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Collection Summary:

Title: Oley Elementary Corner-stone Time Capsule of 1888 Papers.
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Oley High School
Oley Junior High
Masonry
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Shriners
Statistics
West Virginia

Background Information:

Oley Elementary School was built in 1888 at 5th Ave and 13th Street. The corner-stone of Oley Elementary School was also established at this time, where the contents in this collection were kept in a time capsule. This school received its name from Union General John Hunt Oley, who died earlier that year; his earlier work as recorder and treasurer was central to the establishment of public education in Huntington. Several years later, the city’s first high school building was erected just east of the elementary school. Oley Elementary School and Oley High School were later connected to create a larger building. Oley High School became Oley Junior High when the new Huntington High School was built on 8th street in 1916. Both schools closed in 1977 and were demolished two years later. Currently, St. Joe’s Catholic School owns the land where Oley Elementary and Junior High Schools once stood. All that remains is a gymnasium that was built at the Junior High in the 1950s. Images of the buildings can be seen in the links within each reference listed on the following page.
References Consulted:


Scope and Content:

This collection includes materials found in the Cornerstone Time Capsule from 1888 that was buried at Oley Elementary School. Included in this collection are the personal business cards of prominent people in the Huntington, West Virginia community who were members of secret society groups such as the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Additionally, this collection contains business cards from local Huntington shops from the 1880s, some of which contain artwork or are featured in color. Further, this collection contains books and manuals, where the majority emphasize the Huntington, WV community either in education, city statistics, religion, and masonry. This collection also includes correspondence, which features an addressed letter to the Daily Paper in the 1870s, as well as lists of members in camaderies, and other business announcements. Finally, this collection features 11 different newspaper titles where community members may have gathered their information in the 1880s, ranging from religious to political.

Processing Notes:

Due to the preservation of this collection before we acquired it, a few of the items suffered from water damage and mold. Those items that could not be kept are clearly noted within each section. Descriptions of each item is provided.

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Folder 1 Item 9 R. H. Woodworth, 32” Grand Treasurer, Huntington, WV:
Huntington Lodge, No. 53
Huntington Consistory, No. 22

Folder 1 Item 10 Deposited by the Grand Lodge: Ancient Free and Accepted
Masons of West Virginia on July 4, 1887

**Personal and Business Cards**

Folder 2 Item 1 Austen’s Forest Flower Cologne: The Most Fashionable
Perfume of the Day (Color advertisement). T. Kingsford
Successor to W. J. Austen & Co. Proprietors, Oswego, N.Y.

Folder 2 Item 2 Clayton H. Harvey Dry Goods, Clothing, Notions, Gloves,
Hats, Caps: Gents’ Furnishing Goods a Specialty. Carpets,
Oil Cloths and Trunks, 2nd Floor
Harvey’s Block, N. 952 Third Avenue

Folder 2 Item 3 Eureka Copying House (two copies)
Folder 2 Item 4 Elegant Portraits made from small pictures
In all sizes, grades and styles.
Also, Frames, Albums, &C., at Wholesale.

Folder 2 Item 5 The First National Bank of Huntington, West Va. Organized
Jany. 1884. List of Directors: D. W. Emmons, J. L. Caldwell,
M. I. Dimmick, E. I. Edgerton, Geo F. MMiller Jr., Thos H.
Harvey, W. H. Hagen, B. W. Foster, J. L. Thornburg
We respectfully solicit a share of your business.
J. L. Caldwell (President); Geo F. Miller Jr (Vice President);
M. I. Dimmick (Cashier)

Folder 2 Item 6 W. A. Gibson “Commercial”

Folder 2 Item 7 Sam Gideon, The Boss Clothier AND Gent’s Furnisher
Huntington, W. Va.

Folder 2 Item 8 Harvey & Fuller Wholesale Grocers.
(H. C. Harvey; F. D. Fuller).
No. 954 Third Ave. and 219 Tenth St. Harvey Block,
Huntington, West VA.

Folder 2 Item 9 Glenn Hilton, Leading Jeweler. 923 Third Avenue,
Huntington, W. Va., 188
Folder 2 Item 10  W. H. H. Holswade, Furniture, Carpets, Undertaking. 
Largest & Cheapest House in West Virginia 
223 and 225 Third Avenue, Huntington, W. Va.

Folder 2 Item 11  Jacob Kahn
(I am now at Levy’s Blue House) on back
Advertisement in Color

Folder 2 Item 12  Keefe & Buffington, Druggists Prescription Card (in color)

Folder 2 Item 13  Joseph Levy, Dealer in Boots, Shoes, and Slippers, 
Huntington, W. Va. Ask to see Children’s Shoes with the 
A.S.T.© Black Tip. Shoe bills reduced one-half by wearing 
them. (Back is illustrated with boots, dog, and cats)

Folder 2 Item 14  R. Y. Ramsey
Physician & Surgeon, 
3rd Ave. and 10th St. 
Huntington, WV

Folder 2 Item 15  For Sale By: R. C. Shoup, dealer in Watches, Clocks, 
Jewelry, Silverware, Etc. Huntington, WV 
(on back) Manhattan Watches. Sweep Second Full Size.

Folder 2 Item 16  John H. Oley (personal business card)

Folder 2 Item 17  Sallie J. Wood, Born April 6th 1862, Mother of Chas. N ] 
Jones, Born July 25, 1862 (handwritten note) 
Engraving on back: Mrs. Sallie W. Wood

Folder 2 Item 18  Ziegler’s Headquarters, Harveys Corner, Huntington, W.Va. 
(in color)

Books and Manuals

Folder 3 Item 1  Proceedings of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and 
Accepted Masons of the State of West Virginia. November, 
1886. Wheeling: Daily Intelligencer Steam Book and Job 
Press.

Folder 3 Item 2  Revised Ordinances of the City of Huntington of a General 
and Permanent Nature. In Force, March 31, 1885. Collated 
and arranged by Tho. J. Burke, Chairman Committee on 
Laws and Ordinances. Published by Authority of the City

Folder 3  Item 4  Statistics of the city of Huntington, West Virginia. July 4, 1887. (Blue Ribbon, typed)

Folder 3  Item 5  Statistics of the city of Huntington, West Virginia. July 4, 1887. (Red Ribbon, handwritten)

Folder 3  Item 6  Manual of the Huntington Baptist Church. Adopted January 21, 1880


Folder 3  Item 8  Huntington Lodge. A. G. A. M. Huntington, West Va. The Acme Printing Works, 1887. (Remainder of title page is too worn to get a full title).


Addressed Envelopes (nothing inside)

Folder 4  Item 1  “Records of Huntington Commandery. No. 9 Knights Templar.”


Folder 4 Item 5  Business Cards of Huntington No. 6

**Correspondence**

Folder 5 Item 1  List of Officers and Members of Huntington Commandery No. 22 A. A. Srite.

Folder 5 Item 2  Huntington Commandery No. 9 K.J. Constituted May 28 A.D. 1887. A.O. 769


Folder 5 Item 4  Huntington W. Va. July 4th 1887

Folder 5 Item 5  From Johnston, Jones & Co. An announcement about the "dissolution of partnership of the undersigned, which occurred on May 12, 1887, James W. Hagen retiring from the business. (Hagen & Johnson no longer exists)

**Correspondence (discarded due to mold/water damage)**


**Newspapers**

Box 2

The American Israelite. *Let there be light*. Cincinnati, Ohio, July 1, 1887. Volume 34, No. 1.


The City Whisperer. Huntington, West Virginia. June 29, 1887. Volume 1, Number 1.

The Freemason’s Monitor. *To be good men and true is the first lesson taught in masonry."* Huntington, West Virginia, June, 1887. Volume 1, No. 1.


The Huntington Republican. Huntington, West Virginia, Saturday, May 7, 1887. Volume 5, Number 50.

Odd Fellow’s Advocate. Huntington, Cabell County, West Virginia, June 1887. Volume 9, Number 12.

Our Church Bulletin. *Published in the Interests of the First Baptist Church of Huntington.* Huntington, West Virginia, March 1886. Volume 1, Number 1.

**Discarded Newspaper (Due to Water/Mold Damage)**

The Huntington Commercial. Huntington, West Virginia, Friday February 20, 1874.*volume and issue number are missing*

The Evening Times. Huntington, West Virginia, Friday, July 1, 1887. Volume 1, No. 149.*