

Collection: Jack W. Harelick Insurance Agency

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Finding Aid

Date: 1873-1987

Bulk Date: 1960-1980

Creator: Jack Harelick

Containers: Two Legal sized, flip-top Document boxes

Storage Location: PCHS Library and Archives

Aid Created by: Asia Alexander, Intern/ Kaitlyn Mendez, Intern

Biographical:

Jack W. Harelick was born November 21, 1910 to Barnett Benyomen Harelick (1875-1968) and Mary Miriam (1875-?) somewhere in New Jersey. By age 25 he was a resident of Passaic, where he still lived when he married Ruth Jeanette Benson (1914-2007) sometime before 1940. Between 1941-1986 he was the proprietor of Jack W. Harelick Insurance Agency in Passaic (located at 43 Garden).

Outside of his business ventures, Harelick was past president of Congregation Beth Shalom, Clifton. He was a member of Knights of Pythias Lodge 155, Ezra Humbolt Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, B'nai B'rith, and the Rotary Club, all in Passaic. He was a member of the national, state, and local Appraisers Association, and was a fundraiser for Sister Kenney Polio Foundation.

In his final years, Harelick resided at 311 Terhune Ave between 1998 and his death on September 25, 2001 at 90 years.

Scope Note and Content:

This collection contains the historically significant maps, newspaper clippings and photographs of property and their real estate value throughout New Jersey in the mid to late 1900s. This collection follows the work and case files of Jack Harelick (1910-2001) who worked appraising homes and properties throughout New Jersey. The properties he worked on include Kiggy Island, the Dundee Canal, Botany Mills, Elmwood Park, East Paterson and Clifton.

Series:

Large cumbersome files were originally organized by case but not structured by date and time. They were divided by time to create multiple folders per case, to better organize the chronology of events and separate legal documents from newspaper clippings and property pictures. The photographs that

accompanied documents were kept in place but tape was removed from the photographs and they were put into protective archival album pages. Many of the documents once bound by a corrosive metal are now in a loose form within the folders.