

# **Jean Shiber clippings collection on Sharon Hill**

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Sharon Hill Historical Society

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Sharon Hill Historical Society
<b>Creator</b>	Shiber, Jean
<b>Title</b>	Jean Shiber clippings collection on Sharon Hill
<b>Call number</b>	01
<b>Date [bulk]</b>	1991-2013
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1935-2013
<b>Extent</b>	2.5 linear feet
<b>General Physical Description note</b>	12 binders
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	<p>Sharon Hill is a community in Delaware County, Pennsylvania, just outside of Philadelphia. Largely undeveloped until 1872, the construction of a railroad in the area spurred residential and commercial growth. Sharon Hill separated from Darby Township and incorporated as a borough in 1890. The Jean Shiber clippings collection on Sharon Hill, 1935-2013 (bulk 1991-2013), relates to Sharon Hill history and events, including politics, local sports, disasters, and other happenings in the area. It consists mostly of newspaper clippings with some ephemera and flyers; recent volumes include Sharon Hill Mayor's newsletters and Borough Council meeting agendas.</p>

## Biography/History

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Sharon Hill is a community in Delaware County, Pennsylvania, just outside of Philadelphia. "A community less than a square mile in size, Sharon Hill came into its own in the 19th century. The surroundings were mostly undeveloped until 1872, when the Philadelphia, Wilmington, and Baltimore Railroad ran its rails through the area. A few homes and farms dotted the landscape, and there were two passable roads. One main thoroughfare, known earlier as the Queen's Highway and now as Chester Pike, ran through the entire length of the town. With the arrival of the railroad, a town plan was developed and Sharon Hill added a few stores and businesses to its landscape. Affluent Philadelphians built their mansions along Chester Pike, and churches and schools soon followed. In 1890, Sharon Hill was incorporated as a borough when it separated from Darby [Township]."

### Bibliography:

Quoted text from: Clarke, Kathleen and Jean Shiber for the Sharon Hill Historical Society. *Images of America: Sharon Hill*. Charleston, S.C.: Arcadia, 2009.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection consists mostly of newspaper clippings with some ephemera and flyers; recent volumes include Sharon Hill Mayor's newsletters and Borough Council meeting agendas. The contents relate to Sharon Hill history and events, including politics, local sports, disasters, and other happenings in the area. The clippings are in chronological order and all items are dated. They are organized into twelve binders, each of which contains an index.

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## Administrative Information

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### Sponsor

This preliminary finding aid was created as part of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania's Hidden Collections Initiative for Pennsylvania Small Archival Repositories. The HCI-PSAR project was made possible by a grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

### **Access Restrictions**

Contact Sharon Hill Historical Society for information about accessing this collection.

### **Immediate Source of Acquisition Note**

Compiled by Jean Shiber beginning around 1991.

### **Processing Information Note**

Summary descriptive information on this collection was compiled in 2012-2014 as part of a project conducted by the Historical Society of Pennsylvania to make better known and more accessible the largely hidden collections of small, primarily volunteer run repositories in the Philadelphia area. The Hidden Collections Initiative for Pennsylvania Small Archival Repositories (HCI-PSAR) was funded by a grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

This is a preliminary finding aid. No physical processing, rehousing, reorganizing, or folder listing was accomplished during the HCI-PSAR project.

In some cases, more detailed inventories or finding aids may be available on-site at the repository where this collection is held; please contact Sharon Hill Historical Society directly for more information.

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## **Related Materials**

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### **Related Archival Materials Note**

Sharon Hill Historical Society: Sharon Hill Historical Society local history collection.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **Geographic Name(s)**

- Delaware County (Pa.)

- Sharon Hill (Pa.)

**Subject(s)**

- Local history