



DOROTHY SCOTT COLLECTION

Papers, 1800-1997
Photographs, 1890-1970s
(Predominantly, 1960-1989)

5 linear feet
2 slide files

COLLECTION SUMMARY

Creator: Various, primarily Dorothy Scott.

Language: English

Repository: Troy Historic Village, Troy, Michigan

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Access: Open for research by appointment only. Please call Curator Elizabeth Thornburg at 248-524-3570 or email Curator@thvmail.org

Related Material: Materials pertaining to the Wattles family may be found in the Wattles collection.

Biographical Information:

Dorothy J. Scott was born on September 1, 1923. Dorothy was a strong advocate for historic preservation in Troy. She served on the Historic District Commission during the 1970s and 1980s where she and a small committee worked to obtain local historic designations on older homes and buildings like the Troy Methodist Church. A woman of strong principles, she was often at odds with City leadership and developers intent on new construction rather than preservation.

The papers and photographs of the Dorothy Scott Collection reflect her work as an advocate for historic preservation and her involvement in the community of Troy. Mrs. Scott passed away in 2009.

Important subjects covered in the collection:

Correspondences, 1957-1997
Historic Troy Preservation, 1960s-1990s
Historic District Commission
Troy City Records
Troy Fire Department
Troy Heritage Foundation
Troy History
Troy Historic Village
War Records
Wattles Family

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11 manuscript boxes
11 photograph boxes
2 slide files

Series I: Photographs, Box 1-11

Contains photographs, negatives, slides, and microfiche. Topics include: historic Troy buildings, Wattles family portraits, Troy cemeteries, Troy Fire Department, and various newspaper microfiche.
[note: boxes 5, 6, and 20 were removed to the Wattles Family Collection]

Series II: Newspaper Clippings, Box 12-14

Contains various newspaper clippings relating to the City of Troy and efforts of its preservation. Includes the preservation of historic homes and building outside the Troy area as well.

Series III: Copies of Troy City Records, Box 15-18

Contains various copies of early Troy records dating back from the 1800s. Records include city surveys, title abstracts, subdivision proposals, assessment rolls, historical site preservation plans, Troy City Council, and Troy Historic District materials.

Series IV: History of Troy & Preservation Documents, Box 19-20

Contains documents relating to the history and founding of the City of Troy, as well as documents pertaining to preservation efforts set forth by the Troy Heritage Foundation. Includes materials on the preservation of Troy cemeteries, Troy churches, documents relating to the Wattles family and preservation of their historic home.

Series V: Correspondences & Notes, Box 21

Various correspondences to and from Dorothy Scott, mostly relating to Troy preservation issues. Also includes handwritten notes from Dorothy on various topics, full notebooks and a 1972 day planner.

Series VI: War Related Materials & Miscellaneous Documents, Box 22

Contains various miscellaneous documents related to the city of Troy. Other materials include documents related to the Civil War and Michigan,

copies of Civil War soldier lists, miscellaneous documents and copies of documents from the pre to post WWII era with some relating to Troy, birth, death, marriage records, and copies of journal pages.

Series I

Photographs

Box 1-11

Box 1- Photographs of Perrin Cemetery

- Includes photos of cemetery tombstones. Photo prints dated September 1967 and January 1971. Contains photographs with corresponding negatives: #01-03 located in Box 7.

Box 2- Photographs of Historic Buildings (1 of 2)

- Includes photos of historic Troy buildings, Davenport House, and the homes of John & Mary Lamb and Ross & Eleanor Lamb and Large photo prints of Jiggins Relator offices dated 1974, Halsey Baptist Church (1942), Troy Union, Stephen Hill House at 4320 John R., Troy Methodist Church print (with corresponding negative). Contains photographs with corresponding negatives: #04-07 located in Box 7.

Box 3- Photographs of Historic Buildings (2 of 2)

- Includes various photographs of historic Troy homes and buildings such as the Strong Home at Lamb and Rochester, the home of John Sargent, the Smith House at White Chapel 1962, the Big Beaver Church Fire, Troy Building Supply, Troy Methodist Church, Linden Lawn Dairy Farm, and the Old Troy Town Hall. Contains photographs with corresponding negatives: #08-29 located in Box 7.

Box 4- Black and White Portrait Photographs

- Includes black and white photo print copies of various portraits. From families such as the Wattles, Hills, Parkers, Harries', Hannas, Leonards, and Bingham. Contains photographs with corresponding negatives: #30-76 located in Box 7.

Box 5- Wattles Family Photographs [Removed to Wattles Collection]

- *Includes photos of the Wattles Family Farm with scrapbook. Photographs dated 1890, 1896, 1900, 1904, and 1930. Contains photographs with corresponding negatives: #77-78 located in Box 7.*

Box 6- Negatives of Wattle House Inventory [Removed to Wattles Collection]

- *Various negatives of Morris Wattles House inventory. Corresponds with documents in manuscript Box 20.*

Box 7- Corresponding Photograph Negatives

- Various photograph negatives that correspond with collection photo prints. Negative numbers: #01-78.

Box 8- Identified Photograph Negatives

- Various photo negatives of historic buildings and homes. Includes: Barn Church, Poppleton School, Brooks Farm, Troy Fire Station #2, Pontiac Chapel, the repair of Crooks Rd Cemetery, Beach House, Troy Corners, Big Beaver Fire Station, Parish House, and Union School.

Box 9- Unidentified Photograph Negatives

- Various photo negatives, undated, and unidentified.

Box 10- Disassembled Scrapbook

- Photographs from scrapbook of "A History of Fire Protection in Troy, Michigan" by James L. Hasley. Removed from photo album with self-stick pages containing PVC.

Box 11- Microfiche

- Microfiche copies of newspapers. From: The Evening Press- 1900 (1-29), The Oakland County Post- 1896 (1-45), The Oakland County Post- 1897 (1-46), The Pontiac Weekly Gazette- 1862 (1-17), The Pontiac Gazette- 1867/1868 (1-34), The Pontiac Gazette- 1886 (1-18), The Pontiac Gazette- 1888 (1-19) 01-06-88 thru 01-20-88, The Pontiac Gazette- 1889 (1-19), The Pontiac Gazette- 1894 (1-34).

Slide Files

- Two slide files. Box 1 of 2 contains photographs relating to historic buildings/sites in Romeo, Mt. Clemens, Macomb, Port Huron, as well as Troy. Includes slides of various early maps. *Note: Only slides 1-46 & 150 are labeled. Remaining slides are noted by general topic such as the schoolhouse, maps, and fashion. Box 2 of 2 contains photographs relating to Native Americans, Michigan Lumber Camps 1900's, the "Wild West," baseball, various flags of countries as well as states, early Troy history, and photos of Lansing MI in the 1960s.

Series II

Newspaper Clippings, 1850s-1990s

Box 12-14

Box 12

1. Troy City and Troy Historical Commissions
2. Caswell House Newspaper Clippings
3. Poppleton School House Newspaper Clippings
4. Troy Carriage House Newspaper Clippings
5. Historic Troy Churches Newspaper Clippings
6. Troy Church Pamphlets
7. Troy Historic Village Buildings

8. Historic Troy Home Preservation Articles
9. Brooks Farm
10. Dunn Homestead
11. Halsey Home-Jiggins Realtor
12. Niles-Barnard Home
13. Strawberry Hill Estate and Trowbridge House
14. Parks' Home, Hill Home, and Gasow Home
15. Wattles Family
16. U'll Come Back Inn
17. Troy Cemeteries
18. Main Family

Box 13

1. Newspaper Clippings About Troy, 1927-1958
2. Newspaper Clippings About Troy, 1962-1969
3. Newspaper Clippings About Troy, 1970-1974
4. Newspaper Clippings About Troy, 1975-1977
5. Newspaper Clippings About Troy, 1980-1983
6. Newspaper Clippings About Troy, 1984-1985
7. Newspaper Clippings About Troy, 19886-1988
8. Newspaper Clippings About Troy, 1990-1998
9. Newspaper Clippings About Troy, Undated
10. Obituaries-Troy
11. Troy Fire Department Newspaper Clippings

Box 14

1. City Newspaper Clippings: A
2. City Newspaper Clippings: B
3. City Newspaper Clippings: C
4. City Newspaper Clippings: D
5. City Newspaper Clippings: D
6. City Newspaper Clippings: F
7. City Newspaper Clippings: G-H
8. City Newspaper Clippings: L-O
9. City Newspaper Clippings: P
10. City Newspaper Clippings: R
11. City Newspaper Clippings: R
12. City Newspaper Clippings: S-W
13. Newspaper Clippings Outside of Michigan
14. Marriage & Death Notices Published in the Pontiac Jacksonian, Aug. 3, 1854- July 1857
15. Obituaries Outside of Troy
16. A Historical Trip Around Pontiac

Series III
Copies of Troy City Records, 1700-2002
Box 15-18

Box 15

1. List of 18th-19th Cent. War Veterans From Troy Township
2. Copy of Troy Township Register of Electors
3. Copy of Early Troy Records 1
4. Copy of Early Troy Records 2
5. Copy of Early Troy Records 3
6. Copy of Early Troy Records 4
7. Copy of Early Troy Records 5
8. Copy of Early Troy Records 6
9. Copy of Original Survey- Town 2 North Range 11 East
10. Oversized Copies of Troy Records, 1831
11. Oversized Copies of Troy Records, Undated

Box 16

1. Road Commission Records
2. Troy Drain Commission Records
3. Copies of Troy Township Cemetery Records
4. Copies of Union Corners Cemetery Records
5. Copies of Troy Encumbrances
6. Abstract of Title Section 10
7. Abstract of Title Section 11
8. Copy of Abstract of Title Section 11
9. Abstract of Title Section 17
10. Abstract of Title Section 22
11. Abstract of Title Section 36
12. Copy of Abstract of Lot #22 In Oakland County
13. Copies of Troy Abstracts
14. Abstract of Title Section 4, Springwells Township
15. Troy Subdivision Proposal, 1987-89
16. Troy Sanitary Sewer Financial Feasibility Plan, 1958
17. Troy City Council
18. Troy Post Office Records
19. Copies of Troy Township Treasurer Records
20. Misc. Troy Records

Box 17

1. Copies of Troy City Assessment Rolls, Undated
2. Copies of Troy City Assessment Rolls, 1840
3. Copies of Troy City Assessment Rolls, 1841

4. Handwritten Copies of Troy City Assessment Rolls, 1844
5. Handwritten copies of Troy City Assessment Rolls, 1848
6. Copies of Troy City Assessment Rolls, 1848
7. Copies of Troy City Assessment Rolls, 1863-64
8. Copies of Troy City Assessment Rolls, 1865-66
9. Copy of Assessor Letter, 1898
10. Copies of Troy City Assessment Rolls, Undated
11. Copies of Troy City Assessment Rolls, Undated
12. Copies of Troy City Assessment Rolls, Undated
13. Copies of Troy Land Ownership By Section
14. Copies of Troy Township Land Records

Box 18

1. Historic District Commission Papers
2. Troy Historical District Commission Records
3. Troy Historical District Commission- Heritage Post
4. Historical Markers
5. Historic District Commission Potential Sites
6. Historical Site Preservation Study Commission Notes & Minutes
7. Troy Historical Society
8. Troy Historical Society Agendas and Meeting Minutes
9. Troy Historical Society Membership and By Laws
10. Troy Historical Society Treasurer Reports
11. Troy Historical Museum Collection Policy and Financial Reports
12. Troy Historic Village Site Plans
13. Troy Historic Village
14. Troy Historic Village Press
15. Movement of Historic Troy Church-Opposition
16. Dorothy Scott v. City of Troy

Series IV

History of Troy & Preservation Documents

Box 19-20

Box 19

1. Troy History
2. 'Story of the History of Troy'
3. Misc. Pamphlets Related to Troy
4. Feb. 1975 City of Troy Newsletter
5. Troy Heritage Foundation
6. Friends of Historic Houses
7. National Center for Preservation Law, 1989

8. Preservation for Sunnycrest Farm June 1984
9. Johnson Niles House
10. Troy Cemetery Records
11. Handwritten Cemetery Notes
12. Copy of School Census, 1864-1884, 1908
13. History of Troy Schools
14. Copies of Notes Related to Troy Schools
15. Historic Troy Churches
16. Copy of Oakland County Map

Box 20 [Removed to Wattles Collection]

1. *Guest Book From Morris Wattles Art Show*
2. *Copies of Wattles Family Letters & Records*
3. *Copies of Wattles Family Letters & Records Cont.*
4. *Wattles House Blueprints*
5. *Inventory of Morris Wattles House w/ Photocopies of Photos*
6. *Inventory of Morris Wattles House (1 of 2)*
7. *Inventory of Morris Wattles House (2 of 2)*
8. *Wattles Bed & Breakfast Related*

Series V

Correspondences & Notes, 1957-1997

Box 21

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1. Correspondence, 1957-1969
2. Correspondence, 1970-1971
3. Correspondence, 1972-1974
4. Correspondence, 1975-1979
5. Correspondence, 1980-1983
6. Correspondence, 1984-1986
7. Correspondence, 1987-1989
8. Correspondence, 1990-1997
9. Correspondence, Undated
10. Handwritten Notes
11. 1972 Day Planner

Series VI

War Related Materials & Miscellaneous Documents

Box 22

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1. Miscellaneous Troy Related Documents
2. Lost Villages of Oakland & Macomb Counties
3. War Records
4. Michigan Civil War Related
5. Copies of Civil War Soldier Records
6. Miscellaneous Documents Prior to World War II
7. Troy World War II Related
8. Family Trees & Histories 1
9. Family Trees & Histories 2
10. Family Histories & Stories
11. Miscellaneous Transcriptions of Letters
12. Copies of Miscellaneous Birth, Death, and Marriage Records
13. Copies of Miscellaneous Documents 1
14. Copies of Miscellaneous Documents 2