



Bethlehem Area Public Library
Local History Collections
Finding aid for The Cat's Meow Collection

Creator: Cat's Meow Village, 1982-present
Title: The Cat's Meow Collection
Dates: 1991-1994
Extent: 2 boxes, 0.5 linear feet
Location: Bethlehem Room
Language: English

Abstract: Cargo West, a former gift shop located at the Westgate Mall in Bethlehem, PA, carried the Bethlehem Series of the Cat's Meow Village. This collection includes the wooden house replicas, as well as information about the history of each site.

Access to materials: This collection is open to research.

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Historical Note: Cat's Meow Village is a small company from Wooster, OH, that began in 1982. They make small wood replicas of buildings and landmarks for display. The former store Cargo West worked with the Cat's Meow Village to come up with the "Bethlehem Series" of historic building replicas to offer for sale in their store.

Scope and Content: This collection contains 27 wooden replicas of historic buildings, homes, and other scenes. Also included is a file of information regarding each piece and a framed explanation of the Bethlehem Series that was on display in Cargo West.

Names:
Cat's Meow Village, Wooster, OH

Subjects:

Bethlehem (Pa.)

Administrative/ Biographical History

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Administrative Notes:

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Container Listing

Description	Date	Box
The Trolley Bus	1991	Box 1
Children admire the Moravian Star	1992	Box 1
Lamp post	1992	Box 1
Lantern Guide	1992	Box 1
The Old Chapel (1751)	1991	Box 1
1762 Waterworks	1992	Box 1
The Timothy Horsfield House	1992	Box 1
Kemerer Museum (1848)	1991	Box 1
The Goundie House (1810)	1992	Box 1
Burnside Plantation House (1748)	1993	Box 1
The Sun Inn (1758)	1992	Box 1
The Apothecary (1752)	1992	Box 1
First House replica (1741)	1991	Box 1
Historic Luckenbach Grist Mill (1869)	1991	Box 1
Heller-Wagner Mill (1746)	1992	Box 1
The Brethren's House (1748)	1993	Box 1
Widows' House (1768)	1994	Box 1
Gemeinhaus (1741)	1991	Box 1
The Main Street Depot (1891)	1992	Box 1
Linderman Library (1878)	1993	Box 1
Sisters' House (1744)	1994	Box 1
Packer Memorial Church (1887)	1993	Box 2
The Bell House (1745)	1992	Box 2
Moravian College Colonial Hall	1993	Box 2
Tannery (1761)	1991	Box 2
Central Moravian Church (1806)	1992	Box 2
Lehigh University's Alumni Memorial Building (1924)	1993	Box 2
Bethlehem Series	1991-1994	Box 2
Framed description	1991-1994	Box 2

Additional building:

Liberty High School (1922)

1995

Box 2

Liberty High School was picked up from the Book Sale Room. The provenance is unknown and not part of the original Cargo West Cat's Meow Collection.

Acquisition and Appraisal

Immediate Source of Acquisition: Collection donated by Cargo West. Liberty High School donor unknown. This one was picked up from the Book Sale Room 2/2022.