

Borough of Conshohocken records

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Conshohocken Historical Society

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Summary Information

Repository	Conshohocken Historical Society
Creator	Conshohocken (Pa.).
Title	Borough of Conshohocken records
Call number	02
Date [inclusive]	1850-1986
Extent	4.25 linear feet
General Physical Description note	25 volumes
Language	English
Abstract	The Borough of Conshohocken records, 1850-1986, are comprised of Town Council minute books, borough financial records, and school board records.

Biography/History

"The borough of Conshohocken, incorporated in 1850, is located on the east bank of the Schuylkill River, thirteen miles northwest of Philadelphia, on one square mile of land in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Its proximity to major transportation links, natural resources, and markets created a favorable environment for the rise of a virtually self-contained industrial, commercial, residential, civic and religious community. Perhaps best known for its great industrial firms, such as the Alan Wood Iron and Steel Company, whose roots date back to the early 1800s, and "Lee of Conshohocken," the

automobile tire company founded in the early 1900s, Conshohocken played a major role in the industrial development of southeastern Pennsylvania. The growth of the town's industries brought together wealthy Quaker mill and landowners with immigrant laborers from Ireland, Poland, Italy, and other European countries to give the borough its distinctive character. As the town's industries expanded and moved outside the borough limits in the early twentieth century, Conshohocken evolved from an industrial leader into a primarily residential community."

Bibliography:

Quoted text from: Conshohocken Historical Society. "Conshohocken Historical Survey." Accessed May 18, 2012. <http://www.conshohockenpa.org/visitor/history>.

Scope and Contents

This collection is comprised of three groups of records: minute books of Town Council of the Borough of Conshohocken, borough financial records, and School Board of Conshohocken records.

The minutes of the Borough of Conshohocken Town Council date from 1850 to 1986. The minute books have been digitized, and are available through the Access Pennsylvania Digital Repository at <http://www.accesspdr.org/cdm4/about.php?CISOROOT=%2Fpcofl-mtc1>.

The financial records consist of Borough of Conshohocken bonds and bond coupons (1921-1940) and a cash account ledger (circa 1930s-1960s).

The School Board of Conshohocken records are comprised of the group's first minutes and attendance records (1850-1861), and three minute books (1897-1909, 1910-1919, and 1929-1936)

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 Conshohocken Historical Society for information about accessing this collection.

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

The School Board volumes were acquired by the Historical Society circa 1970 (source unknown). The Conshohocken Borough Town Council records were put in the Conshohocken Historical Society's stewardship in 1999.

Processing Information Note

Summary descriptive information on this collection was compiled in 2011-2012 as part of a pilot 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 Conshohocken Historical Society directly for more information.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Conshohocken (Pa.). School Board.
- Conshohocken (Pa.). Town Council.
- Conshohocken (Pa.).

Geographic Name(s)

- Conshohocken (Pa.)
- Montgomery County (Pa.)

Subject(s)

- Local politics
- Politics and government
- School boards
- Schools