

A Catalogue of the
Plainfield History Collection
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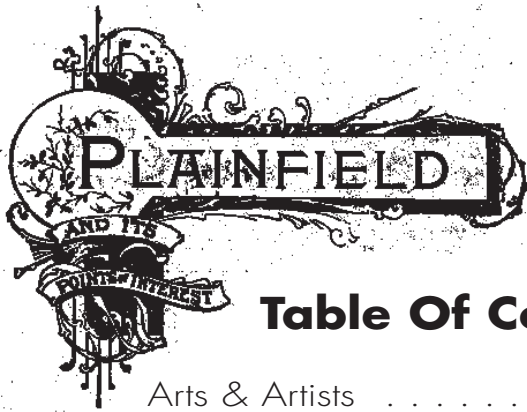


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Introduction

This catalogue represents the successful completion of a grant-funded project "to analyze and describe the materials in the Plainfield History Collection and publish a finding aid that will improve the public's awareness and use of local history materials." The contents of this catalogue primarily reflect text and archival holdings. There are other aspects of the library's Special Collections that are not included:

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Arts & Artists

Arts & Artists and Culture Design Team

1996

Addressed to Community Task Force and Board of Education, regarding the importance of Arts & Artists education.

Carlson's Guide to Landscape Painting

Carlson, John F.

PR 751.454 CAR

Step by step lesson plans for painting and drawing using Carlson's own paintings. Illustrated.

Catalogue of the Plainfield Art Association

Plainfield Art Association

1964

PR 707.4 P69

List of prize winners, competitors in state wide exhibition of 1964.

Little Theatre Council

1971

PR 792 L72

Different productions on one program.

New Audiences for Plainfield

1998

Organization whose mission is to foster and promote the area as a premier Arts & Artists destination in Central NJ.

Plainfield Area Arts & Artists Directory

Mayor's Arts & Artists Committee

PR 703 P4

Art Directory with contact information and specialties of individuals and organizations.

Plainfield Art Association Statewide Exhibition

1964

PR 707.4 P69

Lists entries with prices and identifies winners.

Plainfield Arts Council Minutes

PR 706 P6

Minutes cover April 1978- June 1980. Binder also includes constitution.

Primal Visions: Albert Bierstadt Discovers America

Fischer, Diane P.

2001

PR 759.1 FIS

Analyzes Bierstadt's development as an artist with chapter on Plainfield paintings.

Ten Americans

PR 708 Am25

10 masters of watercolor. The catalog includes one of the three Winslow Homer paintings owned by Plainfield Public Library.

Two Hundred Years of United States of America

Crawford-Taylor, Emily

1975

PR 812 C85

Four act play about Plainfield's 200 year history.

Watercolors of Winslow Homer, The

Unger, Miles

2001

PR 759.13 UnG

Pictorial book on Winslow Homer's Watercolors.

United States Capitol, The

Kenyon, Donald R.

2000

PR 725.11 KEN

Covers architects and artists involved in the Capitol, including the Albert Bierstadt painting owned by the City Plainfield.



Biography

After Chancellorsville

Bailey, Judith Ann

1998

PR 973.7 B15

Civil War letters written to a Plainfield resident.

Bill Evans- How My Heart Sings

Pettinger, Peter

1998

PR 781.65 PET

Biography of local, influential jazz pianist, Bill Evans.

Biographical Dictionary of American Architects

Withey, Henry F. & Elsie Rathburn

1956

PR 720.92 WIT

Biographies of AIA's deceased members listing many architects of local buildings.

Craig Adams Marsh, A.B. A.M.

Honeyman, Abraham Van Doren

1911

PR B M35

Biography of prominent lawyer and resident of Plainfield, NJ (1856-1910)

Excerpts from Ms. Eliza Elvira Kenyon's Journal

Coates, Robert P., Mrs.

1973

PR 974.939 C63

Journal entries beginning with May 1874 and concluding with Kenyon's obituary on March 10, 1915.

Excerpts from the Journal of Rev. Dr. Joseph Taylor

Taylor, Edward W., ed.

1974

PR 974.939 T21E

Plainfield resident who lived from 1818-1910

Grandpa's Shadow

Starke, Ann Cornwell

1972

PR B St 28

Childhood reminiscences of Ann Cornwell Starke of the time she spent on a Virginia farm.

In Memoriam George Hope Ryder, MD.

Bruce, Robert (Editor)

1949

PR B R971

Selection of pieces written as a tribute to Dr. Ryder, who was born in Plainfield, NJ.

In Memory of the Rev. William Rogers Richards, D.D.

1910

PR B R 395 P

Letters and tributes for Rev. Richards (1853-1910) minister at Crescent Ave Presbyterian Church in Plainfield 1884-1902.

Indefatigable in Devotion

Jones, Richard Llewellyn, Jr.

1978

PR B L92J

Thesis covering the professional life of Marie Louis (1872-1935) administrator of Muhlenberg Hospital, Plainfield from 1920-1935.

L.V.F. Randolph

Unnamed Daughters of L. V. F. Randolph

1922

PR TB RR15

Biography and memorial to Mr. Randolph (1838-1921) former mayor of Plainfield, NJ and one of the founders of Muhlenberg Hospital

Life, Travels, and Observations of Eighty Years

Lanphear, Ethan

1898

PR B L28

Autobiography of Ethan Lanphear (1818-1903) a business man who moved to Plainfield, NJ in 1868

Margaret Bourke-White

Rubin, Susan Goldman

1999

PR 770.92 RUB

Survey of life of the photographer, including mention of her years at Plainfield High School

Martin's Journal

Martin, Isaac
1834
PR B M3632

Journal of an approved Quaker minister for 38 years.
References to Plainfield are noted on inside cover

Memoirs of the Rev. William Tennent

1834
PR B RT 25
Story of a Presbyterian minister (1705-1777)

Memorial of the Rev. John Duer

Duer, Susie
1877
PR B D86
A memorial to Rev. John Duer (1823-1875) pastor of
the Second Baptist Church of Plainfield, NJ

Nathaniel Stevens 1786-1865

Stevens, Horace Nathaniel
1946
PR B St 473
History of the M.T. Stevens & Sons Co. textile mills
through several generations.

One Girl's Influence

Speer, Robert Elliott, Dr.
PR B An 26S
Biography of Louise Stockton Andrews (1892-1913) a
resident of Plainfield, NJ

Pioneer Life in Kentucky

Drake, Daniel
1948
PR 976.9 D78
Book comprised of letters written by author in response to
requests of his children for a family record 1785-1800

Portrait of Myself

Bourke-White, Margaret
1963
PR B B667
Autobiography of world famous photographer (1906-
1971) Bourke-White who graduated from Plainfield
High School in 1921.

Reveries of an Obstetrician

Ryder, George Hope
1943
PR B R97
Anecdotal memoirs including a story partially set in
Plainfield, NJ, with wood engraving of the Old Ryder
House in Plainfield.

Scenes and Portraits

Brooks, Van Wyck
1954
PR B B7914
Autobiography of Van Wyck Brooks (1886-1963) from
birth, education, marriage, and early adult years

Scenes, Memories, and Travels of Eighty Two Years

Lanphear, Ethan
1900
PR B L28S
Autobiography of Ethan Lanphear (1818-1903) a busi-
ness man who moved to Plainfield, NJ in 1868

Entry to the Carnegie addition to
the Plainfield Public Library of 1912





Business & Industry

35 Years with the Plainfields

PR 332 P 6

Plainfield Trust Company promotional book.

Babcock and Wilcox

Eft, Neil W

1999

Biographical history of G. H. Babcock, Plainfield resident and owner of steam generator company

Babcock & Wilcox Company 1867-1967, The

Nielsen, M.

1967

PR 338.7 N55

Century of progress of the Babcock & Wilcox Co. from 1867-1967.

Development Opportunities C.B.D. Plainfield, NJ

1975

PR 338.5 D49D

Report evaluates the real estate development opportunities for Plainfield including plans for the Central Business District.

Downtown Plan Concept, Plainfield, NJ

Gruen Associates, New York

1976

PR 309.26 D7

Architectural plan for downtown area

From There to Here

Howell, John

PR 309 Ec 74

Pamphlet highlighting business advantages of and in Plainfield.

Guardian Memorials

Catalogs grave marker options.

Industrial Plants, Executives, Products, & Employees

Chamber of Commerce of the Plainfields

1957

PR 658 C35

Basic entries for local industrial plants.

Industry and Plainfield

Rutgers Graduate School of Business

PR 338.5 In 2

Pamphlet to determine what industry or industries are best suited for the City of Plainfield.

Know your Industry

Chamber of Commerce

PR 658 C83

Collection of newspaper articles from The Courier News about 25 local firms.

New Jersey Business

1980

PR 917.49 P93

Magazine featuring Plainfield, North and South Plainfield

Park Madison: Enclosed Retail-Office Center

Gruen Associates, New York

1976

PR 309.26 D7P

Architect Plan for proposed office center

Place to Put Down Roots, A

Central Jersey Chamber of Commerce

PR 917.49 C35P

Magazine highlighting Plainfield and Central New Jersey

Plainfield Chamber of Commerce

PR 051 C35

Promotional magazine supporting Plainfield 1922-1924

Plainfield: City on the Move

2002

Folder regarding financial assistance and diversified services to help local business.

Retail Opportunities in Plainfield

1980

PR 309 Ec 74R

A three part illustrated folder, highlighting available commercial property in Plainfield, and a commercial directory.

Summary of Comprehensive Development Plan

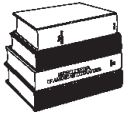
Weinstein, Elliot
PR 711 P69C1
City of Plainfield Development Plan.

Survey of Wage Increase and Benefits

Plainfield Area Chamber of Commerce
1971
PR 331.2 P69
Covers comparative salaries of industry groups divided
by union and occupation

Thirty-five Years with the Plainfields

Plainfield Trust
PR 332 P 6
Covers Plainfield Trust's growth from 1902 to 1937
including biographies of officers with photographs



City Directories

Directory of Plainfield and Vicinities

PR 917.49 PL
Residential and business directories: 1870 - 1982.
Missing issues.

Telephone Directory for Dunellen, Fanwood, Plainfield

1912
PR 917.49
Includes a classified index to advertisements.



City of Plainfield

1969 Fire Prevention Code City of Plainfield, NJ

1969
PR 614.8 P6 1969
Fire Prevention Code

1972-1973 Plainfield area Chamber of Commerce

1972
PR 658 C35M
Membership Roster and Business Service Directory

1973 Annual Report: Fire Division

1973
PR 352.3 P69
Full reports on file in the Fire Division, covers accom-
plishments and activities.

210th NJ Legislature Directory

PR 974.9 NEW
Directory with names, addresses, emails, and photos.

Administrative Code: Plainfield, NJ

1971
PR 352 P6A
Administrative Code.

Annual Report

Weinstein, Elliot
PR 711 P69A
7 Volumes
Report from the Planning Division for years: 1966, 67,
69, 70, and 71.

Annual Report

Office of Public Officer
PR 352.92 P69A
Reports on the enforcement of the Property
Maintenance Code.

Annual Report City of Plainfield

City of Plainfield
PR 352.07 RP6
23 Volumes
Annual Reports for years: 1906-1914, 1917, 1920-25,
1929-32, 1928-39, 1934-36, 1943-47, 1949-50

Annual Report of Fire Division 1973

City of Plainfield
1973
PR 352.3 P69
Contains list of duties, rosters, photos of personnel, and
statistics

Annual Report of the Tax Assessor

City of Plainfield

PR 336.2 P69

Residential and business listings for taxes for years 1966, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1978

Building Code City of Plainfield

City of Plainfield

PR 692 P6

First city Building Code from 1911 and revisions from 1941 and 1962.

Capitol Improvement Program

City of Plainfield

PR 711 P69 Ca

Detailed budget and overview for building and capitol expenditures between 1977-88; 1986-91; 1988-93

Charter & General Ordinances of Plainfield, NJ

PR 352 P6

Charter and ordinances for 1912, 1924, 1942, 1958, and 1968.

Charter and General Ordinances

1958

Ordinances and charter for Building Code, fire, fire prevention, zoning, and others

Charter and Municipal Code of Plainfield

City of Plainfield

PR 352 P6

Charter and Municipal Codes for 1971, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1992

Charter of the City of Plainfield, NJ

1912

Plainfield charter and ordinances with supplementary acts for 1912

Charter of the City of Plainfield

1968

PR 352 P6

Charter for the City effective January 1, 1969

Charter Ordinances

City of Plainfield

PR 352 RP6

Rules of Common Council and laws for City of Plainfield 1869, 1879, 1885, 1888, 1890, 1902, 1912, 1879, 1902, 1921

Citizen Survey by Budget Office

City of Plainfield

PR 352 B86 C

Recreational, labor, police, housing and recommendations from questions. 1976 and 1978 Surveys

Common Council Proceedings

Leonard, Oliver B.

PR 352 P69

Published newspaper reports of Common Council Minutes pasted into scrapbooks for years: 1871, 1875-78, 1880-89, 1894.

Community Inventory of the Plainfield Area

Plainfield Chamber of Commerce

1962

PR 330.974

Surveys, unemployment statistics in Union County.

Community Renewal Program Plainfield, NJ

1969

PR 711 P69Co

Guidelines for change in education and housing (in wake of riot)

Complaints and Human Relations

City of Plainfield

PR 352 C73

Discusses non-binding Human Relations Commission of 1960's and early 70's, which sought to solve neighborhood problems

Comprehensive Criminal Justice Plan

1977

PR 345.05 P69

Update of former plan containing juvenile court changes

Comprehensive Development Plan

1970

PR 711 P69 C

Extensive discussion of land use

Concept Feasibility Report: Police-Fire Consolidation

Department of Public Affairs and Safety

1979

PR 363 P6

Report discusses ways to eliminate duplicative efforts between the two departments.

Development Opportunities C.B.D. Plainfield, NJ

1974

PR 338.5 D49

Report evaluates the real estate development opportunities for Plainfield

Economic Market Study for the City of Plainfield

1967

PR 711 M92

Reports findings of study

Evaluation of the functions of the Plainfield City Council

League of Woman Voters of Plainfield
PR 352 P691A

Citizen sample survey of opinions from residents

Evaluation of the functions of the Plainfield City Council

Plainfield League of Woman Voters
PR 352 P691

Analysis of Plainfield's City Council

Evaluation Plainfield City Council Appendix A

Plainfield League of Woman Voters
PR 352 P691 A

Statistical survey of the citizens opinions of Plainfield

Fire Prevention Code of 1971, City of Plainfield, NJ

1971

PR 614.8 P6 1971

Fire Prevention Code for Plainfield, NJ

Fire Prevention Code of the City of Plainfield, NJ

1956

PR 614.8 P6

Fire prevention code

History of the Plainfield Fire Department

Peltier, Eugene

PR 352.3 P36

Covers the years 1827-1901.

Housing Authority of Plainfield, NJ

1962

PR 301.54 P6

Annual Report: December 31, 1962

Housing Survey Plainfield New Jersey

Wenzlick, Roy

1951

PR 331.83 W48

Data covering Plainfield housing in designated areas by skin color, owner vs. tenant occupation, plumbing conditions, and more.

Master Plan of the City of Plainfield

1959

PR 711 P69

Master Plan for land use

Master Plan

1998

Comprehensive plan dealing with land use, housing, economic development, transportation, community facilities & recreation.

Master Plan: City of Plainfield, Union County, NJ

Draft of the City of Plainfield Master Plan, November 19, 1998

Mayor's Annual Message

PR 352 M45

9 Volumes

Mayoral address for years: 1893, 1910, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 30, 67, 74, 77, 79.

Mayor's Census Task Force

2000

Census information regarding Plainfield

Mayor's Committee on the Juvenile Justice System

1977

PR 364.36 P6

Report discusses problems and gives recommendations for improvement.

Mayor's Crime Prevention Commission Report

1973

PR 364.4 P69

Crime Prevention Report.

Message of the Mayor to the Common Council

Fisk, Charles J.

1910

PR 352 M45

Covers the accomplishments of the past year and offers plans for the new year

Minutes City Hall Building Committee

PR 352.5 P6

5 Volumes

Covers the period pf December 6, 1915 to December 15, 1919.

Municipal Budget

PR 352.1 P691M

2 Volumes

Local budgets for years: 1939, 40, 59-62, 64-76, 78, 80-88, 90, 93, 94.

National Board of Fire Underwriters

PR 352.3 N2

Reviews available water and fire fighting equipment along with fire hazards for the years 1914, 1927, and 1935

Nexation and Consolidation

1902

PR 352 Un3

30 reasons for annexation and consolidation.

Objectives

City of Plainfield- Office of Budget
1979
PR 352 B86
5 Volumes

Contains plans for Plainfield's budget allocation and citizen representation. Years 1975-79.

On Motions to Dismiss Petition

1971
PR 344.07 P69B
Brief of Petitioner, Board of Education of the City of Plainfield, in opposition to motions to dismiss.

Periodic Re-examination Report of the Master Plan

City of Plainfield
PR 711 P69R
Examination of changes in community

PHA Plans

Annual plan and five year plan for the Plainfield Housing Authority.

Plainfield Community Recreation Guide

1926
PR 790 C7
Contains overview of committee lists, dances, seaside visits, and holiday parties

Plainfield in the 80's

1980
PR 309 P69
Workshop objective: draw ample attendance and improve the quality of life for residents.

Plainfield Joint Sewage Disposal Plant

PR 628 P69
Overview of the area sewerage treatment system, including background and history.

Plainfield Plan for Criminal Justice

1973
PR 345.05 P69 1977
Contains detailed plan for Police Detective Division to combat crime

Plainfield Recreation Commission

PR 790 P69
Annual Reports 1962, 1963, 1967, 1968.

Plainfield Recreation: facilities, programs

1983
PR 790 P68
Examines town's organizations

Plainfield Rodent & Insect Control Project

Powell, Vivian
1973
PR 614.43 P69P
Covers project activities and accomplishments

Plainfield Strategic Planning Process, The 1998

Intended to coordinate views from government and the public

Plainfield Survey

1947
PR 323.1 P69
Written account on Human Relations

Plainfield, NJ Office of Deputy Administrator 1974

PR 352 P69Z
Annual report 1974

Plainfield, NJ Office of the Tax Assessor

PR 336.2 P69
Annual Reports for 1966, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1980

Planning Division City of Plainfield

Weinstein, Elliot
1970
PR 711 P69P
Description of vacant properties and potential usage in the City of Plainfield

Plumbing Code of the City of Plainfield, The

1961
PR 696 P6
Plumbing Code

Police Department Manual

1896
PR 352.2 C7
Police Manual with Do's and Don'ts.

Post Office, Plainfield, NJ

Buell, Charles E.
1896
PR 383 Un1
History of Plainfield and its postal service, includes the names of many postal employees.

Practical Plan of Plainfield

League of Women Voters
1951
PR 331.83 L4
Outlines design for low rent housing for low income local families.

Property Maintenance Code City of Plainfield
PR 352.92 P69
Codes made effective July 1964 and September 1978

Proposed Subdivision Ordinance
1970
PR 711 P69L
Ordinances for subdividing Plainfield

Proposed Zoning Ordinance
1970
PR 711 P69Z
Proposed Zoning Ordinance.

Public Square Proposition
PR 711 P9
Diagram

Recreation Survey
Community Service Council
1963
PR 790 C73
Input from 73 local organizations including the YMCA, Elks, and Monday Afternoon Club.

Report of Audit
City of Plainfield County of Union
PR 352.1 P 691 R
Audit and financial reports 1961-1974 (1964 missing)

Report of the Bi-Municipal Consolidation Commission
1907
PR 352 P6B
Pro's and con's of consolidation.

Report on a Survey of the City Government
1916
PR 352 T2
City of Plainfield government survey

Report on Plainfield, NJ
National Board of Fire Underwriters
1956
PR 352.3 N2
Reviews resources for fighting fires and causes of fires

Report on the Water Supply of Plainfield, NJ
Fuertes, James H.
1910
PR 628.1 F97
Maps and guides regarding the supply and demand for water. Rainfall tables and deep wells of Eastern NJ.

Rules and Regulations Fire Department Plainfield
1903
PR 352.3 C7
Specifies in detail such things as dress requirements and acceptable language

Sanitary Code
1969
PR 614.7 P6 Suppl
Two amendments to the Sanitary Code

Sanitary Code of the City of Plainfield
1961
PR 614.7P6

Senior Citizen Housing
Planning Division, City of Plainfield
1974
PR 711 P69 Se
Analyses the feasibility of a plan for a senior citizens' housing project.

Sewerage of Plainfield, The
PR 628 Se8
Report from a committee formed to consider the creation of a sewerage system.

Sewerage System of Plainfield NJ
Gavett, Andrew J., C.E.
PR 628 G24
Detailed discussion of the system, its origins, and how it works.

Streets and Sewers 1904-05 Plainfield
PR 628 P6
Brief annual reports for 1904 and 1905. Report on streets and sewers. Two reports bound together.

Suburban Zoning Practices Surrounding Plainfield
Weinstein, Elliot
1971
PR 711 P69S
Reports on the zoning practices of nine neighboring municipalities

Summary of Comprehensive Development Plan
1969
PR 711 P69 C1
Presents a series of proposals for future development.

Summary of Report Plainfield, NJ
Sternleib, George
1971
PR 309.26 St 45S
Report on Plainfield and its comparison to Newark and Hoboken

Survey of the Division of Police, A

Field Operations Division

1971

PR 352.2 In 8

Plainfield Police Department survey

Survey of the Division of Police, A

Field Operations Division

1971

PR 352.2 In 8

Preliminary Plainfield Police Department survey

Taxes and Tax Laws of Plainfield- Union Club

1883

PR 352.1 Un3

Report read before the Union Club of Plainfield. Covers the history of governance of the City of Plainfield

Treasurer's Report of the City of Plainfield

PR 352.1 C4

Financial information laid out by fund type for years 1898-1905

Urban Rodent and Insect Control Project

1971

PR 614.43 P69

Grant application, including budget and correspondence.

Urban Rodent and Insect Control Project

Disko, M. Associates

1971

PR 614.7 D63

Report reviewing project activities and offering a plan for cleaning the city.

Vest Pocket Park Report

Plainfield Planning Division

PR 711 P69 V

Contains detailed architectural drawings, zoning rules, and financing for project

Water Investigation

1909

PR 352.6 W2

Presents the findings of a committee formed to determine whether Plainfield should own and operate its own water supply

Water Works and Sewage Disposal- Plainfield

1887

PR 628 C8

Report providing preliminary information for a proposed system in Plainfield.

West End Story, The

Madison, James A.

1960

PR 361.4 N21

Recommendations to launch a Master Plan which might provide for recreational facilities in Plainfield

West End Survey, The

Madison, James A.

1960

PR 361.4 N21

A survey of the recreational needs in the west end of Plainfield

What's Ahead for Plainfield

League of Women Voters of Plainfield

PR 711 L47

A brief examination of the topic in Plainfield

Zoning

PR 711 P6Z

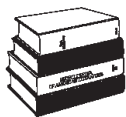
1972

Zoning Ordinance of the City of Plainfield

1960

PR 711 P6P

Zoning Ordinance



Clubs & Organizations

Anti Tuberculosis League of Plainfield

PR 361.9 RP6 C

Annual reports

[Arbor Vitae Court No. 40]

Book of Favorite Recipes, A

1961

Collection of recipes from the women's Masonic organization, includes basic kitchen information.

[Bicycle Club, Plainfield] Almanac, The

1890

PR 974.939 B4

Fundraiser publication includes local history on several subjects with monthly calendar

[Chamber of Commerce] Organization for Action

Plainfield Central Jersey Chamber of Commerce

1975

PR 658 C35M

Membership Roster and Business Service Directory

[Chamber of Commerce]

PCC Magazine

PR 051 C35

Organization news

[Chamber of Commerce]

Plainfield Chamber of Commerce

1952

PR 658 C3

Contains constitution, by-laws, and roster.

[Charity Organization Society, The]

PR 361.9 RP6c

Plainfield and North Plainfield Annual reports: Years 1922, 1927-1931, 1937-1939

[Charity Organization Society]

1927

PR 361.9 RP6 V

Contributions made by and to Charitable Org. Society with photos by P.R. Collier. Donor list included

[Charity Organization Society]

PR 361.9 RP6 C

Placement of adopted children, funds for food and clothing contributed to causes such as TB, visiting nurses, schools, etc.

[Children's Home Association]

1912

PR 362.7 P6

Annual report

[Children's Home Association] Report Plainfield

Children's Home v.41 1918

1918

PR 362.9 P6

Small report along with treasurer's report and officers.

[Children's Home Association] Reports V3, 10-18, 20, 21, 23, 25, 30, 31, 33

Plainfield Children's Home Association

PR 362.7 P6

9 Volumes

Notes on the organization, finances, and rules of the Children's Home (orphanage) with lists of donations.

[Citizen's Organized Aid Association]

1893

PR 361.9 RP6C

Annual Reports: 1893-1904. 2 volumes

[Community Service Council]

PR 361 P69

Reports from committees of an organization formed to coordinate efforts of area public and private agencies 1962 and 1963

[Family Service]

Eastwick, U.S.A.

Hush, Howard

1948

PR 361 H95

Account of a social worker at a family service agency who was inspired to write this book by Ethel Skillman Rush

[Grace Episcopal Church]

Cook Book

Signed recipes are arranged by category

[Hillside Cemetery Association, The]

1933

PR 393 H5

Description of the cemetery and its amenities and services

[Hillside Tennis Club]

PR 790 H5

Constitution and by-laws of the Hillside Tennis Club and the then Hillside Tennis and Golf Club (1891-1903)

[Historical Society of Plainfield and North Plainfield, The]

1971

PR 974.939 H62

Brief history of the society and its headquarters, The Drake House Museum

[Jerusalem Lodge F. & A.M.]

Thompson, William M.

1917

History of the Masonic organization covering the years 1817-1917, includes names of members and brief biographies

[Kiwanis]

Parent--Child Assistance Committee

PR 362.7 P2

Surveys the causes and solutions of juvenile delinquency in post-WWII Plainfield. Contains letter from J.Edgar Hoover

[Kiwanis]

Plainfield Kiwanis Club

PR 369 K65

History and scope of Kiwanis in Plainfield, NJ

[League of Women Voters]

League of Women Voters of Plainfield 1920-1978

1996

PR 324 L47

History of the organization

[Lions]

History of the Plainfield Lions Club

Hoffman, Ray E.

1954

PR 369 H67

History of the first 32 years

[Neighborhood House]

Annual Report of Neighborhood House

PR 362.8 P69

Annual Reports for 1966 and 1971-72.

[Neighborhood House]

Neighborhood House 1943-1973

1973

PR 362.8 P69N

Inner city program helping children. Promotional piece highlighting anniversary

[Neighborhood House]

Study of Neighborhood House

Bond, Robert L.

1960

PR 362.8 B64

Confidential study about success, competence, effectiveness, and purpose of programs

Neighborhood Youth Corps: Annual Report 1972

1972

PR 362.7 N31

1972 Annual Report

[Plainfield Country Club]

PR 790 P6C

Covers constitution and by-laws, rules and membership for this organization
3 volumes

[Plainfield Country Club]

PR 790 P6A

8 Volumes

Committee rules, bylaws, constitution and membership list for 1905, 1908-14, 1922, and 1925.

[Plainfield Country Club]

A scrapbook from 1905-1913 including events, programs, balance sheets, annual reports, and more.

[Plainfield Country Club]

First Hundred Years, The

PR 790 P6F

Promotional book about the Plainfield Country Club's 100 year anniversary in 1990.

[Plainfield Foundation]

1920

PR 361 P6

Declaration of trust: resolution proving for the creation and management of the Plainfield Foundation

[Plainfield Relief Association]

1906

PR 362.8 Un3A

Reports from 1893-1905 Contains reports of nonprofit organization to assist homeless, sick, and poor residents. List of donor members

[Plainfield Relief Association]

1879

PR 361.9 RP6C v.1

Annual Reports: 1879-1881, 1883-1905

[Plainfield Women's Exchange]

1903

PR 658 P6

Yearly booklet outlining activities of woman's exchange.

[Rotary Club]

Rotary Club of Plainfield: 50th Anniversary

1971

PR 369 R74

50th Anniversary celebration 1921-1971

[Union County Country Club]

Constitution & By-Laws

1890

PR 790 Un3

Located in Plainfield, includes names of members.

[United Community Services]

PR 361.8 P69

Fanwood-Plainfield-North Plainfield annual reports:
1962, 1968, 1969, 1971

[United Family & Children's Home Society]

1878

PR 362.8 Un3P

Original rules, purpose, and membership list of organization.

[United Family and Children's Home Society]

Scrapbook

PR 362.8 Un3S

Newspaper articles regarding the organization. 1893-1900, 1919-30, and 1931-59.

2 volumes

[United Family and Children's Society]

Annual Reports 1879-1904

United Family and Children's Society

PR 362.8 Un3A

Annual Reports

3 volumes

[United Family and Children's Society]

Executive Committee Minutes 1893-1895

PR 362.8 Un3M

[United Family and Children's Society]

Board Meeting Minutes

PR 362.8 Un3M

4 Volumes

Minutes to the meetings that took place. 1891-99, 1890-93, 1912-13, 1899-1907.

[United Family and Children's Society]

Case Records, Appendix 1900-06

1907

PR 362.8 Un3C v.3

3 Volumes

Records from 1899-1901 and 1900-05. Includes detailed information on those seeking help.

[United Family and Children's Society]

Material Relief 1917-1920

1920

PR 362.8 Un3M

Annual reports 1917-1920

[United Family and Children's Society]

Record Book 1879-1892

PR 362.8 Un3R

List of residents and placements

[United Family and Children's Society]

Relief Association Reports 1879-1892

1893

PR 362.8 Un3A v.1

Annual Reports

[Visiting Nurse Association]

Board Members' Manual

1947

PR 361.9 P6 Vi

Statistical outline of birth and death rates together with health and social services of Plainfield.

[Visiting Nurse Association]

Visiting Nurse Association of Plainfield, The

PR 361.9 P69

Brief history of group

[Women's Auxiliary of Muhlenberg]

Here's to Hospitality

1949

Signed recipes are arranged by category, also includes advertising.

[Women's Society of the First Baptist Church]

Book of Favorite Recipes, The

1961

Signed recipes are arranged by category

[YMCA]

Developmental Study of the Plainfield YMCA

1961

PR 267.3N21

Study giving an evaluation of the Plainfield YMCA

[YMCA]

Forward Movement to meet a Civic Need

PR 267 3Y8

Book discusses the origins of the Young Men's Christian Association.

[YMCA]

History of the Moorland Branch YMCA

Johnson, Frederick A.

PR 267.3J63

Booklet giving a brief history of the origins of the Moorland branch of the Plainfield YMCA

[YMCA]

Plainfield Area YMCA

PR 267.3 Y8H

Handbook with description of the group's purpose

[YMCA]

Pursuit of Values

Moore, Harry E., Jr.

1970

PR 170.2 M78

Discusses management and problems of the Plainfield

YMCA

[YWCA]

YWCA of Plainfield and North Plainfield

1996

Application for certification of eligibility for state and national register listing



Clubs & Organizations Archival Records

Arbor Vitae Court Order of the Amaranth

Founded: 1930 Scope: 1937-1941

Plainfield Art Association

Founded: 1927 Scope: 1962-1971

Boy Scouts

Founded: Scope: 1918-1921

Business and Professional Women's Club

Founded: Scope: 1921-1930

Central Jersey Chamber of Commerce

Founded: Scope: 1964-2000

Charity Organization Society

Founded: 1907 Scope: 1907-1933

Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle

Founded: Scope: 1882-1914

Plainfield Choral Club

Founded: 1928 Scope: 1929-1942

Plainfield Choral Society #1

Founded: Scope: 1890-1893

Plainfield Choral Society #2

Founded: 1962 Scope: 1963

Plainfield Community Chorus

Founded: Scope: 1920-1922

Plainfield College Club

Founded: 1907 Scope: 1939-1956

**Community Chest of Plainfield & North
Plainfield**

Founded: 1919 Scope: 1919-1940

Community Players of Plainfield

Founded: 1924 Scope: 1927

Community Welfare Council

Founded: Scope: 1957-1964

Plainfield Concert Society

Founded: Scope: 1921-1930

Cosmopolitan Club

Founded: 1944 Scope: 1945-1996

**Plainfield Crescent Area Neighborhood
Association**

Founded: Scope: 1985

Daughters of the American Revolution

Founded: Scope:

Deliber Society

Founded: 1881 Scope: 1881-1883

Plainfield Lodge of Elks

Founded: Scope: 1931

FOSH, Friends of Sleepy Hollow

Founded: 1997-2002
Scope: 1997-2002

Friends of the Plainfield Public Library

Founded: 1960-1987
Scope: 1960-1987

G.A.R., Winfield Scott Post #73

Founded: 1882
Scope: 1883-1915

Plainfield Girl Scout Council

Founded: 1925
Scope: 1936

Greater Plainfield Habitat for Humanity

Founded: 1999
Scope: 1999

Plainfield Hearing Society

Founded: 1960
Scope: 1960

Plainfield Heritage, Inc.

Founded: 1978
Scope: 1978

Hillside Country Club

Founded: 1896
Scope: 1896-1904

Historical Society of Plainfield [and North Plainfield]

Founded: 1921
Scope: 1971-2000

Plainfield Home Defense League

Founded: 1918
Scope: 1918

Interfaith Council for the Homeless of Union County

Founded: 1999-2000
Scope: 1999-2000

Plainfield Jewish Community Center

Founded: 1943
Scope: 1943

Junior League

Founded: 1925-1963
Scope: 1925-1963

Plainfield City Union of the Kings Daughters

Founded: 1887
Scope: 1902-1976

Kiwanis Club

Founded: 1924
Scope: 1932-1995

Ladies Home of Plainfield

Founded: 1910
Scope: 1910-1991

League of Women Voters

Founded: 1920
Scope: 1920-1978

Memorial Society of Plainfield

Founded: 1964
Scope: 1973

Mineralogical Society

Founded: 1922
Scope: 1922

Plainfield Mothers Association

Founded: 1906
Scope: 1922

Monday Afternoon Club

Founded: 1888
Scope: 1889-1979

Musical Club

Founded: 1892
Scope: 1892-1967

Neighborhood House

Founded: 1949
Scope: 1960-1962

Organized Aid Association

Founded: 1893
Scope: 1893-1907

PACE, Plainfield Area Coalition for the Environment

Founded: 1971
Scope: 1971

Parent-Child Assistance Committee

Founded: 1943
Scope: 1944

Plainfield Country Club

Founded: 1890
Scope: 1890

Plainfield Relief Association

Founded: 1878
Scope: 1878-1889

Planned Parenthood of Union County Area, Inc.

Founded: 1975-1979
Scope: 1975-1979

Rasores

Founded: 1886
Scope: 1898-1957

Plainfield Area Chapter of the American Red Cross

Founded: 1917
Scope: 1917-1963

Plainfield Reform Club

Founded: 1884
Scope: 1884-1910

Reunion Committees, Plainfield High School

Founded: 1939-1982
Scope: 1939-1982

Ric-Charles Choral Ensemble

Founded: 1980
Scope: 1990-1995

Rotary Club of Plainfield: 50th Anniversary

Founded: 1921
Scope: 1935-1997

RSVP, Residents Supporting Victorian Plainfield

Founded: 1985
Scope: 1999-2002

Sesame Club

Founded: 1904 Scope: 1904-1980

Shakespeare Society

Founded: 1887 Scope: 1896-1994

Plainfield Symphony Society

Founded: 1920 Scope: 1921-1969

Town Improvement Association

Founded: Scope:

Union Club

Founded: Scope: 1884

Union County Country Club

Founded: 1878 Scope:

Union County Hiking Club

Founded: 1938 Scope: 1963

United Community Fund

Founded: 1958 Scope: 1958-1959

United Community Services

Founded: 1918 Scope: 1968

United Family and Children's Society

Founded: Scope: 1942-1996

United Hebrew Charity Organization

Founded: Scope: 1915-1916

Van Wyck Brooks Historic District

Founded: Scope: 1997

Visiting Nurse Association

Founded: 1911 Scope: 1927-1948

Plainfield Vocal Society

Founded: Scope: 1879

Watching Nature Club

Founded: 1927 Scope: 1933-1976

Church Women United of the Plainfield Area

Founded: 1912 Scope: 1912-1989

Women's Auxiliary of Muhlenberg Hospital

Founded: Scope: 1968

Catholic Women's Club

Founded: Scope: 1938-1994

Plainfield Federation of Women's Missionary Societies

Founded: Scope: 1923-1944

Plainfield Y.M.C.A.

Founded: 1867 Scope: 1869-1967

Y.W.C.A. of Plainfield and North Plainfield

Founded: 1907 Scope: 1914-1967



Reading Room of the Carnegie Library, ca. 1912



Education

[pamphlet]

PR 643.7 O1

Collection of press releases and newsletters from the board of education arranged by type.

[pamphlets]

PR 371 R29

Collection of school newsletters. Insight and Report to the Community from the Board of Ed 1968-1973

Addendum: Master Plan for Educational Facilities

Engelhardt and Engelhardt, Inc
1980

PR 371.6 En35 Suppl

Analysis of Cost Implications

Annual Report Board of Education

City of Plainfield

PR 379.7 P1

Reports on school's finance, superintendent's yearly message, list of students 1892, 1903-1912, 1913-1926, 1927-1937, 1937-1947

Bilingual Curriculum guide: 7-12 Hispanic

Lewis, Ronald H., Dr.

1977

PR 375.4 P69 Cu

Continuation of the Elementary Education Bilingual guide for 1976

Board of Education Minutes

1999

PR 379 B68 M

Board of Education minutes 1998-1999

Booker, et al., vs. Board of Education, Plainfield

1963

PR 344.079 B64

Petition of appeal alleging the Board of Ed. Maintains a racially segregated public school system in Plainfield.

Booker, et al., vs. Board of Education, Plainfield

1964

PR 344.079 B64 A

Decision of the state Board of Ed. Involving alleged racial imbalance in Plainfield Schools.

Catalogue of Green Brook Family Education

1842

PR 373 G8

Handbook of exclusive boy's education in Greenbrook teaching languages, arts, and math 1841-1842

Clinton School, Plainfield NJ

2002

Discusses the previous year

Communications Report and Recommendations

1971

PR 384.6 C73

Board of Education and other City agencies, proposed communications report and recommendations

Curriculum Guide for the Educable Mentally Retarded

Lewis, Ronald H., Dr.

1976

PR 371.92 P69

Establishes educational program for the mentally retarded in the district.

Curriculum Guide for the Emotionally Disturbed

PR 371.9 P69

Guide for developing a curriculum for emotionally and socially challenged children

Demonstration Education Project, The

Cathie, Shirley B.

1977

PR 372.19 C28

Covers experimental education set up in Plainfield to shift learning center from teacher to student

Developmental Reading Grades 7 and 8

Lewis, Ronald H., Dr.

PR 375.43 D49

Brief curriculum guide

Enrichment of the Academically Able

Lewis, Ronald H., Dr.

1975

PR 371.95 P69

Examines enrichment curriculum of Plainfield Public Schools.

Funded Programs 1977-78

1978

PR 379.1 P69

Booklet documenting funded programs 1977-78

Grouping Students for Instruction

Columbia University, Teachers College

1969

PR 371 c72

Findings of the study team from Columbia University re: improving educational process

Handbook for the Reading Teacher

1975

PR 372.4 P69

Written for system wide unification of procedures

Historical Discourse

Schenck, Cornelius, Minister

1905

PR 285 Sch2

25th Anniversary celebration

Know your Schools

The League of Woman Voters of Plainfield

1962

PR 371 L47

Presents coverage of the school system

Know your Schools

Education Plant Analysis Committee

1951

PR 371.6 Sch 6

Reports on school facilities while providing general information about standards

Lesson Plans

Plainfield Board of Education

PR 371.3 P69

Various guides to curriculum supplementation on topics such as music and literature

Local School Study Report

League of Woman Voters of Plainfield

1975

PR 371.1 L47

Discusses the process of evaluation.

Management Plan for the Public Schools of Plainfield.

Lewis, Ronald H., Dr.

1976

PR 371.2 Su76

District goals report

Manual for the Evaluation of Local School Districts

Cooperman, Saul and McCarroll, Walter

1984

PR 371 P681

Reviews the monitoring process and procedures for evaluating schools.

Master Plan for Educational Facilities

1979

PR 371.6 En35

Building and floor plans for schools in the district

Menninger Foundation Report & Proposal to City

1972

PR 323.1 M52

Evaluates Plainfield schools, identifies community issues, and proposes reorganization of Plainfield education.

New Jersey School Report Card

Collection of reports evaluating each public school for years 1994-95, 1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99.

NJ School Report Card, Plainfield NJ

Barlow, Dewitt

PR 371.01 NEW

Information regarding each school building in Plainfield 1998-99 and 1999-01.

Opheleton Seminary for Young Ladies

1861

PR 373 Op 2

Handbook for Seminary, describes courses and rules.

Oracle, The

1930

PR 373 Or 11

Bound Plainfield High School literary magazine 1929-1930

Petition of Board of Education to Commissioner of Education in NJ

1971

PR 344.07 P69

Petition of Board of Education of Plainfield to Commissioner of Education in NJ.

Plainfield Board of Education-Petition of Appeal

1971

PR 344.07 P69

Appeal by Plainfield Board of Education regarding racial segregation in schools.

PHS 50th Reunion: We've Done It!

1999

Class of 1949 High School reunion program

Chronological list regarding some of the first families of Plainfield, NJ.

Plainfield High School Yearbook

PR 373 P69

Yearbooks: 1928-1999 [various missing]

Plainfield Public Schools

1996

Blueprint for educational excellence

Plainfield Public Schools

Leverett, Larry Dr.

Test Results for 94-95 school year

Plainfield School System in the Depression, The

Greet, Robert L.

1972

PR 373.74 G85

Depression effects on the school system budget (1930-1937)

Pre-Kindergarten Curriculum Guide

Lewis, Ronald H., Dr.

1976

PR 372.21 P69

Material developed and compiled by curriculum committee who participated in a 1976 summer workshop.

Program of Studies Plainfield High School

PR 373 P69

Details rules for school matriculation, graduation and special course study.

Proposed Annual School Budget

Board of Education

PR 379 B68 P

8 Volumes

Plainfield school budget for years: 1951-54, 1955-56, 1972-74, 1974-75 and 1979-80.

Report of Statewide Testing Results for Plainfield Schools

1972

PR 371 N42

Report on the status of the Plainfield School System

Report of the Educational Excellence Committee

1983

PR 371 P68

Document dedicated to suggesting ways of improving the Plainfield Educations.

Report on the Proposed 1974-75 School Budget

1973

PR 379 P69

Education budget proposal plan for 1974-1975

Resource Book for the Teaching of Reading in PHS

Parenty, Patrick, Dr.

1981

PR 375.43 P69

Detailed teachers' guide

Revised Curriculum Guide for Bilingual Education

Lewis, Ronald H., Dr.

1976

PR 375.4 P69 C

Grades 1-6, curriculum is offered as a reference source to bilingual program instructors.

Silver Reunion: Class of 1934, The

1959

Plainfield High School 1934 Class reunion.

Study of Education District Organization

1981

Estimates and studies of school districts in Plainfield

Subjects and Methods

1888

PR 373 B6

Handbook of the Public school of the City of Plainfield

Successful School Series

Barlow, Dewitt

1982

PR 372 Su18

Speech of Superintendent of Schools

2 volumes

Superintendent's Report

Lewis, Ronald H., Dr.

1976

PR 371.2 Su76R

Superintendent's Report for 1976

Towards Improving Student Achievement

Gillingham, Evan S.

1980

PR 371.3 P68

Task force on strategies for effective education

Transition in Plainfield's Public Schools

1970

PR 371 P69 T

Contains analysis of racial balances in schools with accommodations for reorganization.

Transition in the Plainfield Public Schools

Engelhardt and Engelhardt, Inc

1970

PR 371 P69

Public Education assessment report

Wardlaw School

PR 373 W2

Overview of the benefits of a private boys' school



Ethnic Studies

African American Inventors

Sanders, Viola H

1995

PR 608.773 SAN

Biography and discussion of inventors and inventions credited to African Americans.

Cultural Assessment of Plainfield

1996

Follow-up report to the cultural inventory, this report expands on available options.

Cultural Inventory of Plainfield, NJ

1996

PR 706 OL3

Describes organizations and facilities and issues related to both.

Plainfield's African-American

Bethel, Leonard

1998

PR 277 P69

Historical look at the African American population of Plainfield, NJ beginning 1870.

Revised Multi-Cultural/ Ethnic Plan

Lattimore, Everett C.

1986

PR 371 R32

Racial balance in the schools and bilingual services for non-English speaking students.

Study of Racial Imbalance

Wolff, Max

1963

PR 371 W83

Racial imbalance in the Plainfield Education System. Includes facts, effects, and remedies of study

The Negro Awakening in Plainfield, NJ

Robins, Martin E.

1964

PR 301.451 R55

Thesis on evolution of African Americans in Plainfield

The Negro Wage Earner of New Jersey

Hall, Egerton E., Ed.D

PR 325 H14

A study of occupational trends in New Jersey

Values For Freedom

Moore, Harry E. Jr.

1972

PR 323.44 M78

Deals with the social and individual values necessary to provide an adequate support base



Family History

Babcock and Allied Families

De Forest, Louis Effingham, A.M. J.D.

1928

PR 929.2 B11

History of families descending to George Lauson Babcock (1885-1942), Plainfield resident and president of First National Bank.

Dunham Family, The

Leonard, Oliver B.

1900

PR 929.2 RL5

History of Dunham family from the 1600's to the 1800's. Pages cut and glued onto a 1900's diary.

Family Tree of the Ryle, Barry and O'Keefe Families

PR 929 K22

Family trees of three families from 1770 to 1970

Scannell's New Jersey's First Citizens

Scannell, J.J. (Editor)

1917

Alphabetical directory of prominent residents of New Jersey for 1917-1918.

Stillman Family, The

Stillman, Francis D., Jr.

1989

PR 929.2 St 54S

Genealogical presentation listing the descendants of George Stillman (1654-1728) and his son Dr. George Stillman (1679-1760).

Van Doorn Family, The

Honeyman, Abraham Van Doren

1909

PR 929.2 V2

Origins of the Van Doorn family from the Netherlands to USA. Some settled in Plainfield.



Gardens

Alpine Gardens

Osman, Arthur H

1932

PR 716 Os 28

Advises the novice gardener

Book of the Peony, The

Harding, Edward Mrs.

1917

City Beautiful- Plainfield

PR 917.49 C3

Briefly promotes the features and advantages to living in Plainfield

History of the Plainfield Garden Club

Furman, Victoria

PR 635 F98

Covers the accomplishments of the organization over a period of fifty years (1915-1965)

Lilacs in my Gardens

Harding, Alice

1933

PR 716 H21L

Describes the wide variety available to the gardener



Health

75th Annual Report

PR 352.4 P6H

Health issues of 1963, such as rates of disease, vital statistics, and laboratory testing of food and drink

Annual Report Muhlenberg Hospital

Muhlenberg Hospital

PR 362 Mu

Annual Report for years: 1879-1953, 1955-58, 60, 66-69, 73-82, 86, 93, 95, 98.

Board of Health Annual Report

PR 352.4 P6H

Health issues of the years 1902-1913, such as rates of disease, vital statistics, and milk and ice quality

Muhlenberg Quarterly

PR 382 M89

Summer, Fall 1967, Summer, Fall, Winter 1968, Summer 1969, Summer, Fall 1970, Summer 1971, Summer, Fall 1972

Muhlenberg Quarterly (continued)

Muhlenberg Hospital

PR 382 M89

Spring, Winter 1973, Spring, Summer, Fall 1975, Spring, Summer 1976, Spring, Summer 1978, Spring, Summer 1979

Survey of Health Facilities of Plainfield

Health Committee League of Woman Voters

PR 352.4 L4

Directory of area resources, their scopes and purposes

Venereal Disease Social Service in Plainfield, NJ

Casselmann, A.J.

1922

PR 614 Un3V

General discussions on how the office works.



Historic Sites

City of Plainfield Survey of Historic Building Resources

Hunton, Gail

1985

PR 720 H72

List of Historic resources for preservation planning.

Plainfield

Hunton, Gail

1998

Guidelines for Historic Districts of Plainfield, including new construction and renovation.

Realistic Survey of Plainfield, NJ

Peck, Frank Clay

1923

PR 917.49 P33

Pictorial of Plainfield, residences, and public buildings. Includes map

Plainfield Homes and Homesites

Plainfield Park Associates

1930

PR 917.49 P6P

Promotes Plainfield as a community in which to build a new home.

Proposed North Avenue Historic District

1983

Application package for recognition by the National Register of Historic Places

Survey of Historic Building Resources

Hunton, Gail

1985

PR 720 H92

Overview of historical development along with architectural summary and survey results



History

18th Annual Convention of Letter Carriers Association

La Rock, Albert F

1916

PR 917.49 L3

Plainfield book featuring places to see, residential areas, and photos of town workers. Most photos are by Paul R. Collier

Annual Reports for the City of Plainfield

PR 352.07 RP6

Reports of each division including police and fire 1915-1925, 1926-1935, 1936-1945, 1946-1950, 1951-1956, 1957-1960

Bicentennial 1776-1976

Lewis, Ronald H., Dr.

PR 791 P69

Education compilation of Bicentennial and Plainfield

Courier News Centennial Souvenir Edition, The

1984

PR 917.49 C83

Year by year survey of both national and local news covered over the 100 year period.

Crossroads of Opportunity

Plainfield Area Chamber of Commerce

1973

PR 917.49 C35C

Pictorial presentation of Plainfield

Days before the Tube in Plainfield

Munoz, Alfred

1983

PR 917.49 M92

Somewhat biographical account of life in Plainfield in the 1920's

Four Towns Remembered

Cecchetti, Jacqueline Harper

1996

PR 917.49 C32

Personal account of Plainfield, Fanwood, Scotch Plains and Westfield

Historic Tour of Plainfield, NJ

Planning Division- City of Plainfield

PR 917.49 M12

Description of sixteen historic Plainfield homes.

History of Plainfield

Hoffman, Ray E.

1964

PR 974.939 C83

History of Plainfield, including many city firsts

History of Plainfield

Lapsley, Howard G

1953

PR 974.939 L3

History from Indian times to present day

History of Plainfield and North Plainfield

Smiley, E.T.

1901

PR 974.939 Sm4

Detailed history.

Housing Conditions in Plainfield and North Plainfield

Brown, Udetta D

1914

PR 331.83 C3

Description of housing conditions in Plainfield and North Plainfield. Many photos.

Kid's History of Early Plainfield, A

DiNizo, Alice

2002

Well-illustrated local history for children.

Marilyn's Fight Against Falsies

Burns, Marilyn J.

1975

PR 363.37 B93

Woman's crusade to fight false fire alarms in Plainfield.

Pioneers of Plainfield

Leonard, Oliver B.

PR 920 L55

69 articles containing lineage info on pioneers of Plainfield

Pioneers of Plainfield, Index to

Leonard, Oliver B.

1916

PR 920 L55

Plainfield

Grady, John A. and Dorothe Pollard
2001

PR 974.936 GRA

Pictorial work including captions and very brief passages on Plainfield

Plainfield

Randolph, L.W.

1893

PR 917.49 P69P

Plainfield points of interest and description of businesses and businessmen.

Plainfield 300 Years

1987

PR 974.936 P69

Largely pictorial overview comprised of many individual contributions, detailing Plainfield.

Plainfield and North Plainfield

1909

PR 917.49 P6912

Plainfield History

Plainfield and Vicinity in Pictures

1926

PR 917.49 P6912

Photographs of Plainfield homes, gardens, and prominent buildings.

Plainfield Area, The

Rotival, Maurice

1963

PR 711 R74

Planning survey for the city

Plainfield Perspective

Plainfield

PR 352 P68

Series of 12 articles from Plainfield journal about the city and well known firsts.

Plainfield, New Jersey Illustrated

Hooker, Ralph Moreton

1895

PR 917.49 H76

Illustrated booklet of homes, inside and out.

Plainfield, NJ

Pictorial book on Plainfield

Reflections of Old Plainfield

Taylor, Edward W.

1976

PR 974.939 T21R

Compilation of articles regarding Plainfield's early history

Sesqui-Centennial Celebration

1926

Area involvement with George Washington and the

Revolutionary War as well as info about the celebration.

The Plainfields in New Jersey

Plainfield Area Chamber of Commerce

PR 917.49 C35

Illustrated fact book and map of the Plainfields, residential to business. Years: 1963, 65, and 69.

This is Plainfield

Plainfield League of Woman Voters

PR 917.49 L4

Overview of Government, Services, Organizations, and Businesses for years: 1954, 1965, 1972, 1982



Public Library

Booklists

Plainfield Public Library

PR 017 RP6

3 Volumes

Includes Plainfield Public Library's printed booklist for each month between years 1926-1932.

Critical Survey of the Plainfield Public Library

Chellis, Barbara Louise

1959

PR 022 C43

Thesis focusing on the early history of the library and its progress up to 1959

Descriptive Survey of the Plainfield Public Library, A

Goldsmith, Florence

1949

PR 022 G57

History, operation and structure of the library

New Public Library for Plainfield, A

Board of Directors Plainfield Public Library

1961

PR 022 P69

Proposal to City Council for new library, request for \$15,000 estimates for costs and lists of needs

Periodicals - Plainfield Library

Board of Directors

1904

PR 021 P9P

List of periodical publications in the Plainfield Public Library and Reading Room

Plainfield Area: Union list of periodicals & newspapers

PR 050 P69

3 Volumes

Listing of periodicals and newspapers of the Western Union County Area for years: 1970, 75, 79.

Plainfield Public Library 1881-1951

1951

PR 021 P95

Brief history with story on reflections of Plainfield by Van Wyck Brooks

Plainfield Public Library and Reading Room

PR 021 P9R

Binds together the library's reports of holdings and accomplishments of 1904, 1907, 1915, historic data included.

Plainfield Public Library, The

Engelking, Hess H.

1959

PR 022 En32

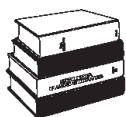
History, operation and structure of the library

Plainfield Public Library, The

1960

PR 021 P76

Featured newspaper articles about the history, personnel, and services offered by the Plainfield Public Library



Race Relations

2nd Annual Report of Human Relations Commission

Plainfield

1965

PR 323.1P69H

Covers activities of City of Plainfield's housing, education, and civil rights commissions.

Human Relations Commission of Plainfield, NJ

City of Plainfield

1964

PR 323.1 P69H

Overview of first commission to end race relations problem in Plainfield. First Annual Report 1963-1964

In the Matter of an Investigation of Community Unrest

Tucker, Edmund J.

1979

PR 301.451 Un2

Investigation of public safety threats against Plainfield citizens.

Menninger Foundation

1972

PR 323.1 M52

Report and proposal to City Council, Board of Education of Plainfield, concerning school reorganization plan 1972

MODEL CITIES PROGRAM

Application, 1969

PR 309.26 P69

Mid-Planning Statement, 1969

PR 309.26 P691

Summary of Second Year Program, 1971

Parks, Thomas L., CDA Director

PR 309.26 p6912m

2 Volumes

Quarterly Report #2, 1971

PR 309.26 p6912m

2nd quarter of the first action year

2nd Year Plan, 1971

Grossman, David

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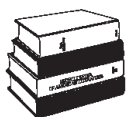
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