

ROBERT L. LEVENSON ARCHIVES

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Summary: Documents Wheeling community development projects 1919-1980s.

Biographical notes: Robert L. Levenson, May 20, 1915-May 31, 1990 (according to Social Security Death Index. Obituary gave his age as 74) Levenson was the president of Reichart Furniture Co., co-founder of Wheeling Antenna Co., and one of the original investors in the Wheeling Ironmen Football team. He was founder and first president of Downtown Wheeling Associates and member of Wheeling-Ohio County Planning Commission, Wheeling Parking Authority, Wheeling Area Conference, the Urban Renewal Authority and many other bodies.

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Obituary from June 1, 1990 Wheeling *Intelligencer*.

1919-1920:

Wheeling Improvement Association, 1919-1920, reports prepared by Morris Knowles, Inc., Engineers, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Abstracts of Reports upon Several Phases of a City Plan for Greater Wheeling. Wheeling Improvement Association, 1920.

Report upon Proposed Municipal Park on Wheeling Hill, Jan. 1920

Report upon the Reclamation of Flood Lands at the Peninsula-Wheeling Creek, Nov. 1919

Report upon Proposed Extension of Chapline Street to Connect with the National Highway, Nov. 1919 (2 copies)

Report upon Proposed Housing Development on Chapline Hill, April 1920

Report upon Flood Protection, April 1920

Report upon Proposed New Thoroughfare to the Wheeling Creek District, Dec. 1919.

1930s

Industrial Survey of the Wheeling District. Ohio Valley Industrial Corporation, 1936

1950s

Wheeling Area Conference on Community Development, Inc., Francis Dodd McHugh, Consultant, Fred Utevsky, resident planner

Wheeling, West Virginia, Preliminary Proposal, 1955

Economy and Population, March 1957

Plan of Future Land-Use, May 1957 (2 copies)

Land Utilization and Natural Features, April 1957 (2 copies)

Zoning Plan and Subdivision Regulations, May 1957 (2 copies)

Proposed Thoroughfare Plan, Street and Highway Study, March 1957 (2 copies)

Copies of newspaper articles about new industries, 1956-57 probably from one of the above studies.

BOX 2:

1960s

Public Hearing, City Council Chambers...June 8 and 9, 1960. This is in response to a critical study of the city's fire protection by the West Virginia Rating Bureau, involving water supply issues, fire department staffing and equipment, and building codes and recommending an unfavorable change in the city's protection classification.

Community Facilities Plan. 1961.

Proposal for Planning Services for the City of Wheeling and Ohio County, West Virginia. Candeub, Cabot and Associates, 1961.

Wheeling Ohio County Planning Commission, Annual Report, 1961-62.

A Community's Self-Analysis, Wheeling and Ohio County, by the Civic Affairs Committee of the Wheeling Civitan Club, 1962.

Comprehensive Planning Study, City of Wheeling. Wheeling-Ohio County Planning Commission, Candeub, Cabot & Associates, 1963-4:

Supplement--Annexation Study

Supplement--Capital Improvements Program (3 copies)

Supplement--Central Business District Study and Mass Transit Study (4 copies)

Supplement-- Industrial Characteristics & Needs Study

Supplement--Zoning (2 copies)

Northern Parkway Feasibility Study [...] submitted to the Board of Commissioners of the County of Ohio and the Council of the City of Wheeling, by Stegman & Schellhase, Inc. July 1964 (2 copies)

Summary Report: Industrial and Economic Development in the Wheeling Area, It's Problems, Potentials, and Programs. Ernst & Ernst, April 1965. [Commissioned by the Area Redevelopment Administration.]

Feasibility Report on Two Proposed Parking Facilities, Central Business District, Wheeling, West Virginia. Prepared by A.E. Masten and Company, November 1965. Ramp Consulting Services.

Wheeling-Ohio County Planning Commission, Annual Report, 1965.

Downtown Wheeling Associates, Financial Report (second quarter) for January 1, 1965 thru' March 31, 1965.

When Men and Mountains Meet, produced by Appalachian Power and Wheeling Power, [1966]

Map: City of Wheeling, 1960, 1 in. = 800 ft. (approx. 50"x80")

Map: City of Wheeling, Downtown Business District, compiled by The Wheeling Real Estate Board. 1960. 1 in. = 100 ft. Identifies only a few of the businesses.

West Virginia Official State Highway Map, 1965.

Main Street U.S.A.: the American Highway to Better Living. Brought to Wheeling... as a public service of Downtown Wheeling Associates. 1960. [Historical exhibition by Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village.]

BOX 3:

1970s

George Efthemes, P.E. On City Planning. 1973.

A Partial List of Unanswered Questions Concerning the Urban Renewal Authority in Wheeling. Save-Downtown-Wheeling Committee, May 29, 1973 [Critical of the proposed Fort Henry Mall]

“Fort Henry Mall No No No” Bumper sticker (3)

Amendment to Neighborhood Development Program Application, 1973-74. Urban Renewal Authority of Wheeling, West Virginia. Prepared by Candeub, Fleissig and Associates, October, 1974.

Development Analysis, East Wheeling Area ... prepared by Wheeling Electric Company. May 1974.

Downtown Wheeling, W. Va.: A Proposal for Consulting Services. Alexander/Miceli Weed Kulik, Inc. 1977. [photocopy]

Note from Terry Burkhart to Robert Levenson thanking him for use of previous planning studies. 1978.

1980s

A Proposal to Develop a Waterfront Development Plan. Prepared for the City of Wheeling, West Virginia by Roberts & Eichler Associates. 1981

A Proposal for a Waterfront Development Plan for Wheeling, W. Va. GWSM, Inc. Landscape Architects. 1981 [photocopy]

Wheeling's Waterfront: A Proposal for Consulting Services. Green International, Ridenour Associates. 1981.

Proposal for Professional Services, Waterfront Development Plan, City of Wheeling, West Virginia. Burgess & Niple, Limited. 1981.

City of Wheeling, Waterfront Redevelopment Plan. Proposal of Babcock & Schmid Associates.

1981

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

Proposal for Waterfront from EDSA Edward D. Stone Jr. and Associates. 1981

Waterfront Development Committee correspondence and minutes:

Minutes of Interview Subcommittee meeting, April 27, 1981

Note from Brooks E. Wigginton, regrets that he is not able to submit a proposal

Letter to committee from Mayor Cuyler E. Ewing, March 26, 1981

Letter to committee from Mayer, April 9, 1981

City of Wheeling, New Market Area, Ohio Valley Medical Center Parking Demand Study.

Richard C. Rich and Associates. 1982?

“Wheeling is a Tough Old Girl...” article by Harry Hamm.

Wheeling 2000, by Harry Hamm (2 copies)

Certificates from Wheeling Convention and Visitors Bureau for contribution to Lighting the Bridge. 1987. One to Robert and Helen Levenson, another to Reichart's Furniture.