

Preservation Wayne Records

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Creator: Preservation Wayne

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Related Material: Photographs, oversize artwork, blueprints, wallpaper samples, and audio tapes were transferred to the Reuther's Audiovisual Department. This includes the 1976-1977 survey of the neighborhood in and around WSU, a building-by-building study incorporating photographs and notes on each structure.

PLEASE NOTE: Material in this collection has been arranged by series ONLY. Folders are not arranged within each series – we have provided an inventory based on their original order. Subjects may be dispersed throughout several boxes within any given series.

History

Preservation Wayne (PW), originally known as the Wayne State University Historical Preservation Association, emerged in 1975 as a student movement to protest the destruction of historic structures on the Wayne State University (WSU) campus and in the Cultural Center district. Its founders were Allen Wallace and Marilyn Florek. PW was instrumental in saving the David Mackenzie House, the 1895 home of the first Dean of WSU, which was slated for demolition in order to put in a new sewer line. The group was successful in their efforts, having the building historically designated by both the city of Detroit and the state of Michigan, and listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1978. PW then spearheaded the fundraising efforts to cover the cost of the building's restoration, which was completed in 1982. Mackenzie House subsequently became the headquarters for PW.

In 1980-1981, PW once again lobbied against the demolition of a number of historic properties on the WSU campus, including Sprague House. They were also instrumental in securing city, state, and national historic designation for three blocks of East Ferry Avenue, and in conducting a detailed survey of that neighborhood. In 1986, the group received the Preservation Honor Award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation. In 1988, with its membership diversifying outside the university community, PW became an independent 501(c)3 non-profit organization, headed by a volunteer board of directors. PW continues to be active in preservation efforts in Detroit, conducting workshops on historic rehabilitation and offering guided walking tours of historic neighborhoods.

Scope and Content

PW Records documents the origins, activities, preservation efforts, and operations of PW.

Important Subjects:

Architecture – Conservation and restoration
Architecture – Michigan – Detroit
Detroit (Mich.) – Buildings, structures, etc.
Historic buildings – Conservation and restoration
Historic preservation – Michigan – Detroit
Nonprofit organizations
Student movements – Michigan
Students – Societies, etc.
Wayne State University

Important Names:

Bonner, Thomas
Colburn, William
Florek, Marilyn
Gullen, George E., Jr.
Grunow, Francis
Hague, Marguerite
Mackenzie, David

Wallace, Allan

Series I: Mackenzie House, 1975-1989

Field reports; appearances before WSU Board of Governors; fundraising efforts and benefits; correspondence; city, state, and national historic designations; renovation and landscaping; newspaper clippings.

Series II: WSU Demolitions, 1980-1981

Building survey; appearances before WSU Board of Governors; reports; newspaper clippings.

Series III: Governance, 1980-2008

Proceedings and correspondence of the PW Board of Directors; strategic planning notes; by-laws; annual reports.

Series IV: Working files, 1975-2010

Office files including budget and financial reports; fundraising efforts; correspondence; membership rosters and volunteers; newsletters, flyers, and other publications; reports; tours, lectures, workshops, and other special events; preservation efforts including East Ferry Avenue Historical District, Hecker Smiley Brothers Mansion, Statler Building, Sprague House, and others; surveys of WSU, Cultural District, Midtown; scrapbook, newspaper clippings, and other press coverage.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into four series: Series I (Boxes 1-2), Series II (Box 2), Series III (Boxes 2-3), and Series IV (Boxes 3-5).

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7. Mackenzie House Packets
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9. Board of Governors Meeting, 1977-05-11
10. Board of Governors Meeting, 1977-06-08
11. Board of Governors Agenda, 1978-01-18
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13. Board of Governors Meeting, 1980-03-24
14. Mackenzie House Barrier-free Design
15. Mackenzie House Completion Report
16. Mackenzie House Interior Restoration
17. Hazel E. Graham Bequest to Mackenzie House
18. Mackenzie House Print Information Flyers
19. Mackenzie House Security Alarm
20. Press Release re. Mackenzie House, 1977-04-07
21. Mackenzie House Policy Statement for Maintenance and Administration
22. Loan of artwork and insurance valuations for Pewabic Pottery
23. Mackenzie House Restoration Project Meeting, 1978-12-14
24. Mackenzie House Interior Restoration Committee
25. Mackenzie House Progress Meeting, 1980-10-22
26. Mackenzie House Restoration cost itemization
27. Mackenzie House Contractors
28. Mackenzie House Urban Revitalization, Inc.
29. Correspondence with James Blackinton re. Letty Crapo Smith painting
30. Correspondence with Esther B. Russell re. Mackenzie House
31. Thomas Bonner speech notes, clippings and correspondence
32. Mackenzie House Accounts Correspondence
33. Mackenzie House Office Space Correspondence
34. Mackenzie House Correspondence
35. Mackenzie House Correspondence with Wayne State University
36. Mackenzie House historical marker
37. Mackenzie House Landscaping

38. Mackenzie House National Register of Historic Places
39. Mackenzie House National Register of History Places Designation, Completed Reports
40. Mackenzie House City of Detroit Historic Designation, 1978-06-26
41. National Trust for Historic Preservation Consultant Services Grant for Mackenzie House
42. Janet Mackenzie Memorial Fund
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2. National Register Grant Contract
3. Foundation List
4. McGraw Foundation Grant
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6. Mackenzie House McDonald's fundraising campaign
7. Mackenzie House Corporate Fundraising Correspondence
8. Mackenzie House room restorations
9. Square Foot campaign
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11. Hilberry Benefit, 1978-01-08
12. Hilberry Benefit, 1979-05-09
13. Mackenzie House Reception, 1977
14. Board of Governors, Preservation of Mackenzie House Occupancy, 1982-02-19
15. Mackenzie House Opening Reception, 1982-11-30
16. Mackenzie Honor Society
17. Wayne State Faculty Wives, Mackenzie House, 1985
18. Mackenzie House property inventory, 1989

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23. Draft Building Survey
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25. Analysis of Utility Costs
26. Condition Survey and Rehabilitation Costs
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28. Selden Development Proposal
29. Board of Governors Presentation, 1980-07-23
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12. Proposal to form WSU Historic Advisory Commission, 1977
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16. WSU Historic Advisory Commission Minutes
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18. WSU Historic Advisory Commission Final Report (first draft)
19. WSU Historic Advisory Commission Correspondence
20. University Cultural Center Association Development Plan
21. University Cultural Center Association Meetings
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23. Account Books, 1978-1986
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9. Greater Detroit Historic Preservation Coalition Vision for Detroit
10. Detroit Historic Preservation Summits, 2005
11. National Trust for Historic Preservation Conference, 2006
12. America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places
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19. Michigan History article notes and correspondence
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13. Preservation Wayne history
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