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There are no restrictions.

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There are no restrictions.

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Historical Note

Huff Lane Elementary was located in the northwestern part of Roanoke City and was named after the farm of Peter Huff, which dominated the area. The Huff Lane School operated from 1950 to 2010 when it was closed due to the budget. The school was razed in 2014 after the property was sold in February of that year to NDRA II, LLC to make room for commercial development in the Valley View Mall area. According a Roanoke Times article from April 2014, a Roanoke citizen that remembered the 1950 ceremony, made a call to alert the demolition crew that a time capsule was in the foundation somewhere. A worker later found the sealed metal box among the debris.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of 1 record storage box and the time capsule. The materials contained in this collection are varied, but include different reports and pamphlets associated with the city and the schools. The collection includes several newspaper sections, small stamps, coins, brochures, reports, and directories. The collection focuses specifically on 1949-1950 to commemorate the year the time capsule was sealed within the Huff Lane cornerstone, while there are a few items that fall outside of that time range, most are from 1950. While the collection provides a fairly well-rounded perspective of 1950s Roanoke, it does not include photographs from the time. Perhaps the most interesting piece is the Chamber of Commerce statistical report. It details remarkable facts about Roanoke in a relatively short document.

Arrangement

Documents are arranged by document type.

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Artifacts - Coins, Stamps and a Small Tin Container 1950

Folder 1

Book - Roanoke: Story of County and City 1942

Folder 2

Directory - Students enrolled in Oakland Elementary and William Fleming High 1949-1950

Folder 3

Directory - Roanoke City Schools 1949-1950

Folder 4

Directory - Roanoke-Salem Phone Directory 1949

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Directory - Roanoke-Salem-Vinton Industrial Directory 1950

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Newspaper - The Roanoke Times 11 June 1950

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Map - City of Roanoke Showing Area Schools 1949

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Pamphlet - Avisco News, The American Viscose Corporation 1950

Folder 13

Magazine - Norfolk and Western Magazine 1950

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Pamphlet - Roanoke Tourism circa 1949

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Pamphlet - Traffic Laws of Roanoke 1947

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Report - City Government Directory and Financials 1949

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