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**BROOKLYN COLLEGE DITMAS HOUSE COLLECTION**

Accession #88-008



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- Extent** 1 box / .25 cubic feet, Plus 1 oversized.
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## **Historical Note**

The Ditmas House was a Dutch style wooden frame house built in 1827 and occupied by the Ditmas family.

In 1935, the Ditmas House passed into the control of Brooklyn College which granted Mr. Richard J. Armstrong and his wife to serve as its caretakers. While there was much sentiment towards the structure and attempts were actually made to designate it a landmark, the Ditmas farmhouse was eventually demolished in 1961. The site was then cleared for Brooklyn College's Student Union Building.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The Brooklyn College Ditmas House Collection consists of documents pertaining to the history of Brooklyn College and its immediate neighborhood covering the years 1935 through 1963. It is a small collection of correspondence, administrative papers, photographs and newspaper clippings regarding Brooklyn's Ditmas Homestead. There is also some material on Brooklyn College's administration of this homestead, its caretaking by Richard Armstrong, attempts to save the house as a landmark, and its eventual demolition to build (Brooklyn College's) Student Union Building.

Collection material dates primarily to the period it covers, 1935-1963.

## **Container List**

### **Box 1**

Folder 1 – Ditmas House – Articles

Folder 2 – Ditmas House – Correspondence, 1935-1937

Folder 3 – Ditmas House – Correspondence, 1938-1946

Folder 4 – Ditmas House – Correspondence, 1947-1963

Folder 5 – Ditmas House – Lease

Folder 6 – Ditmas House – Photographs

Folder 7 – Ditmas House – Site and Floor Plans of Ditmas Lounge (see box 2 for oversized floor plan)

Folder 8 – Ditmas House – Work Orders

Folder 9 – Ditmas House – Miscellaneous

### **Box #2**

Folder 1- OVERSIZED -Site and Floor Plans of Ditmas Lounge (See also Box 1, folder 7)

