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**Collection 204**  
**Trenton Council of Civic Associations**  
**1985-2017**

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## **History**

The Trenton Council of Civic Associations (TCCA) was founded in the early 1970's and serves as an umbrella organization for various member organizations including civic associations and neighborhood groups from the City of Trenton. They hold monthly meetings and work to further the City's growth by supporting its member organizations and through events like their Taste Trenton restaurant crawl.

## **Scope and Content**

This collection contains photographs, brochures, notecards, ephemera, and records relating to the TCCA. It is divided into three series: I. Organizational material; II. Events; III. Promotional items

This material represent some of the influence of the TCCA in Trenton for the past 50 years, as well as the history of Trenton as represented by the TCCA.

## **Series Description**

### **Series I. Organizational Material**

This series contains organizational materials relevant to the organization. It includes various items ranging from a copy of the TCCA constitution to member lists and a pamphlet for the annual dinner

held by the TCCA. This series helps to shed light on some of the smaller, more day-to-day details involved in the functionality of the TCCA

## **Series II. Events**

### **A. Discover Trenton Photo Exhibit, 1985**

The State Street Stroll was the successor to Heritage Days, which was a successful Trenton festival-type event with food, music, and art. The State Street Stroll, started in 1978, continued on a smaller scale after Heritage Days ended. It included the invitation for prominent Trentonians to return to celebrate a “homecoming.”

The “Discover Trenton” photo exhibit was on display in the State House rotunda during the State Street Stroll in 1985. It was produced by the TCCA and included a ten-panel display of photographs taken around Trenton commemorating the parks, playgrounds, historic buildings, neighborhoods, flowers, festivals, arts, entertainments, and other scenes.

The display was accompanied by a film, also produced by the TCCA that could be viewed during the State Street Stroll.

This series contains a majority of the photographs from this exhibit. After the exhibit had been taken down, at some point the photographs were separated from their caption cards and arranged into folders by subject. A good faith effort was made to try and identify as many photographs as possible. The series is arranged in two ways: by photographer (when identified) and by subject (when photographer cannot be identified).

### **B. Taste Trenton**

The “Taste Trenton” restaurant crawl event first took place in 2015 as a one-day event. In 2019, it included 40 restaurants and spanned three days. Participants purchased wristbands that gave them access to special discount menus at each participating restaurant. The goal of the event was to feature the vibrant cultural cuisines available in Trenton. In 2020, the outbreak of Coronavirus canceled the annual event, but the TCCA intends to continue the annual tradition in 2021.

The series includes brochures from the 2015, 2016, and 2017 editions of the event.

## **Series III. Promotional Items**

This series contains a set of notecards drawn by Tom Malloy in 1994, presumably to be sold or given away as promotional material. The notecards are prints of drawings that depict historic buildings in Trenton with brief descriptions on the back.

**Container List**  
**Box/Folder Title**

Series I. Organizational Material

1 / 1 / Organizational Material

Series II. Events

A. Discover Trenton

1 / 2 / Descriptive Panels and Diagrams

1 / 3 / Glen Afton candid

1 / 4 / Anna Kalandova

1 / 5 / Esther McDonald

1 / 6 / Esther McDonald

1 / 7 / Esther McDonald (Flowers)

1 / 8 / Esther McDonald\*

1 / 9 / Nick Reilly

1 / 10 / Randal Salewski

1 / 11 / Rose San Fillippo

1 / 12 / Paul Vadonis

1 / 13 / Arts

1 / 14 / Construction

1 / 15 / Great Buildings [Historic Places]

1 / 16 / Neighborhoods

1 / 17 / Parks

1 / 18 / Playgrounds

B. Taste Trenton

1 / 19 / Taste Trenton

Series III. Promotional Items

1 / 20 / Notecards

**Processing Note:**

The information on the 83 photo caption cards was compiled and used to identify the unmarked photographs. Those that could not positively be identified or were deemed too vague in their description were kept in their “subject” folder (the subject terms on the original folders were retained). Some photographs could not be matched with a caption so it may be possible that the entire exhibit is not represented in this collection. The original captions cards were discarded to save space, as were the descriptive panels now located in folder 2 as photocopies.

<b>Title</b>	<b>Photographer</b>
The Feeder Delaware-Raritan Canal **	(D & R Canal Commission)
Hallowe'en	(Glen Afton candid)
Neighborhood Celebration Trenton Tricentennial	(Glen Afton candid)
City Hall - Trenton	Kalandova, Anna
Crescent Shrine	Kalandova, Anna
Lawyers Bronze by Johnson Atelier	Kalandova, Anna
North 25	Kalandova, Anna
North 25, Urban Renewal	Kalandova, Anna
Trent House	Kalandova, Anna
Trenton Free Public Library	Kalandova, Anna
Artists Showcase Theater	McDonald, Esther
Battle Monument **	McDonald, Esther
Cannery South Village Renovation [2 images]	McDonald, Esther
Cargo Crane Marine Terminal Park	McDonald, Esther
Cedric at the Saloon Trenton Jazz Maker	McDonald, Esther
Central West **	McDonald, Esther
Cigar Factory Renovation	McDonald, Esther
Colonial Avenue Renovated Housing	McDonald, Esther
Eagle Tavern	McDonald, Esther
Face Painting Heritage Days, etc.	McDonald, Esther
Feast of Lights	McDonald, Esther
Fishing Marine Terminal Park	McDonald, Esther
Franklin Park **	McDonald, Esther
Friends Meeting House	McDonald, Esther
General Grant Cadwalader Park	McDonald, Esther
Grace Baptist West End	McDonald, Esther
Greenwood-Hamilton **	McDonald, Esther
Hall Building Renovation **	McDonald, Esther
Heritage Days [2 images]	McDonald, Esther
Hermitage	McDonald, Esther
Hillcrest	McDonald, Esther
Hiltonia **	McDonald, Esther
Korean Performers Heritage Days [3 images]	McDonald, Esther
Log Basin Stacy Park	McDonald, Esther
Mill Hill	McDonald, Esther
Mill Hill Park	McDonald, Esther
Miss Puerto Rico '85 Puerto Rican Festival [2 images]	McDonald, Esther
New State Buildings	McDonald, Esther

Old Barracks Facade Renovation	McDonald, Esther
Ordinary People Bronzes by Johnson Atelier [3 images]	McDonald, Esther
Paper Parasol Chambersburg Arts, Crafts and Antiques Festival	McDonald, Esther
Queen Anne Residence Berkeley Square Historic District	McDonald, Esther
Reading Terminal Renovation	McDonald, Esther
Recital Series New Jersey State Museum [2 images]	McDonald, Esther
St. Michaels	McDonald, Esther
State House Complex	McDonald, Esther
State Street Stroll	McDonald, Esther
Station Plaza I **	McDonald, Esther
Trenton Makes Bridge	McDonald, Esther
Zoo, Calwalader Park [2 images]	McDonald, Esther
Ellarslie - City Museum	McDonald, Esther
19th Century Immigrants **	McDonald, Esther *
Baptism	McDonald, Esther *
Brown Bag Concert Wednesday Noons New Jersey State Museum	McDonald, Esther *
Building Ornaments [4 images]	McDonald, Esther *
Dick Braytenbah	McDonald, Esther *
Fireworks, July 4, 1985 [5 images]	McDonald, Esther *
Greater Trenton Symphony **	McDonald, Esther *
Greenwood-Hamilton Historic District **	McDonald, Esther *
Local Dancers Mill Hill Playhouse [2 images]	McDonald, Esther *
Mill Hill Playhouse	McDonald, Esther *
Needlework and Egg Decorating - Local Cottage Industry	McDonald, Esther *
New Jersey Planetarium State Cultural Complex	McDonald, Esther *
New Jersey State Museum and Auditorium **	McDonald, Esther *
Recital Series, Trinity Cathedral **	McDonald, Esther *
St. Stanislaus Spires, Chestnut Park **	McDonald, Esther *
Stained Glass Chandelier Bond Street Club Owner	McDonald, Esther *
Trenton Commons	McDonald, Esther *
Trenton Jazz, Mill Hill Saloon **	McDonald, Esther *
Twilight Skyline	McDonald, Esther *
War Memorial Auditorium [2 images]	McDonald, Esther *
Wind Chimes: Bamboo Craft Guild Member	McDonald, Esther *
Annual Roof-Top Ball	Reilly, Nick
Warren Street Historic District **	Reilly, Nick
Alena, Old Trenton Historic District	Salewski, Randal
Mill Hill	Salewski, Randal
Ornamental Iron State House Historic District	Salewski, Randal

West State	Salewski, Randal
Shakey Bridge Stacy Park	San Fillippo, Rose
Wedding **	Senka, Alex
Delaware River Stacy Park **	Vadonis, Paul
Glen Afton	Vadonis, Paul
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\*Photos marked with an asterisk were probably taken by Esther McDonald. Multiple description panels and caption cards state “photos by Esther McDonald except when noted.” It is unknown if the collection holds all the aforementioned caption cards, and it is possible that some of the unattributed photos may not have been taken by Esther McDonald.

\*\*Could not be positively identified / matched