

Borough of Sharon Hill sewer rent ledgers

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Sharon Hill Historical Society

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Summary Information

Repository	Sharon Hill Historical Society
Creator	Sharon Hill (Pa.)
Title	Borough of Sharon Hill sewer rent ledgers
Call number	03
Date [inclusive]	1959-1982
Extent	1 linear feet
Language	English
Abstract	Sharon Hill is a community in Delaware County, Pennsylvania, just outside of Philadelphia. In Sharon Hill, as in many municipalities, every property connected to the public sewer system is required to pay an annual sewer rent for that service. Most of the sewer lines and components in Sharon Hill were constructed from 1920 to 1950. The Borough of Sharon Hill sewer rent ledgers, 1959-1982, consist of about two-dozen volumes organized by year. Chronological entries include building owner, address, and amount paid in sewer rent.

Biography/History

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]."

In Sharon Hill, as in many municipalities, every property connected to the public sewer system is required to pay an annual sewer rent for that service. Most of the sewer lines and components in Sharon Hill were constructed from 1920 to 1950. As of 2002, Sharon Hill owned 64,634 linear feet of public sewer.

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Scope and Contents

This collection consists of about two-dozen ledgers organized chronologically by year. Entries within each ledger are chronological by date and include building owner, address, and amount paid in sewer rent.

Administrative Information

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Sponsor

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Access Restrictions

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

Immediate Source of Acquisition Note

Gift of Borough of Sharon Hill.

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.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Sharon Hill (Pa.)

Geographic Name(s)

- Delaware County (Pa.)
- Sharon Hill (Pa.)

Subject(s)

- Sewerage
- Taxation