Biographical Sketch

Born Mary 26, 1923, Wheeling, W.Va. His father was a former professional baseball player and umpire, later a fireman for the city of Wheeling.

He began his career as a journalist in 1941 at the Wheeling News-Register. He served in the Army during WWII, and returned to the News-Register after the war.

He became city editor in 1948, managing editor in 1951 and editor in 1956. He was promoted to editor-in-chief of Ogden Newspapers in 1968.

He was active in Wheeling Area Conference on Community Development, Inc. in the 1950s, and continued in other community development efforts, culminating in Wheeling 2000 which he started in 1987. He was also a member various governmental development agencies.

He was at various times on the boards of Wheeling College, Wheeling Hospital and the Benedum Foundation.


Box 1:
Community development, 1950s

Wheeling Area Conference on Community Development, Inc., 1953-

The Conference Story (ca. 1957)
A Decade of Community Development (1963)
Report of the Parking and Traffic Committee to the Wheeling Area Conference...

A Master plan was commissioned from Francis Dodd McHugh, AIA:

The following are from 1957:
Zoning Plan and Subdivision Regulations
Land Utilization and Natural Features
Plan of Future Land-Use
Economy and Population
Proposed Thoroughfare Plan, Street & Highway Study

File folders of meeting minutes, correspondence and brochures from the Wheeling Area Conference.


Industrial Survey (1950s) listing manufacturers, products, plants, number of employees, etc.

Wheeling-Benwood Flood Protection Project, 1937 to 1953.


How to Get the Most out of our Streets. Chamber of Commerce of the United States (ca. 1955)

West Virginia Taxes (State and Local) First Report of the State Tax Study Commission. 1959

Urban Development Guidebook. Chamber of Commerce of the United States

**Box 2: Community Development, 1960s**

Wheeling, West Virginia Parking Garage Feasibility Study, phase 1 (1964)


Community Facilities Plan (ca. 1960)

Wheeling-Ohio County Airport Report (ca. 1965)

A Community's Self-Analysis... by the Civic Affairs Committee of the Wheeling Civitan Club. 1962
Civitan Club Civic Affairs Committee report “What Happened to Wheeling's Renaissance”, 1962. (typescript)

Transcript. Meeting ... to Discuss Improvements in West Virginia Primary Route 2 and Interstate Route 70. 1962.

Locational Factors Affecting Labor Intensive Industries in the Upper Ohio River Valley. Ohio University. 1960s

Prospectus for Belmont, Ohio and Marshall Counties Comprehensive Transportation Study. 1964


Northern Parkway Feasibility Study... Stegman & Schellhase, Inc., July 1964.

Overall Economic Development Program for the Wheeling Metropolitan Area Wheeling Conference on Community Development. 1961.


Comprehensive Planning Study, City of Wheeling. Candeub, Cabor & Associates, 1963: 
  Technical Report
  Supplement: Annexation Study
  Supplement: Capital Improvements Program (2 copies)
  Supplement: Central Business District Study and Mass Transit Study
  Supplement: Industrial Characteristics & Needs Study
  Supplement: Subdivision Regulations and Zoning
  Supplement: Zoning

Proceedings: Conference on Rehabilitation of the Older Disabled Worker (1964)

West Virginia Almanac, 1963

State Capitol Master Plan, 1966.


**Box 3 – 1970s**


West Virginia Economic Profile. ca. 1977.

Who Owns West Virginia? Reprinted from the Herald-Advertiser and The Herald-Dispatch. 1974 (2 copies)

Funding Needs Summary for Local Park and Recreation Agencies Throughout West Virginia. 1970s.


Bylaws of the Hall of Fame Board of the City of Wheeling.


**Box 4 – 1980s-90s – Part 1**


Packet of documents concerning the Northern Regional Jail project. 1989.


Documents concerning construction of sewage treatment facility. 1980.


Main Street West Virginia: General Information for Applicants. 1987.

Main Street Wheeling. Documents, 1989.

A Study of the City Water Department and Sanitary Organizations. Wheeling Area Chamber of Commerce, 1980. (2 copies)


Address of Cecil H. Underwood...Logan County Chamber of Commerce, Logan. 1987.


Wheeling Waterfront & Downtown. Wallace Roberts & Todd. 1989?


Corporate Profile: Touchstone Research Laboratory. 1988.


Supplement to the West Virginia State of the State Address, 1980.


West Virginia Roundtable, Inc.

West Virginia Economic Development Authority Guidelines.

Institute for the History of Technology and Industrial Archeology [proposal to establish]

West Virginia Economic Development Authority. 1982-83.

Tributes to the Hon. Jennings Randolph ... upon the occasion of his retirement... 1984.


Regional Economic Development Seminar by Governor's Office of Economic and Community Development. ca. 1985.


Wheeling 2000 was a planning and coordinating group for community development projects. Hamm started the project in 1987 with a proposal “Wheeling 2000.” Among the projects and proposals the group was involved with were:

- Lighting of the Suspension Bridge
- City Council designation of the City as “Victorian Wheeling”
- Work toward National Park Service historic district designation
- Waterfront planning
- NASA facilities at Wheeling Jesuit
- Center Market District development
- Arts and crafts center/Artisan center
Utilization of older office buildings by new businesses
Tourist signage
LifeSpan health program
Tourism curriculum at West Liberty

Material consists of:
Typescript and 11 copies of Hamm's proposal “Wheeling 2000”
Report and Resolicitation to The Benedum Foundation.... November 1988 (2 copies)
Report and Resolicitation to The Benedum Foundation.... January 1989
Wheeling 2000, Campaign 1989
Press kit announcing Wheeling Hospital Senior Wellness and Rehabilitation Center Preservation Plan: Lowell Historic Preservation Commission. (photocopy)

Meeting minutes, Correspondence, etc.:
Folder – 1987
Folder – 1988
Folder – 1989
Folder – 1991

Box 6

National Technology Transfer Center. Preliminary Definition/Design Study [ca. 1989]
Wheeling College Annual, 1986.
File folder of correspondence, etc. relating to Hamm's membership on the Board of Directors, mostly from 1988-1989.
Proposal for Community Wellness and Rehabilitation Center, Wheeling Hospital.
Wheeling Hospital Board of Directors Manual (undated)

File folder of documents and correspondence related to Wheeling Hospital, 1982-1989.

**Box 7**
*Photographs and related materials*

Folder of pictures of Harry Hamm

Folder of pictures of Hamm with various dignitaries

11 file folders of pictures of houses and some documentation from 1976 inventory of Out-the-Pike houses.

File folder of 1914 views of Lenox, Woodsdale, Pleasanton and Mount de Chantal, taken by W.A. Quimby, along with 1958 photos of the same views.

File folder with 2 negatives of Herman Gieke

“Wheeling, Shopping Center of the Central West” pamphlet by Ohio Valley Board of Trade

Negatives of front pages of News-Register dealing with the Kennedy Assassination

**Box 8**
*Correspondence, etc. – in file folders*

American Legion, Wheeling Post No. 1 History
Hamm’s appointment calendar, 1977
Architectural Description guidelines
Biographical sketch of Harry Hamm
Broadside attacking Wheeling Steel and the Press
Burton, Courtney – correspondence, etc.
Byrd, Robert C.
Correspondence – unsorted – 3 folders
Correspondence, Clergy (mostly Bp. Schmitt)
Correspondence, Local (Hamm’s term for this folder)
Correspondence, Newspaper-related
Correspondence, Personal
Cronk, Thomas – Parole materials
Crosby, Philip
The Day Dudley Came to Town, and some other writings
Hearne, Julian
“Have a Stogie City” part of an article in Eagle Magazine
Honor/Retirement Dinner, 1991
Independence Hall
Mollohan, Robert
News-Register
Obituaries and Tributes, 1991
Oglebay
Optimistic Order of Bottleneck Busters (1956)
Organized Crime
Racketeering
Randolph, Jennings
Recht Decision
Rockefeller, Jay
Speeches (2 folders)
Steel Industry, 1983
West Virginia Press Association
West Virginia University School of Medicine
Wheeling College/Wheeling Jesuit
Wheeling Heritage Project (WHNAC)
Wheeling Hospital
Wheeling Police Dept.
Wheeling Tunnel Breakthrough Ceremony
Wheeling White Paper (‘independent newspaper’)
Writings