

# **Putnam County**



# **Historian's Collection**

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**The Historian's Collection** is comprised of archival documents, secondary and non-archival records. It is organized in the following formats:

- ❖ Document Collection
- ❖ Map and Aerial Photograph Collection
- ❖ Photography Collection
- ❖ Publications, Pamphlets 1862- to present
- ❖ Special/digital media
- ❖ Miscellaneous artifacts

**The Document and Records Collection** include a variety of papers such as family genealogy, correspondence, diaries, scrapbooks, directories, essays, personal papers of prominent private and political figures, business records of civic organizations, account books, indentures, deeds, certificates and historical reference. The content is approximately 51 cubic feet. (listed in this catalog)

**The Map and Aerial Photograph Collection** holds in excess of 600 maps, and over 350 aerial views taken at three different intervals. The maps are indexed and available on a computer database located in the Historian's Office.

**The Photograph Collection** contains over 4700 images dating from the mid 19<sup>th</sup> Century to present and includes a significant number from the morgue of the Patent Trader. Access to the collection is through an index on a computer data base and notebook copies in the Historian's Office. The content is 24 linear feet.

**The Publications and Pamphlets 1862-to present**, numbering over 300 and featuring government, civic, and tourism brochures. See separate list. Nos. 1-142 are available though a database on the computer in the Historian's Office. The content is 7 cubic feet.

**Audio and Video Cassettes, CDs, and digital materials**, over 20 audio cassettes of oral history and special events, more than 90 video tapes of oral history, local events, and special programs, and currently a small number of CDs and digital tapes, this part of the collection is expected to grow substantially. (listed in this catalog)

**Miscellaneous Artifacts, souvenirs, memorabilia and other items falling outside the categories above**, such as books, magazines, newspapers, atlases, clothing, political artifacts, art, International Order of Odd Fellows items, flags and banners, etc. (listed in this catalog)

## **Access**

**The hours to access the Historian's Collection are the same as for the Archives. Researchers are encouraged to make an appointment since available open hours may be subject to change. Teachers must make prior arrangements before sending students into the collection for research.**

**Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
or by special appointment**

**The Library, genealogical reference, D.A.R. Linage books, and newspaper microfilm are housed in the Historian's office and are available during regular office hours.**

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# Historian's Collection Directory

**See also:** Series 900A – Artifacts – for objects and items that might possibly be classified as artifacts rather than documents. A listing of sub-series may be found at the end of this Directory (p. 8) with a detailed listing at the end of this catalog (p. 85).

Combined Series - Archives/Historian's Collection at the end of this Directory (p. 8) for several reference works available but with limited access.

## Business series HC100

### Putnam County

101. Putnam County Chamber of Commerce  
1925-1930
102. Belden & Moorehouse General Store Invoices
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103. Tilly Foster Mine 1844-1879 Deeds  
(see also HC401 6,7; HC404 32, HC910 002)
104. New York and Northern Railroad Directory,  
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105. Account ledgers, various businesses 1804-1901  
(see also HC404 1A,E; 8; 9; 11; 12; 23; 36A, B; 42A, B; 54A,B; HC517; HC525-526)
106. Miscellaneous Business Receipts 1890s

## Civic series HC200

### Putnam County Committees/Associations

201. Putnam County Memorial Association 1919-1961
202. Carmel Brass Band 1859-1860
203. Putnam County Court House Historic Structure Report 1986
204. Odd Fellows Collection 1877-1975
  - Brewster Lodge 457 and Patterson Lodge 173
205. Clear Lake Coalition Collection – Boy Scout camp 1992-1993
206. Putnam County Democratic Committee Rules and By-Laws 1981
207. Committee to Protect Public Health and Safety
208. Putnam County Bicentennial, Sybil Ludington Postage Stamp  
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  - See also vertical files
209. Putnam Preservation League
210. Putnam Valley Conservation Council Collection, 1970-79

## Military and War campaigns

230. United War Work Campaign 1918-1919

231. World War I Veterans Collection 1918-1919  
 (see also HC201; HC404 1I; 2-4; 17; 19; 21; 22; 42A, C, D; 47; 50A, B; HC513; HC517)
- 232 Civil War papers of Edwin Foster Richards, 1862-1887

### **Educational Institutions series HC300**

301. Drew Seminary  
 (See also Hickman Papers – HC509-1u)  
 (See also *Landacs* 1921, 1930, 1932-33: library)  
 (see also HC404 1C, D; 54C; HC901 3,4; HC513)
302. Uptegrove Scrapbook, 1939-1940, Drew Seminary
303. Dorothy Jewell Papers, Drew Seminary
304. Alumnae Record, Drew Seminary
305. Mary Hoxsie Sheffer Wright Papers, Drew Seminary
- See also: HC910-004

### **Historical Research series HC400**

401. Allison Albee Collection – selected notebook copies from the Westchester Historic Society pertaining to Putnam County mining, railroads, and mills. 1935-1942
402. Cemetery notebooks of the Reverend Floyd Fisher
403. “They All Rest Together ” typescript by Reverend Floyd Fisher, published 1972.
404. Reverend Horace S. Hillery research notes 1953-1962
405. Putnam County History Work Shops 1954-62 (in process)
406. Putnam Valley stone chambers research 1989-90
407. Morningthorpe – Seth B. Howes, 1890s, 1970s

### **Personal Papers series HC500**

The personal papers are primarily secondary records mixed with original documents. Many of the collections are a source for genealogy research and may also include information about local history, local sites, and politics.

The collection name is by the collector; it identifies the source but not necessarily the contents, i.e. 501 Barnum Papers is about the Akin family.

(see also vertical files and family histories)

501. Barnum Papers 1829-1935
502. Minnie Barnum Durga Papers
503. Brewster Granville Durgie 1923-1994
504. Cornwall Papers 1783 - 1827
505. Dykeman Papers 1817-1928
506. George W. Gregory Papers 1862-1896
507. Gemmill Papers 1 1823-1960  
 Gemmill Papers 2 1775-1861
508. Giddings Papers 1855-1889
509. Samuel Barrett Hickman Papers 1897-1979 collected
510. Samuel J. Hickman Papers 1939-1987
511. J. Robert Houskeeper Papers 1977-1979
512. Willis C. Jewell Papers 1845-1868
513. Phelps Papers
514. Nichols Papers, deeds 1824,1846,1856
515. Segur Papers 1831-1923
516. Taber Papers 1870-1928

- 517. W. O. Taylor Collection 1839-1954
- 518. Wanzer Papers 1777-1957
- 519. Warner Papers 1959-1960
- 520. Rena E. Wilson Diary 1902-1903
- 521. Allen R. Pike Papers 1955-1976
- 522. Jane M. Wood genealogy
- 523. Henry Burton Papers
- 524. Phillip E. Prinz collection
- 525. Isaac Tompkins Papers, 1898-1930
- 526. Patterson Papers, 1892-1901
- 527. Salmon Papers, 1838-1927
- 528. Buckley family papers
- 529. Israel Ben Scheiber Papers, 1939-1957
- 530. Barbara Smith Buys Papers
- 531. Lawrence Bobker Papers, 1949
- 532. Ira Tompkins Collection

## **New York State and Putnam County Series HC600**

- 601. Taconic State Parkway Bryant Pond Road Interchange

| [Available](#) HC700 (not in use)

## **Electronic/digital/special/non-print media, film, tape series HC800**

### **Video Cassette series (VHS tape) HC801**

- A. Locally Produced Videos
- B. History Programs taped from T
- C. (Televised) Special Events and Local Meetings
- D. Oral History and Local Documentation
- E. Veteran Interviews

### **Audio Cassette series HC802**

- 802A Oral Histories
- 802B Other/Special Events
- 802C Local Artists

### **Disks – Compact Disks – CDs (700MB) Series HC803**

- 803A Local Events /Exhibits /Productions
- 803B Local Artists
- 803C Images, Scans (maps, photos)
- 803D program /file backups (web site)
- Group E: Reference (Books and Records)
- F. Other/Misc – training, other repositories, ...

### **Disks – DVDs (4.7GB) HC804**

**Group A: Local Events /Exhibits /Productions**

**Tape – MiniDV series HC805**

**movie film series HC806**

**reel-to-reel tape series HC807**

**Miscellaneous series HC900**

**HC901 Miscellaneous, not local, but of national importance**

**HC910 Miscellaneous - Local**

001 Girl Scouts

002 Iron Mines

003 Circus

(see also HC509 7A)

**HC920 Miscellaneous – Atlas/Books**

**HC930 Miscellaneous – Newspapers**

931 Community Current, Putnam Valley

932 Misc. Putnam County Newspapers

933 Misc. Regional Newspapers

934 Putnam County Courier

935 Patent Trader clippings

**HC980 Miscellaneous - Other**

**Artifacts series HC900A**

**HC900A Artifacts**

**HC910A Civic**

**HC920A Clothing**

**HC930A Commemorative**

**HC940A Flag, Banner, Pennant**

**HC950A Historic Souvenirs**

**HC960A IOOF – International Order of Odd Fellows**

**HC970A Pictures, Paintings, Photos**

**HC980A Political**

[End Series by Subject](#)



# Historian's Collection

## Document Descriptions

### Business series HC100

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#### HC101

##### Putnam County Chamber of Commerce 1925-1930

**Extent:** document box #1

**Arrangement:** various

**Description:** This group include records of the committee organizing the Chamber of Commerce, the leadership role of Hamilton Fish, By-laws adopted 1925, membership, and meeting minutes.

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#### HC102

##### Belden & Moorehouse General Store invoices

**Extent:** document box #1

**Arrangement:** chronological

**Description:**

General Store Invoices

- . Belden & Moorehouse 1833-1836
- . Belden & Moorehouse 1833
- . Belden & Moorehouse 1821-1836
- . Belden & Moorehouse 1832-1836

##### Belden & Moorehouse, Merchants, 1833-36

This collection consists of invoices rendered to the company of Belden & Moorehouse from 1833 to 1836 showing purchases from New York City merchants for the general store. The collection is divided as follows: (1) bills rendered by Denison & Beldens of NYC, 1834-36 for food staples, wines & spirits, paper, soap, candles, shot, and tobacco; (2) bills rendered by SC & S Lynes of Pearl St, NYC, 1833-35, for fabrics, trimmings, belts, gloves, hosiery, thread buttons (also fragment of letter from Louis Peters to Belden & Moorehouse answering their complaint that he charges too much at his flour mill); (3) Receipts for payment of (3) above; (4) Bills rendered by Denison & Beldens, 1833-35, for goods as above in (1); (5) Accounts, bills, and receipts of Waring & Underhill, Cedar St., NYC, 1833-36, for cloth and dry goods sold to Belden & Moorehouse; (6) miscellaneous bills and receipts of Belden & Moorehouse, 1833, for such items as lamps, quills, leather, pearl buttons, kitchen implements, spectacles, books & almanacs, brooms, and rum; (7) receipts for payments made by Belden & Moorehouse to Denison & Beldens, 1833-1835.

##### Belden and Morehouse 1834

Other misc. bills include: The New York Institution for the Blind, Missionary Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis (regarding care to destitute children), bills for various purchases such as coal, books, printing, stationery, gravestones, coffins, etc.

Belden and Morehouse 1821-1836 Similar invoice content as described above. (1816 dissolution of partnership)

Belden and Morehouse 1832-1836 Similar invoice content as described above.



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## HC 103

### Tilly Foster Mine 1844-1879 Deeds

**Extent:** document box #1

**Arrangement:** various

**Description:** The four deeds are from the former archives of Bethlehem Steel Corp. that were designated for destruction in the early 1970s. Thomas Diehl rescued them. He gave them to the Putnam County Historical Society who in turn sent them to the County Historian's Office. The indentures document transactions to and from Isaac Kelly, Mary Foster, John H. Cheever, Henry F. Durant, James Frederick Carl, William C. Carl, Horace D. Townsend, and Polly Fowler.

[\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_](#) (see also [HC404 32](#), [HC910 002](#))

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## HC 104

### New York and Northern Railroad Directory, Putnam County

**Extent:** document box #2

**Arrangement:** alpha

**Description:** The Directory of the New York and Northern Railroad from High Bridge to Brewster, 1889-90. Included are hamlets at stations in Baldwin Place, Lake Mahopac, Crafts, Carmel, Tilly Foster Mines, and Brewster. A business directory with names of residents, their occupations, and illustrated advertising. The original directory is in Westchester County Historical Society Library. Photocopy.

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## HC 105

### Account Ledgers

**Extent:** document boxes #21 – 26

**Arrangement:** chronological

**Description:** Various business ledgers, 1809-1914

#### HC 105 Account ledgers

document box #21

- ❖ 1. Account ledger, merchant – General Store, 1865-1878
- ❖ 2. Account ledger, carriage maker/wheelwright, 1878-1879
- ❖ 3. Account ledger, carriage maker/wheelwright, 1868-1873

#### HC 105 Account Ledgers

document box #22

- ❖ 4. Account ledger, unknown establishment, Patterson, 1858-1874
- ❖ 5. Account ledger, unknown establishment, Patterson, 1853-1901

#### HC 105 Account ledgers

document box #23

- ❖ 6. Account ledger, merchant, Patterson, 1834-1845
- ❖ 7. Account ledger, unknown establishment, Patterson, 1831-1848
- ❖ 8. Account ledger, merchant, Patterson, 1884-1892

**HC 105 Account ledgers**

**document box #24**

- ❖ 9. Account ledger, John Belding Account current with James Ketcham
  - . General store 1808-1853
  - . General store 1804-1824
  - . General store daybook, 1822-1823
- ❖ 10. Account ledger, Scott & Pugsley, 1869-1873

**HC 105 Account ledgers**

**document box #25**

- ❖ 11. Account ledger, Haviland, 1834-1847
  - . newspaper clippings, obituaries
  - . 1818 agreement for building a house
  - . 1847 farm lease
- ❖ 12. Account ledger, Hayt & Pugsley, 1833-1838
- ❖ 13. Account ledger, T.H. Hall, carriage maker/wheelwright 1880-1882
- ❖ 14. Account ledger, J.C. Gerow, W.E. Gerow, 1834-1847

**HC105 Account ledgers**

**document box #26**

- ❖ 15. Account ledger, J.C. Gerow and W.E. Gerow 1907-1914
- ❖ 16. Account ledger, 1845-1854
- ❖ 17. Account ledger, merchant, insurance agent, Patterson, 1860-1875

**HC105 Account ledgers**

**Bag #1, vol. 18**

- 18. Account ledger, Bank Of Kent, 1856-1858

**HC105 Account ledgers**

*Bag # 2, vol. 19*

- 19. Account ledger, Carmel, Red Mills, 1827-1831
  - Joseph Smith? Miss Jennie Wixon?
  - Approx. first 30 pages missing
  - First (next) 3 pages with pasted in newspaper columns – ppgs. 31, 33, 35
  - Jul 1827 – April 1828, Carmel, p. 31-119 – 2 pages blank
  - Next 5 pages – 1828 – 1837
  - Mar 1829 – Dec 1831, p. 1 – 58, pages 29-32 cut out, Carmel, Red Mills

*Bag # 3, vol. 20*

- 20. Day Book, Baldwin and Merritt, Patterson, March 1842 – Apr 1845

*Bag # 4, vol. 21*

- 21. Day Book, Patterson merchant, 804+ pages, 1885-1888

*Bag # 5, vol. 22*

- 22. Account ledger, Patterson, 1890-1895, mdse, many local names

## HC 106

### Miscellaneous Business Receipts 1890s

**Extent:** 1 folder; db #41

**Arrangement:** none

**Description:** Miscellaneous receipts received with other papers but having no particular connection to those paper. Most are from Peekskill: Dain's Sons, Durrin Bros., post office, New York & Northern Railway, New York Central and Hudson River Railroad, and more

## Civic series HC 200

### Putnam County Committees/Associations

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#### HC 201

### Putnam County Memorial Association 1919-1961

**Extent:** document box #2

**Arrangement:** 1-9 folders, various

**Description:**

1. Minute book contains minutes of initial meeting of "citizens of Carmel who are interested in providing a suitable memorial for the enlisted men of the world's war" and minutes of subsequent meetings to February 21, 1924. There are lists names and pledged amounts.

2. Various documents, 1920-30

Constitution and By-laws; Certificate of Incorporation (1920); miscellaneous paper relating to purchase of lot; record of Tag Day sale (n.d.); treasurer's reports and notebook containing record of receipts and disbursements.

3. Minute Book 1925-1948

Notebook containing minutes of meetings of Board of Directors from June 23, 1925 through Sept. 23, 1948, include information on planning for bronze plaques.

4. Secretary's Minute book of the Building Committee, 1928-30

Sheets of loose-leaf notebook containing minutes of "House Committee" that saw to rentals and repairs to the Memorial Building. Minutes reflect some debate on issues such as whether or not to permit dances.

5. Various Papers 1930-1940

Photostat copy of the "Book of the Putnam County Memorial Association and the County Memorial" privately printed by Bertha Strang Hoag, containing information on formation of Association and building Memorial; tributes to John P. Donohoe, A. I. Ehle, and Walter C. Gilbert; treasurer's reports; miscellaneous correspondence relating to building and board of directors; letter from Alice Paulding Haldane resigning from board as she cannot afford her dues because of Depression and response from Henry H. Wells declining to accept her resignation because many are in same position, saying, "I am being helped and could not keep our boys in school if I were not."

6. Various Papers 1940-1950

Miscellaneous correspondence relating to Association before, during and after World War II; DAR saying it can't afford rent for unheated building (1941); free use of building offered to Civilian Defense Committee (1941); misc. treasurer's reports; County Board of Supervisors declines to pay insurance on building (1944); building repair; request to Board of Supervisors to pay for repairs to building caused by free use by war service organizations (1945); agreement with Carmel Memorial Recreation Assn. for use of building; notes concerning tablets for World War II dead and missing; narrative on founding of Putnam County Council of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

**7. Financial Reports, 1949-1953**

Financial Reports submitted by Raymond B. Costello, Treasurer for period July 18, 1949 through July 15, 1953.

**8. Various Papers, 1960-1961**

Papers relating to consideration of sale or other use of Memorial building in 1961, including comments from VFW and American Legion; notes from a public hearing held on subject; letter from John W. Dain suggesting that if Assoc. is to be disbanded, that its assets be given to Putnam Hospital Fund; report from Raymond Cole and H. Pierce Simpson reviewing options for Assoc. to consider for building

**9. Receipt of materials for deposit with Putnam County Historian**

Agreement signed by Dorothy Jewell and Richard Cornish accepting above papers of Putnam County Memorial Association to be kept by Putnam County Bicentennial Committee or Putnam County Historian "until such time as there is a working organization of the Putnam County Memorial Association". List of materials appended to agreement.

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**HC 202**

**Carmel Brass Band 1859-1860**

**Extent:** document box #2

**Arrangement:** various

**Description:** Papers relating to Carmel Brass Band (1859-1860) including: by-laws, minutes, attendance records, bills, and telegrams.

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**HC203**

**Putnam County Court House: Historic Structure Report 1986**

**Extent:** document box #2

**Arrangement:** report

**Description:** This is a report on the Courthouse and plan for renovation prepared by Mendel Mesick Cohen Waite Hall, Architects of Albany, 1986. He presents a study of architectural changes to Courthouse throughout its history, plans and drawings for restoration and renovation, and many photographs of the building. Many of the papers are from the collection of Dorothy Jewell.

[SEE ALSO: HC404 5, HC509 7 C-I](#)

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**HC204 American Odd Fellows Fellowship**

**Odd Fellows Collections 1-4**

**Extent:** 1-9 boxes

**Arrangement:** Various by subject

**Description:**

**The American Odd Fellows Fellowship**

**The order of the Odd Fellows was organized in England in the Eighteenth Century by working class men. Its purpose was to serve both as a social gathering place and**

to give aid and assistance for employment. Traditionally when a brother member could not obtain work at his present location he was given a card and funds enough to carry him to the next lodge, he would continue from lodge to lodge until he found work. He deposited his card at the last lodge he had contact. The American Odd Fellows Fellowship was founded 1819 with the intention to spread its doctrines of Friendship, Love and Truth. The early lodges evolved into grand and secret societies complete with ostentatious titles and documents with secret and symbolic meanings. The Odd Fellows were similar to other fraternal groups of the era such as the Masons and the Elks.

At one time the American Odd Fellows Fellowship was an influential fraternal society however by the late Nineteenth Century it appeared to return to its original purpose as developed in England. It served primarily as a networking group for local labor and middle class working men. To benefit active members the organization offered a benefit package that included life insurance, medical benefits, death benefits, etc. Membership in the society was considered a mark of distinction for a man in his community. In later years the organization's membership declined through attrition and changing working policies and practices.

## **HC204**

### **Odd Fellows Collection I**

**Extent:** archive box #1

**Arrangement:** A-G

#### **Description:**

##### **A. Letterbox, Brewster Lodge 457, I.O.O.F., 1921-1929**

This indexed letterbox contains organizational and business correspondence received by Brewster Lodge 457, I.O.O.F., during the period 1921-1929. The alphabetized subject index refers the user to numbered pages in the book between which the documents are filed.

##### **Volume B. Question Book (Membership Book), Brewster Lodge 457, I.O.O.F., 1877-1916**

This volume contains pages that list the nine standard questions and the answers that prospective members answered as candidates for membership in Brewster Lodge 457. Data items of interest include name, residence, occupation, age at the time of candidacy, and the date of the application. The applicant's signature is also part of the record. In addition, loose documents are filed inside this volume that include meeting minutes, a roll of members during the period 1910-1912, treasurers' reports, and copies of outgoing correspondence. Also, there is a manuscript of a lodge expulsion trial, held in 1896, of a member accused and convicted of conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow.

##### **Volume C. Ledger Book, Brewster Lodge 457, I.O.O.F., 1903-1911**

This alphabetically indexed volume contains the financial record of each member listing the date and amount of fees and dues assessed by the Lodge, and the date and amount of member payments. Space is also provided for data concerning the member's date of admission, occupation, place of residence, and age at the time of gaining membership, date of death, and date and reason for termination of membership. Many of the individual records in this volume omit to record these items of personal information.

##### **Volume D. Question Book (Membership Book), Patterson Lodge 173, I.O.O.F., 1895-1939**

This volume contains pages that list the nine standard questions and the answers that prospective members answered as candidates for membership in Patterson Lodge 173. Data items of interest include name, place of residence, occupation, age at the time of membership application, and the date of the application.

**Volume E. Minute Book, Patterson Lodge 173, I.O.O.F., 1892-1902**

This volume records the minutes of Patterson Lodge meetings between 1892-1902. The initial entry in this volume, on December 14, 1892, relates that the previous records of the Patterson Lodge were destroyed in a fire at the house of one of the members in November 5, 1892.

**Volume F. Minute Book, Patterson Lodge 173, I.O.O.F., 1902-1909**

This volume records the minutes of Patterson Lodge meetings 1902-1909.

**Volume G. Minute Book, Patterson Lodge 173, I.O.O.F., 1909-1917**

This volume records the minutes of Patterson Lodge meetings 1909-1917.

## **HC204**

### **The Odd Fellows Collection 2**

**Extent:** archive box #2

**Arrangement:** A-J

**Description:**

**Volume A. Minute Book, Patterson Lodge 173, I.O.O.F., 1917-1922**

This record is a pre-printed minute book used by Patterson Lodge 173, I.O.O.F., as the record of the Lodge's meetings. Entries include the date of a meeting, officers present, unfinished and new business, special orders, and the financial information of the Lodge.

**Volume B. Minute Book, Brewster Lodge 452, I.O.O.F., 1894-1896**

This record is a manuscript document used by Brewster Lodge 452, I.O.O.F., as the record of the Lodge's meetings. Entries include the date of the meeting and the business matters considered at the meeting.

**Volume C. Ledger, Brewster Athena Rebekah Lodge 39, I.O.O.F., 1937-1972**

This record is a pre-printed ledger book used by Athena Rebekah Lodge 39 as a record of the lodge members between 1937-1972. The volume is indexed alphabetically by surname. Each ledger entry lists the member's name, admission date, occupation, and age at time of admission, death date, date of membership termination rationale, and financial contribution record of the member.

**Volume D. Officers Roll Book, Brewster Lodge 457, I.O.O.F., 1957-1967**

This record is a pre-printed record of lodge officers and their record of attendance. Entries are the name of the officer, title (abbreviated), meeting date, the officer's absence or presence at the meeting, names of trustees and their term of office, and the names of the members of the Finance, Auditing, and Sick- Relief Committees.

**Volume E. Multi-task volume.** Members' Register, Officers' Roll, Auditing Report, Cash, Disbursement, Receipt Book, and Visitors' Register, Brewster Lodge 457, I.O.O.F., 1893-1916.

- ❖ The Members' Register lists the names of members, their residence, date of admission into the lodge, age at the time of admission, occupation, the dates of their completing the three degrees of the Order, title of lodge office held and the dates, and information about their separation from the lodge through withdrawal, expulsion, or death.
- ❖ The officers' roll section lists the names of the officers and their titles, and lists their attendance or absence for each lodge meeting. Additionally, this section contains the names of lodge trustees, and the members of the various lodge committees.
- ❖ The cash receipt and disbursement section records chronologically cash received by sources that include admission fees, degree fees, dues, fines, rent, and miscellaneous receipts. Disbursements are by date and are broken down into sick benefits, nursing help, funeral benefits, grand lodge

dues, salaries, rent, supplies, payments to the trustees, fuel, donations, and miscellaneous expenses. Also in this section are the auditing committee reports that summarize the number of members, the monetary receipts and expenditures of the lodge by category, the names of suspended, expelled, or deceased, and the financial report of the trustees.

- ❖ The treasurer's receipt book lists amounts collected at each lodge meeting, summarizes these receipts semiannually and combines this information with carry forward financial data and disbursements to arrive at an amount on hand.
- ❖ The visitor's register records the name, home lodge name, city or town of the home lodge, home lodge number, its county and state, and the remarks of the visitor.

**Volume F. Record of Sick Benefits, 1890-1898, Brewster Lodge 457, I.O.O.F.**

This alphabetically indexed volume chronologically records the illnesses for which the Brewster Lodge paid sick benefits. Recorded are the name, residence, notification date of the illness, the kind of illness, the weekly benefit rate amount, the dates benefits began and ended, the total amount paid, amounts billed to other lodges for benefits provided by the Brewster Lodge to outside members of the order, and remarks.

**Volume G. Cash Book, 1892-1902, Brewster Lodge 457, I.O.O.F.**

This volume presents a continuous chronological record of lodge income received from members. Entries are recorded chronologically and contain the member's name, payment recorded, and the nature of the payment received (e.g., dues). At the end of some years there is a financial summary for the year showing amount brought forward, totals by the type of revenue (e.g., dues, initiation fees, degree fees), expenses and a balance sheet summary.

**Volume H. Cash Receipt Book, 1915-1929, Brewster Lodge 457, I.O.O.F.**

This volume presents a continuous chronological record of lodge income. Entries are recorded chronologically and contain the name of the member from whom monies were received or the identity of a source other than a member, the date of the receipt, and the reason for the payment.

**Volume I. Cash Receipt Book, 1930-1941, Brewster Lodge 457, I.O.O.F.**

This volume presents a continuous chronological record of lodge income. Entries are recorded chronologically by meeting date and contain the name of the member from whom monies were received or the identity of a source other than a member, the date of the receipt, and the reason for the payment. At the end of the volume are entries concerning the Lodge Relief Fund that show both monies collected and, for some years, disbursements.

**Volume J. Treasurer's Record, 1934-1947, Brewster Lodge 457, I.O.O.F.**

This chronologically ordered volume records both income and expenditure for the Brewster Lodge for the period 1934-1947. Revenue entries are by date and amount, and can be correlated with the entries in Volume I. Expenditure entries show the date, payee, and amount of payment.

## **HC204**

### **The Odd Fellows Collection 3**

**Extent:** archive box #3  
**Arrangement:** A. letter box, random  
B. 1 volume

**Description:**

A. **Letterbox** - The letterbox contains the records of both the Brewster Lodge 457 and the Patterson Lodge 173. There are a variety of business and lodge records contained in the letterbox including:

- ❖ Applications for membership for both the Brewster and Patterson lodges. These documents provide the applicant's name, date of birth, and place of

birth, occupation, and place of residence. The application documents date from 1892 to 1927.

- ❖ Treasurer's reports
- ❖ Correspondence
- ❖ Business receipts and billings
- ❖ Insurance documents
- ❖ Photo of an unidentified male, photocopy, original in archival photographs
- ❖ Minutes of meeting, handwritten

**B. Odd Fellowship: Its History and Manual**, by Theo. A. Ross, New York: The M.W. Hazen Co., 1883.

C. 1 volume      Holy Bible – Athena Lodge, No. 39, IOOF, 1895

Tooled red leather cover, loose back

“Presented to Athena Rebekah Lodge

No 39 by

Myrtle Rebekah Lodge No 16

Danbury Conn

On the evening of their Institution, Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 1895”

Holman's Edition

Numerous inserts

## HC204

### Odd Fellows Collection 3

**Extent:**                      **archive box #5**

**Arrangement:**            **none**

**Description:**              **see archivist note**

**Voting Device** - This black painted, wooden object, measuring approximately nine and a half inches long (excluding the handle), six and half inches wide, and five inches deep, was apparently a device used for voting on prospective members. The device has a handle, approximately five inches long. Painted on the end opposite the handle, in gold lettering, is the inscription “I.O.O.F. 142”. The interior of the object is divided into two compartments that are both accessed by means of lids. Each lid lifts upwards from an end of the object thus affording a view into one half the interior of the object. The compartment opposite the handle contains white and dark round spheres, which can be inserted into a hole connecting the two compartments. The design of the piece thus affords privacy to the individual dropping either a white or dark sphere into the opposite compartment.

\*Archivist note: While recognizing that it is unorthodox to allow an object such as the wooden “voting device” in an document archive, I felt that under the circumstances it was appropriate due to the direct relationship to the subject. The voting device is bagged and stored in an archive box.

## HC204

### The Odd Fellows Collection 4

**Extent:**                      **archive box #4**

**Arrangement:**            **A-D volumes**

**E - folder**

**Description:**

**A. Membership Book, Brewster Lodge 457, I.O.O.F., 1877-1939**

This volume contains the names, admission dates, age at admission, occupation, residence, and date of suspension, expulsion, reinstatement, and death of members of Brewster Lodge 457. The order of the volume is chronological by admission date. An incomplete alphabetical index, by member's surname, exists in the front of the volume. It does not refer the user, however, to a page in the main body of the work



where the entry is located. Notations concerning suspensions, reinstatements, and deaths were made in the volume until 1954.

**B. Minute Book, Patterson Lodge 173, I.O.O.F., 1922-1927**

This volume contains the meeting minutes of the lodge during the period 1922-1927.

**C. Letterbox, Brewster Lodge 457, I.O.O.F.**

This letterbox contains statements, correspondence, and invoices addressed to Brewster Lodge 457. The contents date from the 1860's.

**D. Secretary's Cash Book, Brewster Lodge 457, I.O.O.F., 1963-1968**

This volume contains financial information and is arranged chronologically. Entries show the amount, receipt date, and source of income, the amount and date of cash payments to the treasurer, and the date, amount, draft number, and party to whom payments were made.

**E. Minutes, Brewster Lodge 457, I.O.O.F., 1972-1975**

This is the manuscript minutes of the Brewster Lodge 1972-1975. There are 70+ pages of material in the form of lined, notebook paper.

F. Album of Odd Fellows Homes

G. Subordinate Lodge Floor Work

## **HC204**

**Odd Fellows Collection 5, box 10**

**Brewster Lodge 457 (1876-1919, gaps)**

**Extent: archive box #10**

**Arrangement: A-I volumes, chronological**

**Description:**

**A. Ledger, leather bound, Brewster, 17 Aug. 1876**

A-Z index in front

\$30.00 from Wm. C. Lorey to start the lodge

Account book by name to 1904, debits and credits

**B. Minute Book, Brewster Lodge 457, 27 Feb. 1882 – 29 Oct. 1888**

**C. Minute Book, IOOF, Brewster Lodge 457, 5 Nov. 1888 to 28 Dec. 1893.**

Hand written minute book, 1-2 pages per weekly meeting. Inserts at pages 107, 261, 289.

**D. Centennial Letter Copying Book, Brewster Lodge 457, 1893-1894**

26 Oct. 1893 – 9 Apr. 1894, 9 letters, rest blank

**E. Brewster Lodge 457, 1900-1904**

June 17, 1900 Memorial Day special meeting

- Feb 22, 1904 meeting minutes, regular weekly and special

**F. Statistical Record, Brewster 457, 1887-1905**

Each record is 2 pages

Several inserts

Information included: initiated, suspended, reinstated, withdrawn, expelled, rejected, died, rank, finances, paid for relief.

**G. Statistical Record, Brewster 457, 1906-1916**

Each record is 2 pages.

Insert: full page blotter – blue.

Information included: initiated, suspended, reinstated, withdrawn, expelled, rejected, died, rank, finances, paid for relief.

**H. IOOF, Brewster Lodge 457, 1 July 1910 – 30 June 1916**

Members' Register and Constitution with Officers' Term Roll, Permanent Secretary's weekly entries, Auditing Committee Report, Treasurer's Receipt Book, and Sick and Funeral Benefit Record. Book published by J. M. Victory Co.

Officers' Term Roll 1 July 1910 – 30 June 1916

Committees Appointed 1 July 1910 – 30 June 1916

Cash Received

Summary of Disbursements July 1910 – 30 June 1916

Auditing Committee Report July 1910 – 30 June 1916

Treasurer's Receipt Book July 1910 – 30 June 1916

**I. Record book, Brewster, June 9, 1913 – June 30, 1919**

Regular weekly and special meetings

Numerous inserts

**HC204**

**Odd Fellows Collection 5, box 11**

**Brewster Lodge 457 (1915-1956, gaps)**

**Extent: archive box #11**

**Arrangement: J-R volumes and folders, chronological  
S item**

**Description:**

**J.(vol.) Ledger, Brewster Lodge 457, 1 Jan 1915 - 1926**

Dues book, A-Z index in front

insert p 341 – specimen/sample pages

insert pack page – James Horton dues letter

**K.(vol.) Record Book, Brewster 457, July 1916 – Dec. 1921**

“Six books combined into one”

(see Collection 2 Vol. E for more detailed descriptions of section contents)

List of members, residence, date joined, occupation; as of 19 Feb. 1921

Officers' term roll 17 June 1916 – 31 Dec. 1921

Committees appointed 31 July 1916 –

Cash received July 1916 – 31 Dec 1921

Summary of disbursements July 1916 – 31 Dec 1921

Auditing Committee's Report 3 July 1916 –

Numerous inserts

Treasurer's Receipt Book July 1916 – 30 Dec. 1921

Page 157 insert

Sick and funeral – US Government Bonds

2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Liberty loans

Victory Liberty loans

**L.(vol.) Minute Book, IOOF, Brewster Lodge 457, 7 July 1919 to 28 Aug 1922.**

This record is a pre-printed book, 2 pages for each weekly meeting, recording roll call, presentation of cards of visitors, inquiring for the sick and distressed, reports of committees, balloting for membership and degrees, initiation, communications, unfinished business, receipts, and closing. Many inserted sheets – mostly treasurer’s reports – many attached with straight pins which have been removed.

**M.(vol.) Record Book 1918, Brewster Lodge 457, 11 Sept. 1922 – 18 Oct. 1926**

Inserts at pages 115, 229

**N. (fldr.)** with inserts from back of book above: M.(v.)

1923 annual roll call  
resolutions  
24 member applications  
3 transfer certificates  
2 dismissal certificates  
several treasurer’s reports  
some letters  
treasurer’s bond

**O.(v.ol) Record, minute book, Brewster Lodge 457, 1924-1929**

Degree Team Association, 11 Sep. 1924 – 4 Mar. 1929, 14 pages

3 inserts in back: DTA  
Treasurer’s Reports, Oct.  
Application  
Treasurer’s Report, 2 Oct. 1924, on NY Central RR Co. paper

**P.(v.ol) Records book, Brewster Lodge 457, 1926-1930**

Minutes, 25 Oct. 1926 – 29 Dec. 1930  
Pg. 146, obituary; pg. 327, obituary  
Pg. 500, insert

**Q. & R.(vol.) Statistical Record, Brewster 457, 1942 – 1948, and 1949-1956**

4 pages per record, pre-printed  
Yearly summary of changes in membership – admitted, reinstated, withdrawn, dismissed, rejected, death, suspension, & finance

**S. National Association for Retarded Children, c. 1950s?**

Cardboard standup notice/advertisement; cardboard

**HC204**

**Odd Fellows Collection 5, box 12**

**Brewster Lodge 457 (1927-1929, 1960s-1980s, gaps)**

**Rebekah Lodge (1976-1981, gaps)**

**Patterson Lodge (1927-1928, 1933-1942, gaps)**

**Extent: archive box #12**

**Arrangement: A-O volumes and folders, generally chronological**

**Description:**

**A.(fldr.) Minutes, Brewster Lodge, 1969 – 1971**

unbound

**B.(fldr.) IOOF Catalog of regalia & supplies, Brewster**

1961, C.E. Ward Co, Ohio  
Directory 1964-65  
small unused envelopes, Brewster Lodge 457  
sheets of unused stationery, Brewster Lodge 457

**C.(fldr.) youth lodges**

Senate Lodge newsletter 1960  
Youth brochures  
Youth booklet  
Rall Publishing Co, Iowa, late 1950's early 1960's  
Monroe 1962 furniture catalog

**D.(fldr.) Check register, Brewster Lodge 30 Nov. 1972 – 31 Jan. 1976**

The National Bank of Pawling, desk format, 3 checks to a page, in black plastic folder  
Closing the account in 1976.  
Insurance policy

**E.(fldr.) contents, 1972-1976, of "plastic," leather looking, expandable, light brown, handled briefcase** (which was discarded)

Rent receipts from apartment rental 1972-1975.  
Bank statements – The National Bank of Pawling – Jan 1975 – Jan 1976, when closed.  
Packet of "instalvelopes" for heating fuel payments.

**F.(vol.) Small black book of cash receipts and disbursements 1974-1976**

**G.(fldr.) IOOF post closing 1976 to early 1980's**

It is presumed this material came through the Athena Rebekah Lodge 39 which was still active. (Brewster lodge 457 closed in 1976) (For Rebekah material see Folder I.)

**H(fldr.) Miscellaneous Papers, 1927-1929**

(Most of these papers were loose in the box, with no apparent order)

Junior Lodge minutes  
Junior application forms  
1927-28 treasurer's reports  
notices/letters from NY Grand Lodge and from other lodges  
thank you letters  
misc. blank forms  
etc.

**I.(fldr.) Rebekah News 1976-1981**

Miscellaneous correspondence, programs, etc. from Athena Rebekah Lodge 39 in Brewster, mostly late 1970's.

Since the Brewster Lodge 457 closed in 1976, it is assumed all IOOF material after that is from the Rebekah Lodge. This folder contains all items that appear to be exclusively Rebekah. (Folder 26 contains IOOF material that is both IOOF and Rebekah, or just IOOF)

**J.(fldr.) 1983 Grange**

1982-1984 Program Handbook: needlework, stuffed toy, and sewing contests, information and forms; mailed to Evelyn Tetro of Brewster, who was active in Rebekah. This was in with the Rebekah papers.

**K.(vol.) IOOF Minute book, Patterson #173, Mar 24, 1927 – Mar 31, 1928**

2 inserts at front of book  
pre-printed form pages  
Numerous inserts

**L.(vol.) Statistical Record, Patterson 173, 1933-1939**

Each record is 4 pages

Information included: candidates initiated, rejected; members reinstated, withdrawn, dismissed, suspended; deaths; financial report.

**M.(vol.) Record Book, Patterson Lodge 173, 1936-1942**

“Six books combined into one”

Members Register, 1936 – 1939, 4 members listed

Officers' Term Roll                      March 1936 – Dec 1941

Committees Appointed

Cash received                              Jan 1938 – June 1938

Summary of disbursements              Jan 1938 – June 1938

Treasurer's Receipt Book Jan 1936 – Nov 1942

Pg. 145 – Mickey and Minnie blue Sonoco blotter

**N.(fldr.) Brewster Lodge 457, Jan 4, 1960 – Jan 8, 1962**

meeting forms and treasurer's reports (pre-printed forms), unbound

**O.(fldr.) pamphlets** – c. 1950s?

Odd Fellows & Rebekahs

“Lodge is the Place to go”

with mailing label from shipping box

Voice of Firestone Christmas songbook

**P.(fldr) Statistical Record – 3 vols**

1957-1961

1962-1966

1967-1971

**Q.(v) Treasurer's Cash Book**

1897-1901

**R. (v) Trustees Report**

1888-1928

Also 1886 inventory

**S. (v) 4 log books for card parties**

1950

1952-53, 1959

1955, 1959

1957-58

2 receipt books – 1937-39

**T. 1. Deck of cards**

2. 80 1 cent postcards meeting announcement

3. Booklet, 1933, Constitution and By-Laws Lodge 720 Pleasantville NY

4. Booklet, 1933, Grand Lodge, Fraternal Year Book of Constitutions

5. Booklet, 1940, Fraternal Year Book, Grand Lodge NY, Constitution

## HC204

### **Odd Fellows Collection 5, oversize box #2**

**Wooden box** with nine pieces of shoulder/neck **regalia** from Dutchess Dist. 1. Ornaments are made of satin with metallic tassels. Colors are green, gold, flat oversize document box #2

## HC205

### **Clear Lake Coalition Collection – Boy Scout Camp**

**Extent:** document box #3

**Arrangement:** various

**Description:** In 1967 the Washington Irving Council of the BSA began to develop a camping site known as the Clear Lake Reservation. However in 1992 the Council decided to sell the reservation to a private developer. There was opposition to sale from within the Scouting community and from Putnam–Westchester residents. The papers contained in the Historian’s Collection are of the “Save Our Camps” and the “Clear Lake Coalition” movement that eventually resulted in the Council’s reversal to sell the reservation.

## HC206

### **Putnam County Democratic Committee – Rules and By-Laws 1981**

**Extent:** document box # 3

**Arrangement:** numerical, district

**Description:** This document consists of the “Rules and By-Laws” as adopted in 1981. There are lists of officers of the County Democratic and Executive Committees, and Committeemen listed by district featuring maps. This material was donated by Dr. Sallie Sypher, former Town of Putnam Valley Supervisor and Putnam County Historian.

## HC207

### **Committee to Protect Public Health and Safety**

**Extent:** document box # 7

**Arrangement:** 1-5 folders, various

**Description:** The Committee to Protect Public Health and Safety, a group of Putnam Valley residents, was formed to fight the abolishment of the Putnam Valley Police Department by the Town Board in July 1997. Records, donated by Sylvia Deutsch, a member of the Committee, include legal briefs, newspaper articles, legal citation, handwritten notes, list of donors, and a draft Notice of Determination of Non-Significance.

- 1.This folder contains copies of various documents regarding the suit brought by the Committee against the Town Board. Records include solicitations of support and communication by the Committee, newspaper articles, correspondence, appellate division reports, and notes.
- 2.Order to show cause and attachments, 1997.
- 3.Copies of various legal briefs including order to show cause, petitioner’s memorandum of law,

memorandum of support, and local law enacted by Putnam Valley Town Board Discontinuing the Police Department.

- 4.State Environmental Quality Review Negative Declaration Notice of Determination of Non-Significance.
- 5.Original handwritten notes.

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## HC208

### Putnam County Bicentennial, Sybil Ludington Postage Stamp

**Extent:** flat oversized document box #1

**Arrangement:** various

**Description:** Various documents and examples of the Sybil Ludington postage stamp issued March 25, 1975 in Carmel, NY. Various original newspaper sections from 1975-1977 with accounts of local history, Sybil and her ride, and the 1975 Sybil stamp. Also in this series is stationery from the Putnam County Bicentennial Commission. See also Series 011 Putnam County Commission on the Bicentennial.

Putnam County Bicentennial Commission letterhead, postcard, envelope, and facsimile reprint of 1812 documents to divide Dutchess County.

“The Putnam Ledger” 19 April 1977, supplement to The Reporter Dispatch.

“Westchester Weekend” 22 April 1977

“The Putnam County Courier” 30 June 1976 Special Bicentennial Edition, 3 sections

“The News-Times” 26 March 1975, Sybil stamp

“The Reporter Dispatch” 15 April 1975 Special Bi-centennial Edition

“The Kent Echo” 23 April 1977

“Putnam Trader” 3 July 1976, 1776-1976 Happy Birthday USA

## HC208

### Putnam County Bicentennial, Sybil Ludington Postage Stamp

**Extent:** document box #29:

**Arrangement:** 4 folders, various

**Description:** Sybil Ludington commemorative stamp 1975 First Day Cover (first day of issue) (FDC) envelopes and postcards with numerous examples of the Sybil Ludington stamp FDC, some FDC on wood postcards, wooden nickels, various medals with Sybil Ludington on them, and numerous ID tags and descriptive text from an exhibition. See supplement for detailed FDC list.

- A. **FDC** business size and 6” envelopes and envelope proofs  
FDC with medal inserts  
Other misc. FDC, mint stamps, wooden nickels  
Group of post card size inserts from Croton River Numismatic Society re: souvenir wood post card.
- B. Group of **FDC wooden postcards**  
2 sets of 4 medals – Sybil Ludington  
12 individual medals
- C. **Other items** with Sybil Ludington stamps, including program, color post cards, and American Commemoratives sheet from the USPS.

D. **Miscellaneous items:** receipts for purchase of bicentennial souvenirs, booklet “The Midnight Ride of Sybil Ludington” by Mary Elizabeth Jones and design sheets for the FDC.

## HC209

### Putnam Preservation League

**Extent:** document box #35

**Arrangement:** 13 folders, various

**Description:** The Putnam Preservation League was formed in 1984 to promote historic preservation in Putnam County. It was chartered by the New York State Department of Education and was granted tax-exempt status by the Internal Revenue Service. During its existence, it funded surveys of historic structures, sponsored a historical study of the Philipstown (Cold Spring) Turnpike, urged Patterson to create a Certified Local Government, began the Main Street, USA, program, and fought a county landfill proposed for Patterson. The organization dissolved in 2004.

1. **Founding Documents.** Papers relating to incorporation, by-laws, and tax-exempt status, 1984-87.
2. **Membership and Mailing Lists.** Lists of members and potential members, ca. 1988. Antonia F. Adezio retained to conduct membership drive and assume other duties.
3. **Minutes and Agendas.** Records of Annual Meetings and Trustee meetings, 1984-88 (incomplete).
4. **Fundraising and Grants.** Fundraising activities of PPL. A concert by Pete Seeger is of special interest.
5. **Financial Statements.** Incomplete annual financial statements, 1985-92.
6. **Elise Barry Surveys.** PPL engaged Elise Barry of Rhinebeck to survey historic structures in Patterson, Putnam Valley, Carmel, and Southeast and to complete the Historic Structure Survey Forms (“blue forms”) for submission to the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, 1985-88. (Forms submitted by Barry are on file in the County Historian’s Office.)
7. **Philipstown (Cold Spring) Turnpike Study.** PPL commissioned a historical survey by Harvey K. Flad of the Philipstown Turnpike. The Study cost \$9860 and was partially funded by a grant from NYS Council for the Arts, 1985-88.
8. **Main Street, USA.** A program of downtown revitalization begun in cooperation with the County Planning Department and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1987.
9. **Certified Local Government Program.** PPL urged Patterson to become a Local Certified Government and appoint a Historic Preservation Commission, 1985-95.
10. **Patterson Landfill Proposal.** PPL worked with PRIDE (Patterson Residents Interested in a Decent Environment) to defeat a plan to establish a county landfill and resource recovery center in Patterson. The proposed landfill was in proximity to historic structures already inventoried by Elise Barry. Several were named “eligible” for the National Register. The landfill plan failed. 1989-90.
11. **“Cars in the County” Exhibit.** PPL acted as the not-for-profit agency to receive a grant from the Putnam Arts Council to partially fund the exhibit “Cars in the County”, produced by



the Putnam History Roundtable, coordinated by the Office of the County Historian, planned by

14. **Dissolution of the Putnam Preservation League.** After seven years of inactivity, the PPL dissolved in 2004.

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## HC210

### Putnam Valley Conservation Council Collection, 1970-79

Extent: Document Box # 3

Arrangement: Chronological

Description:

The Putnam Valley Conservation Council Collection consists primarily of a continuous run of mimeographed newsletters, named the "Putnam Valley Eco", from December 1970 to February 1979. The PVCC was organized after a successful grassroots campaign in 1969-70 to stop the East Hudson Parkway Authority from building new southbound lanes of the Taconic State Parkway through the Wiccopee Valley and Tompkins Corners. (A collection concerning the Taconic campaign is held by the Putnam Valley Historical Society.)

The PVCC is an example of local involvement in the growing conservation movement throughout the country in the 1970s. The non-partisan organization concerned itself with a variety of local issues, opposing fogging with insecticides, water pollution, a proposed county landfill, littering and dumping, and permissive well-drilling regulations. It worked for revisions to the town's master plan, for a cluster zoning ordinance, for the establishment of an official town environmental commission, for a state-wide bottle deposit law, a town wetlands law, and an excavation ordinance. The PVCC began town-wide bulk pickups, roadside cleanups, and a recycling shed for newspapers.

Interest in the PVCC waned when many of its causes were successful. It had spawned the Committee to Save Lake Oscawana, which involved many of the same people as the PVCC. A more environmentally-aware town board was elected in 1973 and 1975, and these town boards appointed PVCC leaders to the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Environmental Commission. The town government took over the PVCC's newspaper recycling shed, began to run bulk drop off days and adopted many of the laws that the PVCC had supported.

Folder A Newsletters: Dec. 1970 - Dec. 1971  
Folder B Newsletters: Feb. 1972 - June 1973  
Folder C Newsletters: Aug. 1973 - June 1975  
Folder D Newsletters: Aug. 1975 - Feb. 1979  
Folder E Miscellaneous papers: by-laws; membership forms; informational flyers;  
letter of resignation from president when his wife was a candidate  
for the town board.

## Military and War Campaigns HC230s

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### HC 230

#### United War Work Campaign 1918-1919

**Extent:** document box #3

**Arrangement:** various papers

**Description:** Papers relating to fund-raising campaign in Putnam County at the end of World War I. More than \$18,000 was raised in contributions throughout the County, though Patterson and Putnam Valley do not seem to have participated. Papers include accounting of money raised, correspondence, etc., primarily from Edward Stannard, Treasurer of the campaign in Putnam County.

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### HC 231

#### World War I Veterans Collection 1918-1919

**Extent:** archive box #7

**Arrangement:** questionnaires by numeric order

**Description:** This group of papers consists of questionnaires and correspondence pertaining to the men who served in WW1 from Putnam County. Judge Southard's project resulted in a bound volume. The questionnaires are divided into the following folders.

- ❖ 1-50
- ❖ 51-100
- ❖ 101-150
- ❖ 151-200
- ❖ 201-250
- ❖ 251-300
- ❖ 301-329
- ❖ various

### HC231

#### World War 1 Veterans Collection 1918-1919

**Extent:** archive box #7

**Arrangement:** numeric

**Description:** This volume is the culmination of Judge Southard's project "Service Roll of Honor" featuring the information gleaned from questionnaires. See HC231 questionnaires.

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### HC232

#### Civil War papers of Edwin Foster Richards, 1862-1887

**Extent:** 18 documents

**Arrangement:** chronological

**Description:** see attached list

## Educational Institutions series HC 300

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### HC 301

#### Drew Seminary 1894-1906

**Extent:** document box #5

**Arrangement:** 1-5, various

**Description:** Drew Seminary was founded in 1866. This file includes brochures describing the campus, one of the schools quarterly publications, bills for expenses, an invitation for commencement exercises, students' report cards. There is a sampling of various student compositions.

(See also **Hickman Papers – HC509-1u**)

(See also **Landacs 1921, 1930, 1932-33: library**)

(See also **HC404 1C, D; 54C; HC901 3,4**)

(See also **HC302, HC303, HC304, HC305**)

(See also photograph collection)

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### HC 302 Uptegrove Scrapbook, Drew Seminary 1939-1940

**Extent:** document box #5

**Arrangement:** various

**Description:** Scrapbook kept by Dorothy Uptegrove during the Drew Seminary academic year, 1939-40. Includes Drew publications, souvenirs kept by student, class songs, and comments by the student on each item saved. Gives an excellent understanding of life at Drew. Note: the scrapbook is in fragile condition.

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### HC 303 Dorothy Jewell Papers, Drew Seminary

**Extent:** document box #5

**Arrangement:** various

**Description:** Ms. Jewell attended and graduated from Drew Seminary from 1931-1933. She was the daughter of Willitt C. Jewell. She was active in the Town of Carmel Historical Society. This file contains newspaper clippings, photo print of Drew, 1901-1902 catalog, and a Drew Alumnae newspaper.

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### HC 304 Drew Seminary, Alumnae Records

**Extent:** document box #5

**Arrangement:** maiden and married names, database DREW

**Description:** This file contains miscellaneous papers and cards that were included in files maintained by Bernice Mosgrove Hickman, Alumnae Secretary of Drew Seminary. Mrs. Hickman's records were kept on thousands of 3"X 5" cards on each alumna, listed by maiden name, married name, and town and city. This information has been entered in the database in the "DREW" file in Q&A. The printout is by maiden and married names. The printout is located in the notebook Of this document file.

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## HC 305

### Mary Hoxsie Sheffer Wright Papers, Drew Seminary

**Extent:** document box #5

**Arrangement:** various

**Description:** Mary H. Sheffer (1879-1979) attended Drew Seminary for Young Women 1894 to graduation in 1899. Her papers include compositions, invitations, report cards, personal letters, photographs, etc.

## Historical Research series HC 400

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## HC401

### Allison Albee Collection

**Extent:** document box #6

**Arrangement:** 11 photocopied notebooks, selected notes, geographical

**Description:**

Allison Albee Collection (Westchester Co. Historical Society): Photocopies

#### 1. Notebook VIII

Notes and photographs on miscellaneous subjects:

- ❖ In Carmel: picture of iron mine on island in Lake Mahopac, Red Mills.
- ❖ In Philipstown: Vincent Mine; Benson's Silver Mine; Canopus Iron Mine; graphite mine; Donahues Silver Mine, Leatherman, Dick's Castle, wreck at Garrison's Landing.
- ❖ In Putnam Valley: Gilbert Coal Pits, Rundle Mill, paper mill at Oregon, Gil Baxter's Grist Mill.
- ❖ Interviews with John Odell and Ed Percival, old miners; interview with Ray Weeks, grandson of Charles Weeks.

#### 2. Notebook X

Narrative history of Putnam Division of NY Central by Albee (14 pp.); pictures of passenger engine and ore cars and railway station at Mahopac Mines (Carmel); projected Croton Valley Railroad (1886) to connect Hudson RR and Putnam Division; interview with W.J. Roach, engineer on Hudson Division, recollections of Sunk Mine (Putnam Valley) area.

#### 3. Notebook XI

Miscellaneous information on Putnam County Towns.

- ❖ Carmel: A picture of Carmel Electric Light Plant.
- ❖ Kent: Brinkerhoff's Mill, Ludington Mill, and George Turner's store, pictures of Brinkerhoff's and Mead's Mills, Merritt's mill at Stump Pond.
- ❖ Patterson: marble quarry;
- ❖ Philipstown: Hoffman's paper mill (the one in Continental Village), counterfeiters cave at the Money Hole.
- ❖ Putnam Valley: much on Sunk Mine area, dam and millstone on Canopus Creek, hand-drawn map of area, descriptions and plan of shaft 5 of Sunk Mines, Wiccopee, Grey's silver mine, the Denny Mine, the "hard winter", the forges, Odelltown, cutting tanbark, mill at Cimmaron and at Oscawana outlet in Abele Park, Bunnels Forge, soldiers drilling near Oscawana during Civil War, murder of Len J. Cummings by John Mead in Bell Hollow, ghost at Sunnybrook, Mountain Chapel, Pratt's Forge,

Dennytown and "the Dump", rocking stones (at intersection of Bell Hollow and Sunk Mine Roads, at Rockhill Road, off Pudding Street in Roaring Brook Lake), "meteorites" at Sam Hadden's Farm, mill at Tompkins Corners., carding mill on Wiccopee road, mill at Bryant Pond Rd. and Peekskill Hollow.

- ❖ Southeast: Gregory Mill, and Pardee House.

This notebook XI includes interviews with Ellsworth Moshier, Henrietta Stephens Christiansen, Joseph A. Hollister, Leonard J. Williams, Ad Sherwood, George Turner, Charles Post, and Emily Perry.

#### **4. Notebook XIII Railroads I**

Texts of narratives (unfinished) by Albee concerning

- ❖ (1) The abandoned NY and Sharon Canal Co. (chartered 1823).
- ❖ (2) Narrow gauge railroads, especially the railroad from the Croft and Todd mines in Putnam Valley to the furnace at Annsville Creek in Peekskill and the Sunk and Canada mine railroads in Putnam Valley.
- ❖ (3) The Hudson Suspension Bridge and New England Railroad planned in 1860's to cross Hudson at Bear Mountain and go across northern Westchester to New Haven, dipping into Putnam at Oregon in Putnam Valley to serve the paper mills.

#### **5. Notebook XIV Railroads II**

Second narrative by Albee pertains to the abandoned Sharon and NY and Albany Railroad Canal. Contains information on 1800 plans to make Croton River navigable from Hudson to Pines Bridge (Westchester County) and of 1823 plans to build canal from Sharon Valley, Connecticut, to Croton River at Pawling and to build locks to Hudson. There is miscellaneous information on Hudson Suspension Bridge (see notebook XIII) and notes on subjects in Southeast taken by Albee in Pelletreau.

#### **6. Mine Notebook #2 "Iron Works"**

Notebook #2 contains a various collection of information on mines throughout Putnam County with extensive listing of references and sources, both published and from interviews. There is a list of unclassified mines about which Albee had heard about however he had little knowledge. A description of Albee's index system and list of mining claim numbers in Albany is included.

- ❖ Kent: Clara Stephens description of schoolhouses in Kent Cliffs, Horse Pound Road;
- ❖ Patterson: Pine Island in Great Swamp;
- ❖ Philipstown: Information from Ida C.G. Porter of Cold Spring regarding family farm;
- ❖ Putnam Valley: Montross Moshiers description of George Wanzer's murder by George Denny and notes on Poison (Pelton) Pond;
- ❖ Southeast: Tilly Foster Mine.

#### **7. Mine Notebook #3 "East Book"**

Information on mines in eastern Putnam County gathered through research with mineralogist Peter Zodac of Peekskill, through published work, and through interviews with old-timers. Information on the following mines, prospects, and mythical mines:

- ❖ Town of Carmel: Carman Hill mica, Crafts, Dean House Gregory (Drewville),
- ❖ Island (Lake Mahopac), Kennicut Hill iron, Kennicut Hill gold, Union Valley
- ❖ Town of Kent: Arsenic Mine (Albee incorrectly places it in Carmel), a silver mine; Ludington's Mine; Ludingtonville (North Prospect & Sprague's); Mone (or Moue?), Sprague's gold prospects.
- ❖ Town of Patterson: Hobby Farm prospect
- ❖ Town of Southeast: Townsend, Brewster, Brookfield, Simewog, Brush, Burdick's Blacklead, Columbia, Crosby (Milltown), Croton Magnetic (McCullum, Cheever, Durant, Theall (iron & lead), Everet Prospect, Joe's Hill silver (Devil's Den), Southeast #'s 2 -5, Tilly Foster, Wood's lead (The Lost Lead Mine)

Please note that the Town of Putnam Valley: Oregon Shaft (should have been in "West Book"

#### **8. Notebook #4, "West Book"**

Information on mines and prospects in western Putnam County and northern Westchester gathered with help of Peter Zodac, mineralogist from Peekskill, from field trips, published literature, and interviews with old miners and old residents of area. The mines, "lost mines", and prospects are as follows:

- ❖ Philipstown and adjoining area: Anthony's Nose (copper, silver, pyrrhetite) and Highland Chemical Works, Benson's silver mine (lost), Braasch gold mine, Breakneck Mountain, Canopus, Continentalville (coal, lead, tin, molybdenite), Constitution Island iron, Dennings, Donahue silver, Garrison iron, Gouverneur, Indian Brook (lead, silver), Kemble, MacKellar's graphite, Manitou silver, McCoy's gold, Moshier's prospect (copper, quicksilver), Mowatt's gold & silver, Smith's silver, Taylor blacklead, Yeoman's iron (Merritt's iron), White, Weeks, Philipse Brook lead, Warren Ridge.
- ❖ Putnam Valley: Bunnell iron mine & forge, Canada (iron, silver), Conklings, Denny (or Parrott), Fezey's iron (or Stewart), Frenchman's silver, Gale's gold, Gilbert's coal pits, Grey's silver, Kemey's iron, O'Dell's iron, Pratt (or Forman) iron, Sackett, Smith's gold & silver, Sunk (Philipse, Hamilton, West Point, Williams).
- ❖ Kent: Light's gold & silver, Rowes, Rose, soapstone

### **9. Various Research Notes**

A collection of detailed maps and mine plans drawn by Allison Albee of mines and old structures and foundations in Putnam County. Also some notes on mines not included in mine notebooks:

- ❖ Carmel: Ira Beyea prospect, Mahopac Mines, Blackberry Island (Grand Island) mine In Kent: Sprague's Mine in Ludingtonville, 2 plans of Ludingtonville showing all mines
- ❖ Patterson: Hobby & Burch iron mines
- ❖ Philipstown: Taylor's blacklead, Anthony's Nose (2), Manitou silver & iron, Gouverneur, Continentalville cave, Chapman's iron, graphite (Philipse Brook lead), Wayside or Graymoor gold, Yeoman's Iron, Donahue silver, map of Graymoor area, Canopus, Braasch gold (2 maps and narrative), Smith's gold, interview with Fred Croft, Canopus Mine
- ❖ Putnam Valley: Sunk, mines at Oregon, Taylor's graphite, Williams, Conklings, openings on Grass road, Coalgrove (2), interview with Ellsworth Moshier, iron mine on Clear Lake Reservation
- ❖ Southeast: Tillerson's lead mine, Townsend, Brewster

### **10. Photocopies from photographs and manuscripts.**

A narrative about mines on Anthony's Nose in Philipstown and photograph of opening of the Upper mine of the Sunk Mines in Putnam Valley.

### **11. Photocopy from Mine Notebook #1 "Iron Works" Kent Mine.**

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## **HC402**

### **Cemetery notebooks of the Reverend Floyd Fisher**

**Extent:** document box #6

**Arrangement:** by cemetery

**Description:** The notebooks focus on the regional area of Putnam County. Reverend Fisher records names, dates, and observations pertaining to personal and historic events.

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## **HC403**

### **“They All Rest Together”, Reverend Floyd Fisher**

**Extent:** document box #6

**Arrangement:** by cemetery

**Description:** Manuscript/notebooks of Reverend Fisher’s published work of 1979 under the above title.

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## **HC404**

### **Reverend Horace S. Hillery 1953-1962**

**Extent:** flat oversized document box #1

**Arrangement:** various

**Description:** This is a record of research notes taken by the Rev. Horace S. Hillery, Putnam County Historian from 1953 to 1962, from his reading in various subjects of NYS and local history. The folder consist of various histories, documents collections, and genealogy sources. The other material is listed by numbers 1-54. In this group are several original documents however, they are primarily reproduced records. The records date from 1713-1971. The subject matter is varied and interesting to examine. Supplement is filed with material.

See attached/following for index, folders 1-54 (print edition only).

## **HC 405**

### **Putnam County History Work Shops**

Starting in 1954, a series of history work shops was initiated by Horace E. Hillery, County Historian. Booklets were prepared that contain the research, papers presented, etc. by the participants.

<b>Vol 1 – 1954</b>	<b>prior to 1783</b>
<b>Vol 2 – 1955</b>	<b>1775-1855</b>
<b>Vol 3 – 1957</b>	<b>1850-1957 – The Last Hundred Years</b>
<b>Vol 4 – 1961</b>	<b>Putnam County in the Civil War</b>
<b>Vol 5 – 1962</b>	<b>Putnam County Sesquicentennial</b>

Reading copies available in library.

See attached/following for index (print edition only).

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## **HC 406.**

### **Putnam Valley stone chambers research, 1989-90**

**Extent:** 1 folder, document box #3

**Arrangement:** topical

**Description:** Data compiled by Barbara Doyle and Thad Cook on 43 stone chambers, mostly in Putnam Valley. Information includes dimensions, orientation, owner, as well as notes. Map and some sketches.

**HC 407.**

**Morningthorpe – Seth B. Howes, 1890s, 1970s**

**Extent:** 1 folder, document box #3

**Arrangement:** topical

**Description:** Sale of property and auction of contents c 1979. Several newspaper articles. See also photos for several of the tag sale and inside views as well as 5 large copies of photos (1 of house before turrets added). Also 2 canceled check from Seth B. Howes 1896.



## Personal Papers series HC 500

### HC501

#### Barnum Papers 1829-1935

**Extent:** document box #8

**Arrangement:** 1-5, various

**Description:** This collection relates almost entirely to the Akin family of Patterson. Papers include 10 letters (1921-1927) concerning Grace T. Akin's investment in North Dakota land and mortgage company; 15 deeds and indentures (1829-1878) concerning land acquired by Reed Akin, Theodore Akin, LeGrand Akin, et al.; Patterson School District #2 warrants and property assessments 1871-73; papers relating to the administration of estates of Jane Akin, LeGrand Akin, Jane Pudney (including Revolutionary War pension), and Reed Akin; various papers relating to indebtedness (1868-1935); patent and drawing on linen of T.W. Akin's improved milk can; T.W. Akin's appointment as postmaster in 1885; and two unidentified photographs in photograph file.

- ❖ Patterson School District #2 Warrants 1871-1873 - school district taxes
- ❖ Various papers relating to indebtedness 1868-1936
- ❖ Estate papers, Akin and Hayt
- ❖ Deeds and indentures
- ❖ Business correspondence to Grace Akin 1922-1927

### HC 501

#### Barnum Papers

**Extent:** Archives A6D5 flat file

**Arrangement:** oversized document

**Description:** T.W. Akin Milk Can patented November 10, 1868. Oversized located in Archives A6D5.

### HC502

#### Minnie Barnum Durga

**Extent:** document box #8

**Arrangement:** various

**Description:** Various papers of historical research created and collected correspondence by Minnie Barnum Durga of New Millford, CT, daughter of Susan A. Barnum. Many papers are related to places and families in Haviland Hollow area of Patterson and western Connecticut.

- ❖ The papers include genealogical research for the families of Wanzer, Bouton, Durgy, Leach, and Pepper.
- ❖ Cemetery listings for Connecticut cemeteries for families in New York and Connecticut. Those families are Lane, Haviland, Bouton, Wanzer, Northrup, Barnum, Knapp, Disbrow, Dwight, Treadwell, Whaley, and Mead.
- ❖ Haviland Hollow school
- ❖ Bouton mill
- ❖ New York & Mahopac Railroad

- ❖ Records of marriages performed in CT by a justice of the peace 1746-91 in families with many Putnam Quaker connections
- ❖ Joseph Hoag's vision in 1803 concerning schisms in churches and Society of Friends.

## HC503

### Brewster Granville Durgie 1923-1994

**Extent:** document box #8

**Arrangement:** various

**Description:** Mr. Durgie was the assistant to the County Historian 1990-1994.

He compiled a history of churches in Putnam County, particularly the Roman Catholic Church, to which he was a convert. His papers are research notes and manuscripts.

## HC504

### Cornwall Papers 1783-1827

**Extent:** Archives A6D5 flat file

**Arrangement:** 5 oversized documents

**Description:** The papers relating to the Cornwall family of Patterson are primarily from first half of 19th century. They include lists of birthdates, various estates papers and deeds.

- ❖ Indenture from John & Jane Young to Lewis Cornwall, 1783, in excellent condition.
- ❖ Indenture related to the settlement of the estate of Joshua Cornwell (d. 1825) regarding the sale of property in Flushing, NY by August Cornwall & others to Joseph Grinnell.
- ❖ Quitclaim Deed; Corning, Cooke, and Huntington to Charles Cornwall 1826.
- ❖ Indenture; James and Samuel Cornwall to their five spinster sisters, 1827.
- ❖ Master's Deed; Thomas Cooper Master of the Court of Chancery to Joshua Cornwall concerning the default of a mortgage 1803.

## HC505

### Dykeman Papers 1817-1928

**Extent:** document box #8

**Arrangement:** 1-6, by subject and various

**Description:** Included in these files are various bills for the sale of cattle by Jesse Kelley and Daniel Drew. Included are lists of the names of those who were required to pay school taxes in the town of Southeast in 1880 and some miscellaneous deeds. Specific items which are enclosed include: a plot of a survey of a lot of land, owned by Edward and Samuel Smith (1807), a letter written by Eunice A Dykeman, dated March 3, 1845 and the wills of Caleb Fowler (1797) and Peter Chapman (1847). Various receipts regarding stock ownership for The New York and Boston Railroad Company and Sing-Sing Silver Mine Co. are also included. Two tickets to the Grand National Concert at Grovers Theatre, Washington, and D.C. for The Benefit of the Soldiers' Orphan Home Fund, held on Thurs. Aug. 2, 1866 are enclosed.

- ❖ Tax warrants, Southeast School District #10 1834, 1876, 1878, 1880 and Southeast district #32 highway assessments.
- ❖ Correspondence relating to the purchase of wild animals for menageries.

- ❖ Various legal papers relating to Jesse Kelley and Peter Chapman; lunacy proceedings for Samuel Chapman.
- ❖ Various papers relating to the Dykeman family. There is correspondence referencing Putnam County Politics from Hamilton Fish 1875-1878. \*
- ❖ Cattle sales of Jesse Kelley and Daniel Drew, 3 ledgers.
- ◆ Map of Putnam County (1928), located in a map tube as map file #01-044.

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## HC506

### George W. Gregory 1862-1896

**Extent:** document box #9

**Arrangement:** 2 folders, various

**Description:** Files include personal papers belonging to Gregory which include various receipts, promissory notes, carnival passes, Croton Lodge (cards), copies of photographs, a wedding invitation (son), the inventory from the estate of G.W. Gregory. Other documents include pension request forms for Mrs. Gregory as a widow and genealogy charts for the Gregory family.

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## HC507

### Gemmill Papers 1 & 11

**Extent:** document box #9

**Arrangement:** various

**Description:**

#### Gemmill Papers 1 1823-1861

- ❖ Excerpt taken from the Westchester Herald, June 16, 1823 regarding the death of Mrs. Tavnar Crane.
- ❖ Copy of a publication issued by the Somers Historical Society dated 1960.
- ❖ Letter correspondence by John Gemmill to Horace Hillery historian regarding various historical subjects.
- ❖ Copy of the U.S. Register (postal) for the dates: 1855, 1857, 1859, 1861, 1863
- ❖ A document containing the valuation of the real and personal property in the county of Putnam for the year 1815.
- ❖ Minutes of an annual school meeting for district #4 for the purpose of electing officers copy.
- ❖ Photographs of the Putnam Co. Railroad. The photographs are located in the archival photograph collection.

#### Gemmill Papers II 1775-1861

This file, a continuation of the entry listed above, contains

- ❖ Various listings of the postal routes from the route register 1814-1817, Mail routes 1828-1852 and 1832-1836
- ❖ Postal history notes 1775-1855
- ❖ Report of Putnam Co. Newspapers up to 1855
- ❖ Mail proposals for the state of New York for the years 1857-61.
- ❖ Letter Correspondence written by R.P Parrott addressed to Messrs Franklin Townsend & Co. 1846,1848. copies

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## **HC508**

### **Giddings Papers 1855-1889**

**Extent:** document box #9

**Arrangement:** various

**Description:** This file contains various old newspapers of and around Putnam County such as: The Putnam County Standard, The Pawling Journal, The Pawling Pioneer, and Peekskill Republican. The dates of these newspapers include 1855, 1870, 1876, 1881, and 1889. These newspapers can be located separate from this file in the newspaper drawer. NOTE: Pawling papers given to Dutchess County Historical Society. For Putnam County Standard see HC932. For Peekskill Republican see HC933.

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## **HC509-1**

### **Samuel Barrett Hickman Papers collected 1897-1979**

**Extent:** 5 ½ cubic feet various

**Arrangement:** 509-1 – 509-11 Alpha by folders, volumes

**Description:**

#### **S. Barrett Hickman Papers Introduction**

The Hickman papers are a collection of approximately 6 cu. ft., donated to the County Historian's Office by Samuel Barrett Hickman 1997-1999. The contents of the collection document the lives of both Samuel Barrett Hickman and his father, Samuel J. Hickman. They are a primary documentary source for the lives of these two men, the activities of the Putnam County Republican Party in the mid-twentieth century, the political career of Samuel Barrett Hickman, and Putnam County history in general during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

Samuel J. Hickman, born in 1897 in East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, relocated as a youth with his widowed mother to Carmel, New York and attended public schools there. Following his graduation from Carmel High School Mr. Hickman worked full time in the general store in Carmel owned by his maternal uncle, Samuel T. Barrett. In 1922 Samuel Hickman married Bernice Mosgrave, whom he had met when she was a student at the Drew Seminary. In that year also Mr. Hickman bought his uncle's feed and general store and operated it until his retirement in 1972. Mr. Hickman was a well-known resident of Carmel who served briefly as Carmel Town Supervisor and was active in local civic organizations. Samuel J. Hickman died in 1992.

Samuel Barrett Hickman was born in Danbury, Connecticut on October 3, 1929. He was educated in the Carmel public schools, graduating from Carmel High School in 1947. He graduated from Hamilton College in 1951 followed by service in the United States Air Force 1952 to 1956. He attended law school at Cornell University, graduating in 1959. Attorney Hickman entered into the practice law with the

firm of Kent, Hazzard, Jaeger, Wilson, Freeman and Greer and remained until 1976 when he was elected Putnam County District Attorney. Previously, 1965-1976, S. Barrett Hickman had served as a Town Justice in Carmel, New York. In 1979 he was elected to a Putnam County judgeship followed in 1985 by his election to the New York State Supreme Court.

Judge Hickman has left papers not only to the Putnam County Historian's Office, but also to the Southeast Museum, the Kent Historical Society, and the Carmel Historical Society. The collection of the Putnam County Historian contains some of the decisions issued by Judge Hickman in cases at which he presided. However this collection does not contain any documents that relate to the 1999 defamation suit brought by Stephen Pagonis in Poughkeepsie, New York, against the attorneys for Tawana Brawley.

## **HC509-1**

### **S.B Hickman Papers**

**Extent:** document box #10

**Arrangement:** various, A-F

**Description:**

**A. Newspaper Articles** - This file contains photocopies of newspaper articles contained in the papers of S. B. Hickman. The articles cover the period 1965-1992 with the greatest volume covering the 1970's. Subject matters include the judicial career of S. B. Hickman, other judicial personalities and issues, other members of the Hickman family, and local political topics. One article from 1922 describes the destruction by fire of the Carmel Presbyterian Church.

**B. SIC Clippings** - The file, created by S. B. Hickman, consists almost entirely of newspaper articles concerning the 1976 events leading to a State Commission of Investigation (SIC) inquiry into a proposed Putnam County landfill.

**C. Letters, Postcards, and Telegrams** - This file contains the various correspondence found in the papers of S. B. Hickman other than that which Judge Hickman included in files of his own making. Among the letters are examples from Congressman Hamilton Fish, Jr., State Senator Vincent Leibell III, State Senator Jay P Rolison, Jr., State Assemblyman Willis Stevens, Putnam County Historian Sallie Sypher, and a telegram from United States' Vice President Nelson Rockefeller.

**D. Political Collectibles (1 of 2)** - This file contains political memorabilia including a 1960 New York State Republican Committee yearbook, an undated guide "Guide for Republican Leadership", and a program of the Inaugural event on January 1, 1995 for Governor George Pataki and Lt. Governor Betsy McCaughey.

**E- Political Collectibles (2 of 2)** - This folder consists entirely of political campaign literature associated with a variety of local, state, and federal offices spanning the period 1945-1986.

**F. Republican Organization** - This file, created by S. B. Hickman, contains Republican Party Committee lists, by town and district, for the years 1964-66, 1968-70, and 1976-78, state Republican organizational literature, a list of Conservative Party County committee members for 1975-77, the minutes of a Putnam County Republican Committee meeting on July 8, 1968, one newspaper article, and a typed invitation to a dinner party on December 6, 1976 at the home of MW (Malcolm Wilson). See HC509-6 for additional Republican Committee information.

## HC509-1

### S.B. Hickman Papers

**Extent:** document box #11

**Arrangement:** various, G-O

**Description:**

**G. Election Results** - This file, created by S. B. Hickman, contains election results for Putnam County spanning the years 1943-1984 with some omissions, a list of Democratic Party Committeemen for the year 1978, Rules of the Democratic Party of Putnam County (1971), Rules of the Putnam County Conservative Party Committee members for 1975-77, and the Rules of the Putnam County Republican Party for 1971.

**H. S.B.Hickman as the author** - This file, created by S. B. Hickman, contains a variety of materials, some of which is the written product of S. B. Hickman. In this regard, the file contains a college term paper written by S. B. Hickman titled "The Supreme Court 1938 to 1948", a book review titled "The Police and Modern Society", and an article by S. B. Hickman, "Meet Mr. Coon", which appeared in the July, 1945 issue of Fur, Fish, Game magazine. There is an advertising copy from Herskdvits a fur buyer in New York City. Hickman as a youth was an outdoorsman and hunter.

**I. High School and College Alumni** - The material in this folder consists primarily of high school reunion materials for the Carmel High School classes of 1944, 1945, and 1946. The file also contains photos of those people attending the reunion event. Ruth Hewitt, Mrs. S. B. Hickman, was a member of the class of 1946, and her letter to the reunion organizers gives information about the Hickman family. College alumni information includes articles pertaining to Doane Chichester Comstock, and a benefactor of Hamilton College and an article written during S.B. Hickman's Law school days as a competitor of a law review membership.

**J. Photographs** - This file contains forty-five (45) photos that were among the Hickman papers. Most of the people who are in these photos are identified. Photocopies.

**K. Gems of Thought** - This file contains correspondence, typescript short essays about Carmel history, typescript pages about the March, 1888 blizzard, and drafts for two speeches or newspaper style articles.

**L. History Articles** - This file, which came into the collection as constituted, consists of newspaper articles, correspondence, pamphlets, newsletters, and other documents that have a connection to the history of Putnam County and New York State.

**M. Samuel J. Hickman** - This file contains a variety of documents that relate to the life of or were possessions of Samuel J. Hickman, father of Judge Hickman. Among the materials are:

- ❖ newspaper articles,
- ❖ correspondence, a photocopy of a letter dated April 23, 1932 to Samuel Hickman from Governor Franklin Delano Roosevelt
- ❖ the will of Coleman R. Barrett,
- ❖ Samuel J. Hickman's primary and secondary school documents,
- ❖ photocopies of the Hickman family Bible's marriages, births, and deaths pages,
- ❖ memorabilia from the Hickman department store,
- ❖ and the typescript of an interview with Samuel J. Hickman conducted by Anne Crowley and Frieda Margolis on January 27, 1984.
- ❖ an undated typescript produced by Samuel Hickman titled "Fifty Years of Retailing."
- ❖ handwritten notes pertaining to World War II and the German mind,
- ❖ newspaper clipping of "Death of Masaryk" pertaining to the post-war Crises in Communist take-over of Czechoslovakia,
- ❖ 1944 publication of "Volunteer Aircraft Warning." Additional papers are in the Personal Papers series 510.

**N. Mount Carmel Baptist Church** - This folder contains documents produced by and about the Carmel Baptist Church, which is the church that S. B. Hickman attended. A deed for a church pew issued to Daniel R. Nichols in 1870 and a program for the inaugural event May 8, 1907 at which a dedicatory organ recital was presented on the newly installed church organ.

**O. Church Publications from Putnam and Westchester Counties** - This file contains the published material of several Putnam and Westchester County churches. Several examples include the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary publication of the Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church of Tarrytown, "A History of the First United Methodist Church, Brewster, New York, 1834-1976", "History of Christ Church on Quaker Hill, Pawling, New York", a 1932 dedicatory program of the Monastery of Mary Immaculate in Garrison, NY, and "A Trip through St. Christopher's Inn" (1937) at Garrison.

## **HC509-1**

### **S.B. Hickman Papers**

**Extent:** document box #12

**Arrangement:** various, P-T

#### **Description:**

**P. Programs** - This folder contains programs for a variety of events both civic and personal. . There is a 1947 program of the Putnam County Choral Festival at which the high school choruses of Haldane, Carmel, Mahopac, and Brewster High Schools performed and in which S.B. Hickman participated. There is material for local theatres, testimonial dinners, expositions, service organizations, political activities, religious organizations, municipal associations, judicial associations, naturalization ceremonies, and the 1985 program of activities for the inauguration of President Reagan. Also of interest is a "Minstrel Frolics" program from a 1960 minstrel event staged in Brewster.

**Q. Daughters of the American Revolution** - The Hickman family's association with the DAR was through the membership of Ruth Hickman's mother. Ruth Hickman was the wife of S.J. Hickman (HC510) and mother to S. B. Hickman. This file contains documents collected by Ruth Hickman that include "DAR Handbook, 1960", "Bylaws of New York State Organization of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, 1957", documents of the Enoch Crosby Chapter (Carmel) of the DAR for the period 1959-1963, the bylaws of the national organization for 1957, and the pamphlet "What Daughters Do".

**R. Historical Material** - This file contains a variety of documents that relate to the history of Putnam County, many of which are specific to Carmel. In the material are manuscript and typescript documents, newspaper clippings, and photocopies of local government documents, correspondence, and some documents connected with the 1976 bicentennial. One document of interest is a manuscript compilation of the names of local government officials (county and town) spanning the period from approximately 1812 to 1979.

**S. Historical Material** - This file, which came into the collection as constituted, contains three manuscript documents. The first of these is a letter to the editor titled "The Degeneracy if Modern Times" which appears to be the product of Miss Georgia (?) Luddington dated January 26, 1839. Further, it appears that the letter is a transcription made by "E.M.H." at some unknown date. Another manuscript is titled "The Sunk Mine". The third is a manuscript titled "A Legend of the Hudson" which is a legendary tale about the naming of the place known as Breakneck. The manuscript bears the date October 1885.

**T. Danbury Fair Speedways** - One form from the "Midget Auto Races" 1948.

**U. Miscellaneous Other Personal/Family Papers, c. 1951-2002** Various newspaper articles on S. B. Hickman and the Hickman family, a page of facts about Drew Seminary by Bernice Hickman, Drew

catalog 1920, a thank you letter from Hamilton Fish, 1951 Selective Service records, 5/15/02 letter of transmittal, and more.

## **HC509-2**

### **S.B. Hickman Papers**

**Extent:** document box #13

**Arrangement:** various, A-J

#### **Description:**

**A. Young Republican** - This file, created by S. B. Hickman, contains correspondence, minutes of meetings, membership lists, newspaper articles, and handwritten notes pertaining to the Putnam Young Republicans. Most of the documents in this file date from the period 1960-1962. S. B. Hickman served during this time period as Chairman of the Putnam Young Republicans.

**B. Albany Newsletter**- This file, created by S. B. Hickman, contains primarily legislative reports issued in 1962 to constituents from Assemblyman Willis H. Stephens and State Senator Ernest I. Hatfield. Additionally, there is an address presented on April 10, 1962 by Assemblyman Stephens to an annual joint meeting of the Rotary, Lions, and Kiwanis Clubs.

**C. D.A. File Clippings** - This file, created by S. B. Hickman, contains newspaper articles, a Hickman press release, two issues of "Justice Court Topics", and a certificate issued by The American Judicature Society. Most of this material concerns S. B. Hickman's candidacy for District Attorney in 1976.

**D. Transition** - This file, created by S. B. Hickman, contains newspaper articles and some correspondence relating to the transition period from the election to S. B. Hickman's installation as District Attorney.

**E. Press Relations and Statements** - This file, created by S. B. Hickman, contains news releases, correspondence, newspaper articles, and some handwritten material relating to the District Attorney's office during the years 1976-1977.

**F. S. Barrett Hickman County Judge Campaign, 1978** - This file, created by S. B. Hickman, contains newspaper articles and various political campaign documents related to his successful candidacy for a Putnam County judgeship as well as similar materials relating to other local political contests.

**G. Letters and campaign materials** - This file, created by S. B. Hickman, contains correspondence (1976-1979), campaign literature, the 1978 campaign financial disclosure statements of the Friends of S. Barrett Hickman, handwritten notes, and newspaper articles. Most of this material relates to S. B. Hickman's successful campaign in 1978 for Putnam County Judge.

**H. D.A. Resignation and Closeout of Office** - This file, created by S. B. Hickman, contains correspondence, handwritten notes, and several newspaper clippings. The majority of the material relates to the transition in office from District Attorney to County Court Judge and dates from late 1978. A partial letter (pages 2-4) from Lenore Elkan to S. B. Hickman, dated December 6, 1976 is of interest in that it details the transition procedure at the time that S. B. Hickman became District Attorney in 1977.

**I. Putnam D.A. Challenges** - This file, created by S. B. Hickman, consists entirely of newspaper accounts of S. B. Hickman's decision to dismiss an indictment against Carmel Highway Superintendent, Thomas Burke, and appoint a special prosecutor to re-examine the case. The other interested party, District Attorney Joseph M. Costello, criticized Judge Hickman's decision.



## HC509 -2

### S.B. Hickman Papers

**Extent:** document box #14  
**Arrangement:** various, J-M  
**Description:**

**J. S. Barrett Hickman Supreme Court Campaign, 1985 (File 1 of 2)** - This file, created by S. B. Hickman, contains material about his re-election campaign for Supreme Court Justice in 1985. The file (1) is further sub-divided into four divisions: Dutchess – General, Orange County – General, Conservative, and Financial Reports. The contents of these sub-divisions are:

- 1. Dutchess – General** - This file contains a copy of the “Dutchess County Directory: Fact Book of County and Local Governments, 1985”, a copy of the “Dutchess County Republican Committee Yearbook, 1985”, Dutchess County Republican Committee calendars of events, and correspondence.
- 2. Orange County – General** - This file contains correspondence, an Orange County Republican Committee calendar of events (October), a list of Orange County Republican town and city chairmen, a list of the Orange County Republican Committee, and some campaign literature.
- 3. Conservative** - This file contains correspondence and one newspaper article relating to the Conservative Party.
- 4. Financial Reports** - This file contains three completed New York State Financial Disclosure Statements, an executed promissory note for \$5,000 between The Putnam County National Bank of Carmel and S. Barrett Hickman, and some literature issued by the State Board of Elections.

**K. S. Barrett Hickman Supreme Court Campaign, 1985 (File 2 of 2)** - This file contains material about S. B. Hickman’s re-election campaign for Supreme Court Justice in 1985. This file (2) is further sub-divided into nine divisions: Putnam, Rockland – General, Newspapers, Yonkers, Westchester County – Judicial Delegates and Convention, Westchester – General, New Rochelle, League of Women Voters, and Westchester – White Plains. The content of these sub-divisions is:

- 1. Putnam** – This file contains a program from the May, 1985 Putnam County Republican Committee annual dinner dance, a list of the Carmel Republican Committee, and a list of the members of the Putnam County Republican Committee (1984-1986).
- 2. Rockland – General** - This file contains calendars of events, campaign literature, correspondence, lists (by town) of the members of the Rockland Republican Party Committee, and one newspaper article.
- 3. Newspapers** - This file contains handwritten notes, correspondence, lists of local newspapers, and articles from the newspaper Catholic New York.
- 4. Yonkers** - This file contains handwritten notes, correspondence, and a list of the members of the Yonkers Republican City Committee.
- 5. Westchester County – Judicial Delegates** - This file consists entirely of a partial list of delegates and alternate delegates to the Judicial District Convention in the Ninth Judicial District.
- 6. Westchester – General** - This file contains correspondence, a calendar of events of the Westchester Republican Committee, a list of delegates and alternate delegates to the Judicial District Convention of the Ninth Judicial District, handwritten notes, and a program from the seventh anniversary dinner meeting of The Association of Black Lawyers of Westchester County.
- 7. New Rochelle** - This file contains several pages of handwritten notes.
- 8. League of Women Voters** - This file consists entirely of one telephone message.
- 9. Westchester – White Plains** - This file contains handwritten notes and political literature.

**L. Election 1985 JSC** - This file, created by S. B. Hickman, contains correspondence, a Board of Elections financial disclosure statement, campaign literature, an agenda of the September 19, 1985 Ninth District Judicial Convention, handwritten notes, S. B. Hickman's personal resume, newspaper clippings, Westchester and Orange County Republican Committee calendars of events, a 1984 list of officers and members of the board of directors of the Putnam County Bar Association, and sample 1978 and 1985 ballots. As the title of the file indicates, most of its contents pertain to the 1985 judicial election in which S. B. Hickman was a successful candidate.

**M. Court Decisions and Other Court Related Documents** - This file contains County Court, Surrogate Court, and state Supreme Court cases decided by S. B. Hickman. It also includes a number of appeals decisions issued in connection with cases initially decided by S. B. Hickman. In addition, there are photocopied excerpts from the New York Law Journal and the Westchester Law Journal that describe cases decided by Judge Hickman. There are also a copy of A Brief History of the New York State Supreme Court, judicial assignments, a list of negligence cases heard by juries in Supreme Court, Putnam County, which span the years 1964 to 1970, and a pamphlet published by the Committee for an Elected Judiciary.

## HC509-2

### S.B. Hickman Papers

**Extent:** document box #15

**Arrangement:** various, N-Q

**Description:**

**N. Putnam County Bar Association, 45-1, General File** - This file contains correspondence, Bar Association committee members, an undated list of town justices, lists of the Bar Association's officers and committees, a Westchester County Bar Association questionnaire for candidates for judicial office, and meeting notices. The material in the file is from the time period 1970 to 1986.

**O. Garden Street School (Brewster) Visit** - The file contains letters and drawings sent by students of the Garden Street Elementary School, in Brewster, NY, to Mark Gebo thanking Mr. Gebo for conducting them through a visit to a Putnam County Court session at which Judge Hickman presided.

#### **P. Documents Relating to Putnam County –**

- ❖ Putnam County Charter, adopted November 8, 1977.
- ❖ Membership roster, Putnam County Chamber of Commerce, January 20, 1928.
- ❖ "A Commentary on Cemetery Care", by the Office of State History, State Education Department.
- ❖ "In This Building: A Selected Chronology", events in the Southeast Town Hall as excerpted from the Brewster Standard.
- ❖ A list of the state historical markers in Putnam County, their inscriptions, and locations (undated).
- ❖ A 1974 Foundry School Museum exhibit announcement.
- ❖ Typescript, "Change in Ownership", Putnam County Courier.
- ❖ Primary enrollment ballot from 1955.
- ❖ "Celebrating Julia L. Butterfield's Diamond Jubilee".
- ❖ "Notes on Enoch Crosby, 1750-1835".
- ❖ "The Mahopacs, 1969", published by the Chamber of Commerce of the Mahopacs.
- ❖ "Mahopac Directory and Map", by the Chamber of Commerce.
- ❖ "The Westchester County Airport", 1949, Westchester County Department of Planning.
- ❖ "The Scribbler", Volume XXXII, Number 4, August 6, 1963, The Malcolm Gordon School.

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- ❖ "Kindred Spirits: A Hudson Valley Newsletter", Vol. 1, No. 2, winter 1993.

- ❖ “Dreamland” – a restaurant and inn brochure.
- ❖ “Lake Carmel-Kent Chamber of Commerce Directory”, undated.
- ❖ “Constitution, By-Laws and Rules”, Carmel Country Club, 1937.
- ❖ “Recollections of an Early Practice”, 1988 – a transcript of the recollections of Dr. Francis J. McKown.
- ❖ “Lake Carmel-Kent Chamber of Commerce Directory and Map”, undated.
- ❖ “Trends”, the Putnam County Planning Bulletin, summer 1986.
- ❖ “The Salvation Army Putnam Advisory Board, Membership Roster, 1980”.
- ❖ “Constitution and By-Laws of the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce”, 1925.
- ❖ “The Memoirs of Theodosia Smith Swenson”, 1973, published by the Southeast Museum.
- ❖ “The Credit Bulletin”, 1959, The Credit Bureau of Putnam County.
- ❖ “Historical Putnam County”, by Frederick W. Shaw, County Historian, undated.
- ❖ Program for the Putnam County 4-H Fair, 1982.
- ❖ Program for the Kent Historical Society’s 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, 1986.
- ❖ “Schedule of Events”, Sesquicentennial Celebration, Putnam County, 1962.
- ❖ “White Pond Reflections”, Vol. VII, No. 1, published by the White Pond Center, Stormville.
- ❖ “A Salute to Putnam’s Patriots”, Vol. 1, No. 2, May, 1976.
- ❖ “Carmel, The Putnam County Seat” narrative and business directory published by the Chamber of Commerce 1965-1966.
- ❖ Various documents.

**Q. D.A. Press Releases** - This file contains press releases issued in 1977-78 by District Attorney S. B. Hickman, and some correspondence from this same time period. Included in this correspondence is an exchange between S. B. Hickman and Congressman Hamilton Fish, Jr.

## **HC 509-3**

### **S.B. Hickman Papers**

#### **S.J. Hickman Store in Carmel**

**Extent:** archive box #6

**Arrangement:** account ledgers A-D

#### **Description:**

**A. S. J. Hickman Store - Daybook (Account Book)** - The volume is a daily Transaction register of purchases made during the period October-December, 1923 which lists the purchaser, the items purchased and their prices, and the means of payment (cash or charge).

**B. S.J. Hickman Store -Daybook (Account Book)** - An inscription on the inside Cover of this volume reads, “Day Book, Sales-Credits, Samuel J. Hickman General Store, Carmel, New York, Mar. 7, 1933-June 3, 1933”. The volume lists the purchaser, the items purchased and their prices, and the means of payment (cash or charge).

**C.S.J. Hickman Store- Ledger** - This indexed volume (alphabetically by account name) lists the purchases by customers, chronological, items purchased, cost, and method of payment. The time period of the ledger is 1929-1933.

**D. S.J. Hickman Store - Account Book** - This volume, covering 192-51926, lists customers of the Hickman store and the items they purchased; however, only the total purchase amount is entered. The legibility of the volume has been impaired by the practice of crossing out the entry, presumably upon payment.

## HC509-4

### S.B.Hickman Papers

#### S.J. Hickman Store in Carmel

**Extent:** archive box #6

**Arrangement:** account ledgers A- C

**Description:**

**A. S.J. Hickman Store - Account Book** - This indexed volume (alphabetically), dating from 1924-1925. The book lists the accounts of customers who shopped at the Hickman general store. The entries indicate the dates of purchase, the items purchased and their prices, and the payments made.

**B. S.J. Hickman Store - Account Book** - This alphabetically indexed volume marked "Book No 1" and dating from 1897-1901, lists the accounts of customers of the store that was later owned by Samuel J. Hickman. The entries are by customer and list the dates of purchase, the items purchased and their prices, and the payment made.

**C. S.J. Hickman Store - Check Register** - This check register from the Hickman store is for the period 1922-1923.

## HC509-5

### S.B. Hickman Papers

**Extent:** archive box #6

**Arrangement:** scrapbook, various

**Description:** This Scrapbook was compiled by Arvilla E. Barrett 1870's-1906. It contains newspapers clippings of narratives, poetry, memorials and a recipe for Maple Cream.

## HC509-5

### S.B. Hickman Papers

**Extent:** document box #16

**Arrangement:** A-C, various

**Description:**

**A.** Papers relating to the estate of Chloe B. Jaycox. Samuel J. Hickman was the Administrator of this estate.

**B.** Papers for the estate of Melvina B. Hickman, bank check statement, check book and register. Chole Jaycox shared the use of the checkbook with Melvina.

**C.** New York Central and Hudson River Railroad land rental statements 1901-1919 titled Samuel T. Barrett, postcard from France, memorial cards for Ruth H. Hickman, map to Glen Island Casino, WWII coal delivery, and receipt top for Association of Black Lawyers Dinner 1985. .

## HC509-6

### S. B. Hickman Papers – Republican Committee

**Extent:** document box #16  
**Arrangement:** A-C, chronological by folder

**Description:** This group of papers pertains to the Putnam County Republican Committee from 1959 through 1974 was donated to the Putnam County Historian's Office by S. Barrett Hickman. Judge Hickman was a former Secretary of the Republican County Committee and was later elected County Court Judge 1979 - 1985 and to the Supreme Court, Ninth Judicial District 1986 – to present.

**A. County Republican Committee Papers, 1962-1964**

**B. Republican Committee Papers, 1964-1966**

Minutes of Executive Committee, 1964-1965; minutes of full Putnam County Republican Committee, 1964-1966; miscellaneous housekeeping correspondence; affidavits; lists; articles

**C. Papers Relating to Nomination of Judges, 1968**

Letters, affidavits, court decisions, various documents, and correspondence relating to Republican Committee re: nomination of judges in 9th Judicial District, 1968.

## **HC 509-6**

### **S.B. Hickman Papers –Republican Committee**

**Extent:** document box #17  
**Arrangement:** various, D-G  
**Description:**

**D. Republican Committee Papers, 1962-1963**

Various letter, copies of minutes, court pleadings and orders, 1962-63.

**E. Republican Committee Papers, 1970-1972**

Minutes of full Republican Committee, July 1970 - Sept. 1971; also various correspondence, legal briefs on judicial ethics and assorted documents.

**F. Republican Committee Papers, 1962-1964** ("SBH's File")

Minutes of Republican Executive Committee, March 1962 - Aug. 1964; minutes full Republican Committee, Sept. 1962 - March 1964; various correspondence & various documents.

**G. Republican Committee Papers, 1966-1968**

This file contains Republican Committee minutes, July 1966 - March 1968, Executive Committee minutes March 1967 & March 1968, and various correspondence and Papers.

## **HC509-6**

### **S.B. Hickman Papers – Republican Committee**

**Extent:** document box #18  
**Arrangement:** various, H-Q  
**Description:**

**H. Republican Committee Papers, 1968-1978**

This group of papers include the Republican Committee minutes, July 1968 - Mar 1978, the Executive Committee Minutes Aug. 1968 - Sept. 1969, notes from the 9th Judicial District, Sept. 5, 1969, and various letters and papers.

**I. Various Papers, 1961-1962**

This is a folder of various political advertisements, press releases and newspaper clippings.

**J. Various Papers, 1959-1962**

Included in this folder are letter correspondence, documents, and newspaper clippings relating to Republican Party.

**K. Various Papers, 1961**

This folder contains letter correspondence, documents, and newspaper clippings relating to Republican Party, 1961.

**L. Putnam Young Republicans, 1960**

A variety of papers, correspondence, secretary's records; press releases, and fund-raising chiefly pertaining to the 1960 Presidential campaign are found in this folder.

**M. Putnam Young Republicans, 1960**

This folder contains various papers, mostly relating to State Young Republicans.

**N. Putnam Young Republicans, 1958-1959**

A book kept by Maffalda Carlone, Secretary includes minutes, correspondence, proxies, and miscellaneous papers.

**O. Papers relating to S. Barrett Hickman, 1960-1962**

Primary fight in 1960 for Republican County Committee seat; miscellaneous Young Republicans; letter from Buffalo law firm expressing interest in having Hickman join their firm.

**P. Republican Club of Southeast, 1960-1962**

Various papers

**Q. Putnam County Sesquicentennial, 1962**

Hickman was both chair of Brewster Chamber of Commerce celebration Committee and Secretary of the Republican County Committee. This folder contains his records of those committees.

## **HC509-7**

### **S.B. Hickman Papers**

**Extent:** document box #36

**Arrangement:** various, chronological

**Description:**

**A. Circus Museum Proposal, 2001-2003**

In 2001, Judge Hickman became interested in creating a museum of the American circus. In the 1820s and 1830s, many people in Putnam County had owned or been employed by menageries, the forerunners of the circus. Putnam County was also the home of Seth B. Howes, the greatest circus impresario of his day. SBH looked to other circus museums for assistance with developing a circus museum in Putnam County. When the Tilly Foster farm in Southeast was acquired by Putnam County in 2002, SBH proposed that the circus museum be located there. The folder includes SBH's correspondence and his file relating to this project.

SEE ALSO: HC910 003; HC404 44

**B. Carmel Beautification and Electrification Project, 2002**

In 2002, the Town of Carmel received a grant from New York State for the beautification of the hamlet of Carmel, including running the electric lines underground. This correspondence reflects the intention to coordinate the electrical work with the building of a new county courthouse.

**C. Miscellaneous Papers Relating to the restoration and reopening of of the 1814 Courthouse**

See also HC203

**D - H. Changing Plans for a New County Courthouse, 1989-2002**

In 1989, Putnam County filed a Capital Plan with the Office of Court Administration for the construction of a new county courthouse. The courts had been conducting business in the County Office Building while the 1814 Courthouse was under restoration. This was unsatisfactory to the OCA, even on a temporary basis. The County needed to decide on a site and plan for a new courthouse and at the same time find space for the Supreme Court and for the County Courts until a new courthouse was constructed. It had been decided that after its restoration the 1814 Courthouse it would house only the Surrogate's Court. These papers reflect the attempt to find temporary space that the various judges and OCA would find acceptable and to decide on the location, design, and contractors for a new building. The papers show the attempts to reconcile the wishes of Justice Fred Dickinson and Justice S. Barrett Hickman of the Supreme Court, Judges William Braatz, John W. Sweeney, Jr., Robert E. Miller, and James T. Rooney of the County Court, District Attorney Kevin Wright, the Putnam County Bar Association.

OCA continually urged the county to move more quickly, and the county changed its plans several times. First, it was intended to construct a new building as an annex to the 1814 Courthouse. Then the plan changed to construct a site on land to be purchased from St. James the Apostle Church. This site was abandoned for environmental reasons; and then the site was moved to the Knights of Columbus Hall/Burchetta building adjacent to the parking lot behind the 1814 Courthouse. This site, too, was abandoned in favor of one west of the County Office Building on Gleneida Avenue.

See also HC203, [HC404 5](#)

**D. 1989-1992**

**E. 1993-1995**

**F. 1996-1997**

**G. 1998-1999**

**H. 2000-2002**

**I. 2004-2005**

End S.B. Hickman Papers

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**HC510**

**Samuel J. Hickman Papers 1939-1987**

**Extent:** document box #19

**Arrangement:** various, A-B

**Description:** Various papers of Samuel J. Hickman, Carmel Town Supervisor and Town Historian

- ❖ Mahopac Rotary Club (1939-40)
- ❖ Copy of letter to Board of Supervisors relating to refusal of Supervisors to pay levy for support of railroad stations (1975).
- ❖ Trusteeship in Fishkill Savings Institute (1948).
- ❖ Copy of election to Carmel Supervisor office 1931.
- ❖ Testimonial dinner 1977.
- ❖ Transcript of interview 1984.

Note: Additional documents are held in S.B. Hickman's personal paper series 509-1 M.

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## HC511

### J. Robert Houskeeper Papers 1977-1979

**Extent:** document box #19

**Arrangement:** various

**Description:** The papers are those that remained in Putnam Valley Town Hall after J. Robert Houskeeper held office as Town Supervisor 1973-1979. The papers relate to proposed jail and justice center that was never constructed, in part because of Houskeeper's opposition. Other papers include architects proposals, information for public hearings, Houskeeper's notes and speeches in opposition, newspaper clippings and a copy of 1963 plans.

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## HC 512

### Willitt C. Jewell Papers 1845-1868

**Extent:** document box #19

**Arrangement:** various

**Description:** . Mr. Jewell was the editor of the Putnam County Courier and a photographer. His daughter Dorothy Jewell donated many of Jewell's photographs to the Historian's Collection.

- ❖ A draft manuscript of chapters written by Mr. Jewell for volume II of Southeastern, New York.
- ❖ Family correspondence between Vassar student Mary Carpenter and her father Willis Carpenter.
- ❖ A 1845-surety bond for John D. Lounsbury, the Carmel Supt. of Common Schools.
- ❖ A manuscript regarding Enoch Crosby.

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## HC 513

### Phelps Papers

**Extent:** document box #19

**Arrangement:** various

**Description:** The following papers contain

- ❖ The list of students who attended Jones Academy, Quaker Hill, and Pawling. This list shows the names of many Patterson students - Haviland, Barnum, Hinman, Akin, Howland, Mabie, Knapp, et al. and few from Carmel, Southeast and Kent.
- ❖ The story of Samuel Peet the Hermit (18th century and inscriptions at Peet burying ground.
- ❖ An account of Ben Sill and the tan vats at Cowl's Corner.
- ❖ An account of John Henion padlocking a gate so road couldn't be plowed.
- ❖ an interview with Ann Eliza Haviland, information on Quaker Hill by Beatrice Howes Platt, 1927
- ❖ The recollections of Samuel T. Rogers of his grandfather and of Revolutionary war veterans and their stories (copy, 1908).
- ❖ Birdsall and Disbrow, Roberts and Phelps genealogies.
- ❖ A list of marriages performed by Ephraim Hubbell, Justice of the Peace in New Fairfield, CT, 1746-1791, with many Patterson family names.
- ❖ A letter pertaining to Joshua Barnum & John Roberts in Revolutionary War.



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## HC 514

### Nichols Papers, deeds 1824, 1846, 1856

**Extent:** document box #19

**Arrangement:** single documents

**Description:** Collection consists of 3 deeds relating to the Cole and Nichols Families in Kent, 1824, 1846, & 1856.

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## HC515

### Segur Papers 1831-1923

**Extent:** document box #19

**Arrangement:** various

**Description:** The Segur name is also known as Segar and Seger. This collection contains:

- ❖ Lease 1846 agreement between John Towner, lessor, of Patterson and Moses B. Segar, lessee, of Pawling for a farm “together with the use of three cows” for one year,
- ❖ 1831 rental agreement between Moses B. Segar and the owner Ira Morse of Patterson together with “privilege of part of the cellar” and 3/4 of a garden,
- ❖ Three rent receipts, and the
- ❖ 1923 Report of the Organ Fund of the Patterson Church.

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## HC 516

### Taber Papers 1870-1928

**Extent:** document box #19

**Arrangement:** various

**Description:** This collection contains

- ❖ Travel letter correspondence by Mary Birdsall from Europe 1907-21, an
- ❖ Invitation to wedding of A. Stuart Patterson and Mary Ayers Hayt 1870, a
- ❖ Luncheon invitation from Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Birdsall 1928, and
- ❖ Various photos of members of families of Birdsall, Hayt, Patterson, and Taber. Photographs are housed in the archive photograph file.

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## HC 517

### W.O. Taylor Collection 1806-1863

**Extent:** document box #19

**Arrangement:** various

**Description:** The Papers collected included:

- ❖ Indentures; 1806-1853 (Kent, Haviland, Taylor, Pugsley, Peete, St. John),
- ❖ Haviland lease, 1852,
- ❖ Two election canvass books from Patterson, 1891 and 1850's or earlier,
- ❖ Various newspaper clippings including one pertaining to land acquisitions for state roads,

- ❖ Civil War letter from George P. Read to Mr. Haviland from Beverly Ford, VA, Sept. 2, 1963, especially interesting for his comments on his reaction to participating in execution of deserters,
- ❖ Various memorabilia such as 1873 Harlem Railroad timetable & old tickets,
- ❖ Invoices from Pugsley's store (resource for cost and needs of farmers),
- ❖ Lyrics to a song written after Lincoln assassination,
- ❖ "Interesting Biographical Sketches of Famous Men", 1839 written for children.

## HC517

### Taylor Papers

**Extent:** archives A6D5 flat file

**Arrangement:** 2 oversized documents

**Description:**

- ❖ Deed; Comfort Field to Benjamin Haviland, April 2, 1836. Oversized located in Archives A6 D5.
- ❖ Deed; Martin and Deborah Robinson to Elisha Brown, April 18, 1807. Oversized located in Archives A6D5.

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## HC518

### Wanzer Papers

**Extent:** document box #20

**Arrangement:** various

**Description:** The collection features family papers and information on a variety of subjects.

- ❖ Historical backgrounds of various churches and organized religions in and around the county,
- ❖ Historical information on Southeast and Putnam Valley,
- ❖ A listing of the members of the Patterson Presbyterian Church 1795-1826,
- ❖ Copy of a will written by Abraham Wanzer 1783.

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## HC519

### Warner Papers

**Extent:** document box #20

**Arrangement:** various

**Description:** Fred C. Warner 1959-1960 authored forty-five articles for the Patent Trader newspaper pertaining to the history of Putnam and Westchester County. The topics encompassed subjects such as Dutch-English settlement, the American Revolution, well-known persons, churches, industries etc.

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## HC520

### Rena E. Wilson Diary 1902-1903

**Extent:** document box #20

**Arrangement:** diary

**Description:** This record is a photocopy of Diary kept by Miss Rena E. Wilson of Crafts, Town of Carmel from January 1902, through November 1903. Her diary is a representation of rural life of the period and of "women's work". The source of the photocopies is Rev. Floyd Fisher, author of the cemetery research "They All Rest Together".

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## HC521

### Allen R. Pike Papers

**Extent:** document box #4

**Arrangement:** subject A-I

**Description:** Mr. Pike, a high school teacher, produced and directed a number of plays, including a radio play "Enoch Crosby – The Spy" and an adaptation of the play "American Heritage" for presentation in public schools. He recorded information on school plays, 1967-1970, on index cards. He re-created the "spirit master" process for "The Spy", participated in musical performances, and compiled various local history research pertaining to Sybil Ludington, Carmel, the Kent Historical Society, Southeast, and photocopies of photographs of local residents.

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## HC522 Jane M. Wood Papers

**Extent:** document box #27

**Arrangement:** 2 notebooks – re-housed

**Description:** Documents relating to the Wood family of Southeast collected by Jane M. Wood (b. Danbury, Connecticut, 19 ) Most are typescripts copied from genealogies written by others or copies of original documents and grave markers. Folders B through M were originally in one looseleaf notebook and were removed in their original order for preservation. Folder N was in a separate notebook. There are also original documents (see folders O & P). (This is an unpublished compilation of genealogical research featuring the Wood family beginning 1593 through the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. The Woods were early settlers in Massachusetts (1630) eventually moving to North Salem and Putnam County. Related family names include Dean, Rogers, Vail, Baldwin, Mead, Ferguson, Corbin, Cole and Beardsley.)

### A. "The Wood Family" by A.D. Wood, 1914

Contains lists of heads of households, spouses, and children from the Wood, Dean, Hunt, Hoag, Rogers, and Baldwin families.

### B. Records relating to Edmund Wood

### C. Records relating to Nehemiah Wood, 1st

### D. Records relating to Nehemiah Wood, II

### E. Records relating to the Brown family

### F. Records relating to John Wood

### G. Records relating to Israel Wood

### H. Records relating to the Dean family

**I. Records relating to the Rogers family**

**J. Records relating to the Baldwin family**

**K. Records relating to the Mead family**

**L. Records relating to the Ferguson and Ganung families**

**M. Records relating to the Corbin, Cole, and Beardsley families**

**N. The Wood Manuscript by Byron A. Wood of Elbridge, New York, 1907**

**O. Miscellaneous Legal Documents relating to the Wood family**

Folder contains leases, mortgages, contracts of sale, assignments, and receipts, 1912-1926.

**P. Two early documents relating to a will (1798) and to the Militia (1814)**

(1) Statement by Nehemiah Wood, Christopher Townsend, and Lydia Ballard willingly renouncing their position as executors of the will of Abner Doty in favor of an Administrator (Joseph Bailey). Signed Southeast, Feb. 12, 1798

(2) Appointment of Elijah Dean, Jr. as fourth sergeant of the Putnam County Militia. Signed Southeast, July 15, 1814.

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**HC 523**

**Henry Burton Papers**

**Extent:** document box #20

**Arrangement:** various

**Description:** Featured are income tax copies of the Burton Farm 1941, family correspondence, a letter/booklet from the U.S. Naval Training Station in Sampson, New York 1944, and two envelopes containing repair and parts list for a Bench Saw. The source of these records is Julie Bockhaus who gave the Burton Papers to the Historian's Collection as she had purchased them in a garage sale in the 1990s.

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**HC524**

**Philip E. Prinz Papers**

**Extent:** Archive Box 8, 9

**Arrangement:** 24 folders, 4 video tapes, 3 volumes, 1 binder

**Description:**

**Introduction  
P.E. Prinz Papers**

**Following his retirement from the Putnam County Sheriff's Department in 1996 Mr. Prinz donated the papers that he had collected during his thirty-four year (1962-1996) career as Sheriff to the Putnam County Historian's Office.**

**During Mr. Prinz's tenure as Sheriff the County Sheriff's Department grew substantially in size and served a community rapidly completing a transition from rural agricultural to suburban bedroom community adjacent to Westchester County. In those years perhaps one of the most significant changes is as documented by the sheriff is the final closure of the old Putnam County Jail and the construction of its successor. The Putnam Jail had become notorious for its lack of modern facilities and poor conditions. This jail is one the last county jails in New York State to modernize.**

Archives Box 8

**1. Putnam County Jail, files (1963-1986, incomplete)**

This group of records, which are organized chronologically by year, documents the operation of the Putnam County Jail during the period 1963 to 1986. During this period New York State ordered the existing Putnam County Jail closed. The documents relate to this closure, the relocation of inmates, and the steps taken to provide a new jail facility. The years of the records are 1963, 1967-1981, 1983-84, and 1986.

**2. Jail Bureau, Annual Reports (1975-1988, incomplete)**

This group of records consists of material provided to the New York State Commission on Correction concerning the operation of the Putnam County Jail and related material. The years included in these files are, with several gaps, 1973-1986.

**3. Justice Center, 1978**

This file contains documents that all relate to the construction of a new Justice Center-Jail facility. Among the documents are correspondence, memoranda, facility contracts and specifications, drawings, Board of Supervisors' meeting agendas and other official documents, and newspaper articles. Much of the material originates from Hershey, Malone and Associates, consulting engineers for the new jail facility.

**4. Drawings, County Jail**

This file consists primarily of design drawings of the new jail facility authorized in 1978 by the Putnam County Board of Supervisors. In addition, there are documents relating to an earlier 1964 proposal for a new jail facility.

**5. Photos, Handicapped Bathroom Jail 1988**

The folder contains four (4) photographs, along with a handwritten note dated 1988, of the handicapped bathroom facility in what is believed to be the Putnam County Jail.

**6. Legislature (County), 1967-1982**

The file consists of documents that concern the relationship of the Sheriff's Department with the County Board of Supervisors-County Legislature. Included in this folder is correspondence, copies of legislative resolutions, and newspaper articles.

**7. Newspaper Clippings**

The file contains photocopies of newspaper clippings that were compiled mostly between the years 1975-1980. This file contains clippings from Mr. Prinz retirement in 1996.

**8. Correspondence, 1979-1990**

The file contains incoming and outgoing letters that pertain to the Putnam County Sheriff's Department.

### **9. Training Materials**

The file contains overhead transparencies, sample documents (e.g., court decrees and summonses), newspaper clippings, and lesson plans and outlines. The various materials appear to have been assembled as training aids for use within the Sheriff's Department.

### **10. Organization and Management – Civil Process**

The file consists entirely of correspondence that spans the years 1979-1980 and relates to various sub-topics within the category civil process.

### **11. Organization and Management – Putnam Valley, 1979**

The file contains materials about the Putnam Valley police force and consists of handwritten notes, newspaper clippings, and a memorandum communication.

### **12. Legal, County Attorney Communications**

Included in this file are communications between the Department of Law and Sheriff's Department. They consist of letters and memoranda, together with supporting documents that deal with various legal procedural issues. The dates of the material are from 1978 and 1981.

### **13. Examinations**

The folder contains test materials and results from examinations given for various job titles in the Sheriff's Department. The materials date from the years 1983-1984.

### **14. Statewide Sheriffs' Annual Report, 1989**

The document is the 1989 New York State Commission of Correction's statewide compilation of data from county sheriffs' annual reports.

### **VHS Films**

The collection includes four VHS films that appear to be both film records of Sheriff's Department law enforcement work and film training materials. See Video collection HC800...

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## **HC524**

### **Philip E. Prinz Papers**

**Extent:** Archives Box # 9 folders 15 - 24

**Arrangement:** various

#### **Description:**

#### **15. 1972 Study of Putnam County Law Enforcement Communication System**

by Kelly Scientific Corp

#### **16. Jail Expansion Project Book 1**

Technical Assistance Report 1987, Capital Projects – Jail Expansion, Space Requirements Study 1988.

#### **17. Jail Expansion Project Book 2**

1988 memos and updates.

#### **18. The Grossfeld Partnership**

1989 Background information on the company

1990 Planning Study for the jail expansion

folder of miscellaneous items

**19. FBI 3-ring binder**

1977 report on closing the jail

1976-78 xerox copies of newspaper articles

Carbon, photo, and mimeograph copies of reports and letters 1949-1967

**20. miscellaneous correspondence on jail expansion 1989-90**

**21. Pre-fabricated jail cells**

Promotional material from two different vendors

**22. Ledger of inmate outgoing and incoming mail 1/1949 - 9/1951**

**23. Ledger of inmate outgoing and incoming mail 1/1954 - 1/1958**

**24. Daily sheriff's log of jail activities 3/1945 - 9/1945**

End HC524

SEE ALSO Series 005, 006

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**HC525**

**Isaac Tompkins Papers, 1898-1930**

**Extent: Document Box 20**

**Arrangement: 3 folders, various**

**Description:** Various documents received from Ira Tompkins, son of Isaac Tompkins of Tompkins Corners and Putnam Valley, including tax receipts, receipts from local merchants, and other miscellaneous papers and booklets.

1. Various school tax receipts and one notice of taxes due, 1898-1930.
2. Receipts from various local suppliers for house building materials, 1900-1923.
3. Miscellaneous papers: 1900 appointment as Overseer of Highway, household receipts 1928-1929, Odd Fellows booklet 1910, NY traffic laws 1919, Whitehall Building NYC booklet 1920s, phone bill 1922, NY State University bulletin 1914, spelling prize card Herman Tompkins 1916.

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**HC526**

**Patterson Papers, 1892-1901**

**George Patterson**

**James Patterson**

**Patrick Patterson**

**Extent: Document Box 20**

**Arrangement: 1 folder, various**

**Description:** Personal receipts from local businesses in Carmel, Brewster, and Croton Falls, tax receipts, wedding invitation, postcards (Emerson Radio Warranty, Yonkers Manor Hall), letters, NY Condensed Milk receipt, loan note, tintype (in photo collection - #A697). Items donated by Carolyn Pollaci.

## HC 527

### Salmon Papers, 1838-1927

**Extent:** document box # 30

**Arrangement:** various A-H

**Description:** Mostly related to farming, these records relate to the Salmon family in Southeast from 1838 to 1927. The only other name mentioned with prominence is Conklin. These records were rescued from the Patterson recycling center by Anthony Stavrities who kindly donated them to the archives in August 2002. There are also 2 turn-of-the-century photographs in wood frames and glass fronts of 2 children, a boy and a girl. They are not identified. They are temporarily housed with Putnam County Memorabilia.

**A.** Seneca Salmons Count Book of 1838, ... in the town of Southeast Putnam County State of New York, 1838-1858, 1870-1872

Including several lines of hand written music "Home Sweet Home." Some family history at the end of the book: Ruben, Lycia ann?, Orrin, Levinna, Ruana, b. 1832-1943.

**B.** Journal, Mr. & Mrs. A. Salmons Account, about April 1909 to May 1911

Line a day  
Mail received – sent out  
Eggs laid & etc.  
Groceries & expenses

**C.** Day Book, Mrs. Adalbert Salmon Brewster, NY; Jan 1914 – quite complete through August, less complete through May 1915

Line a day  
Mail received and sent out  
Expenses  
Eggs layed and sold

[Day book, Mrs. Adelbert Salmon (Cole), Milltown, 1914, eggs laid, expenses. She, Mary Everett, is mother of Harold and Orrin Salmon. 1925 census lists Estella, 22, house work; Orrin, 19, truck driver; Harold, 14, school; Marjorie, 5. (from Louise Andres – could not identify any of the photos) Feb/Mar 2007]

**D.** Ledger, 1919-20, 1921, Mrs. A. Salmon

Addresses  
Milk Record Snow Dairy  
Expenses  
Line a day  
Weather  
Mail received and sent out  
Cows record  
Poultry  
Sales  
Hired help

Also, photo of mother and 2 children, 1920s, unidentified

In back of book, 2 letters to Mrs. Coffin, a third letter, 1 stamped registered letter; "order in the court!" 1 page, inserted at page 55 [located in folder H]; Farm Mechanics printed article inserted at page 83. One page



- E. 1927 Ready Reference Diary, McLean Bros, Danbury; daily entries January 1 – May 4, sporadic through December 31. Some family history at the end of the book: Adalbert b. 5/18/70, May b. 1875; born Southeast: Margaret, Orrin, May, Harold, Mayse.
- F. Alsen Conklin small black book  
Orinin \_\_\_\_\_? Book Bought in the year 1855.  
Various accounts with various people, late 1850s, 1870s, 1880s.
- G. long tall book with marble cover, Danbury, November 6, 1871, otherwise unidentified.  
Cash received, paid out, 1870-1874
- H. Photos, pictures (mostly unidentified), miscellaneous papers removed from some of the books above.

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## HC528

### Buckley family papers, 1860-1927(gaps), 1948, 1955, 1964, 1971, 1984

**Extent:** DB #31  
**Arrangement:** 1-2 various  
**Description:** Donated on behalf of Adelle Buckley-Fedyshyn in September 2002. Various documents such as deeds, birth certificates, mortgages, bonds, and indentures, and miscellaneous individual documents from various families such as Buckbee, Fenaughty, Wright, Ballard, Patterson, and Gridley. Most documents from the Town of Carmel.

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## Series HC529

### Israel Ben Scheiber Papers, 1939-1957

**Extent:** DB #33 - folders A-B, DB #34 - folders C-E  
**Arrangement:** A-E various  
**Description:** Israel Ben Scheiber (1891-1986) was a prominent attorney who was important in the history of Putnam Valley, New York, particularly in the consolidation of the Putnam Valley Central Schools District, the beginning of planning and zoning in the Town, and in the affairs of the Democratic Party. IBS and his wife Augusta, née Abramson, had a home in Tompkins Corners in Putnam Valley and another on Bank Street in New York City. He earned law degrees from New York University and Columbia University and was a respected attorney with the American Arbitration Association. He maintained an office on Chambers Street in New York City until 1965.

Along with Bruce Adams, a Republican, he took the initiative in persuading the trustees of the five remaining one-room school districts in Putnam Valley to consolidate and create the Putnam Valley Central School District and was President of its Board of Education for twenty-five years from 1932 to 1957. He served as Town Attorney from 1935 to 1956 and was influential in developing the town's zoning ordinance and the creation of the town's first planning board. IBS was active in the Democratic Party and worked closely with long-time Supervisor Harry G. Silleck and the local party "boss", Councilman Theodore Morrissey. The years 1949 to 1957 were years of turmoil for the Democratic Party in Putnam Valley, and IBS was influential throughout.

Along with his wife Augusta, a concert pianist, he was instrumental in bringing musical, theatrical and other cultural organizations to come to Putnam Valley. The Scheibers had three children, Walter A., Josephine, and Sarah. IBS is referred to as "Ben" in these papers and his wife as "Gus".

The papers are divided into the following subject areas:

- A. The Election of 1949
- B. Putnam Valley Voter Residency Case, 1955-57
- C. State Audit Report and the Election of 1957  
SEE ALSO: elections Series 003, 035, 038, 118, 120
- D. Putnam Valley Friends of Music and Art, 1939-1949
- E. Miscellaneous Board of Education and Town Board material, 1939-1957

#### **A. The Election of 1949**

IBS was campaign chairman for the town Democrats in this election. His papers provide an interesting glimpse of what was involved in a local campaign in Putnam County in this period. The Democratic candidates were successful in this campaign which appears to have prompted the Republicans later to attempt to deny the vote to the seasonal residents, whom they blamed for their defeat. The folders are divided into topics as follows:

- A1 - The Democratic caucus and nominations
- A2 - Planning and fundraising
- A3 - Campaign Issues
- A4 - Registration and Voting
- A5 - Print Advertising
- A6 - Radio Advertising
- A7 - Public Relations
- A8 - Republican Opposition

#### **B. Putnam Valley Voter Residency Case, 1955-57**

In the town election of 1955, the Democrats swept all offices except for one council seat that was won by Sam Slutzky by 2 votes. The Republicans would certainly have won had it not been for the votes of the "summer people" who were predominantly enrolled Democrats and Liberals. During the election campaign, the Democrats perceived Republican actions as intimidation designed to keep the seasonal residents away from the polls. After the election and two investigations in Albany, questionnaires were sent to hundreds of Putnam Valley voters who had homes both in Putnam Valley (where they voted) and elsewhere. Attorney General Jacob Javits obtained an order to show cause why the Putnam Valley election inspectors should not be ordered to strike the names of 356 seasonal residents from the voter rolls. The Democrats lost in Supreme Court but won in the Appellate Division, where it was decided that the summer people could choose Putnam Valley as their voting residence. Following the Democratic victory in court, the seasonal residents received jury questionnaires from Putnam County courts, a move which appeared to be designed to deter them from voting in Putnam Valley

- B1 - 1955 election campaign and Jacob Javits' intervention and investigation
- B2 - State Commission on Investigations on irregularities in voting, Feb. 1956
- B3 - Attorney General's questionnaire to seasonal residents, Nov. 1955-Jan. 1956
- B4 - Democrats seek support in laws and precedents
- B5 - Attorney General's subpoenas voters; Democratic support of those subpoenaed. Jan-Mar 1956.
- B6 - Democratic response to Attorney General's move to strike names from voter rolls in Supreme Court

- B7 - Democrats prepare for Appellate Division. May 1956
- B8 - Jury questionnaires sent to Putnam Valley voters. June 1956
- B9 - Democrats seek support from friends and newspapers. Throughout.
- B10 - Newspaper articles: GOP actions to limit voting rights
- B11 - Newspaper articles: aftermath of election and Appellate Division ruling.

### **C. The State Comptroller's Audit and the Election of 1957**

The Republicans had been unsuccessful in the aftermath of the election of 1955 in removing the Democratic and Liberal party seasonal residents from the election rolls in Putnam Valley. But in the Election of 1957, they had another chance to best the Democrats following the issuance of the NYS Comptroller's audit of the Town in August, 1957. The audit was critical of the management of the town and became the central issue in the campaign. A local Republican went to court, petitioning for the removal of all of the elected Democrats. IBS was campaign chairman for the Democrats. Despite all the damaging publicity, the Democrats prevailed in the election, albeit with smaller margins of victory than they had enjoyed in the past.

- C1 - State Comptroller's audit of Putnam Valley, August 1957
- C2 - Petition for removal of Democratic town officials and the court case
- C3 - Election of 1957: Democratic strategy
- C4 - Election of 1957: Republican publicity
- C5 - Election of 1957: Democratic publicity
- C6 - Election of 1957: Meet the Candidates forum at Three Arrows Cooperative Society
- C7 - Election of 1957: Results and aftermath

### **D. The Putnam Valley Friends of Music and Art**

In late 1938, IBS and Augusta Scheiber invited selected Putnam Valley year-round and seasonal residents to a meeting at their Bank Street home to form the Putnam Valley Friends of Music and Art. With sponsorship by the Works Progress Administration (WPA), the Friends inaugurated a series of cultural events to coincide with the Town's 1939 Centennial celebrations. Programs were held at the newly-completed Putnam Valley Central School (later the elementary school). The Friends continued to have programs each summer. Activities were suspended during World War II but were successfully revived in 1946 and continued at least until 1949.

- D1 - Organizing, financing, and publicity for the Friends, Nov. 1938 – June 1939
- D2 - Exhibit of paintings and sculpture, June – August 1939
- D3 - WPA sponsored concerts, July – August 1939
- D4 - Friends activities and Augusta Scheiber's concerts at NYU, 1940-41
- D5 - Post-war revival of Friends, publicity and financing, 1946
- D6 - Musical programs, 1946
- D7 - Art exhibit and films, 1946
- D8 - Friends of Music and Art, 1947-49

### **E. Other Miscellaneous IBS Material**

IBS was active in so many organizations, that it is not surprising that papers unrelated to the above topics should have been filed with these these collections. E3 and E4 were added by the archivist.

- E1 - Miscellaneous papers relating to the Putnam Valley Board of Education, 1939-57
- E2 - Miscellaneous papers relating to the Putnam Valley Town Board, 1942-46.
- E3 - Biographical information about IBS written by his son Walter A. Scheiber, 2004
- E4 - 2002 letter by IBS granddaughter Sarah S. Evans describing her childhood at Tompkins Corners.

## HC 530

### Barbara Smith Buys Papers

**Extent:** document box # 39

**Arrangement:** Author's arrangement in three notebooks

**Description:** The papers are from notebooks kept by Barbara Smith Buys, genealogist and compiler of *Old Gravestones of Putnam County, New York* (1975). Notebook I consists of Buys' abstracts of wills, letters of administration, old estates, and other probate records relating to Putnam County people found in the county records Putnam, Dutchess, New York, and Columbia counties. She also made alphabetical indexes of deeds and wills to be found in various repositories. Notebooks II and III are parish registers that Buys collected. When Buys died, her heirs sold her books and notebooks to Harold Nesbit, a New Jersey bookseller, from whom the Putnam County Historian purchased them in 2004 and 2005. The Buys Papers include the following: (*PC means Putnam County, and DC means Dutchess County*)

See excel file for names in Notebook I.

#### Notebook I – folder A

- ❖ Genealogical forms from the PC Surrogate's Office, 1991, pp. 1-6
- ❖ Abstracts of deeds from PC Deeds (series 009), Liber A, pp. 7-18
- ❖ Alphabetic list (A-D) of PC deeds, libers A-B, pp. 19-32
- ❖ Abstracts of Miscellaneous PC wills, 1825-56, pp. 33-38
- ❖ Alphabetic list & abstracts of Putnam wills in DC, libers A & AA, to 1796, pp. 39-72.
- ❖ Alphabetic list & abstracts of Putnam wills in DC, Liber B, 1797-1806, pp. 73-98
- ❖ Alphabetic list of Putnam wills in DC, Liber C, 1806-08, pp. 99-105
- ❖ Alphabetic list of Putnam wills in DC, Liber D, 1809-1812
- ❖ Transcript of Beverly Robinson's losses, tenant lists & rents, pp. 109-25
- ❖ Misc. applications before PC Surrogate for letters of administration, pp. 127-34
- ❖ Miscellaneous notes from PC Probate records, pp. 135-78

#### Notebook I – folder B

- ❖ Abstracts of PC Letters of Administration, 1812-48, pp. 179-235
- ❖ List of wills (with Buys' notations) in PC Wills, Liber A, pp. 243-63
- ❖ 2 wills from PC Old Estates, Liber A, (Isaac & Joshua Shaw) 1811, 1824, p. 265
- ❖ Alphabetic list & abstracts of wills in PC Liber B, 1816-30, pp. 267-375
- ❖ Alphabetic list & abstracts (4 only) of wills in PC Liber C, 1831-36, pp. 377-387
- ❖ Alphabetic list & abstract (2 only) of wills in PC Liber D, 1837-47, pp. 389-403
- ❖ Alphabetic list of wills in PC Liber E, 1847-53
- ❖ Abstract of will of Elijah Nelson, 1844 (much litigation), Liber G, p. 411
- ❖ Alphabetic list of wills in PC Liber G, 1853-61, pp. 413-15
- ❖ Alphabetic list of wills in PC Liber H, 1861-65, p. 417

#### Notebook I – folder C

- ❖ Alphabetic list of records in PC Old Estates, Liber A, pp. 419-41
- ❖ Alphabetic list of records in PC Old Estates, Liber B, pp. 443-95
- ❖ List of wills and administrations, 1750-87, from NY Wills and "Calowills". p. 497
- ❖ Abstracts of Putnam will from Fernow's *Calendar of Wills*, 1767-82, pp. 499-507, 525-35

- ❖ Abstract of Putnam wills & letters of administration from NYC Records, pp. 537-47
- ❖ Abstract of 1 Putnam will from Columbia County, 1816 (James Fairchild), p. 549

### **Notebook II – folder D**

- ❖ Copies of Records of the Baptist Church, Cold Spring, 1808-1827 with some marriage records, 1828-1853. Original transcription was made by Mrs. A.D. Townsend of Brewster and “returned to the local church”. Buys’ copy was made from copy held by the Putnam County Historical Society.

### **Notebook III – folder E**

- ❖ Records from the South Highland (Methodist Episcopal) Church, Philipstown. Copied by James Nelson “for his own use and convenience”. Pp. 8-23 are *marriage registers*, 1865-93, that give names, address, occupations, places of births, and witnesses to each marriage.
- ❖ Pp. 24-41 are records of *baptisms*, 1864-1893, that give names, age (adult or infant), names of parents, dates and place of birth, and officiating clergy.

### **Notebook III – folder F**

- ❖ South Highland (Methodist Episcopal) Church, Philipstown. Pp. 50-74. Historical Record “the material having been gathered in 1864, by the Rev. J.H. Champion, pastor of the church, and incorporated in a sermon delivered Jan. 1, 1865. Includes some biographical notes, names of preachers of Philipstown Circuit and of this church from 1824 to 1914, information on building of the church and subscribers to the building fund.
- ❖ Membership lists (1864-1914) including names, “state in life” (married, single, widowed), when received into the church, by whom received, “how disposed of” (died, left area, etc.), and relevant dates.

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## **Series HC531**

### **Lawrence Bobker Papers, 1949**

**Extent:** DB#39, 5 folders

**Arrangement:** A-E, topical

**Description:**

Lawrence Bobker was “corporation counsel” for the Town of Putnam Valley and, along with Israel Ben Scheiber (See Series HC 529), masterminded the Democrats’ campaign in the town election of 1949. Bobker gave a series of weekly radio addresses on radio station WLNA in Peekskill. In these addresses, the texts of which are included in these papers, he outlined the reasons for voting Democratic. During this campaign, there were suits in NYS Supreme Court in which each party accused the other of improper activity near the polling places. Bobker also collected campaign material of the Republican candidates, who were backed by the “Independent Citizens Committee of 500”. Read in conjunction with HC529, these papers shed light on a bitterly fought, small-town election in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century.

- A. Lawsuits
- B. Republican and "Independent Citizens campaign
- C. Lawrence Bobker's weekly radio addresses on WLNA
- D. Democratic positions and publicity
- E. Miscellaneous

## HC 532

### Ira Tompkins Collection

DB#40

*Miscellaneous material from the Ira Tompkins house at Tompkins Corners, which was purchased by the Putnam Valley Volunteer Fire Department and demolished in 2003.*

#### **Folder A - Miscellaneous printed advertising folders:**

Forkner Alfalfa Tiller  
 Rockford Quick Train Railroad Watches  
 Karl's Clover Root Tea  
 Dr. Shiloh's Consumption Cure – Guaranteed  
 Hood's Sarsaparilla  
 Jell-O, America's Most Famous Dessert (Recipes) – color lithography – 19<sup>th</sup> c.  
 Rising Sun Stove Polish - color lithography – 19<sup>th</sup> c.  
 Brainerd and Armstong Superior Silk thread (*color lithograph of Statue of Liberty, predates 1885 when base was erected*)

#### **Folder B - Miscellaneous election material from Putnam Valley, 1937-1956.**

Includes Republican election flyer with reprints from *The Peekskill Evening Star* with items about two Klu Klux Klan rallies held at Harry Silleck's farm in 1948 and 1949. Silleck was Democratic Supervisor of Putnam Valley.

#### **Folder C - Miscellaneous material from the John and William LeRoy family**

LeRoys' address was Arlington NY (Dutchess County). Material includes invoices from a furniture store (1877); many bills from J.D. Harcourt's Son in Wappinger Falls for various food items; two Louisiana Purchase Exposition covers 1909; subscription form for *The Rural New-Yorker*; and a notice concerning trapping season for small mammals, 1910.

#### **Folder D – Miscellaneous artifacts, mostly from Putnam Valley**

World War I letter, Oct. 23, 1918, from Sgt. John P. Battey, Motor Cycle Co. 303, in Tours, France, to his sister Mrs. Edna J. Morris, Norwich NY (but with Peekskill or Putnam Valley connections). Includes envelope. Letter and envelope stamped as passed by censor.

3 National Temperance Society publications, undated, from New York City, distributed by Women's Christian Temperance Union in Poughkeepsie. Late 19<sup>th</sup> c.

Ticket for an "Entertainment by the Young People" at the Canopus Methodist Episcopal Church, Oct. 24, 1899.

Words to "A Song for Christmas Eve", 1874

Senior Prom booklet, Carmel High School, 1936

Information for the New Grange Member given to Rex and Mary Orlando, Putnam Valley, 1967

2 bills from Felix Orlando, Putnam Valley, for building materials, 1949

Veterans Administration booklet" Readjustment Allowances for Veterans of World War II, 1946

Bills to Putnam Valley Fire Police Assoc. for sprays for funerals, 1953-62

Draft (?) invitation from Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Forman inviting recipient to 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary "of there marriage", March 20, 1888.

## **New York State and Putnam County HC600**

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### **HC 601 Taconic State Parkway Bryant Pond Road Interchange**

**Extent:** document box #28  
**Arrangement:** 1 spiral bound report  
1 folder

**Description:** The material in this group correspond to the request by Sallie Sypher, Supervisor for the Town of Putnam Valley, to New York State Department of Transportation to correct the hazardous crossing at Pudding Street and Bryant Pond Road from the Taconic State Parkway 1989. The report was issued in May 1990.

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### **HC700 available for use**

**Extent:**  
**Arrangement:**  
**Description:**

## **HC800**

### **Electronic/digital/special/non-print media, film, tape**

#### **HC801 Video Cassette series (VHS tape)**

- A. Locally Produced Videos
- B. History Programs taped from TV
- C. Televised Special Events and Local Meetings
- D. Taped Oral History and Local Documentation
- E. Veteran Interviews

#### **HC802 Audio Cassette series**

- 802A Oral Histories
- 802B Other/Special Events
- 802C Local Artists

#### **HC803 Disks - Compact Disks – CDs (700MB)**

- 803A Local Events /Exhibits /Productions
- 803B Local Artists
- 803C Images, Scans (maps, photos)
- 803D program /file backups (web site)
- 803E Reference (Books and Records)
- F. Other/Misc – training, other repositories, ...

#### **HC804 Disks – DVDs (4.7GB)**

**Group A:** Local Events /Exhibits /Productions

#### **HC805 Tape – MiniDV**

#### **HC806 - movie film**

#### **HC807 - reel-to-reel tape**

#### **HC801 Video Cassette series (VHS tape)**

- A. Locally Produced Videos
- B. History Programs taped from TV
- C. Televised Special Events and Local Meetings
- D. Taped Oral History and Local Documentation
- E. Veteran Interviews

**SEE ALSO:** HC524 archives box 8 sheriff's dept

**Extent:** 8 document boxes A-E

**Arrangement:** various

**Description:** Various videos of, in, or pertaining to Putnam County. See supplement for complete listing.

A. Locally produced videos

Box 1 1-14

Box 2 15-25



- B. history programs taped from TV  
Box 1 1-20  
Box 2 21-23  
C. tapes of televised special events and local meetings  
Box 1 1-20  
Box 2 21-29  
D. taped oral history and local documentation.  
Box 1 1-13  
E. Military affairs, veterans interviews  
Box 1 1-9

## **Series 801- Videocassettes (VHS tape)**

### **Group A: Locally Produced Videos**

- A01: "First Responders: The EMS Volunteers of Putnam County" Produced By Putnam County Dept. of Fire and EMS, 1999
- A02: "Putnam Valley, 1989: A tribute to the Sesquicentennial". Produced by The Putnam Valley Historical Society, 1989
- A03: "Signs of Grace" Produced by NY Landmarks Conservancy (Includes Segment about Tompkins Corners Methodist Church.
- A04: "Fifty miles from Time Square: Putnam County, N.Y." Produced by John Cohen. 1972; 3 copies, 1 broken
- A05: "The Story of the West Point Foundry" Produced by the Putnam County Historical Society.
- A06: "Sybil of the American Revolution". An Opera by L. Ulehle. Performed April 1, 1993, at the Abigail Adams Smith Museum, NYC (Also on Audiotape # 802 B01).
- A07: "Putnam County Courthouse Restoration Documentation". Produced by Keaton- Associates – 3 tapes. 1966
- A08: "Preserving Justice: The Restoration of the Putnam County Courthouse" Produced by David Keaton. 1966
- A09: "From the Oakley Diaries: Come Butter Come  
   : Sweet as Apple Cider  
Produced by the Putnam Valley Historical Society. Ca. 1989
- A10: "From the Oakley Diaries: Teaming up with Oxen"  
   Produced by the Putnam Valley Historical Society. Ca. 1990
- A11: "Save Open Spaces". Produced by Save Open Spaces; Putnam County Land Trust
- A12: "The History of Southeast" Produced by Andrew Stern for the Southeast Museum. 1995
- A13: "Carmel Historic Site Markers". Produced by Future Business Leaders of America. 2002
- A14: "The Leatherman". Produced by the Ossining Historical Society
- A15: "The Moving Wall". Everett Lee
- A16: "Sybil's Run". Mrs. Murray's Class – 4/16/1997  
   Irish Dancing Selections

- A17: "Black history in Putnam County". R. Muscarella, H. Silleck, B. Gottwaly, K. Townsend, W. Fairell
- A18: "Rocking Rock" – Edward J. Bochinak
- A19: "Plain Talk" – PVER Corp - Kate Luccarella - 1/12/2002 (historically sensitive issues)
- A20: "Plain Talk" – PVER Corp – Kate Luccarella - 11/12/2002 (Richard A. Muscarella, Stephen Anderson, Allan J. Warnecke, Kathleen Delamere?)
- A21: "Plain Talk – Stone Structures and the Stories They Tell Us" PVER Corp – Kate Luccarella - Episode 7
- A22: "Plain Talk – The History of the West Point Foundry and the Putnam Valley Iron Mines" - PVER Corp – Kate Luccarella - Episode 12 (county legislator Sal Oliverio Jr and Sallie Sypher)
- A23: "Plain Talk" – PVER Corp – Marie Zarcone, Episode 25, "Our Town Series Part Two – The Iron Mines."
- A24: "Plain Talk" – PVER Corp – Marie Zarcone, Episode 27, "The Putnam County Archives, Records Center, and Historian's Office." 2006
- A25: "Plain Talk" – PVER Corp – Marie Zarcone, Episode 28, "The Historic Cemeteries of Putnam County."

## **801-Group B: History Programs taped from Television Broadcast**

- B01: "One Woman, One Vote" PBS
- B02: Native American Captives of the 15th, 16th and 17th centuries.  
History channel, 1998. 1 hour
- B03: Hudson Chronicle (WMHT Production) Produced by Steve Dunn. 1989
- B04: The Founding Fathers. 160 minutes
- B05: The Crossing (Washington crossing the Delaware- the Battle of Trenton)
- B06: Revolutionary War Series
- B07: Strange Universe
- B08: Mysteries of Ancient America
- B09: The Depression Parts 1-7 PBS
- B10: The Hudson River. Narrated by Bill Moyers. Produced by PBS. 2002  
(2 hours)
- B11: Slavery, New York City; American Revolution, Part 1;  
George Washington: Life and Biography
- B12: Black Solders – 1st Rhode Island; Last Integrated Army until Korean War.  
George Rogers Clark - 'Destroy the Indians' – Washington
- B13: Revolutionary War – John Kuralt "Morgan's Raiders"
- B14: The American Revolution – 1776  
George Washington and Benedict Arnold
- B15: The Benedict Arnold Story 1:30
- B16: Lincoln's Assassination – Ford Theatre  
Mike Maone 3/28/1995
- B17: Mr. Lincoln
- B18: Stone Wall Theft – Ch 7 Eye Witness News

- B19 Cleaning Up the Hudson River - Pete Seegar Benefit (2 copies)
- B20: "How to Trace Your Native American Heritage" Rich-Heape Films
- B21: "The Life and Songs of Fanny Crosby" – by Darlene Neptune
- B22: "America" – Lionel Barrymore; Neil Hamilton, Carol Dempster  
Materpiece Collection 1924 95 min
- B23: "Underground Railroad" – Hosted by Alfre Woodard (History Channel)

### **801-Group C: Tapes of (Televised) Special Events and Local Meetings**

- C01: Origins of the Stone Chambers. An exchange sponsored by the Putnam Valley Historical Society. 1991
- C02: Israel Putnam and Beverly Robinson (role-playing) Kent Historical Society. 1998
- C03: Israel Putnam. A Program by Richard Othmer Jr.
- C04: Israel Putnam, Beverly Robinson, Richard Balla (folk musician) and Col. James Johnson on the Defense of the Highlands. Fall Conference 1999, APHNYS
- C05: Ceremony Commemorating Stockbridge Indians and Chief Daniel Ninham, Van Cortland Park. 1998
- C06: Sybil's Run by Mrs. Murray's Fourth Grade class. Kent Elementary School. 1997
- C07: Early Natives of the Hudson Valley. Talk by Dr. Eugene Bosch. Kent Historical Society. 1997; Memorial dedication at Veteran's Memorial park.; Rocking Rock
- C08: Putnam County Days 1996
- C09: Ninham Stone Dedication 1996
- C10: Brammansville Grist Mill  
Hudson Valley Old Tyme Power Assoc.
- C11: "Sybil Ludington" 4/16/1997
- C12: Frederickstown Celebration – Kent Town Hall  
Richard Muscarella – Historian 3/17/1995
- C13: Young Colonials – Parade and Muster  
Gene Simmons 8/19/1995
- C14: Native American Day  
David Amram 9/23/1996
- C15: Tour De Putnam - Putnam County Park 8/24/1997
- C16: Tour De Putnam 8/24/1997
- C17: Civil War Re-enactment – Putnam County Park Aug 1999
- C18: Honoring Veterans – Patterson Baptist Church 2001  
Larry Maxwell
- C19: Nimham Ceremony 2 Copies 8/29/1999
- C20: Memorial Day – Putnam County Park 5/27/2002
- C21: Putnam County 190th Birthday 7 June, 2002
- C22: Association of Public Historians Lower Hudson Valley  
Roger King 21 Oct 2002

- C23: Putnam County Day and Ceremony
- C24: Putnam County Days – 2004 Tapes 1 -3 By Reggie White
- C25: Putnam County Days – 2004 by Carol Bailey
- C26: Putnam County Day – 2005, June 10, 3 tapes, 1 of which is to be used for making copies ONLY
- C27: Putnam County Round Table – 2006, Feb 22, 33 min. (video problems)
- C28: Putnam County Day – 2006, June 9, ?? min.
- C29: Putnam County Day – 2007, June 8, 61 min.;
- Nimham Dedication – 2007, Nov. 11, 23 min.

### **801-Group D: Taped Oral History and Local Documentation**

- D01: Bill Kilcoyne and Hubert Bailey on History of Brewster
- D02: Evelyn Tetro- Brewster, Then and Now
- D03: “A Time to Remember” Conversation about African- American Experience in the region. 41 mins.
- D04: Sallie Sypher, County Historian, interviewed by Monroe Benton For Our Towns by C-Tech Studios. 1991
- D05: Chronicle and Sunsnare- Equinox and Solstices at Stone Chambers by Douglas Schwartz.
- D06: Devils Den (by R.A. Muscarella) 2000. The Stone Chambers Debate Parker/Hodges Productions. 1991
- D07: The Stone Chamber Debate. Parker/Hodges Production 1991 (D06 unedited)
- D08: School Consolidation; IRM. Schools of Kent Allen Pike
- D09: Spain Park – NY1/Allison Packages/Raw Footage 17 Sep, 2004
- D10: Walking Tour of Cold Spring – Don McDonald 9/12/1992
- D11: Jonathon Kruk – Nimham and Sybil
- D12: Kenny & Ella Townsend 2/15/1997
- D13: History of Town of Fishkill – Dutchess County

### **801-Group E: Military Affairs, Veterans Interviews**

- E01: World War II Interviews, Tape 1
  - E02: World War II Interviews, Tape 2
  - E03: World War II Interviews, Tape 3
  - E04: World War II Interviews, Tape 4
  - E05: World War II Interviews, Tape 5
  - E06: World War II Interviews, Tape 6
  - E07: World War II Interviews, Tape 7
  - E08: World War II Interviews, Tape 8
  - E09: World War II Interviews, Tape 9
- See excel list for details.**

### **HC802 Audio Cassette series (tape)**

<b>802A</b>	<b>Oral Histories 1-8</b>
<b>802A2</b>	<b>Oral Histories 9-16</b>
<b>802B</b>	<b>Other/Special Events 1-7</b>
<b>802C</b>	<b>Local Artists -0-</b>

## **Series 802 Archived Audiocassettes**

### **802A Oral Histories**

- A01 Bill Kilcoyne and Hubert Bailey on 8/28/1998
- A02 Does Putnam County need OTB? Community opinion: WPUT  
4/06/1978, edited by Allen Pike
- A03 Hubert Bailey Oral History on 2/15/1997
- A04 William Kilcoyne, 1/29/1999
- A05 Hamma and Bob Blaney oral interview, 8/26/1997
- A06 Ken Townsend and Vern Fletcher, oral history, 1/31/01,  
Al Townsend House
- A07 Bill Kilcoyne Remembers, 7/23/1998
- A08 Oral Interview, Hubert Bailey, Town of Southeast 2/19/1997
- A09 Interview of S. Barrett Hickman by John Fox 4/11/2000
- A10 Bernie Zipkins interview Mahopac Farm Museum. On 4/04/2002
- A11 Interview with Samuel Hickman on 4/18/2000
- A12 Evelyn Tetro on 8/27/1997
- A13 Interview with Mike Piazza; commissioner of Social Service;  
Ann Signorelli
- A14 Opening of Southeast District no. 12, one room school house
- A15 Floyd Fisher, 9/05/2001 (see HC 405 for additional notes on the  
interview)
- A16 Interview with Gertrude Cassetta – WW II 3/21/2002

### **802B Other/Special Events**

- B01 Uleha: Sybil of the American Revolution  
Chamber Opera, premiere performance 4/01/1993; Abigail Adams Smith  
Museum, NYC (Also on videotape # 801 A06)
- B02 Civil War Committee, 1998
- B03 Putnam County History Round Table, 2/02/1998 (4-6-97?)
- B04 Frazier underground rail road, Philipstown 1999, Richard Muscarella & ?
- B05 Gil Crying Hawk and the Echoing Drum, Putnam County Day, c. 2001,  
Native American music
- B06 Souvenir music from dedication ceremony of Chuang Yen Monastery,  
May 1997
- B07 Hudson Valley Traditions, Rich Bala

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## **CD Series HC803**

**803A Local Events /Exhibits /Productions**

803B	Local Artists
803C	Images, Scans (maps, photos)
803D	program /file backups (web site) (NOT AVAILABLE TO RESEARCHERS)
803E	Reference (Books and Records)
F.	Other/Misc – training, other repositories, ...

## **Series HC803- Compact Disks – CDs &**

### **Group A: Local Events /Exhibits /Productions**

- A 001: Red Mills Historic Park sign and 8 story boards tif (mac) files May 30, 2007.
- A 002: Red Mills Historic Park, Finals, July 17, 2007.
- A 003: Putnam County History Day poster components, Sept 2005, prepared by Denis Castelli
- A 004: Putnam County History Day poster components, Sept 2005, prepared by Denis Castelli, 003 and 004 seem to be duplicate copies
- A 005: Putnam County History Day poster components, Sept 2005, prepared by Denis Castelli, contains fewer files than 003 and/or 004
- A 006 Artist Appreciation, Friends of Belden House, June 14, 2007, drawings of The Belden House by local artists
- A 007 Artist Appreciation, Friends of Belden House, June 14, 2007, drawings of The Belden House by local artists, one child artist, duplicate copies of art Work on this second disk.

### **803-Group B: Local Artists**

- B 001 – David Amran; Three Concertos  
Concerto for Violin and Orchestra  
Honor Song for Sitting Bull  
Concerto for Bassoon and Orchestra
- B 002 – David Amran; An American Original  
American Dance Suite  
Theme and Variations on “Red River Valley” for Flute and Strings  
Travels for Trumpet and Orchestra  
Three Songs for America

### **803-Group C: Images, Scans /Maps/ Photos**

- C 001 – Photo Series of Patterson Landmarks c: Early 1900 – 10 images
- C 002 – Scalpino Photo Collection – Many Voices – immigration - 2004 – Southeast Museum
- C 003 – The Maley Collection of Glass Plate Negatives (c 1895-1912)  
At the Southeast Museum by Paul Kleineberg – approx. 300 images  
(contact Southeast Museum for permission to use)
- C 004 – Col. Ludington’s Gristmill - Fredericksburg (Town of Kent)
- C 005 – Collection of old Photos & Postcards of Putnam County

- And unidentified images – from Denis Castelli collection – approx. 90 photos Brewster Village (contact Castelli for permission to use)
- C 006 - Panorama of Brewster Village from Marvin Mountain - from Southeast Museum collection – Alman 1870 – Mauro Resti 2002 (contact Southeast Museum for permission to use)
  - C 007 - Ruth Keeler Photo Album of North Salem and Vicinity; c: 1912 – from North Salem Historical Society collection (contact North Salem Historical Society for permission to use)
  - C 008 - Scans of Putnam County Maps RF O’Conner - 1854  
TH Reed – 1876
  - C 009 Cigar factory, Patterson, from Kathleen Peltey via Peter Riebald
  - C 010 Mekeel’s Cemetery, 2002 New Hackensack Rd, Poughkeepsie, 30 May 2005, 67 photos of head stones, donated by Judy A. Wolf 1 Dec 2005
  - C 011 Forfeiture maps scanned by Town Clerk, lots 3-7, 9
  - C 012 Cold Spring maps from Sanborn 1887-1937, from Elizabeth Norris, from Vassar Library
  - C 013 Sanborn maps of Cold Spring

**803-Group D: NOT USED**

**803-Group E: Reference (Books and Records)**

- E 001 - Putnam County Courier Selected Articles – 1950-1972  
Planning and Environmental Issues – from Pat Houser – see list (next page, print edition only)
- E 002 – The Brewster Plan – Village of Brewster, Putnam Co., NY - Feb. 2004  
Institute of Environmental Stewardship  
Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture
- E 003 – Genealogy and History of Putnam County, NY – W. S. Pelletreau 1886  
The History of Putnam County, NY - W. J. Blake – 1849  
Cemetery Inscriptions of Putnam County, NY – W. P. Horton – 1928  
Putnam County, NY Cemeteries – Wm. Applebie – 1917  
Records of Early Settlers of Putnam County and Cortland Manor, NY –  
F. C. Haacker – 1954
- E 004 – County Historian – Red Mills; Certificates – 2004  
Precinct Book – Donated by Mike Troy
- E 005 Tilly Associates – report on Hill Agor Farm, April 2005

**803-Group F. Other/Misc – training, other repositories, ...**

- F 001 The Basics of Archives, Online Course, AASLH, 2006, with printed instructions.

F 002 Saving History: Tools for Managing e-Records to Ensure Their Future,  
New York State Archives, November 6, 2006.

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## **Series HC804- DVDs (4.7GB)**

### **Group A: Local Events /Exhibits /Productions**

- A 001: Patterson: Our Town - 1960 – 29 min. – copy from VHS tape
- A 002: Patterson History, Town of Patterson, Our Town - 1960 – 29 min. – copy from VHS tape  
Patterson Historical Society - Remembrances and Discussion - July 25, 2004, 116 min., copy from VHS tape
- A 003: Patterson: Our Town - 1960, 22 min., copy from film  
Limestone Gulch – 1960, 8 min., copy from film  
(30-115 min. is blank)
- A 004: Putnam County History Weekend, opening at Courthouse, 1 Oct. 2005, 22 Min., plus 3 additional copies
- A 005 Walking Wright, An Architectural Field Trip, January 2006, Petra Productions, building of the Frank Lloyd Wright designed house on Lake Mahopac. (with attached note)
- A 006 Putnam County Ghost Stories, October 30, 2005, Jonathan Kruk at Spain Cornerstone Park, “Haunted Putnam: Spooky Stories from Cold Spring to Carmel,” attached cover letter, event poster, and press release copies in vertical file under ‘ghosts,’ originals located ??
- A 007a “The Old Put,” companion DVD to book (in library) “The Old Put...” by Joe Schiavone, 85 min., compiled from old film footage
- A 007b “Walk the Put,” companion DVD to book (in library) “The Old Put...” by Joe Schiavone, 91 min., compiled from recent footage taken with the author, 2007

### **Group B: Local Artists**

### **Group C: Images, Scans /Maps/ Photos**

### **Group E: Reference (Books and Records)**

## **HC805 Tape – MiniDV**

## **HC805- movie film**

## **HC806- reel-to-reel tape**

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## HC900 Miscellaneous

HC901 Miscellaneous, not local, but of national importance

### HC901-001

#### FDR newspaper

**Extent:** flat oversize document box

**Arrangement:** 2 sections

**Description:** *The New York Times*, Friday, April 13, 1945  
PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT IS DEAD; Truman to Continue Policies  
9th Crosses Elbe, Nears Berlin

### HC901-002

#### JFK newspaper

**Extent:** flat oversize document box

**Arrangement:** 1 partial section

**Description:** *Journal American*, New York, Thursday, August 20, 1964  
'PLOT' AGAINST JFK: 'I WASN'T IN IT'  
Exclusive – Ruby Testimony Before Warren Inquiry  
Insert – Pictorial Living – Kennedy Memorial Issue

### HC901-003

#### WW2 newspaper

**Extent:** flat oversize document box

**Arrangement:** 1 section

**Description:** *Journal American*, New York, Friday, November 12, 1943  
PUSH JAPS BACK 11 MI.  
Alfred di Marigny acquitted of murder of Sir Harry Oakes

### HC901-004

#### The war over in the Pacific

**Extent:** flat oversize document box

**Arrangement:** 1 section

**Description:** *Daily Mirror*, New York, Wednesday, August 15, 1945  
Truman Announces: WAR OVER; M'Arthur to rule Japs

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## HC910 Miscellaneous - Local

### HC910-001

## **Bicentennial girl scout project**

**Extent:** 1 large format hand-made 'folder' flat oversize document box  
**Arrangement:** chronological  
**Description:** The Hudson Valley and the American Revolution  
Junior Troop # 504, Carmel, N.Y.

## **HC910-002**

### **Iron mines**

**Extent:** 1 volume flat oversize document box  
**Arrangement:** various, tabloid newspaper section  
**Description:** Arsenal of the Revolution

*The First History of 'The 14 th Colony,' the 17 'Iron Country' Towns*

The Lakeville Journal and The News  
Published during the Bicentennial

## **HC910-003**

### **Circus**

SEE ALSO: HC509-7; 2 P.T. Barnum books in library

- 1 P.T. Barnum (orig book?)
- 2 Barrett, Baxter, Brown
- 3 Circus Tents
- 4 Cole, Cook, Craft, Crosby
- 5 Crane Bros – ledgers accts, obits
- 6 Daniel Drew – Bullshead Tavern & Drewclift
- 7 Field, Fowler, Frost, June
- 8 Adam Forepaugh - circus
- 9 Lilly Deacon Forepaugh
- 10 Delavan
- 11 Horton
- 12 Howes family and circus
- 13 Lawsuits – related to circus
- 14 Mabie family circus
- 15 Menageries & mud shows
- 16 Misc.
- 17 Newspaper articles
- 18 Photos - circus
- 19 Putnam County men in circus
- 20 Raymond, James R. (Leslie Symington)
- 21 Rice, Dan
- 22 Leslie Symington notes
- 23 Leslie Symington notes
- 24 Leslie Symington notes
- 25 Thayer Family/ circus/ Leslie Symington

- 26 Townsend Family/ circus  
27 Turner, Aaron/ circus  
28 Ware, Waring, Watts – Symington notes  
29 Women of, and related to, the circus  
(see also HC404 44)

### **HC910-004**

*The Journal News*, 10 May 2006, "Grading Schools," State science test results in Westchester and Putnam schools.

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## **HC920 Miscellaneous – Atlas/Books**

### **HC920-001**

#### **Commemorative Biographical Record of the Counties of Dutchess and Putnam, New York**

**Extent:** 1 volume

**Arrangement:** various

**Description:** J.H. Beers & Co., 1897, Chicago

Original binding, 1159 pages, indexed, second copy (first copy in library)

### **HC920-002**

#### **Atlas of New York and Vicinity**

**Extent:** 1 volume

**Arrangement:** geographic, town

**Description:** 1867, F.W. Beers, A.D. Ellis & G.G. Soule

1-37 maps complete; 38-44 views complete, 42 duplicate, only 38-43 listed in index

see supplement for detailed listing

original individual maps also available in the map collection

See also HC970A-008

### **HC920-003**

#### **Johnson's New Illustrated Family Atlas with Description, Geographical, Statistical, and Historical**

**Extent:** 1 volume

**Arrangement:** by state and country, geographic

**Description:** J.H. Colton and A.J. Johnson

New York, Johnson and Browning, 1861

99 pages description, 92 pages maps

### **HC920-004**

## **Johnson's New Illustrated Family Atlas of the World with Description, Geographical, Statistical, and Historical**

**Extent:** 1 volume

**Arrangement:** by state and country, geographic

**Description:** J.H. Colton and A.J. Johnson

New York, Johnson and Browning, 1862

Tipped in notice to Subscribers

99 pages description, 92 pages maps

Insert: p. 90/91 : sample Photo-Electrograph from Real Pen-Work Publishing Co., Pittsfield, MA; color; "God bless our home"

### **HC920-005**

**Atlas to Accompany the official records of the Union and Confederate Armies**

**Extent:** 35 volumes + index

**Arrangement:** chronological, geographic, other

**Description:** Civil War maps, compiled by Capt. Calvin D. Cowles, 23d U.S. Infantry  
1891-1895, index, 35 volumes, 175 plates

### **HC920-006**

**Rand McNally Commercial Atlas and Marketing Guide, 1946, 77<sup>th</sup> Ed.**

**Extent:** 1 volume library shelf B

**Arrangement:** geographic, state

**Description:** Maps clearly show county detail. Additional pages include index to towns, retail sales, demographics, agriculture, industry, trading centers, and physical features.

### **HC920-007**

**Atlas of Hudson River Valley, from New York City to Troy**

**Extent:** 1 volume

**Arrangement:** geographic, north from New York City to Troy

**Description:** 1891, F.W. Beers, C.E.

including a Section of about 8 Miles in Width

tipped in:

color cover(?) page of The Cornwall Press, Christmas 1921, The Storm King Road

two column newspaper article Dec. 15, 1921, Storm King Road

West Point Quadrangle USGS Topographical map, 1908

New York State grid of topographical maps, early 1900s

Photo copy, possibly blow up of West Point Quad, around Constitution Island

Maps: 1-35 complete

### **HC920-008**

**History of Putnam County, New York, with Biographical Sketches of its Prominent Men**

**Extent:** 1 volume

**Arrangement:**

Description: William S. Pelletreau, A. M., Phila., W. W. Preston & Co., 1886;  
original vol., cover loose, William H. Foster original owner

**HC920-009**

**Leslie's Official History of the Spanish-American War**

1899; 620 pages; contents

Extent: 1 volume

Arrangement:

Description:

**HC920-010**

**Godey's Lady's Book and Magazine; Philadelphia**

Vol. lxxi; Jan – Dec 1865; fashion, crafts, contents

Extent: 1 volume

Arrangement:

Description:

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**HC921 Illustrated London News**

Profusely illustrated (engravings) weekly news periodical.

**HC921-001**

No 1097 vol. xxxix p1 – No 1120 vol. xxxix p606 6 July 1861 – 14 Dec 1861

Incomplete

Extent: 1 volume

Arrangement: chronological, bound weekly issues

Description:

**HC921-002**

No 1125 vol. xl p1 – No 1151 vol. xl p670 4 Jan 1862 – 28 Jun 1862

Engravings index

Extent: 1 volume

Arrangement: chronological, bound weekly issues

Description:

**HC921-003**

No 1153 vol. xli p3 – No 1181 vol. xli p708 5 July 1862 – 27 Dec 1862

Extent: 1 volume

Arrangement: chronological, bound weekly issues

Description:

**HC921-004**

No 1267 vol. xlv p3 – No 1295 vol. xlv p684

2 July 1864 – 31 Dec 1864

Index

**Extent:** 1 volume  
**Arrangement:** chronological, bound weekly issues  
**Description:** incomplete

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**HC922 The Illustrated New York News**

**HC922-001**

No 1 Vol. 1 p1 – No 6 Vol. 1 p48

**The Illustrated American News**

No 7 Vol. 1 p49 – No 24 VOL 1 p192

**Erie Rail Road Supplement – after No 24 (P192)**

**NYS Agricultural Fair Supplement – after page 136**

**Montgomery's Pictorial Times**

Vol. 1 No 1 p1 – Vol. 1 No 9 p 72

7 Jan 1854 – 4 March 1854

**Extent:** 1 volume

**Arrangement:** chronological, bound weekly issues

**Description:**

**HC922-002**

**The Illustrated News**

No 1 Vol. 1 p1 – No 26 Vol. 1 p416

1 Jan 1853 – 25 June 1853

No 27 Vol. ii p1 – No 48 Vol. ii p312

2 July 1853 – 26 Nov 1853

**Illustration index ??**

**Extent:** 1 volume

**Arrangement:** chronological, bound weekly issues

**Description:**

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**HC923 HARPERS**

**HC923-001**

**Harper's Pictorial History of the Great Rebellion**

**Part First; to the close of the Peninsular Campaign in 1862**

**1866; 380 pages; contents**

**Extent:** 1 volume

**Arrangement:**

**Description:**

**HC923-002**

**Harper's Pictorial History of the Civil War**

**Vol I; 1896; pages 1-398; contents**

**Vol II; 1896; pages 399-836; index**

**Extent:** 2 volumes

**Arrangement:**

**Description:**

**HC923-003**

**Harper's Monthly Magazine**

**Vol. xiii, Jun – Nov 1856**

**P1 – 858; contents**

**Extent: 1 volume**

**Arrangement: chronological, bound monthly issues**

Description:

**HC923-004**

**Harper's Monthly Magazine**

**Vol. xxix, Jun – Nov 1864**

**P 1-824; contents**

**Extent: 1 volume**

**Arrangement: chronological, bound monthly issues**

Description:

**HC923-005**

**Harper's Monthly Magazine**

**Vol. xxxiv, Dec 1866 – May 1867**

**P1-816; contents**

**Extent: 1 volume**

**Arrangement: chronological, bound monthly issues**

Description:

**HC923-006**

**Harper's Monthly Magazine**

**Vol. xxxvii, Jun – Nov 1868**

**P 1-864; contents**

**Extent: 1 volume**

**Arrangement: chronological, bound monthly issues**

Description:

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**HC930**

**Putnam County and Regional Newspapers**

**HC931 The Community Current, Putnam Valley, 1977-1990**

*The Community Current* was published by Arthur and Annaliese Pedersen, natives of Norway and long time residents of Putnam Valley. They lived on Church Road and were job printers before they began publication of a weekly newspaper, *The Community Current*, in 1977. They published and printed the newspaper in their home office. Starting in 1987, *The Community Current* aspired to become a regional newspaper after

Peekskill's daily *The Evening Star* went out of business. Eventually, the Pedersens moved their home and their newspaper to Peekskill. *The Community Current* ceased publication in 1990. The Pedersens continued to publish *The Guide*, a local telephone directory. Many editions missing in the County Historian's Office are held by the Field Library in Peekskill, noted below in *red italics*.

**Extent:** 5 flat oversize medium document boxes.

**Arrangement:** chronological

**Description:**

**Box #1 1977-1982**

**1977:** June 6 (1st edition), Aug. 9-23, Sept. 20-27, Dec. 16, Dec. 30

**1978:** Jan. 20, Feb. 3, Sept. 22, Oct. 6, Nov. 9, Nov. 23-30

*Field Library: Jan 6 – June 2, June 16 – Aug. 4, Aug. 18 – Dec. 28*

**1979:** Aug. 22, Sept. 26, Dec. 5, Dec. 26

*Field Library: Jan 4 – June 7, June 21 – Dec. 26*

**1980:** March 19-26, Apr. 30, July 16-23, Aug. 13, Aug. 27, Dec. 3

*Field Library: Jan. 2 – 30, Feb. 13 – Dec. 31*

**1981:** Feb. 25, Mar. 18-25, Apr. 15, Apr. 29-May 6, Aug. 5, Sept. 2, Oct. 21, Nov. 25

*Field Library: Jan. 7-March 4, Mar. 18 – end.*

**1982:** Jan. 13-20, Feb. 3, Apr. 28-June 2, July 21-Aug. 4, Aug. 18, Sept. 1-8, Sept. 22

*Field Library: all*

**Box #2 1983-1985**

**1983:** Jan. 5, Mar. 2-16, Apr. 6, Aug. 31-Sept. 7, Oct. 5-12, Oct. 26, Nov. 16

*Field Library: all*

**1984:** Feb. 8-Mar. 14, Mar. 28-Dec. 19

*Field Library: Jan. 4 – Apr. 14, Apr. 28 – July 4, July 18-Dec. 19*

**1985:** Jan. 16-July 3, July 17-July 31, Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 13-20, Dec. 18

*Field Library: Jan. 2 – 30, Feb. 13 – March 20, Apr. 3 – Dec. 18*

**Box #3 1986-1987**

**1986:** Jan. 15-Feb. 19, Mar. 5, Mar. 26-Apr. 2 -30, May 21-28, June 18-July 2, July 16, Aug. 6, Sept. 3, Oct. 8, Oct. 22, Nov. 5-26

*Field Library: Jan 1 - Apr. 30, May 14 – Dec. 17*

**1987:** Feb. 4-18, Apr. 1-May 20, June 3-July 1, July 15-Oct. 7, Oct. 28, Nov. 11

*Field Library: Jan 7 – Apr. 22, May 6 – May 13, May 27 – Dec. 16*

**Box #4 1988**

**1988:** Jan. 6-June 8, June 22-29, July 20-Dec. 21

*Field Library: Jan. 6 – Apr. 13, Apr. 27 – May 25, June 8, June 22 – July 20, Aug. 3 – Dec. 21*

**Box #5 1989-1990**



**1989:** Jan. 4-May 10, June 14, Aug. 9-23, Sept. 27, Oct. 18-Nov. 29, Dec. 13-20  
*Field Library: all*  
**1990:** Jan. 3-24, Feb. 7, Mar. 7, Apr. 4-25, Aug. 15 (last edition)  
*Field Library: all to Aug. 15*

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**HC932 Putnam County Newspapers, Misc.**  
**Extent:** flat oversize document box # 1 & 2  
**Arrangement:** various  
**Description:** over 100 individual issues from 1824, 1852, 1853, 1856, 1860, 1868, and the 1900s  
See excel list attached/following – print edition only  
See also: HC208 oversize document box

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**HC933 Regional Newspapers, Misc.**  
**Extent:** flat oversize document box # 1  
**Arrangement:** various  
**Description:** over 20 individual issues from 1801, 1830, 1841, 1850s, 60s, up to 1980s  
See excel list attached/following – print edition only

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**HC934 Putnam County Courier, 1849-1972**  
**Extent:** 93 vol platform  
**Arrangement:** chronological  
**Description:** bound vols, with gaps, 1849-1972  
No missing volumes, but not all issues found in a given volume

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**HC935 Patent Trader, 1955-1989**  
**Extent:** Archive box A, B, C  
**Arrangement:** subject  
**Description:** Xerox copies of newspaper clippings about Putnam County from the morgue of the Patent Trader.  
See attached list for contents – print edition only. Folders 608-909, 1212-1701, 3309-3722 indexed 2005; folders 954-1267, 1728-2603, 7735-8800 indexed 2006 (more remain to be processed) See also photo file.  
Note: due to the long-term nature of processing this collection, numerical order of folders is maintained only in each box, not within the collection as a whole. Be sure to check ALL content lists.

## HC980 Miscellaneous - Other

HC980-001

### **USO WW2 letters**

**Extent:** Doc Box # 32 folders 1-4

**Arrangement:** none (in folders in order as received, no organization)

**Description:** Betty Heaton, Bronx, New York, WWII, 1943 – 1945

Probably over 200+ letters from approx. 40-80 World War II service men. She apparently worked in a USO in the Bronx and kept correspondence from the many service men who wrote to her. She must have been quite a letter writer!

Written on many types of 'service' note paper/letter head as well as lined school paper, from throughout the US and overseas. These were originally housed in a black hardcover notebook/folder (similar in size to a 3 ring binder) that appears to have had accordion-like paper sections, which have mostly disintegrated due to the brittle nature of the paper. It was kept closed by a ribbon tie. A picture of roses in a vase was glued to the front cover. All of the notebook/folder has been discarded except the front cover. The letters may have originally been filed alphabetically in the various compartments of the 'notebook;' no order has been imposed on them – they are as received at the archives. (They would benefit from more detailed arrangement and description.)

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## HC900A Artifacts

HC910A Civic

HC920A Clothing

HC930A Commemorative

HC940A Flag, Banner, Pennant

HC950A Historic Souvenirs

HC950A Historic Souvenirs

**HC960A IOOF – International Order of Odd Fellows**

**HC970A Pictures, Paintings, Photos**

**HC980A Political**

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**HC910A Civic**

**HC910A-001 flat oversize artifact box**

Turkey shoot poster, Mahopac Falls Vol. Fire Department, 1938

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**HC920A Clothing**

**HC920A-001 flat oversize artifact box**

Black bonnet – “came from home in Carmel, family resident (Estelle Hopkins) here since 1890. Given to DJ & I turn it over to PC”

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**HC930A Commemorative**

**flat oversize artifact box**

**HC930A-001** Pennant, Constitution Bicentennial, blue white red and yellow (2)

**HC930A-002** southeast cap (logo)

**HC930A-003** baseball cap presented to chairman Fred H Osborn Jr 4/76 by Philly – “Paul Revere”

**HC930A-004** southeast eye shade

**HC930A-005** pennant, Putnam Sesquicentennial (1962), blue white and yellow

**HC930A-006** pennants, Put Co - 175 years of history, 1812–1987, blue and white (4)

**HC930A-007** April 2, 1976, baseball presented to bicentennial chairman Frederick H Osborn Jr by “Paul Revere,” riding for the Philadelphia Phillies (advertising gimmick) from Penn. To Mass. He was met by Sybil Ludington in Carmel. Pictures in front of County Building. Donna Trafton as Sybil. Russ Peterson as Paul. Ball signed by them both.

**HC930A-008** 2 Ribbons – listen my children and you shall hear -

**HC930A-009** Celebrate Putnam letterhead, programs, and letters; 175 years of history

**HC930A-010** Bag from Village 5 & 10 Brewster with Stop DWI key chain, 1988 bicentennial button, and Southeast key chain and coin

**HC930A-011** 4 keychains? In blue boxes from County Exec Peter Alexanderson and 1987 bicentennial of Constitution

**HC930A-012** 1976 Bicentennial plates – 3 unique designs (eagle, fife and drum, signing the Declaration of Independence), #4 Israel Putnam, in display cabinet

**HC930A-013** Civil War tee shirt, Major General Warren, done by Kent Historical Soc  
**HC930A-014** Brewster tee shirt, town seal  
**HC930A-015** lot of facsimile reprint of Putnam County documents to divide Dutchess County (approx. 12), (archives copy filed as HC208 Doc Box 1)  
HC930A-016 Fredericksburg tee shirt, now Patterson, rev war, from Dr. Larry Maxwell  
HC930A-017 Southeast tee shirt  
HC930A-018 Putnam County History Day 2003 tee shirt, from Peter Fineman  
HC930A-019 Putnam Memorial State Part 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 2 medals, from Harry Gibson  
HC930A-020 Trench Mirror, compliments of Lyons Loyal Legion, John J. Lyons for Secretary of State; from HC204 box 4  
HC930A-21 Daguerre-o-types (2) from Anson 589 Broadway; woman – missing cover, man – complete; in kraft envelope marked #109 and Howell Folder; no ID inside case; also small pieces of painted glass

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## **HC940A Flag, Banner, Pennant**

**HC940A-001** archive box # 13

Cloth American flag, 7' x 8.5', cotton  
15 stars, 15 stripes

**HC940A-002** archive box # 13

Flag  
New York State, 3x5, nylon

**HC940A-003** archive box # 13

Flag  
New York State, 3x5, nylon

**HC940A-004** archive box # 13

Flag  
US Constitution Bicentennial 1987 – 1991, 3x3, nylon

**HC940A-005** archive box # 13

**Flag**

US, rayon, yellow fringe, some wear and discoloration, 48 stars, 5x4

**HC940A-006** archive box # 13

Welcome Putnam County 1812 – 1962 Sesquicentennial banner, blue and yellow, 3x3  
(Eich of Bedford . .NE 6 –6173 turned under)

**HC940A-007****archive box # 13**

Bicentennial Flag – original – first ARBC flag given to Putnam County in 1975.  
 Received along with certificate. (dry cleaned 9/83), 6x4, bicentennial logo

**HC940A-008****archive box # 13**

Welcome Putnam County 1812 – 1962 Sesquicentennial banner, blue and yellow, 3x3,  
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**HC950A Historic Souvenirs**
**flat oversize artifact box**

**HC950A-001** small piece of linen sheet which was in Polly Crane's hope chest.  
 The flax was grown and spun at Ravinewood on Quaker Hill, Pawling, NY, about 1820.  
 It was woven into a sheet some where near Patterson.

**HC950A-002** Slate from roof of County farm building at time of demolition –  
 signed by Mr. O'Dell superintendent (now broken)

**HC950A-003** recovered from digs - to be listed

**HC950A-004****flat oversize artifact box**

**Ceramic mug**, off-white, thick-walled, from Putnam County Poor House, at the time of its closing in  
 1970.

**HC950A-005****storage box**

**Ceramic tile**, light brown, approx. 11" x 12," used in the construction of the Buddhist Monastery in  
 Kent, and letter of transmittal from Robert J. Bondi, County Executive, 24 March, 2003.

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**HC960A IOOF – International Order of Odd Fellows**
**small, flat document box**

**HC960A-001** Brass door knocker, gavel like knocker, geometric design, ornamented  
 with three rings

**HC960A-002** peep hole, brass colored, pot metal?, swinging flap, ornamented with 2  
 imaginary animal heads, IOOF, and three rings

**HC960A-003** old style door key

'white' metal:

**HC960A-004** 2 quill pens, open book, 3 rings, extra pair quills

**HC960A-005** 2 quill pens, open book, 3 rings, different style, extra pair quills

<b>HC960A-006</b>	2 keys, crossed, 3 rings
<b>HC960A-007</b>	2 keys, crossed, 3 rings, different style
<b>HC960A-008</b>	hour glass, 3 rings
<b>HC960A-009</b>	2 axes, crossed, 3 rings
<b>HC960A-010</b>	2 swords, crossed, 3 rings
<b>HC960A-011</b>	2 swords, crossed, 3 rings, different style
<b>HC960A-012</b>	inverted, rounded triangle, on post, gavel and 3 rings
<b>HC960A-013</b>	inverted, rounded triangle, on post, open bible, 3 rings
<b>HC960A-014</b>	inverted, rounded triangle, on post, urn with flame, 3 rings (3 objects, 2 styles)
<b>HC960A-015</b>	inverted, rounded triangle, on post, hour glass?, hanging from pin bar with 3 rings
<b>HC960A-016</b>	inverted, rounded triangle, post broken off, gavel, 3 rings
<b>HC960A-017</b>	inverted, rounded triangle, post broken off, ornament broken off, 3 rings

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## **HC970A Pictures, Paintings, Photos**

**HC970A-001** 12x16 photo of couple in frame, possibly wedding photo

**HC970A-002** painting on masonite, subject: Edward Wright, 1826-?, County Judge 1866-1884, artist: Robert Weeks, 1940

**HC970A-003** painting on masonite, subject: unknown – man in suit and tie c. 1940s 50s, artist: probably same as HC970A-002

**HC970A-004** 4x5.5 photo of young girl/boy, Jimme? framed (recessed), received with Salmon Papers (HC527), probably sibling of HC970A-005

**HC970A-005** 4x5.5 photo of young boy, John? framed (recessed), received with Salmon Papers (HC527), probably brother of HC970A-004

**HC970A-006** oversize flat document box chalk drawing (1920s) by Thomas Hunt of Arthur (the last miller) Rundell's wife, Hannah Jane Tompkins (1862-1948), in the Rundell mill on Mill St in Put Val, the last operating mill in Put Co

**HC970A-007** oversize flat document box print: "Gipsy Trail" An arrangement of impressions, Ernest Hamlin Baker 1934, one signed "To Joan – with love from Ernest Hanlin Baker – 1958."

**HC970A-008** oversize flat document box Single sheet from Beers c. 1867 atlas; views of Gregroy House, Doanesburg, and Lake Mahopac

**HC970A-009**    oversize flat document box

Uncut sheet of 18 reproduction postcards from Brewster, Southeast Museum fund raiser, created by Denis Castelli, printed by Excel Printing, Brewster, 2003; signed by Castelli, #12 of 20; back also printed

**HC970A-010**    oversize flat document box

Uncut sheet of 18 reproduction postcards from Philipstown, Desmond-Fish Library fund raiser, created by Denis Castelli, printed by Excel Printing, Brewster, 2004; signed by Castelli, back blank

**HC970A-011**    oversize flat document box

Military Register, 6<sup>th</sup> N.Y. Heavy Artil'y, Co I; c 1862-64, printed in color; fragile;  
READING COPY IN VERTICLE FILES.

**HC970A-012**    oversize flat document box

Soldiers' Record, 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment, N.Y.V. Artillery, Company L; c 1862, printed in color;  
EXTREMELY FRAGILE; TO BE USED ONLY WITH PERMISSION;  
READING COPY IN VERTICLE FILE

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**HC980A    Political**

**flat oversize artifact box**

**HC980A-001**    tax collector comb – Roseann Kelly

**HC980A-002**    vote Bruen shirt

**HC980A-003**    Self stick town seal of Patterson

**HC980A-004**    Self stick town seal of Philipstown – highway dept

**HC980A-005**    4 plastic litter bags – Putnam County Stop DWI Program, 3 with Joseph M. Costello, Coordinator; one with Main Street button

**HC980A-006**    Putnam Pleases People bumper sticker

**HC980A-006**    fan of Vinny Tamagna, county legislator, c. 1999

**End of Record Descriptions**