

Archival Box #125 – Village Papers Collection

Descriptive Summary

Title: Village Papers Collection

Dates: 1882-1956

Accession Number: #R887

Donor: Village of Fredonia

Date of Acquisition: unknown

Extent: 12.5 linear feet

Language: English

Location: Archival Box #125.1-125.10, 205 Second Storage Room

Biographical/Historical Note

The Village of Fredonia was incorporated in 1829 and is one of only twelve villages in New York State that remain incorporated under a charter. The village is governed by a Mayor and Board of Trustees, each serving four-year terms. This governing body oversees all municipal departments that serve the village, including, but not limited to, Fredonia's Code Enforcement, Fire Department, and Public Works.

Scope and Content

This collection contains administrative, legal, financial, and ephemeral records from the Village of Fredonia's Board of Trustees and its various municipal departments.

Arrangement

This collection has been arranged by municipal department, with each department's records organized by item type and ordered chronologically.

Subject Terms

Fredonia Village Board of Trustees, Fredonia Police Department, Fredonia Fire Department, Village Clerk, Fredonia Utilities, Fredonia Water Reservoir, Chautauqua County Department of Highways, Fredonia Censor, D.R. Barker Library, 1891 Fredonia Opera House, Fredonia Public Schools, Fredonia Board of Education, Fredonia Normal School, Nuclear Education

Administrative Information

This collection is open to researchers. Please contact the Darwin R. Barker Historical Museum's Archivist with your request or to schedule a visit. No further accruals are expected.

Collection Overview

Series 1: Village Governance

Sub-Series 1.1: Board of Trustees

1.1.1: Board of Trustees Records

1.1.2: Village Laws

1.1.3: Notices and Summons

1.1.4: Requests

1.1.5: Petitions

- 1.1.6: General Resolutions
- 1.1.7: Legal Correspondence
- 1.1.8: Legal Documents
- 1.1.9: Legal Receipts
- 1.1.10: Traffic Court
- 1.1.11: Special Court
- 1.1.12: Parks and Recreation
- 1.1.13: Miscellaneous and Unattributed Documents

Sub-Series 1.2: Police Department

- 1.2.1: Police Department Reports to Village Trustees
- 1.2.2: Police Department Correspondence
- 1.2.3: Police Department Receipts
- 1.2.4: Police Department Applications and Registrations
- 1.2.5: Fire Police Documents
- 1.2.6: Nightwatchmen Documents
- 1.2.7: Special Police
- 1.2.8: Fugitive Release Certificate

Sub-Series 1.3: Fire Department

- 1.3.1: Fire Department Correspondence
- 1.3.2: Fire Department Reports
- 1.3.3: Fire Department Petitions
- 1.3.4: Fire Department Financial Records
- 1.3.5: Fire Department Contracts, Bids, and Proposals
- 1.3.6: Fire Department Personnel
- 1.3.7: Fire Hall Construction
- 1.3.8: Fire Prevention
- 1.3.9: Fire Department Ephemera

Sub-Series 1.4: Health Department

- 1.4.1: Health Department Reports
- 1.4.2: Health Department Correspondence
- 1.4.3: Health Department Petitions
- 1.4.4: Health Department Receipts

Series 2: Village Finances

Sub-Series 2.1: Village Treasurer

- 2.1.1: Village Treasurer Reports
- 2.1.2: Village Expenses
- 2.1.3: Sidewalk Rebates

Sub-Series 2.2: Village Clerk

2.2.1: Village Clerk Correspondence

2.2.2: Village Clerk Receipts

Sub-Series 2.3: Taxation

2.3.1: Office of the Receiver of Taxes Correspondence

2.3.2: Tax Collector Appointments

2.3.3: Tax Collector Correspondence

2.3.4: Tax Collector Reports

2.3.5: General Tax Correspondence

2.3.6: General Tax Receipts

2.3.7: Tax Audits and Assessments

2.3.8: Delinquent Taxes

Series 3: Public Works:

Sub-Series 3.1: Sewer

3.1.1: Sewer Reports

3.1.2: Sewer Correspondence

3.1.3: Sewer Receipts

3.1.4: Sewer Invoices, Bids, Quotes, and Proposals

3.1.5: Sewer Assessment Rolls

3.1.6: Sewer Plans

Sub-Series 3.2: Water Department

3.2.1: Water Department Correspondence

3.2.2: Water/Sewer Petitions

3.2.3: Water Department Receipts

3.2.4: Water Department Reports

3.2.5: Water Department Legal Documents

3.2.6: Water Proposals and Quotes

Sub-Series 3.3: Transportation

3.3.1: Horse Receipts

3.3.2: Auto Correspondence

3.3.3: Auto Receipts

3.3.4: Railroad Correspondence

3.3.5: Railroad Petitions

3.3.6: Railroad Complaints

3.3.7: Village-Level Railroad Resolutions

3.3.8: State-Level Railroad Resolutions

3.3.9: Acknowledgement of Railroad Payment and Delivery

Sub-Series 3.4: Coal and Gas

3.4.1: Coal and Gas Correspondence

- 3.4.2: Gas Petitions
- 3.4.3: Coal and Gas Receipts
- 3.4.4: Gas Meter Readings

Sub-Series 3.5: Electric and Steam

- 3.5.1: Electric Correspondence
- 3.5.2: Electric and Steam Receipts
- 3.5.3: Electric Company Quotes
- 3.5.4: Hartford Steam Boiler Inspections
- 3.5.5: Guild House Steam Meter Readings

Sub-Series 3.6: Telephone and Telegraph Communication

- 3.6.1: Telephone Petitions
- 3.6.2: Telephone Receipts
- 3.6.3: Telegraph Company Records

Sub-Series 3.7: Streets

- 3.7.1: Street Correspondence
- 3.7.2: Street Petitions
- 3.7.3: Street Contracts, Bids, and Proposals
- 3.7.4: Street Reports
- 3.7.5: Street Receipts
- 3.7.6: Street Improvement Bonds
- 3.7.7: Property Owners and Frontage
- 3.7.8: Street Notes

Sub-Series 3.8: Highway Department

- 3.8.1: Chautauqua County Department of Highways Correspondence
- 3.8.2: Chautauqua County Department of Highways Invoices
- 3.8.3: N.Y.S. Department of Highways Correspondence
- 3.8.4: N.Y.S. Department of Highways Proposals
- 3.8.5: N.Y.S. Department of Highways Receipts

Sub-Series 3.9: Pedestrians

- 3.9.1: Sidewalk Correspondence
- 3.9.2: Pedestrian/Sidewalk Petitions
- 3.9.3: Sidewalk Resolutions and Notices
- 3.9.4: Bike Path Legal Notices

Series 4: Village Businesses, Organizations, and Institutions

Sub-Series 4.1: Village News

- 4.1.1: Fredonia Censor Correspondence
- 4.1.2: Fredonia Censor Petitions
- 4.1.3: Affidavits of Publication

- 4.1.4: Fredonia Censor Receipts
- Sub-Series 4.2: Veteran Organizations
 - 4.2.1: Veteran Organization Correspondence
 - 4.2.2: Veteran Organization Receipts
- Sub-Series 4.3: D.R. Barker Library
 - 4.3.1: D.R. Barker Library Correspondence
 - 4.3.2: D.R. Barker Library Receipts
 - 4.3.3: Application and Act for the D.R. Barker Library
- Sub-Series 4.4: 1891 Fredonia Opera House
 - 4.4.1: Opera House Correspondence
 - 4.4.2: Opera House Inspection
 - 4.4.3: Opera House Petitions
 - 4.4.4.: Opera House Receipts
- Sub-Series 4.5: Business
 - 4.5.1: Chamber of Commerce Correspondence
 - 4.5.2: Business Association Correspondence
 - 4.5.3: Food Processing Correspondence

Series 5: Education

- Sub-Series 5.1: Personnel
 - 5.1.1: Teacher Contracts
 - 5.1.2: Teacher Applications and Resignations
 - 5.1.3: Employee/Personnel Issues
 - 5.1.4: Substitute Pay Lists
- Sub-Series 5.2: Board of Education
 - 5.2.1: Board of Education Correspondence
 - 5.2.2: Board of Education Reports and Meeting Notes
 - 5.2.3: Board of Education Memorandums and Approvals
 - 5.2.4: Board of Education Petitions
 - 5.2.5: Board of Education Receipts
 - 5.2.6: School Year Estimates
- Sub-Series 5.3: School Taxes
 - 5.3.1: School Tax Correspondence
 - 5.3.2: School Tax Rates
 - 5.3.3: School Tax Receipts
- Sub-Series 5.4: Fredonia Normal School
 - 5.4.1: Fredonia Normal School Documents
- Sub-Series 5.5: Nuclear Education
 - 5.5.1: Nuclear Education Class Materials

5.5.2: Radiation Monitor Materials

5.5.3: Nuclear Education Booklets

Series 6: Fredonia at War

6.1.1: War-Time Correspondence

6.1.2: War-Time Legal Documents

6.1.3: War-Time Receipts

Series 7: Ledgers

Series 8: Oversized Documents