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Summary Information

Repository: Langsdale Library Special Collections
Title: Seton Hill Collection
ID: R0164.STN
Date [inclusive]: 1960s-2010s
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Physical Description: 14.0 Linear feet
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Biographical / Historical

The Seton Hill Historic District is a primarily residential rowhouse neighborhood in Baltimore, Maryland. Located in the western portion of downtown Baltimore, it surrounds St. Mary’s Park and is bounded by Orchard Street, Monument Street, Eutaw Street, Franklin Street, and Pennsylvania Avenue. The development of the neighborhood, known as Baltimore’s French Quarter, began in the 1790s. The project was overseen by master architect Maximilian Godefroy. As part of the larger project, Godefroy designed Saint Mary’s Seminary Chapel, a church considered to be the oldest Gothic Revival Church in the United States. Adjacent to the church is another notable building in the neighborhood, the Mother Seton House. This was the home of Elizabeth Ann Seton, known as Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first native-born American to be canonized by the Roman Catholic Church. The neighborhood was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1975 and is noted for being one of Baltimore’s earliest intact neighborhoods, with buildings ranging from small two-and-a-half story row houses to early 20th century commercial sites.

The information contained in this note draws heavily on the neighborhood's entry in the Maryland Historical Trust's database of Maryland's National Register Properties (http://mht.maryland.gov/nr/).
Content Description

The collection contains documentation on the Seton Hill neighborhood from the 1960s to the present, with the bulk of the records from the 1970s through the 1990s. Included are organizational records for the Seton Hill Neighborhood Association and Seton Hill Organizations Together (SHOT), as well as the historical research files of longtime neighborhood leader, Tom Kravitz. Types of records include newsletters, bylaws, meeting minutes, maps, historical narratives, photographs of buildings in the neighborhood, event flyers, neighborhood data, grant applications, and architectural profiles. Topics covered include historic preservation, rezoning, African American history, Catholic history, architectural history, and citizen engagement with local government.

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Custodial History

The collection was donated to the University of Baltimore Foundation by Tom Kravitz on October 24, 2017.