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Guide to the

**Village Neighborhood Committee records**

1960-1994 (bulk 1960-1987)

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## **Summary**

**Creator:** Village Neighborhood Committee

**Title:** Village Neighborhood Committee records, 1960-1994 (bulk 1960-1987)

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**Source:** Donated by the Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation , 2008

**Abstract:** The Village Neighborhood Committee records document the activities of the group from 1960 to 1987 as they lobbied for and supported the Jefferson Market Courthouse branch of the New York Public Library.

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## **Creator history**

The Village Neighborhood Committee was formed in 1960 by Greenwich Village residents who engaged in an active campaign to secure a branch of the New York Public Library for the historic Jefferson Market Courthouse building. The committee also raised money for the restoration and electrification of the clock in the building's tower. The committee's fundraising was achieved primarily through soliciting donations and selling Christmas cards. After they secured the library branch, the Committee continued to support the library and the clock tower by providing equipment, donating books, and decorating the building at Christmas. The committee continued in supporting the library until 1988, when they dissolved, giving their remaining funds and responsibility to the People's Action Committee for Village Libraries.

## Scope and content note

The Village Neighborhood Committee records document the activities of the group from 1960-1987 as they lobbied for and supported the Jefferson Market Courthouse branch of the New York Public Library. The records consist of minutes and by-laws, correspondence, financial records, organizational paperwork, clippings, and photographs. Earlier documents pertain to lobbying for the library branch and the fundraising and work to restore the clock in the building's tower. Later the emphasis shifts to fundraising, decorating the building for Christmas, and maintenance of the grounds. The records also contain a 1962 video tour of the inside of the Jefferson Market Courthouse clock tower.

Sound and video recordings are unavailable for use at this time pending preservation transfer.

## Arrangement

Alphabetical by subject.

## Key terms

### Subjects

Historic buildings  
Library buildings  
Urban beautification

### Names

Village Neighborhood Committee, 1960-1988

### Special formats

Correspondence  
Financial records  
Photographs  
Video recordings

### Places

Greenwich Village (New York, N.Y.)

## **Container list**

- b.1 f.1 Cards and pamphlets, undated
- b.1 f.2 Clippings, 1985-1994
- b.1 f.3 Clock electrification , 1962
- b.1 f.4 Correspondence, 1960-1968
- b.1 f.5 Financial materials, 1961-1987
- b.1 f.6-7 Minutes and by-laws, 1962-1982
- b.1 f.8-9 New York State Charitable Organization paperwork, 1960-1985
- b.1 f.10 Photographs and negatives, undated