

Friends of the Guernsey Bridge Collection

Adams County Historical Society

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PREFACE

The Adams County Historical Society was established to “foster interest in the history of Adams County and vicinity, conduct research, preserve records and objects, mark sites, and pursue such activities as may be related to the history of the community.” The Society’s collections are privately held, maintained, and made available to the public for research purposes at the discretion of the governing authority of the institution and its staff.

INTRODUCTION

The Friends of the Guernsey Bridge Collection was acquired by the Adams County Historical Society. The collection was processed by Chris Carter in July 2013. The collection is housed in one box.

The collection contains the papers of the Friends of the Guernsey Bridge, a group created in October 1999 to save the Guernsey Bridge located north of Biglerville, Pennsylvania. The collection offers research possibilities for those interested in how small local groups seek to preserve local landmarks from demolition.

ACCESS

This collection is open for research, and viewing access to the materials is unrestricted. However, restrictions apply concerning the use, duplication, or publication of items. Please consult research room staff for specific information regarding the Society’s policies.

PREFERRED CITATION

Friends of the Guernsey Bridge Collection, Adams County Historical Society, Gettysburg, PA.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

The Friends of the Guernsey Bridge was created in October 1999 to fight the proposed demolition of the Guernsey Bridge located over a railroad that wanted it gone. In November 2001, instead of being demolished, the bridge was dismantled due to efforts by the Friends. By 2004, the Friends admitted that the Guernsey Bridge would not be restored to its original location and instead moved it to the Oakside Community Park located in Biglerville, Pennsylvania. In 2005, after five years of fighting, the Friends of the Guernsey Bridge disbanded.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection is comprised of four series: Correspondence, Newspapers, Photos, and Organization Records. Correspondence contains letters regarding the Guernsey Bridge and the Friends from 1999 to 2003. Newspapers consists of local newspaper clippings from 2001 to 2005. Photos consists of pictures taken of the Guernsey Bridge before and during its dismantling in 2001, in addition to pictures of members of the Friends of the Guernsey Bridge protesting the dismantling. Organization records, comprising half the collection, contains records from the Friends of the Guernsey Bridge collected during its five year history.

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series I – Correspondence.

This series contains correspondence regarding the Guernsey Bridge and the Friends of the Guernsey Bridge from 1999 to 2003.

Series II – Newspapers

This series contains newspaper clippings from local newspapers such as the *Gettysburg Times*, the *Evening Sun*, and the *York Sunday News*, with articles dating from 2001 to 2005. These articles cover topics relating to the Guernsey Bridge and the Friends of the Guernsey Bridge.

Series III – Photos

This series contains pictures taken of the Guernsey Bridge before and during its dismantling in 2001, in addition to pictures of members of the Friends of the Guernsey Bridge protesting the dismantling.

Series IV – Organization Records

This series consists of half the collection, containing all the records the Friends of the Guernsey Bridge collected in their five year existence. These records include meeting minutes, an application for tax-exempt status, and the forms for the dissolution of the organization in 2005.

CONTAINER LISTING

Box #1

- 1-1 Correspondence: 1999 to 2003
- 2-1 Newspaper articles: 2001 to 2005
- 3-1 Photos
- 4-1 Meeting Minutes: 2001 to 2004

- 4-2 Guernsey Bridge Restoration Plans
- 4-3 By-Laws
- 4-4 Treasurer Reports: 2001 to 2004
- 4-5 Application for Tax-Exempt Status
- 4-6 Bridge Inspection Report: 1997 and 1998
- 4-7 Miscellaneous