

Proprietors of the Morris Aqueduct Co 1799-1923 dba Morris Aqueduct Company

The Morris Aqueduct Company was chartered by the NJ legislature in 1799 and operated continuously until its properties and capital stock were purchased by Morristown, to become the city water department, December 15, 1923 (after a public referendum on Sept 9, 1919.)

The company filed notice of dissolution with the NJ Secretary of State December 11, 1923, four days before transfer to Morristown. Enclosed are newspaper articles, map excerpts, NJ laws and court cases about the Aqueduct Company.

Public laws of New Jersey

1799, November 16, c DCCCXXXII, p 647, An Act to incorporate John Doughty and his associates, Proprietors of the Morris Aqueduct.

1832, March 14, p 164-165, A Supplement to an act entitled "An act to incorporate..."

1833, February 15, pp 107-108, A further Supplement to an act...

1862, February 17, c 24, A Further supplement to the act entitled "An act to incorporate..."

1872, April 3, p 1068-1069, c. 461, A further supplement to the act entitled "An act..."

Bills

1810, April 2, receipt for payment of water bill, Chas Russell, Treasurer of Aquaduct [sic] Co from Lloyd Smith Collection, microfilm, Morris County Library

1863-1864, Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Minutes. Payment authorization for water bills, Morris Aqueduct Company.

Supreme Court of New Jersey

Jones v Proprietors of Morris Aqueduct 36 NJL 206 (June 1873)
37 NJL 556 Errors & Appeals 1875

Olmsted v Proprietors of Morris Aqueduct 47 NJL 311
Errors & Appeals 1885

State v Proprietors of Morris Aqueduct 58 NJL 303 (Nov. 7, 1895)

Maps sections, 1853 and 1895, Morris County Court area

Sanborn Co. fire insurance maps, Morristown, 1885-1923 (here, 1885 and 1918)

Books

Corporations of New Jersey (1911), p 579, Proprietors of the Morris Aqueduct Company
History of Morris County, New Jersey: embracing upwards of two centuries, 1710-1913,
volume 1, pp227-228. New York: Lewis Publishing co., 1914. Brief history of Aqueduct Co.
N.J. Board of Public Utility Commissioners, *Annual report*, 6th-8th, 1915-1917.

See especially budget, 1916, Financial and Miscellaneous Statistics, 1916, p0p 28-29
Morristown Directory, 1918, p 160. Last listing for Morris Aqueduct Company,
21 South Street, John O H Pitney, president.

Obituaries, Pitney

Pitney , Henry C, Pitney estate \$282,217, *New York Times*, Feb 23, 1913, p 20 [Aqueduct stock]

Pitney, John O.H., ae 69, *Daily Record*, October 6 and October 8, 1928

Pitney, Frederic V, ae 64, *New York Times*, October 12, 1933, p 25 [Aqueduct treasurer 1890-1923]

"Morristown's Water Supply," *New York Times*, Dec. 18, 1879, p 1
Aqueduct Co charges to the city for water to fire-plugs and cisterns.

Transfer to Morristown, articles, *Daily Record*

"Comparison of Rahway water rates and ours," *Daily Record*, Aug 2, 1919, p. 1

[Editorials, Politics and business, etc.] *Daily Record*, Sept 6, 1919, p 4

"Town takes over water," *Daily Record*, Sept 10, 1919, p 1

"Mayor Clyde Potts Planning Busy Years for Himself and Town during regime,"
Daily Record, Jan. 2, 1923, p. 1

Not to take water plant on Saturday, *Daily Record*, Dec 11, 1923, p 1

Water Plant May Be Taken Over by Town Tomorrow After All, *Daily Record*, Dec 14, 1923, p 1

Town Owns Water Plant, *Daily Record*, Dec 15, 1923, p 1

See also other source materials:

Joint Free Public Library of Morristown/township,

Morris Aqueduct records, manuscript collection HM51, Minute books, etc.

<http://morristownlibrary.org/HCFindingAids/MorrisAqueduct.xml>

Craig, Robert W. Princeton, NJ: Heritage Studies, 1978, 20pp [Archeological assessment of land behind the County courthouse, once site of an Aqueduct reservoir.]

In Morristown/township Library collection HM51.

Morris County, Clerk, vault, Maps, files 0045A and 0046A, Samuel Jones farm (condemned for taking by Aqueduct Co.) Probably supported original case *Jones v Proprietors of Morris Aqueduct* 36 NJL 206 (June 1873)

Morris County Clerk, special collections, Scrap Book of William A. Dunn, Supt., Morris Aqueduct Co., 1877-1909, 4 reels 35mm microfilm, Location L01-03

New Jersey Historical Society.

Pitney family papers: Morris Aqueduct Company 1919-1922, scrapbook of clippings. (See also in Pitney Mendham Aqueduct Co, 1852-1863). New Jersey Historical Society, file 1128.

<http://jerseyhistory.org/findingaid.php?aid=1128>

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