

Collection: Wardle Collection

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Finding Aid

Date Range: 1946-2015**Bulk Date:** 1967-1995**Creator:** Lillian Jean Wardle**Containers:** 1 letter sized, flip-top document box**Storage Location:** PCHS Library and Archives**Aid Created By:** Ursula Romero, Intern

Biographical Information:

Lillian Jean Wardle was born in 1919 and lived much of her life in Paterson, NJ. She was a woman of strong faith, and joined Paterson's Eastside Presbyterian Church in 1933, in which she would ultimately hold the offices of Deacon and Ruling Elder. She remained with the church until it closed in 1986.

Wardle worked as office manager at PSE&G for over 38 years. She began her tenure there in 1942 and eventually retired in 1980. After her retirement, she began volunteering at Lambert Castle as a docent. She volunteered for many years, from around 1985 until at least 1991. She was also entrusted with assisting with the Bertha Schaeffer Koempe Spoon Collection.

Wardle died on December 27, 2012. In her will, she bequeathed the Passaic County Historical Society 25% of her estate. This money has been used to restore paintings and furnishings in Lambert Castle.

Scope and Content:

This collection contains genealogical research done by Lillian Jean Wardle and printed out from the internet, in addition to letters to and from relatives discussing Wardle family history. There are also several photos of her time at PSE&G, as well as documents pertaining to her work in the church. The final folder contains research done by E.A. Smyk on the life of Lillian Jean Wardle.

Series:

Organized by genealogical research, photos, church documents, and letters, as well as the final folder containing Smyk's research. Included in that folder are letters from Wardle's lawyer informing PCHS of her bequest. There is also an autograph book from PSE&G which is not in a folder, and contains additional photos and notes pertaining to her time with the company.