New Jersey State Archives Collection Guide

Record Group: Cornelius Clarkson Vermeule, Sr. (1858-1950)
Series: Survey Books, 1880-1884
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Biographical Note

Cornelius Clarkson Vermeule was born in New Brunswick, New Jersey, on 5 September 1858, the son of Adrian Vermeule and Maria Veghte. He graduated from Rutgers College in 1878, and that same year joined the New Jersey Geological Survey. For the next ten years, C. C. Vermeule headed a project that successfully completed the first topographical survey of New Jersey. Mr. Vermeule continued as a consulting engineer for the state for another thirty years, engaged in various projects including the dismantlement of the Morris Canal in the 1920s. He also had an extensive private practice with offices in New York City, and headed many hydraulic engineering projects for municipalities and corporations throughout the northeastern United States. Vermeule died on 1 February 1950.

Bibliography

Scannell's New Jersey's First Citizens. (Paterson, NJ: Scannell, 1917). Vol. 1, p. 513-515.

Who Was Who in America. (Chicago: Marquis, 1950). Vol. II, p. 547.

Content Note

This series consists of three handwritten survey books made between 1880 and 1885. When purchased, the volumes were referred to as surveys by C. C. Vermeule; however, only the first volume contains evidence to support this.

Contents

1. Notes and Compass Survey and Levelings along Lawrence's Brook from Parson's to Davison's Mills, 1880 - The cover sheet of this volume is labeled "Notes and a compass survey and levelings along Lawrence's Brook [East Brunswick Township, Middlesex] from Parson's to Davison's Mills made April 1880 by C. C. Vermeule, topographer for Geological Survey of N.J." Loose items were removed from this volume and foldered as follows:
    a. "Lawrence's Brook Storage-Reservoir No. 2 Above Hoey's"
    b. Map [#1]

c. "No. 1 Dam at Parsons Cross Section"
d. "Lawrence's Brook Reservoir" [notes; 2 items]
e. "Lawrence's Brook Storage-Reservoir" [notes on capacity, surface area, etc.]
f. Map [#2]

2. U.S. Geological Survey, 1884, John E. Hill, No. 6 - The inside of this volume is labeled "U. S Geological Survey, John E. Hill," with a note "please return to C. C. Vermeule." It contains references to Old Bridge [either Old Bridge Township or East Brunswick Township, Middlesex County] and Bloomfield [Bloomfield Township, Essex County]. The volume appears to relate to the area covered by New Jersey Geological Survey atlas sheet Number 6.

3. Odom Book, Vol. 8 [H], 1885, Geological Survey of New Jersey - The spine of this volume is labeled "Odom Book, Vol. 8, 1885, H" and the front cover has a stamp identifying it as "Geological Survey of New Jersey, No. 8, 1885." It appears to contain survey notes for areas in Burlington, Mercer, Middlesex, and Monmouth counties. There is an index by municipality at the beginning of the volume. The name P. D. Staats is written on the front page, but it is not known if he was actually the surveyor. The volume appears to relate to the area covered by New Jersey Geological Survey atlas sheet Number 8.

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