

Historical Society of Towamencin collection

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Welsh Valley Preservation Society

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Summary Information

Repository	Welsh Valley Preservation Society
Creator	Historical Society of Towamencin.
Title	Historical Society of Towamencin collection
Call number	03
Date [inclusive]	1854-1995
Extent	0.75 linear feet
General Physical Description note	1 cardboard box
Language	English
Abstract	<p>Towamencin Township is a suburb of Philadelphia located in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. One of the township's gems is the Morgan Log House, a meticulously restored example of early domestic architecture on land first settled in 1708. The Historical Society of Towamencin collection, 1854-1995, includes photographs from class graduations at local schools and scattered school records, a photograph album, newspaper clippings, and a cemetery inventory.</p>

Biography/History

Towamencin Township is a suburb of Philadelphia located in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. The first European settlers, of German, Welsh, and Dutch descent, settled there around the turn of the 18th century, and were primarily engaged in farming. The township received its charter from William Penn's Commissioners in 1734. During the Revolutionary War, Towamencin played an important role in supporting the troops during and after the Battle of Germantown. General Washington established quarters and conducted military duties from the home of Frederick Wampole, and the Mennonite Meeting House was used a hospital and place of respite for soldiers retreating from the battle.

Bibliography:

Towamencin Township. "History." Accessed November 21, 2011. <http://www.towamencin.org/history.htm>.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes photographs from class graduations at local schools and several commencement invitations, 1884-1929; spelling workbooks, 1888; land deeds, 1854 and 1887; and a photograph album of the Griffiths-Snyder house, circa 1970s. There are also some newspaper clippings, "A Survey of the Kulpsville Methodist Cemetery" created in April 2007, and reproductions of some pages of an Elizabeth Arneth scrapbook on Fischer Park.

The strongest part of the collection is the class photographs, which complement other class photographs in the Welsh Valley Preservation Society local history collection. Many individuals in the class photographs in this collection are identified.

Administrative Information

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Sponsor

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Access Restrictions

Contact Welsh Valley Preservation Society for information about accessing this collection.

Immediate Source of Acquisition Note

When the Historical Society of Towamencin folded in 2010, their archival holdings were transferred to the Welsh Valley Preservation Society.

Related Materials

Related Archival Materials Note

Welsh Valley Preservation Society: Welsh Valley Historical Society local history collection.

Welsh Valley Preservation Society: Elizabeth Arneth collection on Fischer Park.

Controlled Access Headings

Geographic Name(s)

- Montgomery County (Pa.)
- Towamencin (Pa. : Township)

Subject(s)

- Local history
- Schools