

Collection: Associated Water Company:
Court Proceedings

Accession Number: B653.02

Finding Aid

Date Range: 1904-1932

Bulk Date: 1911-1919

Creator: Society for the Establishment for Useful Manufactures / Associated Water Companies

Containers: 3 Boxes; 15 inches x 13 inches x 10 inches each

Size: 5850 cubic inches

Storage Location: County Off-site

Aid Created By: Heather Cunningham, Curator

Historical Note:

The Society for the Establishment of Useful Manufactures was established in Paterson in 1791. The original attraction to Paterson was the power generated by the water of the Passaic River falling over the Paterson Great Falls waterfall. The SUM company morphed and evolved over time to include a variety of water companies, primarily in and around Passaic County.

Scope Note and Content:

This collection is one component of the Associated Water Company papers. It consists exclusively published court proceedings related to the various water companies. Not all components of each court case are within this collection but the types of printed material include briefs, statements and cases, writs and testimonies. Perspectives on these materials vary, including the defendants' perspectives, the prosecutor's perspective and others related to witnesses.

Series:

The Associated Water Companies papers collectively create one of the largest collections within the Passaic County Historical Society's holdings. Due both to the size of the collection and the various names of companies within the Associated Water Companies, this collection was stored in fragments and reorganized/disorganized repeatedly during its history.

The current arrangement is a final effort to both recognize the collection as one single collection, while acknowledging its many, individual components. To that end, all published court proceedings have been grouped together under this object id of B653.02.

