

# GUIDE TO PRIMARY & SECONDARY SOURCES ON THE SUBURBANIZATION OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD

## FINDING AID

### **Historic Takoma, Inc.**

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**History of organization:** Historic Takoma, Inc. (HTI) is a membership-based, volunteer, 501 (c)(3) non-profit organized to preserve the heritage of Takoma Park, MD and the Takoma Park neighborhood of DC through educational activities and the preservation of historic landmarks and artifacts, especially documentary archives. HTI was incorporated in Maryland in 1979 and in DC in 1999. In the early 1980's by mutual agreement, HTI absorbed the archival collections and other assets of the Takoma Park Historical Society. HTI is governed by a 9-member Board of Directors, and conducts activities through a committee structure. The HTI office is located at 7328 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, MD in the old Barcelona Nut Factory building.

**Name of archive/collection/records:** Historic Takoma Archive

**Date Range of archive/collection/records:** 1870-present

**Language of archive/collection/records:** English

**Background Information:** Takoma Park, MD/ DC is one of the earliest railroad suburbs of Washington DC. Begun in 1883 by Benjamin Franklin Gilbert, Takoma Park grew quickly, became an incorporated city in the State of Maryland in 1890, and maintained its growth and vitality due to large part to the Seven Day Adventist Church relocating its headquarters to Takoma Park, MD & DC and having access to downtown DC not only by railroad but by later transportation systems: electric streetcar, automobile, and the WMATA subway system that located a station in Takoma, DC. Today, Takoma Park is home to 17,000 residents. It retains many examples of its original residential architectural styles and commercial streetscape thanks to the persistent efforts of residents to preserve the original qualities of their turn of the century suburban community.

**Summary and scope of archive/collection/records:** The Historic Takoma, Inc. archive is a searchable repository containing print and non-print resources about this early railroad suburb of Washington, DC from 1883 to the present.

**Special Collections:** Takoma Park: 1870-1900; Takoma Park: 1900-1970; Takoma Park: 1970-Present; Takoma Houses Images Collection; Takoma Park Highway Design Studio; History of Columbia Union College / Washington Adventist University; Sligo Creek History.

**Format of materials in archive/collection/records:** Paper, Photographs, Maps

***Suburbanization Subject Terms within archive/collection/records:*** Architectural Photographs and/or Landscape Drawings, Civic/Community Organizations, Commercial Real Estate Development, Churches/Religious organizations, Education (public or private; elementary, middle and high school), Land Development / Infrastructure Development, Libraries/Library Systems, Maps/Atlas/Street Maps, Transportation: Railroad, Streetcar, Automobile, Bus, Subway, Bike; Zoning Ordinances, MD Historic District ; DC Historic District; National Register of Historic Places

***Access and Use:***

*Open:* Mon –Fri (The HTI office and the archives are open by appointment only)

*Copies:* \$ per page: no information

*Cost of Admission:* Free

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