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Harvey Finison (1916-1987), the Committee Member who donated this material, was president and general manager of the Northampton Cutlery Company from 1963 until its closing in April 1986.

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Chamber of Commerce of the United States: *Forward America: Guidelines for Community Action*

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Greater Northampton Chamber of Commerce. Total Community Development Committee: Minutes and memoranda

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League of Women Voters: *This is Northampton: A Sketch of City Government*

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Metcalf and Eddy: Comprehensive Plan Summary, Northampton, Massachusetts

1970-1972

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Northampton, Mass.: topographic and zoning maps, street plans, assessors' plans

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Northampton, Massachusetts, Master Plan

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Access

The collection is open for research.

Provenance

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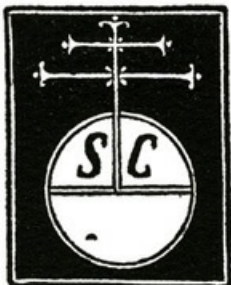
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