

Hoboken Free Public Library Historical Papers Finding Aid

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Repository:

Hoboken Public Library
500 Park Avenue
Hoboken, New Jersey, 07030

Collection: Hoboken Free Public Library Historical Papers (.Mss 001)

Creator: Various

Inclusive Dates: 1849-2000

Bulk Dates: 1890-1940

Call Number: N/A

Extent: 3.3 linear feet/2.97 cubic feet (calculated here:
https://www.library.unlv.edu/speccol/rebel_archives_calculator/)

Physical Description: Eight boxes of papers, bound books, and materials pertaining to the history of the city of Hoboken and Hoboken Public Library.

Condition: Mostly fair, a few items poor or falling apart

Prepared by/Date: Stephanie Diorio, October-November 2023

Revised by/Date: N/A

Finding aid note: N/A

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

(To be cross-referenced with the Personal Name Authority)

Thomas Hatfield was the first head librarian of Hoboken Public Library. A keen chess player, he married co-worker Nina, who retired until his death in 1925. He was known for his service to his community and to the library, and a Public Works of Art Project relief carving was made of him in the 1930s. The library still owns this today.

Nina Hatfield was the second head librarian of Hoboken Public Library, coming out of retirement and assuming the post after her husband's death. An artist and poet, she was a fine potter. She substantially increased the holdings of the library, started children's storytime in 1926, and is likely the person who began the history collection. Nina set the standards for the library's future growth and her work enabled it to grow into where it is today.

HISTORICAL NOTE

Hoboken Public Library first opened its doors on October 2nd, 1890 in the basement of the Second National Bank Building with only 3500 volumes, just a year and a few months after the first-ever Trustees meeting on June 14th, 1889. The library moved to its current location on land donated by Martha Bayard Stevens, with a building designed by the architectural firm of Albert Beyer, in April of 1897. Since then, the library has continued to provide services of all sorts to the Hoboken community, with children's storytime beginning in 1926, a history collection gathered over time, and social work and emergency kits supplied in the modern era.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Eight Hollinger boxes of materials pertaining to the history of Hoboken Free Public Library and the City of Hoboken, New Jersey.

RELATED MATERIAL

Hoboken Public Library vertical files - The vertical files supplement a lot of the documentation in this collection.

Safe Collection (.Mss 002) - These items were contained within a safe in the former director's office and are mostly focused on the earliest history of the library.

ACCESS CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

Requests to use the collection should be made in advance to the Special Collections Department by emailing james.cox@hoboken.bccls.org or stephanie.diorio@hoboken.bccls.org.

CUSTODIAL HISTORY

Unknown. These boxes were stored in locked glass cabinets when the author of this finding aid found them. They have since been moved to the local history room on the second floor of the library to make them more accessible. The collection appears to have been pieced together by multiple people over a period of decades.

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PREFERRED CITATION

Hoboken Free Public Library, Hoboken Free Public Library Historical Papers, circa 1849-2000, .Mss 001.

SOURCE OF ACQUISITION

Unknown

SUBJECTS (TOPICAL)

Hoboken, New Jersey
Politics – Hoboken, New Jersey
Libraries – Hoboken, New Jersey
Restaurants – Hoboken, New Jersey
Hudson County, New Jersey
Newspapers

SUBJECTS (PERSONAL NAMES)

Hatfield, Nina
Hatfield, Thomas

SUBJECTS (CORPORATE NAMES)

Hoboken Free Public Library
Hoboken Free Public Library Board of Trustees
Hoboken Fire Department
Hoboken City Council
Hoboken Board of Health
Hoboken Democratic City Committee
Hoboken Republican City Committee
Hoboken Observer (newspaper)
School for Industrial Education (Hoboken, New Jersey)

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Folder 1

- 1907 Second Annual Message by the Hon. George H. Steil, Mayor of the City of Hoboken, NJ (1907)
- 1908 Third Annual Message by the Hon. George H. Steil, Mayor of the City of Hoboken, NJ (1908)
- 1909 Fourth Annual Message by the Hon. George H. Steil, Mayor of the City of Hoboken, NJ (1909)

Folder 2

- Erste Fahres-Botschaft Sr. Ehren des Herrn Edward R. Stanton, Mayor, an den Common Council, der Stadt Hoboken, NJ (1891) - German
- Second Annual Message of Edward R. Stanton, Mayor to the Common Council of the City of Hoboken, May, 1892 (1892)

Folder 3

- 1902 First Annual Message by the Hon. Adolph Lankering, Mayor of the City of Hoboken (1902)
- 1903 Second Annual Message by the Hon. Adolph Lankering, Mayor of the City of Hoboken (1903)

Folder 4

- Sixth Annual Report of the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Hoboken to the Mayor and Council of Hoboken, with Accompanying Documents, Presented May 4, 1864 (1864)
- Tariff of Rates, Rules & Regulations governing the Use of City Water, Hoboken, NJ, Adopted September 23, 1902, Board of Water Commissioners (1902)

Folder 5

- Report of City Surveyor Thomas H. McCann, to the Mayor and Council of the City of Hoboken, NJ upon the Survey of the Meadow District, December 12, 1900 (1901) - 3 copies
- Report of Advisory Board on Drainage of Lowlands, City of Hoboken, New Jersey (undated, likely 1902)
- Report of Alexander Potter, Civil Engineer, on Drainage of Meadow District, August, 1904, to Mayor and Council, Hoboken, NJ (1904)

Folder 6

- The Sanitary Code adopted by the Board of Health of the City of Hoboken, August 20, 1891 (1891) - bound with various ordinances of varying dates
- Annual Report of the Board of Health and Vital Statistics of the City of Hoboken, New Jersey, For the Year ending April 30, 1900 (1900)

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- Annual Report of the Board of Health and Vital Statistics of the City of Hoboken, New Jersey, For the Year ending April 30, 1901 (1901)
- Annual Report of the Board of Health and Vital Statistics of the City of Hoboken, New Jersey, For the Year ending April 30, 1902 (1902)
- Annual Report of the Board of Health and Vital Statistics of the City of Hoboken, New Jersey, From May 1st, 1904 to May 1st, 1905 (1905)

Folder 7

- Annual Report of the Chief Engineer of the Hoboken Fire Department, Dated May 1st, 1901 (1901)
- Annual Report of the Chief Engineer of the Hoboken Fire Department, Dated May 1st, 1902 (1902)
- Annual Report of the Chief Engineer of the Hoboken Fire Department, Dated May 1st, 1903 (1903)
- Annual Report of the Chief Engineer of the Hoboken Fire Department, Dated May 1st, 1904 (1904)
- Annual Report of the Chief Engineer of the Hoboken Fire Department, Dated May 1st, 1907 (1907)
- Annual Report of the Chief Engineer of the Hoboken Fire Department, Dated May 1st, 1908 (1908)
- Annual Report of the Chief Engineer of the Hoboken Fire Department, Dated May 1st, 1917 (1917)

Folder 8

- Second Annual Message of His Honor Mayor Herman L. Timken (1884)

Folder 9

- Message of Hon. Frederic B. Ogden, Mayor of the City of Hoboken, Presented to the City Council May 1st, 1865 (1865)

Folder 10

- An Ordinance Regulating The Sale of Liquors in Inns and Taverns and Other Houses of Public Entertainment, in the City of Hoboken, NJ, and To Prevent the Sale of Intoxicating Drinks by Females Therein (1903)

Box 2

- The Tax List of the City of Hoboken for the Fiscal Year 1909-1910 (1910)
- Tax List of the City of Hoboken, New Jersey for the Fiscal Year 1917-1918 (1918) - 2 copies
- Supplement to The Tax List of the City of Hoboken Published in August, 1918, Bringing all assessments on Realty and Personalty up to date Including the Fiscal Year 1919 (1919)
- Tax List of the City of Hoboken, New Jersey for the Fiscal Year 1923 (1923)

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- Tax List of the City of Hoboken, New Jersey for the Fiscal Year 1924 (1924)
- Tax List of the City of Hoboken, New Jersey for the Fiscal Year 1926 (1926)
- Tax List of the City of Hoboken, New Jersey for the Fiscal Year 1927 (1927) - 2 copies
- Assessment Valuation and Tax List of Hoboken, NJ for 1936 (1936)

Box 3

Folder 1

- Copies of photos in historical photo collection
 - 326 (1 copy)
 - 327 (2 copies)
 - 328 (3 copies)
 - Mislabeled? 330 (1 copy)
 - 330 (3 copies)
 - 331 (3 copies)
 - 332 (5 copies)
 - Interchurch movement (add number later)
- Photos not listed in historical photo collection
 - Nina Hatfield at desk, undated (1 copy)
 - Nina Hatfield at desk, undated (2 copies)
 - Nina Hatfield at desk, undated (1 copy)
 - Nina Hatfield at desk, undated (1 copy)
 - Nina Hatfield at desk, undated (1 copy)
 - Librarians at desk on second floor (1 copy)
 - Librarians at desk on second floor (1 copy)
 - Poster in library window (1 copy)
 - Postcard of library (3 copies)
 - Photo of library exterior (5 copies)
 - Photo of library exterior (3 copies)
- 1889 Second Annual Message of the Hon. August Grassmann, Mayor of the City of Hoboken, NJ (1889) - 2 copies

Folder 2

- Book Week Exhibit - store loaned by Diana Bier (3 photos)
- Print of library final design (copy of item in photo collection)
- The New Jersey Library Association Autumn Meeting, Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, New Jersey, Monday, September 25th, 1933 - 2 copies
- Newspaper article: "Help Yourself to a Smile in the Hoboken Library, Where Cheer Is First Rule" (undated, interview with Nina Hatfield)

Folder 3

- Supplement to the [Connecticut] Courant (Hartford, Saturday, December 27, 1851)

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- Copy of photo 323 in historical photo collection

Folder 5

- The New Jersey Library Association Autumn Meeting, Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, New Jersey, Monday, September 25th, 1933 - 1 copy
- Letter from Stevens secretary to the president Helen P. Pollard to Nina Hatfield thanking Hatfield for a copy of the above meeting's program | newspaper article about meeting attached
- Pamphlet: The Jersey City Museum presents An Exhibition of Ceramics by Mrs. Nina Hatfield at the Museum Galleries of the Bergen Branch Library, Bergen and Clinton Avenues, Jersey City, New Jersey, February 24th to March 15th, 1947, 1:00 to 9:00 P.M.
- Advertisement: Free Public Library, Hoboken, NJ, Stereoscopic Travel Tours (This set is complete and in perfect order and must be returned in the same condition, within two weeks. A fine of two cents will be charged for each day kept beyond that time. Readers will be required to replace lost or damaged views at the rate of 18 cents for each view.)
- Letters between Thomas Hatfield, other library trustees, and representatives for Andrew Carnegie regarding funding

Folder 6

- Postcard collection
 - Somerville, NJ, Public Library (sent 1917)
 - Belmar, NJ, Public Library (sent 1926)
 - Atlantic City, NJ, Public Library (sent 1929)
 - Elmwood Public Library, East Orange, NJ (sent 1923)
 - Newark Library (undated)

Folder 7

- Invite to the unveiling of the "Maine" shell and the opening and dedication of the Edward Russ Memorial Law Library on Friday, September 20th, 1912
- Letter dated February 3rd, 1937 from the Waldheim-Stevens Forum thanking Nina Hatfield for preparation and publication of book lists for the library to help Forum lecture attendees find more information
- Letter dated September 27th, 1933 to Nina Hatfield from Stevens President thanking her for having the State Library meeting on the campus of Stevens Institute
- Announcement stating the fall meeting of the New Jersey Library Association will be on Monday, September 25th, 1933
- Metropolitan Book Bulletin 1932-1933 (printed by the Poggi Press in Hoboken)
- Word Study from G. & C. Merriam Company, 1968

Folder 8

- By-Laws of the Board of Trustees of the School for Industrial Education of the City of Hoboken, NJ (1896)
- By-Laws of the Board of Trustees of the School for Industrial Education of the City of Hoboken, NJ (1901)

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- Hand Book of the Free Public Library of Hoboken, New Jersey, Containing Useful and General Information for its Readers and Patrons (1900)
- Photo of the library building circa 1900 (may be in photo collection)

Folder 9

- Print of Albert Beyer's final design for the library building

Folder 10

- New-York Daily Tribune, Friday, September 16, 1853

Folder 11

- Catalogue of the Second Exhibition of Oil Paintings under the auspices of the Trustees of the Free Public Library, Hoboken, New Jersey, February 8th to 20th 1909 (original)
- Pamphlet: The Hoboken Free Public Library Welcomes Veterans, Service Men, Women, and War Workers to use the Library and hopes to aid you with books for rehabilitation and readjustment (book list contained within)
- Typed copies of letters from 1861-1862 regarding a library corner at 6th and Washington Streets
- June 27th, 1935 history of libraries in Hoboken, discussing a Mrs. Annie Moore and her library that predated the current one
- Carbon copy: History of the Free Public Library, Hoboken, NJ

Folder 12

- German-language catalogue cover (1 original, one copy)
- Copy of the drawing in folder 9
- Closing procedures, October 18th, 1999

Folder 13

- Bag of unsorted Library Trustee reports (bad condition)

Box 4

Folder 1

- Advertisement asking women voters to vote during the morning and afternoon so workers can vote in the evenings (1920)
- Hoboken City Standard report on the Municipal Reform Convention of April 7th, 1857 (1857)
- Republican Party Primary Ballots for 1920 and 1922 (1920-1922)
- Photocopy of newspaper articles pertaining to the election of James Buchanan from the Hudson County Democrat (articles undated, likely around 1856)
- Letters from the Hoboken Democratic City Committee and an official ballot for November 7th, 1922 (1922)
- Flyers promoting the regular Democratic ticket at the county level, 1870-1871 - 3 copies

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- Photocopy of an advertisement for the Democratic ticket for 1856, featuring Buchanan and Breckenridge (original 1856, copy date unknown)
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- Sample ballot for the Democratic primary ticket, September 28th, 1920 (1920)
- Advertisement for a talk by Colorado State Senator Helen Ring Robinson at Hoboken High School, September 13th, 1915 (1915)
- Announcement from Jacob E. W. Kuper stating his intent to run for mayor in Hoboken, September 24th, 1909 (1909)
- Advertisement: "Keep Eagan in Congress" promoting voting for Democrat John J. Eagan in the Democratic Primaries of September 23rd, 1924 (1924)
- Advertisement for Democrat Oscar L. Auf der Heide, asking the aforementioned Eagan to step aside due to agreeing to no longer be a candidate two years prior to printing (1924)
- Pamphlet on the Presidency of the United States of America by the Historical Research Society of Milwaukee, Wisconsin (1916)
- Pamphlet from the Hoboken Democratic City Committee regarding the primary election of 1910, with special mention of Boss Robert Davis who the pamphlet claims is interfering with selecting Democratic candidates for Hoboken (1910)
- Advertisement for Frederick J. Burghardt asking for voter support to be elected to the Democratic City Committee in the 1909 primary (1909)
- Home Rule and the Honor of Hoboken: advertisement asking Hoboken citizens to register to vote in order to vote for Hoboken candidates and not outsider candidates from Jersey City (1907)
- Letter asking Hoboken citizens to register to vote in order to vote for Hoboken candidates and not outsider candidates from Jersey City (1907)
- Democratic Campaign Committee of the Democratic Candidates of the City of Hoboken letter asking for donations/financial support (undated, likely 1900-1910)
- Letter from Dave Hamilton, president of the Hoboken Newspaper Reporters' Association, asking for voters to support him in an upcoming councilman election (undated, likely 1900-1910)
- Letter from the Hudson County Democratic Campaign Committee asking for voters to stand against Mayor Wittpen of Jersey City in the election of 1910 (1910)
- Letter from Harry W. Lange announcing his candidacy for the office of Recorder of the City of Hoboken (undated, likely 1900-1910)
- Advertisement from the Democratic City Committee of Hoboken representing their three candidates for the positions of Mayor, Recorder, and Water Registrar; titled "Fraudulent Nominations Can Never Win" (undated, likely 1900-1910)

Folder 2

- Pamphlet from the Hoboken Republican City Committee and Hoboken Republican Association regarding the primary of 1912 (1912)
- Pamphlet: "Attention Republicans! This is Important" by the Republican City Committee asking voters to reject the Republican Municipal Union's candidates (1912)

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- Pamphlet: "Russia in the City Hall" (1912)
- Letter from the Republican Municipal Union explaining the Hoboken Observer has not been giving them publicity and railing against Mayor Lawrence Fagan (1909)
- Pamphlet: "A Lie Nailed" and "Mr. Stanton, Answer These!" referring to Maurice J. Stack (undated, likely 1905-1915)
- Pamphlet: "Do You Want To See Honest Men in the City Hall?" by the Republican City Committee (undated, likely 1905-1915)
- Advertisement for an "Anti-Griffin Mass Meeting" telling people to "Finish the job of the Smashing of Griffinism" (undated, likely 1905-1915)
- Pamphlet: "A Few Facts about Patrick R. Griffin and the City Hall Ring Which You Will Never See in the Observer" (undated, likely 1905-1915)
- Pamphlet: "Commission Government or Government by the City Hall Gang: Which Do You Want?" (undated, likely 1913-1915)
- Postcard from the Elective Commission Government League announcing a meeting regarding protecting the vote (1913)
- Pamphlet: "A Brief Explanation of Elective Commission Government: Read its Principles, Working Plan and Application to Hoboken" (undated, likely 1913)
- Hoboken Democratic Committee card: "Repudiate Commission Government" (undated, likely 1913)
- Postcards from the Elective Commission Government League (undated, likely 1913)
- Pamphlet: "Are You Ready to Vote on June 27th on Election Commission Government?" (undated, likely 1913)
- Letter from Patrick W. Griffin announcing candidacy for Commissioner of the City of Hoboken (1915)
- Letter from Richard Bowes announcing candidacy for Commissioner of the City of Hoboken (1915)
- Letter from Harry L. Schmulling running for reelection as a City Council representative (1915)
- Letter from Samuel A. Besson announcing candidacy for Commissioner of the City of Hoboken (undated, possibly 1915)
- Letter from the Hoboken Elective Commission Government League reminding voters to vote (1915)
- Letter from the New Government League of the City of Hoboken reminding voters to vote (1915)
- German pamphlet: "Ein ernstes Wort an die denkenden Mähler!" (undated, likely 1915)
- Elective Commission Government League of the City of Hoboken advertisement (1913)
- Menu of the Testimonial Dinner tendered to P.R. Griffin, James H. Londrigan, B.M. McFeely, Gustav Bach (Commissioners of the City of Hoboken) and John J. McGovern, County Clerk Elect at the Lackawanna Terminal Restaurant (1915; Griffin is mayor)
- Ticket for the Testimonial Dinner tendered to P.R. Griffin, James H. Londrigan, B.M. McFeely, Gustav Bach (Commissioners of the City of Hoboken) and John J. McGovern, County Clerk Elect at the Lackawanna Terminal Restaurant (1915; Griffin is mayor)
- Application for membership in the Republican Municipal Union (undated)

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- Ticket to the 1912 Democratic National Convention, designed to resemble legal tender (1912)

Folder 3

- Letter from the Hoboken Republican Campaign Committee (undated)
- Letter from John Marx, paint manufacturer, urging Hobokenites to vote Republican (1907)
- Letter from the Information Committee, Hoboken Republican Association against Councilman John Schultz and taverns (undated)
- Letter from George Gonzales asking for support as a mayoral candidate (1909)
- Letter from Anthony J. Volk, Council candidate, showing tax increases (1909)
- Letter from Anthony J. Volk asking for support as a Council candidate (1909)
- Letter from Anthony J. Volk asking for support as a Council candidate (1909)
- Letter from Harry L. Schmulling asking for reelection support (1912)

Folder 4

- Letter from "Tom Hoodlum" (a pseudonym) regarding independent Democrats and mudslinging campaigns (1905)
- Jersey Journal Article: "Taxes Are High Because We Let Politicians Run Our Cities" (1909)
- Democratic City Committee of the City of Hoboken broadside encouraging voting against Maurice J. Stack (1909)
- Letter from Lawrence Fagan seeking support in the mayoral election of 1909 (1909)
- Letter from Maurice J. Stack seeking support in the mayoral election of 1909 (1909)
- German-American Citizens Conference meeting announcement (1905) - English and German
- Letter from the Democratic City Committee of Hoboken, NJ asking for financial contributions (1909)
- Letter from the Campaign Committee of the German-American Citizens Conference (1909) - German
- Letter from the Democratic City Committee of Hoboken, NJ introducing candidates to be voted for (1909)
- Pamphlet: The House of Belshazzar (undated, likely 1907-1909)

Folder 5

- Pamphlet: "How To Smash Griffinism" (undated, likely 1915)
- Pamphlet: "Commission Government or Government by the City Hall Gang: Which Do You Want?" (undated, likely 1913-1915)
- Pamphlet: "A few facts about George Gonzales and Patrick R. Griffin, which you will never see in the mouthpiece of the City Hall Ring - The Observer." (undated, likely 1910-1915)
- New Government League: "Remember the \$3.52 Increase In Tax Rate: Beat Griffin and the City Hall Ring" (undated, likely 1913-1915)
- "This is Graft" Republican ticket advertisement (undated)

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- “Hoboken is the only City in the State of New Jersey to employ a BUSINESS MANAGER of the School Board at a salary of \$1,500 a year. Result Taxes go up 14 points” Republican ticket advertisement (undated)
- “If the City of HOBOKEN is HONESTLY ADMINISTERED, Why do they object to an INVESTIGATION?” Republican ticket advertisement (undated)
- “Why have so many Park Keepers looking after Parks in the City of Hoboken? Taxes go up 14 Points” Republican ticket advertisement (undated)
- “MAYOR LANKERING claims through the public press, that the Library Board, had paid \$900.00 for certain work that could be done for \$400.00. Who got the difference? Taxes go up 14 points!” Republican ticket advertisement (undated, likely between 1901-1906)

Folder 6

- Letter from the Democratic Campaign Committee of the Democratic Candidates of the City of Hoboken signed by Patrick R. Griffin asking for donations
- Letter from Joseph F. X. Stack asking for voter support in the upcoming election of 1905 (1905)
- Letter from Charles Zang asking for voter support in the upcoming election of 1907 (1907)
- Letter from George H. Steil asking voters to vote for him and against Maurice Stack, who he alleges stole the Democratic nomination for mayor from him at the Democratic City Convention (1907)
- Letter from the Democratic City Committee of the City of Hoboken against Commission Government (1915)
- Letter from John Ryan, owner of John Ryan’s Cooperage, asking for voter support for the role of City Commissioner (1915)
- Letter from Martin J. Whelan asking for voter support for the role of City Commissioner (1915)
- Letter from Thomas F. Carey asking for voter support for the role of City Commissioner (1915)
- Letter from the Democratic Campaign Committee endorsing candidates for the election of 1915 (1915)

Box 5

Not in folder: East LA menu

Folder 1

- Lady Jane’s menu
- Gabriella’s Trattoria menu
- La Scala menu

Folder 2

- Johnny Rockets menu
- Helmer’s Cafe menu

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- Hoboken Cottage menu (2 copies)
- India on the Hudson menu (and coupons)
- Green Garden menu (1998)
- Green Garden menu (1999)
- Front Page Chinese Cuisine menu (2 copies)
- Frankie and Johnny's menu
- Benny Tudino's menu (2 copies)
- Baja's Mexican Cuisine menu

Folder 3

- Favia Ristorante and Bar menu (2 copies)
- Filippo's Pizza Cafe menu
- Da Vinci Restaurant menu
- Clam Broth House menu
- Blimpie menu (2 copies)
- Court Street menu
- Biggie's Clam Bar menu
- Big Chef Chinese Cuisine menu
- Ninth menu
- Arthur's Tavern menu
- Midtown Diner menu
- Unknown menu

Folder 4

- Mile Square Bar and Grill menu
- Gerrino's menu
- Oniel's menu (2 copies)
- Augustino's menu
- Cafe Michelina menu (2 copies)
- Willie McBride's menu
- Enzo's Gourmet Pizzeria menu
- Via Appia Restaurant and Cafe menu

Folder 5

- Raphael's Cafe menu (2 copies)
- Tutta Pasta Ristorante and Bar (2 copies)
- Tin Tin Chinese Cuisine menu
- 10th & Willow menu
- Puerto Spain Restaurant menu
- Texas Arizona menu
- Tea on the Park menu (2 copies)
- Tamura II Japanese Restaurant menu (2 copies)
- Off the Wall Chinese Cuisine menu
- Sri Thai menu

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- Oddfellows Rest menu
- Precious Chinese Cuisine menu
- Pizza at Willow menu
- Efes Mediterranean Cuisine menu

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- Grimaldi's Pizzeria menu
- Flip's menu
- Hoboken General Store menu
- Shanty's Deli and Grocery menu
- El Barrio Burritos menu (3 copies)
- Manhattan Express Deli menu
- Ebbit's Olde Bar and Grill menu
- Kings Grocery Store sales advertisements (1999, undated)
- Tindaro's menu (1999)
- Malibu Diner menu (2000) (2 copies)
- Spuntino Cafe menu
- Gobi Grill menu

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- International Cuisine Delivery Service advertisement
- Dunkin Donuts/Baskin Robbins menu
- Hoboken Bagels and Deli menu
- Juice Garden menu
- Mario's Pizza Cafe menu
- Miss Kitty's Saloon menu
- Sabino's Bar and Restaurant menu
- Carmelita's Cafe menu
- Hoboken Pizza menu
- Dooley's Bar and Grill menu
- Hobo's Homemade Ice Cream and Candy menu
- Aniello's Italian Bar and Grill menu
- Angel Cafe menu
- Spa Diner menu
- Hudson Dining Restaurant Guide (Fall/Winter 1999)
- Food and Drink Guide (Spring 1999)
- First Street Cafe and Deli menu
- Flame Restaurant menu
- West End Cafe menu
- La Isla menu
- Bangkok City Thai Restaurant menu
- Ali Baba menu

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- Amanda's menu
- Mission Burrito menu
- DineLine Restaurant Delivery Guide (Winter 1999)
- Margherita's Pizza menu
- Magical Dreams Deli menu
- Maxwell's menu
- Liberty Bar and Grille menu

Box 6

Folder 1

- Photocopy of Thomas Hatfield's invite to the mayor and council of Hoboken to the library's opening on Wednesday, October 1st, 1890
- Photocopy of Thomas Hatfield's invite to the police chief of Hoboken to the library's opening on Wednesday, October 1st, 1890
- Photocopy of Thomas Hatfield's letter asking the mayor and council for library and Library Trustee funding, August 27th, 1890
- Photocopy of Thomas Hatfield's letter informing the mayor and council of new Library Board of Trustees appointees, Russ, Lehman, and Schlatter, March 1895
- Photocopy of a letter from F.E. and R. P. Francis offering to sell the plots of land the library is currently situated on, March 27th, 1895
- Photocopy of a letter from Richard Stevens offering for himself, his mother Martha Bayard Stevens, and his sister-in-law Mrs. John Stevens to donate up to \$26,000 to pay for the construction of the current library building, March 26th, 1895
- Free Public Library, Hoboken, NJ Operational Survey by William J. Roehrenbeck, Consultant (March 1968)

Folder 2

- Newspaper clippings pertaining to the library, 1913-1915 bulk, possibly other dates
- Folder labeled "General Forms" containing four copies of the 1900 library handbook, a pamphlet containing hours, general information, and board members from 1912, an undated announcement about getting a telephone at the reference desk from the 1910s, and an announcement about the installation of a set of the Underwood Travel System, a stereoscopic set, from 1914

Folder 3

- Photocopies of newspaper articles regarding the library, ranging from the early 20th century to the late 1980s

Folder 4

- Photograph of the unveiling of the Stevens portrait, with the artist Charles Matzal, librarian Nina Hatfield, and Mrs. H. Otto Mitthenn present (undated, possibly 1940s based on attire)

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- April 26th, 1947 presentation of A Pictorial History of the Second World War to the library by Matthew Grimley, Commander of Mohr-Christie Post, V.F.W. Mayor B. N. McFeely accepted the set of books. Corporal Arthur Duffy, Auxiliary, was also present.

Folder 5

- External photo of the library building, c. early 1900s (undated, 3 copies)

Folder 6

- Scrapbook of the 50th Anniversary of the Free Public Library, Hoboken, NJ, 1890-1940; contains numerous articles, letters, congratulation notes, etc.
- New Jersey Library Association quarterly newsletter, December, 1940
- Carbon copy of History of the Free Public Library, Hoboken, NJ
- Leather bookmark commemorating the grand reopening of the Hoboken Public Library, October 27th, 1999

Folder 7

- Photocopies of newspaper articles regarding the library
- Photocopies of a series of letters between the Board of Library Trustees, the Corporation Attorney, and Judge J. Minturn regarding an issue with the city treasurer and the act of 1884 under which the library was organized in 1901

Folder 8

- A certificate from the American Legion certifying that Hoboken Public Library performed "patriotic services to the National Cause" during World War I (undated, likely 1918-1920)

Folder 9

- Friends of the Library brochure from the 1990s
- Poster for a panel discussion on January 18th, 2000 at the library: "Illustration for Children," featuring Shari Halpern, Julia Gordon, Santiago Cohen, Elynn Cohen, and Patricia Keeler
- Letter invite from Mayor Anthony Russo to the grand reopening of the Hoboken Public Library, September 30th, 1999
- Newark Star-Ledger Article: "Painting and politics combine in Cuban exile's Hoboken exhibit," September 12th, 1999 (2 copies)
- The Hoboken Public Library Reference Department Rules for Internet Computer Use (undated, likely late 1990s-early 2000s)
- Hoboken Library floor plan (undated, likely late 1990s-early 2000s) (2 copies)
- 1999 Hoboken Library departmental hours as starting on September 7th
- List of spelling bee teams (undated)
- 1999 circulation policy
- December 30th, 1993 letter from Anna Quindlen to Lenore Hyland, director of the Hoboken Public Library, making a \$1000 donation
- Photocopy of newspaper article marking the construction of the new Hoboken Library building, January 30th, 1897

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- Jersey Journal article: "Hudson librarian steams ahead producing poetry at full throttle" - article is about Hoboken Library employee Kenneth Mintz and features a photograph of him and his cat Charlie (February 25th, 1992)
- Photocopy of newspaper article about the opening of the new Hoboken Library building, April 6th, 1897

Folder 10

- Henry Clay's acceptance of honorary membership in the Young Men's Whig Association of Hoboken (1849)
- Undated photo of children's room, DePascale Photographers
- Undated photo of media room, DePascale Photographers

Folder 11

- Photocopies of early library and industrial school correspondence and letters, 1890-1903
- Photocopies of City Treasurer payments to the library to cover library expenses, 1904-1909
- Photocopies of library and industrial school floor plans, undated

Folder 12

- Envelope containing notes on furniture for children's room (1910)
- Notes and preparation for Tercentenary Celebration Library Art Exhibition, October 4th-12th, 1930, including labels for art objects and provenance of items and objects in the exhibition

Folder 13

- Letter from Mayor McFeely thanking Nina Hatfield for her help with the Hoboken Baseball Centennial Celebration (1946)
- Correspondence between Nina Hatfield and August William Hutaf regarding a future baseball celebration (1939)
- Letter donating a print of an image of Sybil's Cave to the library (1942)
- Letter to Thomas Hatfield asking for the return of three paintings on loan to the library (1913)

Folder 14

- Invite to the unveiling of the "Maine" shell and the opening and dedication of the Edward Russ Memorial Law Library on Friday, September 20th, 1912 (2 copies)
- Photocopy of a newspaper article about the opening of the Edward Russ Memorial Law Library (1912)

Folder 15

- Program for the dedication of the Adolph A. Langer memorial plaque at Hoboken Public Library, February 21st, 1949
- Invitation to the dedication of the Adolph A. Langer memorial plaque at Hoboken Public Library, February 21st, 1949

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Folder 16

- Photocopies of newspaper articles regarding the library (bulk dates 1920s-1940s, latest date 1970s)
- Poem by Nina Hatfield: "Hoboken March of Progress" (undated)
- Announcement that the National Defense Service can be consulted at the library (undated)
- Postcard advertising Geandy Pavon Zayas's art exhibition, "the guardians," at the library (September 9th - October 21st, 1999)
- Instructions for using the computerized card catalogue (undated, likely 1990s-2000s)
- Two newspaper articles announcing Anna Quindlen's book talk at the library (1991)

Folder 17

- Thomas Hatfield's letter asking the mayor and council for library and Library Trustee funding, August 27th, 1890 (original)
- Thomas Hatfield's invite to the police chief of Hoboken to the library's opening on Wednesday, October 1st, 1890 (original)
- Thomas Hatfield's letter informing the mayor and council of new Library Board of Trustees appointees, Russ, Lehman, and Schlatter, March 1895 (original)
- Letter from Richard Stevens offering for himself, his mother Martha Bayard Stevens, and his sister-in-law Mrs. John Stevens to donate up to \$26,000 to pay for the construction of the current library building, March 26th, 1895 (original)
- Carbon copy of a letter from John F. Yewell, Jr., Property Representative working at the Port Authority, forwarding copies of a 1953 history of Hoboken to Lucille Cunningham, head librarian (1956)
- Carbon copy of a list of references, likely for the above history of Hoboken, made in 1959

Folder 18

- Photocopies of a scrapbook containing newspaper clippings and articles about Hoboken Library employees, 1910s-1920s

Box 7

Not in folder: Scrapbook of Nina Hatfield's poetry, many verses pertaining to Book Week at the library

Folder 1

- First annual report of the Board of Trustees of the Hoboken Public Library (1891)

Folder 2

- Second annual report of the Board of Trustees of the Hoboken Public Library (1892)

Folder 3

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- Board of Trustees meeting minutes (1895)

Folder 4

- Board of Trustees meeting minutes (1896)

Folder 5

- Board of Trustees meeting minutes (1897)

Folder 6

- Manual of the Trustees of the Free Public Library, 1897
- Manual of the Trustees of the Free Public Library, 1902

Folder 7

- Ninth annual report of the Board of Trustees of the Hoboken Public Library and eleventh annual report of the Board of Trustees for Industrial Education (1899)
- Tenth annual report of the Board of Trustees of the Hoboken Public Library and twelfth annual report of the Board of Trustees for Industrial Education (1900)
- Eleventh and twelfth annual reports of the Board of Trustees of the Hoboken Public Library and thirteenth and fourteenth annual report of the Board of Trustees for Industrial Education (1901-1902)

Folder 8

- Sixth annual report of the Board of Trustees of the Hoboken Public Library and eighth annual report of the Board of Trustees for Industrial Education (1896)

Folder 9

- Board of Trustees meeting minutes (1901)
- Records of the Free Public Library of Hoboken, NJ - Minutes, By-laws, Rules and Regulations, Reports and State Library Laws – 1890-1903

Folder 10

- Board of Trustees meeting minutes (1902)

Folder 11

- Thirteenth annual report of the Board of Trustees of the Hoboken Public Library (1903)
- Sixteenth annual report of the Board of Trustees of the Hoboken Public Library (1906)

Folder 12

- Board of Trustees meeting minutes (1907)

Folder 13

- Board of Trustees meeting minutes (1908)

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- Board of Trustees meeting minutes (1909)

Folder 15

- Board of Trustees meeting minutes (1910)

Folder 16

- Board of Trustees meeting minutes (1911)

Folder 17

- Board of Trustees meeting minutes (1912)

Folder 18

- Board of Trustees meeting minutes (1913)

Folder 19

- Board of Trustees meeting minutes (1914)

Folder 20

- Board of Trustees meeting minutes (1915)

Folder 21

- Annual Report of the Free Public Library (1952)

Folder 22

- Typewritten Annual Report of the Free Public Library (1914)

Folder 23

- Notes on vacations and scheduling of employees (1911-1920)

Folder 24

- Notes and correspondence pertaining to annual reports (1906-1917)

Folder 25

- Notes and correspondence pertaining to annual reports (1912-1913)

Folder 26

- Notes and correspondence pertaining to annual reports (1914-1917, possibly one sheet from 1923)

Box 8

Folder 1

- Miscellaneous photocopies of various newspaper articles pertaining to Hoboken, unsorted

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Folder 2

- Photocopies of newspaper articles from July 1933

Folder 3

- Photocopies of newspaper articles from August 1933

Folder 4

- Photocopies of newspaper articles from September 1933

Folder 5

- Photocopies of newspaper articles from October 1933

Folder 6

- Photocopies of newspaper articles from November 1933 (with one December 1933)

Folder 7

- Photocopies of newspaper articles from 1934

Folder 8

- Photocopies of newspaper articles regarding theatre, the arts, and film (1890s-1999, unsorted)

Folder 9

- Photocopies of newspaper articles on subjects relating to Stevens Institute of Technology and the Stevens family (dates unclear, unsorted)

Folder 10

- Photocopies of newspaper articles regarding businesses in Hoboken (dates unclear, unsorted)

Folder 11

- Photocopies of newspaper articles regarding the Hoboken post office (1930s)

Folder 12

- Photocopies of newspaper articles regarding schools in Hoboken (dates unclear, unsorted)

Folder 13

- Photocopies of newspaper articles regarding sports, organizations, and clubs (dates unclear, earliest is 1841, unsorted)

Folder 14

- Photocopies of miscellaneous newspaper articles pertaining to Hoboken (1970-1999)

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Folder 15

- Photocopies of miscellaneous newspaper articles pertaining to Hoboken public transportation and road transportation (dates unclear, unsorted)

Folder 16

- Photocopies of newspaper articles regarding Hoboken ferries (dates unclear, unsorted)

Folder 17

- Photocopies of newspaper articles regarding the military and both World Wars (dates unclear, bulk is WWI)