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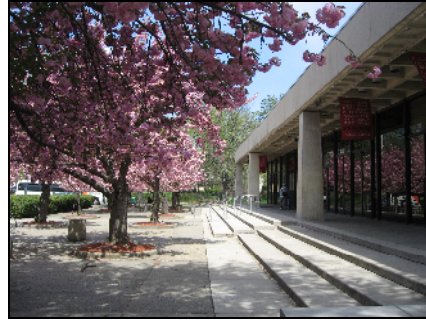
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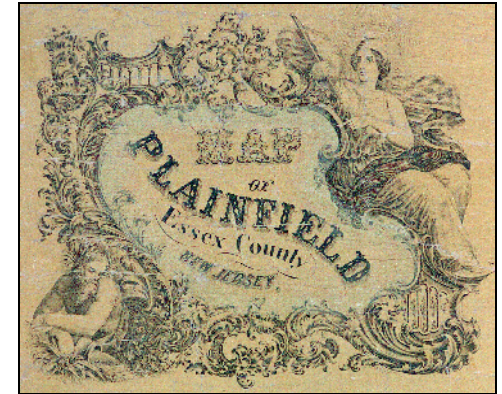
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Plainfield Reference Books

Detwiller Blueprint Collection

Historical Plainfield Photographs

Historical Plainfield Postcards

Plainfield Police Logs

Local Organizations Records

Local Authors Collection

Local and New Jersey Maps

Local and Area Newspapers

1837 to Present

(Including Courier News on microfilm)

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5,000 images

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12,000 sets

PROQUEST Database

Search the Courier News back to 1999

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Plainfield City Directories

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Family history information, with 5 billion names and 4,000 searchable databases.

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“The DAR told us about PPL and we have been able, with your help, to trace our family's lineage.”

“Once again, the Plainfield Public Library has been of great help to me in my work. The result of the excellent research you did has provided answers to a number of long-standing questions.”