

Subseries I: General, 1795-1977

Subseries I: General, 1795-1977, is arranged chronologically and contains financial reports, newspaper clippings, accounting, illustrations, and receipts. Items in this subseries include business information of many nineteenth century entrepreneurs from Wilkes-Barre and the surrounding Northeastern Pennsylvania region. There are also several newspaper clippings detailing the history of these businessmen and their companies. This subseries also contains receipts and accounting ledgers from early Wyoming Valley merchants from the eighteenth century.

These merchants include [Timothy Pickering](#) and [Matthias Hollenback](#). These receipts and ledgers list expenses and other business deals made between Pickering and Hollenback. Other items included are receipts from Pennsylvanian companies from the late twentieth century. There are also several planning and budget reviews made for Luzerne County, Lehigh Township, and the city of Wilkes-Barre from 1958. These reviews were done by the [Pennsylvania Economy League](#) on the request of the local governments. Reports written by this non-profit organization included audits of wage and planning budgets and how they could be improved.

16.01 Item 01: Photostat List by Unknown of Local Pennsylvania Mining Companies, [no date].

Type of Material: List

Title: List

Description: The following item depicts a printed list pertaining to local Pennsylvania coal mining companies. It is unclear who made the photostat list. The companies listed are [Penn Coal Company](#), [Pittston Coal](#), [Alden Coal](#), [Clear Spring Coal](#), [Seneca](#), and the [Lackawanna Company](#). There are a number of townships named, such as Pittston, Wyoming, Newport, Hanover, Seneca and Troy.

There is a mention of a geographical marker that the inhabitants of the valley called, “[Dial Rock](#),” more commonly known as Campbell’s Ledge. It was called Dial Rock by the earlier settlers of the valley, as many used it like a sundial, tracking noon by its illumination of the cliff side.

There is also mention of a government agency, the Department of Highways, for Newport and other surrounding counties or townships. This list mentions many collieries, shafts, and tunnels, such as [Schooley](#), page 71, and [Clark Shaft](#). It appears that some of the names may actually be the tunnels where prominent coal crashes or collapses occurred, such as [Red Ash](#), in Exeter, [Hoyt](#) shaft, with the Pennsylvania Coal Company. Other names that refer to mining shafts without evidence of accident are [Marcy](#), a vein in the Pennsylvania Coal company mines.

There are also a few other mentions on the list, including [Fort Blanchard](#), which was the original name of the Pittston Fort in 1772. [Miner mills](#), which most likely refers to the mining settlements that occur with the influx of people to the valley in search of jobs.

The document also mentions [suffering rights](#), a vote in 1771-1772 by a Connecticut company, possibly the Susquehanna Company, that proposed a protection for settlers of Wyoming who had lost their crops or buildings during brewing conflicts. “It was intended that the lower line should coincide with the upper line of Pittston but this would not allow an advantageous allotment of the new township, and a triangular gore was left between the two. ... The portion of the township lying on the west or right bank of the river,

was divided into twenty-three shares, the other portion into twenty, the line running parallel with those of the township” ([Genealogy Trails](#)).

There appears to be the names of some civil suits within the list, including Hillman v Parsons and Clark v. an unnamed opponent.

There is a handwritten signature on the backside of this document. The signature is from a Henley Major.

Dates: N/A

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Business; Company; Lists; Coal Mining

Locations: N/A

People: Hillman; Parsons; Clark; Ewen; Vanscoy; Major, Henley

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 10 7/8 in. x 8 1/2 in.

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16.02 Item 02: List of Financial Charges by Mathias Hollenback to Timothy Pickering, [ca. late nineteenth-early twentieth century]. (Removed to Legal Box #2)

Type of Material: Receipt

Title: N/A

Description: The following item depicts a receipt by Matthias Hollenback to Timothy Pickering. The account contains mostly accounts settled by Pickering or added to his own accounts, such as William George’s board costs for meals, Peter Bosstet, Joseph Smith, and Jaspers Dannishes’ accounts. There is also a charge for his travel to Tioga, and oats for the supply of his horse. The total of his original account was 64 pounds, 2 shillings, and 9 pence. However, it looks like Hollenback and Pickering agreed to a barter payment for a portion of the account, as we see on the bottom that his account has been credited for 20 bushels of wheat. The bushels were worth 4 pounds, 6 shillings, and 8 pence per one, and reduced the account total to 39 pounds, 16 shillings, and 1 pence. There is a secondary account owed to Hollenback, added to the sum here noted on the front, which totals 973 pounds, 19 shillings, and 5 pence.

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[Mathias Hollenbeck](#), 1752-1829, was a businessman from the Wyoming Valley who was a merchant and President of the Wilkes-Barre Bridge Company. In addition to serving this company role, Hollenback

was considered a Revolutionary war hero for his role in the [Battle of Wyoming](#), a battle on July 3rd, 1778 between the Iroquis and loyalists against Americans. Matthias Hollenback was also a merchant and owner of many distilleries throughout Northeast Pennsylvania.

[Timothy Pickering](#) was a politician and businessman, who served in both local government in the Wyoming Valley and in the Senate. He moved to the Wyoming Valley in 1783 and was heavily involved in both Pennsylvania's relationship with Connecticut settlers and Iroquis people. He negotiated on behalf of the United States with the Iroquis on November 11, 1794. This is called the [Treaty Canandaigua](#), but is also called the Pickering Treaty after the Colonel. This was one of the first treaties made between a Native American tribe and the United States. Later he was elected in 1791 by [President George Washington](#) as the Postmaster General. He served in this position until 1800 when he was dismissed from the Cabinet. Later in his life he became involved in the New England secession movement and was influential in the [Hartford Convention](#). This was a series of meetings from 1814 to 1815 opposing hostility towards England. Col. Pickering's involvement in the convention led to him being ostracized in politics. The back of this ledger is a short handwritten note summarizing the expenses listed.

The dates for this manuscript has been estimated by the life dates due to the life dates of Matthias Hollenback.

Dates: [ca. late nineteenth-early twentieth century]

Creator: [Hollenback, Mathias, 1752-1829](#)

Subjects: Finances; Bills; Debts; Accounts;

Locations: N/A

People: [Hollenback, Mathias, 1752-1829](#); [George, William, \[Pos. George, William\]](#); Bostett, Peter; [Pickering, Timothy, 1745-1829](#); Dannishes, Jasper

General Condition: Fair. Page is discolored and slightly torn.

Measurements: 7 ½ in x 4 ¾ in

Front:

Col[onel] Timothy Pickering to M. Hollenback Dr [Debtor]	[pound-shilling-pence]
to your bill of Expense at Tyoga (sic) [Tioga]	£0-6-11
to Wm G[e]orges Supper and Brackfast (sic) [Breakfast]	0-2-0
to 10.q[uar]ts oats by your for house-	0-3-0
to Cash paid to your order ten Dollars	3-15-0
to cash paid yourself thirty Dollars	11-5-0
to cash paid peter Bosstet on your order	7-13-4
to Joseph Smiths order by your right	12-0-0
To Jaspers(?) Dannishes(?) order and by you acc[oun]ted]	20-17-6
	£64-2-9
By 20. Bushhills (sic) [Bushels] wheat 4/4[*] p[e]r B[ushel]	
[*shillings/pence]	4-6-8
Balance Dew (sic) [due]	£39-16-1

Document 4 Back:

Timothy Pickering
out to Matthias Hollenback

		£59-16-1
the Ballance (sic)	}	
of the }		973-19-5
other acc[oun]t	}	£1633-15-6

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16.03a-c Item 03a-c: Photocopies and List, by Unknown, [no date], of John Boyd's Accounts, 1784 October 15. (removed to legal box #2)

Type of Material: Photocopies/Accounts

Title: Expense Account for Boyd's Campaign to Wyoming and back to Philadelphia

Description: The following items, dated originally October 15, 1784, depict photocopied accounts of John Boyd's campaign to Wyoming and back to Philadelphia. The funds were read and approved through the Comptroller's office, October 15, 1784. The photocopies were created by an unknown creator at an unknown time. In the accounts, we see that Boyd lists a number of debts recorded for cash given to different ranking officers on their travels. The first account comes to a total of £62, 18 shilling, and 3 pence. There is an addendum to the balance with dues paid by David Rittenhouse on July 30, 1784, which total to £50 even. This brings the new total of the account to £12, 18 shilling and 3 pence. The second account displays the same charges of commissions given to various officers. This second account comes to a total of £100 even, and the same was paid by David Rittenhouse on September 10th. Boyd writes a testimony that the dues were paid by Rittenhouse in full at the bottom of the page.

Dates: October 15, 1784 (Original); N/A (Photocopy)

Creator: Boyd, John (Original); N/A (Photocopy)

Subjects: Accounts; Finances; Debts;

Locations: N/A

People: [Boyd, John, 1737-1817](#); [Armstrong, John, 1758-1843](#); [VanCampen, John, 1726-1805](#); Brisbin; [Sims, William, b. ca. 1750](#); [Nicholas, John, \[Pos. Nicholas, John, 1764-1819\]](#); [Shrader, Philip, 1782-1860](#); Robinson, John; [Rittenhouse, David, 1732-1796](#); Allhouse; [Lee, Francis, 1749-1815](#); Trumble, James; [Courtright, \[Pos. Courtright, Cornelius, 1764-1848\]](#);

General Condition: Fair, the photocopy condition is rough for legibility as the original seems to have suffered tearing.

Measurements:

Transcript Attempt:

Item A:

Annotations on the bottom right hand corner of the page:

Boyd's Campaign into Valley
1784

This item depicts a typed transcription of the following items.

Item B:

D^r [Debtor] the State of Penns^{y[lvani]a} to John Boyd
1784 to the Expenses of two Commissioners from Philadelphia to
Wyoming ^ their Expenses there ~~from~~ and returning, by order of the Supreme Executive Council 23,,16,,7
Aug^{[us]t} 4th to Cash paid Cap^{[tai]n} Brisbin as a receipt for bearing the Expenses of the wagoons (sic) dispatched to 3,,0,,0
to Cash paid Major Allshouse the diff[erent] places
to Cash paid Cap^{[tai]n} Brisbin

Item C:

State of the Penn^[sylvania] of the Hon[ora]ble John Boyd Esq^{[ui]r[e]}
John Boyd Esq^{[ui]r[e]} D^r [Debitor] to Dav^[id] Rittenhouse Esq^{[ui]r[e]}
Rec^{[eive]d} of him for

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16.04 Item 04: Accounting Ledger by Unknown, 1795 April 26-1796 February 4. (Removed the Legal Box #2)

Type of Material: Accounting Ledger

Title: N/A

Description: The following item, dated between April 26, 1795 and February 4, 1796, contains an accounting ledger by unknown, containing numerous accounts with persons, including John Montulli, Elizabeth Barney, and Contra. These accounts contain various purchases by the holders, including transport of mail and goods along the river and valley region, debts paid off of other accounts on the same books, cash borrowed from other people on the accounts, a charge by Matthias Hollenback for cash paid to his wife and a blacksmith, and for keeping livestock. The account totals ranges, with Montulli's account being 60 pounds, 6 shillings, and 20 pence, Barney's account being 5 shillings and no pence, and two accounts under Contra in the back, those totals being 53 pounds, 14 shilling, and 4 ½ pence, and 9 pounds, 5 shilling, and 3 pence, respectively.

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Dates: April 26, 1795-February 4, 1796

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Finances; Accounting; Ledger; Bills; Accounts

Locations: N/A

People: [Hollenbeck, Matthias, 1752-1829](#); Montulli, John; [Horton, John, 1753-1810](#); [Fell, Amos, \[Pos. Fell, Amos, 1742-1821\]](#); Fellows, Amos; Sachets, Richard; Barney, Elizabeth; Benjamin; Contra; [\(Burritt\) Hollenbeck, Sarah, 1750-1833](#);

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 7 15/16 in. x 12 7/8 in.

Transcript Attempt:

Front Page:

(53.)

1795	Dr. [Debtor] John Montulli	Folio	£	S	D.
April 26	To the Carriage of 3950 of Goods from Wilksbarre to Standing Stone - - - 6/	47			[Pound-Shilling-Pence] 11''17''0.
	Storage of the above goods, and having to the River				2''0''0.
June 7	To Cash paid John Horton as p[e]r your letter and said				
1796	Horton receipt + inclosed(sic) [enclosed] to you	69			7''5''6.
February 4	To Amos Fell a/c [account] for keeping the Blind Hare	179			4''5''9.
	Ballance (sic) [Balance] of your note to James Fellows				1''19''9/20
	Ballance (sic) of Richard Sachetts Note				32''18''1 ½
					£60''6''20

1795 Dr [Debtor] Elizabeth Barney

April 28 To remain of Tabbereen 47 5''0.

Back Page:

(56.)

	Contra Cr [Creditor]	Folio	£	S	D.
	By Amount Brought from Ledger A. Folio	93			23''3''2.
	By Cash Borrowed of you Brother Benj ^{[ami]n}				6''7''6.
1795					
July 24th	By his account against Matthias Hollenback				
	for Blacksmith	95			24''0''2 ½
	25 Cash p[e]r wife 3/6				3''6.
					£53''14''4 ½

Transferred to Folio 105

	Contra Cr [Creditor]	Folio	£	S	D.
1795					
October 6th	By Grandell Willcocks Note for			9	0
	John Clark			5	3
				£9	5

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16.05 Item 05: A Note by [John] Brevost to Unknown, 1795 January 17.

Type of Material: Note

Title: N/A

Description: The following note, dated January 17, 1795, is written by John Brevost, a french asylum seeker in the settlement of French Azilum, situated in Bradford county. The note is to an unnamed recipient. In the note, Brevost is stating that he, for the community, has paid St. Crook's carpenter 26 pounds of Pennsylvanian money. This payment is stated for the second term of this work, with a partial payment for Brevost's house.

The French Azilum was an asylum settlement that consisted of French royalists, established in Bradford County during the fall of 1793 and the spring of 1794, when Pennsylvania residents sought a way to bolster the economy while aiding French refugees. The purpose of the settlement was to house and support those fleeing the French Revolution primarily, as well as the enslaved rebellions occurring within the French colony of Saint-Domingue, Haiti. Many influential men of the valley aided two Frenchmen in particular, Louis de Noailles and Antoine Omer Talon, in establishing the refugee settlement, including Matthias Hollenback, Stephen Girard, and Robert Morris. They proposed the settlement to house and support those fleeing the revolution. Though their efforts were positioned as an act of support and compassion due to the high French population in Philadelphia and alliance ties persisting for the American Revolution, there were also many who viewed the settlement as a lucrative investment for the country (French Azilum).

Dates: January 17, 1795

Creator: [Brevost, John](#)

Subjects: Finances; Note; Bills; Debts;

Locations: French Azilum, Pennsylvania

People: [Brevost, John](#)

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 6 ½ in x 4 in

Transcript Attempt:

Je Soussigné' recommois que Nous niue
l'abbé Colin pour le Societe' J'asluyum, a
payé au S Crooks charpentier, la somme
se vingt six pounds monnoy de Pensitrane

pour le second terme et Sol de depayement de ma
maison. A Asylum le 17 Janvier 1795

Brevost

Translation Attempt:

I, the undersigned, recommend that we(?),
Abbot Colin(?), for the Society, have
paid to St. Crooks, carpenter, the sum of
twenty-six pounds in pensitrame(?) [Pennsylvania?]
money for the second term and
one for the payment of my house.
At Asylum, January 17, 1795

Brevost

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**16.06 Item 06: A Check by Louis Lebegue Duportail to John Craig, 1795
August 12.**

Type of Material: Check

Title: N/A

Description: The following item depicts a check by Louis Lebegue Duportail to John Craig, dated August 12, 1795. The check is for \$216.00. This check was issued by the Bank of the United States which was located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This bank is also known as the [First Bank of the United States](#) as it was the first official national bank for the United States. The bank was established in 1791 and operated until 1811. The Bank of the United States collected government tax revenues and acted as the federal government's bank. The bank served as a bank to the general public as well as the Federal government.

Dates: August 12, 1795

Creator: [Duportail, Louis Lebègue de Presle, 1743-1802](#)

Subjects: Finances, The Bank of the United States

Locations: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

People: [Duportail, Louis Lebegue, 1743-1802](#); Craig, John

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 5 ½ in x 2 in

Transcript Attempt: The page is made of printed and annotated text
[Bold text depicts printed text]

Philadelphia August 12th
1795

Bank of the United States,

Pay to M^r john craig - - - or Bearer,

two hundred ~~Dollars~~ **Dollars.**

Louis Lebegue Duportail

DOLLARS

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16.07 Item 07: An Accounting Ledger by Monsieur L[ouis] Balas to Berot, 1797 May 14 (Removed to Legal Box #2)

Type of Material: Ledger

Title: French Accounting Ledger

Description: The following item, dated May 14, 1797, depicts an accounting ledger by a hand under Mr. Berot, to Louis Balas. In the account, Balas is being charged for a variety of goods, such as wine, cheese, pates, and other luxurious items. There are also charges for travel and transportation, potentially of goods. Laneau was a secretary who signed the second and fourth pages of this item. The final charge of the account is £10,413.15

There are a number of lines that note accounts of enslaved persons pertaining to food purchased for or through them. These occurrences are at the bottom of page 1.

Dates: May 14, 1797

Creator: Balas

Subjects: France, Accounting, Wine, Commerce, Finances; Slavery; Slavery--1790-1800

Locations: N/A

People: Berot, Louis; Balas;

Harmful Language Tag: There is language within the item that may be harmful to people of the African American community. This language is a product of the time it was written.

General Condition: Good, there are several small stain spots and the edges are becoming worn; however the paper and ink are still in great condition considering the age of the document.

Measurements: 8 5/16 in. x 12 7/8 in.

Transcript Attempt:

Page 1:

Monsieur L^[ouis] Berot à Plimouth (sic) [Plymouth] Doit
à Balas ce qui suit
Savoir

1797						[pound . shilling . pence]
May 14	1	Ancre petit Sale	-	-	-	£ 66” “
	23	2 Q[uart] Vin Rouge + blanc	-	-	-	“ 198” “
	24	4 Damejeanes [Dame Jeannes] Vin Saint Emilion				£ 330 “ “
		1 fromage pâte grape	-	-		“49”10”
		2 Bouteilles huile fine	-	-		“24”15”

	1 forme Sucre 872 8 ½ @ a ¼ . 2 . 6 -		“35”13”	
	1 freguin mantegue 58 w.a’ 53~		“159.10”	“
	2 Jambons 25 @ a ⅓’ - - “75” “ “		673”16”3	
26 1 B ^{lle}	huile à brûler - -		“4”2”6	
	1 Ditto Terebentine - - “16”10 “		20”12”6	
Juin 1	4 Damejeanes [Dame Jeannes] Vin Rouge -			“297” “
[June]	2 Jambons 22 @ a’ 3’ - -		“66” “	
	10 Saucissons. -- -		“61.17.6	
	Compte aun negres pour vivres -		“12”7.6	
			£537”5	
	1 moulin a grace fait au pays avec toutes ses pieces livré à ses negres survivant sa demande du 31 May Dar ^e . “2,000” “			
	½ fromage pate grasse. - - - 24”15”		“2462” “	
6	Compte à Mr Bordenave pour suvrage pour ¼ son”		594”	
7	Compte aun Espagnols pour vivres - -		“ 33”	
12	6 pelotes fil a fol. - - - -		“ 12.7.6.	
15	a lui prête 40 Sacs illegible Gaifes(?) qui ont pene net 4000@			
	a 22. la @ (?) - - - -		4,400” “	
19	Pour a[c]quit de son mandat o/ Gardien s/ Gerant “ 1,116”			
20	2 Jambons pen ^t 16 @ a ⅓ - - -		£48” “	
	2 Demy Barils farine - - - -		132”	
	2 Bricolles - - - -		123.15 “ 303”15	
29	Pour acquit d’un Compte paye à Lausseau. “		204”3”9	
Vuilles 3	1 Q[uart] Vin blanc de grave pour present a m ^l Grand Dutreuith [Dutreil] en retour d’un Monton”		99” “	
24	Pour autant compte de s/o. a sa fille 66” “			
	4 pag ^t d’herbes Loregu il est venu ici avec Claire - - - -8.5 “ 74.5			
	Transporte en l’autre part.		£ 10,256”	“

Page 1 Translation Attempt:

1797			[pound . shilling . pence]
May 14 1	Small anchor(?) - - - -		£ 66” “
23 2	Q[uart] Red and White Wine -- - -		“ 198” “
24 4	Damejeanes [Dame Jeannes] Wine Saint Emilion		£ 330 “ “
	1 grape cheese pate - -		“49”10”
	2 Oil Bottles - -		“24”15”
	1 Sugar forms 872 8 ½ @ a ¼ . 2 . 6 -		“35”13”
	1 freguin mantegue 58 w.a’ 53~		“159.10” “
	2 Hams 25 @ a ⅓’ - - “75” “ “		673”16”3
26 1	Bottles of Oil, Burning- -		“4”2”6

	1 [Same as above] Turpentine- -	“16”10 “	20”12”6
Juin 1	4 Damejeanes [Dame Jeannes] Red Wine—	“297” “	
[June]	2 Hams 22 @ a’ 3’ - -	“66” “	
	10 Sausages. - - -	“61.17.6	
	Food on account for negros -	“12”7.6	
		£537”5	
	1 Grain Milled, made of the country, all parts delivered to the negroes serving the request 31 May Dar ^e . “2,000” “		
	½ fromage pate grasse. - -	24”15” “2462” “	
6	Account of Mr Bordenave for work at ¼ son”	594”	
7	Account of Spanish for food - -	“ 33”	
12	6 thread balls. - - - -	“ 12.7.6.	
15	To Lending 40 bags [illegible] Gaifes(?) qui ont pene net 4000@ a 22. la @ (?) - - - -	4,400” “	
19	For the acquittal/case of Gardien vs Gerant	“ 1,116”	
20	2 Hams pen ^{t(?)} 16 @ a ⅓ - - -	£48” “	
	2 Half barrels flour - - - -	132”	
	2 Bricolles - - - -	123.15 “ 303”15	
29	For acquisition of account paid to Lausseau.	“ 204”3”9	
Vuilles 3	1 Q[uart] White wine as present to m ^r [monsieur?] Grand Dutreuth [Dutheil] in return from Monton”	99” “	
24	For account of s/o his daughter	66” “	
	4 pag ^t of herbs Loregu he came here with Claire- - - -	-8.5 “ 74.5	
	Transport to the other part	£ 10,256” “	

Page 2:

1797	Suite & transport de L’autre part.	£ 10,257 “ “
Luides 27	autant Compte de s/o au Grif Espagnol “ 132 “ “	
	Payé à Carrere pour quatre anneun [anneaux?] enfer Les Bracon	24”15. £10,413.15

Je certifie le present Compte me taille Sincere
& veritable montant Sauf Erreur & omission a’ la
Somme de Dix mille quatre cent treize livres
quinze Sols. Cayemitts [Cayemitte?] Le 27th Juillet 1797 “-
Signe Mr Canere aine(?)
Pour m^r. Balas

Cottatrvine Fivisire' a Ete Le Compte lu deriur
 & de L'autre part Crauscrit, Son nous etelegne(?) -
 du Evennement Francoiur et Souvir & Janinque(?)
 Eu Cette etes inlence, fulligne, Lin Lo piece - originale a nuns regnes entee par Le Cinyen salour la lin
 neudre agnes en annin ine Lar presence cupie.
 Fautyagoile Cuba Le Gingt quatre Rhunoirx our beige de la Rejablizne Florueoute Xa de Atoyera
 Galanc figne' avei nous X Le Seretaire de la Detegatin.

Balalle

in mle Garland

L. Landeau
 secretaire de la Dele gon

Page 2 Translation Attempt:

1797	Continue and transport from the other part.	£ 10,257 “ “
Luides 27	Account of s/o at the Spanish grif(?)	“ 132 “ “
	Paid in Carrere(?) for four [annees?] years	
	entre(?) between the Bracons	24”15.
		£10,413.15

I certify this account Sincere
 & true montant excepting Error & omission at the
 Sum of Ten thousand four hundred and thirteen pounds
 15 Sols(?) Cayemitts [Cayemitte?] the 27th July 1797 “-
 Signed Mr Canere aine(?) [assigns(?)]
 four m^r. Balas

Cottatrvine Fivisire' a Ete Le Compte lu deriur
 & de L'autre part Crauscrit, Son nous etelegne(?) -
 du Evennement Francoiur et Souvir & Janinque(?)
 Eu Cette etes inlence, fulligne, Lin Lo piece - originale a nuns regnes entee par Le Cinyen salour la lin
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 secretaire de la Dele gon

Page 3:

Doit Monsieur Le” Berot o/Cte” Courant avec Balas, aun Cayemittes Avoir.

1797

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en l'autre part.----- £10,413''15''

£10,413''15''

1797

May 6 Pour la fonte cel ancien Compte jusgu a cejour suivt c de Dipolution £2,049.15

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compte' - - £231''36

Pour la vente de 2te facr Cafe' p 2417

a 18 la w. - - - - - 2175.6

Nov 21 Pour la vente de 14 Facs Cafe' if 1430

a 17. 3. 1,233''76

£5,688''18 5

Dec 19 Pour Balance M Berot doit

a Balas. £4,724''16 7

£10,413.15

Arrete le present Compte Courant en double sauf erreur ou Omission Montanten debit or Credit a
Din mille quatre Cent treize livres quinze for, pour la Balance du guel jeredon a Mr Balas quatre mille
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enverintent Francoin de fount Domingue Es fette Ne's ulence, fouthque, sue Le Piece-

Page 4:

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Garlour Signe Avec uwar + Le Secretaire de la Detegatios

j''. M''. Garland

Balall

L. Landeau

secretaire de la diligon.

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**16.08 Item 08: Receipt by B[artholomew] LaPorte for Road Taxes of Matthias
Hollenback, 1813 March 6.**

Title: N/A

Mathias Hollenback, 1752-1829, was a businessman from the Wyoming Valley who was a merchant and President of the Wilkes-Barre Bridge Company. In addition to serving this company role, Hollenback was considered a Revolutionary war hero for his role in the [Battle of Wyoming](#), a battle on July 3rd 1778, between the Iroquis and loyalists against Americans. Matthias Hollenback was also a merchant and owner of many distilleries throughout Northeast Pennsylvania.

Creator:

Locations: French Azilum

General Condition: Fair.

Measurements: 7 ¾ in x 1 ¾ in

Received of Ebenezer Horton ten Dollars and Six^{ty} eight Cents
for road tax of Matthias Hollenback in Eighteen hundred
and eleven and and ~~twelve~~ Eighteen (sic) [Eighteen] hundred and twelve - - -
\$10.68 Asylum th[e] (sic) 6 March¹⁸¹³—.

B Laporte

1811 + 1812

B. Leporte
Rec[e]ipt for \$10.68
Road Taxes for
the years 1811+12
wyhaluhsing (sic) [wyalusing]
Hollenback

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16.09 Item 09: Two Distillery Permits by Samuel [Harrison] Smith, the Commissioner of the Revenue, for William Hart, 1814 November 8.

Type of Material: Permit

Title: N/A.

Description: The following items, dated November 8, 1814, depicts two permits to distill spirits in Bradford County, PA, issued by Samuel Harrison Smith, the commissioner of revenue, and received by William Hart. These permits are allowing Hart to distill spirits for six months, beginning on the 1st of November and through the 13th day of April of the following year. The manuscript appears to have a mistaken dated range, because they are both said to end in the same year, 1814, though the permit would take Hart through the following year, November to April. The distillery is being leased to Hart by Matthias Hollenback, owner of the building in Wysox. The two permits have different gallon amounts, with the front of the manuscript allowing 60 gallons to be distilled, and the back of the item allowing for 176 gallons. The permits are countersigned by Andrew Beaumont, the collector of revenue for the 20th district of Pennsylvania.

Samuel Harrison Smith has been ascertained by the title held in 1814, commissioner of revenue, which he was appointed to in 1813.

Mathias Hollenback, 1752-1829, was a businessman from the Wyoming Valley who was a merchant and President of the Wilkes-Barre Bridge Company. In addition to serving this company role, Hollenback was considered a Revolutionary war hero for his role in the [Battle of Wyoming](#), a battle on July 3rd 1778, between the Iroquis and loyalists against Americans. Matthias Hollenback was also a merchant and owner of many distilleries throughout Northeast Pennsylvania.

Dates: November 8, 1814

Creator: [Smith, Samuel Harrison, 1772-1845](#)

Subjects: Permit; Distillery by products; contract

Locations: Bradford County, PA.

People: [Hart, William, 1790-1863](#); [Hollenbeck, Matthias, 1752-1829](#); [Smith, Samuel Harrison, 1772-1845](#); [Beaumont, Andrew, 1790-1853](#)

General Condition: Fair.

Measurements: 8 x 10 in.

Transcript Attempt: Front

[License to work a Still for distilling Spirits form Domestic Materials.]

No.13

WHEREAS William Hart of the township of
Wysox in the County of Bradford in the twentieth
Collection District of Pennsylvania possessor of a Still of the capacity of
Sixty~~~~ Gallons, including the head thereof, at this time erected
and intended to be used in the town of Wysox in the County of
Bradford in the District aforesaid, and owned by Matthias
Hollenback of Wilkes- Barre in the County of Luzerne
and the District aforesaid, hath duly applied for a License to distil Spirits from Domestic Materials,

during the term of six months, to commence on the first of November 1814 and to end on the thirteenth day of April 1814:

KNOW KNOW YE, That the said Willaim Hart is hereby licensed to work and employ the said Still in distilling DOMESTIC MATERIALS, for the said term of SIX MONTHS, as above defined, in conformity with an Act of Congress, passed the 24th day of July 1813.

Countersigned at Wilkes-Barre in the Collection District aforesaid, this eighth day of November 1814

Andrew Beaumont

Collector of the Revenue for the twentieth Collection District of Pennsylvania

—(?) Smith {signature}
Commissioner of the Revenue

Back:

[License to work a Still for distilling Spirits form Domestic Materials.]

No.14

WHEREAS William Hart of the township of Wysox in the County of Bradford in the twentieth Collection District of Pennsylvania possessor of a Still of the capacity of one hundred Seventysix~~~~ Gallons, including the head thereof, at this time erected and intended to be used in the town of Wysox in the County of Bradford in the District aforesaid, and owned by Matthias Hollenback of Wilkes- Barre in the County of Luzerne and the District aforesaid, hath duly applied for a License to distil Spirits from Domestic Materials, during the term of six months, to commence on the first of November 1814 and to end on the thirteenth day of April 1814:

KNOW KNOW YE, That the said Willaim Hart is hereby licensed to work and employ the said Still in distilling DOMESTIC MATERIALS, for the said term of SIX MONTHS, as above defined, in conformity with an Act of Congress, passed the 24th day of July 1813.

Countersigned at Wilkes-Barre in the Collection District aforesaid, this eighth day of November 1814

Andrew Beaumont

Collector of the Revenue for the twentieth Collection District of Pennsylvania

—(?) Smith {signature}
Commissioner of the Revenue

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16.10 Item 10: Three Government Contracts with Homan Morgan, Samuel Sutton, Ezra Tuttle, Charles Thomas, Stephen Decker, Ebenezar Carey, James Thompson, John P. Arndt, and James Sutton, 1816 October 31; 1816 November 14; 1816 November 28. (Removed to Legal Box #2)

Type of Material: Government contracts.

Title: N/A.

Description: The following items, dated October 31, 1816, November 14, 1816, and November 28, 1816, depict three legal contracts between various parties and the Wilkes Barre Bridge Company. The first contract is signed with Homan Morgan Samuel Sutton and Ezra Tuttle, and is indebted for the sum of \$400.00, to be paid in what appears to be two payments, the first \$200.00 with interest on the rest of the account. This contract is witnessed by Jonathan Hancock and Lewis Jones. The second contract is signed by Samuel Sutton, Charles Thomas and John P. Arndt, and is indebted for the sum of \$400.00, to be paid in what appears to be two payments, the first \$200.00 with interest on the rest of the account. This contract is witnessed by C.W. Brinkeley. The final contract is signed by Stephen Decker, Eleazar Carey and James Thompson, and is indebted for the sum of \$200.00, to be paid in what appears to be two payments, the first \$100.00 with interest on the rest of the account. This contract is witnessed by Daniel E. Brown and Merritt Slocum. There appears to have been edits made to this final contract, as there is an addendum of erasures occurring before the signing of Merritt Slocum, those witnessed by the same.

Dates: October 31, 1816; November 14, 1816; November 28, 1816

Creator: [Decker, Stephen, 1789-1862](#); [Cary, Eleazar, 1786-1853](#), Thompson, James; Morgan, Homan, [Tuttle, Ezra, 1768-1826](#), [Sutton, Samuel, 1788-1842](#); [Thomas, Charles, \[Pos. Thomas, Charles A., 1787-1864\]](#), and [Arndt, John Penn, 1780-1861](#)

Subjects: Wilkes-Barre History.

Locations: Wilkes-Barre, PA.

People: [Decker, Stephen, 1789-1862](#); [Cary, Eleazar, 1786-1853](#); Thompson, James; [Brown, Daniel E.](#); [Slocum, Merritt](#); [Bowman, Ebenezer, 1757-1829](#); Morgan, Homan; [Hancock, Jonathan](#); [Tuttle, Ezra, 1768-1826](#); Jones, Lewis, [Pos. [Jones, Lewis, 1786-1841](#)/ [Jones, Lewis, 1769-1855](#)]; [Sutton, Samuel, 1788-1842](#); [Thomas, Charles, \[Pos. Thomas, Charles A., 1787-1864\]](#); Brinkley, C. W.; [Arndt, John Penn, 1780-1861](#)

General Condition: Fair. The contract pages all suffer discoloration and tearing along the seams where once folded.

Measurements: Three documents: 16 x 12.25 in.

Transcription Attempt: The page is composed in printed and annotated text. Bolded text denotes printed text.

Document One:

TO EBENEZER BOWMAN, Esquire ...

WHEREAS we Homan Morgan Samuel Sutton
and Ezra Tuttle all of Luzerne County State of Pennsylvania

by a certain obligation bearing even date herewith, do stand bound unto the President, Managers and Company for erecting a BRIDGE over the river Susquehanna ...

in the sum of Four hundred dollars—

money of the United States —

conditioned for the payment of Two hundred dollars—

money aforesaid —

three months after the date hereof, with interest for the same—

THESE are to desire and authorise you to appear for us ... any other subsequent Term or Sessions there of elsewhere to be held, and confess judgement thereupon against us or either of us for the sum of Four hundred dollars —

Debt ... And we do hereby for ourselves ... remise, release, and forever quit claim unto the said President, Managers & Company ... all manner of error ... Defects and imperfections whatever in the entering the said Judgement ...

IN WITNESS whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals at Wilkes Barre, the thirty first day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Sixteen —

Signed, Sealed and Delivered }

Homan Morgan {seal}

in the presence of }

Samuel Sutton {seal}

Jonathan Hancock

Ezra Tuttle {seal}

Lewis Jones

To the treasurer of the Bridge Company
if his obligation Can Stand tit [it] the expension (?)
of Six months by paying the interest My man
shall slaine(?) good at the investment(?) Samuel Sutton

Back:

KNOW all men by these Presents

THAT we Homan Morgan Samuel Sutton
and Ezra Tuttle all of Luzerne County State of Pennsylvania
are held and firmly bound unto the President, Managers and Company for erecting a bridge over the river Susquehanna ...

in the sum of Four hundred dollars—

money of the United States —

to be paid to the said **President, Managers and Company ... Sealed with out seals, dated at Wilkes Barre the thirty first day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Sixteen**

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That if the above Bounden Homan Morgan Samuel Sutton and Ezra Tuttle — **their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, or any of them, shall and do well and truly pay ... the just sum of** Two hundred dollars—

money aforesaid — **three months from the date**
hereof, with the lawful interest thereon ... or else to be and remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered }
in the presence of }
Jonathan Hancock
Lewis Jones

Homan Morgan {seal}
Samuel Sutton {seal}
Ezra Tuttle {seal}

(25 c[en]ts Paid)

Document Two:

TO EBENEZER BOWMAN, Esquire ...

WHEREAS we Samuel Sutton Charles Thomas and
John P. Arndt all of Luzerne County
State of Pennsylvania

by a certain obligation bearing even date herewith, do stand bound unto the President, Managers
and Company for erecting a BRIDGE over the river Susquehanna ...

in the sum of Four hundred dollars—

money of the United States —

conditioned for the payment of Two hundred dollars—

money aforesaid —

three months after the date hereof, with interest for the same—

THESE are to desire and authorise you to appear for us ... any other subsequent Term or Sessions
there of elsewhere to be held, and confess judgement thereupon against us or either of us for the
sum of Four hundred dollars —

Debt ... And we do hereby for ourselves ... remise, release, and forever quit claim unto the said
President, Managers & Company ... all manner of error ... Defects and imperfections whatever in
the entering the said Judgement ...

IN WITNESS whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals at Wilkes Barre, the
Fourteenth **day of** November **in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and** Sixteen —

Signed, Sealed and Delivered }
in the presence of }
C.W. Brinkeley(?)

Samuel Sutton {seal}
Charles Thomas {seal}
John P. Arndt {seal}

Back:

KNOW all men by these Presents

THAT we Samuel Sutton Charles Thomas and
John P. Arndt— all of Luzerne County
State of Pennsylvania

**are held and firmly bound unto the President, Managers and Company for erecting a bridge over
the river Susquehanna ...**

in the sum of Four hundred dollars—

money of the United States —

**to be paid to the said President, Managers and Company ... Sealed with out seals, dated at Wilkes
Barre the Fourteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
Sixteen**

**THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That if the above Bounden Samuel Sutton
Charles Thomas and John p. Arndt aforesaid — their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, or any of
them, shall and do well and truly pay ... the just sum of** Four hundred dollars—

money aforesaid — **three months from the date**

hereof, with the lawful interest thereon ... or else to be and remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered }

in the presence of }

C. W. Brinkley(?)

Samuel Sutton {seal}

~~Charles~~ Charles Thomas {seal}

John P. Arndt {seal}

(25 c[en]ts Paid)

Document Three:

TO EBENEZER BOWMAN, Esquire ...

WHEREAS we Stephen Decker, Eleazar Carey and
James Thompson all of Luzerne County

**by a certain obligation bearing even date herewith, do stand bound unto the President, Managers
and Company for erecting a BRIDGE over the river Susquehanna ...**

in the sum of Two hundred dollars—

money of the United States —

conditioned for the payment of one hundred dollars—

money aforesaid —

three months after the date hereof, with interest for the same—

**THESE are to desire and authorise you to appear for us ... any other subsequent Term or Sessions
there of elsewhere to be held, and confess judgement thereupon against us or either of us for the
sum of** Two hundred dollars —

Debt ... And we do hereby for ourselves ... remise, release, and forever quit claim unto the said President, Managers & Company ... all manner of error ... Defects and imperfections whatever in the entering the said Judgement ...

IN WITNESS whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals at Wilkes Barre, the Twenty Eighth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Sixteen —

Signed, Sealed and Delivered }
in the presence of }
Daniel Brown
Merritt Slocum

Stephen Decker {seal}
Eleazar Carey {seal}
James Thompson {seal}

Erasures made before signing
in presence
Merritt Slocum

Back:

KNOW all men by these Presents

THAT we Stephen Decker Eleazar Carey and James Thompson— all of Luzerne County **are held and firmly bound unto the President, Managers and Company for erecting a bridge over the river Susquehanna ... in the sum of** Two hundred dollars— money of the United States — **to be paid to the said President, Managers and Company ... Sealed with out seals, dated at Wilkes Barre the Twenty eighth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Sixteen**

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That if the above Bounden Stephen Decker and aforesaid — their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, or any of them, shall and do well and truly pay ... the just sum of one hundred dollars money aforesaid — **three months from the date hereof, with the lawful interest thereon ... or else to be and remain in full force and virtue.**

Signed, Sealed and Delivered }
in the presence of }
Daniel E. Brown
Merritt Slocum

Stephen Decker {seal}
Eleazar Carey {seal}
James Thompson {seal}

Erasures made before signing
in presence
Merritt Slocum

(25 c[en]ts Paid)

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16.11 Item 11: An Accounting Ledger of *The Gleaner*, by Unknown, [1817] May 2-30.

Type of Material: Account

Title: N/A

Description: The following item, dated April 28-May 30, 1817, depicts an account ledger for the month of May for a Newspaper company. The newspaper company has been identified as *The Gleaner*, by a comparison of one of the accounts, the Estate of William Barnes settled by James Barnes, printed in a digitized copy of [The Gleaner](#). These accounts vary between individuals, with some people advertising their businesses, including coppersmithing, wood work, watch making, and wool carding. There are other accounts that are settling estates of the recently deceased, including Zebulon Butler, William Barnes, and Jude Goodale. These accounts are often followed by a charge for an advertisement of Orphans court. Other accounts on the books include company advertisements, such as The Wilkes Barre Bridge Company, The Wilkes Barre and Bridgewater Turnpike, The Clifford Turnpike, and The Lackwannock Turnpike. There are also a few accounts of men settling previous charges or purchasing goods, such as bushels of potatoes and flour.

The estate of [Jude Goodale was opened in 1814](#) after his death, but appears to still be in the process of settlement during the 1817 printing.

Dates: May 2-30, [1817]

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Accounts; Accounting Ledger; Finances; Bills; The Gleaner;

Locations: N/A

People: [Oat, Joseph, 1796-1888](#); [Brown, Jonathan](#); [Ash, Ira, 1794-1873](#); [Buckingham, Henry, 1779-1845](#); [Forbes, Justin](#); [Bowman, Isaac, 1773-1850](#); [Bowman, Ebenezer, 1757-1829](#); Barnes, James; Barnes, William, d.1817; [Courtright, Cornelius, 1764-1848](#); [Roop, Jacob, \[Pos. Roop, Jacob, 1780-1858/ Roop, Jacob, 1782-1875\]](#); [Beaumont, Andrew, 1790-1853](#); Harding, Elisha; [Osterhout, David, 1783-1833](#); [Goodale, Jude, 1775-1814](#); Hart, Isaac; [Butler, Zebulon, 1731-1795](#); [Hentz, M/N., \[Pos. Hentz, Nicholas, 1799-1851\]](#); [Delamanom, Lewis](#); [Rogers, Joel, 1780-1850](#); Wright, William; [Mr. Delachaux](#); [Drinker, Henry Waln, 1787-1866](#); [Hamer, John, 1794-1866](#); [Ward, John J, 1784-1857](#); [Hoyt, Elias, 1784-1853](#); Shoemaker, Samuel; [Smith and Fuller](#); [The Wilkes Barre Bridge Company](#); [The Wilkes Barre & Bridgewater Turnpike](#); [The Wilkes Barre & Clifford Turnpike](#); The Lackawannock Turnpike; Halifax Dauphin Company

General Condition: Excellent.

Measurements:

Transcription Attempt:

Front:

May 2 ^{[n]d}	Settled accounts this day with Jonathan ✓ Brown, balance due him \$2.72 due in 20 days ~~~~~	33 272
May 3 ^{[r]d}	Ira Ash C ^r [Creditor] By making the wood work of a Perambulation D ^s [same as above] D ^r [Debitor] To cash paid April 16 2.00 To cash paid May 3 ^{[r]d} 1.00 To one Newspaper sent for him to Owego to No. 40 N ^[ew] Hampshire spread(?) 2.00 To Gleaner one year ending June 2 ^{[n]d} 1817 5.00 2.00	5.00 2.00 1.00 2.00 5.00 2.00
April 28 11	Henry Buckingham C ^r [Creditor] By (fifteen bundles) thirty reams of printing paper at three dollars per ream ~~~	90.00
May 4 th 11	Settled accounts this day with <u>Justin Forbes</u> up River Mail carrier and gave him a Note for the balance due him of 24.06 on credit of 30 days war Bills omitted thro[ugh] mistake	24.06
D ^o 11	The Wilkesbarre and Bridgewater Turnpike C ^r D ^r To advertising notice for meeting of Managers 1 S _{qr} N ^o 45	1.00
D ^o 11	The President & Managers of the Clifford and Wilkesbarre Turnpike road D ^r To advertising notice of meeting of Managers 1 S _{qr} N ^o 45	1.00
D ^o 11	Isaac Bowman Col ^[ohnell] 2 ^[nd] Reg ^[iment] Poll D ^r To advertising notice of meeting of Regiment 2 1/2 S _{qr} N ^o 47	2.50
D ^o 11	James Barnes (Administratior of M ^r Barnes Dec ^{[ease]d} D ^r To advertising notice to creditors 1 Square ... N ^o 47	1.00
D ^o 11	Smith and Fuller D ^r To advertising notice of dissolution of partnership 1 Sq ^{[ua]r[e]} N ^o 44	1.00
May 5 11	Cornelius Cortright Esq ^{[ui]r[e]} C ^r By three and a half bushels of potatoes at By a quarter of a hundred of flour at \$6 per cent	1.75
May 9 11	Jacob Roop (Halifax Dauphin C ^o [mpany] D ^r To advertising a German Redemptioners 2 Sq ^{[ua]r[e]} N ^o 48	2.00

May 9 11	Andrew Beaumont {or Elisha Harding & David Osterhout Clerk { advertising of Jude Goodale dec ^{[ease]d} D ^r To advertising Orphans Court sale 2 Squares N ^o 48 counting to work	2.00 .50
May 4 11 X	Ebenezer Bowman D ^r To an order on Bridgewater & Wilkesbarre Turnpike C ^o [mpany] acc[oun]ts	14.50

Back:

34 May 9th 11	Andrew Beaumont Clerk or Isaac Hart administrators of Abraham Rice dec ^{[ease]d} D ^r To advertising Orphans Court sale 2 Sq ^{[ua]r[e]s} N ^o 48	2.00 .50
D ^o 44	The Estate of Zebulon Butler Deceas ^{[e]d} D ^r To advertising sale of Goods 1 Sq ^{[ua]r[e]} N ^o 48	1.00
May 16 11	M Hentz To advertising for an apprentice ½ Sq ^{[ua]r[e]} N ^o 49	0.50
May 16 11	Lewis Delamanom D ^r To advertising property for sale ½ Sq ^{[ua]r[e]} N ^o 49	1.50
D ^o 11	Wilkesbarre Bridge Company D ^r To advertising notice to pay installment 1 Sq ^{[ua]r[e]} N ^o 49	1.00
D ^o 11	Wilkesbarre Bridge C ^o C ^r By one dollar order on Treasurer for old act	1.00
D ^o 11	Joel Rogers Treasurer of Luzerne C ^o D ^r To advertising notice to Supervisors ¾ Sq ^{[ua]r[e]} N ^o 49	0.75
D ^o 11	William Wright (Merchant) D ^r To advertising New Goods 1 ½ Sq ^{[ua]r[e]} N ^o 49	1.50
D ^o 23 ^{[r]d} <u>Paid</u> 11	The Philadelphia Bank D ^r ₅₀ To advertising notice relative to Discounts in Gleaner 1 Sq ^{[ua]r[e]} N ^o _{Paid} 49 50	1.00
D ^o 11	Mr Delachouse [Delachauzx] (watchmakers Berwick) D ^r To advertising Watchmaking business 1 Sq ^{[ua]r[e]} N ^o 49 50	1.00
D ^o 11	The Estate of Henry Drinker dec ^{[ease]d} 50 To advertising Notice to Creditors 1 ¼ Sq ^{[ua]r[e]} N ^o 49 50	2.00

D° 30 11	John Hamer To advertising Notice to creditors 1 ¼ Sq ^{[ua]r[e]} N° 51	D ^r 1.25
D° 11	Joseph oat (Coppersmith) To advertising the coppersmith business 1 Sq ^{[ua]r[e]} N° 51	D ^r 1.00
D° 11	John J Ward To advertising re-commencement of [Tayloring] business 1 ¾ Sq ^{[ua]r[e]} N° 51	D ^r 1.75
D° 11	The Lackwannock (sic) Turnpike C° [Lackawanna/Lackawannock] To advertising notice of spring Books 2 Sq ^{[ua]r[e]} N° 51	D ^r 2.00
D° 11	Elias Hoyt To advertising Whiskey & Gin ¾ Sq ^{[ua]r[e]} N° 51	D ^r 0.75
D° 11	Samuel Shoemaker To advertising wool carding ½ Sq ^{[ua]r[e]} N° 51	D ^r 0.50

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16.12 Item 12: Photocopy of American Land Company in Luzerne County, Pa, 1818. (Removed to Legal Box #2)

Type of Material: Photocopy.

Title: American Land Company

Description: The following item, dated in 1818, depicts a photostat by unknown of an original page of the accounting ledger from the American Land Company, operating in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. This was used to keep track of purchases of land. These lands contain lot numbers, found on the far left side, numbered 800-810, and are marked as being purchased in August 19, 1803, noted in two purchases, another in April 14, 1806, and December 8, 1813. On the far right side of the list, the creator of the original has given directional notes of where the land's situation is. These routes and markers follow some of the early surveying practices when laying tract or land boundaries.

To the right side of this ledger is a note from the original creator about Salem Township, Pennsylvania. In this note the author notes the Townships beauty and wrote the phrase "All in the beautiful Township" four times in a row. They also mentioned they sold John Scott's land for \$50 to John Koors.

Dates: 1818

Creator: American Land Company

Subjects: Titles, Land; Finances; American Land Company; Photostat

Locations: Luzerne County, PA

People: Beach, Nathan; Scott, Jesse; Koons, John; Evans, John; Hancock, John

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 7 ½ in x 12 ¾ in

Transcription Attempt:

America Land Company Situate in Luzerne County Pa—

N° [number] on C°'s [Company's] Books	Time of Sale for taxes	To whom Sold	Amount Sold for	Quantity Sold	Situation
809 808 803 804 802 805 806 800 810 801 807	Aug ^{[us]t} 19 1803 April 14 1806 [illegible] Dec[ember] 8 1813 Aug ^t 19 1803	1 st Nathan Beach 2 nd John Evans [illegible] Nathan Beach 2 nd John Hancock	\$9.81 15. 0 4, 1806 9.20	440 ^{a[cre]s} 350 ^{a[cre]s}	Townships of Salem} On the NW corner of the Certified Town ^[ship] Adj ^[oin] north line of the Certified Town ^[ship] part in T. Adj ^[oin] north line of Certified Town ^[ship] all out Jesse Scott in between Huntington & Salem Cert ^{[ifice]d} On the noth line of Certified Town ^[ship] part in T Between Huntington & Salem Certified Townships North of Cert ^{[ifice]d} Township Line near River All in the Certified Township All in the Certified Township All in the Certified Township All in the Certified Township
	above mentioned tracts Sold Jesse Scott Tract Dec ^{[emebe]r} 8th 1878 by Deed Dated Oct[ober] 17th 1818 to John Koons for \$50				
			Office No. 1290 1289 1286 1292 1291		

	above mentioned tracts		1288 12787 12943 12954 12965 1296 1300 1299		
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16.13 Item 13: Wilkes-Barre Board of Trade Bulletin, 1908-1909

Type of Material: Bulletin.

Title: Wilkes-Barre 1908-1909.

Description: A yearly bulletin highlighting major city projects and financial events of the year. This is a 68 paged booklet summarizing the accomplishments of the businesses and government of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. They included statistics on how the city was growing, both financially and physically. Visitors of the city also wrote about how they enjoyed their time there and what specifically made the trip better. In between the information on the growing city artwork located in the Luzerne County Courthouse. These paintings each had a theme of justice and truth as they were commissioned specifically for the courthouse. The first painting is "The Awakening of a Commonwealth" by [W. T. Smedley](#). Smedley was an internationally recognized illustrator and portrait painter. He was born in Chester County, Pennsylvania, and learned his trade in Philadelphia. His popularity was at its highest in the late 19th to early 20th century. This is when he worked on commissioned art and magazine illustration throughout North America and Europe. The city also celebrated the win of the Quaker City Motor Club Endurance Run, which went from Philadelphia to Wilkes Barre and back. The car was owned by [Fred Morgan Kirby](#). F.M. Kirby was a five and dime store owner and philanthropist from Wilkes Barre. He is known for his business partnership with [Charles Woolworth](#) and his charitable causes. The winning car was driven by his chauffeur William Miller. The city also celebrated what they called "civic revival" this is when local civic organizations raised money to invite civic organizers to speak and review the city. The speaker in January 1909 was [Caroline Bartlett Crane](#). Crane was a suffragette, journalist, reformer, and educator from Michigan. The author notes that she did not find a large amount of flaws with Wilkes-Barre. It includes photographs of the [Luzerne County Courthouse](#) in the center of it. This middle page broke off from the rest of the booklet, but the only damage is near the staples. This booklet concludes with the address, titled "The Story of Public Square", made by Oscar J. Harvey before the Board of Trade in 1909. Harvey was a local historian, who is most well known for his books "A History of Wilkes-Barre and the Wyoming Valley." This section of the booklet is marked with pencil, mostly sentences underlined.

Dates: 1908-1909.

Creator: Wilkes-Barre Board of Trade

Subjects: Wilkes-Barre (Pa.); County courts; Trade;

Locations: Wilkes-Barre, PA.

People: [Smedley, William Thomas, 1858-1920](#); [Crane, Caroline Bartlett, 1858-1935](#); [Kirby, Fred Morgan, 1861-1940](#); Miller, William; [Harvey, Oscar Jewell, 1851-1922](#); [Woolworth, Charles Sumner, 1856-1947](#)

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 8.5 x 4.5 in.

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16.14 Item 14: Two Bank Notices to the Patron's of Miners and People's Banks of Wilkes Barre, 1915 December 11

Type of Material: Public notice.

Title: N/A.

Description: The following item, dated December 11, 1915, depicts two notices to patrons of the Miners Bank of Wilkes Barre and People's Bank of Wilkes Barre. Within these notices, the bank is making their clients aware of the recent finalization for a merger between the two banks. The two inside pages of this notice are letters from each of the merging banks. The left side has a letter to the patrons of The People's Bank of Wilkes-Barre written by the bank president, John Welles Hollenback. In this letter Hollenback explains to the patrons how the merger will change the business. High ranking board members are listed at the top of the page. These members are J.W. Hollenback, I.M. Thomas, Samuel McCracken, and W. H. Turrell. The right side of the notice is a letter from Miners Bank of Wilkes-Barre written by the President F.M. Kirby and the cashier C.W. Laycock. Kirby writes about how the merger was beneficial to both institutions. The new board of directors is listed in this list, consisting of Thomas H. Atherton, Paul Bedford, F. M. Chase, Herbert Conyngham, J. N. Conyngham, Wm. H. Conyngham, Franck G. Darte, H. A. Fuller, Isaac P. Hand, J. W. Hollenback, Lyman H. Howe, Laning Hacery, F. M. Kirby, E.T. Long, Bernhard Long, Andrew H. McClintock, F. E. Parkhurst, T. F. Ryman, H.F. Stern, A.L. Stull, Isaac M. Thomas, F. W. Wheaton.

John Welles Hollenback was a local businessman and philanthropist who was the director of Miners Bank and the president of the People's Bank of Wilkes-Barre, Board of Lafayette College, Wilkes-Barre Bridge Company, YMCA, Historical Society, and vice president of Wyoming Commemorative Association. F.M. Kirby was a five and dime store owner and philanthropist from Wilkes Barre. He is known for his business partnership with [Charles Woolworth](#) and his charitable causes. [John Nesbitt Conyngham](#) held several high ranking positions in businesses both in New York and Pennsylvania. These companies were the Standard Register Company of New York, National Biscuit Company, West End Coal Company, Tioga Coal Company and was the vice president and director of Miners National Bank.

Dates: December 11, 1915.

Creator: N/A.

Subjects: Miners Bank, The People's Bank of Wilkes-Barre

Locations: Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

People: [Atherton, Thomas Henry, 1884-1978](#); [Bedford, Paul, 1875-1967](#); [Chase, Frederick Merrill, 1865-1921](#); [Conyngham, Herbert, 1874-1940](#); [Conyngham, John Nesbitt, 1865-1935](#); [Conyngham, William Hillard, 1868-1943](#); [Darte, Frank G.](#); [Fuller, Henry Amzi, 1855-1931](#); [Hand, Isaac Platt, 1843-1931](#); [Hollenback, John Welles, 1827-1923](#); [Howe, Lyman H, 1856-1923](#); [Harvey, Lanning](#); [Kirby, Frederick Morgan, 1861-1940](#); [Long, Edwin Thomas, 1848-1920](#); [Long, Bernhard, 1868-1936](#); [McClintock, Andrew Hamilton, 1852-1919](#); [Parkhurst, Frank Ellsworth, 1862-1944](#); [Ryman, Theodore Frelinghuysen, 1845-1919](#); Stern, H. F.; [Stull, Arthur Lewis, 1862-1942](#); Thomas, Isaac M., [Pos. [Thomas, Isaac Miner, 1844-1928](#) / [Thomas, Isaac M., 1885-1957](#)]; [Wheaton, Frank Woodruff, 1855-1937](#)

General Condition: Excellent.

Measurements: 16.5 x 10.75 in.

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16.15 Item 15: Lehigh Valley Coal Co. Mortgage for 15 million dollars, and land index showing trust estates which were mortgaged, 1924 February 1.

Type of Material: Photocopied Booklet.

Title: N/A.

Description: The following item, dated February 1, 1924, depicts an official document detailing mortgages taken by the Lehigh Valley Coal Company to pay for damages. On November 7, 1923 the Lehigh Valley Coal Company was a defendant in a court case against Lehigh Valley Railroad Company. This case is [U.S v. Lehigh Valley Coal Company](#), et al. The Coal Company agreed to pay the Railroad Company the full amount of the debt they were owed. This booklet was created to list the company's assets so they could effectively create a mortgage to pay off this debt. This includes a list of land and companies owned by the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company throughout Northeast Pennsylvania. They list the deeds owned in Schuylkill, Northumberland, Columbia, Carbon, and Luzerne counties. The last page of this photocopied document is crumpled up. There are more pages in this report that are missing from this booklet, as it stops in the middle of a sentence.

Dates: 1924 February 1

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Coal Industry; Court Cases; [U.S v. Lehigh Valley Coal Company](#).

Locations: Luzerne County, PA.

People: Amsbury, W. W.; Atherton, James P.; [Atherton, Thomas H., 1884-1978](#); [Maltby, Caleb Smith, 1811-1892](#); Benedict, Thomas; Babcock, Lilian; Blackman; [Bolin, Michael, 1834-1914](#); Brandenburg, Frank; Brown, Chester L.; Broadhead, Calvin E.; Davidson, Martha; Drake, Charles; Brodhead, Calvin E.; Hill, Guinea; Bramhem, Ebenezer; Huber, John; Emmert, George L.; Filbert, Peter; Schall, John; Horn, Martin; Roberts; Bullock; Wilbur, E. P.; Head, Panther; Kidd, John; Reese, Mitchael; Otto, John; Lands, Delano; Grove, Andrew; Church, John B.; Gay, Harry S.; Delano, Warren, Jr.; Haag, Harry O.; Robertson, G. L.; Marshall, Samuel; Fortner, Elizabeth J.; Riley, L.A.; Martyn, John; Piatt, John; Haven, Penn; Kean, Mary; Kean, Patty; Vaughn; Hillman; Hollenback; Burroughs; McClintock, Andrew Hamilton; Hunt, Sarah A.; Sperring, William H.; Fellows, A. W.; Hollenback, J. W.; Everett, Joseph H.; Sterling, W. C.; Conyngham, William M.; Davis, Jonathan R.; Derr, Mary D.; Dickson, Kate P.; Felts,

Isaac B.; Payne, H. B.; Langdon, Andrew; Wilcox, John D.; Wade, C. K. B.; Booth, Jesse; Stearns, L. A.; Harrower, Marion W.; Swoyer, J. H.; Pearn, James; Stern, Emanuel J.; Hill, Church; Shaft, Coxey; Jordan, John; Pfingsten, J.; Newton, G. B.; Babcock, Mary L.; Flanagan, Constance A.; Grove, Jacob W.; Fuller, Charles R.; Hancock, Jonathan; Helme, Frank; Henry, Sally; Shales, Henry P.; Johnson, Priscilla; Joyce, Peter; Keating, Bridget; Lcoe, Ralph D.; Sayre, Robert H.; Maloney, Thomas; Shiffer; Shoemaker, Jane W.; Swoyer, John Henry; Slocum, James S.; Sayre, Robert H.; Stark, Robert H.; Strong, Theodore; Ferguson, Margaret; Finan, Frank; Van Duzer, Gladys W.; Bowkley, Edward; Stern, Emanuel J.; Wagner, Clara L.; Packer, Asa; Packer, wife; Nesbitt, Abram; Drake, Flagg; Marcy; Knapp, Z; Scott, James; Farm, Evans; Roberts, Aaron; Jones, Nina D. E.; Everhart, G. W.; Gill, Elizabeth May; Holden, Mary E.; Blewellyn, Clara E.; Taylor, George; Horsefield, Joseph; Green, John; Van Buren, Isaac; Delans, Elisha; Falkner, Robert; Everhart, J. T.; Davidson, Martha; Llewellyn, Clara E.; Connell, William; Bacon; May; Lightfoot; Zoll, William; Brickley, Jacob; Coleman, William; Wilbur, E. P.; Schaperkotter, J. F.; Kaercher, S. H.; Reed, Charles G.; Schall; Gaynor; Zimmerman; Wentz; Allen, Necho; Huntzinger; Galbraith; Willing; Spyker, John; Dilsworth; Clymer; Bannan; Dundas; Graff; Kleckner; Rahn; Clouser; Boyd, John; Maurer, Peter; Yoxtheimer, Henry; Wilson, William; Grant, Thomas; Cowden, John; Prince, George; Ziegler, Isaac; Bailey, John; Martin, John; Kroll, Michael; Himmelreich, Henry; Sassaman, Peter; Lands, Brown; Brobst, Valentine; Helfenstein; Mercur, R. S.; Hartshorne, Charles; Bock, John C.; Haydon, Ellen F.; McAllister, A. T.; Williams, A. L.; Janesville; Shaffer; Reiter; Rope, Nicholas; Rope, Henry; Kunkle, John; Chapman, J.H.; Horn, Conrad; Hill, Charles F.; Waechter; Kunkle, John; Kunkle, John Jr.; Ashburton; Humboldt; Plumb, H. B.; Mitchell, John; Mitchell, George W.; Swoyer, J. H.; Shoemaker, R.C.; Shoemaker, Fannie B.; Miner, Grace S.; Reynolds, J. Herbert; Ellsworth, A. J.; McCall, Amelia L.; Stroh; Myers; Knight, E. C.; Field, Samuel; Coray, George; McCloskey, James; Coray, E. A. Jr.; duPont de Nemours, E. L.; Lampman, A. F.; Turner; Breese; Carpenter; Polen, Ruth A.; Pettebone, Payne; Phoenix; Dininny; Newton, G. B.; Thomas, David; Davis, Reese B.; Ramey, C.C.; Mitchell, R. C.; Bolin, Michael; Dorio, Giovanni; Bennett, Philip; Dininny, Feral C.; Barnes, Simon H.; Wisner, John W.; Wisner, S. P.; Lcoe, R. D.; Swoyer, John Henry; Mitchell; Pettebone, Caroline M.; Langdon, Andrew; Roberts, H. C.; Price, Eli K.; Fuller, Charles R.; DeWitt, A. McL.; Connell, William; Beach, W. Herbert; O'Malley, Belinda A.; Reilay, Gilbert R.; Maltby, Caleb S.; Reynolds, J. Herbert; Messinger, W. T.; Fuller, Charles R.; Tompkins, W. S.; Searle, Daniel; Shoemaker, Anna E.; Shoemaker, Jane H.; Shoemaker, Elijah; Seurle; Scoville; Reap; Price; Strumer, Valerie; Sturmer; Welles, Henry H.; Williams; J. R.; Strong, Theodore; Wright, Emily L.;

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 6.75 x 8.5 in.

Transcription:

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16.16 Item 16: Newspaper Clipping of an Article entitled, “Miners Bank Established 75 Years Ago,” 1943 July 8.

Type of Material: Newspaper article.

Title: Miners Bank Established 75 Years Ago.

Description: The following item depicts a newspaper clipping from an article detailing the history of the Miners Bank on the 75th anniversary of its founding. There are six clippings of newspaper

commemorating the anniversary included. Three of these are about the history of the establishment, and the other three make a full page illustration promoting the bank's 75th year. This article is applauding the growth of the bank throughout their time in business. The column is split onto two pages of the newspaper with a separate piece with the date, July 8, 1943, on it. This article tells the history of Miners Bank from its beginnings in 1868. It was approved to open by Governor John W. Geary. Once established members of the local community became incorporators of the bank. Some were well-known in the regions. Andrew T. McClintock was a Wilkes-Barre attorney who was one of these members. His home was later donated to Wilkes University and was used as a dorm called McClintock Hall, but has since returned to a private residence. Elijah C. Wadhams was also a corporator. Wadhams served as a Representative in the Pennsylvania state senate for Luzerne County. John Welles Hollenback, a local businessman and philanthropist, was the director of Miners Bank and the president of the People's Bank of Wilkes-Barre, Board of Lafayette College, Wilkes-Barre Bridge Company, YMCA, Historical Society, and vice president of Wyoming Commemorative Association. Walter G. Sterling, a local businessman, was also a corporator at the bank. His house was donated to Wilkes University in 1949 and converted into dorms. Another local politician that worked with the bank is Garrick M. Harding. Harding was a Judge and author, who wrote about the region. Lewis Landmesser was also a corporator for the bank. He was a businessman working in real estate and the coal companies in Wilkes-Barre. Landmesser also served on the Wilkes-Barre City Council. Major. Charles M. Conyngham was a local coal operator whose land was later donated to the University. Honorable Ziba Bennett owned several restaurants, stores, and bridges in the city. Bennett along with Sterling were elected as vice presidents of Miners Bank. Charles L. Lamberton, another corporator, was a Pennsylvania politician and credited as a founder of the bank. Augustus C. Laning was elected president of the bank at the same time. Laning was the Burgess of Wilkes-Barre and was well known for buying the first steam fire engine for the future city. In addition to his political career he was one of the first manufacturers of iron castings in the region, which was located on Public Square in Wilkes-Barre. After listing the founding members of Miners Bank, the article traces the establishment's presidents. The next two presidents were John S. Law and Nathaniel Rutter. The last president of the original Miners Bank was Andrew F. Derr. In 1912 Miners Bank merged with Anthracite Savings Bank. In 1915 the bank then merged with the People's Bank of Wilkes-Barre. This same year local philanthropist and store owner Fred M. Kirby became the President then Chairman. The newspaper notes at the time of this article's publication in 1943 Miners National Bank was the largest financial institution in Luzerne County. At the time the following were board chairmen. W. B. Schaeffer, vice president, John A. Hourigan, vice president; Paul Bedford, vice president; Guy W. Moore, secretary; William J. Ruff, cashier; M. G. Robbins, assistant cashier; Roland Grover, assistant cashier; R. H. Mitchell, assistant cashier; George Z. Keller, assistant cashier; Donald C. Patterson, assistant cashier; Edwin C. Norcross, comptroller; A. W. Dreisbach, trust officer G. M. Miller, and Lloyd E. Meyer as estate manager.

Directors in 1943 were Paul Bedford, Malcolm, Burnside, C. F. Goeringer, Harry Goeringer, John A. Hourigan, Benjamin R. Jones, Jr., Edward L. Lewith, Gilbert S. McClintock, Samuel McCracken, Guy W. Moore, F. E. Parkhurst, M. Peruzzi, W. B. Schaeffer, Julius Long Stern, Edwin. L. Walter, William O. Washburn and W. Gordon Williams. Gilbert S. McClintock donated the McClintock home and items in the collection to Wilkes University. Paul Bedford was the original owner of Bedford Hall which is a part of the Wilkes campus.

Dates: July 8, 1943.

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Bank; Miner's Bank; History; Newspapers; Times-Leader Newspaper

Locations: Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

People: [Geary, John White, 1819-1873](#); [McClintock, Andrew Todd, 1810-1892](#); [Woodward, Stanley, 1899-1992](#); [Atherton, Thomas Henry, 1884-1978](#); [Wadhams, Elijah Catlin, 1825-1889](#); [Hollenback, John Welles, 1827-1923](#); [Sterling, Walter Green, 1821-1889](#); [Paine, Lewis Compton, 1827-1890](#); [Ilsley, John Parker, 1825-1902](#); [Everitt, Matthew L., 1822-1872](#); [Harding, Garrick Mallery, 1827-1904](#); [Landmesser, Lewis Bartz, 1850-1920](#); [Conyngham, Charles Miner, 1840-1894](#); [Bennett, Ziba, 1800-1878](#); [Lamberton, Charles Lytle, 1829-1906](#); [Laning, Augustus C., 1808-1875](#); [Law, John Shennen, 1826-1893](#); [Rutter, Nathaniel Burdett, 1871-1907](#); [Derr, Andrew Fine, 1853-1915](#); [Reynolds, Benjamin, 1849-1913](#); [Kirby, Frederick Morgan, 1861-1940](#); [Laycock, Charles Wilbur, 1860-1938](#); [McClintock, Gilbert Stuart, 1886-1959](#); [Schaeffer, William Butler, 1865-1951](#); [Hourigan, John Aloysius, 1872-1951](#); [Bedford, Paul, 1875-1967](#); [Moore, Guy W., 1868-1953](#); [Ruff, William J.](#); [Robbins, Melvin Granville, 1876-1945](#); [Grover, Roland, 1886-1983](#); [Mitchell, R. H.](#); [Keller, George Z., \[Pos. Keller, George Zachary, 1884-1960 / Keller, George Zachary, 1910-1952\]](#); [Patterson, Donald Cameron, 1885-1974](#); [Norcross, Edwin C.](#); [Dreisbach, A. W., \[Pos. Dreisbach, Albert Walter, 1905-1993\]](#); [Miller, G. M.](#); [Meyer, Lloyd E.](#); [Burnside, Malcolm, 1873-1946](#); [Goeringer, Conrad Ferdinand, 1887-1958.](#); [Goeringer, Harry, \[Pos. Goeringer, Harry E., 1923-2000 / Goeringer, Harry Frederick, 1894-1967\]](#); [Jones, Benjamin Rowland Jr., 1906-1980](#); [Lewith, Edward L.](#); [McCracken, Samuel](#); [Peruzzi, Michael, 1875-1955](#); [Stern, Julius Long](#); [Walter, Edwin L., \[Pos. Walter, Edward Leroy, 1880-1961\]](#); [Washburn, William Oliver, 1869-1958](#); [Williams, W. Gordon](#)

General Condition: Poor.

Measurements: 11 x 2.25 in.

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16.17 Item 17: Miners National Bank, 75th Year Anniversary Advertisement, 1943 July 9.

Type of Material: Newspaper advertisement.

Title: N/A.

Description: The following item depicts a newspaper advertisement for the Miners Bank and their celebrating 75 years in business. The advertisement includes a graphic of the bank, drawn in geometric, fine lines, with the title, "It Took Vision." It contains the dates of the business' celebratory service, beginning on July 9, 1868, and being celebrated today on the 9th of July, in 1943. There is a blurb accompanying the image of the bank, which expresses the determination and vision it took to see the business through "clouds of wars and depressions," and ends with a note of confidence that is born from both their own work and the loyalty of their clientele.

Dates: July 9, 1943

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Times-Leader Newspaper; Advertisement; Newspaper; Bank

Locations: Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

People: N/A.

General Condition: Poor. The page is torn in three pieces.

Measurements: 14 x 12 in.

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16.18 Item 18: Luzerne County Personnel: A Study of Employee Utilization Position Classification Rates of Pay, 1956

Type of Material: Report

Title: Luzerne County Personnel: A Study of Employee Utilization Position Classification Rates of Pay

Description: A report to review the needs of personnel of Luzerne County. This study was conducted by [Pennsylvania Economy League](#), which is an independent organization that reviews the spending of local Pennsylvania governments, so they can improve. This group is still active today. The employees that participated in this study were the Clerk of Courts, Controller, Coroner, District Attorney, Prothonotary, Recorder of Deeds, Register of Wills, Sheriff, and the Treasurer. Author says that one of Luzerne County's problems is the inability to balance the political ties these jobs hold and the needs of the public. The main conclusion of this study is that the County employed 478 employees in these offices, but only 327 were needed to function effectively. The first office discussed in the data report is the County Commissioner's office. A list of all the positions and how many people work them are available, with details about what that position entails. The author of this report suggests that many positions in this office should be combined to reduce the number of employees. This is the case of the Inspectors of Weights and Measures, where it is suggested that they reduce the number of Inspectors from 3 to 2. The Purchasing department is also told to combine the positions of Supply and Receiving Clerk. This report also states that some jobs were completely unnecessary and the county should get rid of them. They determined that watchmen for the voting machines were not required by the insurance company and that the job of Investigator was being done by the Controller's Office. The second office reviewed is the Buildings and Grounds department. The author states that this department was very well run, but suggests some reorganization of tasks for employees and a reduction of staff. They included an organizational chart to sort the department's workers into three groups. The groups being special-crews, night crew, and general staff. They suggested that the Courthouse only employ one engineer and the watchmen take over the other duties. At the time of this study the night cleaner being paid the least amount was making \$2.07, when the average wage for the job was between 87 cents to \$1.04. They suggested that either the wages should be lowered to \$1.00, which would have cut the lowest paid cleaner's hourly wage in half, or reduce the number of cleaners. They believe that other positions in this department could be combined and some employees could become general utility workers. One area that the report states that needs to be done is the cleaning of the blinds by the night shift, and that the county should hire someone to clean the marble. The Registration Commission and Election Bureau which was appointed by the County Commissioner's office was the next department reviewed in this study. This department was responsible for overseeing the local elections. This chapter mostly describes how the Registration Commission and Election Bureau operate. It was suggested that Luzerne County should reduce the number of election

districts, because they had the most out of Pennsylvania's "third-class" counties. The author also believes that this department is overstaffed compared to other Pennsylvania counties. Luzerne county employees handles about 5,700 registrations per worker on average while other counties handled more than 10,016. So they thought they could cut the number of workers. Their final summary of how the Registration department could improve is to employ 17 permanent employees and that temporary workers should be paid per diem. They say that the Election Bureau only needs 2 full time employees. The next chapter is the review of the Board of Assessment and Revision of Taxes. The review summarizes this board was not well run as local counties in the area. Personal costs in this department are twice that of Westmoreland and Berks Counties. They also found that this department could be more efficient in collecting taxes, and that they should hire a stenographer to help. The last departments included in the review are the County Treasurer, Tax Claim Bureau, County Controller, Register of Wills, Sheriff, Prothonotary, Clerk of Courts, District Attorney, and the Bridge and Road department. These nine departments were all said to need a reduction of employees. The assessment found that because the departments were overstaffed the employees had a small workload. After the review of the individual county departments the Pennsylvania Economy League suggested a way of classifying the jobs available and the rate of pay. This review finishes by listing the names of the people that were in those positions and a table of what the position's yearly salary should look like.

Dates: 1956

Creator: Pennsylvania Economy League, Inc.

Subjects: Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, Luzerne County Personnel

Locations: Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania

People: N/A

General Condition: Fair. The binding is missing.

Measurements: 9 in. x 11 ½ in.

Transcription Attempt:

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16.19 Item 19: Typed Report by the Pennsylvania Economy League, titled "Report on 1958 Budget of Wilkes-Barre City," 1957 December

Type of Material: Report

Title: Report on the 1958 Budget of Wilkes-Barre City

Description: The following item, dated December of 1957, depicts a brief report printed by the [Pennsylvania Economy League](#), titled a "Report on 1958 Budget of Wilkes Barre City". This report offers an independent organization's lens to review the spending of local Pennsylvania governments. It is presented with the intention that this information will aid them in improving their spending and make more effective plans for use. They give breakdown information on the budget as they found evidence of the spending, such as the assessed valuation on page 2, which states that the total assessed valuation for the City in 1957 was \$82,913,754. The report goes on to mention that nearly \$5,044,770 was spent on personal valuation for the occupation tax. The proposal by this group states that the city's budget should have been \$2,272,341, which would have increased it from 1957 by \$23,723.

Dates: December 1957

Creator: [Pennsylvania Economy League, Inc.](#)

Subjects: Budget; Wilkes-Barre; Planning

Locations: Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

People: N/A

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 8 ½ in. x 11 in.

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16.20 Item 20: A Typed Report, by Unknown, titled the “Lehigh – Lackawanna Township Proposed Budget,” 1958

Type of Material: Report

Title: Lehigh Township - Lackawanna County 1958 Proposed Budget

Description: The following item, dated 1958, depicts a typed budget report of Lehigh and Lackawanna Township, including various tax documents and receipts. This report is missing the cover and the first page. In this budget proposal the author analyzes money spent by the township in 1957 to make a budget for the new year. In the pages we have of this report the amount of money collected by the township from taxes are examined. These taxes fall under a title called the Liquid fuels tax, and looks at the total mileage of roads to be maintained and the proposed expenditures. They anticipated an increase of revenue from real estate tax, but a decrease in other areas that were not specified. The total estimated expenditures for 1958 are \$6,362, compared with the actual expenditures of 1957, which were \$5, 864. There was a cash balance for 1957 of \$3,786.

Dates: 1958

Creator: Lehigh Township

Subjects: Budget, Lehigh Township, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, Taxes

Locations: Lehigh Township, Northampton, Pennsylvania

People: N/A

General Condition: Fair. Lightweight paper and missing pages.

Measurements: 8 9/16 in. x 11 1/16 in.

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16.21 Item 21: A Typed Report by the Pennsylvania Economy League, titled “The Luzerne County Planning Commission,” 1958 January.

Type of Material: Report

Title: The Luzerne County Planning Commission

Description: The following item, January 1958, depicts a report of the proposed budget for Leigh township in Lackawanna county. A written justification for a city planning commission. The report was written by the [Pennsylvania Economy League](#). This is an independent organization that reviews the spending of local Pennsylvania governments, so they can improve. This report has a notice on the front declaring that it can not be published prior to Wednesday, January 29, 1958. This report is about how Luzerne County would benefit from the formation of a Planning Commission. At the time of writing there was a debate on if the county needed one or if the politicians handled all of the planning they needed. The author references the well known urban planner [Walter Blucher](#). Blucher was an influential figure in early

20th century city planning. This report calls him a “leader of the planning field”. The author quotes him in this report to advocate for a Planning Commission to be established. They say it will be helpful in future construction in the area such as highways.

Dates: January 1958

Creator: [Pennsylvania Economy League, Inc.](#)

Subjects: Luzerne County, Planning Commission

Locations: Luzerne County, Pennsylvania

People: [Blucher, Walter, 1901-](#)

General Condition: Fair, back cover is coming loose.

Measurements: 8 ½ in. x 11 in.

Transcription Attempt:

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16.22 Item 22: A Typed Report by the Pennsylvania Economy League, titled the “Tentative Budget — Lehigh Township Supervisors, Lackawanna County, PA.,” 1958 February 19.

Type of Material: Report

Title: Tentative Budget - 1958 Lehigh Township Supervisors Lackawanna County, PA.

Description: The following item, dated February 19, 1958, depicts a brief report printed by the [Pennsylvania Economy League](#), titled a “Tentative Budget, 1958, Lehigh Township Supervisors, Lackawanna County, PA.” This report offers an independent organization’s lens to review the spending of local governments. It is presented with the intention that this information will aid them in improving their spending and make more effective plans for use. In this report they review the amount of revenue Lehigh Township made through taxes in 1957. The report breaks down assessed valuation of the year, their tax rate, and the revenue anticipated. They used this information to craft a budget for the Township to follow for 1958.

Dates: February 19, 1958

Creator: [Pennsylvania Economy League, Inc.](#)

Subjects: Finances, Report, Budget, Taxes

Locations: Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania

People: N/A

General Condition:. Good.

Measurements: 8 ½ in. x 11 in.

Transcription Attempt:

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16.23 Item 23: A Typed Report by I[sadore Candeub] and Associates, titled the “Master Plan Report, Wilkes-Barre, Pa,” 1959 May.

Type of Material: Report

Title: Master Plan Report for Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Description: The following item, dated May 1959, depicts an urban planning report made by Isadore Candeub and Associates Planning Consultants in 1959. This firm was headed by Isadore Candeub, well-known urban planner. This report breaks down the sections of Wilkes-Barre in 1959. The report's three topics were Economic and Population Analysis, Existing Land Use Survey, and Neighborhood Analysis and Urban Renewal Program. They reported on the sections of Wilkes-Barre and the conditions of each one. They focused on conditions of housing and land usage. They concluded with their 20 year plan to revitalize the city. Their main plan for doing this was to establish new zoning sections throughout Wilkes-Barre. This report also contains four maps of Wilkes-Barre. These maps show land usage, section boundaries, housing conditions, and where they would focus on renewal.

Dates: May 1959.

Creator: Isadore Candeub and Associates Planning Consultants

Subjects: Urban Planning, Wilkes-Barre, Finances

Locations: Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

People: Candeub, Isadore

General Condition: Fair; There is not any binding.

Measurements: 8 ½ in x 11 in

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16.24 Item 24: A Notarized Receipt of Advertising Costs, by Ketti O' DConnor to Dorothy C. Stets, Notarized by James H. Hopper, 1964 (Removed to Legal Box #2) February 19-20.

Type of Material: Receipt

Title: N/A

Description: The following item, dated February 19-20, 1964, includes a notarized notice of purchase and the accompanying receipt for Dorothy *Chapman* Stets. The notice of purchase provides confirmation that an advertisement is being published for the Wilkes-Barre Times Leader for \$8.25. Article is depicted in 16.00 Item 4n. This is the proof of publication signed by Kitti O H Conner who was a bookkeeper for the paper. This form is also signed by James H. Hopper, who is the public notary working for them. This was made to ensure that the ad Dorothy C. Stets bought would not be a tampered contractor within any way. A receipt that totals how much was spent on that ad is also included. The total amount was \$8.25.

Dates: 19-20 February 1964

Creator: Dorothy C. Stets

Subjects: Notary; Contract; Receipt; Advertising

Locations: 803 E. Northampton Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

People: Connor, Ketti H.; Hopper, James H.; (Chapman) Stets, Dorothy Blanchard, 1912-1985

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 13 in. x 8 ¾ in. (Proof of Publication); 9 ⅞ in. x 5 ⅝ in. (receipt)

Transcript Attempt:

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16.25 Item 25: Harrisburg Builders Exchange, 1977 December 15

Type of Material: Building plans

Title: Harrisburg Builders Exchange Plans on File

Description: The following item, dated December 15, 1977, depicts a weekly bulletin entitled the *Harrisburg Builders Exchange*, to demonstrate what the contractors were working on. The first section of this bulletin is on Private Projects members of the Exchange were hired on. These projects were for businesses and organizations in the Eastern Pennsylvania region. There are two projects in Luzerne County. The first is for the construction of an addition on a Kingston municipal building. This entry has a red checkmark made near Luzerne County. The second project is for the construction of squash courts for a school in the Wilkes Barre school district. The bulletin also includes lists of Government Projects and Apparent Low Bidders. The final page is the Exchange welcoming new members and encouraging contractors to hire members of the Exchange.

Some of the organizations who are listed in the biddings are John M, Kostecky Jr. & Associates, H. B. Alexander & Son, Eugene Dales Associates, Kabeschat Construction, Draco Development Corporation, Ashland Construction, G.M. Hock Construction, Zartman Construction, Nobel Quandel & Son, Jimarja Construction, Cresswell Brothers, Thomas H. Ross, Inc., Haak, Kaufman, Reese & Beers, Buckwalter Construction, Consolidated Construction, Diller Plank, Toews, Ayers, & Hubber, Inc., George Wenrich, Wickersham, and Rea, Hayes, Large & Suckling.

Dates: December 15, 1977

Creator: [Preble, Elizabeth, 1928-2011](#)

Subjects: Architectural plans; Architecture; Building; Bids

Locations: 2501 North Front Street / Harrisburg, Pa. 17110

People: Smith, Henry,

General Condition: Good, no issues.

Measurements: 8 ½ in. x 11 in.

Transcription Attempt:

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