

Guide to Peters Township municipal government records, 1803-2026

Summary Information

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Title:	Peters Township municipal government records
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Creator:	Peters Township municipal government
Extent:	28 boxes, 4 oversize folders
Language of materials:	All materials are in English.
Abstract:	Records consist of documents, maps, plans, photographs, and other materials created or accumulated by the departments, boards and commissions of the Peters Township municipal government.

Biography/History

Prior to 1781, Virginia claimed Peters Township as part of its territory. Once Virginia ceded this land to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Peters Township was incorporated as one of the 13 original townships of Washington County on March 28, 1781 by an Act of the Pennsylvania Assembly.

This Act of 1781 required that two Justices of the Peace be elected in each of the 13 townships. Elected Justices of the Peace were the only form of government that existed in Peters Township at that time.

In 1834, township boundaries were established.

Peters Township operated as a second class township before becoming a home rule municipality in 1976. In townships of the second class, the governing body is composed of three elected supervisors.

In 1976, Peters Township adopted a Home Rule Charter and became a home rule municipality. A home rule municipality drafts and amends its own charter and can exercise any power or perform any function not denied by the state constitution, the General Assembly, or its home rule charter.

Peters Township operates as a municipal corporation under the name of the Peters Township.

As of 2025, the municipal government of Peters Township is comprised of township departments, an elected township council, and boards and commissions. The nine township departments are Administration, Planning, Engineering, Parks & Recreation, Library, Police, Fire, Public Works, and Cable Television. The township's current boards and commissions are the Cable Television Board, Construction Code Board of Appeals, Environmental Quality Board, Library Board, Parks & Recreation Board, Peters Creek Sanitary Authority, Peters Township Sanitary Authority, Planning Commission, Traffic Calming Committee, Traffic Impact Fee Advisory Committee, Youth Commission, and Zoning Hearing Board.

Scope and Content

The records of the Peters Township municipal government were created or accumulated by the departments and boards and commissions of Peters Township.

The majority of the records were created by the township Administration Department and its predecessors. Early administrative records include election results, auditor reports, relief authorizations, and stray animal reports. Later records include annual reports, community calendars, magazines and newsletters, financial reports, budgets and capital improvement programs, aerial photographs of the township, local ordinances, regulations and plans, and community television programs about township history and the Peters Township Public Library.

The records also include township residents' entries in the Environmental Quality Board's 1983 "Pride in Peters" bumper sticker contest and the documents created as part of a 1993 survey of historical structures and sites by the Historical Committee of Peters Township.

Related Records Note: Please note that the records of the Peters Township Public Library, a department of the Peters Township municipal government, are described separately as MS 2021-057.

Arrangement

The records are arranged in 8 series:

Series I.	Administration Department records, 1803-2026
Series II.	Planning Department records, 1957-2013
Series III.	Parks & Recreation Department records, 1960s-2005
Series IV.	Police Department press clippings, 1958-2016
Series V.	Fire Department records, 1994, 2018-2019
Series VI.	Community Television programs, 1988-2017
Series VII.	Boards and commissions records, 1983-2003
Series VIII.	Photographs, 1960s-2000s

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions:

Due to its fragility, the Peters Township municipal record book, 1803-1866 (Series I, Subseries i) cannot be handled. Patrons can access a digital copy of the record book online through PA Photos and Documents (PaPD) at <https://powerlibrary.org/collections/>.

Finding Aids:

Folder lists are available for each series or sub-series. They can be found in the “Contents List” section of this guide.

Acquisition Information:

The records were acquired from township administrators.

Accruals Note:

Further accruals are expected.

Preferred Citation:

Peters Township Public Library Archives, MS 2022-090 Peters Township municipal government records

Processing Information:

The municipal record book was described by Carolyn Friedrich and Margaret Dietzer in January 2023. The remainder of the records were arranged and described by Nancy Martin in 2025.

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Separated Materials:

Oversize items are stored separately from the boxed materials. Their specific location is noted in the “Contents List” section of this guide.

Related Materials:

The records of the Peters Township Public Library are described separately from the Peters Township municipal government records. They can be found in MS 2021-057 Peters Township Public Library records.

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Sources Consulted:

The following sources were consulted in the creation of this finding aid:

- “Pennsylvania municipalities: In a class by themselves” by the *Pennsylvania Township News* magazine, 2006
- Peters Township Home Rule Charter
- Peters Township, Pennsylvania website at <https://www.peterstownship.com/>

Contents List

Series I. Administration Department records, 1803-2026

Series Extent: 23 boxes

Series Scope and Content Note: Series consists of records created or accumulated by the Administration Department of Peters Township. Records include a municipal record book with entries from 1803 until 1866, township treasurer account books, auditors reports, community calendars, magazines and newsletters, financial reports, budgets, annual reports, and Township Council meeting fact sheets. All subseries are arranged chronologically.

Series is arranged in 14 subseries:

- Subseries i. Municipal record book, 1803-1866
- Subseries ii. Treasurer's account books, 1946-1974
- Subseries iii. Tax collector's monthly reports, 1947-1948
- Subseries iv. Auditors reports, 1944, 1947, 1948
- Subseries v. Township reports, 1963-2002
- Subseries vi. Community calendars, 1977-2026
- Subseries vii. Newsletters, 1983-2024
- Subseries viii. Comprehensive annual financial reports, 1988-2013
- Subseries ix. Operating budget & capital improvement program reports, 1991-2012
- Subseries x. Annual reports, 2000-2021
- Subseries xi. Community magazines, 2005-2026
- Subseries xii. Citizens reports, 2007
- Subseries xiii. Township Council meeting fact sheets, 2022-2024
- Subseries xiv. Miscellaneous administration records, 2001-2023

Subseries i. Municipal record book, 1803-1866

Subseries Extent: 1 volume (438 pages)

Subseries Scope and Content Note: The Peters Township municipal record book, which bears the title "The Township Book for Peters Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania" spans the years 1803 to 1866. This bound volume primarily contains entries that document the administrative activities of Peters Township municipal government during this period.

Entries consist of election results, auditor reports, relief authorizations, and stray animal reports.

The entries relating to election results date from 1806-1865 and include election dates (typically in March), names of individuals in whose homes elections were held, open township positions, and names of those elected. The book also records the outcome of votes held regarding a school (1825), a congressman (1842), and the sale of liquor (1847).

The auditor reports date from 1803-1866 and include the date of the report, a review of the township's financial records to determine monies owed by and to the township, and settlement thereof. These entries constitute approximately half of the book. The reports are not always in chronological order.

The relief authorizations date from 1822-1829 and describe hardships experienced by community members in need of financial or other support from the township and specify authorizations of support to these individuals.

The stray animal reports date from 1814-1863 and include date of the report, names of individuals reporting stray horses, cattle, and sheep, descriptions of the animals, and any fees paid to the township.

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Subseries ii. Treasurer's account books, 1946-1974

Subseries Extent: 24 volumes

Subseries Scope and Content Note: Subseries consists of 24 volumes of the Township Treasurer's Account Books (Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Highways, Form 903) from 1946-1974. The subseries is incomplete; some volumes are missing. The books record the annual receipts and expenditures of the Peters Township municipal government.

Box		Dates
Box 3	Treasurer's account books (6 volumes)	1946-1951
Box 4	Treasurer's account books (5 volumes)	1952-1957
Box 5	Treasurer's account books (5 volumes)	1958-1960
Box 6	Treasurer's account books (5 volumes)	1961-1964
Box 7	Treasurer's account books (3 folders)	1966
Box 8	Treasurer's account books (5 folders)	1967, 1974

Subseries iii. Tax collector's monthly reports, 1947-1948**Subseries Extent:** 1 folder

Subseries Scope and Content Note: Subseries consists of the township tax collector's monthly reports from November 1947 to November 1948. Each report records the taxes collected by S. S. Whitaker, the township tax collector, during the period of time specified at the top of each report. Many of the reports are weekly rather than monthly reports. The total amount of tax collected and recorded at the bottom of each report corresponds with an entry made under the name of S.S. Whitaker, the township tax collector, in the Receipts section of the Township Treasurer's Account Books for 1947 and 1948 found in Subseries ii.

Box		Dates
Box 3	Tax Collector's monthly reports	1947-1948

Subseries iv. Auditors reports, 1944, 1947, 1948**Subseries Extent:** 1 folder (3 pages)

Subseries Scope and Content Note: Subseries consists of three completed Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Form no. 988 "Auditors Report" for the Municipality of Peters Township, Washington County for the years 1944, 1947 and 1948. Each report records the township's cash balance at the beginning of the year, receipts, expenditures, cash balance at the end of the year, resources and liabilities. The report is signed by the township auditors.

Box		Dates
Box 3	Auditors reports	1944, 1947, 1948

Subseries v. Township reports, 1963-2002**Subseries Extent:** 16 folders

Subseries Scope and Content Note: Subseries consists of reports created or accumulated by the Administration Department of Peters Township. Topics of the reports are varied and include predictions of future population growth, community facilities plans, and road studies.

Box 9	Report Title	Dates
Folder 1	Summary of "Know your township" study of Peters Township	circa 1963
Folder 2	A fiscal analysis and projection for the Township of Peters, 1959-1970	1965
Folders 3-6	Peters Township future growth plan	1968
Folder 7	Long-range community facilities plan	circa 1970
Folder 8	The report of the Government Study Commission of Peters Township	1973
Box 24		
Folder 28	Know your town	1977
Folder 29	Report on Washington County, Pennsylvania	1980s
Box 9		
Folder 9	Census of population and housing: Summary population and housing characteristics	1990
Folders 10-15	Route 19 improvement study	1995
Folder 16	Mixed-use corridor package focus group	2002

Subseries vi. Community calendars, 1977-2026

Subseries Extent: 9 folders

Subseries Scope and Content Note: Subseries consists of the annual community calendars published by the administration of Peters Township. The 12-month calendars which follow the school year and, therefore, begin in September, provide a wealth of information about the township. The calendars include emergency, municipal, council, and school district contact information, record municipal government and school district events, and may also contain information about local organizations and services.

Box 9	Begin Dates	End Dates
Folder 17	1977-1978	1986-1987
Folder 18	1988-1989	1992-1993
Folder 19	1993-1994	1997-1998
Folder 20	1998-1999	2002-2003
Folder 21	2003-2004	2007-2008
Box 10		
Folder 1	2008-2009	2012-2013
Folder 2	2013-2014	2017-2018
Folder 3	2018-2019	2022-2023

Folder 4	2023-2024	2025-2026
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Subseries vii. Newsletters, 1983-2024

Subseries Extent: 30 folders

Subseries Scope and Content Note: Subseries consists of newsletters published by Peters Township and distributed to its citizens. The newsletters document township staff, initiatives, events, and issues. The *Preview: A newsletter for Peters Township* makes up the majority of the subseries. Issues of *Reading, Recreation and More: A companion to the Preview newsletter* and of *The Insider: A newsletter for township employees and board members* are also included in the subseries.

Existence and Location of Copies: Digital copies of the *Preview* newsletters are available online through PA Photos and Documents (PaPD) at <https://www.powerlibrary.org/collections/>.

Box 10	Title	Dates
Folders 5-24	Preview	1983-2003
Box 11		
Folders 1-4	Preview	2004-2009
Folder 5-9	Reading, Recreation and More...	2005-2009
Folder 10	The Insider	2023-2024

Subseries viii. Comprehensive annual financial reports, 1988-2013

Subseries Extent: 19 folders

Subseries Scope and Content Note: Subseries consists of comprehensive annual financial reports published by the Administration Department of Peters Township. The reports may include organizational charts, an auditor's report, financial statements, and a statistical section recording such information as government expenditure by function, township debt, principal employers, population growth, household incomes, education, and housing.

Box 11	Dates
Folders 11-25	1988-2006
Box 12	

Folders 1-4	2007-2013
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Subseries ix. Operating budget & capital improvement program reports, 1991-2012

Subseries Extent: 52 folders

Subseries Scope and Content Note: Subseries consists of an incomplete set of annual operating budget and capital improvement program reports by the Administration Department of Peters Township. The reports include a budget message and summary, financial goals and policies, performance measures, budgets by fund, revenue by source, expenditures by program, a capital improvement program, and supporting documentation.

Box 12	Dates
Folders 5-26	1991-1999
Box 13	
Folders 1-21	2000-2006
Box 14	
Folders 1-9	2007-2012

Subseries x. Annual reports, 2000-2021

Subseries Extent: 34 folders

Subseries Scope and Content Note: Subseries consists of annual reports written by the Administration Department of Peters Township. The reports document the annual activities of township administration and council, the police, fire, planning, engineering, parks and recreation, and public works departments, Peters Township Public Library, and community television. The reports also include some financial information.

Box 14	Dates
Folders 10-21	2000-2003
Box 15	
Folders 1-22	2004-2021

Subseries xi. Community magazines, 2005-2026**Subseries Extent:** 8 boxes

Subseries Scope and Content Note: Subseries consists of community magazines featuring Peters Township. Since 2009, the township magazine has been *IN Peters Township* published by IN Community Magazines. Its predecessors are *Peters Township Magazine* and *The Peters Township Source*.

Box	Title	Dates
Box 16	Peters Township Magazine	2005-2006
Box 17	Peters Township Magazine/ The Peters Township Source	2007-2008
Box 18	IN Peters Township	2009-2011
Box 19	IN Peters Township	2012-2014
Box 20	IN Peters Township	2015-2017
Box 21	IN Peters Township	2018-2020
Box 22	IN Peters Township	2021-2023
Box 23	IN Peters Township	2024-2026

Subseries xii. Citizens reports, 2007**Subseries Extent:** 1 folder

Subseries Scope and Content Note: Subseries consists of the 2007 Peters Township Citizens' Report written by the township administration and "designed to inform residents about Peters Township, its operation, services, and programs, as well as the Township's financial condition...suitable for those readers who prefer an overview or summary of the Township's government and its financial condition."

Box 15	Dates
Folder 23	2007

Subseries xiii. Township Council meeting fact sheets, 2022-2024

Subseries Extent: 1 folder

Subseries Scope and Content Note: Subseries consists of an incomplete set of township council meeting fact sheets describing the issues discussed and the decisions made at Peters Township council meetings.

Existence and Location of Copies: Digital copies of the fact sheets from 2016 to the present are available on the Peters Township website at

https://ecode360.com/PE3557/documents/Misc._Documents?category=Council%20Meeting%20Fact%20Sheets

Box 15	Dates
Folder 24	2022-2024

Subseries xiv. Miscellaneous administration records, 2001-2023

Subseries Extent: 2 folders

Subseries Scope and Content Note: Subseries consists of miscellaneous records created or accumulated by the Administration Department of Peters Township. Records include municipal guides and township maps and other miscellaneous documents.

Box 24	Folder title	Dates
Folder 1	Peters Township map and municipal guide	2001-2002, 2005
Folder 2	Miscellaneous records	2007, 2022-2023
Drawer 4		
Folder 2	Poster-size thank you note from Mrs. Dinan's second grade class to Peters Township Council thanking its members for visiting their school	2000s
Folder 3	<i>Almanac</i> article about the upcoming retirement of township manager Michael Silvestri	2016

Series II. Planning Department records, 1957-2013

Series Extent: 3 boxes

Series Scope and Content Note: Series consists of records created or accumulated by the Planning Department of Peters Township while carrying out its planning and zoning duties. Records include aerial photographs and negatives of the township, as well as zoning and grading ordinances, land development regulations, and comprehensive plans.

Series is arranged in 2 subseries:

- Subseries i. Aerial photographs and negatives of Peters Township, 1957-2000
- Subseries ii. Ordinances, regulations and plans, 1990-2013

Subseries i. Aerial photographs and negatives of Peters Township, 1957-2000

Subseries Scope and Content Note: Subseries consists of aerial photographs and negatives of overlapping sections of Peters Township taken in 1957, 1993 and 2000 as well as a spot shot negative of the entire township overlaid with the township's boundaries.

Subseries is arranged in 4 sub-subseries:

1. Aerial photographs of Peters Township, 1957
2. Spot shot aerial negative of Peters Township, 1983
3. Aerial negatives of Peters Township, 1993
4. Aerial photographs of Peters Township, 2000

Sub-Subseries i. Aerial photographs of Peters Township, 1957

Sub-Subseries Extent: 93 photographs (b&w)

Sub-Subseries Scope and Content Note: Sub-subseries consists of black and white, 9x9 inch aerial photographs of overlapping sections of Peters Township taken by Robert A. Cummings, Jr. & Associates for the township in 1957 (job number A-509). Sub-subseries includes a paper photo index of the photographs. Photograph 46 is missing from the sub-subseries.

Box	Dates
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Box 25	1957
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Sub-Subseries ii. Spot shot aerial negative of Peters Township, 1983

Sub-Subseries Extent: 1 negative; 1 overlay (b&w)

Sub-Subseries Scope and Content Note: Sub-subseries consists of a single aerial negative of Peters Township and surrounding area overlaid with a film of the outline of the boundaries of Peters Township. The spot shot was taken in 1983 by the Lanse, PA office of TVGA for the township.

Box	Dates
Box 26	1983

Sub-Subseries iii. Aerial negatives of Peters Township, 1993

Sub-Subseries Extent: 80 negatives (b&w)

Sub-Subseries Scope and Content Note: Sub-subseries consists of black and white, 10x10 inch aerial negatives of overlapping sections of Peters Township taken for the township in 1993. The scale of each negative is 1:8000.

Box	Dates
Box 26	1993

Sub-Subseries iv. Aerial photographs of Peters Township, 2000

Sub-Subseries Extent: 30 photographs (b&w)

Sub-Subseries Scope and Content Note: Sub-subseries consists of black and white, 10x10 inch aerial photographs of overlapping sections of Peters Township taken by EarthData International of Gaithersburg,

Maryland for the township in 2000. The scale of each photograph is 1:14400. The latitude and longitude of each image is recorded on each photograph.

Box	Dates
Box 26	2000

Subseries ii. Ordinances, regulations and plans, 1990-2013

Subseries Extent: 19 folders

Subseries Scope and Content Note: Subseries consists of textual records created or accumulated by the Planning Department of Peters Township while carrying out its planning and zoning work. Records include zoning and grading ordinances, land development regulations, comprehensive plans, and an oversized design plan from 2007 illustrating proposed improvements to the intersection of Washington Road, Valley Brook Road, and Old Washington Road in Peters Township.

Box 24	Folder title	Dates
Folder 3	Ordinance amending the Peters Township zoning ordinance	1990
Folder 4	Subdivision and land development regulations	1991
Folders 5-6	Peters Township zoning ordinance	1993
Folders 7-9	Peters Township zoning ordinance	2001
Folder 10	Subdivision and land development regulations	2001
Folders 11-13	Peters Township zoning ordinance and grading ordinance	2003
Folders 14-16	Peters Township zoning ordinance	2003
Folders 17-19	Peters Township zoning ordinance	2005
Roll		
Roll 6	S.R. 0019, Section Z10, Valley Brook Road Intersection Improvement, Peters Township, Washington County, Preliminary Design, March 2007	2007
Box 24		
Folders 20-21	Comprehensive plan	2013

Series III. Parks & Recreation Department records, 1960s-2005

Series Extent: 14 folders

Series Scope and Content Note: Series consists of records created or accumulated by the Parks & Recreation Department of Peters Township while carrying out its mission “to provide meaningful recreation and leisure opportunities through program offerings and the provision of parks, special use areas, and facilities”. Records include recreation-related studies, plans and manuals.

Box 24	Folder title	Dates
Folder 22	Copy of “General plan for the development of a park at Peters Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania” (Peterswood Park)	1960s
Folder 23	McMurray Lions Club proposal for a recreation center for Peters Township	undated 1970s?
Drawer 4		
Folder 3	Map of Master Plan Peterswood Park, March 16, 1987 (3 copies)	1987
Box 24		
Folders 24-27	Comprehensive park, recreation and open space plan	1991
Box 27		
Folder 1	Project manual for Elm Grove Park Phase I improvements	1995
Folders 2-3	Comprehensive park, recreation and open space plan	1999
Folders 4-7	Feasibility study: Recreation center, pool and skateboard park	2001
Folder 8	Peters Township comprehensive study of recreational fields	2005

Series IV. Police Department press clippings, 1958-2016

Series Extent: 5 folders

Series Scope and Content Note: Series consists of an artificial collection of press clippings and copies of press clippings about the Peters Township Police Department collected by a former employee of the Peters Township Public Library. The series contains no original Police Department records.

Box 27	Folder title	Dates
Folder 9	History of the department	1979-2002
Folder 10	Press clippings about Peters Township police officers	1959-2002
Folders 11-12	Press clippings about Police Department programs and services	1971-2016
Folder 13	Press clippings about Peters Township Police Chief Robert Clark	1958-2005

Series V. Fire Department records, 1994, 2018-2019

Series Extent: 1 folder

Series Scope and Content Note: Series consists of a history of the Peters Township Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 written in 1994, the 2018 Citizen's financial report for the Peters Township Fire Department, and a 2019 article from *IN Peters Township magazine* about the retirement of long serving Fire Chief Dan Coyle.

Box 27
Folder 14

Series VI. Community Television programs, 1988-2017

Series Extent: 22 DVDs

Series Scope and Content Note: Series consists of Peters Township Community Television programs relating to the history of the township or to the Peters Township Public Library.

Existence and Location of Copies: Originals of all Peters Township Community Television (PTCT) programs can be obtained directly from PTCT. Many programs are also available on PTCT's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@Ptct7>.

Box 28	Program title	Dates
Folder 1	<i>Senior Perspective:</i> Esther Baird: A look into our past	1988
	<i>Senior Perspective:</i> One room school	1994
Folder 2	<i>Senior Perspective:</i> Remember when...History of PT	1990
	<i>Senior Perspective:</i> The old house diary: An 1870s farmhouse renovation	1995
Folder 3	<i>Senior Perspective:</i> PT post offices	1994
	<i>Senior Perspective:</i> First barber shop in PT	1995
	<i>Senior Perspective:</i> Artists, Part I	1995
Folder 4	<i>Senior Perspective:</i> Telephone company in McMurray	1995
Folder 5	<i>Manager's Notebook:</i> New library budget	1997
Folder 6	<i>Senior Perspective:</i> Wright's Church 175 th anniversary	1998
Folder 7	<i>Chamber Focus:</i> New PT library	1999

Folder 8	<i>Senior Perspective</i> : PT history: Hackett	1999
	<i>Senior Perspective</i> : PT history: Donaldson's Crossroads	1999
Folder 9	<i>Senior Perspective</i> : PT history: Venetia	1999
	<i>Senior Perspective</i> : PT history: Bower Hill	1999
Folder 10	<i>Senior Perspective</i> : PT history: Thompsonville	1999
Folder 11	<i>Senior Perspective</i> : PT history: McMurray	1999
Folder 12	<i>Senior Perspective</i> : PT history: Live call-in	2001
	<i>Senior Perspective</i> : The Wright House	2001
Folder 13	<i>Senior Perspective</i> : Venetia Community Center	2001
Folder 14	<i>Chamber Focus</i> : Taste of the Town	2003
Folder 15	The past, present and future of Canonsburg Lake	2007
Folder 16	Canonsburg Lake: Past	2007
Folder 17	Canonsburg Lake: The present	2007
Folder 18	Canonsburg Lake: The future	2007
Folder 19	<i>Color Glimpses of Peters Township, 1940s-1980s</i> : PT Public Library	2008
Folder 20	Taste of the Township	2014
Folder 21	<i>Senior Perspective</i> : Discussion of WAGGIN library system and PTPL resources for seniors with library director Myra Oleynik	2016
Folder 22	Peters Township Public Library: 60 th anniversary celebration	2017

Series VII. Boards and commissions records, 1983-2003

Series Extent: 12 folders

Series Scope and Content Note: Series consists of the entries received by the Environmental Quality Board of Peters Township for its 1983 "Pride in Peters" bumper sticker contest, records relating to the Peters Township Historical Committee's 1993 survey of historical structures and sites in the township, and miscellaneous records created by other township boards and commissions.

Series is arranged in 3 subseries:

- Subseries i. Environmental Quality Board records, 1983
- Subseries ii. Historical Committee survey of historical structures and sites, 1993
- Subseries iii. Miscellaneous boards and commissions records, 1986-2003

Subseries i. Environmental Quality Board records, 1983

Subseries Extent: 1 folder

Subseries Biography/History: The Environmental Quality Board of Peters Township was created in June of 1982. The board’s mandate was to address littering and dumping on roadways, vandalism, outdoor storage, and a perceived lack of cohesiveness among community organizations.

Subseries Scope and Content Note: Subseries consists of entries in the “Pride in Peters” bumper sticker contest organized by the Environmental Quality Board of Peters Township in 1983.

Drawer 4	Folder Title	Dates
Folder 1	Entries in the “Pride in Peters” bumper sticker contest	1983

Subseries ii. Historical Committee survey of historical structures and sites, 1993

Subseries Extent: 9 folders

Subseries Biography/History: In the early 1990s, planning was underway for the construction of Pennsylvania Route 576 (PA Turnpike 576), also known as the Southern Beltway. The Beltway is a toll road in the southern and western suburbs of Pittsburgh that serves as a beltway around the Greater Pittsburgh area between Pittsburgh International Airport and the steel valley of the Monongahela River area. In the early 1990s, the Beltway threatened to impact Peters Township. The township actively opposed the project and hoped to prevent incursion by identifying local historical structures and sites deserving of landmark status and, therefore, of protection. 79 Peters Township buildings and sites were included in the survey.

Subseries Scope and Content Note: Subseries consists of records created or accumulated by the Peters Township Historical Committee during its 1993 survey of historical township buildings and sites. Subseries includes questionnaires completed by Peters Township residents who lived in historical structures, “Washington County Landmarks Register: Historic Resource Forms” completed by project coordinator Michael Hoy based on the information collected in the questionnaires, and a “Peters Township Historical Report” completed by Hoy in July of 1993.

The “Historical Report” is missing the page summarizing sites 21-24 and sites 41, 47, 55, 61 and 74 have neither an entry in the final report nor individual property survey documents. Individual property survey documents for the Finleyville Cemetery – 29 – are missing from the subseries.

The information recorded for each historical structure or site includes a photograph, property address, owner, tax ID number, date built, present and original uses, building material, style, condition, integrity, map location, notes, and any additional historical information.

Box 27	Folder Title
Folder 15	Peters Township historical report, July 21, 1993
Folder 16	Sites 1-5
Folder 17	Sites 6-10
Folder 18	Sites 11-20
Folder 19	Sites 21-28 (29 is missing)
Folder 20	Sites 30-40
Folder 21	Sites 42-54
Folder 22	Sites 56-73
Folder 23	Sites 75-79

Subseries iii. Miscellaneous boards and commissions records, 1986-2003

Subseries Extent: 2 folders

Subseries Scope and Content Note: Subseries consists of miscellaneous records of Peters Township boards and commissions. The subseries includes a 1955 newspaper article about the establishment of a township Planning Commission, records of the township's Drug and Alcohol Task Force, and a program from the 8th Joint Annual Dinner Meeting of township boards and commissions from 2003.

Drawer 4	Folder Title	Dates
Folder 3	<i>The Commerce News</i> , December 1955, containing an article about the establishment of the Peters Township Planning Commission	1955
Box 27		
Folder 24	Drug and Alcohol Task Force records	1986-1995
Folder 25	Program from the 8 th Joint Annual Dinner Meetings of Peters Township boards and commissions	2003

Series VIII. Photographs, 1960s-2000s

Series Extent: 1 box of photographs (105 folders)

Series Scope and Content Note: Series consists of photographs taken or acquired by the Peters Township municipal government while carrying out its various responsibilities. Many of the photographs appeared in the township's *Preview* newsletter described in *Series I Administration Department records, Subseries vii Peters Township newsletters*. Additional identifying information may be found written on the backs of individual photographs.

Series is arranged in 20 subseries:

Subseries	Subseries title	Dates
i.	Council member photographs	1960s-2003
ii.	Committees, commissions and boards photographs	1988-1998
iii.	Township staff photographs	1980s-2004
iv.	Municipal government department photographs	1980s-2007
v.	Peters Township Public Library photographs	1980s-1999
vi.	Community Day photographs	1984-1985
vii.	Clean Up Day photographs	1984-2002
viii.	Township recycling program photographs	1989-2000
ix.	Tree lighting ceremony photographs	1984
x.	Township rabies clinic photographs	1984, 1987
xi.	Peters Township VFW photographs	1990s-2003
xii.	Photographs of township businesses	1970s-1998
xiii.	Photographs of township schools	1980s-1991
xiv.	Photographs of township churches	1980s-2004
xv.	Photographs of township housing and housing plans	1980s-2001
xvi.	Photographs of township construction projects	1993-2000
xvii.	Photographs of township roads	1980s-2000
xviii.	Photographs of township signage	1989-2002
xix.	Photographs of township parades	1980s-1993
xx.	Miscellaneous photographs	1987-2000s

Related Photographic Records:

- MS 2022-081 PT Chamber of Commerce Community Day documents and photographs
- MS 2021-057 Peters Township Public Library records
- MS 2020-001 Lybarger family papers: Photographs of local businesses

Subseries i. Council member photographs, 1960s-2003

Subseries Extent: 4 folders

Subseries Scope and Content Note: Subseries consists of group and individual photographs of Peters Township council members.

Box 27		Dates
Folder 26	Council members, oversized photographs	1960s, 1976
Box 2		
File 1	Group council member photographs	1985-2003
File 2	Individual council member photographs	1980s-2001
File 3	Individual council member photographs	1990s-2002

Subseries ii. Committees, commissions and boards photographs, 1988-1998

Subseries Extent: 2 folders

Subseries Scope and Content Note: Subseries consists of photographs of the members and initiatives of Peters Township committees, commissions and boards including the Planning Commission, the Drug and Alcohol Committee, the Peters Township Youth Commission, the Environmental Quality Board, and the Land Use Plan Steering Committee.

Box 2		Dates
File 4	Committees, commissions and boards	1988-1998
File 5	Environmental Quality Board: Big Trees of Pennsylvania photographs	1997

Subseries iii. Township staff photographs, 1980s-2004

Subseries Extent: 14 folders

Subseries Scope and Content Note: Subseries consists of photographs of Peters Township staff members including administrative, public safety (police and fire departments), and cable television staff. Subseries also includes photographs of township staff picnics.

Box 2		Dates
File 6	Fire Department staff	1986-2001
File 7	Police Department staff	1980s-1996
File 8	Harry J. Fruecht, Police Chief	1988-1998
File 9	Cable TV/Public Access staff	1980s-1999
File 86	Department heads	2002

File 10	Township staff	1980s-1996
File 81	Township staff	1990s-2004
File 85	Township staff picnic	1992
File 93	Township staff picnic	1997
File 76	Township staff picnic	undated
File 77	Township staff picnic	undated
File 11	Michael Silvestri, Township Manager	1980s-1999
File 99	Presentation of a photograph of Peters Township to Michael Silvestri by Peters Township Council for his 25 years of service	2001
Drawer 4		
Folder 5	The oversize photograph of Peters Township given to township manager Michael Silvestri by Peters Township Council for his 25 years of service	2001
Box 2		
File 12	Paul Lauer, Assistant Township Manager	1980s-1990s
File 13	Michael J. Fagella, District Judge/Magistrate	1986

Subseries iv. Municipal government department photographs, 1980s-2007

Subseries Extent: 14 folders

Subseries Scope and Content Note: Subseries consists of photographs of the work and equipment of Peters Township municipal government departments including the police, fire, public works, planning, and parks and recreation departments.

Box 2		Dates
File 90	Peters Township Municipal Center	2000s
File 14	Police Department self-defense karate class for officers	1985
File 15	Police Department child safety program	1986
File 16	Fire Department trucks	1990s-2005
Box 27		
Folder 27	Fire engine 641	1992
Box 2		
File 17	Public Works Department	1980s-2001
File 18	Planning Department	1980s-2003
File 79	Parks and Recreation events	1980s-2000s
File 27	Parks and Recreation playgrounds and parks	1992
File 28	Parks and Recreation playgrounds and parks	1998-2001
File 80	Parks and Recreation: Arrowhead Trail	1999-2007

File 103	Parks and Recreation: Parks	1998-2004
File 102	Groundbreaking for Community Recreation Center	2000
File 84	Community Recreation Center (CRC)	2004

Subseries v. Peters Township Public Library photographs, 1980s-1999

Subseries Extent: 9 folders

Subseries Scope and Content Note: Subseries consists of photographs of the facilities and programs of the Peters Township Public Library.

Box 2		Dates
File 19	Miscellaneous photographs	1980s
File 20	Used book sale	1980s
File 20	Opening and dedication of the library addition	1985
File 21	Automated library doors	1993
Box 27		
Folder 27	Automated catalog and circulation system	1993
Box 2		
File 22	Internet access event	1996
File 23	State presentation of check for new library building	1997
File 24	Library cornerstone unveiling	1998
File 25	New library building dedication	1999

Subseries vi. Community Day photographs, 1984-1985

Subseries Extent: 1 folder

Subseries Scope and Content Note: Subseries consists of photographs taken at the annual Peters Township Community Day in 1984 and 1985.

Box 2		Dates
File 29	Community Day	1984-1985

Subseries vii. Clean Up Day photographs, 1984-2002

Subseries Extent: 14 folders

Subseries Scope and Content Note: Subseries consists of photographs taken at the annual Peters Township Clean Up Day organized by the Environmental Quality Board (EQB).

Box 2		Dates
Files 30-39	Clean Up Day	1984-1999
File 91	Clean Up Day	2000
File 87	Clean Up Day	2001
File 88	Clean Up Day	2002
Box 27		
Folder 27	Clean Up Day	1993

Subseries viii. Township recycling program photographs, 1989-2000

Subseries Extent: 4 folders

Subseries Scope and Content Note: Subseries consists of photographs of the recycling initiatives of Peters Township.

Box 2		Dates
File 40	Peters Township recycling center opening	1989
File 41	PTA Recycling Project	1990
File 42	Recycling slogan contest winners	1990
File 78	Miscellaneous recycling program photographs	2000

Subseries ix. Tree lighting ceremony photographs, 1984

Subseries Extent: 1 folder

Subseries Scope and Content Note: Subseries consists of photographs taken at the township's annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony.

Box 2		Dates
File 43	Tree lighting ceremony	1984

Subseries x. Township rabies clinic photographs, 1984, 1987**Subseries Extent:** 1 folder**Subseries Scope and Content Note:** Subseries consists of photographs taken at the township's rabies clinic at which veterinarian Dr. George Myatich of Hidden Valley Animal Clinic vaccinated local pets against rabies.

Box 2		Dates
File 44	Rabies clinic	1984, 1987

Subseries xi. Peters Township VFW photographs, 1990s-2003**Subseries Extent:** 2 folders**Subseries Scope and Content Note:** Subseries consists of photographs of the activities of Peters Township's Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) Post 764, located at the intersection of Valley Brook Road and East McMurray Road in McMurray.

Box 2		Dates
File 45	VFW activities	1990s-2003
File 94	War memorial dedication	2003

Subseries xii. Photographs of township businesses, 1970s-1998**Subseries Extent:** 2 folders**Subseries Scope and Content Note:** Subseries consists of photographs of township businesses including Simmons Farm, the Krebs Professional Center, Donaldson's Crossroads, Opeka Auto Repair, and Rolling Hills Country Club.

Box 2		Dates
File 46	Local businesses	1970s-1998
File 47	Simmons Farm	1980s

Subseries xiii. Photographs of township schools, 1980s-1991**Subseries Extent:** 8 folders**Subseries Scope and Content Note:** Subseries consists of photographs taken at township schools including Peters Township High School, Peters Township Middle School, and Elm Grove, McMurray, Pleasant Valley, and Venetia elementary schools.

Box 2		Dates
File 48	Elm Grove Elementary School	1980s
File 49	McMurray Elementary School	1980s
File 50	Pleasant Valley Elementary School	1980s
File 51	Venetia Elementary School	1980s
File 52	Peters Township Middle School	1980s
File 53	Peters Township High School	1980s
File 54	Peters Township Middle School construction	1987-1988
File 55	Peters Township High School Adopt a Highway	1991

Subseries xiv. Photographs of township churches, 1980s-2004**Subseries Extent:** 2 folders**Subseries Scope and Content Note:** Subseries consists of photographs of Peters Township churches including Center Presbyterian Church, Trinity United Methodist, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, St. David's Episcopal Church, and Wright's United Methodist Church.

Box 2		Dates
File 56	Center Presbyterian Church	1980s
File 57	Peters Township churches	1980s-2004

Subseries xv. Photographs of township houses and housing plans, 1980s-2001**Subseries Extent:** 3 folders**Subseries Scope and Content Note:** Subseries consists of photographs of township homes and housing plans including images of historical homes and the construction of McMurray Highlands.

Box 2		Dates
File 58	Historical homes	1990s
File 59	Houses and housing plans	1980s-2001
File 60	McMurray Highlands	1987, 1990

Subseries xvi. Photographs of township construction projects, 1993-2000

Subseries Extent: 3 folders

Subseries Scope and Content Note: Subseries consists of photographs of township construction projects including the renovation of the Peters Township municipal building and police department building, the Peters Township Sewer Authority (PTSA) expansion, and the construction of McDowell Shops on Route 19.

Box 2		Dates
File 61	Construction projects	1993
File 74	Renovation of the municipal building	1987
File 89	Renovation of the municipal building and police department building	2000

Subseries xvii. Photographs of township roads, 1980s-2000

Subseries Extent: 7 folders

Subseries Scope and Content Note: Subseries consists of photographs of township roads and road-related construction projects.

Box 2		Dates
File 62	Bridges and overpasses	1980s-1990s
File 63	Valley Brook Road and Route 19	1990
File 82	Intersection of East McMurray and Valley Brook Roads	1990s
Box 27		
Folder 27	Reconstruction of the intersection of East McMurray and Valley Brook Roads	1996
Box 2		
File 97	Ribbon cutting ceremony for redesigned intersection of East McMurray and Valley Brook Roads	July 1997

File 64	Township roads	2000
File 65	Township roads	2000

Subseries xviii. Photographs of township signage, 1989-2002

Subseries Extent: 1 folder

Subseries Scope and Content Note: Subseries consists of photographs of township signage including the “Welcome to Peters Township” signs on Route 19.

Box 2		Dates
File 66	Signage	1989-2002

Subseries xix. Photographs of township parades, 1980s-1993

Subseries Extent: 6 folders

Subseries Scope and Content Note: Subseries consists of photographs of township parades including the Memorial Day parade and the Peters Township High School Homecoming parade.

Box 2		Dates
File 67	Memorial Day parade	Undated: 1980s or 1990s
File 68	Memorial Day parade	1993
File 69	PTHS Homecoming parade	Undated: 1980s or 1990s
File 70	PTHS Homecoming parade	1990
File 71	PTHS Homecoming parade	1991
File 72	PTHS Homecoming parade	1992

Subseries xx. Miscellaneous photographs, 1987-2000s

Subseries Extent: 6 folders

Subseries Scope and Content Note: Subseries consists of miscellaneous photographs created or accumulated by the Peters Township municipal government.

Box 2		Dates
File 73	Miscellaneous photographs	1987-2000s
File 83	Donation of "B & O Railroad Station – Washington PA" watercolor by artist James A. McConnell to Peters Township	1987
File 98	Unauthorized development of township property on West McMurray Road	2000
File 101	Flooding in Peters Township	2000
File 95	Railroad Street flooding	undated
File 96	Flood damage	undated