

Collection: Dillistin Collection**Accession Number:** 2012.023

Finding Aid

Date Range: 1808 to 1970**Bulk Date:** 1940s-1960s**Creator:** William H. Dillistin**Containers:** 13 flip-top document boxes, 1 deep lid print box, 4 record storage cartons**Size:** 10 cu. Ft.**Storage Location:** Lambert Castle Archive; County off-site; object storage**Aid Created By:** Vincent Basile, intern (completed March 2012)

Biographical Information:

William Holms Dillistin was a lifelong resident of Paterson, NJ, and a graduate of New York University. Dillistin's degree and occupations were related to banking. He served on the Board of Directors of the Franklin Trust Company and was employed by the Federal Reserve Bank in New York for more than 35 years. He was the author of several publications pertaining to the history of banking in Paterson. In 1960 Dillistin became the acting mayor of Paterson, after the death of Edward J. O'Byrne, and did not seek reelection after a one year term. Dillistin was a Vice President of the Passaic County Historical Society, and was an advisor to the Bank of Greece. He died on June 12, 1964 due to heart complications.

Scope Note and Content:

This collection consists primarily of documents acquired and written throughout Dillistin's lifetime. Newspaper articles and other publications which made mention of Dillistin were collected and saved by him. His various monographs concerning banking in Paterson are included in this collection, as well as the numerous drafts of the same. Also included in this collection are the primary source materials used to write his publications. Aside from his published works, there are various personal effects, such as photographs, correspondence, and awards given to him.

Series:

Dillistin seemed to organize his collection by type. For example, newspaper articles which mentioned him were taped onto yellow legal paper and organized by date. Dillistin's manuscripts are stored together. Documents which he acquired during his time as mayor are also grouped together. Other documents follow a similar pattern.