

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

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US National Institutes of Health

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Name of archive/collection/records: None

Date Range of archive/collection/records: 1937-present

Language of archive/collection/records: English

Background Information: The Office of NIH History and Stetten Museum (ONH) was established in 1987 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the NIH, as the Hygienic Laboratory. Our mission is to document, preserve, and interpret the history of biomedical research done at the NIH.

Summary and scope of archive/collection/records: The Stetten Museum has nearly 3,000 objects ranging from biomedical research instruments to non-scientific objects like clothing, paintings, and archeological collections. While not an official archive, our archival holdings include thousands of photographs, images, building plans, and other documents relating to the history of the NIH. The artifacts' dates range from to 1937-2014, including the photographs, documents, blueprints, oral histories, objects, and other items relating to the NIH Bethesda campus. Early photos before construction, construction photos, documents relating to the construction of the first six buildings & PHS quarters, oral histories of staff, archeological collections of pre- and historic habitation of the site. Early records also document the donation of and move to the current Bethesda campus of the NIH. Later records concern the development of the campus itself. Some photographs and most other objects are searchable online at <http://nih.pastperfect-online.com/37870cgi/mweb.exe?request=ks>. At this point, the archival material has not been processed but the archivist is able to help researchers find items.

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

Suburbanization Subject Terms within archive/collection/records: Biographical Records; Government (Federal/State Local); Land Development;

Special Collections: We have several unique collections: the archeological collection of digs on the NIH campus; one of the largest collection of 20th & 21st century instrument manuals and trade catalogs in the world; and records pertaining to move of NIH to the Bethesda campus and the construction of its first buildings.

Access and Use: By appointment only.

Cost: Currently there is no charge but we prefer people to scan or photograph items that interest them.

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