

Index #	Digitized File Name	Accession #	Donor	Donation Date	Date of Document	Title of Document	Road Names & Location(s)	Names Associated	Descriptive Notes	Date Indexed	Initials
D3.1	D3.1 1877 Middle Township Public Road Notice	668C (found in 668A Bible)	Lena Smith	1/22/1935	1/20/1877	"Public Road Notice"	No name of public road stated. In Middle Township, "Beginning at William Garrison's and Jesse Coombs' upper(?) corner on Goshen Creek and running thence across said creek and the adjacent meadows a South Westwardly course, to high water mark on the Delaware Bay shore near the Cedar Hammocks and at a point thirty rods distant up the shore from Thomas Beesley's and William J. Garrison's corner"	William J. Garrison, Enos B. Harker (listed as "Applicants for said road"); John M. Christian and Ezekiel Gap(?) of Dennis Township, Somers H. Stites, David H. Hand, and Somers Leaming of Middle Township, John Chambers of Lower Township (six surveyors of the highways of the county); Jesse Coombs and Thomas Beesley (their properties are used as landmarks for explanation of where road will be)	Six surveyors of Cape May County are to meet at William Garrison's house at Goshen on 2/17/1877 at 10 "in the forenoon" to discuss laying out a public road in Middle Township.	8/12/2025	JMG
D3.2	D3.2 1876 Middle Township Public Road Notice Application	668D (found in 668A Bible)	Lena Smith	1/22/1935	12/4/1876	"Public Road"	No name of public road stated. In Middle Township, "Beginning at William Garrison's and Jesse Coombs' upper(?) corner on Goshen Creek and running thence across said creek and the adjacent meadows a South Westwardly course, to high water mark on the Delaware Bay shore near the Cedar Hammocks and at a point thirty rods distant up the shore from Thomas Beesley's and William J. Garrison's corner"	William J. Garrison, Jesse Coombs, Thomas Beesley (their properties are used as landmarks for explanation of where road will be); signatures on document: Thomas Ludlam, E. Crawford, F. Williams, John Holmes, E. H. Diverty, J. R. Wilson, Warren Van Gilden, Vincent Miller, John Spalding, B. F. Springer, Ephraim M. Hoan (?), John W. Swain, George G. Carl M.D., J. D. Ludlam, J. Henderson, William J. Garrison, Enos B. Harker, Joseph E. Hleer(?), Hand Warrick(?), James S. Ludlam, Alex R. Ludlam, G. Smith, Samuel R. Sayre, Jesse Coombs, Hugh Hand, Richard Chester, Edward Mixer(?), Alex Learson(?) Thomas Beesley	This document is a precursor to the one indexed above. It is an application to the Court of Common Pleas, "Notice is Hereby Given that the subscribers, freeholders, and residents in the county of Cape May intend to make application to the Court of Common Pleas of said county on the nineteenth day of December ... (?) for the appointment of six surveyors of the highways of said county to meet at such time and place as the court may direct for the purpose of laying out a public road in Middle Township of said county."	8/12/2025	JMG
D3.3	D3.3 1887 Notice to Overseer for Upper Township Road	82.34.3	Mrs. Lawrence Steelman	2/19/1982	1/31/1887	"To Leaming F. Corson Esq."	Upper Township. "...leading from a point at or near the Upper Baptist Church in a wothwestery direction to a point at or near the plantatation of Henry Harper"	Leaming F. Corson Esq. (letter to), Henry Harper (his plantation used as a landmark to describe location of road), Respy Leaming + Black (signed)	Back: "Notice to Overseer to open Highway. Jan. 31st, 1887." A letter notifying Leaming F. Corson to upkeep road. "You are hereby respectfully notified to "open, clear out, make work, and keep in good order" (according to section 38 Rev page 1003)."	8/12/2025	JMG
D3.4	D3.4 1896 Upper Township Public Road Application	79.124.9	Mrs. Cecelia Hand Nelson	12/12/1979	April 1896	"To the Inferior Court of Common Pleas of the County of Cape May."	No name of public road stated. "Beginning at a point in the centre of the Main Sea Shore Road marked by an iron bolt, where the said road is intersected by the division line between the farms of Lucian B. Corson, late Abijah Corson, deceased, and James L. Marshall and Ellis H. Marshall, late T. C. Sharp and running thence down or near said division line, in a Southerly direction nearly at right angles to said named Sea Shore Road, to the edge of the meadow, about one hundred and thirty-two rods; thence in an easterly direction to, or near high water mark in Shell Bed Creek; thence along or near said Shell Bed Creek, in a Northerly direction to the bank of a small creek, flowing into said Shell Bed Creek, where said road shall terminate."	Lucian B. Corson, Abijah Corson, James L. Marshall, Ellis H. Marshall, T. C. Sharp (their properties used as landmarks for describing where road will be); Theodore F. Shute, Francis Smith, David W. Gandy, Joseph H. Clark, Edw. W. Boyd, Joseph Sharp Jr., George Herbell, Jesse S. Corson, Bentley W. Young, Seth W. Corson, David Sack, Hiram Sack (names at bottom of first page--freeholders and residents interested in road).	Packet of 17 pages related to laying a public road in Upper Township. First page begins: "The subscribers, freeholders and residents in said County, think a public road to be necessary in the township of Upper in said County..." (location transcribed in cell 5H). Second page states application to the Inferior Court of Common Pleas is to be made on 4/7/1896 at 10am at Cape May Court House for the appointment of six surveyors of the highways to meet to lay out public road. Back reads: "Road-U. Twp. to Shell Bed. Return to Morgan Hand." Included is a map of proposed road.	8/12/2025	JMG
D3.5	D3.5 1900 Upper and Dennis Township Public Road Application	79.124.9	Mrs. Cecelia Hand Nelson	12/12/1979	4/2/1900	"To the Inferior Court of Common Pleas of the County of Cape May."	No name of public road stated. In Dennis and Upper Counties, from Woodbine to Belleplain. "Beginning at Belleplain in the South East line of Chestnut St. 172 ft. North Easterly from the center of the main track of the W.J. & S.R.R. thence parallel with said R.R. South Easterly 365 ft. thence South five degrees east to a point 78 ft. from the center of said R.R. thence along the old road and parallel with said R.R. to a point 90 ft. from the West corner of a Barn of Wm. H. Greenlee thence North and about eighty six degrees and fifteen minutes east to a point in the line between the lands of Wm. Hess and the tract known as the Burley tract, thence about south seventy six degrees east to the east side of the Ludley Bridge field, thence about south five degrees east and along the old road to the clear lands of one Martin thence continuing on the same old road about south six degrees east to its junction with the Mainroad to Tuckahoe from Woodbine and thair to end being about 3 3/4 miles."	Wm. H. Greenlee and Wm. Hess (their properties are used as landmarks in describing where the road will be); M.E. Blinn, J.W. Burley, John Wallace, Belford Smith, Joseph C. Marshall, B.H. Marshall, N.A. Champion, Hope W. Gandy, Ward Stille, R.C. Young, Randolph Marshall, Anthony Steelman, James Shoemaker, I.W. Dawson, Samuel Bishop, James L. Hand, L.M. Rice, V.O. Miller, F.C. Barnes, C.F. Leaming Jr., F.L. Ludlam, Jacob Feldman, Nachman Diamond, William H. Greenlee, Richard Stephenson, Alfred Reeves, L.M. Hess (names at bottom of first page and top of second page--freeholders and residents interested in road).	Packet of 11 pages related to laying a public road in Dennis and Upper Townships. First page begins: "The subscribers freeholders and residents of said County think a Public Road to be necessary in the Township of Dennis and Upper in said County..." (location transcribed in cell 6H). Application to appoint six surveyors of the highways to meet for the purpose of laying out this public road. Included is a map of proposed road.	8/12/2025	JMG
D3.6	D3.6 1816 Abandoned Turnpike Road	82.70.3	Mrs. William Nelson (Cecelia Hand)	11/9/1982	2/16/1816	"Resolution"	Turnpike road, leading from Bordertown to South Amboy	N/A	Document states that this road has been abandoned. The toll gates have been taked down, the road has not been kept in repair, the bridges on it have not been maintained, and in places, the road is "impassable and unsafe for travelers." The attorney general is directed to file an "information in the nature of quo warranto in the Supreme Court of this State." Back: "Resolution Requiring the attorney general, to file an information in the nature of a quo-warranto in the supreme court of the state."	8/12/2025	JMG

D3.7	D3.7 1903 Ordinance for Streetlights in South Cape May	2021.007.092e	Cynthia Evoy	9/25/2021	1903	No title. Begins with: "An Ordinance granting to The Cape May Light and Power Company permission to erect wires and poles on the streets and avenues in the Borough of South Cape May."	Borough of South Cape May	WM. C. Hyzer (name typed on top left corner of envelope)	Ordinance granting Cape May Light and Power Company to erect street lights in Borough of South Cape May. States that sixteen-candle-power lights to be furnished "at the rate of three and one-quarter of a cent per ampere hour...." (crossed out) "...or three cents per night, of four hours, burning from eight o'clock P. ...until twelve o'clock M., during the months of June, July, August and September, after the expiration of this present year, nineteen hundred and three..." Envelope: "WM. C. Hyzer, Bricklayer and Builder, 1230 Marlborough St., Philadelphia, PA" (typed at top left corner), "Ordinance for Electricity Lighting" (handwritten). In same sleeve as, and related to, D3.8 and D3.9.	8/13/2025	JMG
D3.8	D3.8 1903 Note on Streetlight Ordinance South Cape May	2021.007.092f	Cynthia Evoy	9/25/2021	Undated. Assumed to be 1903 because of relation to D3.7 and D3.8, which are dated 1903.	No title.	N/A	N/A	Handwritten on notepad paper. Full transcription: "The ordinance for Lightly be parsed--The Committee be embowed to have full(?) perm(?) to bet and make any aliteram(?) that they think proper." Top left of notepad paper reads, typed: "Office of the Borough Clerk, South Cape May, N.J., Box 872." In same sleeve as, and related to, D3.7 and D3.9.	8/13/2025	JMG
D3.9	D3.9 1903 Second Draft of Ordinance for Streetlights in South Cape May	2021.007.092g	Cynthia Evoy	9/25/2021	1903	No title. Begins with: "An ordinance granting to the Cape May Light and Power Company permission to erect wires and poles on the streets and avenues in the Borough of South Cape May, for the purpose of providing electric light and power for said Borough and the citizens and residents thereof."	Borough of South Cape May	N/A	Second draft to D3.7 ordinance letter for streetlights in South Cape May. In same sleeve as, and related to, D3.7 and D3.8.	8/13/2025	JMG
D3.10	D3.10 1891 Notice about Upper Township Road to Jesse Gandy from Freeholders	N/A	Unknown	Unknown	4/24/1891	No title. Begins with: "To Jesse Gandy or whom it may concern."	Upper Township. Seashore road and George E. Gandy's homestead farm mentioned.	Jesse Gandy (addressed to), George E. Gandy (his land mentioned), Alexander Corson (signed), Michael Suing(?) (signed)	Letter to Jesse Gandy from the Chosen Freeholders of Cape May County to take notice of opening and laying out a certain obstructed by road in Upper Township lying on or near his land and George E. Gandy's homestead farm. They have scheduled a meeting to discuss this information for 9 o'clock AM on 4/27/1891 and decided on he and George E. Gandy's homestead farm as the place of meeting for this matter. Document is held together with modern tape.	8/13/2025	JMG
D3.11	D3.11 1762 Road Beginning at David Baldwin Property	N/A	Unknown	Unknown	11/17/1762	No title.	Stephen Morrice Mill, David Baldwin northeast corner, Horseneck Road mentioned	Stephen Morrice (his mill mentioned), David Baldwin (his "corner" mentioned), John Vincent, John Glider Heowe(?), John Miller, France EC Cook, and Aron + Codmis(?) (signed)	Full transcription: "November 17th 1762 in the Cordeus of newakes then the survars of the County Essex Being Legally cald being all upon the spot said out a fourrod Road from Stephen Morrice Mill Begning at David baldwin Noreast corner West up on the Hill(? document ripped) as it will a low then Along his Line to the North Corner then with a strait to horseveck Road near Baldwin Corner. (signedy: John Vincent, John Glider Heowe(?), John Miller, (illegible name due to rip in document), France EC Cook, marks his, Aron + Codmis(?), mark." Document is glued to a piece of modern paper.	8/13/2025	JMG
D3.12	D3.12 1857 By Laws of Cape May Turnpike Compay (2)	N/A	Unknown	Unknown	1857	First page reads: "Act of Incorporation, By Laws, &c. of the Cape May Turnpike Company, Cape Island, N.J., J.S. Leach Printer, 1857."	Cape May	Pink copy has Daniel Hand's name written in pencil on cover. Directors listed (page 23): Richard O. Holmes, Henry Swain, Downs Edmunds jr., Eli B. Wales, Waters B. Miller, Clinton H. Ludlam, John Wiley. Officers of Board listed: Richard C. Holmes-President, Henry Swain-Treasurer, Johnathan Hand-Secretary, John Wiley, Eli B. Wales, and Henry Swain-Executive Committee	Book of By laws of Cape May Turnpike Company, dated 1857. One copy with pink cover. One copy with blue cover, but only back cover remains. Pink copy has "Daniel Hand, Cape May" written in pencil on front. Digitized file has full book of pink copy, followed by images of blue copy's front and back only.	8/13/2025	JMG
D3.13	D3.13 1868 History of the West Jersey Rail Rad	N/A	Unknown	Unknown	1868	Front cover reads: "Rail Roads in South Jersey. History of the West Jersey Rail Road, and Connecting Lines, Salem, Cape May and Milville, and Milville and Glassboro' Rail Roads, Camden, N.J.: S. Chew, Steam-Power Printer, No. 13 Market Street. 1868."	West Jersey Rail Road, Salem Rail Road, Cape May and Milville Rail Road	Wm. G. Townsend Dennisville (name written in pencil on front cover)	67 page book detailing the history of rail roads in South Jersey. Specifically focuses on West Jersey Rail Road and Connecting Lines, Salem, Cape May and Milville, and Milville and Glassboro Rail Roads. Cover has modern tape on it to hold together front and back of book. In same sleeve as D3.14.	8/13/2025	JMG
D3.14	D3.14 1852 Report of the Engineer to Camden and Cape Island Railroad	700Q	Alfred Cooper	2/26/1936	11/1/1852	Camden and Cape Island Railroad Report of Engineer	Camden and Cape Island Railroad, Cape May County, Atlantic County, Cumberland County, Gloucester County, Camden County, Salem	Second page lists: "To Thomas H. Whitney, Gloucester county; George M. Ward, Salem county; Abraham Browning, Camden county; David Potter, Cumberland county; D.E. Estell, Atlantic County; Joshua Swain, Jr., Cape May county, Committee." Last page lists: "WM. Cook, Engineer Camden and Amboy Railroad."	14 page book by Railroad Engineer William Cook reporting to the railroad committee of six counties in South Jersey three different route propositions that could be made from Camden to Cape May. Includes estimates of costs. In same sleeve as D3.13.	8/13/2025	JMG