Photos & Post Cards
Hundreds of images of local businesses, farms, churches, schools, landscapes, and people. Special collections include glass plate images taken between 1890 and 1910 of families, farming, buildings, and local scenes by early photographers Harriet Martin Dey and William S. Teator. Also photo albums of the Budd-Bowman, Knickerbocker and other families, and rare scrapbooks such as the one picturing all the houses built by local builder Frank Coons (active 1920s to 1940s).

Red Hook Newspapers

Tracing Your House’s Roots
Researching your home is a great way to explore the history of your community, see how your home fits into local patterns of architecture, learn about the people who lived there before, and forge a connection with the past for a richer view of the present and the future. Visit the Archives Room to consult books, maps, deeds and photographs of your neighborhood.

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Rosemary Coons Archives Room

Historic Red Hook’s archival collections, located on the second floor of the Elmendorph Inn, include books, photos, maps, journals, letters, family histories, and genealogical information. The Rosemary Coons Archives Room is open to the public Tuesdays between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (closed 12:30 to 1:30). Should you require help with your research after a free first half-hour, archival assistance is available at a charge of $20 per hour ($10 per hour for members). To schedule assistance or make an appointment to do your own research, please contact us at (845) 758-1920 or info@historicredhook.org.

What You Can Find…

Agriculture
Journals, photos, ledgers, correspondence, and records from area farmers—the Teator, Fraleigh, and Feller families among them—and agricultural societies such as The Grange.

Business
Records, photos, and ledgers from long-gone Red Hook businesses such as the Tobacco Factory, First National Bank, the Red Hook Drug Store, and the Red Hook Hotel.

Genealogy
Books, church records, obituaries, oral histories, and surname files pertaining to some of Red Hook’s oldest families.

Land Records
Originals and reproductions of some of Red Hook’s oldest maps and deeds, plus The Frank L. Teal Collection of surveys and field notes by local surveyor, historian, mathematician, and unsolved murder victim, Frank Teal (1867–1949, photo at right).

Organizations
Documents from the American Legion Auxiliary, the Historical Club of Upper Red Hook, Red Hook Central School, Rotary Club of Red Hook, the Society for the Apprehension & Detection of Horse Thieves (organized in 1796), and others.

Personal Papers
Correspondence, documents, and items of historical interest donated by the Rev. Roger Leonard (pastor, Dutch Reformed Church, Upper Red Hook), Clara Losee (local historian and genealogist), Jack Lewis (Red Hook Elementary principal and High School coach), Richard Coons (Red Hook Village historian), and other notable residents.

Collections Policy

Historic Red Hook collects items with strong association to people, residences, businesses, and organizations active within the Town of Red Hook, which includes the villages of Red Hook and Tivoli and hamlets of Annandale, Barrytown, and Upper Red Hook. Preference is given to archival material related to the history and development of the Town and the social and economic activities of its residents. Due to limited storage space, three-dimensional objects are rarely accessioned. Historic Red Hook’s complete Collections Policy is available upon request.