

Village of Voorheesville Archive

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Preface

The Village Historian of the Village of Voorheesville, Dennis Sullivan, collected manuscripts, photographs, maps and printed material of the residents, businesses, churches and organizations for over 30 years. These historical archives were stored in the Village Hall and were used by the Village Historian and others as needed. Because of the importance of the archives and their usefulness to students, scholars and others interested in the local history of Voorheesville, a decision was made to move them to the Voorheesville Public Library to improve their preservation and access. The Mayor of the Village, Robert D. Conway, upon the request of the Village Historian, agreed to transfer the historical archives collected by the Village Historian to the Voorheesville Public Library on the basis of a temporary deposit with all property rights, including copyright, remaining with the Village of Voorheesville. The historical archives were transferred on August 22, 2014.

This finding aid could not have been done without the aid of Dennis Sullivan, Village Historian, who not only collected the records described here, but wrote a fine history of Voorheesville that was a vital source of information in describing these records. His encyclopedic knowledge of all things Voorheesville was a necessity throughout the project and I thank him for his patience and help. Mayor Robert D. Conway and Linda Pasquali, Village Clerk were instrumental in the transfer of the village historical records. Gail Sacco and the staff of the Voorheesville Public Library, especially Lynn Kohler, were helpful during the processing of these records. Thanks are also due to Lesa Clark for her artistic work on the cover of this guide.

The following is an inventory of the historical records. While the description of these records is detailed, this finding aid is not an index to every document, name or subject found in these records. Some files have printouts of genealogical data from Ancestry.com or other sources that provide clarifying information. Some photographs lack any identifying information and any information that will assist in identifying the individuals or scenes in photos will be appreciated.

James Corsaro, September 2015.

Brief History of Village of Voorheesville

Although there were farming and rural families for a century the population remained sparse in the area that became the village; about 300 people in 1893. In 1863, the Albany and Susquehanna Railroad (and later Delaware & Hudson Railway) began service to “New Scotland” as the railroad stop was known and a beginning was made in regular passenger and later commercial and industrial railroad traffic (coal, farm products, etc.) that would establish what would become the village. The Village of Voorheesville was incorporated in 1899 after a few years of discussion among the village residents. Alonzo Voorhees, an Albany lawyer who moved to the hamlet, applied for a post office for it and named it for himself, thus, Voorheesville. The post office changed the name from Voorheesville to Farlin in 1890 and kept it until 1892, when the name was changed again to Voorheesville. After previous attempts to incorporate failed, a successful vote was held in May 1899 and the village was incorporated.

The village had generally been based on a rural farming community. In 1863, the Albany and Susquehanna Railroad ran an excursion train from Albany to the rural hamlet, later the Delaware and Hudson Railway and Saratoga and Hudson River Railroad came to the hamlet, beginning what was to make Voorheesville a railroad town. The railroads brought not only tourists from Albany and elsewhere, it made the village more accessible as a suburban residence and created the opportunity for several industries to build factories in the village. The factories provided jobs for the local population and made the village attractive to other would-be workers. Industries included a barrel-making factory, foundries including the Phoenix and Albany Malleable Iron Works, a canning factory, grain and feed mills, and others; local orchards grew the apples needed for two cider and vinegar companies, a creamery and grist mill were available for local farmers, and local women sewed collars and shirts in their homes.

Other businesses and institutions of community life followed, including hotels, (Grove Hotel and Harris House), an Odd Fellows Lodge, churches (First Methodist, First Presbyterian and St. Matthew’s Catholic), a fire department established in 1902, a library opened in 1915, Voorheesville Grange, a women’s study group called the Bay View Club and many stores, including groceries, a hardware store, lumberyard, restaurants, and a public school that eventually became the core of the Voorheesville Central School System.

Men from the village served in all the wars of the 20th c., including over 100 during World War II, while the village’s women not only carried on with their home-making tasks, but worked in the local industries and a few served in the Armed Services. The post-war years brought increased development and suburbanization to the village as roads were improved and more families could afford automobiles. Most of the industries in the village disappeared during these years and while trains still pass through the village several times per day, there is no longer a railroad depot.

In May 1999, the village celebrated its centennial with a parade and many other events over an entire weekend.

Box 1: Family Records and Memoirs

This is a group of items that are concerned with family history, genealogy, and memoirs in Voorheesville and the Town of New Scotland. The items are filed by family name and described individually. There are also a few short local history essays in this box.

F. 1: Hendrick Family:

Newhart, Anna Hendrick, *Relations, Recollections and Reflections of the Hendrick Family*.

This is a typescript memoir and genealogy of the Hendrick and related families, ca. 70 pp., with 5 portrait photographs and newspaper clippings tipped in. The memoir includes brief genealogies of the Hendrick, Wands and Russell families. The portrait photos are of Anna Hendrick Newhart, Col. James Hendrick, Anna Wands Hendrick, James Burnside Wands, Nelly Russell Wands. The story includes the Hendrick family in Ireland, in Albany and at Font Grove in the Town of New Scotland. The Hendricks were a wealthy family and the memoir tells of visits to other wealthy friends and relations in New York and elsewhere, christening of a yacht in Philadelphia and the visits, dinners and other affairs where famous people often appear.

Col. James Hendrick, a lawyer, was involved with and president of number of Albany companies in 19th c. and later bought his wife's family home and farm which was eventually called Font Grove, named for a sulphur spring on the property. Font Grove farm was on the New Scotland-New Salem turnpike in the Town of New Scotland. The farm eventually grew to over 600 acres and had tenants who lived on the farm. The Colonel was a director of the Albany and Susquehanna Railroad and was involved in the fight for control of the railroad with Jim Fisk, (p.12-13). The *Relations* is generally chronological and includes many anecdotes about the family, childhood, education, and lives of the Hendricks. The Hendricks seemed to have been close to the family of Sarah Gould, the sister of Jay Gould and the families visited each other at their homes at Font Grove and the Gould home at Lyndhurst in Irvington, NY.

F. 2: Diary of Derrick Van Schaick Raynsford

This is a diary by an unidentified person for the year 1871 found in the Village of Voorheesville Historical Records collection. The diarist is not noted, but is almost certainly Derrick Van Schaick Raynsford. He was a farmer, a member of the Presbyterian Church of New Scotland and lived in New Scotland. He appeared to have at least two farm laborers Albert (his son) and Fred Wilder and is involved with his neighbors and with the town affairs. He grew hay, potatoes, carrots, and had an apple and pear orchard. He sold his produce in Albany and also sold veal and pork from butchered animals as well as chickens and eggs from his farm. He owned oxen. He attended the New Scotland Presbyterian Church and also attended the Reformed Church in Guilderland Center (Samuel L. Gamble, minister). He mentions the names of the preachers at the churches he attended. William C. Handy was the Presbyterian minister from 1871-1874 and Samuel L. Gamble was minister from 1861-1867; Gamble was later minister of the Reformed Church of Guilderland from 1869-1883 and the diarist attended that church as well. He attended funerals and helped the families of the deceased by going to Albany for undertakers and coffins. He went to county and town fairs and voted on election day. It seems that holidays, such as Christmas were ignored; he and his men worked on Christmas Day. He may have been a neighbor or relation of the Benders as he seems to spend many nights at the

Bender home. He mentions an Uncle George several times who appears to be George Bender, husband of Jane and father of Ephraim and Sarah Bender and other children; (Ephraim and Sarah are mentioned in the diary along with Uncle George). Some other names mentioned in the diary are Aunt Eve Ann, Uncle Haswell, Wille (Willard, his son, 14 years old in 1870), the Wayne family, Moak family and others. Lovina (Lavinia) is mentioned in the diary and DVS Raynsford had a sister named Lavinia. There are several "No entry" days, mainly Sundays, where the farmer did not write anything in his diary; (did he not work on Sundays or did he go to church and not mention it in his diary?) Almost the entire diary is taken up with work done daily on the farm or at sales of his products in Albany, though there are entries for funerals attended and mention of going to county fairs.

F. 3: Diary of Derrick Van Schaick Raynsford

A complete transcript has been made of this diary and is available with the original as well as pages from various websites related to the people mentioned in the diary. The New York State Library has a three other volumes of the diary of D.V.S. Raynsford dated in the 1870s.

Also: A photograph (reproduction) of four men, including D.V.S. Raynsford.

F. 4: Genealogical Guide to Saratoga Co.

This is a printed pamphlet entitled, *Genealogical Guide to Saratoga County, New York*, compiled by Field Horne, 1980, with detailed information about a variety of resources for genealogists looking for ancestors in Saratoga County.

F. 5: Memorial poem

This memorial poem, *In Memory of Miss Carrie Van Auken, who died at Voorheesville, N.Y., September 14, 1881, by her teacher, B.S. Crosby*, is a printed poem written in memory of a child by her teacher. Carrie Van Auken was the daughter of John and Elizabeth Van Auken of New Scotland, NY and had 5 siblings. She died in 1881 at the age of 16 years.

F. 6: Memoranda Book

This is a printed and manuscript item entitled, *Pierce's Memorandum and Account Book designed for Farmers, Mechanics and All People*, 1887. The booklet is a "a present from the World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, NY and London, Eng." and is filled with printed advertisements for a large variety of medicines. The book was used by an unknown person for a variety of entries, including hours worked in a foundry and pay received. The information about work appears to date from 1930-1931, although the booklet was printed in 1887 and the pay received was \$3.00 per day.

F. 7: Youmans Family

This is a memoir of Samuel A. Youmans of life on a farm on Youmans Road in the Town of New Scotland. The farm was located a ½ mile north of Rt. 85 in the hamlet of New Scotland. Youmans was born in 1921, the son of Lester H. and Ethel Cozine Youmans. The memoir tells the story of his life in school and life working on the farm, including crops grown, stories about trains and transients, old-time New Scotland, World War II, retail milk business from the farm and other anecdotes about his life in New Scotland. It is a photocopy of a typewritten account and illustrated with photos of the farm and with cartoons about farming, 20 pp.

F. 8: Interview Transcripts

Transcripts of 3 interviews done by Dennis Sullivan, Village Historian, in 1989:

- Margaret Joslin talking about gypsies who visited Voorheesville and her family farm.
- Harold Schultz talking about the Voorheesville Board of Trade, (transcript not complete).
- Ken Weidman talking about “Remembrances of Voorheesville in Days gone by.”

F. 9: Weidman Family

This is a file of handwritten notes, anecdotes, family trees, and photographs about the Weidman and related families, including Beebe, Gregg, Crounse, Ostrander, Van Auken, Martin and other families. Most of the material is photocopied with some original photographs. Notes about Ken Weidman in unknown person’s hand. This is a good source of information about several families in New Scotland and including anecdotes of town and family life.

F. 10: Bloomingdale Family

This is small file about the Bloomingdale family, including a brief biography of Frank Bloomingdale, the first Mayor of Voorheesville and a genealogy of the Bloomingdale and related families compiled by Thomas Bloomingdale in 1981. Frank Bloomingdale was the postmaster and Mayor of Voorheesville and an Assemblyman from Albany County in the New York State Legislature. He owned a hay, grain, feed and farm machinery business in Voorheesville for 40 years. There are several copies of the brief biography in this file.

F. 11: Tymchyn family. Miscellaneous documents re: Victor Tymchyn including:

- Diphtheria Toxin-Antitoxin Certificate, age 11, Dec. 22, 1927
- report cards for 8th, 9th and 10th grades at Voorheesville School, 1929-1931.

Additional Tymchyn items, as follows, are found in the Oversize Box:

- Eighth grade diploma of Victor John Tymchyshyn, Voorheesville Grammar School, June 24, 1930, signed by Clayton A. Bouton, Principal and E.K. Hallenbeck, President of Board of Trustees.
- Testimonial Award for Victor Tymchyshyn, 6th grade, Voorheesville Public School for punctuality, June 22, 1928; also awards for 8th grade, 1930 and 9th grade, 1931.
- Diploma for Victor John Tymchyshyn, for completion of 2 year course of study at Voorheesville Union School, June 27, 1932, signed by Clayton A. Bouton and others.

F. 12: Local history essays, incl.:

- Essay about Albany & Susquehanna RR Co., 2 pp.
- Short history essays by students about Voorheesville, New Salem and other topics, 6 pp.
- Short history essays by students about “early history of area,” fire dept., village government, railroad history.

Box 2: Harris House

The Harris House was a hotel in Voorheesville owned and operated by Morris Harris, originally from Albany, but who settled in Voorheesville during the time he owned the hotel, 1889-1904. The hotel not only had boarding guests, but also served as place for jurors to stay when the hotel was being used as a courtroom. Railroad workers also stayed at the hotel and there was entertainment, including wrestling matches, lectures, and magic shows. Morris Harris sold the hotel to Pelligrino Michele in 1922 and he ran it until 1953 when his son Michael Michele became the proprietor until 1975. Harris House eventually became a multi-family residence at 1 South Main St., Voorheesville, NY.

Folder 1-6: Land records of Harris House

This is a group of title searches, deeds and mortgages related to the property of the Harris House hotel, located at 1 Main St., in the Village of Voorheesville, NY. There are also drawings for proposed alterations and an addition to the Harris House building, n.d., for the owner, Pellegrino Michele.

The property passed through several owners from the late 19th century into the 20th C. Harris bought the building in 1889 from William Mathias, who lived in and had a grocery store in the building. The Harris House continued as a hotel until 1975 when it became the Railroad Junction Ice Cream Parlor.

F. 1: Warranty Deeds:

- Warranty Deed, Julia A. Chesebro to Frederick B. La Grange, April 1, 1868
- Warranty Deed, William S. Swift and wife to Conrad Mathias, July 24, 1886
- Deed, William L. Mathias to Kittie Mathias, Sept. 29, 1887
- Deed, Conrad Mathias to William L. Mathias, April 14, 1887
- Contract to Convey, William L. Mathias to Elizabeth Harris, Dec. 12, 1888
- Bond, Elizabeth Harris to Kittie Mathias, April 2, 1889
- Mortgage, Elizabeth and Morris Harris to Kittie Mathias, April 2, 1889
- Warranty Deed, William L. Mathias and Kittie Mathias to Elizabeth Harris, April 2, 1889

F. 2: Title Searches:

- Title search, 1895, James D. Walsh, Albany City/County Clerk, of the property near the New Scotland Station near lands of A. B. Voorhees from 1870 to 1889, Peter F. Wormer through Elizabeth Harris.
- Title search, William J. Grattan, Albany County Clerk, of the property from 1889-1910, William L. Mathias through Albany Home Telephone Co., May 28, 1912, granting right to construct and maintain telephone lines on Harris House property.
- Title search, Ira D. Warner, Albany County Clerk, of the Harris House property from 1912 to 1922, Irene Kalohn to Morris Harris through Pellegrino Michele.
- Abstract of Title, done for Pellegrino and Stella Michele, 1922, with continuation done 1929, re: mortgage for property of Harris Houses.

F. 3: Mortgages, deed, bond re: to Harris House property:

- Mortgage to Elizabeth Harris from Peter Fryer, March 31, 1899 for the Property.
- Warranty Deed from Irving M. Riseley and Lizzie A. Riseley to Morris Harris, Jan. 15, 1904 (an Irving M. Riseley had a restaurant in Albany in 1904 and there was an Irving M. Riseley, owner of a saloon in Poughkeepsie in 1910).
- Assignment of Mortgage, Peter Fryer to Elizabeth Harris, May 31, 1899
- Deed, Morris and Elizabeth Harris to Irene Kalohn, May 31, 1912 (Irene Kalohn, 31 years old, lived in New Scotland in 1920 and was married to August Kalohn)
- Mortgage of Morris Harris to Irene Kalohn, May 31, 1912
- Assignment of mortgage, Morris Harris to Harriet Harris, Dec. 12, 1912.
- Bond of Irene Kalohn to Morris Harris, May 31, 1912, with list of payments made on the bond and received by Harriet Rosenberg (daughter of Morris Harris, and spouse of Elias Rosenberg)

F. 4: Deeds, etc. Harris House property to P. Michele

- Deed, Pellegrino and Stella Michele to Grace W. Moloney, Nov. 4, 1925
- Deed, Grace W. Moloney to Pellegrino and Stella Michele, Nov. 4, 1925
- Letter, Stephen J. Daring, attorney to P. Michele, July 29, 1922, enclosing the above deeds, etc.
- also letter from Daring to Michele, Sept. 21, 1922, enclosing the “deed of the hotel property.”
- Also, receipt from Mrs. Elias Rosenberg to P. Michele, Sept. 17, 1923, for \$500 received of mortgage.

F. 5: Forms re: Michael and Marion Michele

- Continuation of Title of property of Michael and Marion Michele, Sept. 13, 1983
- Building loan contract of M. and M. Michele, 1967
- Form for estate of resident decedents (incomplete) of Michael Michele.
- 3 Blank forms for estates of resident decedents
- Page from a historical survey of buildings.

F. 6: Plans and drawings for alterations, demolitions, and addition of 3 bedrooms and garage in the rear of the existing building owned by Michael Michele, at 1 South Main St., Voorheesville, NY, n.d., no builder or artist of the plans is listed, 5 plans/drawings. This appears to be when the hotel was remodeled into a residential building.

F. 7-8: Photographs of Harris House**F. 7:** Harris House Exterior

- Three exterior photographic views of the hotel, all taken from across the road from the hotel, probably near the railroad depot; all three are reproduction photos.
- Three postcard photos of the hotel, including one that is a reproduction of one of the above photos; two of the postcards were published by Ess and Ess Photo Co., New York, NY and one by the Albany News Co.

F. 8: Harris House Bar

- One interior photograph of the Harris House bar, n.d., ca. 1900. This photo is faded and is mounted on cardboard that is brittle. The cardboard backing is broken in several places, and the photograph is missing one corner due to the breakage
- also one repro. photo.

F. 9: Additional Photographs

- Photo (repro.) of 8 men standing on the porch of the Harris House, n.d., winter, ca. 1900-1910?
- photo (repro.) of Harris House with Theophilus (“Orf”) White’s Albany Ice Cream Co. on back of the building.

See also: Tee shirt, green, from the Michele Family’s Railroad Junction Old Fashioned Ice Cream Parlor, 1 South Main St., Voorheesville (formerly Harris House) found in Artifacts, Box 18.

Church Records

There are records of three churches, the First Methodist and First Presbyterian churches of Voorheesville and St. Matthew’s Roman Catholic Church. The records are as follows:

Box 3: First Presbyterian Church

The Presbyterian Church was first organized in the Town of New Scotland in 1787 and anyone living in Voorheesville attending that church had to travel about 3 miles over unpaved roads, not an easy journey, especially in the winter and “mud” months. Therefore, Presbyterians in the village and nearby petitioned the Albany Presbytery to form a new congregation in June 1885. Soon thereafter, the First Presbyterian Church of Voorheesville was organized and was incorporated on August 8, 1885. The church met in a wagon house in Voorheesville, known as the Chapel, while the church building was constructed and dedicated October 13, 1887. A manse for the pastor was completed in 1894. There was a church school with sections for all ages from children to adults and interestingly pre-dated the church itself, having been formed in May 1885. The choir and church organ played an integral part in the church services; the organ was bought from a Reformed Church in Cossackie, NY in 1907 and the church bell cast by the Jones Bell Foundry in Troy, NY in 1859 was acquired from a church in Nassau, NY sometime before the church was built. There was a Women’s Guild that assisted the church by helping to care for the church furnishings and by raising funds for the church. In 1896, a Women’s Missionary Society was formed and in 1933 a Men’s Club was organized. Other church groups included the Young People’s Society of Christian Endeavor, 1896 and a D.Y.B. Class (Do Your Best Class) which was another women’s group. By 1936, there were 136 members, but by 1949 the church membership had dwindled and financial problems of the church, as well as the difficulty in finding a permanent minister caused its disbandment. About half of the church members joined

the New Scotland Presbyterian Church and the remainder joined the First Methodist Church of Voorheesville. The church building was acquired by the Voorheesville Public Library in 1950, which remained there until the new library building was constructed in 1989. The church building is now the home of Old Songs, Inc., a folk music organization. The original record book of the Treasurer of the New Scotland Presbyterian Church is in the collections of the New Scotland Historical Association in New Salem, NY.

Pkg. 1: Trustee minutes of meetings, Aug. 6, 1891-Sept. 22, 1948. Trustees were responsible for managing the properties of the church and for conducting the business of the church. The Session of the church was its governing body and oversaw the everyday work of the church, supervised the Deacons of the church and the Trustees who handled the financial, legal and property affairs of the church. There appears to be some overlap of functions as found in the records of the two main church offices in these records. The meetings were held in Farlin in 1891-1892 and later the meetings were held using the new village name, Voorheesville.

Minutes include:

- Results of elections of trustees, calls (hiring) of ministers
- Treasurer reports
- Maintenance of church building
- Discussion of financial problems of the church
- Presentation of bills and orders to pay
- Distribution of charitable funds
- Payment of insurance and other matters, mainly financial
- The book also contains the minutes of annual congregational meetings interspersed with trustee minutes.

This book is a folio with a broken binding and must be used with care.

F. 1: Pamphlet Histories:

The First Fifty Years, 1885-1936, Golden Jubilee, First Presbyterian Church, Voorheesville, New York. This is a pamphlet history of the church written for the Golden Jubilee held June 9-10, 13-14, 1936, 38 pp. The booklet includes a church directory of officers, program of the celebration, historical sketches of church's organization, buildings, furnishings, manse, pastors, church school, women's organizations, choir, Young People's Society and others, a list of church members, and several pages of advertisements by local businesses.

Our Heritage: The Presbyterian Church in New Scotland, New York, 200th Anniversary, 1787-1987: This is an 84 pp. history of the church written by several authors.

F. 2: Records of Session, Presbyterian Church, Voorheesville, N.Y., includes minutes of the session meetings, Jan. 23, 1920-April 26, 1937. The minutes include:

- Elections of Elders and Trustees at annual church meetings
- Examination of candidates for admission to church membership
- Annual statistical reports to be presented to the Albany Presbytery
- Receiving reports from Trustees
- Elections to Albany Presbytery from the church
- Resolutions of memorials for deceased members
- Minutes of annual congregational meetings with reports from various groups of the church

- Choir issues and concerns
- Sunday School issues and reports and other concerns of the Session.
- A printed item issued by the Session, April 1922, gives the rules for the keeping of Session records and is pasted in the front cover of the book.

F. 3: Record book of various meeting minutes of the church, including:

- Annual Congregation Meeting, Jan. 28, 1944
- Special Meeting, May 28, 1944
- Application to Board of Missions for aid
- Annual Congregation Meeting, April 1945
- Same, April 10, 1946
- Special Meeting, Nov. 26, 1946
- Annual Meetings, April 2, 1947, Jan. 15, 1948

The minutes of these meetings include annual reports of the minister (Rev. Elmer T. Schick, Stated Supply from the Albany Presbytery), Treasurer's reports, budgets and other items. The meeting on Nov. 12, 1944 was to carry a motion to apply to the National Board of Missions for \$300 in aid for the church. There is a list of Elders and Trustees for the years 1944-1948.

F.4: Minute book of the Women's Guild of the Voorheesville Presbyterian Church, Feb. 6, 1931-May 2, 1940, including:

- Minutes of monthly meetings with reports from Treasurer and Secretary
- Payments for maintenance of church and manse from Guild treasury
- Fund-raising for the work of the Guild
- Planning for church events
- Appointments of committee members, and other topics.

F. 5: Minute book of the Women's Guild of the Voorheesville Presbyterian Church, June 12, 1940-December 3, 1942, including:

- Minutes of monthly meetings with reports from Treasurer and Secretary
- Payments for maintenance of church and manse from Guild treasury
- Fund-raising for the work of the Guild
- Planning for church suppers, parties, etc.
- Appointments of committee members, and other topics.

F. 6: Photograph of Jubilee Pageant performed at the church, June 9, 1936; everyone in photo is identified on verso.

F.7: Photographs of church building,

- 1 photo in winter, n.d., ca. 1940? (2 copies and 1 enlarged)
- 3 photos of façade of the church, n.d., ca. 1910-1920?
- Interior photo of Voorheesville Presbyterian Church, at Easter? (lilies in photo), n.d., (2)

See also: Metal stamp for First Presbyterian Church, Voorheesville, NY, Incorporated Aug. 11, 1835, found in Artifact Box 16. (*Careful: Very heavy object*)

Box 4: First Methodist Church of Voorheesville

The Methodist Church began first as a Methodist Society in 1815 after having been served by itinerant ministers for several years. It was known as the Black Creek Methodist Society and later was called the North Methodist Society of Bethlehem. The first church building was constructed in 1826 and after the formation of the Troy Conference of the Methodist Church in 1832, the church became part of the Watervliet Circuit. In 1870, a pastor was charged with both the New Scotland and New Salem churches and in 1887 a parsonage was built for the pastor. In 1890, the church building was taken down and rebuilt on a lot in Voorheesville. The church became known as the First Methodist Church of Voorheesville and the New Salem church closed and became part of this Voorheesville church. The church grew in the early 20th c. and in the Twenties the Sanctuary was remodeled with a new pulpit and new stained glass windows, a pipe organ was installed and Sunday School rooms and church kitchen were built. In the Fifties more expansion and remodeling was completed on the church and the adjoining lot was acquired by the church. In 1950 when the Presbyterian Church closed, several members of that church joined the Methodist Church. The church's large social hall has been used for programs of entertainment and conventions over the years; farmers' institutes, the Albany County Teachers Institute in 1897 and other social and religious events and programs. This group of records does not contain any original records; only printed items are found here. The original records of the church are located at the church.

F. 1: *Short History of the Voorheesville Methodist Church*, by Frank Van Auken, 1939, 2 pp.

F. 2: *Looking Back a Hundred Years—and More: Historical Statement concerning the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Voorheesville, N.Y., 1815-1920*, 8 pp., (title page, and small part of text missing); a photo of the church in 1920 is pasted on page following Foreword, no author given; includes a list of pastors, 1815-1919.

F. 3: *1815-1965, 150th Anniversary, First Methodist Church, Voorheesville, New York, June 4th-6th, 1965*, Walter E. Taylor, minister. This is a church photograph directory of the membership and church staff and includes a 3 pp. history of the church, 2 copies.

F. 4: *First Methodist Church, 1984 Directory, Richard H. Hibbert, Pastor*. This is a photographic directory of the church staff and membership.

Also, a directory of the church for 1990 with a chronology of the church's history and a short history (1933) of the church inserted in directory.

F. 5: *The Methodist Hymnal*, 1905. The name John Cummings, Voorheesville, NY, March 20, 1908 is inscribed inside the front cover.

F. 6: *New Testament, Psalms, Proverbs*, Gideon's Bible, no owner's name is noted; may have been part of the First Methodist Church records and is filed with those records.

F. 6a: First Methodist Church of Voorheesville, script for pageant, "The Past is Prologue," for 150th anniversary, June 4, 1965; 4 pp.

F. 6b: Photographs of the church building, including:

- Original photo of front and side of church, n.d., winter or spring scene, ca. 1940?
- Photo and enlarged copy of church in winter, n.d., ca. 1980
- Photo of church, n.d., ca. 1910?, photo by John H. Dearstyne, Breakabeen, Schoharie County, NY, 2 cop. and 1 cop. slightly enlarged.
- Photo of front of church, n.d., ca. 1910
- Photo, col., of front and steeple of church, n.d., 1990?
- Photo of Rev. W. R. White, minister of Voorheesville Methodist Church with his son, Kenneth Edward White, from a newspaper article, n.d., ca. 1940?

St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Church

Voorheesville, a small rural town in the early 20th c., had only a few Catholics, mainly Italian, Polish and Irish families and there was no church for them. In 1916 at the request of these families a mission church from St. Lucy's Church in Altamont began to have Sunday services in the village. In September 1916, these families began to raise money to build a Catholic Church sanctuary in the village and it was completed in June 1917. Though it had its own church building, St. Matthew's parish remained a mission of St. Lucy's Church for nearly 50 years. The priests of St. Lucy's offered Mass each Sunday at the original church building on Pleasant St. until 1962 when Bishop Scully created St. Matthew's as a parish and the current church and rectory were built. From 1916 until 1974, there appear to have been only four priests who served the church: James A. McManus, John R. Sise, Harold A. Sartoris and John A. Keefe.

F. 7: *St. Matthew's Church, Mountain View Avenue, Voorheesville, New York, 1974.* This is a photographic church directory of church staff and membership. There is a single paragraph history of the church as well as photos of the old and current church buildings and rectory.

F. 8: Photographs of the church, including:

- Original and enlarged photo of the church built in 1917, photo undated, ca. 1960?
- also two color photos of the church built in 1962, photos dated Nov. 1998
- also col. photo, Nov. 1998 of original church building
- also b&w photo of view of original church building and road from back of the church
- also, photo, b&w, of original Roman Catholic Church in Voorheesville, NY, winter scene, n.d. (2 copies)

Box 5: Railroads

Railroads were the economic-industrial force that created the Village of Voorheesville. There were a few families (about 25 families in 1865), mostly farmers, on the land that would become Voorheesville, but there was little incentive to grow larger because of the travel distance for moving agricultural commodities to Albany and elsewhere. The Albany and Susquehanna Railroad beginning in 1863 changed the economic lives of these rural families by providing a quicker and cheaper means of getting their crops to market. The A&S Railroad also made the village that became Voorheesville into a coal center where locals could purchase coal coming on the railroad from the Pennsylvania coal fields. Later railroads, the Saratoga & Hudson River RR and West Shore RR (later part of the New York Central RR) and finally the Delaware & Hudson Railroad provided the impetus for the establishment of industries that needed the railroad system, including cider mills, a canning factory, cigar making and the Malleable Iron Works. The completion of the junction of the above railroads in Voorheesville made these industries even more viable and thereby created many new jobs for the local residents and immigrants just coming to America, including several Italian families. The building of the railroad system coming through Voorheesville and the construction of the passenger depot in 1889 made Voorheesville a destination for tourists visiting the Helderbergs and presented an opportunity for the building of two hotels in the village as well as the opening of grocery stores and taverns. Freight transport was helped along by the building of a freight depot in the village in 1900 and still is a daily occurrence on the D&H tracks through the village, particularly for the shipment of oil. By the mid-20th century, passenger railroad service was declining as the automobile and improved highways became the main means of local transportation of people and goods.

Grade crossings were a regular issue as the village grew and more local streets became populated with cars, bicycles, and pedestrians, all of whom needed to be protected from moving trains by becoming more aware of trains crossing at highway and road intersections. The use of flagmen was an early solution to the problem, but became inadequate and inefficient as the number of intersections and railroad traffic increased. Electric and automatic signals were needed and several types were invented in the late 19th and early 20th c. Many of the records in this collection deal with the issue of protecting grade crossings along the D&H Railroad route through Voorheesville.

The material here representing the history of railroads in Voorheesville includes photographs as well as documents and maps of grade crossings, railroad easements and other railroad issues.

F.1-8: Grade Crossings files.

F. 1:

- Petition of Village of Voorheesville to Public Service Commission, April 27, 1914, requesting that the PSC hold a hearing to vacate an order to the village to construct sidewalks at an undergrade crossing of the West Shore RR in the village
- Letter, April 20, 1914, from Village Clerk to Clarence G. Hotelling, Village Attorney, authorizing him to petition the PSC.
- Order, May 27, 1914, vacating the above order and ordering a hearing on the matter.

- Printed order, Dec. 3, 1925 of the PSC of Rules and Regulations governing the installation and maintenance of automatic highway crossing signals.
- Map by Signal Dept., NY Central RR of Voorheesville Rd. Highway Grade Crossing, Voorheesville Mohawk Div., W.S., Aug. 1927

F. 2:

- Clipping about number of deaths at grade crossings in the U.S., April 16, 1928.
- Pencil notes about grade crossings, July 1928.
- Resolution of the Voorheesville Village Board of Trustees to PSC to eliminate the dead stop at crossing at Main St. of the D&H RR and West Shore RR and to require the stationing of a flagman there and at all grade crossings in the village, April 13, 1928.
- Petition of the NY Central RR to have a caretaker, who would be an employee of the express company at the New Scotland station, replace the NY Central RR's agent, May 7, 1928
- Order on the above petition, after a hearing, allowing the NY Central RR to discontinue the agent at the New Scotland Station and that the RR shall maintain a caretaker at the station, that the caretaker shall maintain waiting room for passengers and that the caretaker will be responsible for various freight room duties, May 10, 1928.
- Letter accompanying order of Dept. of Public Service re: NY Central RR discontinuance of agent at New Scotland Station and of the approval after the hearing, May 14, 1928.

F. 3: Files on Case No. 4961 of the NYS PSC re: protection of street grade crossing of D&H RR and NY Central RR at Voorheesville, NY, August- September 1928, including:

- Statement of views of D&H and NY Central RR tracks
- Petition of village to require railroads to post a flagman at the grade crossing
- Order of PSC requiring railroads to station a flagman at grade crossings in Voorheesville
- Chief Engineer's report recommending either a flagman or gates controlled by an agent in the Voorheesville station, confirming order from PSC, Sept. 18, 1928
- Report of a hearing on Case No. 4961 before the NYS, Dept. of Public Service, State Division, re: stationing of flagman to protect grade crossing at Voorheesville, July 2 and August 6, 1928, from the Chief Engineer, August 13, 1928.

F. 4:

- Photographs of grade crossings at Vlykill Crossing, July 14, 1933 (6 photos)
- PSC #7942, Grade Crossing Data at Vlykill Crossing, July 21, 1933, with summary of accidents, of traffic count, description of 3 accidents at crossing, map of a vision survey of Vlykill Crossing, July 1933.
- Photographs of road and grade crossing in Voorheesville, Feb. 23, 1937 (4 photos)

F. 5: Photographs of grade crossings of D&H RR, March 25, 1953, showing drainage ditches and utility poles:

- Frederick's Crossing, (Gardner Road) Altamont, NY (7 photos)
- Meadowdale Road Crossing, Altamont, NY (7 photos)
- Norman's Crossing, (Brandle Road) Altamont, NY (8 photos)

F. 6:

- Correspondence and reports re: flasher light protection at grade crossings at Brandle, Gardner and Meadowdale Road
- 5 Traffic crossing reports, March 25 1953
- 3 vision survey maps of crossing, March 1953.

F. 7: Files for various grade crossing issues in the Village of Voorheesville as follows:

- Contract and correspondence re: to NY Central RR access to village water for their locomotives, July 1929
- Proceedings of a hearing, decision and order of NYS Dept. of Public Service re: construction of an underpass for the Voorheesville-State Farm- Western Turnpike road under the tracks of the Albany and Susquehanna RR (D&H RR, lessee) in the village of Voorheesville, March 1932.
- Revised estimate of cost for construction of the above underpass in Voorheesville, May 1934.
- Petition of NY Central RR for approval of PSC of an interlocking switch and signal apparatus at crossing in Voorheesville, March 1943
- Contract between the village and the D&H RR allowing the village to install an 8 in. water pipe under the D&H RR railroad tracks in the village.
- Minutes of PSC hearing and approval of petition of NY Central RR to substitute automatic short-arm gates and flashing signals and to discontinue tower-man service and manual flashing light signals, June 1962.
- Letter, July 7, 1964 from D&H RR to Voorheesville Village Clerk agreeing to allow the village to use leased land, with maps showing D&H RR land at Voorheesville, July 1964.

F. 8: Grade crossing issue, 1951, at Voorheesville Road (Main St.) in the Village of Voorheesville, including:

- Complaint to PSC from residents of Main St., Jan. 1951
- Order of the PSC to hold a hearing on the complaint, Feb. 1951
- Letter March 1951 announcing date of hearing to be March 27, 1951
- Report of Grade Engineer with recommendations on solving the grade crossing problem, May 1951, and order of the PSC, June 12, 1951, to NY Central and D&H railroads install new grade crossing system
- Knickerbocker News article about the long delays at the grade crossing, March 1951.

F. 9: General Specifications for construction of a new undercrossing for new highway from Guilderland to Voorheesville under the railroad track of the D&H RR, May 1933, with an estimate of the cost to construct the undercrossing.

Railroad Images:**F. 10:** Images of trains and railroad scenes in Voorheesville as follows:*originals and reproduction photos:*

- a. Photo of Union Station, Voorheesville and Grove Hotel, n.d., ca. 1900?
- b. Photo of Union Station from D&H RR side; view of station before baggage addition and Railway Express extension), n.d., ca. 1900?
- c. Postcard view of Union Station and NYC RR train, early Sixties.
- d. Photo of Union Station, June 17, 1925
- e. Drawing of collage of railroad images, by Roger Mock, 1999.
- f. Photograph of NY Central locomotive (#1061) and train in railroad yard, Voorheesville, ca. 1963?, by Jim Shaughnessy.
- g. Photograph of locomotive (#1563) next to Union Station, Voorheesville, April 1962, by Jim Shaughnessy (2 cop.)
- h. Photograph of tracks and grade crossing at Union Station and Grove Hotel, n.d.
- i. Drawing of freight depot in Voorheesville, built in 1900, drawing by Constance Burns, n.d.
- j. Photograph of railroad men at Union Station, photo by C.C. Schoonmaker, Albany, NY, n.d., ca. 1900. (O) Identified men are: Charlie McM?, Henry Kirby, Miller, William Slingerlands, F. E. Vosburgh, Jacob Relyea, C. Nicholson. Also, reduced reproduction.

Oversize photos:

- k. Photograph of wrecked train off the tracks and behind a building with men sitting on the wreck, bicyclist, etc., n.d., ca. 1900?
- l. Photograph of six men with a NY Central locomotive (#8530), n.d., ca. 1950? (by Jim Shaughnessy?)

F. 11: Miscellaneous photographs of railroad scenes and trains, as follows:

- a. Photo of D&H engine #5002 crossing the Conrail diamond at Voorheesville, NY westbound, Aug. 18, 1977 (photo by J. Shaughnessy) (2 cop.)
- b. Photo of "The Bridge, Voorheesville, N.Y." at Vly Creek; published by Pitcher and Hungerford, n.d.. There are 8 copies of this photograph in various sizes and the negative photograph
- c. Photo of drawing by Roger Mock of NYC RR engine, men on railroad cart, and other Voorheesville sights, 1999.
- d. Photo of Union Station at Voorheesville, N.Y., reproduction of postcard photo published by Pitcher and Hungerford, n.d.
- e. Photo of Union Station at Voorheesville, NY, reproduction of a postcard photo.
- f. Photo of NY Central engine crossing over overpass at Vly Creek, Voorheesville, NY, n.d., early 1960s, (photo by J. Shaughnessy), 2 cop.
- g. Photo of three men outside of train station at Voorheesville, NY, June 28, 1928 (Philip Pettinger, John Hodges, Arthur Wright); original photo mounted on cardboard backing.

F. 12: Calendar: *The Golden Years of Railroading, 1999 Calendar*, published by Trains magazine, 1999, including a Jim Shaughnessy photo of Alco locomotives next to Union Station (March 1999 page).

Box 5a: Railroad Photographs, cont.**F. 13:**

- a. D&H and West Shore Station, Voorheesville, NY, postcard, Aug. 3, 1907, tear in upper left corner.
- b. Train, Engine #1042, NY Central Railroad on track at Voorheesville station, April 1962 (photo by Jim Shaughnessy), HWG, cover photo, 2 cop.
- c. Train wreck of D.L.& W., at Voorheesville?; with barrels of flour? Or grain? removed from the train.
- d. Photo, mounted, of three men in railroad office, incl.: Arthur Wright, Freight Agent, John Hodges, Telegraph Operator, Philip Pettinger, Clerk.
- e. Photo, mounted, of a conductor and two engineers standing in front of a locomotive with a passenger train, n.d., ca. 1890?
- f. Photo of 8 unidentified workers on a hand car on track, n.d., ca. 1915?, 2 cop. (1 enl.)
- g. Railroad Square, Voorheesville, (photo by Thos. Bewsher?), n.d., 1890?; also enlargement of part of photo.

F. 14:

- a. Three men, incl. a conductor, standing in front of the D&H station, Voorheesville, photo is mounted; identified on verso as Phillip Pettinger, John Hodges, Arthur Wright.
- b. NY Central passenger train going over bridge in Voorheesville, Engine #1044, early Sixties, photo by Jim Shaughnessy, 2 cop.
- c. Photo, enl., of D&H Station with Grove Hotel in background, Voorheesville, NY, photo by Dearstyne, Breakabeen, NY; also, copy of original of which enl. is a part., n.d.

F. 15: Following items are 3"x5" photos:

- a. D&H Station, rear/side view of the station, n.d.
- b. D&H Station and junction tracks, photo by Dearstyne, n. d.
- c. Postcard photo (reproduction) of Railroad Square with engine, n.d. by Thos. Bewsher, with two different enlargements of the photo, n.d., ca. 1900?; also another copy of nearly the same photo; also an enl. of photo.
- d. Photo of station from rear of station with tracks, n.d.
- e. Engine being refueled?, n.d. (O)
- f. "Oldtimers take a Look!" showing passenger train going over the trestle at French's Hollow, from Altamont Enterprise, n.d.
- g. D&H and West Shore Station, Voorheesville, N.Y., n.d. (repro. From postcard?), n.d.
- h. View of D&H station from rear in winter with men shoveling snow from tracks, n.d.
- i. Photos (4) of work on an engine of Conrail at night, n.d.
- j. 4 photos, sepia color, April 10, 1928, of the bed (?) of a truck or train with people looking at it; behind Voorheesville train station.
- k. Photo of D&H Station with engine and people, photo by Dearstyne, n.d.

F. 16: Following items are 5"x7" photos:

- a. Wrecked passenger train off tracks, n.d., ca. 1910?
- b. Postcard photo (reproduction) of Railroad Square with engine, n.d. by Thos. Bewsher, n.d. (see F. 15, c)
- c. Passenger train with engine on tracks at depot with Grove Hotel and Shoemaker's residence/store in background; also copy very dark repro., n.d.
- d. Passenger train with 3 cars and engine #76, n.d.
- e. Depot with tracks photo taken from rear of the depot, n.d.
- f. Railroad yards, Voorheesville, N.Y., in winter, n.d.
- g. Depot and Grove Hotel, n.d.
- h. Union Depot, Voorheesville, N.Y. (called Union Depot because it was the junction of the D&H and West Shore railroads).
- i. Color photos of tracks, railroad crossing and place where depot once stood, Nov. 1998? 5 photos.

Box 6: International Order of Odd Fellows

The I.O.O.F. has a long history beginning in England, probably in late 17th or early 18th c., although there were fraternal organizations with the same purposes and functions in the Middle Ages (trade guilds). The I.O.O.F. is an organization whose purpose is to promote personal development, to assist the poor and needy and to promote a wholesome fraternal experience for its members. The first official lodge in the United States was in Baltimore in 1819, although there were unofficial lodges in New York City a few years earlier. In 1851, the I.O.O.F. became the first national fraternity to admit women when it formed the Daughters of Rebekah. As was the case of the trade guilds in the Middle Ages, the I.O.O.F. played a similar role as the nation industrialized. Before the creation of trade unions, the I.O.O.F. provided a variety of social services, including hospitals, nursing homes, insurance and other benefits to members and others. The I.O.O.F. has always been a democratic fraternal organization.

The Voorheesville Lodge of the I.O.O.F. was formed in April 1893 and opened its new lodge hall in 1909. Morris Harris, the owner of the Harris Hotel held a Valentine's Day fundraiser and raised enough money to form the lodge and to rent space in Leroy Schell's store. The lodge's building constructed in 1909 and was used for many years as a community center. Political gatherings, Saturday night movies, concerts, fundraisers for village groups and even the fire department for a period of time used the hall. The lodge building could seat 350 on its main floor and 100 in its balcony. The weekly movie nights were particularly popular for decades. In 1951, the local post of the American Legion bought the building from the I.O.O.F. The building is now the home of the American Legion, Post 1493.

The I.O.O.F. records in this collection include mortgages, dues records, copies of by-laws, Rebekah Lodge #551 records, a treasurer's account book, bills, an application to the village for a water supply for the lodge and other items. The following is an inventory of the I.O.O.F. items here.

F. 1: Certificate of Incorporation of the Voorheesville Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, No. 668, March 14, 1894. This is the founding document of the local lodge no. 668. A meeting was held December 25, 1893 where Morris Harris, Abram Relyea and Frank Bloomingdale were elected trustees of the lodge, which was chartered by the Grand Lodge of

the I.O.O.F. of New York State. The document was signed by Frank Bloomingdale, James Fowler, and W.H. Ferguson (Secretary) of the lodge.

F. 2: *Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order of Voorheesville Lodge, No. 668*: printers' proof copy (Slingerland Printing Co.) annotated with many handwritten amendments and revisions, 1922.

F. 3: *Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F., 1941 Fraternal Year Book, Constitution, By-Laws, Forms*; also *Constitution of Subordinate and Junior Lodges*, 1941
Also same title, 1947.

F. 4: *Ritual of a Subordinate Lodge...of the I.O.O.F.*, 1928.

F. 5: *Reinstate...Rededicate: Objectives and Recommendations of the Grand Master, 1938-1940*, a report issued in 1940.

F.6: *Funeral Ceremony ...Burial of Members of the I.O.O.F.*, September 1912, 2 cop.
Also same title, as adopted in September 1912 and September 1923, printed 1924.

F. 7: *Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order of Voorheesville Rebekah Lodge, No. 551*, instituted April 26, 1923, Voorheesville, NY, 4 copies.

F. 8: *Rebekah Funeral Ceremony*, adopted by Sovereign Grand Lodge, September 1912. 1913.

F. 9: I.O.O.F. Lodge 668, Treasurer's Account Book, Nov. 1903-1909, 1921-1923, including date, name of person receiving or giving funds and amount received or spent. Many of the amounts are likely dues payments made to the Treasurer; therefore this book may serve as a resource for finding the names of the members of the I.O.O.F. during these years. The book also lists payments made for various services, including in March 1909, \$87 for moving pictures (and various amounts during other months), for coal for heating the lodge building, insurance, electric light for lodge, War Relief Funds (in 1921), mortgage payments, painting, tuning piano, lawn mower, payments to I.O.O.F. Home Association, Altamont Enterprise, janitor services, printing and other expenses.

An alphabetical list of dues-paying members to 1921 has been compiled from this book and is filed with it.

F. 10: Bill for 300 lbs. of carbide paid by Lodge No. 668 to Morris Harris, Oct. 30, 1911 (\$3.65 per 100 lbs. for 300 lbs., \$10.95). (This solid calcium carbide was possibly used in carbide lamps in the I.O.O.F. Hall)

F.11: Certificates of I.O.O.F., various lodges as follows:

- Withdrawal certificates for members in good standing from other lodges recommending the member to the I.O.O.F. lodge #668, 1876-1907. (5 certificates)

- Transfer certificates for members who have moved from another I.O.O.F. jurisdiction to the Voorheesville jurisdiction and therefore sever their membership in the previous lodge, 1911, 1914. (2 certificates)
- Dismissal certificate of Wm. Brooks from Middle Grove Lodge #476, Dec. 1912, dismissed for non-payment of dues.

F. 12: Memorial of Lodge #668 on the death of member, James Keenholts, July 4, 1912, passed at I.O.O.F. Hall, July 29, 1912, 2 pp. typed.

F. 13: Mortgages and bonds of the I.O.O.F. Lodge #668 with the Home Savings Bank and Frank Van Auken (who acquired the mortgage from Home Savings Bank), 1909-1951, for the land and lodge (Hall) building on Voorheesville Avenue, with lists of payment of principal and interest.

- Frank Bloomingdale, George A. Hallenbeck and Robert T. Coughtry, Trustees
- R.T. Coughtry, Elsebee Jones and William H. Youngs, Trustees
- Also, resolution of the Lodge to borrow \$900, June 1935 and certified resolution to borrow \$900 from Daniel Wormer and bonds, 1936 and 1937 (4 pages)
- Also, surety bond for Treasurer of I.O.O.F., Jan. 1918. (2 pages)

F. 14: Punch card for I.O.O.F., Odd Fellows Home Fund “for the benefit of the aged, their wives, widows and orphans,” n.d.

F. 15: Group of miscellaneous I.O.O.F. blank forms, as follows:

- Receipt for dues and other charges of the I.O.O.F., 4 receipts
- Tickets (2) for a Card Party of the Lodge #668
- Notification to person that they have been elected a member of the Lodge #668 (ca.19 notifications)
- Pad of blank Delinquent Notice No. 2 requesting payment of dues in order to remain a member.

F. 16: In Memoriam Badge of Lodge #668 and Voorheesville Lodge #668 badge on verso.

F. 17: Group photograph of the Voorheesville Lodge, #668, 1908, the year when Stephen Daring, a member of the Lodge, was elected GrandMaster of the New York State I.O.O.F.. The photograph shows over 80 members of the lodge seated outside underneath a tree with the Daring banner above them and the front row of members holding their white umbrellas. Daring was prominent in civic life of Voorheesville and was the first president of the Board of Directors of the Voorheesville Public Library in 1915. Daring was an attorney with a practice in Albany, NY and lived in Voorheesville on Maple Avenue. He was born Sept. 15, 1862 in Schoharie County and died August 15, 1932 and is buried in the Old Stone Fort Cemetery, Schoharie, NY. He was married to Margaret May Daring and had a son, Gilbert H. Daring. Also, a small b&w reproduction of the photo.

F. 18: Bill from Phoenix Foundry Company to I.O.O.F., 1/19/1912, for repair of grates.

F. 19: Photographs of I.O.O.F. building in Voorheesville, including:

- 3 different photos of the first lodge on the upper floor of the Leroy Schell feed and grain store (later W. Gilbert's store); one of the photos also shows the façade of T. Bewsher's Grocery. 5 photos altogether.
- 1 photo showing construction of the I.O.O.F. Hall, n.d. (1908)
- 1 photo, b&w, showing the façade of the Hall, (when it was the American Legion Post hall) March 1977
- 1 photo, col., of façade of Hall, (when it was the American Legion Post hall) n.d., ca. 1970?
- Also, blank invoice of the store Leroy Schell, Flour, Feed & Grain with a sketch of a house plan on verso.

F. 20: Glass plate negative photograph of I.O.O.F. Hall , n.d., ca. 1910? (Fragile).
(Filed in Box 19, Artifact Box)

Box 7: Maps, Library, & Drawings

Maps This is a small group of miscellaneous maps of places in the Town of New Scotland or Voorheesville that are not directly related to any of the textual records in the Village Records.

F. 1: *Rural Guide and Compass System Map, Albany County, New York*, Ithaca, NY, Rural Surveys, Inc., 1939.

This is a booklet with an index of names of people living in the rural areas of Albany County (cities, villages and non-rural areas are not included in the index). Each name has an alphanumeric code that is found on the map indicating the person's home. The Guide includes, besides the names and codes, brief articles about agricultural topics, advertisements of local businesses, and lists of Albany County officials and officers of farm organizations. Business ads include W.W. Crannell Lumber & Coal Co. of Voorheesville and Hannay & Holmes Funeral Directors of Clarksville. Rural Surveys of Ithaca, NY produced compass system maps and guides for about a dozen counties in New York State in the Thirties.

F. 2: Blueprint map showing the lands of the Heldervale Corporation in the Town of New Scotland to be conveyed to the town for streets, by Wm. W. Baird, Jan. 19, 1938. The Heldervale homes appear to have been a development of colonial style homes built on land "just beyond Slingerlands." (See: photocopy of article from Knick News, Feb. 26, 1938)

F. 3: *Map of Albany County*, 1949, J.A. Kaestner, Jr., Superintendent of Highways.

This map shows roads and highways, town lines, railroad lines, forest preserve lands and bridges; there are no surnames on this map.

F. 4: Booklet: *Official Maps of New York*, Chester, VT, National Survey Co., Lawton V.

Crocker, Topographer, ca. 1928. Also has a few maps of the Eastern United States, inset maps of New York State cities and maps of Quebec; also has index of New York State communities. Albany County is shown on pp. 44-45.

This map was owned by Marjorie Dyckes from Medford Sta., L.I., New York.

F. 5: *Map of Right of Way on Charles Livingston Farm, Voorheesville, N.Y. to Voorheesville Water Works*, W. R. Kimmey, Eng., 53 acres, 100 ft.: 1 in., July 1934.

This is a hand-drawn map of the Livingston farm. (A photocopy of a section from the map listed in folder 1 above is filed with the map indicating the location of the farm.) Charles Livingston appears to have been born in New Scotland in 1869, son of Peter and Catherine Livingston; he was married to Ella and had a daughter named Katherine. He is listed as 71 years old, a farmer on the Altamont Road in New Scotland in the 1940 Federal Census.

F. 6: Binder of maps: *Village of Voorheesville, Classification Code, % of Assessed Valuation, Streets A B, Maps I II*, by Board of Trustees, 1965, ca. 125 pp.

This is a file of hand-drawn maps of village streets with names of residents/property owners noted on the maps. Maps have been removed from binder, which was in poor condition. A good source of information about the location of families in the village in 1965.

F. 7: Negative photograph of the D. H. Burr, *Map of the Counties of Albany and Schenectady*, 1829 with a paper print.

F. 8: Map of the Manor of Renselaerwick, 1767 (reproduction)

Voorheesville Public Library

There are three items that are directly concerned with the Voorheesville Public Library. Two items are significant for the history of the earliest development of the library. The Voorheesville Free Library was established in January 1915 when a group met and elected 10 trustees of the library. The chief early benefactor of the library was Frederick V. Griesman, the owner of the Albany Malleable Iron Works in the village. The library has had a few homes since its founding, including for several years the former First Presbyterian Church of Voorheesville and is now located on School Road in Voorheesville in a building completed in 1989. The library has several boxes of records, including many modern photographs (1980-present) in its archival collections.

F. 1: Letter from Voorheesville Free Library to C. H. Swift, Jan. 20, 1915 informing him of the formation of the library and asking him to consider becoming a member of the library for \$1 per year (\$25 for a life membership) so that the library could match an annual grant of \$100 made by the NYS Board of Regents. They also mention that the library would be happy to accept any books he would consider donating. The library was open on Saturday for the first time on Jan. 23, 1915 from 2 to 6 p.m. and those were to be the hours thereafter. This was a form letter sent to residents of the village. C.H. Swift was Charles H. Swift, who in 1920 lived on Swift Road, was married to Louise Swift, 60 years old and a farmer.

F. 2: Broadside, *Home Talent Show* to be held at the Odd Fellows Hall, Dec. 4, 1916 for the benefit of the Voorheesville Free Library.

The show consisted of three presentations: Marriage of Tom Thumb, Dance of the Giddy Girls and 1916 Old Maid Convention. The casts of the three productions were all residents of the

village and, possibly, members of the library. There was dancing after the show with “Good Music.” Tickets for the show were available at Pitcher & Wayne’s.

F. 3: Photograph of Jane (Phillips) Salvatore (light coat) and Betty Shufelt (dark coat) in front of the Voorheesville Central School District Public Library, 32 Main St., Voorheesville, n.d., probably about 1948-49 (2 copies).

Jane Salvatore became Librarian in 1948 and remained until 1988. She was also the librarian at C.A. Bouton High School in Voorheesville.

Drawings by Constance Burns

Constance Burns, a free-lance artist, worked as an illustrator for the Syracuse Post Standard and the Albany Times-Union and drew the map of the Village of Voorheesville for the book, *Voorheesville, New York*, by Dennis Sullivan. These are photocopies of drawings (with multiple copies) by Burns in the collection. The following is a list of the drawings.

F. 1: Drawings:

- Old Presbyterian Church on South Main Street, now used as Voorheesville Library
- I. Bewsher on South Main. St., now Crannell’s parking lot and Flour, Feed & Grain on South Main Street, now owned by the New Scotland Elks.
- Train Station
- Grove Hotel
- Empire Cider Mill on Voorheesville Avenue
- Original Roman Catholic Church on Center St.
- Voorheesville Elementary School on Rte.85A
- First United Methodist Church on Maple Avenue
- Village Hall on Voorheesville Avenue
- Pump House on Pine Street
- 45 South Main Street
- Village Garage
- Original Voorheesville School on Rte.85A
- Water Storage Tank

F. 2: Original drawing of Black Creek Methodist Church on board, n.d.

Also two drawings in pencil of pumpkins.

Box 8: Fires and Fire Department

The Voorheesville Fire Department, a volunteer department, was organized as the Voorheesville Hose Company No. 1 on April 1, 1902. The department was formed as the result of two propositions on the ballot in March 1902, which permitted the village to create a board of fire commissioners and to spend village funds for fire equipment. Volunteers applied to join the department and if accepted, they paid an annual membership fee. The department acquired parade/drill uniforms in 1905 and the members marched in various village parades and did

regular drills. In 1904 after the department had been raising funds and membership for two years, a purchase of a hose cart was made. The hose cart was pulled by firemen running to the fire. In 1929, after the department acquired sufficient money, a Childs pumper was acquired that was in service for many years. Confusion of the fire bell and church bells, motivated the department to purchase an electric alarm system in 1906 and in 1911 the department had built its first firehouse, on Voorheesville Avenue. (The building is now the Voorheesville Village Hall). A new pumper was purchased in 1951, another in 1966 and a new fire truck in 1987. In 1967, a new firehouse, designed by Hartheimer Associates, was built on Altamont Road and is still in use. The Women's Auxilliary was formed in 1951 to support the work of the firemen. Some of the major fires the department handled over the years included fires at hay barn of Frank Bloomingdale, fires at the Vunck Feed Mill and Coal Yards in 1934, 1954 and 1957 and the Duffy-Mott Cider Mill fire in 1951. The Voorheesville Area Ambulance Service, another volunteer group, became part of the department in 1952 after a joint meeting of the Fire Department and Women's Auxilliary. The ambulance was originally responsive to calls within the Voorheesville School District, but now responds to calls in Voorheesville and the New Salem Fire District.

F. 1: *Voorheesville Fire Department, Village of Voorheesville, Dedication Ceremony, Saturday, November 18, 1967.* This is an illustrated program for the dedication ceremony of the new firehouse on Altamont Road. There are several group and individual photos as well as photos of the first firehouse, the hose cart, two fire engines and a list of the members in 1967, a 1 p. history of the department and the program of the firehouse dedication. Group photos include the hose company in 1908 and 1934, the Women's Auxiliary, Ambulance Officers, the Fire Dept. members in 1967, Line Officers and Village Board members. The remainder of the program comprises advertisements of local supporters of the department. 8 copies.

F. 2: 85th Anniversary of the Fire Dept., 1987, incl. typed chronological history of the department, 1902-1987, a typed list of the officers of the Fire Dept., 1902-1987, list of anniversary committees and a two page history of the Voorheesville Area Ambulance, Inc.. Also two blank pieces of letterhead for the 85th Anniversary: all of the above prepared for the 85th anniversary.

F. 3: Applications for honorary membership in the Voorheesville Hose Company No. 1 from:

- James Cummings, Dec. 1, 1902, (Cummings Brothers, Millers...of Pure Rye and Buckwheat Flour..., Voorheesville, NY), 45 years old.
- John Cummings, Dec. 1, 1902, (Cummings Brothers, Millers...of Pure Rye and Buckwheat Flour..., Voorheesville, NY), 43 years old.
- Fred L. Relyea to Stanton Relyea, Sect., Voorheesville Hose Company, March 6, 1907 (on Harris House stationary). Fred Relyea was 18 years old.
- Also: Typed page of a committee report on the Constitution and By-Laws Revisions, 1982; revisions particularly concerning membership in the company.
- Also: Typed list of names of officers of the fire company, no dates given.
- Also: A letter from Geo. M. Bell, 8/27/1910, to Chas. A. Relyea, making a \$25 donation to the Voorheesville Hose Co.; on Bell's letterhead featuring a picture of a Wyandotte hen that Bell raised.

F. 4: Two sales proposals from the Foamite-Childs Corporation, Utica, NY to the Village of Voorheesville (i.e. Voorheesville Hose Co.) for the sale of a fire truck, February and March 1928. The proposals are as follows. (The Voorheesville Hose Co. bought the truck described in the first proposal listed below.)

- a. "Childs" Equipment, Pumper, Chemical Hose, mounted on a Childs Standard, Model 502C , price \$5250. Pump capacity 500 gal. p.m.; Childs Model E-1 chemical equipment, two 40 gal. copper chemical tanks with reel hose and nickel trimmed; 1200 feet of hose, lettered V.F.D. on hood and Voorheesville Fire Department on body. Also, includes specifications of equipment and chassis and a completed contract of purchase. Also, a photograph of the fire truck as delivered, March 28, 1928, Fire truck, 1926 Child's truck, purchased in 1928 for \$5250, driver is Homer Corbin, Fire Chief, 1932-1941;
- b. "Childs" Equipment, 400 gal. Triple Combination, Model 401C, and 40 gal. chemical and hose car. \$4500, Feb. 7, 1928.
Also, two photographs of the Model 401C truck.

F. 5: Photographs: Members of the Voorheesville Fire Dept. (3 photos)

- Photograph, mounted, of the fire company in dress uniforms, 20 members identified on verso, n.d., ca. 1928
- Fire company, n.d., ca. 1925, in white suits and straw hats, with fire dept. banner.
- Fire company in dress uniforms, 1908. (reproduction photo)

F. 6: Photographs of 1967 firehouse:

- 8x10 in. color photo, n.d., winter scene
- 3.5x5 in. color photos of firehouse from various angles and distances, n.d., late autumn or early spring, n.y., 8 photos
- also enl. photo of the firehouse in winter, n.d.

F.7: Photographs of fires, incl.

- Photograph, 8x10 in., of Cider Mill Fire, 1951
- Photographs (reduced) of newspaper photos and articles about fires at: Cider Mill (2), O. B. Vunck Feed Mill, 1954, (3), fire at Johnson Farm, 1957 (1) and fire at Dixon Product Steel Co., (1).

F. 8: Photographs of officers of Voorheesville Fire Dept. (group photos and photos of speakers at banquets). Some photos identify persons in the photo; most are 8"x10" photos.

- a. Officers of dept., 1972 (4 copies of same photo)
- b-f. Installation of officers dinner, April 26, 1960 (group photos of officers), identified (5 photos)
- g. Officers of dept., n.d., ca. 1970? (2 photos)
- h. Officers of dept., ca. 1970? (2 copies)
- i. Officers of dept., group photo, n.d., ca. 1970?, unidentified (2 cop.)
- j. Officers of dept., group photo, n.d., ca. 1970? (2 cop.)
- k. Group photo of officers, n.d., ca. 1965?
- l. Officers of dept. with priest, looking at a fire dept (?) record book, n.d., ca. 1970?
- m. Speaker at banquet, n.d., ca. 1970? (2 cop.)

- n. Group photo of officers, n.d., ca. 1965?
- o. Group photo of officers, n.d., ca. 1960?
- p. 4 photos of officers and of a banquet head table, n.d., (ca. 1965-1970?)
- q. Voorheesville Firemen's dinner, members with Cong. Samuel S. Stratton, n.d., 3 cop.; all identified on verso.

F. 9: Miscellaneous fire department photographs:

- Fire hydrant in a shed, n.d.
- Ballot proposition in Voorheesville election of 1927 about whether the Village of Voorheesville could purchase a fire truck.
- Photo with closeup photo of fire dept. officers blowing out candle on 50th Anniversary cake of the fire dept. (2 photos). Also, newspaper clipping of the photograph with names of officers.
- Photo of Kenneth Jacobson, born Nov. 4, 1922, aged ca. 10, sitting in the fire alarm ring, with a sign stating "any person meddling or ringing false alarm will be prosecuted," n.d., ca. 1932?, 2 cop.; also, enlargement of photo.

F. 10: Calendar of Voorheesville Volunteer Fire Department, 1991

F. 11: Newspaper clippings of a fire in Voorheesville that destroyed 3 homes, Jan. 7, 1959 and of a parade in Menands, Aug. 19, 1928 of Voorheesville Fire Dept. on parade.

F. 12: Account Book of receipts and disbursements of the Central New York State Firematic Drill Team Association, 1961-1963 with miscellaneous bills and receipts inserted. Most of the receipts are from dues and initiation fees and disbursements are for stationary, postcards, membership cards, brass nozzles and buckets. Book has some water damage.

F. 13: A few loose pages of records of dues payments by Frank Osterhout, Earl MacMillan, L.W. Martin, E.K. Hallenbeck, Charles Kaiser, and Floyd Keenholts dated 1907-1912. These latter are probably for dues payments to Hose Company No. 1 in Voorheesville, begun in 1902 and including MacMillan and Osterhout as officers of the company; removed from the account book in F. 12.

F. 14: Fire emergency reference card from Voorheesville Fire Dept., Dial 2331, Oct. 24, 1939 with phone numbers, names of fire chief and assistant chiefs and locations of siren alarms. Also, 3 cards for benefits for the fire company, 1936, 1938, 1941 and a business card from Michele's Restaurant, Voorheesville, NY.

F. 15: Photographs of fire hydrants in Voorheesville painted in red, white and blue in honor of the nation's bicentennial, 1776-1976, 22 photos.

F. 16: Photographs, miscellaneous fire-department, incl.:

- Original hose cart of the Voorheesville Fire Dept.
- Fire, ignited by lightning, burning Chester Oliver's barn, 1 m. from Voorheesville near State Farm Road (by Kenneth Fuglein)
- Repro. photo of Voorheesville Hose Co. #1, Sept. 1908

- Fire dept. building with truck and ambulance parked in front (n.d., ca. 1952?),
- Chief of Fire Dept., 1961-1964 (Kenneth Jacobson)

F. 17: Photo of letter from Morris Harris, Harris House, to C.A. Relyea, Secy., of the Voorheesville Hose Co., applying for membership in the Hose Co, Dec. 1, 1902. Harris says he is 45 years old and the proprietor of the Harris House in Voorheesville.

F. 18: Photos of the Fire Dept. buildings, incl.:

- Façade of the building, n.d., ca. 1960?
- View of front of building with an engine and Cadillac ambulance in front, n.d., ca. 1952?, (2 cop.)
- Photo of 1967 fire department building, n.d., winter, ca. 1970? with enl. Copy
- View of front of 1967 building in winter, n.d., ca. 1970?

F. 19: Photos of fire engines and ambulance, incl.:

- Photo of the same truck, n.d.
- Color photo of pumper truck in Voorheesville parade driven by Bill Hotaling?, late 1980s
- 5 color photos (fading) of parts of a fire engine, n.d., ca. 1975?
- 2 photos of new ambulance van with ambulance volunteers, J. August Berger, Gary Boyle and Edward Sellow, Nov. 26, 1972.

F. 20: Fire Dept. photos of people, incl.:

- Firemen's Picnic, July 4, 1944, a photo of firemen and others.
- Photo of "Mothers of Service Boys," incl.: Mrs. Ricci, Mrs. Orie Boynton, Mrs. Michael Pafunda, Mrs. Ina Jacobson, Katherine Person.
- Group photo of Voorheesville Fire Dept., col., with fire engines, May 1981
- Photo of Francis Person, Voorheesville Area Ambulance Service receiving a fund-raising check from Raymond Cox and Ronald Ehrhardt, April 1971 with clipping about it; same three men in another photo of this event.
- Photo of a Catholic priest making a donation to fire dept.? or ambulance service? n.d., ca. 1980?
- Photo of Ken Jacobson, as a fire chief, n.d. ca. 1965?
- Photos (2) of firemen showing equipment to children, n.d., ca. 1970?
- Photos (4) of firemen working on a winter night at railroad tracks, n.d., ca. 1980?
- Newspaper photo showing the Fire Dept.'s new fire pumper with the Homer Corbin, Asst. Fire Chief driving and Village Mayor R. T. Coughtry standing next to pumper. The Mayor was also the Fire Chief, n.d., ca. 1928. Page also has picture of Peter Bockhaus, a cobbler working in his shop. Bockhaus owned the building on So. Main St. rented by the public library from about 1928 to 1950.

F. 21: Photos (8) of an event honoring Kenneth Jacobson, possibly Feb. 1982, when Jacobson retired after 39 years in the Fire Dept., including 3 years as Fire Chief; includes: Jacobson receiving a plaque and various fire dept. members speaking about Jacobson's service; also a photo of Jacobson as fire chief. Kenneth Jacobson was the son of Wesley A. and Ina Mae Jacobson and the brother of Wesley M. Jacobson and was born in 1923. His father worked for the local cider mill and his brother worked as a freight clerk for the railroad.

Box 9: Schools

The Village of Voorheesville was not incorporated until 1899; however, education like businesses and farming had begun many years before. The first school building in the village was constructed in 1827 on land purchased in 1826 from Simon Terwilliger for \$10. This one-room school house remained the only school in the village until 1866. In that year, a brick building was constructed for the school. This was also one-room school, but by 1911 two more classrooms were added; there were now three teachers in the school. In 1921, Clayton A. Bouton became the Principal of the school beginning a career that would last four decades devoted to education in Voorheesville. In 1929, a modern school was built at a cost \$125,000 and the old brick 3-room school was demolished. The school was considered among the most modern school buildings in the state and included an innovative combination gymnasium/auditorium. The school had grades 1-10 and students wanting to finish high school had to travel to Albany, Bethlehem or one of the other local high schools. There had been boys' sports for years and in 1931, girls' sports were added to the curriculum and during the Thirties several school clubs were formed.

The need for a broad and more diversified education and population increases in nearby suburbs created a need for centralization of the schools. In 1941, the Voorheesville Central School District was created from nine area schools and had a program for grades 1-12. The district had three schools: Voorheesville, New Salem and New Scotland and in 1943 the district received its state charter. Clayton A. Bouton was named Supervising Principal of the district in 1946. The school building became inadequate as the population of the district grew and additions were erected in 1948 and 1963. A new junior-senior high school was built and dedicated in 1958. Some other developments had occurred as well: the first school bus was run beginning in 1939; the first senior class was 1940-1941; the first football game was played and first *Torch* yearbook was printed in 1942; in 1943, the public library became a school district library; 1944, the first issue of the *Helderbarker* was printed; 1946 class colors became purple and gold.

Post-war baby boomers moving to the district created an over-crowded situation in the school. Plans and budgets were drawn up for a new school and by 1958 a new junior-senior high school was open and named for Clayton A. Bouton. There was an addition to the elementary school in 1963 and to the high school in 1966. By 1972, the school enrollment was 1940 students. The elementary school issues its newsletter, *Black Bugler* and the high school, *Helderbarker* on regular schedules.

Yearbooks

Voorheesville Central High School, *The Torch*, yearbook: Issues for 1942, 1945, 1947, 1948 (2), 1949 (2), 1950 (2), 1951, 1953, 1993.

F. 1: Histories of the schools in Voorheesville, including:

- a handwritten history by Anne Van O'Linda, 1986
- *Outline of the History of Education in the Voorheesville Central School District* by Philip Davis and Linda Wolkenbrait, 1988
- 1 p. history of the Voorheesville School, School Days, a chronological history of Voorheesville Schools
- *50 Years of Centralization* by Dennis Sullivan (a history of the VCSD)

- a report on a mini-grant for a history of the VCSD by Davis and Wolkenbrait
- student essay on “Voorheesville Schools, Then and Now.”

F. 2: Letter, July 6, 1953, from the Central School Clerk to the voters of School Dist. #3 announcing the annual school meeting including the proposed 1953- 1954 annual school budget.

F. 3: Newspaper clippings about Voorheesville schools, including clipping (Helderbarker, 1947) of the school song and clippings about the C.A. Bouton High School building.

F. 4: *Bicentennial Edition, Voorheesville, New York, My Home Town, 1697-1974, “We’d Like You To Know,” Class 3D, Mrs. Jane Blessing, Social Studies.* This is a mimeographed history of Voorheesville written by an elementary school class, including a crayon drawing of a log cabin and an unidentified photo of part of a building (school building?)

F. 5: *Village of Voorheesville and the Surrounding Area.* This is a mimeographed booklet of essays and research notes by the 7th grade class of the Voorheesville School, 1969, 26 pp.

F. 6: Program of Graduating Exercises, Voorheesville Grammar School, June 22, 1923.

Photographs:

F. 7: Photograph of the Voorheesville (High School?) baseball team, n.d., ca. 1907- 1908?

F. 8: Photograph of Voorheesville School basketball team, ca, 1939 (?) with team members and coach (Mike Pafunda) identified.

F. 9: Photograph of students and teacher in a classroom of Voorheesville School, with phrase on blackboard, “Not for school we study, but for life.” Students are dressed in clothing of different professions for what was probably a “careers day” at the school; n.d., ca. 1900-1910?
also, reduced repros. of the photo.

F. 10: Photograph of the 6th grade class, 1928, with all children identified by name.

F. 11: Poster photo (repro. in parts) of the graduates of the Voorheesville Union School, 1939.

F. 12: Photographs of children in classrooms, incl.:

- elementary class, n.d.;
- class, n.d., ca. 1945? all children identified;
- Mr. and Mrs. Boughton (Bouton) at school picnic, n.d.;
- photo of class with student pianist (Lois Alkenbrack) and other children from *Knickerbocker Press*, n.d., ca. 1920?

F. 13: Class photos outside of school buildings, incl.:

- children (8) from Dist. #8 School on Gardner Road, n.d., ca. 1940?;
- photo of 56 children and teacher outside of a school, in the Town of New Scotland, January 1908 and a photocopy of it;

- also photocopy of photo 9 children and teacher outside of school, n.d., ca. 1880? from 1996 New Scotland Historical Association Calendar.

F. 14: Class graduation photographs, incl.:

- photo of 8th grade graduates, 1924 (identified),
- 8th grade (?) graduates, 1932, 3 cop
- unidentified class photos, n.d. incl. approximate dates, 1940?, 2 cop; 1935?, 2 cop.; 1929?, 3 cop;
- photo of “Mom, Don and me” June 1936 on Don’s graduation from Bethlehem Central HS, 3 cop.;
- also, photocopy of a photo of 8th grade graduation with C.H. Bouton, n.d, ca. 1930;
- also, color photographs of graduation day and gardens at Voorheesville Central High School, n.d., ca. 2000? (6 photos);
- also color photo of entrance door to Voorheesville School, n.d., ca. 2000?

F. 15: School building: a group of photographs (4) and photocopies of photographs (4) of the brick building built in 1866 with additions made in 1903 and 1911 and showing the building from different views and different seasons.

F. 16: School building: a group of photographs of the Voorheesville Central School at different times and with different views; incl.

- 1 color photograph with enlargement;
- 8 b&w photos of school and two photocopies of photos of the school, incl. 1 showing the building under construction.

Box 10: Businesses in Voorheesville

Businesses in Voorheesville included both small and large enterprises. Individuals owned grocery stores, taverns and restaurants, ice cream parlors, automobile garages, lumber and coal yards, ice houses from ice collected from Vly Creek and local mill ponds, while larger corporations included industries such as cigar making, canning (apples and tomatoes), cigar making, a large iron foundry, a cider and vinegar mill, feed and grain mills, and shirt manufacture. The adjacent railroad tracks and yard and improvement of driving roads in the towns of Guilderland and New Scotland provided the opportunity for the village to grow and prosper both as a residential suburb of Albany and as shipping point for the products manufactured in the village. This collection includes a miscellany of records re: to various businesses that have been located in Voorheesville.

F. 1: Account book of Amy C. Hallenbeck with Miller & Bingham, Troy, NY, ca, 1889-1896.

Hallenbeck’s accounts include groceries, possibly bought in Voorheesville, but the accounts also include notes about fabric (cambric), pearl buttons and thread that may have been received from Miller & Bingham, a company in Troy, NY that manufactured collars and cuffs.

Hallenbeck may have made shirts at home for Miller & Bingham.

F. 2: Bill of F[rank] Bloomingdale, Dealer in Hay, Straw and Grain, n.d. (statement of funds received and spent on some public event, perhaps at the I.O.O.F.?)

F. 3: Book of blank receipts from Dixon's Garage, General Repairs, Gas, Oil, Lubrication, n.d.
Also, book of blank receipts from M.Roelich, "Everything for the Car."

F. 4: Grand Union in Voorheesville, closing of store in 1984, newspaper articles and statement by Mayor Milton Bates, Feb. 7, 1984, about the closing of the store and plans for dealing with it.

F. 5: NYNEX Community Directory, telephone book for Capital District South Community, 1997-1998

F. 6: *Seven Barks Almanac, 1900*, almanac given by J.B. Wands & Son, Dealers in General Merchandise, Voorheesville, NY. Almanac has monthly calendars and articles and letters chiefly about how Seven Barks medicine and Globe pills cure a very wide variety of ailments of the liver, kidneys, "bad humors of the blood," etc.

Also, Cortland Dairy Ration, manufactured by O.B. Vunck & Co., Voorheesville, NY, a printed card (2 cards), giving ingredients of a dairy ration of grain, etc. for cows.

F. 7: *History of the Voorheesville Savings and Loan Association*, typed, 11 pp., by John Guffin. Guffin was a statistician for the New York State Department of Social Welfare and was married to Flora W. Guffin. Their daughter, Mildred was a librarian of the Voorheesville Public Library in the Thirties. This typescript is generally a recapitulation of the minutes of the Savings and Loan Association from 1913 to 1956, but the first few pages include useful information about not only the Association, but the history of Voorheesville business generally. The Association began in 1913 and was the brainchild of Frederick V. Griesman, the owner of the Albany Malleable Iron Works in the village. A board of directors of prominent village men was organized and loans began to be made in 1913. Griesman wanted his workers to save and have a place where they could procure loans to purchase homes and others could start businesses. The Association was involved in the financing of the Grove Hotel and in 1936 foreclosed on the loan and sold the hotel to a new owner. Note is made of Griesman's resignation from the board in 1922 because of ill health and of his sale of the foundry to a New Jersey foundry company. Peter Bockhaus, a shoemaker, became a member of the Association board and he was the owner of the building on 32 Main St. that was rented to the village library from 1928-1950. Bockhaus was born in Germany about 1868 as was his spouse Mary.

F. 8: Bill from W.S. Swift, lumber dealer, to Peter Borkhuff? (Bockhaus?), 1/22/1894? (1891?) for sawed butt shingles.

Also, bill from W.S. Swift to G. C. Lanhart (?), 10/6/1892 for various amounts and types of lumber.

F. 9: Bay View Magazine, Vol. 12 No. 2, November 1904

11-12: Village of Voorheesville Records

This is a collection of both miscellaneous official village records and records of a semi-public nature of the village and its governance.

The Village of Voorheesville was incorporated in 1899 and is located in the Town of New Scotland, Albany County, NY. The village was named after Alonzo B. Voorhees, a prominent railroad attorney who lived in the village. Earlier names for the settlement that became the village were Union Depot and Farlin. The village was important as a railroad junction as well as having industrial development and a thriving farming community. The railroad junction is gone, but the trains continue going through the village several times a day. There are three schools in the village, Voorheesville Elementary School, Voorheesville Middle School and the C. A. Bouton High School. The Voorheesville Public Library has served the library and information needs of the community and surrounding area since 1915.

The vote of the village residents to incorporate was held on May 8, 1899 and was successful, after a previous attempt to incorporate 7 years earlier had failed to be placed on the ballot. The incorporated village contained 367 acres of land and had a population of 487 people (2010 population was 2,789). The first president of the village board was Frank Bloomingdale, who was to govern the village along with a Treasurer, Collector and two Trustees. A Village Clerk and Street Commissioner were appointed by the board. Over the next few years, the board passed ordinances to keep order in the village and purchased equipment and supplies to do street and other needed work. Fire commissioners and a volunteer fire department were created in 1902. Roads, streets and sidewalks were a regular issue for the village board as was the provision of a water supply for the village, and electric power and telephone lines. There were a few extensions of the village boundaries to incorporate additional adjacent lands over the past century.

Most of the Village of Voorheesville official records are located in the Village Hall. Those records are under the jurisdiction of the Village Clerk and Village Board. The village records described here are a miscellany of older documents related to a number of issues of concern to the village that were collected and preserved by the Village Historian because of their importance for the history of the village. In addition, documents of a semi-public nature or created by semipublic entities are included in this group.

Box 11: Village of Voorheesville Records

F. 1:

- Village Board of Trustees, Petition (blank)
- Letter from [Ramon] Villa Sainz, a Village Trustee, to Board of Trustees to increase the number of trustees from 2 to 4, 1952-1953. Also, 2 drafts of the letter.

F. 2: Expansion of Village documents, incl.:

- Petition of residents in the North Main St. area for incorporation into the village, Sept. 1948, signed by Ramon Villa Sainz (see burial document on Ancestry.com: Villa Sainz was born in Mexico and died in Texas in 1954, but his residence was Voorheesville, NY and his occupation is listed as contractor in building construction)
- Petition to Mayor and Board for annexation to village of area about North Main St., March and August 1948
- Notice about the petition, description of the land to be annexed and notice of public hearing about annexation, Sept. 1948

- USGS map of the Berne Quadrangle, 1903 (1932)
- Blueprint "Map showing Extension of the North Village Line, Voorheesville, N.Y., in the vicinity of North Main St., J.K. Kampf, eng., Albany, NY, Feb. 1948
- Official ballot, March 15, 1949, re: proposition about annexing property around North Main St.
- 4 Newspaper articles from Albany Times-Union about expansion plans of the Mayor and Board of Trustees (one article is by Bill (William) Kennedy, a T-U staff writer).
- Newspaper clippings re: to an annexation request of residents of Apple Blossom Lane to be added to the Village of Voorheesville, but rejected by the Town of New Scotland, 1965. (4 articles)

F. 3: Election campaigns in Voorheesville, incl.:

- Campaign statement of George W. Vunck and Charles Fields for Trustee, March 10, 1954 (2 p)
- Campaign statement by "A Taxpayer" supporting Edward Smith for Mayor and August Berger for Trustee, n.d. (March 1954?) (2 p)
- Report by Mayor G.W. Vunck, April 24, 1954 about his first month in office including appointments made, information about water and taxes and about street work. (3 p)

F. 4: Election campaign in Voorheesville for Trustee, n.d., 1954? for election of Trustee with political flyers by "A Voter" supporting Charles Fields (3) and "A Taxpayer" supporting Mr. Blessing (2).

F. 5: Campaign statements of mayoral and trustee candidates for elections of 1984 and 1980:

- Flyer for Marilyn Stracuzzi of the Citizens Party
- 6 Flyers for Peoples' Party candidates Pete Luczak, Phil Joyce and Tom Mensching
- Village Party: Letter from Dick Lennon with envelope, March 15, 1984
- Village Party: Signed campaign slip
- Village Party: Letter from Dick Lennon (2 pages)
- Village Party: Endorsement of Sue Rockmore (2 cop.), Dan Reh (3 cop.)
- Village Party: 4 Campaign flyers (8 pages altogether)
- Village Party: 'Fact sheet' (1 cop.) with correction (2 cop.)
- Newspaper clippings about the 1984 campaign
- Note with vote totals for 1984 election for mayor, et al.
- Poster re: candidates in the 1986 election
- Election flyer for Milt Bates, Bill Gray, Doug DeDe, 1980 (8 cop.)

F. 6: Voorheesville financial material, incl.:

- List of taxes due Jan. 15, 1934 by various landowners (2 p)
- Report of the Treasurer of the village, Feb. 28, 1953
- Report of the Treasurer of the village, Feb. 28, 1954
- Notice of public hearing on village budget, April 27, 1954.
- Letter of Mayor Edward R. Smith to NYS Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Public Works Construction re: alterations to fire hall, Aug. 12, 1953.

- Petitions of David J. Crounse, a Civil War veteran (9th NY Heavy Artillery) for exemption from and/or compromise on property taxes in Voorheesville, 1925-1933, dated 1927 and 1934. (3 p)
- Receipts for payment by W.J. Gray, Jr. of water rents to village, March 1, 1948 and March 1, 1949.

F. 7: Letter of Mayor Edward F. Clark, Nov. 13, 1985, to citizens of Voorheesville including pages from the *New York State Local Government Handbook* that contain information about village governance. Clark informs the village that Voorheesville was 155th in size among 553 villages in the state, the village population was 3320 and the village was 2 square miles in size.

F. 8: Miscellaneous correspondence of Mayor William J. Wenzel, Voorheesville, as follows:

- Correspondence re: parking summons, 1976 (6 pages)
- Letter to child, Tanya Severino, re-assuring her that the village did not intend to damage any village parks, 1979, with Severino's letter attached
- Memorandum from Village Clerk for Mayor and Village Board that Rts.85A from Vly Creek Bridge to Village line would henceforth be known as Helderberg Parkway, Oct. 1977.

F. 9: Village Board publications: Village Board Report, issues for

- Summer 1984 [Vol. 1, No. 1]
- Summer 1984 [Vol. 1, No. 2]
- Winter 1985 [Vol. 1, No. 2?]
- Fall 1985 [Vol. 1 No. 3] (2 cop.)
- Spring 1986 [Vol. 1?, No. 4]
- Summer 1986 [Vol. 3, No. 1]
- Fall 1986 [Vol. 3, No. 2]
- Spring 1987 [Vol. 3, No. 5]
- Spring 1991 [Vol. 6, No. 1]
- Winter 1994 [Vol. 9, No. 1] (7 cop.)
- Summer 1994 [Vol. 9, No.2] (7 cop.)
- Spring-Summer 1995 (7 cop.)
- Spring/Summer 1997 (this is a proof copy).
- Also, a few sheets of blank village letterhead during terms of Mayor Richard Lennon (2 cop.) and Mayor Milton F. Bates (5 cop.)

F. 10: Records re: to water supply in the Village of Voorheesville as follows:

- Resolutions of the Village Board May and July 1901 re: establishing a gravity system for water supply to the village Water improvements in Voorheesville (3 papers)
 - Including copy of Village Board resolution to bond improvements, May 1953
- *Report on Improvements to Water System, Village of Voorheesville, New York*, by Benjamin L Smith & Associates, Engineers, 2/16/1953
 - Including blueprint plans of the existing and improvement water system and of the deep well and pump house
- Letter from Smith Associates to Mayor Vunck, 6/4/1954

- Accompanying a map by Smith Associates showing an alternate location plan for proposed deep well and pump house
- Letter from NYS Conservation Dept., Water Power and Control Commission, 12/16/1954 re: water supply application of Village of Voorheesville
 - Accompanying a copy of the decision of the Control Commission (application was approved.)
- Water rent bill to F.M. Patton, 1953-1954.
- Clipping about Village Board refusing to approve use of village water outside of the village, Saturday, March 20, (1985?)

F. 11:

- 8 Interest coupons for water bond debt, coupons #36-43, Sept. 1957.
- 5 receipts for water rents paid to village, 1927-1931 for Mrs. E.D. Joslin (Joslin Estate)
- Application from I.O.O.F. for village to provide water to the I.O.O.F. Hall, March 1912.

F.12: File of papers re: request and proposal of Frank Hungerford of Delmar, NY for a franchise to run a bus line from Albany to Voorheesville, NY, 1927-1930. This file will be of interest re: the development and growth of the Village of Voorheesville. Frank Hungerford was born in 1885, was married to Albinamae Hungerford and is listed as busline manager in the 1920 Federal Census, (Ancestry.com).

- Public notices of a hearing concerning the proposal
- Correspondence about bills for advertising public hearing
- Minutes of testimony and questions at hearing, Feb. 16, 1927
- Petition of village residents, including leading members of the community, supporting bus line proposal
- Proposal & supplementary paperwork, 1927
- Village board resolution granting the consent to run the busline, 1927
- Proposal & supplementary paperwork, 1930
- Village board resolution granting the consent to run the busline, 1930
- Request to village board to allow transfer of assets of bus company to the United Traction Co., 1936
- Orders of the NYS Public Service Commission to allow transfer to UTC, 1941
Consent to allow the extend the bus line from Voorheesville to the U.S. Army Depot in Guilderland, 1941.

F. 13: Supplement to Village Ordinances, including Zoning Ordinance, Village of Voorheesville, 1964-1970.

F. 14: Report of Henry G. Statham, Supervisor of Public Records, NYS Dept. of Education, Division of Archives and History, Report on his inspection of Village records, March 20, 1927 dealing with the village use of an unapproved Meilink cabinet with advice on how to change to a approved safe for keeping their records safe. (3 pages)

F. 15: Voorheesville Planning Commission, Kurt Anderson, Chairman, et al.: Blank letterhead. (5 papers)

Box 12: Village of Voorheesville Records**F. 1:** Items re: to sale of alcohol in the village, including:

- A letter from the NYS Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 1/18/1937 re: issuance of licenses to sell alcohol in Voorheesville
- Blank Application for License for Sale of Certain Alcoholic Beverages of the City of Albany (4 applications).

F. 2: File of papers for crime of selling alcohol to minors, April-October 1961. Accident occurred subsequent to the underage drinking where a teenage boy, William Hammond, died:

- Arrest warrant
- jury summons (2)
- several depositions of witnesses to the crime and subsequent car accident re: to being served alcohol at a local tavern. (2 each from 4 witnesses)
- Information, April 21, 1961
- Undertaking of bail, April 25, 1961

F. 3:

- Two lottery sales licenses issued by NYS Dept. of Taxation to village, 1970 and n.d.
- A Certificate of Insurance for the Robert D. Kellogg Amusements (carnival operations)
- Book of receipts for vendors/peddlers' licenses in the village, 1929-1972 for vendors of baked goods, fruits and vegetables, etc.

F. 4: Voorheesville Board of Trade. Formed to “promote the civic, economic growth, and social welfare of the people and Village of Voorheesville”; membership was open to all “private owned business, corporations, partnerships, professional men, cooperatives or estates”:

- Typed copy of the Board of Trade Constitution and By-Laws, March 3, 1954 (4 pages)
- Blank letterhead (George W. Vunck, President, Arthur J. Flume, Vice-President, Bruce C. Brunk, Secretary and Francis E. Sullivan, Treasurer)
- Newspaper articles about the Board, March 1954 and March 1955. (2, w/ photocopies)
- Brochure: “*Voorheesville New York, A Vital Part of the Expanding Tri-City Industrial Area*”; a marketing brochure calling Voorheesville the “Crossroads to the North East.” This was probably printed for the Board of Trade, which is mentioned in the brochure.

F. 5: Documents re: to a Conference on Federal Grant-in-Aid Programs for NY State Public Officials, held in Washington, DC, April 22, 1966, including:

- Program agenda (3 pages)
- 7 pages of potential projects that the Village of Voorheesville wanted to have funded through these programs, including:
 - Tree planting, Village Green improvements with tennis court, Demolition of Grove Hotel, re-development of So. Main St., A Neighborhood Facilities Bldg., Construction of a 6 million gallon reservoir and chlorination plant, A Park to be built on land owned by Geo. W. Vunck

- Carbon copies of letters re: to these improvements from Village Treasurer, Beverly J. Delehanty to Sen. Jacob K. Javits, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, Charles Horan of Dept. of Housing, all dated April 26, 1966 (3 letters)
- Two booklets: "*Programs of the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development for Programs*" and "*Beautification Aids for Urban Areas*", both dated Nov. 1965

F. 6: Two programs for Town of New Scotland Historic Preservation Commission lectures:

- "*How Creative Planning Can Preserve A Town's Character As Well As Its Property Values*"; Randall Arendt. Talk given June 7, 1990 (7 copies)
- "*A Tour Of Barns Built By One Of Its master Builders, Frank Osterhout, 1868-1945*"; Timber Framers Guild of North America. Talk given June 16, 1990 (4 copies)
Frank Osterhout, who built barns in New Scotland, is listed as contractor and builder in the 1910 census. In that census, he is 40 years old, his wife, Ade E. is 34, and children are Myra B. 16, Willard F., 15 and Mildred A., 9 years old; also Emma E. Relyea, Ada E.'s mother, 60 years old.

F. 7: *A Decade of Environmental Progress*, March 1985, a report of the work done by the CAC including water quality monitoring, natural resource inventory, shade tree planting, educational programs, environmental assessments, and cooperative efforts. The CAC, or Conservation Advisory Council of the Village of Voorheesville, was formed in 1973.

F. 8: Village of Voorheesville village directories printed July 1985 (4 cop.) and July 1988 (2 cop.)

F. 9:

- NY State Conference of Mayors, *Municipal Swimming Pools in New York State: Their Construction and Operation*, Report No.3163, Jan. 1955.
- *New York State Municipal Bulletin*, Jan. 1985, includes story about the Public Employer Risk Management Association with a photo of Judith Gray, Village Clerk, p. 4.
- *New York State Municipal Bulletin*, May/June 1995 with article, p. 29-31, "Spotlight on Village of Voorheesville."

F. 10: Data collected by Village Historian, Dennis Sullivan, "Census-Type Information from Diverse Sources," includes:

- Voorheesville Residents, 1870 (3 p.)
- Voorheesville Residents, 1884 (4 p.)
- Voorheesville Residents, 1888 (4 p.)
- Voorheesville Residents, 1898 (4 p.)
- Voorheesville Businesses, 1909 (2 p.)
- Voorheesville Businesses, 1922 (2 p.)
- List of the signers of the incorporation proposition, Mar. 14, 1899 (2 p.)
- List of town residents who voted in incorporation election, May 8, 1899. (1 p.)

F. 11: Miscellaneous newspaper clippings about village government, including proposed ordinances, (1956), proposed zoning ordinance (1957), land development and subdivisions, etc.

F. 12: Photograph album, 2001, of photos by Stanley P. Hemmett, Town of New Scotland Photographer of road and bridge repair and reconstruction work, including road patch on Center St., replacement of water pipe along Rt. 85A in Voorheesville and bridge replacement over Vly Creek on Pine St., Voorheesville.

Photos removed from album and placed into photo sleeves; 33 color photos.

F. 13: Letter from Derris V. Tidd, Voorheesville Village Clerk to Robert Arnold, NY State Archives re: return of village records, 7/11/2003.

F. 14: Bicentennial Quilt, New Scotland Historical Association, a mimeographed description of the rows on the bicentennial quilt done in 1976 as part of the Historical Association celebration of the nation's bicentennial. (5 pages)

F. 15: Program/Menu for Honor Day Celebration in honor of World War Veterans of the the Town of New Scotland, Saturday, September 6th, 1919 at Voorheesville, N.Y.

F. 16: Ballot for election of electors for President, 3rd Election Dist., Town of New Scotland, Nov. 5, 1912. (W. Wilson, Democratic, W.H. Taft, Republican, Eugene V. Debs, Socialist, Eugene W. Chafin, Prohibition, Theo. Roosevelt, Progressive).

The original ballot here is not complete and is in several pieces on very brittle paper; a photocopy of the ballot has been made and may be used by researchers.

F. 17: Miscellaneous, incl.:

- Letter from Board of Directors of Salem Hills Park Assoc. to village residents, 1982, re: sewer rates
- Letter from Mayor E. Clark to village residents about gravel mine pit
- Letter from Town of New Scotland Supervisor to Albany Co. Office of Civil Defense, 1971 about civil defense radio
- Letter from D. Sullivan re: the publication of the village history, 1988
- Blank village letterhead stationery (3 copies)
- Letter to Mrs. (Beverly) Delehanty, Village Clerk, 1969 re: thanks for a letter to class of students

F.18: Mock-up for printer of Voorheesville Board Report, Fall 1986.

F. 19: Handwritten list of officers of the village, including names of the president, trustee, treasurer, clerk, collector, and secretary, 1903-1976, 10 pp.

Box 13: Village Centennial Celebration, 1899-1999

The Village of Voorheesville was incorporated after a vote of the village residents on May 8, 1899. In 1998, the village appointed a volunteer Centennial Committee of 26 residents and the committee created 25 committees to plan and coordinate the multi-day events in May 1999 celebrating the village centennial. Some of the many events included: publication of a

Historic Walk Guidebook, printing of a *Happy 100th Birthday, Voorheesville, New York Souvenir Program*, printing of directory of village departments and officials, churches, businesses, library, and schools; a lecture series, the dedication of the Centennial Clock in Evergreen Park, music events and dances, a fireworks display, food festival, Memorial Day Parade, workshops and exhibits, a fashion show, and much else. The celebration was held the weekend of May 28-30, 1999.

F. 1: Publications as follows:

Village of Voorheesville, On Track for 1999, directory of the village with names, addresses, and phone numbers for government, businesses, organizations, etc., 4 cop.

Historic Walk Guidebook, Souvenir Edition, May 29, 1999, 2 cop.; also photocopy of unbound pages; compiled and written by Village Historian, Dennis Sullivan

Happy 100th Birthday, Voorheesville, New York, (1899-1999), Souvenir Program..., 1 copy and copy of cover only; compiled and written by Village Historian, Dennis Sullivan.

F. 2: Proof copy with annotations of the *Happy 100th Birthday Souvenir Program*, with 3 3 ½ in. diskettes of some of the contents of the program.

F. 3: Invitations from Mayor and Board of Trustees of the village to be sent to various people inviting them to join the Mayor, et al on the parade Reviewing Stand, May 29, 1999, 7 invitations.

F. 4: Newspapers with Centennial news and supplements

a. *Spotlight, Voorheesville Centennial, 1899-1999*, with photos and schedule of events; also a newspaper ad from SuperValu. (2 cop.)

b. *Altamont Enterprise*, May 20 and May 27, 1999, with inserts of Voorheesville history, photos and schedule of Centennial events.

F. 5: Photocopies of two different logos for the Centennial.

F. 6: Photocopy of remarks by Jim Gardner, publisher of the *Altamont Enterprise* at the Centennial Clock dedication, May 8, 1999.

F. 7: Maps, printed in the Centennial souvenir program, of the village and of the Village Park (Green) indicating where various events were to be held. Maps were drawn by Roger Mock.

F. 8: Leaflet, 2 pp., with the schedule of the Centennial Clock Dedication, May 8, 1999 and on the verso the lyrics of a song, *A Hundred Years Ago*, by Tom Fisch and Billy Montana, 3 cop.

F. 9: *Village of Voorheesville Report*, May 1999, entire report devoted to schedule and other information about the Centennial celebration, 5 cop.

F. 10: Bumper sticker: Happy 100th Birthday..., 6 stickers

F. 11: Lists of village officials and Centennial Committee members.

F. 12: Letters and notes from children of Voorheesville to people who would be living in Voorheesville in 2099; letters written in May 1999

There are also a few letters and drawings by children done in 1993 as part of the Small Town at the Millenium Celebration.

Photographs: The following is a general list of photographs from the Centennial celebration. Most of the items are 4 x 5.5 in. color photos.

F. 13: 4 photos of volunteers and crowds at celebration, pasted on 8x10 in. paper

F. 14: Photos of the installation of the Centennial Clock and the building of its circular pedestal, 19 photos and negatives.

F. 15: Centennial events and people: B. Vink and bearded man, bearded man, Dennis Sullivan beneath the birthday sign, Centennial cake, horseshoe game, Centennial clock, people at various Centennial events, etc., (15 photos)

F. 16: 5 Photos of Mayor E. Clark at Clock dedication and Centennial parade
5 Photos of Centennial parade
2 Photos of Centennial fireworks

F. 17: 2 Photos of Dennis Sullivan at May 8 parade,
1 Photo of 3 people at SuperValu grocery store,
5 Photos of Mayor Clark with others and Centennial train
1 portrait photo of Mayor Edward Clark.

F. 18: Centennial of Voorheesville, May 1999: photographs (by Dietrich C. Gehring)
The following photos were found in box with the label "Dietrich C. Gehring" with a few sheets of slides. There are 42 photographs, black and white, 4"x 5 3/4" (40) and color (2). The photographs were taken at the centennial celebration in May 1999 and include photos of the parade, of a man carving Dutch clogs, a country music singer, Mount Olive Church of Albany, NY Men's Chorus, Barbara Vink dressed in a Victorian dress and hat and unidentified people attending various centennial events.

F. 19: Centennial Train: This is a group of photographs of the Centennial Train's "Maiden Voyage," during the Memorial Day Parade, May 27, 1995. The photos show the train in the parade, Mayor Edw. Clark, and two women riding in the train; 20 color photos; photos are faded; negatives of the photos are filed separately with negative photographs.

F. 20: Model Train Set of Voorheesville: This is a group of photographs of a model train set of the buildings in Voorheesville, 1998, 13 color photos; photos are very blurred and images are not distinct. This model is on display at the New Scotland Historical Association (2015).

F. 21: A folder of miscellaneous items re: to Voorheesville, incl.:
Business card for Annie's Bake Shop;
Bill for photos, 1957;

Letter to Bill Gray, Town Historian from Frank Bloomingdale, Syracuse, 1981 and Gray's reply;
Brief biographical note about John L. Slingerland, b. 1807;
Note about a pool fed by Vly Creek;
Invitation to Mrs. Delehanty for a cocktail party at the National Commercial Bank, 1971;
Photostat of a deed, 1942;
Form letter to Kenneth Jacobson from D.A.V.;
Child's (Kim Gray?) color drawing;
And other items.

Box 14: Printed Items

F. 1: *The Mills' Tariff Bill Explained for the People*, ed. by Mortimer M. Shelley, New York, 1888, includes several pages listing items exempt from duty and those for which duty must be paid and includes a message to Congress by Grover Cleveland about the tariff bill. This publication appears to have been used in the Cleveland for President Campaign of 1888. The Mills Tariff Bill supported free trade and the reduction of tariffs, but was never passed by the Senate and became an issue in the 1888 presidential campaign.

F. 2: Program for Miles Theatre, Schenectady, NY, program for *The Merchant of Venice*, Dec. 14, 1920.

F. 3: *This is Albany County*, League of Women Voters, 1995.

F. 4: Town of New Scotland, *Drive it yourself Tour*, 150th Anniversary, Oct. 1982

F. 5: Premium book 1993, Altamont Fair, 1993

F. 6: Newspaper Clippings: This is file of newspaper clippings, nearly all from the Altamont Enterprise of articles about local history, several by Arthur Gregg. Subjects include:

- High Point Cemetery (Sep 1934) (photocopy only)
- Rev. Adam Crounse and St. James Lutheran Church (Jul 6, 1979)
- Thatcher Park (Apr 16, 1976)
- Altamont Village Bandstand
- Helderberg Castle
- Facts about New Salem (Dec 9, 1977)
- Town of New Scotland history (May 27, 1976)
- Arthur Gregg and Geronimo
- Arthur Gregg on Champlain Canal (Jan 11, 1980)
- Mario Cuomo to give commencement address at C.A. Bouton High School (Jun 24 1993)
- Recollections of an Altamont native (Dec 5, 1980)
- Altamont 90th anniversary of village (Sep 26, 1980)
- Altamont Enterprise Reborn (Dec 14, 1979)
- Altamont Fair (Aug 8, 1980)
- Benjamin Knowler (Jul 4, 1980)

- Rt. 20 trip/history (Jul 10, 1981)

F. 7: Newspaper clipping series of articles about the post offices of Guilderland from the *Enterprise*, by Arthur B. Gregg (Guilderland town historian), 1977?

1. 'A Postal History of The Town of Guilderland'
 2. 'The Guilderland Post Office'
 3. 'History of Altamont's Post Office Reflects History of Village'
 4. 'A Look Back Into History: Guilderland Center's Post Office'
 5. 'Guilderland's Postal History: Dunnsville and McKownville'
 6. 'Meadowdale, Fuller's Post Offices Came and Went With Railroad Age'
- Also, 'Voorheesville's Post Office'

F. 8: *History of St. Paul's (Zion's) Evangelical Lutheran Church of Red Hook, Dutchess Co., N.Y., 1915-1976* by Rev. Ferdinand K.W. Haase, Pastor, 1976.

F. 9: New York State Museum, *Bulletin, No. 299, Glacial Geology of the Catskills* by John Lyon Rich, 1935, report and two large maps of Catskill Mountains glaciation.

F. 10: Issue of the *Spotlight*, 25th Anniversary Special, 2/26/1981, including several history articles about Bethlehem and Voorheesville, (2 cop.)

Also, an issue of the *Spotlight*, March 5, 1981, with article about "secret caucus" in Voorheesville election.

F. 11: Issue of *Altamont Enterprise*, May 27, 1999 with centennial pull-out section

Also two newspaper ads for SuperValu Foods for centennial celebration, May 1999.

F. 12: Newspaper clippings of articles about people and events in Voorheesville, 1970, 1980. Subjects include:

- Water system (TU Feb 24, 1971 & TU Jun 16, 1970)
- State Audit (Knickerbocker News, May 1, 1970)
- Budget (Knickerbocker News, Apr 29, 1970)
- Budget and Census (TU Apr 13, 1964 & TU Apr 29, 1964)
- 1970-71 Budget
- 1958 Zoning Ordinance
- Annual Report of the Treasurer of The Village of Altamont, fiscal year May 1960-1961
- Taxes
- Various Village Officials and Mayors
- Dog Leash Law
- New Scotland Sesquicentennial, 1982
- Walter Motor Truck Co. strike (July 18, 1980 & TU July 19, 1980)

F. 13: Newspaper article, *Knickerbocker News* (?) (Jan. 21, 1950), "Voorheesville: A Typical American "Hometown"..." with 11 labeled pictures and short article about business and industry in Voorheesville (continuation of article not present).

F. 14: *Altamont Enterprise*, issue for July 9, 1982 for Town of New Scotland Sesquicentennial Day, July 24, 1982; including articles:

“A Child’s History of the Village of Voorheesville” (by Mrs. Elizabeth Ingraham),
Historical Sketches of the Reformed Church at Unionville (by Rev. Johannes Meester)
First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville (by Kay Weidman).

F. 15: *Altamont Enterprise*, issue for April 6, 1979, with article “Voorheesville 80 Years Ago,” by Arthur B. Gregg and Carol DuBrin.

F. 16: Clippings about Vunck Mill fire, Oct. 19, 1934 and fire in frame house in Vunck Block in Voorheesville, April 11, 1944.

F. 17: Miscellaneous newspaper clippings about Voorheesville people, events, taxes, and other topics

- Article about local band Southbound (1985)
- ‘Village Considers Concert Curbs’ (*Altamont Enterprise*, Jul 28, 1983)
- Two articles about Voorheesville 15-km race, 1983 (back of one includes list of local college graduates of 1983)
- Two articles about a bear sighting
- Post office location change
- N.E. Savings bank (*Altamont Enterprise*, Jan 20, 1983)
- N.E. Savings bank (*Altamont Enterprise*, Jan 27, 1983)
- 6 articles about a house fire victim (1983)
- New Scotland Presbyterian Church Bazaar (*Knickerbocker News*)
- 3 articles about a train accident victim (1983)
- Salon zoning controversy (*Altamont Enterprise*)
- ‘Mayor Bates calls it quits’ (*The Spotlight*, October 19, 1983)
- ‘Voorheesville Mayor Won’t Run Again’ (1983)
- ‘Second Hat In the Ring for Voorheesville Mayor’ (n.d., 1983-84?)
- ‘Lennon to Leave Village Taxless’ (*Altamont Enterprise*, Apr 4, 1985)
- ‘Voorheesville Budget Hearing Over Quickly’ (April 4, 1983)
- ‘Voorheesville Board Proposes Summary Law’
- ‘Budget Up, Taxes Down in Voorheesville’ (1983)
- ‘Honoring Rev. Toole’
- Photo of color guard at Memorial Day Parade (1983)
- ‘Zoning plan Approved’ (*Knickerbocker News*, 1957)
- ‘Voorheesville Reelects 2’ (*Knickerbocker News*)
- Photo of Voorheesville Board of Trade dinner (*Knickerbocker News*, n.d.)
- Photo of Kiwanis Club (*Knickerbocker News*, Feb 1, 195?)
- 3 articles about Voorheesville tax hike (*Knickerbocker News*)
- Report of the Treasurer for the Fiscal Year Ending May 31, 1956
- Fiscal Report criticism, *Knickerbocker News* (May 22, 1957)
- Various ‘From Our Files’ columns, by Shorty Vroman
- ‘Harken to Crier’s Bell, Village Official Pleads’ (*Knickerbocker News*, Apr 10, 1958)
- Partial page from *Times Union*, April 18, 1958. Includes pictures from Voorheesville American Legion Post and Auxiliary minstrel show.

- Front page of Altamont Enterprise, March 17, 1983 (mostly focused on basketball game)
- Full page from Altamont Enterprise, September 16, 1966
- Multiple pages from Altamont Enterprise December 7, 1979
- Also 3 copies of the *Stewart's Scoop*, April 12, 1982 about shop #107 opening in Voorheesville on the site of the former Getty gas station.

F. 18: Miscellaneous newspaper clippings about Voorheesville people, events, etc., from *Knickerbocker News* and other papers, Subjects include:

- Legal notice about operation of a bus line
- Voorheesville Savings and Loan
- Bouck White and the Helderberg Castle
- Aerial view of Voorheesville
- Industry in Voorheesville
- Donald G. Sutherland obituary
- Olympic truck built by Walter Motor Truck Co.
- First Methodist Church
- Fire on Vunck Block
- Sewer project
- Clayton A. Bouton
- New Scotland early Scotch settlers
- Article about planning for Voorheesville Centennial
- Photo with caption from a page taken from a book showing old wagon road betw. Berne and Knox
- New Salem Reformed Church closing
- Article 'A Chapter of Anti-Rent History' from the Albany Law Journal
- Excerpt of article 'A Simple Vacation' from The Independent

F. 19: Miscellaneous printed items, incl.:

- 4 serial bond coupons for Voorheesville water serial bonds, 1955 issue
- Ticket for movie "Exclusive Story" for benefit of Voorheesville Fire Co., 1936
- Emergency card distributed by Voorheesville Fire Dept., with telephone #s, lists of alarms in the village and names of fire dept. officers.
- Developers' brochure for proposed "New Scotland-Voorheesville Country Club Plaza," to be located at the intersection of State Farm Road and Rt. 85A, 1969. (Present-day Hannaford Plaza); brochure had plans for a supermarket, department store, office space, theater, professional building and other spaces.
- Campaign flyer for Citizens Party for election of village trustees, 1971.
- Program for 75th Annual Installation, Dinner and Dance of the Voorheesville Volunteer Fire Dept., 1977.
- Program for Park Dedication of Voorheesville Park, 1969 (2 cop.)
- Program of the Annual Training School for ...Municipal Clerks... with lists of persons receiving Certificates of Participation, 1969, including Beverly J. Delehanty, Voorheesville Clerk- Treasurer.
- Flyer about opening of Central Savings and Loan office in Voorheesville, n.d., ca. 1965?
- Newsletter of Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution, June 1987.

- Program of the Bandanna Minstrels, presented by the Voorheesville Post No. 1493, American Legion, March 1952. Photographs of a Bandanna show in April 1958 are in Box 25, F. 3.
- Flyer about parade float, Tin Horns and Calico, of the Maple Avenue Culture Society of Voorheesville (2 cop.)
- Menu of Smith's Tavern, signed by John Mellen and Jon McClelland (?)
- Brochure for Personal Touch Portraits
- Envelope from The Mohawk Hudson Association of Village Officials
- Program about the Fourth Grade Players of Voorheesville Elementary School presentation of 'Until Our Rightful Day'
- Photocopy of flyer for Basketball game, April 4, 1919

Box 15: Cigar Boxes

1. G.A. Hallenbeck, Voorheesville, NY, manufacturer of Way Up Cigars, "Smoke Way Up." Stamp on bottom of box indicates that the Hallenbeck cigar factory was Factory No. 322 in the 14th Dist. of New York.
The cigar box contains two wooden quarters from the Voorheesville Fire Dept. 60th Anniversary, Aug. 11, 19
2. Same as above cigar box, ex. in better condition, labeling is more intact than above box.

Box 16: Plaque and Stamp

(CAREFUL: VERY HEAVY OBJECTS)

Plaque, "George Washington Bicentennial Memorial Tree, 1732-1932, Village of Voorheesville, Registered American Tree Association, Washington, D.C." heavy brass plaque, n.d.

Metal stamp press of the First Presbyterian Church, Voorheesville, NY, Incorporated Aug. 11, 1835. **(BOX 3)**

Metal name plate of Walter Truck Co.: "Walter 100% Traction."

Box 17: Banners

Voorheesville centennial banner, with image of railroad engine and 1899 date, in black and white, ca. 2'x3'.

Voorheesville Board of Trade Banner in green and gold with gold fringe, ca. 3'x6'.

Box 18: Misc.

Tee shirt, green, from the Michele Family's Railroad Junction Old Fashioned Ice Cream Parlor, 1 South Main St., Voorheesville. **(BOX 2)**

Voorheesville, 1899-1999 centennial patch.

Ribbons of Boys and Girls 4-H Club Work at Albany & Schenectady County Fairs, 1927, 1928, 1931, -32, -33, -34, -36, -38 and ribbon for 4th Premium Altamont Fair, 1936 (11 total ribbons)

Milk bottle from Severson's Dairy, Voorheesville, NY (label is partially worn away)

Box 19: Glass Objects

(CAREFUL – FRAGILE OBJECTS)

Beer mug from Smith's Tavern, Home Made Pizza

Wine glass from Smith's Tavern, Home Made Pizza

Glass plate negative of photograph of W.S. Gilbert's Feed and Grain store and I.O.O.F. Hall.

Glass plate negative photograph of I.O.O.F. Hall , n.d., ca. 1910? **(BOX 6, F. 2)**

Photographs and Slide Photographs Boxes 20-31

There are a large number of photographs in the collection of village records. Some have been filed with their respective topics (e.g. train photos with the railroad material, etc.) because they were found with other related documents. However, most of the photos are filed here separately. An effort has been made to keep topics together to ease access to the photographs. The photographs listed below are generally undated and an approximate date is given where possible. Many of the photographs are reproductions of original photographs. The following is an inventory of the photographs; where information is tentative or unknown, the library would be happy to have any information to add to this inventory.

Note: Published photos are sometimes identified as follows:

VNY, pp. #=(D. Sullivan, *Voorheesville, New York*)

HWG, pp. #=(*Historic Walk Guidebook, Village of Voorheesville Centennial Celebration*)

100B, pp.#=(*Happy 100th Birthday, Voorheesville, New York, 1899-1999*)

Box 20: Slide Photographs

Two metal slide boxes containing approximately 100 slides each; there is a list of slides in each box, but the slides are not in list order and the lists do not appear to relate to the slides; also, a slide tray with approximately 49 slides and two slide pages with approximately 45 slides. All of these slides have been removed and placed in slide sleeves. The following is a description of the slides in Box 20.

F 1: Slides about the Bender Melon farm, incl. slide photos of people, farmland, maps, melons, etc., 47 slides. Also prints of slides and USB thumb drive with digital files of Bender Melon farm slides. Prints and digital versions created in 2024.

F 2: Slides of the Voorheesville Free Library, 8 slide photos of library buildings, E. D. Joslin and F. W. Griesman

F 3: Slides of parade during Voorheesville village centennial, May 1999, 37 Slides

F 4: Slides of Cultural Geography Project in Voorheesville, NY, Nov. 1976, 40 slides, of buildings, roads, open land, Salem Hills development.

F 5: Slides from Slide Box 1; including slides of many of the photographs that are in the Village Records collection as well as some of Camp Pinnacle and Thatcher Park, 97 slides. A list found in the box is with this folder, although it has no relation with the actual slides.

F 6: Slides from Slide Box 2; including slides of many of the photographs that are in the Village Records collection as well as some of Camp Pinnacle and Thatcher Park, also, slides of village garage construction, 123 slides. A list found in the box is with this folder, although it has no relation with the actual slides.

F 7: Negatives of photographs of Centennial parade and celebration, May 1999.

Box 21: Businesses in Voorheesville

F. 1: Empire Cider and Vinegar Works (Duffy-Mott Company)

- Cider Mill Clam Bake photo of employees at picnic, summer 1940
- Empire Cider and Vinegar Works, n.d., ca. 1920? Shows workers, freight cars waiting to be loaded with barrels of cider and vinegar, HWG, p. 10.
 - Also, one reduced reproduction
- Duffy-Mott Company mill building (“Drink Duffy’s Grape Juice”), n.d., ca. 1905?
- Voorheesville Cider Mill fire, n.d. (photo of mill on fire)
- Empire Cider and Vinegar Works, (5 photos), n.d., ca. 1956, (photos of exterior of cider works taken after the plant closed in 1956?)
- Exterior view of Empire Cider Works, n.d. (2 similar photos)
- Empire Cider Works, photo by Dearstyne, Breakabeen, NY, ca. 1910?

- Also, one enlargement of part of photo
- Empire Cider Works, photo by Bell, n.d., ca. 1920?
- Empire Cider and Vinegar Works, photo enlarged from a postcard?, n.d., ca. 1910?
- Two Cider Mill workers, Philip Georgia and Rocco Fallone, 1950

F. 2: Iron works

Albany Malleable Iron Works, Voorheesville, NY. Later named Albany Casting Co.
(Henry Blumenaur bought Albany Malleable Iron Works and renamed it in 1936).

- 17 Photos of plant buildings and land surrounding plant with one interior photo of the iron works, July 1908, (probably all photos are by John H. Dearstyne). Most of the photos appear to be of construction of the foundry which was built in 1908.
- One large photo of plant with plant name and old vehicle, ca. 1920. (also 1 repro.)
- 3 original photographs of workers making casting molds during World War II. Each photo includes a description of the person and the job they are doing. The workers are Lillian Brown, Walter Davis and Roy Garvey, all of Albany, NY. Davis and Garvey were physically disabled workers and Brown was a woman worker who like many women worked in the factory because many male workers were in the service.
- 7 photos of iron workers; each photo includes a caption about the person and the job they are doing.

F. 3: Orf's Ice Cream

- T.C. "Orf" White's ice cream parlor or candy store, interior photos, n.d., ca. 1910? (2 photos with 3 reduced duplicates each)
- Photograph, matted, of exterior of Hoffe's (Hoffmeister's) Ice Cream Parlor, n.d., ca. 1928, with Hoffmeister holding baby Billy Flansburgh, Billy's mother Gladys Flansburgh, (C. Roy Flansburgh not in photo) and (G.B.?) McLarey standing in front of the store. (Hoffmeister's first name was possibly Charles J. and his wife may have been Patricia Hoffmeister.)

F. 4: General and Grocery stores

- Arrowhead Store, Jasper Tork Groceries, n.d., ca. 1920?; (2 cop.)
 - Also 1 reduced reproduction
 - also Interior views (2) of the store incl. Jasper Tork, Rosa Tork, his spouse and a daughter (in 1920 there were 7 children in the family: Josephine, Antonitta, Agnes, Samuel, Catherine, Dominic and Marie C.)
- W.[illiam]W. Gilbert Flour, Feed & Grain store (later I.O.O.F. Hall), n.d, ca. 1910?
Gilbert was married to Harriet M. Gilbert and they had a daughter Florence (1920 Census of Voorheesville)
 - also 2 reduced reproductions & another exterior view.

- Amsel's General Store, with two unidentified men talking near the store; this was the same building as Hoffe's Ice Cream Parlor, n.d., ca. 1920? or later ca. 1935? Bernard Amsel, was a naturalized Hungarian immigrant who immigrated to the U.S. about 1920 and was married to Anna Amsel and had two children, Bertha and Leon. He and his wife were both 44 years old in 1930.
- J.E. Carpenter Groceries and Dry Goods, photo by Dearstyne, n.d.

F. 5: Automobile service stations and garages

- Getty Gas Station, n.d., ca. 1960?
- Dom Tork's Service Station, n.d., ca. 1955?;
 - also another exterior photo, ca. 1955?
- Voorheesville Garage (Socony Gasoline) with John White, Wesley A. Jacobson, unknown man, and Earl Slobom (owner of the garage), n.d., ca. 1930, HWG, p. 23
- Getty Service Station, n.d., winter, ca. 1965
- G. B. McLaury Public Service Garage, n.d., ca. 1929.
- Mobilgas service station, 6 photos, interior and exterior of garage some with a man in the photo who is likely the proprietor of the garage, n.d., ca. 1955? and 1970?

F. 6: Automobile and Truck Manufacture and Sales

- Walter Motor Truck Company, 3 ext. photos of the company buildings, n.d., late Fifties. William Walter was a Swiss immigrant to the U.S. in 1883. He made candy manufacturing machinery, then cars from 1904-1909 in New York City; he later produced trucks in New York and in Trenton, NJ and later on Long Island and in Voorheesville from 1957 into the 1980s.
- Photo of a Ford Service Clinic, Orange Motor Co., Albany, NY Aug. 20, 1924; 7 men from Voorheesville are identified by a note with the photo.
- Don Allen Chevrolet: A photo of five men and 4 Chevrolets at Don Allen Chevrolet; cars to be used in high schools in the Capital Region for Driver Education. Men in photo include C.A. Bouton, Thomas A. Gibson, Herbert Smith, Murray Lustig (?), Wm. Urban and Don Allen, VNY, p. 153. All the men ex. Don Allen were educators.

F. 7: Lumber, Coal and Hardware Stores

- A. J. Whitbeck's Coal, Phosphate & Hay Bands, Agricultural Implements, n.d., 1890?
 - another copy as a closeup/enlargement
- W.W. Crannell Lumber truck with William Winslow Crannell and W.W. Crannell, Jr. ("Chappy"), n.d., ca. 1925, VNY, p. 87
 - also 4 reduced duplicates.
- W.W. Crannell Lumber, n.d., winter, 1970? (2 cop.)
- W.W. Crannell Bros., photo of lumber barn with man in suit (5 copies in different sizes)

- W.W. Crannell Lumber & Coal Co., photo of side of building with company sign and car, n.d., ca. 1935
- Jesse and E. Dayton Joslin's hardware store, South Main St., Voorheesville, NY; building also was the local post office about 1890, n.d., 1900? (2 cop.). Jesse and E. Dayton Joslin were brothers. Jesse was married to Hattie and E. Dayton was married to Lavinia and had children, John F. and Marguerit. E. Dayton, who became Postmaster for Voorheesville in 1893.

F. 8: Grain Mills

Vunck Grist Mill, with workers standing in front along with Oscar Vunck, ca. 1930, HWG, p. 17. Oscar Vunck was the owner of the mill and his son George W. Vunck became the owner of the mill later. The mill was destroyed by fire in 1954.

F. 9: Hotels and Restaurants

- Log Cabin Rest, exterior photo with the proprietors, Henry and Ida Berberick, n.d.; also another exterior photo with the proprietors (?) with duplicates (8 total photos). This business was located in what is now the Hannaford Plaza parking lot, Voorheesville. The Berbericks are listed in the 1930 and 1940 censuses and Log Cabin Rest is not listed in either census, where in both Henry is listed as a laborer ("odd jobs" in 1930 and packer at cider mill in 1940); photos have the numbers 36 and 37, so the Log Cabin Rest may have been in operation in 1936-37, but perhaps not many other years.
- Neal's Diner, color, n.d., ca. 1970
- Fryer's Grove Hotel, n.d., ca. 1895? (2 cop.)
- Smith's Tavern, exterior photo, n.d., 1960?
- Tavern, interior photo of the bar with bartenders, (Harris House?), n. d., ca. 1900 (4 large prints and 1 small print)
 - also a CD with the print is filed here.

F. 10: Miscellaneous businesses

- National Commercial and Trust Company Bank, ribbon-cutting of bank opening with Terry Miller, Wyman Osterhout, Prentice J. Rodgers, Mayor Wenzel, Harold P. Rissberger, April 22, 1971?
- Reilly Funeral Home, Voorheesville Avenue, n.d., ca. 1920?
- Photograph of men and women workers in a textile factory, perhaps Fellows & Co. in Voorheesville, n.d., ca. 1900? (Could be sewing button holes on collars for shipment to Troy collar companies?)
- Shirley's Ceramics, n.d., winter, 1970?
- Reduced reproduction of cover of Board of Trade booklet, n.d.
- Photos, col., of farm baskets, metal stencils for signs for Grandview Farm, Cedar Hill, NY and others, and a photo of an open page of an account book; photos taken 2001.

Box 22: People: Bell and Ryall Families

Bell and Hakes Family:

A group of 75 photographs of the Bell and Hakes family in Voorheesville, all appear to date from about 1910-1920, including portraits, group portraits, children, groups in a car, relaxing together, a train wreck, humorous group portraits, etc.. The family members and others are not individually identified in the photographs.

These photos are reproductions from negatives and some of the negatives must have been damaged because several of the copies have damaged images; negatives are not present or with the collection.

There is a folder of information about the Bell family of Voorheesville that was found on Ancestry.com and other sources.

The Bell family lived on Maple Avenue in 1920 and 1940. The 1920 Federal Census lists James Henry Bell (66 yrs., father), Ann Catherine Bell (65 yrs., mother), Harriet J. Bell (27 yrs., daughter). The 1900 Federal Census lists the James H. Bell family including: James H. Bell, head, 47 yrs., Anna C. Bell, wife, 46 yrs., George M., son, 19 yrs., Anna R., daughter, 11 yrs., and Hattie J., daughter, 7 yrs. old.

Information found in the *Albany County Post* obituaries includes the following:

Anna C. Bell , Maple Avenue, Voorheesville, NY, 86 years old, (maiden name, Ann Catherine Martin), born Oct. 13, 1854, md. James H. Bell (died April 14, 1940), buried in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, New Salem, NY; 2 daughters, Mrs. Chauncey D. Hakes of Van Wies Pt., NY and Harriet J. Bell of Voorheesville; also 2 sisters, Mrs. Frederick Van Deusen, Mt. Vernon, NY and Phoebe R. Martin of Voorheesville; also 3 granddaughters, incl. Mrs. Charles F. Freihofer II of Albany, NY. (*A.C. Post*, 8/22/1941).

Chauncey P. Hakes was the president of the Hakes and LeBourveau Automobile Company and an officer of the Albany Auto Club in 1915.

Chauncey and Anna Hakes had two daughters, Frances and Virginia (1920 census). There is a picture of Chauncey Hakes with Henry Ford, John Burroughs and Thomas Edison on the Bethlehem Town Historian's blog.

Mrs. Catherine Bell, widow of the late Lyman Bell, funeral Feb. 15, 1931, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Albright of New Salem, NY, 79 years old; member of the Voorheesville Presbyterian Church; 2 daughters, Miss Jane Bell of Voorheesville and Mrs. William Stalker of Central Bridge, NY, buried in New Scotland Cemetery.

George M. Bell of New Scotland, NY was an officer in the American Buff Wyandotte Club in 1909 (a poultry raising club) and he is mentioned in *Poultry Magazine*, v. 13, no. 12, 1907 with a photo of Bell Boy, his Wyandotte rooster.

Ryall Family:

A group chiefly consisting of photocopied photos of the Ryall family of Voorheesville.

- Two enlarged photographs of John Ryall, as a Civil War soldier and in sitting portrait, ca. 1920. Another copy of the Ryall photo as a Civil War soldier is with the Military Photos in Box 23.

There are photocopies of photos of the Ryall family and GAR men, including:

- John Ryall in his GAR uniform
- GAR parade in Grand Rapids, MI, 1927
- GAR ceremony at Albany Rural Cemetery with John Ryall
- Group photo of GAR men, incl. John Ryall
- Group photo of Ryall family women, incl. Mary Ryall
- Photo of Mary Stapleton Ryall from Civil War era
- Photo of John Ryall in Civil War uniform
- Photo of Mary Ryall in front of 58 Maple Avenue, Voorheesville in early Twenties
- Photo of Gertrude Ryall (Vreeland) and Mary S. Ryall
- Photo of note about 58 Maple Avenue
- Photo of unknown man

There is a folder of printouts from Ancestry.com re: to John and Mary Ryall.

Box 23: Various Topics**F.1: Post Offices:**

- Post Office, exterior view, in a hardware store owned by Jesse and E. Dayton Joslin, n.d., ca. 1890, with reduced repro., HWG, p. 16
- Post Office, ext. view, moved from Altamont in 1940, n.d., ca. 1945?
- Post Office, 2 ext. views, n.d., winter, ca. 1970?

F. 2-3: Military**F. 2:**

- Union soldier from Civil War, John Ryall, a young enlisted infantryman wearing a Hardee hat and with a pistol in his belt, 2 copies of what is an enlargement of an original photo. (see also Box 22, Ryall family)
- Photo of Bill Schultz and Gerald Kling, World War II, n.d., ca. 1944, winter.
- Photo of 8 servicemen (identified) in the village, March 24, 1944
- Photo of a soldier, sailor and three men, n.d., ca. 1944
- Two Army enlisted men (may be brothers), a Sergeant and a Sergeant First Class, World War II, n.d., 1944? (2 cop.)
- Five enlisted men in a group photo, unidentified, n.d., ca. 1944? (2 cop.)
- Photo of World War II soldier, unidentified, ca. 1944? (1)

F. 3:

- Army Fire Truck, built by Walter Motor Truck, Voorheesville, NY, 8/27/1958
- Two soldiers with a teenage boy, unidentified, World War II, n.d., ca. 1944?, winter.
- Six women having a soda at a Coca Cola machine, Voorheesville Depot, World War II, n.d., women identified as: Helen Rinne, Genevieve Van Alstyne, Belle Geiger, Edwina Martin, Ann Murphy and Mary Jane Campbell.
- Cong. Samuel S. Stratton at podium of American Legion Post 1493, Voorheesville, NY, n.d. and a photocopy of photo of Stratton with men at Voorheesville Firemen's dinner, April 1974, men are identified.
- Unveiling of military memorial in Voorheesville, Memorial Day, 1950, including parade with Peter Dallesandro, (3 photos)
- Photo of Roll of Honor memorial in front of Village Hall, n.d., (photo and enlargement)
- Photo of women of the American Legion (?), all identified, n.d., 1960?

F. 4: Gravestones: Photographs of gravestones in North Creek Methodist Cemetery, Voorheesville, NY.

Gravestones of:

- William Patterson, son of Robert and Elizabeth Patterson, died Oct. 29, 18?, an infant.
- John Patterson, son of Robert and Elizabeth Patterson, died Sept. 16, 1854, 8 months old
- Aaron Van Valkenberg, died Jan. 18, 1864?
- Eliza Ann, wife of M.C. Witbeck, died June 20, 1853
- Elizabeth Ann, daughter of William and Sarah Miller, died Dec. 31, 1858, aged 24
- Ebenezer Shafer, son of John and Jane Shafer, died Aug 30, 1847, 14 years old
- Wife of...B. Hard, daughter of John & Phebe Waite, died Aug.26, 1833, 26 years
- Myndert Cornick, died Jan. 30, 1849, aged 23 years
- Rearview photo of a group of gravestones

F. 5: Roads, Bridges, Birdseye Views

- New Culvert over State Road, Voorheesville, NY, on postcard, Aug. 14, 1915
 - Also 2 photo repro., and 1 photo repro. with part of photo enl.
- Three views in Voorheesville, n.d., (Grove Hotel, Voorheesville School, and Black Creek), repro. of postcard
- Bridge over Fly (Vly) Creek and New Scotland School, Voorheesville, NY (1 photo)
 - Also 3 repros., and 1 similar photo
- Birds-eye view of the village from High (Pleasant) St. looking east, photo by J.M. Dearstyne (?), n.d., ca. 1910?, HWG, p. 9.
- The Bridge, n.d., ca. 1890? (5 cop. of 1 photo, various sizes)
- View down South Main St., Voorheesville, n.d., ca. 1925
- View down South Main St., Voorheesville, n.d., ca. 1915
- View down South Main St.(?) , Voorheesville, n.d.
- Bridge at Vly Creek on Maple Avenue, leading to West Shore RR tracks at grade crossing, n.d., ca. 1910?
- Bridge over creek with two men standing on bridge and a man below the bridge
- Photos of a dammed pond (3 cop.)
- Photos, with different sizes, of a dammed pond with a man in a rowboat, n.d., (5 photos)

- Photo of Albany and Susquehanna RR, Temporary Trestlework at the Big Fill betw. Knowersville and Duanesburgh, to replace embankment destroyed in flood of Oct. 4, 1869.

F. 6: Vehicles and People: These are photos of people sitting or riding in automobiles and wagons.

- Three men with pitchforks and a dog sitting on a wagon, unidentified, n.d., ca. 1920, (2 cop.)
- Man and woman sitting on front bumper of a car, unidentified, 1929 (3 cop.)
- Man sitting on bumper of a Chevrolet two-door sedan (1935?) with a 1935 4-door sedan parked behind, Aug. 1938 (3 cop.)
- Same two cars as above, parked at 58 Maple Avenue, Voorheesville, Aug. 1938 (3 cop.)
- Frank Van Auken driving a 3-wheel car (1900 Knox Porcupine), n.d., ca. 1900? (3 cop.)
- Two men and two women in a car (a model from the 1910s), unidentified (3 cop.)
- Same car as above, with woman driving and decorated with flags for a parade on Maple Avenue, n.d., 1918? (3 cop.)
- Three men in a car with two men standing next to it; unidentified, car appears to be a model from about 1908-1909 (3 cop.)
- Staged photo of a family in a car (4 women, 2 men and a boy), n.d., ca. 1920?, unidentified (2 cop.)

Box 24: Buildings/Houses

F.1: Grove Hotel

- Photo, ca. 1880?, of Fryer's Grove Hotel, with men and horses & buggies in front and railroad tracks running in front of the hotel.
- Photo, n.d., Grove Hotel, façade in, possibly in spring?
- Photo, n.d., Grove Hotel façade in summer, (Coca-Cola sign on porch of hotel), ca. 1920-30?
- Photos (2) of Grove Hotel, col., May 1969,

F. 2: Barns

- Severson Barn with attached building (chicken house?), ca. 1965.
- C.A. Severson, wagon house (garage), ca, 1965
- Barn, 2 photos of a barn, March 1977
- Photos (2) of Peter Flansburg and Elmer Goodfellow building a house or barn (putting in stringers?), n.d. ca. 1925?; Elmer and Peter were married to sisters: Peter to Ida Relyea and later Ella Relyea and Elmer to Ada Relyea. Peter Flansburg was the grandfather of Lois Altenbrack and great-grandfather of Frederick Warner.
- Photo of Arthur Forester and Joseph Williams, at Hilton Farm, New Scotland, NY, photo of them in front of the small Hilton barn, "This barn burned when big barn burned,(Capt. Hilton still alive at the time." Date is prior to 1897 when the barn burned.

F. 3: Houses in Voorheesville and New Salem: (number of copies is in parentheses)

- 45 South Main St., Voorheesville, NY, color, n.d., ca. 1960?, wintertime
- Photo of house on Maple Avenue, ca. 1935-37 (6)
- Photo of a house on Voorheesville Avenue, (Reilly Funeral Home today), ca. 1935? (3)
- Photo of house, Reilly Funeral Home, n.d., ca. 1910?
- Photo of house, Reilly Funeral Home and other houses on block, n.d., ca. 1900?
- Photo of 58 and 60 Maple Avenue, March 17, 1956 (3)
- Photo of snowy day on Maple Avenue (?), March 17, 1956 (3)
- Photo of 58 Maple Avenue, Feb. 27, 1934, (3)
- Photo of 58 Maple Avenue, summer 1942, (3)
- Photo of 58 Maple Avenue, summer, ca. 1935?, (2)
- Photo of house, at Christmas time, n.d., (2)
- Photo of the same house at Christmas time, n.d., (2)
- Photo of "Nana's home, Mt. Pleasant, New Salem, NY, ca. 1938-39? (6)
- Photo of house in winter snows, n.d., (view of the house obstructed by trees), (3)
- Photo of same (?) house in winter in a different year, n.d., (3)
- Photo of a large house (in Voorheesville?), n.d., (1) (missing)
- Photo of a postcard view of houses on Main St., Voorheesville, NY, June 1907 (2) (missing)
- Photo of home of Elmer and Ada Relyea Goodfellow on School Road (2nd house from Atlas-Copco today), n.d.
- Photo of side of a house showing chimney, n.d., unidentified
- Photo of side of a large house showing porches on 1st and 2nd stories, n.d., unidentified
- Photo of houses on Voorheesville Avenue or Main St., Voorheesville, NY, n.d., unidentified.
- Photo (3 cop.) of Bouck White's Helderberg castle, n.d.,
- Photo of Lucretia Reamer Bradt (spouse of David Bradt) and another woman in front of a house at 14 Voorheesville Avenue, n.d., ca. 1900-10; with 2 repros.
- Photo of house at 14 Voorheesville Avenue with David and Lucretia Bradt and James and Catherine Goodfellow on porch, n.d., ca. 1895.

F. 4: Municipal Buildings

- Photo of Town of New Scotland Town Hall, 1998?
- Photos (4) of Village Hall, col., n.d. ca. 1980?
- Photo of Village Hall on corner with Getty Gas Station and I.O.O.F. Hall, n.d., ca. 1960?
- Photo of Village Hall at night, n.d.
- Photos (4) of Village Hall being renovated, with scaffolding, n.d., ca. 1970?
- Photos (3) of Village government office, with Blanche Monaghan and Judy Gray,
- Photos (2) of Village council meeting room
- Group portrait of New Scotland town officials, n.d., ca. 1940?
- Photo (2 cop.) of Village officials in Village meeting room, n.d.
- Photo of Mayor Ed. Clark and Phil Bulger, in Village office, March 2000
- Photo of office workers of Voorheesville Village Office at birthday party for Phil Bulger, March 2000
- Photos (5) of Voorheesville Public Works garage, n.d.
- Photos (2) of village water tank, n.d., winter.

F. 5: I.O.O.F. Hall (later American Legion Hall),

- photos (3) of construction of the Hall, 1908;
- photo of I.O.O.F. Hall renovation;
- photo, col., of façade of the American Legion Hall, 1998?

F. 6: Miscellaneous structures

- Photo, Tall Timber Day Camp with owners, William, William Jr., and Melanie Wais, 1962
- Photo, Tall Timber Swim Club, 1962
- Photo of a service station (enl.), n.d., unidentified
- Frank Bloomingdale's store (hay, straw, coal, etc.), façade of store, n.d. winter.
- Photo of two men (R. L. St. John and C. B. Lisle) in front of sign about new Dial Central Office of New York Telephone Co., in Voorheesville, n.d., ca. 1950?
- Photo, col., of farmstand "Our Family's Harvest;" n.d., 1998?; also a photo, col. of "Pick your own" sign (from same farmstand?), 1998?
- Photo, col., of grain supply building, "Purina Chows," n.d., 1975?
- Photo of Voorheesville Carpet Co., on Main St., Voorheesville, NY, n.d.
- Photo of Niagara Mohawk sub-station; n.d.
- Photo of the building that now has Jaycees Pizza Depot, (being renovated?), n.d.
- 2 Photos, enl., of dirt road and back of buildings with Grove Hotel in distance, n.d.
- Photo, enl.?, of swamped cornfield and barn, n.d.
- Photo of Frank Bloomingdale's grain store near railroad tracks, with Frank Bloomingdale with horse and buggy and wife and children (?) on porch of store, n.d., photo and enl.

Box 25: Sports and Recreation**F.1: Basketball and other sports**

- Voorheesville Athletic Association, Official Programme, First Annual Field Day, Labor Day, Sept. 6, 1915, photo of cover of program and photo of two pages (one photo) listing officers of the Association and with a "Boost Voorheesville" page that among items mentions, "Voorheesville has a flourishing and constantly growing free public library."
- Photo of Voorheesville girls basketball team, n.d., ca. 1935?, (Identified as: Mary Tork Charron, Norma Weidman Mead, Vera Lynn Schultz)
- Voorheesville Union School girls' basketball team, n.d., ca. 1935? (3 cop.), nine players and coach, unidentified
- Voorheesville Union School boys' basketball team, n.d., 1935, (3 cop), 11 players and coach, all identified
- Voorheesville Athletic Association boys' basketball team with coaches and child, n.d., ca. 1916-1917, (See Sullivan, Voorheesville, p. 110 for names of players in photo); also a photo from newspaper that has article about this team
- Voorheesville Union School boys' basketball team with coaches, n.d., ca. 1925?
- Midge Hallenbeck and Flossy Spore skating on Phil's Pond, 1939, (3 cop.)
- Rick and Papa (Charlie) Spore with fishing rods, 1951, (3 cop.)
- Man with a thoroughbred horse, n.d., ca. 1960?, (2 cop.)

- Voorheesville Savings and Loan Women's Bowling Team at Del Lanes, 1963-64 (2 cop.)
- Football player, 1988

F. 2: Baseball photographs

- Photograph, (original), of children's baseball team with note on verso, "Raymond Raynsford, 3rd from left.", n.d., ca. 1900?
- Softball game with man in suit pitching, n.d., ca. 1935? (2 cop.)
- Voorheesville baseball team, nine players, with three identified, Raymond White, Jack Smith and Michael Pafunda, n.d., ca. 1920?
- Voorheesville men's baseball team, n.d., (2 cop.)
- Voorheesville men's baseball team, n. d., ca. 1910?
- Voorheesville men's baseball team, matted, n.d., 1907-1908, (See Sullivan, Voorheesville, p. 106 for names of players in photo)
- Voorheesville men's baseball team, matted, 1914; won Susquehanna League championship in 1914, original and copy. (See Sullivan, Voorheesville, p. 108 for names of players in photo) (Also, *Altamont Enterprise* article with box scores, Sept. 18, 1914)

F. 3: Minstrel Show

A group of photographs of a minstrel show called the Bandana Minstrels held at the American Legion Hall, Voorheesville, NY in April 1958(?). The show, in blackface, seems to been a variety/comedy show done by village residents.

- Photocopies of two articles in the *Altamont Enterprise* for March 1958, now filed with these photos, about a show by the "Happy Days" minstrels to raise money for college scholarships.
- 22 photos, b&w, 7"x5".
- 3 photos, b&w, 5"x3.5". One is a group photo of the cast.
- Two copies of 8"x10" group photo of the cast. Includes the names of the cast. (See also, Box 14, F. 19 for program of a Bandanna Minstrels show, March 1952.)

F. 4: Bands

Voorheesville Cornet Band, n.d., ca. 1890, (See Sullivan, Voorheesville, p. 104, for names of band members). There is 1 b&w photo; also 6 copies that have a violet tint.

F4a: Bands

- Country music band playing an outdoor concert in Voorheesville, NY, 13 photos
- Publicity photo of the McKrells band.
- Outdoor concert of band, Gold Rush, n.d., ca. 1970? (3 photos, by Bob Haggard).

Folders 5-9: Parades

Voorheesville has a long tradition of celebrating national and local holidays with parades and there are many photographs of parades in the Village Records. The following describes photographs from some parades.

F. 5: Parades: Memorial Day, 1969

- Group of photos of the Memorial Day Parade and ceremonies on May 30, 1969 in Voorheesville, NY (10 b&w, 8"x10" photos by E. K. Newcomb)

- Also, a newspaper article from the *Altamont Enterprise* is with the photos describing the parade and ceremonies.

F. 6: Parades: Memorial Day, 19?

Two photographs, 8"x10", of a parade on Memorial Day, year unk., ca. 1955-60?, of Boy Scouts and of the Color Guard.

F. 7: Parades: Memorial Day, 1970, 1971, 1988

- 10 photographs by E. K. Newcomb, of the Memorial Day parades in 1970 and 1971; 5 photos for each year
- 2 color photos from 1988 Memorial Day parade.
- Also, 8 color photos of a Memorial Day parade, n.d., ca. 1975?

F. 8: Parades: Centennial Parade, May 1999

Group of 11 color photographs of the Centennial Parade held May 27, 1999 in Voorheesville.

F. 8a: Parades: Memorial Day, 1983

- Group of 30 color photographs of the Memorial Day Parade, May 1983
- 7 color photos of a running race in Voorheesville, n.d. (same day as Memorial Day parade?)

F. 9: Parades, misc.

- Photograph of C. A. Bouton High School band marching in a parade, n.d.
- Photograph, 8"x10" of Clayton A. Bouton and John E. Heller, chair of the 4th of July celebration, holding poster announcing the celebration, 1955. (also enlarged photocopy)

Box 26: People**F.1:** Easter photos:

- Easter egg race at Voorheesville, April 5, n.d. (1953?)
- photo of Esther Rose Lawyer, 2 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton J. Lawyer, Voorheesville, NY, first prize winner in one of the races.

F. 2: Photo (repro.) of the Smith family of Voorheesville, (George Smith family), n.d., ca. 1890?; includes 4 men, 1 boy and 4 girls (or 2 girls and 2 women). Identified on verso.

F. 3: Joslin family

- Jesse Sand Joslin (md. Harriet O'Brien, buried New Scotland Cemetery)
- Dr. Fisher M. Joslin

F. 4: Photos of Huck Spaulding and Dennis Sullivan on occasion of Spaulding's donation for the Centennial Clock in Evergreen Park, Voorheesville, NY, Sept. 1998.

- 4 photos of Spaulding and Sullivan,
- 2 photos of Spaulding
- 1 photo of the Centennial Clock;
- Also, a copy of the photo and article from the *Spotlight* newspaper about the donation.

F. 5: Photos (7) of Hannaford store in Voorheesville, grand opening (?) of Mayor Edward Clark and the owners of the store (?), n.d., ca. 1998?

F. 6:

- Photo of “Miss Board of Trade” nominees in Voorheesville, NY, n.d., ca. 1960, incl. Laurel Shear, Ellen Van Revensway (?), Ellen Smith and Alice Paulus (?).
- Photo of Ed Coughtry (?) sitting in a store, ca. 1910?

Box 27: Postcards, Souvenir Photos

F.1: Postcard Photos:

- Photo of “Tork Park” (center of Voorheesville), 1910, addressed to Mr. Michael Ricci
- Blank version of “Tork Park” photograph, 1910
- “Greetings from Voorheesville, N.Y.” 1908, addressed to Mrs. Murray
- Postcard with views of Black Creek, School Building, and Grove Hotel, n.d.
- Main Street, Voorheesville, N.Y., n.d., Ess an Ess Photo Co.
- Main Street, Voorheesville, N.Y., n.d., F.J. Wiltse
- Main Street, Voorheesville, N.Y., n.d., Albany News Co. (2 cop.)
- Albany Malleable Works, Voorheesville, N.Y., 1918, addressed to Mr. Jerry Mosher
- Albany Malleable Works, Voorheesville, N.Y., n.d., 1918?
- Viaduct in Voorheesville, 1910, addressed to Miss Viola LaGrange
- New Dunn Memorial Bridge, n.d., ca. 1933.
- Railroad Square, Voorheesville, N.Y., n.d.
- View of State Road, New Salem, N.Y., n.d., A. M. Simon, NY
- Country Grocery, New Salem, N.Y., n.d. (ca. 1920?), A. M. Simon, NY (Grocery of J.M. Erwin & Son)
- School House Bridge, Voorheesville, N.Y., 191?, F.J. Wiltse, Oneonta, NY, card includes a note to recipient, Clifford A. MacCarg
- Home of the Bouckware Pottery, Voorheesville, N.Y., n.d.
- Federalburg, Voorheesville, N.Y., n.d.
- Greetings from Voorheesville, N.Y., n.d., (view of two homes on Main St.?)
- M.E. Church, Voorheesville, N.Y., n.d., card includes note to Miss Josephine Relyea
- D&H and West Shore Station, Voorheesville, N.Y., 1907, addressed to Mrs. J.B. Ford
- Central Hotel, Clarksville, N.Y., n.d.
- Empire Cider and Vinegar Works, Voorheesville, N.Y., 1919, addressed to C.L. Van Benthuyssen
- Helderberg Castle, n.d.
- Greetings from Voorheesville, N.Y., n.d., (ca. 1935?)
- Greetings from Voorheesville, N.Y., 1909, addressed to Miss Viola LaGrange
- Union Depot, Voorheesville, N.Y. n.d.
- Scandinavian Airplane photo, with request for 3 cop. of D. Sullivan’s history of Voorheesville.

F. 2: Souvenir Folder

This is a souvenir folder of photographs of various places in Voorheesville, published by A.M. Simon, New York, NY, (n.d.). The folder is printed so that it might be mailed as a postcard.

- Railroad station/Grove Hotel,
- I.O.O.F. Hall and Firehouse,
- Albany Malleable Iron Works,
- Empire Cider,
- View up Main St.,
- State Road showing West Shore RR crossing,
- West Shore RR Bridge over Fly Creek,
- Residences on Main St.,
- View of Main St. from railroad,
- Presbyterian Church.

Folders 3-7: Voorheesville Planning and Development: This is a group of photos of government officials and others serving on planning, zoning and development committees and photos of ribbon cuttings at new buildings, etc. Most of the people in the photos are unidentified. All the photos are b&w and are in various sizes.

F. 3: Photos (2 b&w 8x10 photos with additional copy of one) of a group of men and a woman (with a shovel) near a railroad track with a steam shovel in rear; appears to be photo of the first shovel of dirt to be removed for a construction project, n.d., ca. 1965?

F. 4: Photos (6 b&w) of Voorheesville Planning Commission including:

- Alfred Olson, Robert Cureau, Mrs. Harry Gott, Kurt Anderson, Jerry Collins, 1969
- William Wenzel, Kurt Anderson, Mrs. Harry Gott, Shepard Dorgin, Richard Boos, 1969
- Robert J. Cureau and William Reitz with Howard Jacobson of the NYS D.O.T.
- Kurt Anderson, Robert Husband, Richard Boos (NYS O.P.C.) and Hans Klauder
- Photo of Grand Union Shopping Plaza
- Photo of Cong. Sam Stratton, Jack McNulty, Sr., Wyman Osterhout and others, n.d. 1970?

F. 5:

- 1 group and 8 individual portrait photos of Voorheesville government officials, planning committee? or local businessmen?, n.d., ca. 1980?, 9 b&w photos.
- Envelope addressed to Mrs. Beverly Delehanty, Village Treasurer.
- Two photos of a woman with a group of men, at a meeting or conference?, n.d., ca. 1965

F. 6:

- Photo (2 cop.) of two couples at the Village Association dinner at Red's in Coxsackie, NY, n.d., ca. 1970?
- Photo by Case, Coxsackie, NY. Photo of several people at a dinner (village officials/planning members or business people?), n.d., ca. 1970? (photo is in poor condition with a major tear and folds.)

F. 7:

- Photo of Robert Arnold at Albany County Hall of Records examining a record book with an unidentified man, n.d., ca. 1975?
- Photo of the 1259 Club, Voorheesville, NY (group of 13 men on a bench (at a picnic?), n.d., ca. 1950?

F. 8: 6 Photographs of various scenes on pages from various calendars published by the New Scotland Historical Association.

- 1983 Calendar, Henry and Ida Burbick in front of their log cabin
- 1984 Calendar, Engine at the railroad crossing in Voorheesville
- 1985 Calendar, View of Voorheesville Ave from intersection with 85A
- 1995 Calendar, Homer Corbin operating a firetruck in front of the American Legion Hall
- 1996 Calendar, William H. Bradt family on Brownrigg Road, Unionville
- 1996 Calendar, American Freedom Train at Voorheesville junction

Box 28: Photographs People and Groups

The following photographs are nearly all reproductions of original photos (originals are not with the collection.) chiefly Spore, Jacobson, Taylor, Coughtry and Ricci Families

F. 1: Spore and Taylor family photographs, ca. 1920-1936, 16 photos, with two or more copies of each; some of the Spore names include Florence, Donald, Clare and Charlie Spore. Taylor first names are not noted on photos, but appear to be photos of Grandma Nellie Taylor and Grandpa Peter Rensselaer Taylor.

- Clara & Florence Spore, June 25 1933 (3 cop.).
- Florence Spore, August 1936 (3 cop.) back text reads: *"wearing dress made (in 4H) & entered in Altamont Fair – won a blue ribbon (Gladys Coughtry helped with instructions, etc.). I sewed at her house."*
- Clare (Taylor) & Charlie Spore, n.d. (3 cop.) The two were married in 1914.
- Ozzie (Osmond) Smith & Donald Spore eating frogs legs, April 1929 (3 cop.)
- Reverse of Spores at the family swimming pool sheet, July 1933 (1 copy)
- Eight girls standing at Florence Spore's tenth birthday, identified on verso, (3 cop.)
- Eight girls sitting at Florence Spore's tenth birthday, identified on verso, (3 cop.)
- Four members of Spore family, 1928 (3 cop.)
- Three women and three children, July 29, 1929, identified on verso, (3 cop.)
- Two children in a chair, front yard of 60 Maple Ave, June 1924 (3 cop.)
- Woman ('Grandma Taylor') holding grandchild, September 1923 (3 cop.)
- Grandma & Grandpa Taylor on front porch, 1939 (1 cop.)
- Two children on the front steps of a house, Aug. 28, 1927 (3 cop.)
- Grandma Taylor with two grandchildren, June 15, 1929 (3 cop.), identified on verso.
- Mother and child standing in front of M.E. Church on childrens' day, 1929 (3 cop.)
- Group photo in front of a car (3 cop.)
- Also, 1920 and 1930 census record of Clara Spore and Peter Taylor

F.2: Coughtry and Jacobson families, photographs, ca. 1930-1942, 11 photos, with two or more copies of each, some of the Coughtry and Jacobson names include: Wesley Jacobson, Irene Jacobson, Gladys Coughtry, Henry and Kenneth Jacobson, Robert Coughtry, Royal Coughtry, Jeannette Coughtry and other family names include Weaver, Alkenbrach, Albright, Kling.

- Four people standing in front of a house (2 cop.)
- Gladys and Royal Coughtry, 1933 (3 cop.)
- Gladys Weaver Coughtry on Maple Ave, V'Ville, 1935 (3 cop.)
- Jeannette Kling Coughtry (3 cop.)
- Gladys Coughtry and mother Edna Weaver with cat, 1942 (3 cop)
- Robert and Royal Coughtry (3 cop.)
- Group photo of church picnic at Pine Lake, July 12, 1942, identified on verso (3 cop.)
- 3 women at Church picnic at Pine Lake, July 12, 1942, identified on verso (3 cop.)
- 3 women in winter coats, identified on verso (3 cop.)
- People eating at a table, identified on verso (3 cop.)
- Henry and Wesley Jacobson at Church picnic at Pine Lake, 1942 (3 cop.)
- Also, 1930 and 1940 census records of Coughtry and Jacobson families.

F.3: Photographs of various people as follows:

- Florence Shufelt and her daughter Bette Merle Shufelt, 1937 (6 cop.)
- Frank Bloomingdale, Ozzie Smith and Don (Taylor), n.d., ca. 1935 (3 cop.)
- Newspaper photo of Mrs. Marilyn LeGere cutting Howard Lewis's hair while being watched by Charles Fields, a Voorheesville barber, at a barbering class at Voorheesville High School.
- Vera Lasher Schultz and Mary Choron Turk, n.d., ca. 1940?
- Christmas photo card from Lou and Ken Van Alstyne, n.d. ca. 1945?
- Mike Ricci, Edna Jacobson and Kennie Elington and a bike, n.d., ca. 194? (2 cop.)
- Group photo in an auditorium (at Voorheesville High School?) identified people Riccis, Ulion, Meyer, Weidman, Schultz (2 cop.)
- Wedding photo of bridal party of wedding of Sandi DiCarlo and Josephine Ricci DiCarlo, n.d., ca. 1945?, all identified on verso
- D&H Railroad crew photo, including Frank Darpino, Uncle Tony Ricci, Uncle Tony Valenti, ca. 1910-1912 (2 cop.)
- Cindy Wright, portrait photo

Box 29: Photographs: Unidentified People etc

The following are photographs of unidentified people or groups of people; they are briefly described. Any information about the identities would be appreciated.

F.1:

- Three little boys, 2 cop.
- A grandmother (?) with baby and two young boys, 2 cop
- Young woman with corsage, 2 cop.
- Man sitting on a bench outside of a building, 2 cop.

- Man and woman in front of building; woman has a corsage, 2 cop.
- Woman in white dress, ca. 1900?, 2 cop.
- 3 men in suits
- Woman in a white dress next to a barbecue pit, 2 cop.
- 2 women in front of a white house with awnings
- Family group photo of 3 men, 3 women and a girl, 2 cop.
- Family camping photo with tent, pond, man with girl on his lap, 3 cop.
- Group photo at a dinner in a restaurant
- Photo of 4 children and a baby in a high chair, 2 cop.
- Woman and girl; woman has apron with an apple applique, 2 cop.
- Barber shaving a man with large beard, 2 cop.
- Portrait of man sitting and his spouse (?) standing, 2 cop
- Boy in a suit with a corsage, 3 cop.
- Older couple and wife holding purse and magazine, 2 cop.
- 2 women in a room with books, 2 cop.
- Young man with dark sport coat and corsage. 2 cop.
- Family photo with a soldier, ca. 1945?, 2 cop.
- Family photo of a large family, 2 cop. (Ricci family??)
- Catholic priest with 4 women
- Wedding photo of bridal couple being showered with confetti, 2 cop.
- Family group photo, 3 cop.
- Woman with bread shovel in front of a bake oven

F. 2:

- Three photos, 8x10, of unidentified women and men, at a gala/dinner? of Voorheesville Fire Dept., ca. 1965?
- Photo of group working on a puzzle (at the library?).

F. 3:

- Photo, dated 1924, of three young children, two boys and a girl
- Photo of a man loading a horse onto a trailer, n.d., ca. 1955?
- Photo of someone dressed as Uncle Sam, n.d. (2 cop.)
- Photo of boy dressed as a scout/soldier?, ca. 1917, Pearl Studio, Albany, NY (2 cop)
- Photo of people at a fire department open house?, n.d.

F. 4: Color Photos

- Photos (2) of a small plane and the interior of the plane, n.d., ca. 1960?
- Photos (3) of a man playing tennis with 3 children, n.d., 1990?
- Photo, (2 cop.) of a woman conducting (?) a children's choir?, n.d.
- Photo of two children with face painting, n.d.
- Photos (2) of Mayor Clark and children at a picnic, n.d., 1999 (centennial picnic?)

F. 5: Photos (reduced) of printed pages

- Photos (5) reduced from: Knickerbocker News, January 9, 1950, issue of paper with articles about Bouck White, Frank Van Auken, and an article, "Voorheesville—a Typical American Hometown,"

- Photos (4) reduced from a brochure: "Voorheesville New York, A Vital Part of the Expanding Tri-City Industrial Area: marketing brochure calling Voorheesville the "Crossroads to the North East." This may have been printed for the Board of Trade.
- Photos (5) reduced from an issue of the Helderbarker, the Voorheesville Central School newsletter, April 1945.

F. 6: Landscape Views

- Photo of Mount Pleasant, New Scotland, n.d., winter scene (3)
- Aerial photo of Voorheesville (?) n.d. (2)
- Photo of Voorheesville from across a farm field (owned by Phil Severson), n.d., (3)
- Photo of a barn on a hillside in Helderbergs (Empire State Plaza in the distance), winter, ca. 1975?, (1)
- View of Black Creek, Voorheesville, NY (photo by Mrs. L. Griffin), n.d., (1)
- Aerial photo of Voorheesville region?, 1965? (8"x10")
- Photo of LaGrange Falls
- Enlargement of LaGrange Falls photo
- Photo of a scene below LaGrange Falls, Voorheesville, NY (2 cop.)
- Photo of a man fishing in a stream, Voorheesville, NY?
- Photos (2) of Voorheesville at night, n.d.
- Aerial photo of village showing houses, etc.
- Photo of painting of the Albany Co. Militia in the Helderbergs during Anti-Rent War; painting in the collections of Historic Cherry Hill.
- Photos (2) of Indian Ladder Farms in autumn, col.
- Photo of a stream, in early autumn, n.d., col.
- Photo of Helderberg Escarpment from below, in early autumn, n.d., col.
- Photos (3) of roads in Voorheesville, n.d., col.

F. 7: Churches not in Voorheesville

- Photo of New Salem Reformed Church, 1993?, col.
- Photo of sign for Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, 1998?, col.
- Photo of a drawing of the Black Creek Methodist Society, n.d.
- Photo of New Scotland Presbyterian Church, 1998?, col.

F. 8: Views of streets and buildings in Voorheesville, incl. long-range views of the village homes and buildings.

- View down Main St., n.d., ca. 1910? (2 cop.)
- Main St., Voorheesville, n.d., ca. 1910?
- View of Voorheesville from High (Pleasant) St., n.d., by Thos. Bewsher
- Photos (3) of views of Voorheesville (from High St.), n.d., ca. 1910-29?
- View of Voorheesville (from High St.), n.d., ca. 1920?
- View of Voorheesville (from High St.) in winter, n.d., ca. 1920?
- View of car on bridge, ca. 1940
- View of Voorheesville (from High St.)
- View of car on Main St.? or Voorheesville Avenue?, n.d., ca. 1950?
- Photo of water pump building, Voorheesville, n.d., winter, ca. 1980?
- Enlarged copy of water pump building photo

- Photo of Village Hall, n.d., winter, ca. 1980?
- Photo of Village Public Works pickup truck in winter, n.d., ca. 1970?
- Photo of school bus parking lot in Voorheesville, ca. 1977
- Photos of historic marker signs: Grove Hotel and Town of New Scotland signs
- Two photos of same Queen Anne style house in Voorheesville (painted brown and beige, winter, ca. 1940? and light green, n.d., ca.1999?)
- Photo of park in Voorheesville,n.d., ca. 1999?
- Photo of water tank, Voorheesville, n.d.
- Photo of man digging first shovel for new construction of a church?, n.d., ca. 1950
- Photo of Voorheesville village welcome sign, n.d., ca. 1999? (1 color, 1 b&w)
- Photo of Boy Scout saluting American flag, Aug. 1997.
- Photo of store fronts, incl. Joslin Bros. Hardware Store, June 1890 (“Dayton and Jessie (Hattie) lived in apts. Above store”)
- Photo of façade of Joslin Bros. Hardware Store with parlor stoves in window, ca. 1917-1918.
- Proof sheet of photos of John Neal’s Restaurant, Voorheesville Avenue, 1978 (photos not with collection)

Box 30: Photograph Album Photos

When the archives were received, they included a album of photographs, mainly reproductions of other photographs. Many of the photos in the album were used in Dennis Sullivan’s Voorheesville history. The photos have been removed from the album and are now filed in Box 30 and are numbered.

F.1:

1. Flansburgh House, n.d., copy of original and enlarged copy
2. “Grama’s House in Voorheesville on Road from Main St. to...” Blanche Spoore Crounse,” n.d., postcard photo
3. House, unknown, n.d., winter, ca. 1960?
4. Same house, view from side
5. House, unknown, n.d. winter, ca. 1940?
6. House, unknown, n.d., summer, ca. 1980?
7. House, unknown, n.d. spring?, ca. 1910?

F. 2:

8. Grove Hotel, 3 photos from different views, ca. 1970?, winter scenes
9. House, unknown, n.d., winter ca. 1970?
10. House,unknown, n.d., winter, ca. 1970?
11. House with extension attached to barn, winter, ca. 1970?
 - a. 11a, same photo
12. Scene along road, n.d., winter, ca. 1970?
13. Business building?, n.d., spring?
14. Street scene with buildings ad barn?, n.d., winter.

15. Barn of Abr. Furman, n.d., winter
16. William K. and Ella Shaw, n.d.
17. William Taylor

F. 3:

18. View of Voorheesville Post Office with 4 people standing in front, n.d., ca. 1930?
19. Waldbillig barn near Nomanskill Creek, view of the barn in winter, 3 different views, n.d.,
20. Severson barn with attached shed, n.d., enlarged photo?
21. Abraham Furman barn, winter, n.d. ca. 1990?
22. A. Furman barn?, winter, n.d., ca. 2014
 - a. 22a, similar photo
23. Hilton barn, n.d., 2 cop.
24. Voorheesville Food Market, 22 So. Main St., two views taken at same time, n.d., ca. 1955, also 24a.
25. A. J. Whitbeck Coal, Phosphate & Hay Bands...view with group of men, n.d., ca. 1890-1900.
26. Tydol Station, owned by Frank and Lil Smith, Voorheesville Ave. and Main St., ca. 1935
27. Vunck & Son Feed Mill, n.d., ca. 1955?
28. Duffy-Mott Cider Co., n.d., ca. 1955
29. Ricci's Market, 5 So. Main St., n.d., ca. 1960?
30. Building, business?, house?, n.d., ca. 1910?
 - a. 30a, same photo slightly darkened

F. 4:

31. View of Main St., (repro. from postcard?), n.d.
32. Pump house in Voorheesville?, n.d.
33. Arthur Forester and Joseph Williams at Hilton Farm, New Scotland
34. Side of a building in Voorheesville ?, n.d., winter
35. View of a barn and other buildings from across a pond, n.d.
36. Log Cabin Rest, Voorheesville, n.d.
37. Voorheesville Central School building, n.d., ca. 1930?
38. Group picture of 10 children outdoors , n.d., ca: 1935?
39. Photo (reduced) of front page of Farlin Newsletter, Mar. 12, 1892

F. 5:

40. Man with toddler sitting on porch step, n.d., ca. 1920?
41. Woman driving a car, n.d., license is "N.Y. 1921." Car may be a 1921 Chevrolet Touring Car.
42. Photo of La Grange Falls (from a postcard)
 - a. 42a, similar photo
43. Photo of man and a little girl in front of J. Relyea, Horseshoeing and Blacksmithing; man is holding a hammer and possibly J. Relyea, n.d., ca. 1925
44. Frank Bloomingdale, 1852-1933, village mayor, n.d., ca. 1900
45. Photo of unidentified man, dated June 10, 1943, man is wearing straw hat, suit and topcoat.

- 46. Photo reduced of an ad for the Knickerbocker Press and an ad for the Aird- Don Co. of Troy, NY, n.d., ca. 1920?
- 47. Deed, dated 1805, for land in the Town of Bethlehem, (difficult to read from reduction)
- 48. Ad for various Albany companies and 4 businesses in Voorheesville, NY, n.d.
- 49. Ad for various Albany companies and 4 businesses in Voorheesville, NY, n.d.; both 48-49 appear to be copies of pages from the program for athletic competitions

F. 6:

- 50. Photo of a car show of Ford cars by various local car dealers, ca. 1918?
- 51. Photo of two letterheads: Crannell Brothers, coal dealers, Voorheesville and Altamont, NY, 1900 and Cummings Brothers, millers of rye and buckwheat flour, Voorheesville, 1902.
- 52. Photo of Arthur Gregg's certificates of passing exams for 5th and 7th grades, 1898 and 1900, in Town of New Scotland.
- 53. Label for Bender Turnips, New Scotland, NY, n.d., col.
- 54. Photo of a bake oven, n.d.
- 55. Photo of envelope with addressee, Mr. S. C. Case, Flemington, NJ, postmarked Farlin, 6/2/1891, 2 cop.

F. 7: Views of homes, etc. from High St. in Voorheesville, NY, n.d., ca. 1910?

- 56. View from High St.
- 57. View from High St (?), n.d.
- 58. View from High St. (?), n.d.
- 59. View of Voorheesville from High St., T. Bewsher, postcard photo
- 60. View of bridge over Fly Creek and New Scotland, School #10, n.d.

F. 8:

- 61. View of So. Main St. (?) in winter, with sleigh, n.d., ca. 1900?
- 62. View of buildings on Main St. across from train depot (Carpenter's store, Harris House), n.d., ca. 1910?
- 63. Photo, col., of an unpainted farm house (abandoned?), winter, n.d., ca. 1990?
- 64. View of Vly Creek (?) with fisherman, n.d., ca. 1920?
- 65. View down Main St. (?) or Voorheesville Ave. (?), n.d.
 - a. 65a, same photo enlarged
- 66. View of houses on Maple Avenue (?), n.d.

F. 9:

- 67. Photo of soldier (WW I) ("Marguerite's brother") lying down on grass, n.d., ca. 1918?
- 68. Photo of people in a horse-drawn wagon, "Aunt Ina with Nellie Gray and with Marguerite and Gert Smith (?), 1918."
- 69. Photo of a quarry?, n.d.
- 70. Photo of pump house (?) in Voorheesville, n.d.

Box 31: Photographs

Most of the photos in this box are reproduction photos and many are duplicated elsewhere in the collection.

F. 1:

- Certificate to Village of Voorheesville, 1991, in appreciation of the village support for the building of the Lucinda Wright Playground with a color photo of the playground on opening day. Wright, a Voorheesville resident, was born in 1919 and died in 2008.
- Photo clipped from newspaper of children around a piano, all identified including student pianist, Lois Alkenbrack; brittle clipping.

F. 2:

- Photo of Voorheesville Centennial Quilt, col.
- Photo (blurred) of historical exhibit items
- Photo of buildings of Punkintown Fair, col.
- Photo of playground in Voorheesville, col.

F. 3:

- Photos of women with a pumpkin and a close-up of the pumpkin, 3 photos, very grainy
- Photo of an ad page including ads for Frank Bloomingdale, W.W. Crannell and other businesses in Voorheesville
- Photo of letterhead of Harrison Fryer's Dry Goods store
- Photo of O.B. Vunck & Co., Home of the Cortland Feed
- Enl. of part of a photo of an envelope with Farlin postmark, June 2, 1891.

F. 4:

- Photo of Frank Van Auken driving a 1900 Knox. (Frank Van Auken was 40 years old in 1900, md. to Angeline with children, Bessie B., 15 yrs., Alice, 13 yrs., Raymond, 12 yrs. and William B., 8 yrs. old.)
- Photo of 3 women and man in a horse and buggy with 2 men and a woman standing next to it, n.d., 1890?
- Photo of 2 women and man in a car with a boy standing in front (about to wind up the starter?) possibly the same 1921 Chevrolet in Box 30, F. 5, #41
- Photo of Harriet Bell and Anna Hakes posing in the family outhouse (2 cop.), ca. 1910
- Photo of a steam shovel working at night.

F. 5:

- Photo of Mayor E. Clark and another man looking at a framed document or picture, n.d., 1999 (Centennial photo?), (4 cop.)
- Photo of "Grandma and Grandpa Taylor on the front porch, 1939, (2 cop.)
- Photo of a stove in a kitchen, 1979?
- Photo of a banquet with tables set in I.O.O.F. Hall?, n.d.
- Photo of photos on an album page of "Our Good Neighbors the Spores, at the family swimming pool, July 1933, (3 cop.)

- Photos of an album page of 8 photos of a family, n.d., ca. 1920?, (2 cop.)

F. 6:

- Photo of John Hallenbeck with groceries leaving Lasher-Pitcher Store, 1917
- Photo of billheads for White Bros. Mason Contractors and F. Bloomingdale, Hay, Straw and Grain
- Posed family portrait of unknown family (8 adults and 2 children), n.d., ca. 1910? (possibly a holiday as American flag is hanging from house) (and 1 enlargement)
- Photo of a man in a rocker and a little girl with dolls on a porch, n.d.
- Photo of a man and a little girl standing outside a house, n.d.

F.7:

- Photo of Voorheesville Fire Dept. firehouse, n.d.
- Photo of a hotrod in a parade (mounted cutout)
- Photo of Boy Scouts Troop 73 in a parade (mounted cutout)
- Photo of Mayor Clark in parade, 1999, with the model railroad engine (mounted cutout)

F. 8: Following items are all photocopies of photographs; all kept because they have name identifications on them.

- Wedding photo of the DiCarlo-Ricci wedding, n.d., incl. names of people
- Photo of a middle school class, n.d., ca. 1940, incl. names of students
- Graduation class photo, 1932 with names of students
- Class photo, n.d. , no names
- Photo of people in an auditorium "Meeting in New Salem," n.d.
- Photo of First Methodist Church of Voorheesville, n.d.
- Photo of Morris Harris, n.d.
- Photo of Elizabeth Mendelson, (Morris Harris's wife) n.d.
- group of small photocopies of photos

Box 32: Negatives of Photographs

This is a box of negatives of photographs found in the Village Records. The negatives are for both b&w and color photographs and appear to be negatives of photographs taken of parades and other contemporary events in Voorheesville or of other, chiefly older, historic photographs of people, places and events in the Village of Voorheesville, NY.

The negatives have been placed into sleeves, but are not identified in most cases. Many, possibly most, of the photographs were taken to be used in D. Sullivan's history of Voorheesville, NY or in other publications about the village.

The following is a folder listing of the negatives.

F. 1: Negatives of the Memorial Day Parade, 1983 (10 strips)

F. 2: Negatives of the maiden voyage of the Centennial Train, Memorial Day Weekend, May 1995 (7 strips)

F. 3: Negatives of 17 photos found in Ray Relyea's attic; appear to be family photos, ca. 1910-1930?. There are no prints of these negatives in the Village Records.

F. 4: Negatives of a parade. (9 strips)

F. 5: Negatives of photographs of fire hydrants painted in red, white and blue for the nation's bicentennial in 1976. (7 strips)

F. 6: Negatives of parade, older historical photos, etc. (26 strips)

F. 7: Negatives of concerts and other entertainment events in Voorheesville (14 strips)

F. 8: Negatives of photos of buildings, people, old photos (10)

F. 9: Negatives (5) of photos of the Arrowhead grocery and of a horse and buggy.

F. 10: Negatives of photos of parades, buildings, old historic photos, incl. photo of E. D. Joslin. (54 strips)

F. 11: Negatives of photos of buildings and also damage from a fire. (24 strips)

Box 33: Cassettes, Film & VHS tapes

Cassette Tapes:

Two copies of cassette of: "A Hundred Years Ago," written and performed by Tom Fisch and Billy Montana, 1999. This song was written for the centennial celebration of the Village of Voorheesville in 1999. The cover of the cassette includes a transcript of the words to the song. Song Uploaded to NY Heritage Voorheesville Library Collection.

Motion Picture Film:

1 copy of a film about the Voorheesville Fire Department, 1936-1968, 8 mm film.

VHS Videotape:

Mount Olive Men's Chorus Live at Voorheesville Park, 1999, a production of What's Happenin' Co.. This is a videotape made during the Voorheesville centennial celebration in May 1999. (120 m. videotape) with a photo of the chorus on the videotape box.

Also, a DVD of a digitized version, made July 2018.

Box 34: DVD's and Oral History Transcripts

F-1: 3 Oral History Transcripts (Added to collection 2021)

Accession 2021-01: Gertrude Rosalie Smith (nee Sprengel) (1928-2018) Interview 01/1995

Recorded and transcribed by Dennis Sullivan. Topics include childhood, family, adolescence, area geography, neighbors, school, and church.

Accession 2021-02: Marion Vosburgh Interview Winter 1980

Recorded and transcribed by Dennis Sullivan. Topics include childhood, family, farm life, career.

Accession 2021-03: Vic Tymchen (1916-1999) Interview December 11, 1990

Recorded and transcribed by Dennis Sullivan. Topics include farm life, childhood, school, religion, food, work.

F-2: Oral History notes by Dennis Sullivan, Marion Vosburgh interview

Envelope 1: Barn Tour DVD

Barn Tour of Historic Barns of New Scotland built by Frank Osterhout. DVD of the text of the program of the barn tour with background bluegrass music, continued with a video of the tour with participants. The tour was arranged by Dennis Sullivan as Chairman of the New Scotland Preservation Commission for a meeting of the Timber Framers Guild of North America held in the spring of 1990; tour video is 1 hr.40 min. Two dvds are labeled “Barn Tour...” and the third is labeled “Program.”

Frank Osterhout of New Scotland was born in 1868 and died in 1945. He was married to Ada E. and had children Willard F. and Myra B. Osterhout.

Osterhout is listed as a carpenter in the building industry in the census. (copies of census returns for Osterhout family for 1900 and 1930 are with this dvd).

Envelope 2: Interviews on DVD's

Interviews by Dennis Sullivan with:

Ken Weidman, Oct. 18, 1989 (3 dvds), audio-video

Mike Ulion, Oct. 15, 1989 (1 dvd), a-v

Gert Smith, Jan. 22, 1990 (2 dvds), a-v

Vera Schultz, Jan. 26, 1990, (1 dvd), a-v

Marion Vosburgh, (1 dvd): audio only

These interviews include conversations about the interviewee's family, life in earlier times, neighbors, about their homes and farms, electrification of the village and other topics.

Envelope 3: Voorheesville, NY by Dennis Sullivan (Added to collection 2018)

These are digital versions of Dennis Sullivan's *Voorheesville, NY: A sketch of the beginnings of a nineteenth century railroad town*. They were digitized by eBizDocs in Menands in September of 2016.

CD (Compact Discs)

Two copies of the digital versions of *Voorheesville, NY*.

Voorheesville – Beginnings.pdf (137,554 KB)

Voorheesville – Beginnings-Compressed.pdf (19,104 KB)

Flash Drive

One copy of the digital versions of *Voorheesville, NY*
Voorheesville – Beginnings.pdf (137,554 KB)
Voorheesville – Beginnings-Compressed.pdf (19,104 KB)

Box 35: DVDs of Photographs

DVDs of “Village of Voorheesville Slides to JPG’s.” There are 6 DVDs of 257 photographs collected and used in Dennis Sullivan’s book, “Voorheesville, New York: A Sketch of the Beginnings...”

The DVDs are as follows:

Slides to JPG’s:

- Photos 1-257 on one DVD
- DVDs #1-3
 - #1: Photos 1-90
 - #2: Photos: 91-180
 - #3: Photos 181-257

Slides to JPG’s:

- Photos 1-257 on one DVD (2 copies)

3.5 in. diskettes: There are 3 3.5-inch diskettes labeled as follows:

- “Village Directory, 1987”
- “Voorheesville website”
- “Zoning Law, Sub regs.,...Manual, Officials, Dog Law, ’99”
- Also, a 16G USB

Box 36: Board of Trade, Water, Land

F-1: Voorheesville Board of Trade minute book March 3, 1954 to January 9, 1963; both typed and handwritten minutes

F-2: Voorheesville Board of Trade list of committees and description of each

F-3: Voorheesville Board of Trade; five sheets of letterhead and one handwritten resignation letter from Jerry G. Badgley to board

F-4: Village Water Supply 1901: The first water supply system for the village was built in 1901. Folder contains certification from Albany newspapers, June 1901, of publication of public notices, request for bidders for laying water pipes and other related works

F- 5: Village Water Supply 1901: village board resolutions June-July 1901 including easements, land purchases, and employment of attorneys

F- 6: Village Water Supply 1901: Agreements with village and various contractors/individuals in regard to water supply system; business names include: Germantown Artesian Well Co., Charles Millar & Son, Utica; William Winne easement; Leslie Allen, engineer; Kenny Parish, landowner; J. L. Whitbeck for pipe delivery

F- 7: Village Water Supply 1901: Water supply system bids

F- 8: Village Water Supply 1901: Water supply system bids, contracts and specifications

F- 9: Village Water Supply 1922: Several documents pertaining to second water supply system in 1922. Minutes of proceedings Sept. 19, & 29, 1922 before NY State Water Control Commission in the matter of the application for approval of the acquisition of a new source of water supply. Plan involved connecting a spring (variously called Houghton, Giffin, or Livingston Spring) to a reservoir which would be connected to village hydrants. Memorandum of Water Control Commission on the above application for water supply, Nov. 1 1922 approving the application with stipulations that the village proves it is able to pay for the construction and that it close its unauthorized auxiliary pumping station of Vly Creek that is a “menace to the health of the community... and is illegal.”

F- 10: Water Supply, 1954, 1963 as follows: Approval of additional water supply application, Dec. 14, 1954 and completed works, Feb. 24, 1958 by NY State Water Power and Control Commission. Project was to build a new well at the intersection of Voorheesville Avenue and Pine St. Approval of additional water supply application made by village on Sept. 24, 1963, Feb. 24, 1958 by NY State Water Power and Control Commission with findings of fact about the project. Copy of the deed for John V. Warren’s land with the well, survey map of the lands, survey map of lands for Harold Schultz of lands to be conveyed to the Village of Voorheesville, 1963.

F- 11: Agreement of the village and Duffy-Mott Company of Voorheesville allowing Duffy-Mott Co. to install a sprinkler system in its buildings and to install an 8-in main water line to the company and in the process to replace the 4-in. line that will be parallel to the 8-in. main water line, July 14, 1939.

F- 12: Petition for the annexation of territory to the Village of Voorheesville...45 acres and signed by residents of the village, 1948 with certification dated 1949 and 1955.

F- 13: Legal description, title history of lands to be sold by Stella Severson to the Methodist Church, 1967; also invoice from Charles C. Curlette, Attorney for services in probate of estates of Philip and Susie Severson and sale of real property to St. Lucy’s Church, 1960. Also, Map of Certain Lands in the Village of Voorheesville and Town of New Scotland...by Leo H. Maynard, P.E & L.S., n.d. (1960?), indicates names of landowners, including lands owned by St. Lucy’s Church adjacent to Severson family lands. Also, a letter, (that may be related to the above land transactions) from Lindsay M. Boutelle to Clifford Severson, April 13, 1956 listing deeds, etc. in Boutelle’s possession from Glen Ridge Realty Corp.

F- 14: Maps as follows:

- Portion of Lands Belonging to Dominick Tork to be conveyed to the Village of Voorheesville, NY for street purposes, by R.E. Gilbert, L.S., Sept. 10, 1959 (lands along Domorro Drive), 2 cop.
- Survey of lot to be conveyed from John Flansburg to Gerald DuBois, Village of Voorheesville..., A.B. Carr, L.S., July 28, 1969
- Blueprint map showing telephone service lines in Voorheesville, 1916, shows lines running along Main St., Voorheesville Avenue and Maple Avenue. (also has a plan showing method of running distributing wire on poles.)
- Manuscript drawing of planned new rooms at house on Voorheesville Avenue (Harrison A. Vaughn), n.d.
- Subdivision map, Lands of Joseph Darpino, Village of Voorheesville, by A.B. Carr, L.S., July 3, 1964, original and copy.
- Survey for 20' Right of Way Easement to be conveyed from Mrs. Denton Albright, to the Village of Voorheesville...by A.B. Carr, L.S., Oct. 28, 1963, with a description of metes and bounds.
- Sketches of a house by C.E. Crannell, including sketch of first floor, foundation plan and front and rear elevation; house probably in Voorheesville, NY., if it was built.
- Plans of a large house, n.d., n.p., including 5 foundation plans showing the Garage, Recreation and Laundry rooms, foyer, 3 bedrooms, bath, kitchen, dining and living rooms, and front and right side elevations. House probably built as it is marked on back "Permit #788."
- Description of Materials, for house construction at Kling Terrace, Voorheesville, NY to be built by Wood Bros., Nassau, NY

F- 15: *The Sentinel*, news magazine of the Voorheesville Holding & Reconsignment Point, July 20, 1943. This newsletter, about 20 pp. was issued monthly. This issue included an article about the "new" tax withholding (called here "pay-as-you-go tax deductions") beginning in July 1943 and encouraging people to still buy savings bonds to support the troops; columns of personnel news from the various departments and divisions, an article about the mission of the Army Service Forces, an organization chart, and other articles. (Gift of Harold Veeder)

F- 16: Times-Union, Albany, NY, Sept. 12, 1968, pp. 1-2 only with article about derailment of 17 freight cars at Purina Plant in Voorheesville, NY; photocopy of article with original.

F- 17: Miscellany as follows: Photocopy of letter to Dennis Sullivan, from Marge ? with information about the Corbin family of Voorheesville, (Allen and Gertrude Corbin, Homer and Eleanor Corbin and Bessie Corbin); photocopy of Jim Gardener's speech at Voorheesville Centennial Celebration Clock Dedication, May 8, 1999; photocopy of wording on plaque of the Centennial Clock; photocopy of a letter to Mr. Conway with information about Voorheesville history; photocopy of an article about Dennis Sullivan, Village Historian; photocopy of the Civil War record of the five Wands brothers from the Town of New Scotland.

F- 18: Photographs: Postcard photo of the O.B. Vunck & Son plant in Voorheesville, NY, 1955; Two color photos of Dennis Sullivan and two other men playing horseshoes and at a picnic, n.d., 2002?; Photographs of a Memorial Day parade, Voorheesville, NY, 2000, 14 color photos.

Box 37: Treasurer & Water Rents Ledgers

Village Treasurer's Account Book, April 1900-March 1904; also includes, accounts of the General Fund, 1904-1911, Street Fund, 1904-1911, Salary Fund, 1904-1911, Fire Fund, 1904-1911, Building Fund, 1910—1911. The two pages of Building Fund accounts may be for the construction of the first fire house of the village, which is today the Village Hall.

Water Rents 1917-1932: Binder of record of payment of water rents by individuals and corporations, indexed. This includes the name of the person or company on the water system with the kind of water facility was owned incl. whether a Domestic water user. The facilities noted incl. faucets, kitchen, bathroom, closet (water closet or toilet), whether a barn or garage, if a standpipe provided for fire protection. Includes entries for Empire Cider, O.B. Vunck, Grove Hotel, Odd Fellows Hall, Joslin Bros., as well as residents as domestic water users.

Box 38: Ledgers and Meeting Minutes

Village Account Book of Receipts and Expenditures, 1911-1942. Accounts of monies received and spent for General Fund, Street Fund, Fire Fund, Water Fund, Building Fund, Salary Fund, Light (i.e. gaslight) Fund and later Light & Power Fund, General Fund: Receipts and Disbursements, Taxes Received. The accounts include entries for labor, water bonds, services such as printing, supplies, shoveling snow, water system work, street supplies such as crushed stone, legal costs, and many other entries.

Official Record of Proceedings of the Board of Water Commissioners of the Village of Voorheesville, N.Y.: Minute book of meetings, March 1901-Oct. 1915. The first meeting was concerned with the building of the Village Water Works. The book includes oaths of office of water commissioners, resolutions to pay various bills for work on water system, collection of water rents, legal matters re: to water system, etc. Loose items inserted in volume incl. the oath of office of the President of the village of Isaac Hungerford, March 1912 and blank contracts (3) of the water system with Rules and Regulations and Meter Rates.

Official Record of the Board of Health of the Village of Voorheesville, N.Y. Minutes of meetings of the Board of Health incl. mainly appointments of members of the Board, naming of persons allowed to issue burial permits, naming of Registrars of Vital Statistics, payment of expenses and compensation of Health Officers, notices re: communicable diseases, condition of water system, licensing of milk sellers, etc., 1899-1919.

Box 39: Oversized: Ledgers and Photographs

Village Treasurer's Ledger 1942 Village Treasurer's Account Book, March 1942-December 24, 1951: incl. to whom money paid, for what purpose, amount and fund from which money spent.

Vital Statistic Book Registrar of Vital Statistics, Village of Voorheesville: Record Book of Births, 1900-1913, 1940 (1), 1941 (1); also Records of Deaths, 1900-1913, Register of Marriages, 1903-1907. The records of death are divided into adult deaths and deaths of infants.

Package 1: Oversize Photographs and Documents

Enlargements of original photos, folders 1-12

F. 1: Photo of men outside of Empire Cider & Vinegar Works, Voorheesville, n.d., enl.

F. 2: Photo of Grove Hotel and Railroad Station, Voorheesville, n. d., enl.

F. 3: Photo of Main St., Voorheesville, n.d., enl.

F. 4: Photo of man cutting ice on pond in Voorheesville, n. d., enl.; First Methodist Church of Voorheesville is in background of photo.

F. 5: Photo of Roll of Honor Memorial in Voorheesville with names of servicemen from World War II, n. d., enl.

F. 6: Photo of Harris House, n. d., enl.

F. 7: Photo of interior of Ricci's Grocery Store, n. d., enl.

F. 8: Photo of Civil War soldier, John Ryall, ca. 1864?, enl.

F. 9: Photo of elementary school children outside of Voorheesville School, n. d., ca. 1900?, enl.

F. 10: Photo of school children outside of Voorheesville School, n. d., ca. 1905? enl.,

F. 11: Photographs: Two men in railroad office; Three men standing outside Voorheesville railroad depot; Teacher and children standing outside of wood schoolhouse; Log Cabin Rest Group of men standing on a railroad engine

F. 12: Photographs: Village square showing Harris House; View looking up Main St. Business Section of Voorheesville; D&H and West Shore Station, Voorheesville; Fryer's Grove Hotel; Empire Cider & Vinegar Works; Albany Malleable Iron Works Foundry

F. 13: Photo of outside of Socony Gasoline garage with five men, incl. Wesley A. Jacobson, John C. White, Homer Corbin, Lyman Mathias and the owner, Earl Slabom, ca. 1935?

F. 14: Photo of Public Service Garage, with owner, Guy B. McLaury, daughter Frances McLaury and Wesley A. Jacobson, n. d., ca. 1930?

F. 15: Aerial photo of Will-Roy Orchards, owned by William and Melanie Wais, 1943-1950

F. 16: Photo of Voorheesville Fire Dept. fire engine and hose cart, ca. 1930?, photo by Glen S. Cook, Albany, NY, 2 copies of photo.

F. 17: Voorheesville Cornet Band, group portrait on porch with their instruments, including Frank Van Auken, Relyea family men, T. C. White and others, n.d., ca. 1888.

F. 18: Metal printing plate for the month of September, with photo of Albany and Susquehanna RR engine in Albany. (Careful: Sharp edges).

F. 19: Bill for lumber from W. S. Swift, Lumber, Sash, ..., Farlin, NY Aug. 30, 1892.

F. 20: Broadside, "Notice of Meeting to Determine Whether a Central School District Shall Be Established," June 20, 1941, signed by John Giffin, New Scotland Town Clerk, Millard H. Severson, Guilderland Town Clerk and Chester A. Miller, Berne Town Clerk.

F. 21: Group of photocopied newspaper ads for Voorheesville businesses, photocopies of pages from various books that have information about Voorheesville, etc.

Package 2: Photographs, 7 x 21 in., b&w,

1. Annual Outing and clam steam of J.L. Kimmey's at Dolder's Grove, Voorheesville, NY, August 17, 1935; photo by Samuel J. Shepherd, 138 Grove Ave., Albany, NY. J.L. Kimmey was a bakery owned by J. Lansing and Ralph C. Kimmey and was located at 234 Clinton Ave., Albany, NY. Jacob and Ethel Dolder, from Austria, had a catering business and lived on Rt. 85A in New Scotland, NY in 1930. William and Viola Dolder (William born in Germany) had a boarding house in Albany in 1930. William and Jacob, who were possibly brothers or related, owned a tavern the Howard Grill, on Howard St. in Albany in 1933.
2. Photograph of a picnic of an unknown group in Voorheesville. Picnic was probably of a business, fire company, church or other organization group. The group has both men, women and children, the women in dresses and the men in white shirts and ties; no date, ca. 1930-1935. Picnic was possibly at Dolder's Grove as the Helderbergs may be seen in the distance and some of the men have beer glasses that appear to the same type of glass as those in the Kimmey picnic photo listed as #1.

Box 40: Oversized Material

F. 1: Knickerbocker News, January 9, 1950, issue of paper with articles about Bouck White, Frank Van Auken, and a article, "Voorheesville—a Typical American Hometown," with many photos of indentified people and places in the village, two copies of this issue of the paper.

F. 2: Volunteer Fireman Exemption Certificate of Voorheesville Hose Company No. 1 for William Vosburgh, Oct. 25, 1910; signed on March 2, 1911 by Frank Bloomingdale, President of the Village. (Framed item)

F. 3: Altamont Enterprise , Altamont, NY April 25, 1902, with Our Local Correspondence and Slingerlands Bulletin for news of local people and places in Town of New Scotland and Helderberg towns. (Folded newspaper and very brittle, use with caution)

F. 4: Knickerbocker News, Albany, NY April 10, 1959, pp.1-2 only, with story of fire on South Main St., Voorheesville that killed two young boys of the Batcher family.

F. 5: Daily Press and Albany Knickerbocker, Dec. 6, 1878, pp. 1-4, includes an obituary note of the death of John D. Flansburgh.

F. 6: Knickerbocker News, May 8, 1956, full page article about "Voorheesville Charts Broad Program of Civic and Industrial Development," with photos of identified people and places in the village, brittle paper.

F. 7: Eighth grade diploma of Victor John Tymchyshyn, Voorheesville Grammar School, June 24, 1930, signed by Clayton A. Bouton, Principal and E.K. Hallenbeck, President of Board of Trustees.

F. 8: Testimonial Award for Victor Tymchyshyn, 6th grade, Voorheesville Public School for punctuality, June 22, 1928; also awards for 8th grade, 1930 and 9th grade, 1931.

F. 9: Diploma for Victor John Tymchyshyn, for completion of 2 year course of study at Voorheesville Union School, June 27, 1932, signed by Clayton A. Bouton and others.

F. 10: Enlargement of photograph of Alonzo Voorhees home in Voorheesville, NY, n.d.

F. 11: Group photo of men and women in business attire wearing various celebratory paper hats (may be Board of Trade of Voorheesville or perhaps members of the I.O.O.F.; photo by Bob Heller, Albany, NY, n.d., ca. 1935?

F. 12: Enlargement of a photograph of the O.B. Vunck Grain Mill, n.d., ca. 1935?

F. 13: Centennial of Village: Citation of Gov. George E. Pataki honoring the centennial of the founding of the Village of Voorheesville, May 8, 1899, 2 citations with slight differences in wording of citation.

F. 14: Letter of E. G. Crannell of Crannell Brothers Coal, Lumber, etc., Altamont, NY, inviting the Voorheesville Hose Co., May 1, 1900 (?) to be in the July 4th parade in Altamont as guests of the Altamont Hose Co.

F. 15: Statement of Joslin Brothers Hardware, Voorheesville, NY to Wm. M. Flansburg, August 25, 1896 of items purchased from Dec. 1894-August 1896 with prices paid.

F. 16: Calendars with accompanying fundraising letters of Voorheesville Volunteer Fire Department, 1986-1988, 1990-1999, 2001-2002.

F. 17: Proclamation of the Albany County Executive, Michael G. Breslin for the Centennial of the Village of Voorheesville, May 8, 1999.

F. 18: C.T. Male Associates, Sketch Plan of Salem Wood, proposed subdivision by Rosen/Michaels, March 1972; also aerial photo of the area mapped on sketch plan and letter from James L. Crighton of C.T. Male to Voorheesville Planning Commission, Mar. 3, 1972; a note with the map states this is "D Part of Salem Hills, never done..."

F. 19: Aerial photographs of Voorheesville and New Scotland region, 1960-1961, 18 aerial photos.

Rolled Photograph: Group photograph of a few hundred, mainly young, people in front of a large building in a summer scene; place unknown (not Voorheesville), n.d., about 1935-1940?; possibly a church youth conference?

Box 41: Plot Map 1881

Original 1881 survey map for village's first subdivision along Pleasant and South Main Street.
VERY FRAGILE; USE RESTRICTIONS

BINDER 1: Photograph Album

Photographic survey of homes and businesses in the Village of Voorheesville; project paid for by village in the 1990's. Black and white photographic prints.

Loose: Farlin Newspaper; 2 mounted pages

The Farlin News-Letter March 12, 1892 Vol. 1 No. 1

