

CHALFONT BOROUGH ARCHIVES 1901-1980

Historical Note

Originally part of the William Penn Grant, Chalfont was incorporated in 1901. Nestled between the two branches of the Neshaminy Creek, Chalfont developed as an agricultural and milling community. In 1930, there were 55 residents listed in the census. Further housing needs promoted construction and Chalfont developed many different styles of architecture, some designed by Bucks County architect, A. Oscar Martin. During the years from 1901 on, the local government leaders dealt with diverse concerns such as providing water, education, planning and zoning rules and regulations. Community groups such as the Pioneer Order Sons of America, Knights of the Golden Eagles, and Chalfont Floral Club were organized. Many young men and women served in World War II. After 1945 until 1949, Main Street was renamed Victory Drive. Today Chalfont Borough government operates out of a former bank building constructed c 1923, designed by A. Oscar Martin, and the community is on the Register of Historic Places.

Scope and Content Note

Folders contain information about the formation of Chalfont's government from 1901 to 1980. Topics such as administration, planning, zoning, sewer, public works/engineering are subjects filed in the archives. Correspondence, borough officials' oaths, community groups such as the Knights of the Golden Eagles and Chalfont Floral Club are other topics of interest. These files enable the community to maintain knowledge and ties to their past.

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Administration	1	1	Home Rule
		2	Home Rule
		3	Home Rule
		4	Home Rule
		5	Home Rule
		6	Legal
		7	Legal
		8	Legal
		9	Minutes NBB
		10	Minutes NBB
		11	Minutes NBB
		12	Minutes NBB
		13	Minutes NBT
	2	14	Minutes NBT
		15	Minutes NBT
		16	Minutes NBT
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		19	Minutes NBT
		20	Minutes NBT
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		23	Minutes NBT
		24	Elected Officials

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Miscellaneous

		50	Miscellaneous
		51	Miscellaneous
Administration	BOX	FOLDER	SUB-SERIES
	3	52	Corresp. 1901-05
		53	1906-07
		54	1908-09
		55	1910-11
		56	1912-13
		57	1914
		58	1915
		59	1916
		60	1918
		61	1918-19
		62	1920-21
		63	1922
	4	64	1923
		65	1924
		66	1925
		67	1926
		68	1927
		69	1928
		70	1928
		71	1928
		72	1929
		73	1929

SERIES	BOX	FOLDER	SUB-SERIES	
Administration	4	74	1929	
		75	1929	
		76	1929	
		77	1929	
		78	1929	
		79	1930	
		80	1930	
		81	1931	
		82	1933-34	
		83	1933-34	
		84	1933-34	
		85	1936	
		86	1936	
		87	1936	
		88	1936	
		89	1937-38	
		90	1937-38	
		91	1937-38	
		92	1940-42	
		93	1944	
		5	94	1944
			95	1945
			96	1945

SERIES	BOX	FOLDER	SUBSERIES
Administration	5	97	1946
		98	1946
		99	1947, 48, 49
		100	1950
		101	1951
		102	1952
		103	1953
		104	1954
		105	1963-65
		106	1966
		107	1966
		108	1966
		109	1966
		110	1966

Box 5 includes Home Study Commission, Home Rule and Optional Plans, Code of Borough of Chalfont, 1971 Model Home Rule Charters, 1977 Federal Disaster Assistance Program, Two Borough Code Supplements, Your Key to Better government, 1974 Report and Recommended Home Rule Charters, Home Rule Bucks County, Manager Plan Abandonments, Home Rule Law, Home Rule and Optional Plans, Home Rule Charter and Optional Plans Law.

SERIES	BOX	FOLDER	SUB-SERIES
	6	111	1966
		112	1966
		113	1966
		114	1967
		115	1968
		116	1971
		117	1971-74
		118	1976-79
		119	1980-83
		120	1984-89
		121	Legal Not
		122	Inventories
		123	Census
		124	Bonds and Loans
		125	Community Develop.
		126	Community Develop.
		127	Community Develop.
		128	Community Develop.
		129	Community Develop.
		130	Community Develop.
		131	Community Develop.
		132	Community Develop.

SERIES	BOX	FOLDER	SUB-SERIES
Building/Zoning	1	1	Plans
		2	Plans
		3	Plans
		4	Building Reports
		5	Building Reports
		6	Building Reports
		7	Zoning Board
		8	Zoning Board
		9	Zoning Board
		10	Ordinances/Building Code
		11	Ordinances/Building Code
		12	Ordinances Building code
		13	Correspondence
		14	Correspondence
		15	Correspondence
		16	Correspondence
		17	Correspondence

Box 1 includes Zoning Ordinance, Zoning Hearing Board, Chalfont Plumbing Code, Chalfont Zoning Ordinance (2), Building Code (3) and (2) National Building Code for 1967,67, and 55.

SERIES	BOX	FOLDER	SUB-SERIES
Elementary School	1	1	Miscellaneous
		2	Pictures
		3	1930 Pictures

Box 1 includes 1965 School Authority Minutes, School Logo, Planning for Schools in Central Bucks, 5 School Albums 1974-75, 1978-79, 1979-80, 1980-81, 1981-82, Sign.

SERIES	BOX	FOLDER	SUB-SERIES
Fire Company	1	1	Audits
		2	Audits
		3	Audits
		4	Audits
		5	Financial
		6	Correspondence
		7	Addition to Fire Company
		8	Miscellaneous
		9	Ladies Auxiliary

Box includes 1945 Ladies Auxiliary Journal.

SERIES	BOX	FOLDER	SUB-SERIES
Chalfont Floral Club	1	1	Membership
		2	Attendance
		3	Telephone Committee
		4	Minutes
		5	Minutes
		6	Minutes
		7	Flower Show
		8	Show Program
		9	Flower Show
		10	Flower Show
		11	Flower Show
		12	Financial/Audit
		13	Publicity
		14	Publicity
		15	Publicity
		16	Miscellaneous
		17	Miscellaneous
		18	Miscellaneous
		19	Agendas

Box 1 includes Silver Bowl, Gavel, 1960, 61 Record Book, Show Books of 1935, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1954-1959, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1974-87, Treasurer's Report.

Box 2 contains Scrapbooks 1-5, Minutes of 1971, 1972, 1982, Journal of 1957.

Members award is loose.

SERIES	BOX	FOLDER	SUB-SERIES
Financial / Purchasing	1	1	Finance Com. Minutes
		2	Financial Statements
		3	Budgets
		4	Audits/Budgets
		5	Audits/Budgets
		6	Audits/Budgets
		7	Audits/Budgets
		8	Audits/Budgets
		9	Audits/Budgets
		10	Audits/Budgets
		11	Audits/Budgets
		12	Audits/Budgets
		13	Audits/Budgets
		14	Audits/Budgets
		15	Audits/Budgets
		16	Audits/Budgets
		17	Audits/Budgets
		18	Audits/Budgets
		19	Audits/Budgets
		20	Audits/Budgets
	2	21	Audits/Budgets
		22	Audits/Budgets

SERIES	Box	Folder	SUB-SERIES
Financial/	2	23	Audits/Budgets
Purchasing		24	Audits/Budgets
		25	Audits/Budgets
		26	Audits/Budgets

Box 2 includes Local Government Financial Statistics 1970 and 1976, Accounts Ledger 1970, General Fund Ledger 1957-64, General Fund Ledger 1965-71.

SERIES	BOX	FOLDER	SUB-SERIES
Golden Eagles	1	1	Miscellaneous

Box 1 includes 2 Books of Abstracts, 1 Membership Book, 1 Check Book, 1 Bible 1877, 1 Memorial Album.

Box 2 includes Bible.

SERIES	BOX	FOLDER	SUB-SERIES
5K	1	1	Entry Blanks
		2	Programs

Box includes 5 5K Shirts, 2 Plaques, 3 Bags, 6 Ribbons, 1 School Award.

SERIES	BOX	FOLDER	SUB-SERIES
Miscellaneous	1	1	Forest and Water
		2	Department of Health
		3	Department of Health
		4	Pioneer Order Sons of America
		5	Forest Park
		6	Bi-Centennial Committee
		7	Bi-Centennial Committee
		8	Newspaper Clippings Original
		9	Newspaper Copies
		10	Newspaper Copies
		11	History of Chalfont
		12	History of Chalfont
		13	Correspondence
		14	Booklets
	2	15	Early Businesses
		16	Chalfont Bank
		17	Copies of Minutes
		18	Copies of Minutes
		19	Copies of Minutes
		20	Copies of Minutes
		21	Copies of Minutes
		22	Copies of Minutes
		23	Copies of Minutes
		24	Copies of Minutes
		25	Copies of Minutes
		26	Pictures

SERIES	BOX	FOLDER	SUB-SERIES
Miscellaneous	2	27	Borough Seal
		28	Old Financial Reports
		29	Copies of Old Financial Reports

Box 3 includes 2001 Plaque, Video of 2001 Parade, Wood Plaques of School (1), Train Station (2), 101 North Main (1).

SERIES	BOX	FOLDER	SUB-SERIES
Personnel	1	1	Employee Records
		2	Employee Records
		3	Employee Records
		4	Employee Records
		5	Employee Records
		6	Worker's Compensation
		7	Worker's Compensation
		8	Labor Negotiation
		9	Employee Pension
		10	Employee Pension
		11	Employee Record Books
		12	Employee Record Books
		13	Employee Record Books
		14	Miscellaneous

Box 1 contains booklets of Pension Laws, Payroll Books, 2 Weekly Social Security Time Books.

SERIES	BOX	FOLDER	SUB-SERIES
Planning	1	1	Minutes
		2	Minutes
		3	Minutes
		4	Minutes
		5	Minutes
		6	Correspondence
		7	Correspondence
		8	Correspondence
		9	Correspondence
		10	Bucks Co. Planning Commission
		11	Bucks Co. Planning Commission
		12	Miscellaneous
		13	Miscellaneous

Box 2 includes 1980 Procedural Guide for PA Planning Commissions, Local Powers for Community Improvement, 1959 Procedural Guide for Planning Commissions, Bucks in Brief, Planning for Public Works, "The Little Economies", 1980/81 Annual Report DVRPC, Suggested Land Subdivision Regulations, ABC of Community Planning, Directory of Manufacturing Plants in Bucks County, 1959 Planning for Your Community, Handbook of Environmental Procedures, Philadelphia Suburban Frontier, 1985 BCPC Municipal Directory, Subdivision Regulations, AEL Booklet.

Box 3 includes 1955 Local Powers for Community Self-improvement, 1973 Chalfont Borough Subdivision/Land Development Regulations, Analysis of Revisions to PA MPC, 1958 7th Annual Report of BCPC, 1961 Internal Affairs, Renaissance in Bucks, BC Comparison of Plans, 1970 Montgomery Township The Comprehensive Plan, A Statement of Policy, 1957 The Preservation of Stream Cleanup, 1960 Annual Report BCPC, 1984 Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission Annual Report, The State of the Region, 1970 Comprehensive Plan for Future Development in Warrington Township, 1970 Regulations Subdivision and Land Development in Warrington Township. 1972 Draft Chalfont Borough

SERIES	Box
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Planning	3
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Comprehensive Plan, Bucks County Natural Resources Plan, 1972 Chalfont Borough Comprehensive Plan, Making Urban Places Work, 1961 A Comprehensive Plan for Bucks County, 1956 PA Planning Laws for Boroughs, 1970 BCPC the Resident Population, Warrington Planning Commission Master Plan.

SERIES	BOX	FOLDER	SUB-SERIES
Police	1	1	Rules & Regulations
		2	Hiring
		3	Civil Service
		4	Police Committee
		5	Correspondence
		6	Police Reports
		7	Police Vehicle
		8	Finance
		9	Daily Record
		10	Civil Defense
		12	Miscellaneous

Box includes Annual Reports for 1993, 94, 95, 97, Regional Police Manual 1981, and Budgets for 1989, 1990, 1993.

SERIES	BOX	FOLDER	SUB-SERIES
Property	1	1	Minutes
		2	Correspondence
		3	101 North Main
		4	101 North Main
		5	101 North Main
		6	RR Station Correspondence
		7	RR Station Correspondence
		8	RR Station Correspondence
		9	RR Station Correspondence
		10	Railroad Renovation
		11	Railroad Renovation
		12	Railroad Renovation
		13	Pictures RR

Box 1 includes Album of Railroad Station.

SERIES	BOX	FOLDER	SUB-SERIES
Public Works	1	1	Street Opening Permits
		2	Street Opening Permits
		3	Street Opening Permits
		4	Street Opening Permits
		5	Street Opening Permits
		6	Street Opening Permits
		7	Parks
		8	Parks
		9	E. Management
		10	Meadowbrook Lane
		11	Meadowbrook Lane
		12	Meadowbrook Lane
		13	Meadowbrook Lane
		14	Meadowbrook Lane
		15	Engineering
		16	Streets
		17	Committee Minutes
		18	Public Utilities
		19	Public Utilities
		20	WPA
		21	Sign Permits
		22	Neshaminy Valley Watershed
		23	Neshaminy Valley Watershed
		24	Bid Specs

SERIES	BOX	FOLDER	SUB-SERIES
Public Works	2	25	Bid Specs
		26	Bid Specs
		27	Bid Specs
		28	PA Dept. of Highways
		29	PA Dept. of Highways
		30	PA Dept. of Highways
		31	PA Dept. of Highways
		32	PA Dept. of Highways
		33	Drainage
		34	Drainage
		35	Drainage
		36	Drainage
		37	Miscellaneous
		38	Miscellaneous
		39	Miscellaneous
		40	Liquid Fuels
		41	Liquid Fuels
		42	Liquid Fuels
	3	43	Liquid Fuels
		44	Liquid Fuels
		45	Liquid fuels
		46	Liquid fuels
		47	Liquid Fuels
		48	Liquid Fuels

SERIES	BOX	FOLDER	SUB-SERIES
Public Works	3	49	Liquid fuels
		50	Liquid Fuels
		51	Liquid Fuels
		52	Liquid fuels
		53	Liquid Fuels
		54	Liquid fuels
		55	Liquid fuels
		56	Flood
		57	Flood
		58	Flood
		59	Flood
		60	Flood
		61	Flood
	62	Flood	
	63	Flood	
	4	64	Flood
		65	Flood
		66	Flood
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67		Flood	
68		Flood	
	69	Flood	
	70	Flood	

SERIES	BOX	FOLDER	SUB-SERIES
Public Works	4	71	Flood
		72	Flood

Box 4 includes 1977 Maintenance and Highway Safety, 1989 Soil Erosion Control Narrative, Album of Krupp Park.

SERIES	BOX	FOLDER	SUB-SERIES
Sewer & Solid Waste	1	1	Neshaminy Basin
		2	Neshaminy Basin
		3	CNB Minutes
		4	CNB Minutes
		5	CNB Minutes
		6	Ordinance, Agree, Certs.
		7	Ordinance, Agree, Certs.
		8	CNB Correspondence
		9	CNB Correspondence
		10	CNB Correspondence
		11	CNB Correspondence
		12	Plans
		13	Plans
		14	Plans
		15	Financial
		16	Financial
		17	Financial
		18	Financial
		19	Miscellaneous
		20	Miscellaneous
		21	Miscellaneous
		22	Committee Minutes
		23	Committee Minutes
		24	Correspondence/Solid Waste

SERIES	BOX	FOLDER	SUB-SERIES
Sewer/Solid Waste	1	25	Miscellaneous
		26	Options/Plans
		27	Options/Plans
		28	Options/Plans

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Box 2 includes Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority, Small Activated Sludge Plants, Limitations of Inter Cooperation for Disposal of Sewage, Sewage Disposal for the Expanding Community (2), Request for Proposals, Rules/Regulations for Chalfont Plumbing code, CB final Plan Development, Alternative Resources, Inc., CNBJST Annual Report 1978, 80, 84-85, 91, 92, 93, Environmental Assessment Report 1982, Study to Expand Sludge Digestion (2), Solid Waste Management (2), Pre-Final Engineering Report, BC Wastewater Facilities Plan (2), Solid Waste Management Plan, Storm Water Management Report, EPA's Programs and Applications Procedures.

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Box 3 includes Study of Options-CB Solid Waste, 1989 CNBJSA Preliminary Design, Neshaminy Basin Sub-Region II 201 Facilities Plan, Annual Report CNBJSA 1976, 1977, 1978, Study to Expand Sludge Digestion Facilities, Solid Waste Management Plan Update.

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Box 4 includes 1966 Contract Documents, 1961 and 1962 Feasibility Report, Neshaminy Basin Sub-Regions II Volume 1, PA Sewage Facilities Act Manual.

SERIES	BOX	FOLDER	SUB-SERIES
Tax & Assessment	1	1	1989 Deed Report
		2	1990 Deed Report
		3	1990 Deed Report
		4	1991 Deed Report
		5	Tax Collector
		6	Occupation Tax
		7	PA Loans & Tax Reports
		8	1970 Property Transfers
		9	1971 Property Transfers
		10	1971 Property Transfers
		11	1972 Property Transfers
		12	1972-77 Property Transfers
		13	1978-81 Property Transfers
		14	1982-88 Property Transfers
		15	Tax Exoneration
		16	Real Estate Tax
		17	Bd. Of Assess Appeals
		18	Correspondence
		19	Correspondence
		20	Correspondence
	2	21	Correspondence
		22	Chalfont Tax Supplements
		23	Chalfont Tax Supplements

SERIES	BOX	FOLDER	SUB-SERIES
Tax & Assessment	2	25	Chalfont Tax Supplements
		26	Chalfont Tax Supplements
		27	Chalfont tax Supplements
		28	Chalfont Tax Supplements
		29	Miscellaneous
		30	Miscellaneous

Box includes 3 booklets and 1902-1923 Ledger.

SERIES	BOX	FOLDER	SUB-SERIES
Veterans	1		14 Copper Plates
	2		17 Copper Plates, 2 small plates
	3		8 Copper Plates
	4		1968, 1977, 1978 Membership Awards 1977 Citation of Merit 1947 Certificate of Incorporation 2 WWII Memorial Books Victory on Parade Booklet

There is also a loose framed certificate too large for box.

SERIES	BOX	FOLDER	SUB-SERIES
Water	1	1	Rules and Regulations
		2	Permits
		3	Administration
		4	Receipts
		5	Brittany Farms Water Tower
		6	Generator Specs
		7	Studies & Test Results
		8	Water Committee
		9	Financial
		10	Annual Reports
		11	Bonds
		12	Correspondence
		13	Correspondence
		14	Water Treatment Plants
		15	Sale of Water Company
		16	Sale of Water Company
		17	Sale of Water Company
		18	Sale of Water Company
		19	Miscellaneous

Box 1 includes Account Books (4), Ledgers (1), Record of Bills (1).

SERIES	BOX	FOLDER	SUB-SERIES
Water	2	20	1929 Well
		21	1929 Well
		22	1929 Well
		23	1929 Well
		24	1929 Well
		25	1929 Well
		26	1929 Well
		27	1929 Well
		28	1929 Well

Box 2 includes Ledger 1931-1943, Account Book (1) 1935-1946, Journal 1966-67-68, 69

Box 3 includes New Britain Water Treatment Plant 1980, Four Annual Reports, Contract Specifications (2) 1950, 1951, Water Main Crossing 1971, Ledger, Water Accounts Books (2), Journal for 1966-67,68-69.