



Guide to the *Tax Map Collection*

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Summary of Collection

The tax maps in this collection demonstrate how the town of Montclair has evolved over time, in terms of property ownership, boundaries, and so on. As their name implies, the tax maps were intended for tax assessment purposes. The information used to compile the maps includes surveys, plans, and deeds.

Creator(s): Town of Montclair

Dates: 1899-1969

Location: Library, 2nd Floor

Quantity: 1 closet

Scope and Content

The maps show the properties and boundaries of the town of Montclair. “The areas, boundaries and dimensions shown on this map are derived from ground surveys, aerial surveys and recorded plans, maps, deeds and wills and are to be used for tax assessment purposes only.”¹ The tax maps are in the format of large books, measuring close to two feet in length and width. Most are hardbound, with cloth or leather covers. The earliest volumes (1899-1928) are in fragile condition and should be handled with care.

Arrangement Note

The maps have been arranged chronologically in a closet. The lowest (first) shelf holds the earliest volumes, which are the most fragile. The top (seventh) shelf holds two maps that are tax maps from areas other than Montclair.

Research Uses

This collection would be useful to researchers and historians who are investigating the development of various locations in Montclair. It would also be useful to anyone with an interest in town planning, zoning, property history, and so on.

Related Collections

A 2008 tax map has been incorporated into the **Map Collection** because it came to the Montclair History Center after the tax maps had been arranged, and could not fit in the space

¹ “2008 Tax Map,” *Map Collection*. Montclair Historical Society.

with the older tax maps. Please see the finding aid² for that collection for information on that map, as well as other Montclair maps that might be of use. The first five tax maps (1899, undated, 1918, 1926, and 1928) have also been recently digitized. Please contact the Montclair Historical Society for more information (mail@montclairhistorical.org or 973-744-1796).

Container List

Shelf Number	Contents
1	1899 Undated map (probably 1890s) Geographical Atlas of New Jersey 1886
2	1918 1926 1928
3	1934 insurance map (2 copies) 1934 insurance map with 1958
4	1943 1946
5	1957 (2)
6	1963 1969 1972
7	Newark 1926 Orange map 2008

References

"2008 Tax Map." *Map Collection*. Montclair History Center.

² See <http://montclairhistorical.wix.com/mhs-guides#!maps-newspapers-etc/chsy>