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**Old Town Development Board Collection**  
**Collection Number: 180 THL/WFCHS**

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**PROCESSING INFORMATION:** Initial processing undertaken in 1982. Last updated by Buffy Knappenberger in November 2024.

**EXTENT:** 0.42 linear feet

**DATE:** 1977- 2009

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:** This collection is comprised of plans, surveys, audits, minutes, and newsletters related to the work of the Old Town Development Board. The collection also includes a reference book on costumes of 1890.

**BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL:** The Old Town Development Board started out as the Downtown Development Association in 1977, then changed to the Downtown Development Board, and in the mid-1990s became the Old Town Development Board. The group works with local businesses to promote commerce in the downtown area, improve the streetscape, and to develop activities for the downtown area. The Board also works to attract new businesses to the area.

**IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION:** Gift of multiple donors.

**CONTAINER LIST:**

**BOX 1**

Brochures, 25 items

Newsletters (folder contains the following):

"Tid-Bits," March 1983-Fall 1986, 9 items, printed

"Old Town News," 1986-1994, 31 items, printed

Reference Book—Christmas 1890, Winchester, Virginia - book on styles for reference on costumes, etc.,  
1 item, printed

Layout of Old Town Mall, includes business and office names, circa 1970

**Physical Location: Oversize, Box 27**

1977—Downtown Development Commission, minutes, September 14, 1977, 1 item, typescript (photocopy)

1994—Downtown Winchester, 1994 audit, 1 item, printed

1995—Downtown Revitalization Plan, 1995, 2 items, typescript (photocopy)

1995—Interim Report, Market Analysis of Tourism and Conference Potentials in Downtown Winchester, Virginia Interim Report, August 10, 1995, 1 item, printed

1998—“Old Town Parking Report and Recommendations,” prepared by the Old Town Parking Committee, Feb. 1998, 224 leaves, printed

1998—Doing Business in Old Town Winchester, June 1998, 1 item, printed.

1999—Doing Business in Old Town Winchester, January 1999, 1 item, printed.

2003-2004 -- Winchester Wayfinding Signage System, 86 leaves, typescript/printed

2005 – “Organizational Assessment” Findings and Recommendations, conducted Oct. 24- 25, 2005, 22 pages, typescript