

Our Heritage



David Bolger is internationally respected for his success in business and for his legendary philanthropic giving. Mr. Bolger's generosity has improved historic Ridgewood buildings, parks and organizations, and his support of the Ridgewood Public Library has truly enhanced our community's educational and cultural services.

The Library will always benefit from Mr. Bolger's majestic restoration of the original Pease Memorial Library, which gave this Ridgewood landmark new purpose and won top historic preservation honors. Mr. Bolger's leadership gifts led to the creation of our new Heritage Center. Today we enjoy a new barrier-free main entrance, the Library colonnade, beautiful spring gardens, new seating and lighting and video security, all thanks to David Bolger's vision, kindness and generosity.

To learn more about the Bolger Foundation, please go to their web-site:

<https://thebolgerfoundation.org/>



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City Directories



Archived and Microfilmed City Directories

City Directories at the Ridgewood Public Library

What are City Directories?

City Directories were produced long before the advent of the telephone and remained important into the 1970's. They may include information such as:

- Heads of household
- Occupations
- Local businesses
- Addresses
- Advertisements

Thus they are important research tools for local historians and genealogists.

Ridgewood's City Directories, which cover many towns, are now available on microfilm in the Reference area of the Library. In 2006, the Ridgewood Public Library gratefully received a project grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission, a division in the Department of State, in support of the microfilming of its city directories.

Microfilm copies are available at the Ridgewood Public Library and the New Jersey State Library in Trenton, NJ.

For more information on our local history resources and how they can assist you in your research, see our website:

www.ridgewoodlibrary.org/localhistory

What is Available at the Library

- **Miller's Directory for the Village of Ridgewood 1897:** Also includes portions of Paramus, Ho-Ho-Kus, Midland Park and Glen Rock. Map of the area is available, along with an alphabetic list of residences and businesses; advertisements; and information about local organizations.
- **Breed's Directory of the Erie Railroad:** Information on the towns along the Erie Railroad. Not all towns are covered every year (INC). Each town lists names of residents with occupations and street addresses. Businesses and their proprietors are listed, along with advertisements.
 - 1898: Carlton Hill, Chester, Clifton, Allendale, Arden, Greycourt, Hawthorne, Hillburn, Ho-Ho-Kus, Lake View, Mahwah, Monroe, Oxford Depot, Passaic Bridge, Ramapo, Ramsey, Ridgewood, Secaucus, Sloatsburg, Southfields, Sterlington, Suffern, Turners, Tuxedo, Undercliff, Waldwick
 - 1904-1915: Allendale, Arden, Central Valley, Chester, Clifton, Greycourt, Harriman, Hawthorne, Hillburn, Ho-Ho-Kus, Lake View, Mahwah, Monroe, Oxford Depot, Ramapo, Ramsey, Ridgewood, Sloatsburg, Sterlington, Southfields, Suffern, Turner, Tuxedo, Waldwick and Warwick
- **Price and Lee Directories:** Information is listed alphabetically. Can be researched numerically or by person, business or governmental buyer. Details can include occupation, place of occupation, spouse's name, death details and removals are included. Advertisements are listed throughout.
 - Ridgewood: 1926-1973
 - Glen Rock: 1926-1973
 - Midland Park: 1926-1973
 - Fair Lawn: 1931-1973
 - Ho-Ho-Kus: 1950-1973