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125. Monmouth County Historical Association
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Finding aids: Most process collections have some sort of finding aid available. Several are on website, others can be read in library.

Published information on archival holdings:
Springate, Megan. Personal Name Index to Stillwell’s Unrecorded Wills and Inventories, Monmouth County, New Jersey (2000).

Overview:
Holds one of the largest collections of printed and original materials on local history in the state of New Jersey. The repository has the largest collection of Monmouth County newspapers on microfilm and hard copy, and is a rich source of information on Monmouth County history and genealogy. Historical resources included documents, business records, maps, photographs, postcards, archaeology reports, newspapers and clippings, ephemera, and publications. Genealogical resources included published and unpublished family
histories, city directories, cemetery gravestone listings, obituary indices, genealogical researchers’ notes files, bible records, census records, church records, and genealogical magazines. Over 5,000 books, 400 lin. ft. of manuscripts and archival material, 32 lin. ft. of clippings, 10,000 photographs and negatives from the early 1600s through the present.

**Noteworthy collections:**

- **Peter Vredenburgh (1837–1864) Papers (1856–1868).** 201 items. Consist primarily of correspondence written during his law school days and his service in the Civil War. The recipients of many of these letters were his parents, Judy Peter and Eleanor Brinckerhoff Vredenburgh. Also contains correspondence written by others concerning his death.

- **North American Phalanx Records (1841–1972).** 2 lin. ft. (148 items). Contains corporate records which include legal and financial documents, miscellaneous manuscripts, genealogical material, bills of fare, printed material, photographs and illustrations, maps, drawings, and blueprints. It is a subject collection acquired through various donors. Bulk of material dates from 1853 to 1879.

- **Allaire Family Papers (1808–1901).** 2 lin. ft. Contains family papers and business records of James P. and Hal Allaire, owners of Howell Iron Works. Also contains papers and records of Calicia Allaire, James’s second wife. It is a subject collection acquired through various donors.


- **Cherry Hall Papers (1682–1941).** 8 lin. ft. Collected by Sarah Holmes Hubbard Conover (1805–1887), who lived at the family home called Cherry Hall in Matawan, NJ. Primarily represents the Conover, Holmes, and Mott families of Monmouth County. Collection is divided into 35 separate series, and includes personal, business, religious, political, and official materials. Reflects social, economic, and political history of
Monmouth County and New Jersey from the seventeenth to early twentieth centuries.

- **John C. Mills Collection (1870s–1970s).** 41 boxes.
  Contains primarily photographs and ephemera on the maritime heritage of New Jersey and New York with an emphasis on Bayshore communities of Monmouth County.

- **Battle of Monmouth Collection (1776).** 6 boxes.
  Contains primarily photocopies of letters, diaries, pension applications, and personal accounts from continental soldiers and officers. Also contains battle anniversary commemoration event information.

  Consists of personal papers, photographs, and business records of the Day Family and their Days’ Ice Cream Garden in Ocean Grove and Asbury Park.

- **World War II Collection – Soldiers Killed in Action Files.** 1 box.
  Files created soon after war; include forms filled out by soldier’s family member, photograph, sometimes obit or additional material.

### Glassboro, NJ

#### 126. Rowan University

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Glassboro, NJ 08028

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**Website:** http://www.lib.rowan.edu/  
**Hours:** Archives and Special Collections, M-F 1–4 pm; appt. req’d.

**Contact person:**  
Mary Ann Curtis Gonzales, Curator

**Noteworthy collections:**
- **Frank H. Stewart Manuscript Collection (1873–1948).**  
Papers relating to the Frank H. Stewart Electrical Co. (electrical supply business); The First United States Mint (Mr. Stewart purchased the property); Howell Family Papers (catalogued),
business papers, family correspondence, and genealogy and other documents not business related.

- **Thomas W. Synnott Papers (1845–1941).**
  First President of the First National Bank of Glassboro; helped run the Whitney Glass Works (retired in 1892). Records to date show The First Presbyterian Church; documents pertaining to railroad stock, etc. 33 boxes remain to be indexed.

- **Leo C. Beebe Papers (1917–2001).**
  Mr. Beebe started the Management Institute at Glassboro State College, now Rowan University; he was the CEO of K-Tron International, Pitman, NJ; member of the National Alliance of Businessmen; involved with Ford Motor Co.; Ford Motor Team; Hungarian Refugee Camp; Rowan University Employment; Miscellaneous and Personal Records.

- **Books related to business and the Howell Family.**

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**Newark, NJ**

127. **Historical Society of New Jersey**

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**Overview:**
Manuscript collection consists of approximately 1,700 manuscript groups totaling over 3,200 lin. ft. of material. Materials include diaries, ledgers, correspondence, family and personal papers, architectural drawings, church records, receipt books, business records, social welfare agency records, women’s organization materials, and other records. Find additional information and browse collections at: http://www.jerseyhistory.org/archives_browse.html
New Brunswick, NJ

128. Rutgers University, Alexander Library

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Noteworthy collections:
See: http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/rul/libs/scua/manuscripts/manuscripts.shtml for manuscript collection listings. Some highlights listed below.

- Sinclair New Jersey Collection
  Largest, most comprehensive collection of New Jersey materials in the state and one of the finest collections of state and local history in the country. The approximately 67,000 monographs, pamphlets, periodicals, and serials cover broad subject areas. As noted in the Collection Development Policy Statement, topics represented include state, county and municipal history, genealogy, religion, business, government, law, education, literature, medicine, agriculture, technology, and bibliography. Due to its breadth and depth, the collection is an indispensable resource for research on any aspect of New Jersey, past or present.

- Int’l Union of Electronic, Electrical, Salaried, Machine & Furniture Workers, AFL-CIO (IUE)
  Constitutes one of the most significant and comprehensive labor history collections in the U.S. Containing over 1,500 cu. ft. of textual records and non-textual material (audio tapes, films, photographs, and labor ephemera), the IUE archives serves as the cornerstone for the Rutgers University Libraries’ labor history collections and has enhanced the university’s status as a nationally
recognized center for the study of labor and social history and labor-management relations issues.


- Lenox, Incorporated, Records (1889–2005). 248 lin. ft. Records of the New Jersey-based firm of Lenox, Inc., which was known until 1906 as the Ceramic Art Co. The records primarily relate to Lenox’s china dinnerware and giftware operations, including product design and creation, advertising and promotion, sales practices, financial history, and changes in corporate structure and ownership, together with some product, sales and marketing information for Lenox crystal (a product line added in the mid-1960s). Also present is partial documentation for other aspects of the company, especially after it began to diversify its operations, including limited information on subsidiaries such as Alladin Plastics, Gorham, Kirk Stieff, and Hartmann Luggage, and on product lines such as lamps, melamine dinnerware, candles and silver flatware.

**Piscataway, NJ**

129. Rutgers University, Thomas A. Edison Papers

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**Publications:**
Finding aids: http://edison.rutgers.edu/srchsn.htm

Noteworthy collections:
  Total volume: Ca. 10 percent of the five million pages of Edison-related material in the archives of the Edison National Historic Site (ENHS) is being published on microfilm and will be digitized along with thousands of additional documents in more than one hundred repositories and private collections. Nearly 175,000 document images are now available in the Digital Edition of the Thomas A. Edison Papers. Included are documents from the archives of the Edison National Historic Site scanned from Parts I-III (1850–1989) of the Microfilm Edition, along with items from other repositories and private collections. The Digital Edition provides powerful search capabilities enabling users to search for authors, recipients, and names mentioned in a database of 143,500 document records and 23,300 names. The microfilm edition, published by University Publications of America (an imprint of LexisNexis), will be a six-part edition when completed. Use of the microfilm edition is enhanced by published guides. Images scanned from the first three parts of the microfilm are available in the Thomas A. Edison Papers, Digital Edition. Moreover, all document records for Part IV (1899–1910) and Part V (1911–1919) are in the online database and can be browsed and searched. The Rutgers University library holds a copy available through Interlibrary Loan. Numerous other libraries also own the microfilm.

Princeton, NJ

130. Historical Society of Princeton

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Publications: Princeton History, published intermittently, 17 volumes  


Overview:  
Almost all material relates in some way to the history of Princeton, NJ: family papers, records of Princeton businesses and institutions, oral history transcripts, scrapbooks; photographic collections feature almost every aspect of Princeton life primarily in the late nineteenth and first half of the twentieth century. 800 manuscript collections; 1500 vols., 2,000 architectural drawings, 40,000 photographs and negatives, vertical files from the late 1600s through the present day, primarily from the mid-nineteenth to mid-twentieth century.  

Noteworthy collections:  
- Brush, R. Herbert Collection (c. 1910). 29 items, 124 photographs in 1 box.  
  Photos of the Atlantic Terra Cotta Co. factories, employees, products, and the now ruined factory site at Rocky Hill (1910–?).  
  Miscellaneous correspondence, employment applications, rejections, offers, layoffs, operating reports, suggestions, and annual Christmas invitations. Blank company forms, kiln cards, sketch and anchor schedule form, stationary, and tags. Masonry and draft design pamphlets and architectural blueprint drawings.
  Opened by Richard Borowsky, the collection contains various paperwork including correspondence, newspaper articles, loan forms, accounting reports, blueprints, seating charts, menus, and Borowsky's resume. Also includes photographs, entertainment contracts, and performer portfolios under Brothers Management.

  ASCOP developed telemetry devices post WWII. Papers consist of bank statements, meeting minutes, press releases, financial statements, correspondence, memos, announcements, annual reports, technical pamphlets, oil runs, and estate papers about the corporation. Also includes copies of the wills of Elizabeth C. Chambers, Russell Pickering, and Sylvia G. Roberts.

- Raphael Carnevale-General Contractor Account Book (1928–1939). 1 half box.
  R. Carnevale account book for the years 1928–1939. Lists work done for clients and their charges on day-by-day basis. Includes loose bills for some clients. Carnevale lived at 100 Spruce St. in Princeton.