

HARRY HAMM PAPERS

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.

He retired September 3, 1991 and died Oct 25, 1991.

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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:

Proposal: Wheeling, West Virginia, 7 September, 1955.

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

Rebirth of Wheeling: a series of ten articles reprinted from the Wheeling News-Register by Harry Hamm.. July 1956.

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

Slum Clearance and Development Authority of Wheeling, W. Va. Meeting minutes, 1955.

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

Wheeling-Benwood Flood Protection Project, 1937 to 1953.

Feasibility Study for the Future Development of the Wheeling-Ohio County Airport. J. E. Greiner Co., 1958.

A Market Analysis of the Wheeling Trading Area. Ross Anderson Merchandising Services, 1951.

Application for Recertification of the Workable Program for Urban Renewal, 1958.

Urban Renewal Project Characteristics. Urban Renewal Administration, 1955.

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)

Final Report. Industrial and Economic Development in the Wheeling Area. Ernst & Ernst (1966) (2 copies)

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

Preliminary Overall Economic Redevelopment Program for Marshall and Ohio Counties, West Virginia Redevelopment Area. 1961.

City of Wheeling. Laws Governing Urban Renewal. March 1, 1960.

Development of Community Interest in Possible Urban Renewal Project as Related to Proposal by the News Publishing Company. 1966. (Proposed Market St. Redevelopment Project)

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

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

City of Wheeling, West Virginia Water Report, Part III, – Financial Supplement. 1962.
City of Wheeling, West Virginia Water Report, Part IV – Rate Studies. 1962.

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.

Selected Archeological and Historic Sites in West Virginia: preliminary plan for development. Wheeling College, 1965.

Tourist and Recreational Potential: Middle Island Creek. Bureau of Outdoor Recreation. 1963.

Final Report to the Legislature of West Virginia. The Crime Commission of West Virginia. 1961.

Box 3 – 1970s

Analysis of West Virginia's Ohio Valley Economic District. Prepared for Governor's Office of Economic and Community Development by The Fantus Company. ca. 1977.

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.

Police-Community Relations Seminar. Wheeling College, 1975.

In the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia. James M. Sprouse, plaintiff below, appellee vs. Clay Communications Inc. Brief of Appellee. 1974.

Development Analysis, East Wheeling Area. Prepared by Wheeling Electric Company. 1974.

Southern CBD Parking, City of Wheeling: Parking Demand, Economic Feasibility. Richard C. Rich Associates. 1975.

Municipal Parking in Center Wheeling. Richard C. Rich Associates, 1975.

Railroad Relocation Study, prepared for Wheeling, West Virginia. Stanford Research Center, Gruen Associates. 1973.

Feasibility Study for Joint Development, Wheeling WV. Executive Summary. Bel-O-Mar Regional Council. ca. 1978. [for bus station relocation]

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

Recreation Resource Investigation: summary report. Metro Wheeling Urban Study. US Army Corps of Engineers. 1976.

Concept Plan: Downtown Wheeling W. Va. Micelli Weed Kulik Alexander Heller Inc. Nov. 1977 [blueprint map]

City of Wheeling. Operations Effectiveness Study, Police Department. 1976.

City of Wheeling Operations Effectiveness Study [various departments in file folder] 1976.

National Register of Historic Places Inventory-Nomination Form: Wheeling Historic District. 1978.

North Wheeling Rehabilitation. Urban Renewal Authority of Wheeling. 1970s.

Wheeling, West Virginia Central Business District: an architectural inventory. Frederick Ellsworth Kleye. 1978.

Box 4 – 1980s-90s – Part 1

A West Virginia Sampler [state tourism booklet] 1980.

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

The River: A Call for Proposals. Humanities Foundation of West Virginia. 1988.

Documents concerning construction of sewage treatment facility. 1980.

Industrial Development Program: Ohio County and Wheeling, West Virginia. President's Economic Adjustment Committee. 1981.

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)

Wheeling Heritage: Draft Concept Plan. National Park Service. 1990.

An Analysis of Consumer and Merchant Behavior and Attitudes in Downtown Wheeling, West Virginia. Wesley Martin. 1988.

Wheeling Waterfront Development Plan. McKinley Engineering Company. 1983.

Embryo Businesses in West Virginia: Potentials and Strategies for Development. 1983.

The West Virginia Border Islands Campaign. The Nature Conservancy. West Virginia Chapter. ca. 1989.

The Atlantic City Casino Gaming Industry and its Impact on the Region. Atlantic County Division of Economic Development. 1991.

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

Centre Market Action Program. Centre Wheeling Design Venture, Shaeffer/UDA. 1983.

Centre Wheeling Design Venture: Interviews with five people about Centre Market. Schaeffer and Urban Design and Associates. 1982.

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

City of Wheeling, New Market Area, Ohio Valley Medical Center Parking Demand Study. Richard C. Rich and Associates, 1982.

Proposed Waterfront Development Plan, Proposal of Services. L. Robert Kimball and Associates, 1981.

Waterfront Development Plan...Proposal for Professional Services. Burgess & Niple. 1981.

A Proposal to Develop a Waterfront Development Plan. Roberts & Eichler Associates, 1981.

Redevelopment of the Ohio Riverfront: a Twenty-Year Strategic Plan. Ohio Riverfront Redevelopment Task Force, 1987.

For Everyone, Forever: Story of the Wheeling Park Commission and Oglebay Resort. Barbara B. Palmer. 1988.

Proposal for Senior Wellness and Rehabilitation Center. Wheeling Hospital. 1988.

Final Report of the Marketing Survey for Newell Porcelain Company. Thomas J. Babb. 1988.

Analysis of the Consumer Behavior, Consumer Attitudes...of Persons Attending the Sixth Annual Upper Ohio Valley Italian Festival. Thomas J. Babb. 1988.

Wheeling Area Chamber of Commerce Civic Center Task Force Report. 1982.

Wheeling Area Factbook, Ohio and Marshall Counties West Virginia. OVIBDC, 1982.

Development of an Artisan Center at Oglebay. Center for Entrepreneurial Studies and Development, WVU, 1991.

Corporate Profile: Touchstone Research Laboratory. 1988.

Wheeling Heritage Plan. Folder of documents. 1990.

Economic Development and Tourism. Folder of documents. ca. 1983-4.

Partnership in Progress: Executive Summary of the Annual Report to the People of West Virginia. 1989.

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

Pittsburgh Arts Organizations: Finances, Public and Private Funding and Impact on the Local Community. Pennsylvania Economy League. 1989.

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.

Coal 2000: A Forecast for US Coal by the National Coal Association. ca. 1985.

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

Proposal to West Virginia Economic Development Authority. Baker, Watts & Co. 1981.

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

West Virginia Economic Development Authority. Folder of documents and correspondence. 1981-82.

Box 5 - Wheeling 2000 (1987-1991)

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"
Proposal for TheBenedum Foundation. Rebirth of a City: Wheeling 2000. 1987.
Wheeling 2000 – An overview (1991)
Life Span: A Wellness Program for Wheeling 2000: information kit. 1989
Report and Resolicitation to The Benedum Foundation.... November 1988 (2 copies)
Report and Resolicitation to The Benedum Foundation.... January 1989
Wheeling 2000, Campaign 1989
Feasibility Analysis of an Arts and Crafts Center in Downtown Wheeling, West Virginia.
Economic Research Associates. 1988.
Ohio River Revitalization, Wheeling, West Virginia: Final Report. US Department of the
Interior. Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service. 1980.
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

Rededication and Renewal: A Self Study of Wheeling Jesuit College. 1989.

Bylaws of Wheeling College, Inc. 1989.

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.

File folder of documents and correspondence relating to his election as a trustee of the
Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation, 1984-ca. 1989.

First Supplemental Report, 1963-1965. Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation.

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