

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

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Kensington Historical Society Inc.

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Website: www.kensingtonhistory.org

Name of archive/collection/records: Kensington Historical Society Archives

Date Range of archive/collection/records: Approximately 1890s- present.

Language of archive/collection/records: English

Background Information: The Kensington Historical Society was established in 1977 by local citizens concerned about the effect of the area's intensifying development on the historic fabric of Kensington. The mission includes: safeguarding the heritage of the Community of Kensington by preserving a record of its cultural, social, economic, political, and architectural history; promoting the preservation, protection, and restoration of districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that reflect the history of the education, welfare and pleasure of its residents; and promoting the preservation of open space within the community for historic, recreation and scenic purposes.

Summary and scope of archive/collection/records: Records are specific to the development of the Town of Kensington. Archives include original, personally donated collections; recorded oral histories; photographs; and the Isabelle Barr Toy Collection donated in the 1970's.

Collection(s) of Particular Interest: The following list businesses in Kensington: Nelson's Suburban Directory of Businesses 1912, 1916, 1918, 1923; Polk's Washington Suburban Directory (Kensington) 1927, 1930; Kensington Business Directory 1950; Wheaton-Kensington Suburban Directory 1962, 1964

Format of materials in archive/collection/records: Paper, Digital Records, Maps, Photographs, Microfilm

Suburbanization Subject Terms within archive/collection/records: Biographical Records; Commercial Real Estate Development; Government (Federal/State/Local); Maps/Atlases/Street Maps; Residential Real Estate Development; Transportation: Railroad, Streetcar, Bus; Churches; Parks; Libraries

Special Collections: Waybills from the B & O Railroad c.1900; Montgomery Press Newspaper 1897 to 1938 on microfilm; Town of Kensington Tax Ledgers, 1907-1915, 1930-43

Access and Use:

Thursdays: 1:00pm-3:00pm or By Appointment

Copies: \$0.10 per page or by donation

Admission: Free

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