

Richard Coons Collection

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Repository

Historic Red Hook
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Red Hook, NY 12571

Accession Number

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Title

Richard Coons Collection

Extent

This collection contains a large collection of documents, newspaper clippings, some genealogies, photographs all relating to Red Hook in general, people, businesses, schools, etc. Also included is a collection of Red Hook Grange and Red Hook Rotary Material, for a total of 7 boxes (4 are record boxes and 3 are document boxes) In addition, the collection contains loose artifacts, maps, school photos and 11 framed Grange Awards.

See attached document, "Richard Coons Collection – Revised 10/30/18," for a complete list.

6 linear ft.

Dates

Inclusive and Bulk

Inclusive dates of the material are from 1880's to 2001. For the Bulk range there are a few items from the early 1800's.

Conditions Governing Access

There are no restrictions

Languages

English

Scope and Content

This collection contains 7 boxes and some loose material:

Boxes 1, 2 and 3 contain Red Hook Grange #918 minute books, treasurer books and other record books dating from the first decade of the 1900's to the 1950's:

Box 4 contains Red Hook Grange #918 items, including the 1902 roll book and yearbooks from 1907 to 1993 (missing only a few years).

Box 5 and 6 contain Red Hook Rotary newsletters and other records (Box 5 contains 2001-2005) Box 6 2005-2008).

Box 7 contains miscellaneous files on local history topics. This box needs further processing.

Artifacts and other miscellaneous items are stored separately, including:

- Rotary Flag
- China Plates
- Paper fans
- Deeds
- 4 Sanborn maps of Red Hook are with Maps Collections
- 11 Framed Grange Award photos with ribbons

Biographical/Historical Note

This collection was gifted by Richard Coons (1931-2016). Richard was a lifelong resident of the Red Hook area and graduated from Red Hook High School in 1948. He then enlisted in the Marines. Along with his wife, Rosemary and others, he helped create the "The Friends of the Elmendorph" and later the Egbert Benson Historical Society. He was the Village of Red Hook Historian, appointed in 1993, and also very active in the Grange as member and past Master and also The Red Hook Rotary.

Much of the material accessioned was gathered by both his wife, Rosemary, and himself.

Provenance

There is a deed of gift signed by Richard Coons, dated Jan. 2013.

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