

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

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Name of archive/collection/records: Peerless Rockville Collection

Date Range of archive/collection/records: 1872-present

Language of archive/collection/records: English

Background Information: For 40 years, Peerless Rockville has engaged the public with historic resources of local, regional, and national significance. Signature projects include creative approaches to restoring private and public historic structures and returning them to active use as well as offering a wide variety of educational programs and events, exhibits, publications, community service activities, volunteer opportunities, and student enrichment programs. Peerless Rockville takes a leadership role in historic preservation in Montgomery County. It is a community-based nonprofit organization founded in 1974 to preserve buildings, objects, and information important to Rockville's heritage. Peerless advances its goals through education, example, advocacy, and community involvement.

Summary and scope of archive/collection/records: Peerless holds in trust thousands of photographs, family and business papers, maps, books, archeological artifacts, historical memorabilia, and objects related to the development of Rockville as a community and as the seat of Montgomery County government. Peerless Rockville maintains a research library and community museum for Rockville. The suburbanization of Montgomery County is a prominent topic within Peerless Rockville Collections. Our archive is searchable by name, property address and other key words. Rockville's suburbanization can be dated from the arrival of the railroad in 1873, so the scope comprises Rockville history, architecture, photographs, documents, etc. from that period through the present. Subdivisions in Rockville include Rockville Park and West End (1890); Rockcrest, Twinbrook, Hungerford, and Rockville's Recent Past includes mid-20th century history and architecture; research has been conducted and photographs taken over time and included in reference files, including oral histories, place histories, subject histories.

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

Suburbanization Subject Terms within archive/collection/records: Biographical Records; Civic/Community Organizations; Commercial Real Estate Development; Education; Government (Federal/State/Local); Maps/Atlas/Street Maps; Political Organizations; Residential Real Estate Development; Transportation: Railroad, Streetcar, Automobile; Subway; Zoning Ordinances

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