Abstract: The records of this non-profit organization document its efforts to support the maintenance of the site, collections, and educational mission of the Rockwood Museum in Wilmington, Delaware.
# Descriptive Summary

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Historical Note

The Friends of Rockwood support the maintenance of the site, collections, and educational mission of the Rockwood Museum in Wilmington, Delaware. The museum is made up of the grounds and English-style manor house built by banker Joseph Shipley in the 1850s. Rockwood eventually passed to Shipley's great nephew, Edward Bringhurst, Jr., and stayed in the Bringhurst family until was gifted to New Castle County, Delaware, in the 1970s.

Formed in 1977, The Friends of Rockwood raised money to purchase collections belonging to the Bringhurst family, such as papers, books, photographs, and furniture. Continued fund-raising has enabled restoration and improvement projects. The group also provides volunteers for both ongoing outreach and special events.

Sources:

Scope and Content Note

The records of the Friends of Rockwood include membership information, organizational files, minutes, financial records, and information about events and activities sponsored by the group.
Selected Search Terms

Corporate Names

Friends of Rockwood Inc.

Rockwood Museum (New Castle County, Del.)

Topical Terms

Museums-- Administration.

Museums-- Management.

Gothic revival (Architecture) -- Delaware -- New Castle County.

Architecture, Victorian -- Delaware -- New Castle County.

Form/Genre Terms

Museum records.

Financial records.

Minutes (administrative records)

Blueprints (reprographic copies)

Slides (photographs)

Videocassettes.

Occupation

Nonprofit organizations.

Related Materials in this Repository

Rockwood Museum records
Arrangement

See box listing for arrangement.
Detailed Description of the Collection

Hargraves Will/Gifting 1973 [Box 1]

Membership 1980-85 - Governance [Box 1]

Insurance Statements/ President’s File 1990-92 [Box 1]

Insurance Statements/ President’s File 1990-92 [Box 1]

History of Board [Box 1]

Ice Cream Festival [Box 2]

Ice Cream Festival [Box 3]

Nichols President Files [Box 4]

Jones President Files [Box 5]

Jones President Files [Box 6]

Treasurer’s Notes/ Budget/Planning [Box 7]

Endowment/Rockwood Fund [Box 7]

Abbott President Files [Box 8]

Board Minutes/Secretary Notes 1977-1984 [Box 9]

Advisory Committee 1975-1997 [Box 9]

Secretary Notes/ Board Meeting 1985-1990 [Box 10]

Secretary Notes/ Board Minutes 1991-1998 [Box 11]

Secretary Notes/ Board Meeting 1998-2003 [Box 12]

Collections, Appraisals & Studies [Box 13]

Collections, Appraisals & Studies [Box 25]

Collections, Appraisals & Studies [Box 14]

Friends of Rockwood Audit Reports/Abatement 1985-1986 [Box 15]

Tax Returns 1991-1998 [Box 16]

Local News Articles/Accession Book Copies [Box 17]

Move record 1999 (Togatom, movies, etc) [Box 17]

Tax returns 1983-1987 [Box 18]

Rental properties: Porter’s Lodge & Gardener’s Cottage [Box 18]

Friends of Rockwood vs New Castle County [Box 19]

Friends of Rockwood vs New Castle County [Box 20]

Revolving Fund Box [Box 21]

Revolving Fund Box [Box 22]

Friends of Rockwood financials 1977-1985 and 1997-2001 [Box 23]

Slides of objects removed by Anna Hargraves 3/19/1999 [Box 24]

Video Friends of Rockwood Property 1/4/2001 Rose Abbott [Box 24]

Video Raw Footage 3/22/1999 Grayce Hess [Box 24]

Acquisition records 1982 - 1998 [Box 26]

Friends of Rockwood miscellaneous records [Box 26]

Silver Exhibit 1978/ Dining Room restoration [Box 27]

Furnishings Info - Plan 1983 - Report 1990 [Box 27]

Strickland Appraisal 1985/Textile Appraisal 1999 [Box 27]

RAC 2002-2005 [Box 27]

Friends of Rockwood Board Minutes 1995-1996 [Box 28]

2002 Miscellaneous [Box 28]

FY02 Financial Reports/Minutes/Correspondence [Box 28]
FY03 Minutes/Correspondence [Box 28]

FY03 Minutes/Correspondence/Financial Reports [Box 29]

FY04 Minutes/Correspondence/Financial Reports [Box 29]

FY05 Minutes/Correspondence/Financial Reports [Box 29]

Rockwood blueprints [Oversize]

Rockwood blueprints [Oversize]