
- Main Line (Pa.)
- Montgomery County (Pa.)

Subject(s)

- Real estate development
- Real estate transactions