



RG 03: Town Government Collection
(Fire, Police, Post Offices, Libraries, Civil Defense, Prisons, Etc.)
Finding aid and container list

A broad subject collection with materials from municipal, state, and federal government departments in Enfield outside of the schools. Includes libraries, fire departments, police departments, post offices, civil defense, prisons, urban renewal/redevelopment, and more.

Box 1: Town government

Folder 1: Redevelopment/Urban renewal/Thompsonville

- Brochure, Aug. 1972: "Questions and Answers, Enfield Freshwater Pond urban renewal"
- Newspaper articles:
 - building of Enfield Community Center, Strand Theater in background
 - View of Thompsonville from crane used to tear down First Presbyterian Church steeple
 - Jan. 29, 1976, "Walking Thompsonville Beat" with patrolman Ivan Walk
 - Aug. 16, 1977, CL&P removing poles from North Main St.
 - Aug. 11, 1977, Della Construction and reconstruction of Freshwater Brook embankment
 - Urban renewal of Thompsonville
 - Feb. 10, 1977, Manifold shows Freshwater Pond Renewal Plan
 - "Down Comes the Wall" wall at corner of Prospect and Asnuntuck Sts.; before and after
 - July 3, 1974: A glimpse of historical Thompsonville
 - Aug. 19, 1977, neighbors of renewal project feeling left out; "Tiny's Café."
 - Jan. 13, 1977, Pleasant/Whitworth project, 11 business and 55 families to be relocated
 - "Bill's Barber Shop" Trapanese brothers, 78 Main St., eviction scheduled
 - North end redevelopment looms; Javorski's store, elderly gentleman enters Tiny's
 - "Living in Old Thompsonville Just a Waiting Game," Severino Zacaro, Alaimo's Market on Pleasant St., March 30, 1978
 - May 24, 1978, photo of Pearl St., Provencher's Carpets in the background
 - April 22 1980, view of Freshwater Pond new housing area
 - T'Ville Renewal Project seen as creating Enfield 'ghost town' Aerial view, phase I; renewal by the numbers; detail Phase I
 - Urban renewal demolition expected to start in June
 - Renewal passes by 1,028
 - New town activity center to be dedicated Saturday
 - Demolition on Main St.
 - Albert Vasco's North Main business gets painted, Oct. 21, 1972

- Center sets style of new Enfield “plan”
- Buildings being torn down
- Jul 8, 1975; Councilman Scarfor suggests x-rated movie theater
- Looking south on Pleasant St.
- Buildings: restaurant proposed; Andy Lucci Hardware; Chinese laundry; Ward tobacco shop; Pickens gem store; Antinori general couture
- Enfield seeks aid for renewal, Aug. 26, 1975
- Photo from roof of T’ville fire department; wooden fire-trap buildings
- Taxpayers question value of Enfield renewal, Jul. 14, 1973
- Memorial dedication, town hall
- Poem: old memories of Thompsonville
- Gwozdz: 6 photos of downtown Thompsonville

Folder 2: Parks and Playground Commission 1920s

- Quote for Playground Commission done by Geo. S. Phelps & Co., Sept. 18, 1926
- Newspaper – park plan photo
- Letter to Mrs. Brewster, Mar. 5, 1927, from commission
- Letter to Edward Field Goltra from commission
- Estimated budget for 1926
- Planting suggestion for Memorial Park, done by Brainerd nursery
- Letter to Mr. Brainard, Mar. 8, 1924
- Receipts for salary: Dorothy, Joseph Cunningham, Florence Brainard, Howard Gouolic
- Receipt for clay, Brainard co.

Folder 3: Planning and zoning

- Brochure, July 1939, rules & regulations
- Zoning ordinance, March 18, 1927
- Zoning ordinance, March 1925, with insert zoning map

Folder 4: 1964 town hall

- Sketch of town hall 1964 done by Amos G. Gott
- Signed dedication of town hall, Sept. 20, 1964
- Photo, town hall dedication bricks
- Photo of town hall, negatives included
- [See possible early construction photo in 2018.21.108]

Folder 5: Miscellaneous town publications

- Grandparents raising grandchildren
- 2006 revaluation [2024.9.39]
- 1974 civic calendar [2024.9.46]
- Residential rehabilitation [2024.9.38]

- Community Development Action Plan [2024.9.37]
- The Times of Enfield, winter 1992, EPD open house
- The Times of Enfield, winter 1993 [2024.9.35]
- Lamagna Activity Center, winter program 1985
- Proposed sanitary sewer, 1992 [2024.9.34]
- Brochure, Questions and Answers, Enfield Freshwater Pond urban renewal project, August 1972
- An Act Concerning the Government of the Town of Enfield, Jan. 31, 1935
- Tax bill, 1882 [1983.23.23]
- The Webletter, printed off internet, March 2016
- Dog registration cards, blank

Folder 6: Town officials and employees photos

- Town officials at Windsor Court Rental Homes for Elderly [2013.14.3,4,5]
- Group photo with names

Folder 7: Community profiles, advertisements

- Industrial brochure
- Photo: Park for Industry
- Community profiles: 1991, 1994, 1995 [2024.9.41]
- Economic profile

Folder 8: Town reports

- 2023-4
- Financial supplement
- Annual report 1964-5 [2014.22.14]

Folder 9: Audits

- 1877, 1892 – 1896, 1897 [2024.18.1-6]

Folder 10: Libraries

- Bookmark, Enfield Central Library
- Enfield Public Libraries catalogs
- Bookmark, Lincoln St. Library
- Program, Central Library, Oct. 6, 1968
- Newspaper photo “New North End Library”
- Lead abatement restoration plans, Sept. 15, 2003
- Application for admittance, Nat’l Register of Historic Places (Pearl St.?)
- Tour guide training, 1997
- Envelope: photos and negatives, Central and Pearl St. libraries

Box 2: Enfield Post Office [2025.6]

- Record and account book class 4, Enfield P.O., 1887-92, 1892-95
- Stamp and postal account book, Enfield P.O., 1895-98

- Money order cash book, 1895-1897
- U.S. official postal guides (listing of all post offices) 1851, 1875, 1876
- 1876 booklet advertising for contractors to carry mail in Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut during the years 1877-1883
- 1880 booklet advertising for contractors to carry mail in Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut during the years 1881-1883
- Handbook for postmasters, 1871
- An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to the Post Office Department, 3/3/1863
- Special delivery information and instructions, 8/10/1886
- Letter from the New Haven post office regarding helping with the “unemployment census” 11/13/1937
- Letter from B.A. Hunt, postmaster, to the postmaster of the New Haven post office about the census of dwellings served by the Enfield Post Office—80 dwellings, plus about 150 Felician Sisters, rural delivery routes not included

Box 3: Post Offices

Not in folder:

- Record and postal account books, Shaker Station: 1892-95, 1895-98, 1904-06, 1910-11
- Photo: Post Office award to Charles Pace [2001.20.5]

Folder 1

- Scitico post office centennial
- Code finder directory [2005.15.1]
- “Last post marks,” Hazardville & Thompsonville, 1969
- Info re: WPA mural depicting Thompsonville concerning its move from the post office on High St. to the new post office on Palomba Drive and conservation efforts.
- Invitation to dedication of new Hazardville P.O. with photo of building (1961)
- Photo, first P.O. in Scitico
- Photo of Augustus Landschultz, postmaster, Hazardville P.O., 1869-88
- Photo of Landschultz house, location of Hazardville P.O. 1869-90
- Scitico P.O. centennial, “Old Home Day” program
- Photo of the building of the Thompsonville P.O. on High St., 1936
- Programs, dedication of Hazardville P.O.
- Negatives, Thompsonville P.O. mural, 1988
- News clippings, Thompsonville P.O. and mural
- Photos of the outside of Hazardville P.O. after closing, 1991

Folder 2

- Dedication program, Hazardville P.O., January 21, 1961
- Receipts for renting a post office box, 1883
- Photos of Thompsonville P.O. on High St. just before it closed, 1990
- Program, “Celebration of the centenary of the first post office in eastern Enfield (Scitico),” September 14, 1935

- Letter from Loretta L. Pease containing history of discontinued post offices
- Photo, Thompsonville P.O., Pearl St., c.1924 [1988.11.1], standing on steps are W. Gourlie, L. Stinson, M. Kothe, T. Murray, John Ferguson, Ned Triggs, H. Bromage, Bill Malley, and C. Plank
- Photo, inside of Thompsonville P.O., Pearl St., c.1924 [1988.11.2]

Box 4: Fire and Police Departments

Folder 1 – Photos:

- Photo: Thompsonville Fire Department
- Newspaper clipping: “Old Betsey” horse-drawn engine, with firemen identified
- Photo: Firemen with “NEFD” on uniforms, likely not Enfield
- Photos: Thompsonville Fire Department, all men identified
- Photo of Enfield F.D. plus negatives [1983.3.27, 29, 30]
- Negative, Enfield F.D. with truck in front of building used before brick firehouse [1983.3.28]
- Photo of test of Hazardville horse-drawn steam pumper, c.1900-10
- Photo, Hazardville F.D. new foam truck [80.42.4]
- Color photos of various Enfield fire departments 2002
- Photo of old Hazardville Fire Department
- Photo, Enfield F.D., early 20th century, with engine [1982.34.3]
- Photo, Thompsonville fire tower seen across Freshwater Pond, 1994
- Photo of Enfield F.D. photos on a table, 1996
- Assorted 2000-01 color photos, Enfield fire departments
- Thompsonville Hose Company #2, men with wagon, no names [2016.7.10]
- Thompsonville Hose Company #2, men with wagons, named [accession listed as 2016.13.1, not found there]
- Thompsonville Hose Company #2, men seated, named

Folder 2:

- Program, 33rd annual tournament, field day, and convention of the state fireman’s association, Thompsonville, Wed. & Thu. August 16-17, 1916 (2 copies)
- Enfield Fire Department centennial book, 1896-1996

Folder 3

- Souvenir program, dedication of new Thompsonville fire station, 5/21/1941
- Program, 28th annual concert and ball Fireman’s Mutual Benefit Association 12/30/1910 Franklin Hall
- Thompsonville fire alarm call box numbers, undated / ad for Hilditch Market
- Hazardville F.D. U.S. Bicentennial flyer
- Program, Enfield Volunteer Fireman’s Ball 4/8/1967 [1983.6.1]
- Thompsonville fire alarm system, Baronian Brothers; Triggs Post V.F.W., Harold V. Puroy Real Estate, no sponsor, Ragno Catering
- Emergency/Fire phone numbers, Crescent Lake, Hazardville, Shaker Pines, Osborn State Farm
- Photo: North Thompsonville F.D. rescue van, 1960s?
- Newspaper article about carp fishing with photo of fire chief William J. Hones, Sr. c.1913

- Photo of 1919 American La France fire truck
- Photo of North Thompsonville F.D. pumper c.1995
- News article, "911 emergency line finally becomes reality in Enfield," 10/5/1977
- Print/photo of Enfield F.D. truck in front of Springfield Symphony Hall, early 1900s
- Enfield F.D. fire prevention coloring and activity book
- Envelope, Enfield F.D., undated
- Enfield Fire District #1 engine and firemen, no date
- Newspaper clipping, Dr. R. Bruce Thayer receives gift of desk set from Hazardville F.D., undated
- "The Village Trumpet" newsletter, Hazardville F.D., winter 2017
- Thirteenth annual Fireman's Ball of District 1, Enfield, admission ticket, Jan. 13, 1928. [1996.22.4]

Folder 4: Police Department

- Police pins
- Junior police, Enfield school patrol badges, Auxiliary Police badge
- Photos, police personnel, vehicles, watercraft, c.1998
- Enfield police booklet: "Guardians of your property and welfare," 1959
- Police patch [1996.14]
- Police Officers' Wives Association cookbook
- Enfield traffic regulations, June 1919
- 1964 article with photo of police in 1935
- Escaped emu incident photos, 1998
- Mayor's Trophy Cup photo, newspaper, 1981
- Auxiliary police photo, late 1940s
- Enfield Police Benevolent Association, 25th anniversary ball, book, 1961
- Program, Sgt. Alvin D. Duprey, 1976
- Police photo circa 1930s: B. Fleming, P[aul] Sheridan, C. Lockwood, Chief Harris
- Reprimand letter from West Springfield selectmen to police chief Edward Bromage (Bromage was once chief of police in Enfield, and lived in Thompsonville)

Box 5: Police department archive [2022.36]

- CDAP (Community Development Action Plan) proposal
- Responses to Enfield Police Department Questionnaire 1970 preliminary draft
- Collection of street photos, possibly in Hazardville
- 5 Envelopes of photos
- Booklet – Connecticut Municipal Budgets 1983-84
- Envelope of group taken at a Red Sox – Yankees game
- Envelope of photos (small envelope)
- Envelope of photos taken at some type of party/dinner with exotic dancer
- Portrait of Walter Skower
- History of Walter Skower dated 1973
- Enfield Police Department goals and objectives (1983)
- Survey of Police Department Enfield Connecticut (November, 1966)
- Walter Skower Eighth-grade certificate of completion

- Police problems in investigating reports of aerial phenomena and other UFO sighting-related documents
- Documents related to investigation to determine if the department was bugged
- Lists of Chiefs and Officers
- 1917 Selectmen resolutions setting pay for police
- Envelope of photos (copies) of early Thompsonville
- Materials related to the funeral of Chief(?) Harris
- Detective Magazine 10/1970 issue – Connecticut’s Slaughter (Lincoln Street murders)
- 1950 Enfield Police Department manual
- 1950 Enfield Police Department manual belonging to Earl Nuccio
- Enfield Auxiliary Police gun cabinet log 1959-1961
- Photos of cruisers in front of Police Department in 1992
- Retirement party photos and negatives (4 MotoPhoto envelopes)
- Leather-wrapped truncheon

Items not part of [2022.36]

- Framed 1935 photo of police (not original photo)
- Photo, Patrolman Paul P. Sheridan on motorcycle, 1920s [2001.20.4]

Box 6: Civil Defense and Prisons

All civil defense material is from WWII

Folder 1: Civil Defense

- Air raid rules
- Air raid warden’s map, [Enfield] Sector 2
- First aid certificate
- Photographs (printouts) of Enfield Defense Council members

Folder 2: Prisons

- Dedication, Osborn Division, CT State Prison, September 7, 1960, program
- Letters written by Enfield prison inmate John Tracz to Peter Waite in Glastonbury, CT in 2008, in original envelopes. Content includes reason for imprisonment, conditions in prison, descriptions of other inmates, etc. [2020.20]
- Inmate publication “The Monthly Record,” August 1942, March 1960
- Folder: Enfield prisons theater group [2011.6]
- Union-News article re: prisons, August 16, 1991

Not in folder:

- Civil Defense notebook, binder containing minutes, instructions, and organization of the Enfield Defense Council
- Civil Defense newspaper clippings, August 14, 1941 – January 10, 1945

Oversize (located in RG 03 and RG 04 oversize box):

- Official letter appointing Augustus Landschultz as postmaster, Hazardville P.O.
- Post Office ledger, early
- Photo, Bigelow fire department, 1902, names on back
- Photo, firemen 1996.23.3
- Photos, Enfield F.D., 1917 [1983.36.1, 2]
- Photo, Enfield F.D., 1926 [2001.12.3]
- Large photo, Thompsonville steam pumper with firemen's names
- Celebrate diamond jubilee newspaper photo, Hazardville F.D.
- Civil Defense flag made by Mrs. Geo Childs, Enfield.