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Manuscript Finding Aid

Title: The Old Post Road Association (Fairfield, Conn.). Records
Collection #: Ms B94
Dates: 1944-1982
Size of Collection: 1 linear ft (2 boxes)
Accession Number: L1997.49
Donor: Marcia Miner
Restrictions: None
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Biographical/ historical note:

The Old Post Road Association was organized about 1951 by residents along the Old Post Road in Fairfield to protect the historic character of the area. Members of the association took stands against changes in zoning ordinances, the construction of town houses, and the development of a skating rink. They also lobbied for the creation of an Old Post Road Historic District and were instrumental in obtaining a grant to study the restoration of the Burr Homestead.

The collection was found in the basement of one of the association's presidents and was brought to the Historical Society by volunteer Marcia Miner.

Scope and content note:

The collection primarily consists of minutes and records kept by various presidents of the Old Post Road Association. The records have been organized by type of material; the presidents' records were kept in their original reverse chronological order and by president.

Series A consists of administrative records, namely by-laws, and minutes of meetings, 1969-1975, in chronological order. The Presidents' Records in Series B arrived in binders and folders, and those original groupings were maintained. Folder 1 contains records kept by Dr. Osgood Lovekin, 1963-1964; Charles Peden, 1959-1963; Roger Hartt, 1958-1959; Preston Carnes, 1955; and Alfred Bruce, 1953-1954. They include minutes, officers' reports, correspondence, membership lists and newspaper clippings. Folders 2-3 contain records kept by Ernie Wiehl, 1964-1968. Charles Peden's records, 1969, are in folder 4, while those of Stanton, 1970-1971 and Lovekin, 1972-1973 are in folders 5 and 6 respectively.

Correspondence, 1944-1975, is arranged chronologically in Series C. These letters were found loose within the carton in which the records were received, and were not related to specific issues. Additional correspondence, petitions, minutes, and newspaper clippings, as well as several maps, related to specific issues are organized in Series D. The specific issues were a proposed zoning change, 1954, to enable the construction of the Center Business Road parallel to the Post and the Old Post roads; the 1972 proposed construction of town houses on the Williams property on the Old Post Road; an application for a Restoration Study of the Burr Homestead, 1974-1975; lobbying for a noise ordinance, 1978; and opposition to a roller rink, 1980. The maps in this series include the plot plan for the City Trust Company parking lot, 1970; the Post Road area, n.d.; and proposed Beach and Post Road zoning changes, 1981.

Membership materials in Series E consist of annual meeting invitations, minutes, member lists and correspondence, 1964, 1969, 1972; annual reports of the association, 1979-1981; letters to the membership, 1969-1970, 1982; and lists, 1969-1970. Treasurers' records, in Series F, consist of bills, correspondence and dues accounts from 1970-1973 and 1977-1978. Series G contains newspaper clippings about Fairfield zoning and preservation; town reports on population, 1960, and Open Space, 1965; clippings about zoning battles in other towns; information about other neighborhood associations in Fairfield; a membership certificate from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1972; and samples of stationery.

Series A.	Bylaws and Minutes, 1969-1970	Box 1
Series B.	Presidents' Records, 1953-1973	Box 1, 2
Series C.	Correspondence, 1944-1975	Box 2
Series D.	Issues-related Materials, 1954-1981	Box 2
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Series G.	Clippings and assorted materials, 1960-1972	Box 2

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Box 1

Series A. By-laws and Minutes, 1969-1970

- Folder 1. By-laws and revisions
- Folder 2. Minutes, 1969-1970
- Folder 3. Minutes, 1971-1972
- Folder 4. Minutes, 1973-1975

Series B. Presidents' Records, 1953-1973

- Folder 1. Bruce/Hart/Peden/Lovekin binder, 1953-1964
- Folder 2. Ernie Wiehl, 1964-1965
- Folder 3. Ernie Wiehl binder, 1965-1968
- Folder 4. Charles Peden binder, 1969

Box 2

- Folder 5. Stanton, 1970-1971
- Folder 6. Lovekin, 1972-1973

Series C. Correspondence, 1944, 1951, 1965-1975

- Folder 1. 1944, 1951
- Folder 2. 1965-1969
- Folder 3. 1970-1975

Series D. Issues-related materials, 1954-1982

- Folder 1. Zoning change, 1954
- Folder 2-3. Williams property, 1972
- Folder 4. Burr Homestead, 1974-1975
- Folder 5. Noise ordinance, 1978
- Folder 6. Roller rink, 1980
- Folder 7. Maps, 1970, 1981, n.d.

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Box 2 (cont.)

Series E. Membership records, 1964-1982

- Folder 1. Annual meetings, 1964, 1969, 1972
- Folder 2. Annual reports, 1979-1981
- Folder 3. Letters to members, 1969-1970, 1982
- Folder 4. Member and officers lists, 1969-1970

Series F. Treasurers' Records, 1970-1978

- Folder 1. 1970-1973, 1977-1978

Series G. Clippings and Assorted Materials, 1960-1972

- Folder 1. Clippings regarding Fairfield issues
- Folder 2. Fairfield Town Reports, 1960, 1965
- Folder 3. Clippings about zoning issues not in Fairfield
- Folder 4. Information about other neighborhood associations
- Folder 5. National Trust for Historic Preservation certificate, 1972
- Folder 6. Blank stationery

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Subject headings:

Historic districts--Conn.--Fairfield
Homeowners' associations--Conn.--Fairfield
Maps--Conn.--Fairfield
Neighborhood government--Conn.--Fairfield
Zoning--Conn.--Fairfield

Old Post Road Historic District (Fairfield, Conn.)
Hartt, Roger
Lovekin, Osgood
Peden, Charles
Wiehl, Ernest