

Series IX: Map and Land Deeds, 1737-1966

(arranged chronologically)

Series IX: Map and Land Deeds, 1737-1966, is arranged in seven subseries: Subseries I: Maps, 1737-1966, Subseries II: Surveys and Grants, 1739-1952, Subseries III: Land Deeds, 1739-1959, Subseries IV: Legal Contracts, 1741-1953, Subseries V: Tax Documents, [ca. 1880s]-1955, Subseries VI: Genealogical Manuscript Concerning Land, 1818-1953, and Subseries VII: Newspaper Clippings, 1954, and includes various types of maps, land surveys, grants, deeds of sale, legal contracts, including a power of attorney form and a last will and testament, genealogical materials, and newspaper articles.

Themes or subjects you will find throughout the series include land purchases, land surveys, field notes, legal recording fees, legal contracts, estate citations, inheritance, power of attorney, land grants, genealogical tracing, family trees, and succession. There are also numerous documents that have been copied or transcribed from original records that pertain to subjects on land research, land rights, rights of title, rights of soil, and endowments.

As the items refer to land purchases, inheritances, titles, and exchange of ownership, we have categorized them by region first when possible, counties broken down alphabetically by township. However, for the later subseries, such as Genealogical and Tax documents, they have been arranged by family name and chronology.

In Subseries I: Maps, 1737-1966, items include a collection of printed and hand-drawn maps, such as [topographic maps](#), depicting different parts of the United States, but primarily in Pennsylvania: i.e. Bucks, Greene, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Philadelphia, Westmoreland, and York, with townships named including Pittston, Wilkes Barre, Scranton, Jenkins, Marcy, Covington, Yorktown, Ransom, and more. The maps indicate nearby waterways, roads, land tracts, railroad and coal contracts, and other physical features. Some of the maps include notes about the owning family's inheritances and estates, such as the Chapman and Blanchard families, two names featured prominently in Subseries III: Land Deeds, and Subseries VI: Genealogy Manuscripts.

In Subseries II: Surveys and Grants, 1739-1952, items include [surveys](#), [survey returns](#), and [grants](#) written to various parties for lands in various regions. These items usually contain a hand-drawn map of the survey in question, with some legal script attesting to the boundaries of the tract named and the designation of sale to a certain party. Some of these surveys were obtained through a foreclosure by the county, while others are being granted to settle a whole township.

In Subseries III: Land Deeds, 1739-1959, items include a series of original [land deeds](#) and [photostat or typescript copies of land deeds](#) between various parties in brokerage of land sales. Within these manuscripts, the parties sell off entire tracts of land in different townships throughout Pennsylvania, and one in Ohio, ranging from tens to hundreds of acres of land. These contracts often stipulate that the buying parties are granted the whole of the right to profit and use of the land, excepting those that withhold specific rights to mineral and mining rights on the lands. In other cases, the contracts are selling

off certain percentages of the land for the means of building a railroad or special legal precedent for the women's legal rights in sales of their lands or the law of inheritance and its protections.

In Subseries IV: Legal Contracts, 1741-1953, items include an [administrator's bond](#), a [power of attorney](#), an [estate citation](#), a [last will and testament](#), and a [sheriff sale deed](#). These contracts focus on the transfer and closing of estates after the deceased party, lands repossessed after a failure to pay taxes, or a legal precedent to avoid taxation or charge on accounts. This subseries is split between the contracts and other manuscripts compiled for land deed research. In the second section, the research compiled in photostats and typescripts, includes a historical survey of land transfers between a family property, the meeting minutes of a resolve to build up the public commons of Wilkes Barre metropolitan areas, and others containing lists of lands occupied in the Wyoming Valley region. These items seem to focus on how land is retained and how it is lost to various legal movements or purchases.

In Subseries V: Tax Documents, [ca. 1880s]-1955, items include, there are various pay assessment notes regarding the Pennsylvania Coal Company, property assessments and taxes, correspondence regarding taxes, as well as photostat copies of records. Among the companies listed, Lehigh Valley Coal and Northern Coal & Iron Company also appear in the manuscripts, along with familial lines seen in other subseries including Sarah Blanchard and Helen Basgier. The majority of these documents depict [pay assessments](#), which can be for many purposes, some include a payout for coal mining taxes and assessment charges, royalties, or reclamation taxes if the ash produced by the companies were to affect neighboring sites.

In Subseries VI: Genealogical Manuscript Concerning Land, 1818-1953, items in the subseries reflect documents regarding land within specific familial lines, namely Chapman, Douglas, and Blanchard. These items include certified and hand written family trees, correspondence and historical research on communal buildings they contributed to in the region, as well as archivists photocopies of referential texts concerning lands in the area, including the 17 townships erected for the Connecticut settlers following the Yankee Pennamite Wars (more information on the conflict can be found in Series V, Subseries II: Susquehanna Claim, 1771 - 1801), and more.

In Subseries VII: Newspaper Clippings, [ca. 1948]-1954, is arranged chronologically and includes manuscripts that were clipped from original newspaper resources. The items include a map of Luzerne County's election map of 1954 and public response to a developer's interest in purchasing the public commons in Wilkes Barre.

Condition Note:

A majority of the works in this collection are in good condition, however, there are a few items in poor condition. These items are tearing or have faded ink, and should be handled carefully:

15.60 Item 5: Topographic Map of Northern Scranton, [no date]
(Oversized, in Map Drawer 2-1-1)

15.61 Item 6: Hand-drawn Map by C[harles] I[saac] A[bel] Champan of "East Side of the Susquehanna River from Cambell's Ledge to Monocanock Island, [ca. mid-late nineteenth century] (removed to map case #2-1-1)

- 15.62** Item 7: Photostat of a Map of Exeter, Estate of Sarah Blanchard, Received by [Gilbert Stuart McClintock] from Alice Chapman, [19]49 May 1. (removed to Map Case 2-1-1)
- 15.67** Item 12: A Warrant Map for the North Eastern Part of Luzerne County, by Unknown, [ca. late nineteenth-early twentieth century] (Removed to Grey Box #4)
- 15.72** Item 17: A Map of Wilkes-Barre and Surrounding Metropolitan Districts of Luzerne County, Compiled by John Sturdevant, 1942 October (removed to grey print box #4)
- 15.76** Item 21: A Lithograph of a Map of Westmoreland, by Wagner & McGuigan, [1754-1799] (Removed to Grey Print Box #4)
- 15.80.** Item 25: A Map by Samuel Lewis, 1795, of the State of Pennsylvania: reduced with permission from Reading Howell's map, [1792] (Removed to Grey Box #4)
- 15.82** Item 27: Map of Pennsylvania, [John Reid], [1796] (Removed to Grey Box #4)
- 15.100** Item 45: Two Originals and a Photostat Copy of a Land Deed from John Evans to David Correy, 1819 June 12. (Removed to Grey Print Box #4)
- 15.105b** Item 50b: Hand Written Copy of a Land survey from Sarah Blanchard to the "P[ennsylvania] and N[ew] Y[ork] Canal [and Rail Road Company]," 1867 November 27; recorded 1868 January 23 (Removed to Legal Box #2)
- 15.114** Item 59: Two Photostat Copies and A Typescript of a Land deed from Jesse Gardner to Jeremiah Blanchard, 1797 March 15 (removed to grey print box #4)
- 15.138** Item 83: A Land Deed Poll by Jenks and Jonathan Corey to Samuel Cooke, 1777 June 7; Reverse, Property Transfer by John Bailey and Temperance Cook to Putnam Catlin, 1793 Septemeber 12, and a Property Transfer by Putnam Catlin to Christopher Hurlbut, 1793 November 27. (Removed to Legal Box #2)
- 15.139** Item 84: Land deed for Jefferson Township, Ohio, 1805 August 15-December 3. (Removed to greyprint box #4)
- 15.140** Item 85: An Administrators Bond by Peter Evans, Register General, with Adam Shove, to Ludwig Poll, administrator to the Mathias Obold estate, 1741 May 5 (removed to Legal Box #2)
- 15.142** Item 87: An Estate Citation from Jonathan B. Vaughn to John Smith, Peter Winter, and John Blanchard, 1845 June 9
- 15.160a-b** Item 105a-b: Journal and Photograph of [Isaac Abel Chapman], 1818 May 15 - June 10

Subseries I: Maps, 1737-1966

Subseries I: Maps, 1737-1966, is categorized by county, and arranged by townships alphabetically. If there are more than one item per township, those items are arranged chronologically. The items include a collection of printed and hand-drawn depictions of different regions, including various states within the United States, as well as numerous townships and counties in Pennsylvania. The maps indicate nearby waterways, roads, land tracts, railroad and coal contracts, and other physical features. Some of the maps include notes about the owning family's inheritances and estates, such as the Chapman and Blanchard families, two names prominently in Subseries III: Land Deeds, and Subseries VI: Genealogy Manuscripts.

Some of the themes present in this subseries are the type of maps present, such as topographical, the context of their creation, such as the reproduction of [The Walking Purchase of 1737](#) was a land scheme by

which Pennsylvania officials defrauded the Delaware Indigenous peoples out of a vast acreage—nearly a million—in the Delaware and Lehigh valleys.

A [topographic map](#) details a two-dimensional landscape, featuring both the natural features alongside the man-made, i.e. rivers and roads. As noted, the [contour lines](#) are a prominent feature of these maps, each one connecting points of a height above sea-level. The spacing tells the viewer the slope of the terrain, with closer lines meaning steeper slopes, and gentler slopes defined by farther apart lines.

The Pennsylvania counties included are Bucks, Greene, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Philadelphia, Westmoreland, and York, with townships named including Pittston, Wilkes Barre, Scranton, Jenkins, Marcy, Covington, Yorktown, Ransom, and more.

Pennsylvanian Maps

Bucks County

15.56 Item 1: Reproduction by Lewis Evans, “Map of the Indian Walking Purchase,” 1738, after Benjamin Eastburn, 1737 (removed to Grey Box #4)

Type of Material: Map

Title: Map of the Indian Walking Purchase, 1737

Description: The following item depicts a 1738 reproduction by Lewis Evans, of a map titled the “Map of the Indian Walking Purchase,” created after an original by Benjamin Eastburn in 1737. The historical sketch on the back of the map mentions that there was also a draft of the map created by John Chapman. [The Walking Purchase of 1737](#) was a land scheme by which Pennsylvania officials defrauded the Delaware Indigenous peoples out of a vast acreage—nearly a million—in the Delaware and Lehigh valleys. The sons of William Penn, John and Thomas, along with provincial secretary James Logan, carried out this grab for land with an unsigned draft of the 1686 deed, securing support from the Iroquois, and employing trickery to claim more lands than the draft deed allowed for. The 1686 deed was originally negotiated by the elder Penn’s agents for land in central Bucks County but remained unsigned because he failed to provide enough trade goods to complete the deal. The map was introduced during a 1737 meeting of the Delaware sachems, using it to mislead them into thinking that they would not be removed from their lands as a result of the deal.

The Philadelphia Encyclopedia’s historical sketch said: *“Logan and Thomas Penn met with Nutimus, Manawkyhickon, Lapowinzo, and Tishcohan at Stenton, Logan’s county seat outside of Philadelphia, in August 1737. Manawkyhickon expressed a willingness to agree to the transaction if the sachems could learn how much land had been ceded to the proprietor in the draft deed. Andrew Hamilton (c. 1676-1741), an agent for the provincial government, produced a map, which misled the sachems into thinking that the purchase involved only territory south of Tohickon Creek. The sachems finally agreed to the transaction after being assured that the Delawares would not be removed from their settlements.”*

Dates: 1737; 1738

Creator: [Evans, Lewis, ca. 1700-1756](#)

Subjects: Map; Cartography; Titles, Land; Deeds

Locations: Bucks County, PA

People: Chapman, John; Evans, Lewis; Eastburn, Benjamin; Logan, James

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 21 x 17 in.

Transcript Attempt:

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Greene County

15.57 Item 2: A Photostat by Unknown, [ca. mid-late nineteenth century], of a Lithograph Map of Jefferson Township, by Charles M. Cromwell, [ca. mid-late nineteenth century] (Removed to Grey Box #4)

Type of Material: Photostat, Map.

Title: Map of Jefferson Township

Description: The following item dated roughly mid-late nineteenth century, depicts a photostat of a map of Jefferson township. The copy is of an original lithograph map of the county, created by Charles M. Cromwell. The map contains tracts of land with various peoples names and the acreage found in each tract. The county is bordered by Wayne, Blakely, Roaring Brook, and Madison counties, and depicts a number of lakes and rivers along the region.

The date of the manuscript has been estimated according to the active dates of the original lithographer, Charles M. Cornwell, who is present on a [Bond & Town Sodus for the County of Wayne](#), and is attributed for his work in 1879.

Dates: [ca. mid-late nineteenth century]

Creator: [Cromwell, Charles M. \(Original\)](#)

Subjects: Map; Cartography; Lithograph; Arts; Print

Locations: Jefferson Township, Pennsylvania; New York, NY

People: [Cromwell, Charles M. \(Original\)](#)

General Condition: Excellent.

Measurements: 13.5 x 16.5 in.

Transcription Attempt:

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Lackawanna County

15.58 Item 3: Map of Blanchard and Saylor Lots, Ransom County, [ca. mid-late nineteenth century] (Removed to Map Case 2-1-1)

Type of Material: Map

Title: N/A

Description: The following item depicts a large-scale map of Ransom County, Pennsylvania, created roughly in the mid to late nineteenth century, focusing on the lots of the Blanchard and Saylor families. The map appears to capture the land divisions of these two families, as well as others such as Jno [John]

Philips, located along the Susquehanna River, drawn and denoted with blue pencil. Each tract of land depicted contains additional information, including the name of the holder, the acreage and perches contained within, and other locations relative to nearby towns or boroughs. There are also annotations marking the Lackawanna River, numerical wards of various cities, such as First Ward of Pittston City, and patent (or warrant) numbers, plausibly from the records books, such as P-57-140 written under Phillips' tract in the upper middle section of the map.

The date has been estimated as mid to late nineteenth century, as the lots in question appear to be in deed sale transfers, found in Subseries III: Land Deeds, by the owner Samuel Saylor and possibly Sarah Blanchard.

Dates: [ca. mid-late nineteenth century]

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Maps; Cartography; Titles, Land; Deeds; Warrants; Patent

Locations: Ransom, Pennsylvania

People: [Blanchard, \[Pos. Blanchard, Jeremiah, 1764-1837\]](#); [Saylor, \[Pos. Saylor, Samuel 1799-1859\]](#); Phillips, John, et. al.

General Condition: Poor. The map is very torn in multiple sections. Do not handle. Refer to the digital item.

Measurements: 67 ¼ x 42 ½ in.

Transcript Attempt:

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15.59 Item 4: A Photostat of a Topographic Map of Scranton, [ca. late nineteenth-early twentieth century] (Removed to Grey Box #4)

Type of Material: Map

Title: N/A

Description: The following item dated roughly during the late nineteenth to early twentieth century, depicts a photostat by an Unknown creator of an original topographical map of the Scranton region. The map contains various cities and towns surrounding Scranton, including [Taylor](#), [Providence](#), [Dunmore](#), [Old Forge](#), and more. It also details numerous geographical features of the area, such as the mountains—Bald mountain—surrounding the valley, rivers—Roaring brook—and lakes like Lake Scranton. In the topographical style, contour lines are used to indicate the elevation and shape of the land.

A [topographic map](#) details a two-dimensional landscape, featuring both the natural features alongside the man-made, i.e. rivers and roads. As noted, the [contour lines](#) are a prominent feature of these maps, each one connecting points of a height above sea-level. The spacing tells the viewer the slope of the terrain, with closer lines meaning steeper slopes, and gentler slopes defined by farther apart lines.

The date for this item has been estimated by dates of other maps coming out of this region, dates ranging from 1889-1999, some of which are found digitized [here](#).

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

Creator: Geological Survey (U.S.). National Mapping Division

Subjects: Geological Survey (U.S.). National Mapping Division; Maps; Cartography; Prints; Photostat; Topographic maps

Locations: Scranton, Pennsylvania

People: N/A

General Condition: Fair. The color is distorted from folded seams.

Measurements: 18 1/16 in. x 17 3/4 in.

Transcription Attempt:

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15.60 Item 5: Topographic Map of Northern Scranton, [no date] (Oversized, in Map Drawer 2-1-1)

Type of Material: Map

Title: N/A

Description: The following item depicts a map of the northern Scranton region in Pennsylvania. It is printed in blue on a beige page, and lists a number of the local coal mining, canal, and railroad companies that owned these lands, including the [Lehigh Valley Railroad Company](#), the [Pennsylvania Coal Company](#), the [Delaware and Hudson Canal Company](#), the [Butler Coal Company](#), etc. Alongside these larger companies, there are tracts with individual names for those owning parties. There are also notations for nearby waterways or rivers, such as the Lackawanna River. In very light or faded lines, we see topographical annotations, with thin blue lines curving over the map.

A [topographic map](#) details a two-dimensional landscape, featuring both the natural features alongside the man-made, i.e. rivers and roads. As noted, the [contour lines](#) are a prominent feature of these maps, each one connecting points of a height above sea-level. The spacing tells the viewer the slope of the terrain, with closer lines meaning steeper slopes, and gentler slopes defined by farther apart lines.

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

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Geological Survey (U.S.). National Mapping Division; Maps; Cartography; Prints; Photostat; Topographic maps

Locations: Scranton, PA

People: N/A

General Condition: Poor. The page is torn in many sections and appears to be an incomplete draft.

Measurements: 41 1/2 in. x 14 1/4 in.

Transcript Attempt:

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Luzerne County

15.61 Item 6: Hand-drawn Map by C[harles] I[saac] A[bel] Champan of “East Side of the Susquehanna River from Cambell’s Ledge to

Monocanock Island, [ca. mid-late nineteenth century] (removed to map case #2-1-1)

Type of Material: Map

Title: N/A

Description: The following item shows a hand drawn, accordion style map, created roughly during the mid nineteenth to early twentieth century, and focuses on the lands spanning from the eastern side of the Susquehanna. The lands are marked by [Campbell's Ledge](#) and [Monocanock Island](#). There appear two metropolitan areas, with the river bordering the locations of land on the left hand side. Some of the tracts possess the names of the people who own them, as well as a designation of Wintermoot Island, which lies as a halfway mark between Campbell's Ledge and Monocanock Island. In red pen, there are numerous directional notations, coordinates for the lines of the surveys for each of the tracts of land. There are also a number of hatched lines on the map, which may allude to the inclusion of railroad tracks and coal shaft names, including Tompkins shaft.

A note on the back of the map states that this was a map of the said region, made at the request of Alice Chapman and kept as a keepsake for Donald.

Dates: [ca. mid-late nineteenth century]

Creator: [Chapman, Charles Isaac Abel, 1826-1916](#)

Subjects: Map; Cartography; Title, Land; Correspondence; Notes

Locations: Luzerne County, Pennsylvania

People: Barnum, Zenas; Grant, Samuel; Page, F. A.; Stockbridge, Elan; Thompson, Isaac; Price, George ; Thompson, John; Priestly, Joseph R.; Wright, Harrison G.; Armstrong, Joseph; Bogart, John; Blanchard, Clarissa (possibly (Blanchard) [Bulkeley, Clarissa C/E. 1827-1903](#)); Blanchard, Helen D.; [Blanchard Sarah \(Lazarus\), 1804-1892](#); Chapman, Alice; Ronald; [Chapman, Charles Isaac Abel 1826-1916](#);

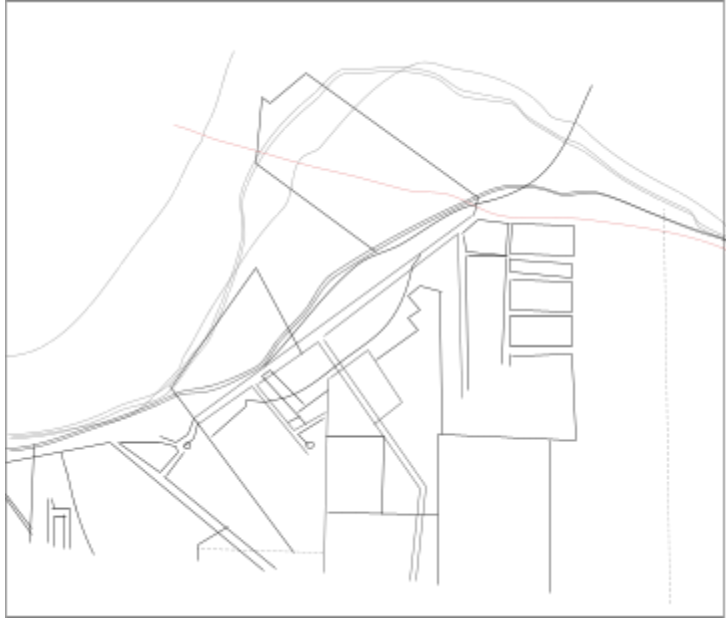
S. Heagdon (?)

General Condition: Poor. There is tearing along the seams where once folded accordion style.

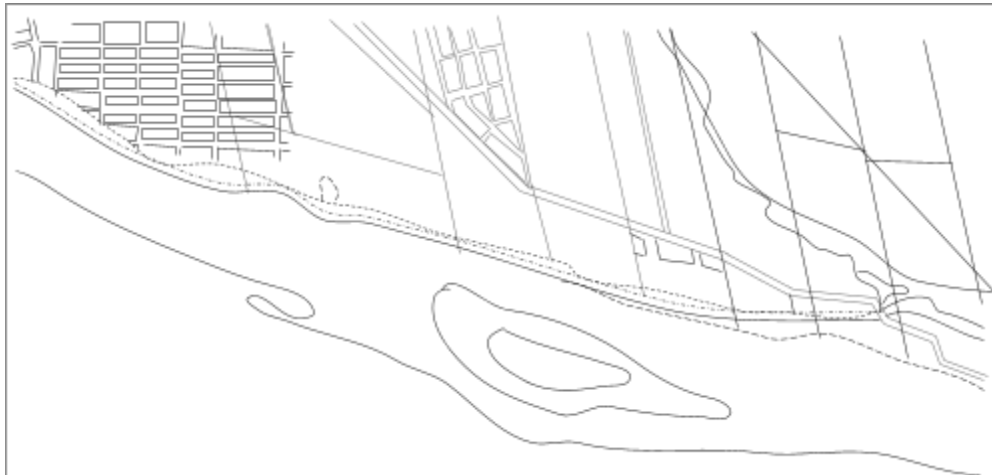
Measurements: 43 ¾ in. x 10 in.

Transcript Attempt:

Left Hand Side:



Middle and Main:



FRONT

(unclear, very faint on bottom right)

500 A f-o-inch

Copied by M-mma-

For me Oct 1886

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BACK

M---on(?) Ma-(?) - Pittston Co. P. Blanchard

Left Side:

Map of land on East side

of Susquehanna River from
Campbella Ledge to Monockannoc Island,
by Chas [Charles] I. A. Chapman.

Right Side:
To give to Alice Chapman
by request. Keepsake for Donald

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**15.62 Item 7: Photostat of a Map of Exeter, Estate of Sarah Blanchard,
Received by [Gilbert Stuart McClintock] from Alice Chapman, [19]49
May 1. (removed to Map Case 2-1-1)**

Type of Material: Map

Title: N/A

Description: The following item dated May 1, 1949, depicts a photocopy of a map of Exeter. This map has a note on the back of the manuscript by Blanchard, which states that the lands in the map contain the estate of Sarah Blanchard, and explains the boundaries of the lands, and notes the reserves of coal and mineral rights that have been sold to the German Green Coal company. Different details on this map detail the surrounding area, such as the inclusion of public and ferry roads.

These reservations of coal rights to the company can be seen in other manuscripts with Sarah Blanchard's lands, such as in Series II: The McClintock Family Series, item a deed between Andrew Todd McClintock and Sarah Blanchard, item 75.

Dates: May 1, 1949

Creator: n/a

Subjects: Map; Cartography; Estates; Deeds; Coal Mining; Finances

Locations: Exeter

People: Thompson, J.; [Gardner, Jesse 1799-1867](#); [Winter, Peter 1785-1872](#); Williamson & Co.; [Winters, Henry Hains 1809-1885](#); [Saylor, Benjamin 1806-1882](#); Swallow family ([possible connection](#), [Swallow, Silas Comfort 1839-1930](#)); W. R. Griffith; [Blanchard, Jeremiah 1764-1837](#); [Cooper, George 1751-1824](#); [Blanchard Sarah \(Lazarus\), 1804-1892](#); Chapman, Alice; Macarelli

General Condition: Poor. The document has been folded and the creases are tearing with discoloration.

Measurements: 25 7/16 in. x 18 1/16 in.

Transcript Attempt:

FRONT

Received From Alice Chapman

5/1(?)/[19]49

To Check Coal UnderLaying The Sarah Blanchard Estate of 19^{a[cres]} 140^{p[erches]}

As possitely Midea ElegaL. By German Green Coal Co.

all thir deeds read to Public Road

Public Road |

Ferry road

He bought to Ferry Road according to Thompson Deed

BACK

Into

Photostat Copy Blanchard

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15.63a Item 8a: Pencil Drawn Map by Unknown, of Glen Alden Coal Company Lands, [ca. 1880-1984] (Removed to Grey Print Box #4)

Type of Material: Map

Title: N/A

Description: The following map, dated roughly during the twentieth century, depicts a pencil drawn map on tracing paper. The land has been estimated as possibly lying in Luzerne county. This is due to the lands depicted on the map, which appear to be owned by the Glen Alden Coal company, and are annotated as such in one such corner. In addition to the Glen Alden coal company and these other markers, the words, The date for the item has been estimated from the active dates of the Glen Alden Coal Company, a major coal producer in Northeastern Pennsylvania during the twentieth century. At its height in the valley, the company created numerous jobs, employing over 34,000 people and operating over 20 collieries in the region. The company was most well known for its marketing approaches, dying its anthracite and presenting "Blue Coal." There is more historical information to be found in the [Industrial Archives & Library](#).

The possible location for the item has also been estimated by the Glen Alden Coal Company, whose headquarters were located in Ashley, PA, Luzerne county, but might also be located in one of their land purchases in Lackawanna county.

Dates: [ca. 1880-1984]

Creator: N/a

Subjects: Maps; Cartography; Titles, Land; Survey

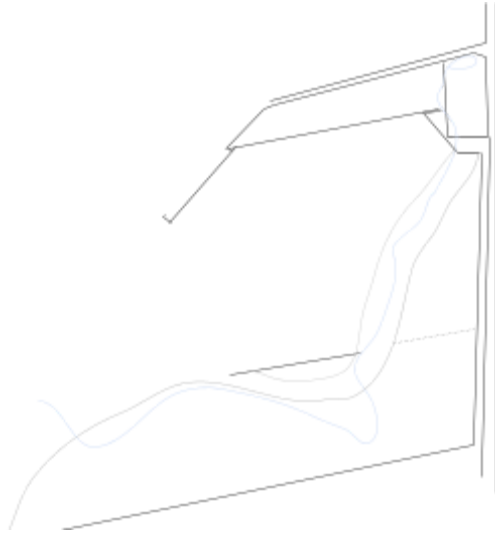
Locations:[Pos. Luzerne county, PA]

People: Glen Alden; v

General Condition: Fair. The item is drawn on tracing paper, making it incredibly fragile.

Measurements: 14 in. x 18 in.

Transcript Attempt:



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15.63b Item 8b: Pencil Drawn Map by Unknown, of Three Tracts, Marcelli and Falcone, [ca. twentieth century] (Removed to Grey Print Box #4)

Type of Material: Map

Title: N/A

Description: The following map, dated roughly during the twentieth century, depicts a pencil drawn map on tracing paper. The land has been estimated as possibly lying in Luzerne county. There are numerous lines drawn, dividing what look to be tracts of land. Two of these tracts have been attributed to Falcone and Marcelli, but have no other context given to the drawing. The date and location of this item has been assumed as possibilities due to its connection with 00.00 item a, which listed the Glen Alden Coal Company and was included in the same folder.

Dates: [ca. twentieth century]

Creator: N/a

Subjects: Maps; Cartography; Titles, Land; Survey

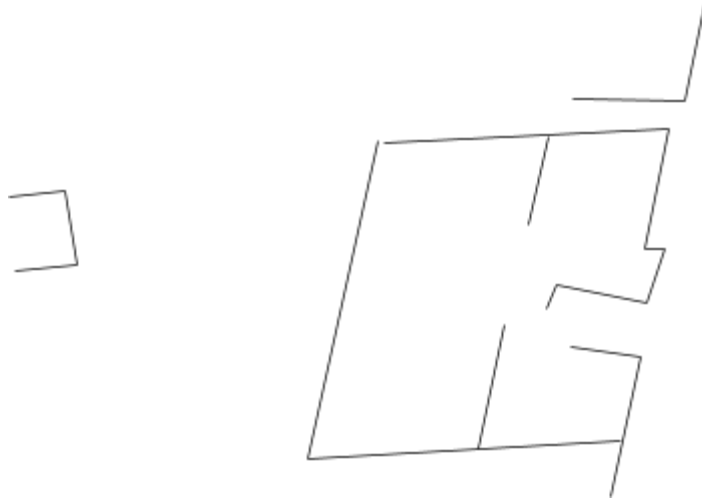
Locations: [Pos. Luzerne county, PA]

People: Falcone; Marcelli;

General Condition: Fair. The item is drawn on tracing paper, making it incredibly fragile.

Measurements: 14 in. x 15 1/8 in

Transcript Attempt:



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15.64 Item 9: Map by Unknown of the Central and Erie Railroads in Jenkins and Port Blanchard Townships, [no date] (Removed to Map Drawer 2-1-1)

Type of Material: Map

Title: N/A

Description: The following item depicts a hand-drawn map of Jenkins township. It is a long, narrow item, with a curved line drawn in yellow, black, and red. It appears that the map is depicting nearby railroad tracts, with a legend at the bottom of the page stating the red line is one owned by the .R.R. [Central Railroad] Company, and the yellow line owned Erie Railroad Company. The map stretches from Port Blanchard into Jenkins, and ends at the Mile 5 Post, near the Canal Branch of Central's line. There is a shed annotated near the left end of the middle section, and a scale drawn, stating that it is drawn at 1 inch per 100 feet. The creator is not known.

Dates: N/A

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Maps; Cartography; Titles, Land; Railroad; Railroad Companies;

Locations: Jenkins Township, PA

People: N/A

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 33 ¼ in. x 8 ½ in.

Transcript Attempt:



Annotations on Map:

NOTE: TRACK OWNED BY C.R.R Co. of PA SHOWN IN RED THUSLY: 
TRACK “ “ ERIE R.R. Co. “ “ Yellow “ 

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15.65 Item 10: A Photostat Reproduction, by Unknown, [ca. twentieth century], of [Frederick William Beers’] Map of Jenkins and Plains, [1872].

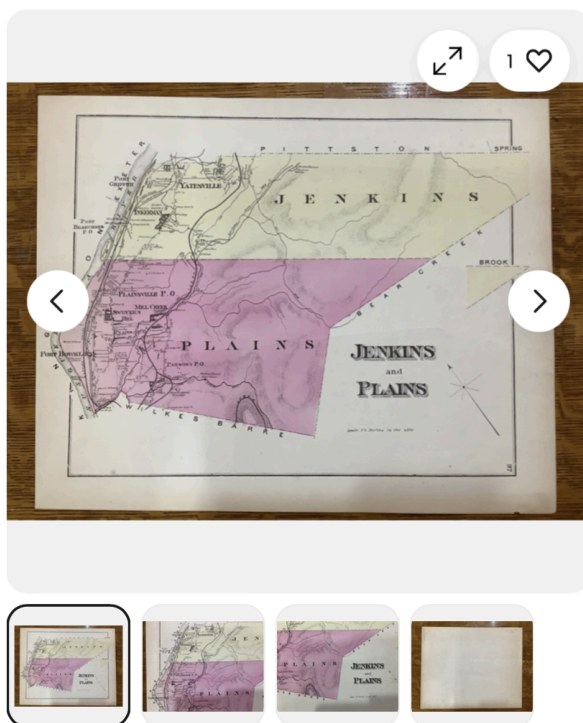
Type of Material: Map

Title: N/a

Description: The following item depicts a photostat reproduction of Frederick William Beers’s survey and map of Jenkins and Plains townships, published originally in 1872 in his work, [Atlas of Susquehanna Co. Pennsylvania. From Actual Surveys By and Under the direction of F. W. Beers. Published by A. Pomeroy & Co., New York, 1872.](#) The original map was a yellow and red, hand-colored atlas map of the two townships, and depicts the boundaries, cities, such as Yatesville, Inkerman, Plainsville, Mill Creek, Swoyers, Parsons, Port Bowkley, Port Griffel, and Blancharn. It also includes the natural landscape markers, such as the Susquehanna River, Bear Creek, as well as nearby man-made roads.

This map is considered a survey and [atlas map](#). Atlas maps are generally used for reference and study, printed traditionally in a book and can include contextual information of the region depicted as well, including statistics, facts, indexes, and even pictures.

The connection to Beers and his atlas was through a seller on eBay, who had the original work and was selling the Beers maps. It is also found for sale on [AbeBooks](#):



1872 Atlas Map Jenkins & Plains Township Susquehanna County Pennsylvania F Beers



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Dates: [ca. twentieth century] (photostat); [1872] (map)

Creator: N/a (photostat); [\[Beers, Frederick William, 1839-1933\]](#) (map)

Subjects: Maps; Cartography; Titles, Land; Field Survey

Locations: Jenkins, PA; Plains, PA

People: [\[Beers, Frederick William, 1839-1933\]](#)

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 11 ¾ in. x 8 ⅝ in.

Transcript Attempt:

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15.66 Item 11: A Survey and Map by E[dwin] H[enry] Coward, of G. Edward Miller, 1927 April (Removed to Grey Print Box #4)

Type of Material: Property Line Map

Title: Lands of G. Edward Miller, ET AL. Port Blanchard, Jenkins Twp, Pa.

Description: The following item dated April of 1927, depicts a map of G. Edward Miller's properties in Port Blanchard and Jenkins township. His property is between the Susquehanna river and the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company's lands, with Ann street running diagonally from River Road. This survey map details the boundaries of the property and was created by H. Coward, an engineer in Pittston, PA. There is a key/legend at the bottom right hand corner of the map, stating the ownership, engineer, and scale of the map. These tracts lay between Pittston on the left directional and Wilkes Barre on the right, and have some annotative markers for the different sectioned tracts, such as a hotel, lands sold to Catherine Olshefsky, and where the top of the bank lies on the river.

There are a number of directional coordinates in each box on the map, which correspond to the field survey of each tract and denote the boundaries lying within each one.

Dates: April 1927

Creator: [Coward, Edwin Henry 1886-1931](#). (Engineer)

Subjects: Maps; Titles, Land; Cartography; Field Survey

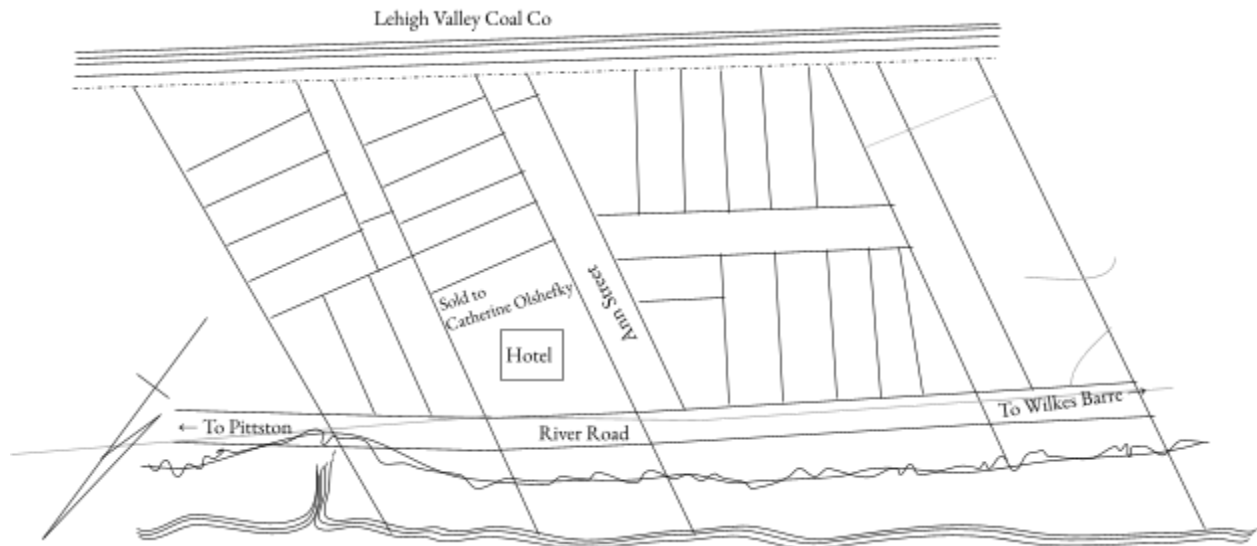
Locations: Wilkes-Barre, Pittston, Pennsylvania, Susquehanna River

People: Miller, G. Edward , [Pos. [Miller, G. Edward 1893-1960](#)]; [Coward, Edwin Henry 1886-1931](#); Olshefsky, Catherine, [Pos. [Olshefsky, Catherine 1893-1975](#)]

General Condition: Good, the edges are slightly worn.

Measurements: 23 ½ in. x 18 ½ in.

Transcription Attempt:



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15.67 Item 12: A Warrant Map for the North Eastern Part of Luzerne County, by Unknown, [ca. late nineteenth-early twentieth century] (Removed to Grey Box #4)

Type of Material: Map

Title: North Eastern Part of Luzerne County Warrant Map

Description: The following item, dated roughly during the late nineteenth-early twentieth century, depicts a multicolored map of the north eastern part of Luzerne county. The various townships are distinctly separated by different colors for their borders, with individual tracts outlined with land owning names and contained acres in each quadrant. The townships included are Benton, Greenfield, Scott, Abington, Fell, Carbondale, Blakely, Jefferson, Scranton, Roaring Brook, Madison, Spring Brook, Covington, Lackawanna, Pittston, Bear Creek, Buck, Plains, Jenkins, Ransom, Newton, Dunmore, and Old Forge. There are also a number of rivers, creeks, and watercourses mapped on the item, including the Lackawanna and Susquehanna rivers, as well as numerous ponds and lakes.

This map is titled a [Warrant Map](#), which is a map that shows the original land purchases, the warrants for land, for those specific geographical areas, such as townships in this case.

This map looks similar to those that we have seen from Frederick William Beers, who surveyed the Susquehanna region in his work, [Atlas of Susquehanna Co. Pennsylvania. From Actual Surveys By and Under the direction of F. W. Beers. Published by A. Pomeroy & Co., New York, 1872.](#)

The date for the item has been estimated according to others like it, created by Beers in the late nineteenth century.

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

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Map; Cartography; Titles, Land; Warrants; Field Survey

Locations: Luzerne County, Pennsylvania

People: et al.

General Condition: Poor. Torn is multiple spots and the page is chalky in some areas.

Measurements: 12 1/8 x 15 1/4 in.

Transcription Attempt:

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15.68 Item 13: A Map of Luzerne County by [Daniel Glover Beers], [1873] (Removed to Grey Print box #4)

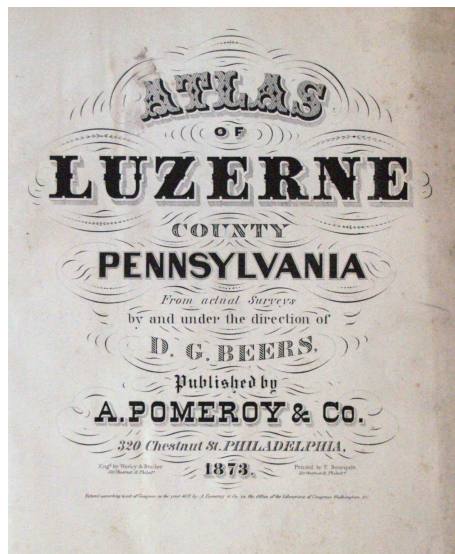
Type of Material: Map.

Title: Luzerne Co.

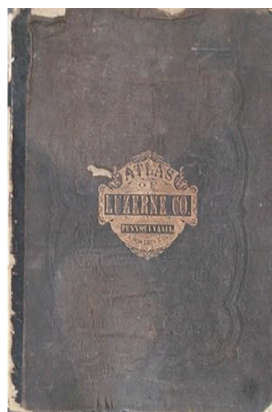
Description: The following item depicts a reproduction of Daniel Glover Beers's survey and map of Luzerne county, published originally in 1873 in his work, [*Atlas of Luzerne Co. Pennsylvania. From Actual Surveys By and Under the direction of D. G. Beers. Published by A. Pomeroy & Co., New York, 1872.*](#) The map is tricolor, with different townships in yellow, green, and red, and depicts the boundaries, towns, such as Spring Brook, Dallas, Kingston, Newton, Scott, Bear Creek, Wright, Slocum, Buck, Covington, Dorrance, Newport, Hollenback, Lehman, and more. It also includes the natural landscape markers, such as the Susquehanna River, Bear Creek, as well as nearby man-made roads, and is bordered by Monroe, Wyoming, Susquehanna, Carbon, Sullivan, Schuylkill, and Colombus counties. A legend in the top left corner mentions that the map is scaled 4 miles to an inch.

This map is considered a survey and [atlas map](#). Atlas maps are generally used for reference and study, printed traditionally in a book and can include contextual information of the region depicted as well, including statistics, facts, indexes, and even pictures.

The connection to Beers and his atlas was through a seller on [AbeBooks](#):



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Beers, D. G.

Published by Philadelphia, Philadelphia, 1873

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Dates: [ca. late nineteenth- early twentieth century] (reproduction); [1873] (map)

Creator: N/a (photostat); [\[Beers, Daniel Glover, 1841-1913\]](#) (map)

Subjects: Maps; Cartography; Titles, Land; Field Survey

Locations: Luzerne County, PA

People: [\[Beers, Daniel Glover, 1841-1913\]](#)

General Condition: Fair. The page appears to have been torn from a larger piece and is frayed along the right side while being battered along the left. It has some creases and tears along those same areas, but remains in one piece. Paper appears to be delicate, handle with care.

Measurements: 12 x 15.5 in.

Transcription Attempt:

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15.69 Item 14: A Photostat by Unknown of a Warrantee Map of Marcy Township, by Daniel J. Warren, 1950 June 12 (Removed to Grey Box #4)

Type of Material: Map.

Title: N/A

Description: The following item, dated June 12, 1950, depicts a photostat by Unknown of a warrantee map of Marcy township in Pennsylvania. It contains a mapped survey of the township, and sections numbered one through thirty-eight, each containing names of the warrant holders for the original tracts of land. The map was constructed from the original drafts of the Department of Internal Affairs, under the direction of Warren J. Daniel, its director. The map was certified under the seal of office by Daniel and attested to by the secretary, William S. Livengood.

This map is titled a [Warrant Map](#), which is a map that shows the original land purchases, the warrants for land, for those specific geographical areas, such as townships in this case.

Dates: n/a (photostat); June 12, 1950 (original)

Creator: N/a (photostat); [Daniel, Warren J., \[Pos. Daniel, Warren Joseph, 1885-1959\]](#) (Original)

Subjects: Map; Cartography; Titles, Land; Warrants; Field Survey; Office of Internal Affairs

Locations: Marcy Township, Luzerne County, PA.

People: [Daniel, Warren J., \[Pos. Daniel, Warren Joseph, 1885-1959\]](#); [Livengood, William S., \[Pos. Livengood, William Samuel, 1925-1983\]](#); et al.

General Condition: Excellent

Measurements: 13.5 x 16.5 in.

Transcript Attempt:

A Connected Warrantee Township Map: of Marcy Township, Luzerne County,
The Warrants, Surveys and Patents bearing dates respectively as above set
on file in the Department of Internal Affairs, of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
under the direction of Warren J. Daniel, Director of the
Land Office.

In Testimony Whereof: I have hereunto set my hand and caused the
seal of the said Department to be affixed at
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, this twelfth day of
June, A.D. one thousand nine hundred and fifty
William S. Livengood Jr {signature}
Secretary of Internal Affairs

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15.70a Item 15a: An Atlas Map by [Pos. Daniel Glover Beer], [1873] of Part of the Borough of Pittston, no date (Removed to Grey Box #4)

Type of Material: Map.

Title: Part of the Borough of Pittston.

Description: The following item depicts a map of part of the borough of Pittston. The map is a tricolor map sectioned in three wards, with wards 1 and 2 being yellow and ward 2 being red. There are two small

tracts colored green in ward 1. Each ward is sectioned into many tracts owned and labeled by individual parties. It also includes the natural landscape markers, such as the Susquehanna and Lackawanna Rivers, the northern branches, and canals, as well as nearby man-made roads, and is bordered by the remainder of Pittstone township. A legend in the bottom right corner mentions that the map is scaled 20 rods to an inch. The map is thought to be made by Daniel Glover Beers, included in his work, [*Atlas of Luzerne Co. Pennsylvania. From Actual Surveys By and Under the direction of D. G. Beers. Published by A. Pomeroy & Co., New York, 1873.*](#) Though this source at Ancestor Tracks has a number of the maps included in this publication, the borough of Pittston does not appear. However, the color gradation and font type matches the other maps in this work, including his numerous surveys of the boroughs.

Dates: [ca. late nineteenth- early twentieth century] (reproduction); [Pos. [1873](#)] (map)

Creator: N/a (photostat); [[Pos. Beers, Daniel Glover, 1841-1913](#)] (map)

Subjects: Maps; Cartography; Titles, Land; Field Survey

Locations: Luzerne County, PA

People: [[Pos. Beers, Daniel Glover, 1841-1913](#)]

General Condition: Fair.

Measurements: 15 x 22.5 in.

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15.70b Item 15b: A Map by [Daniel Glover Beers] of Pittston, [1873] (Removed to Grey Box #4)

Type of Material: Map.

Title: Pittston.

Description: The following item depicts a reproduction of Daniel Glover Beers's survey and map of Pittston, published originally in 1873 in his work, [*Atlas of Luzerne Co. Pennsylvania. From Actual Surveys By and Under the direction of D. G. Beers. Published by A. Pomeroy & Co., New York, 1873.*](#) The map is a dual colored map with the majority of the township colored yellow, but Pleasant Valley PO and Pittston PO marked with red coloring. There are a number of individuals owned land tracts which are marked by a bullet point and name for individual party names. There are also company holders, including Maryland Coal Company, Pittston & Elmira Coal Company, and others. Along the map, various railroad tracks are etched with a staggered line, indicating where tracks branch off and in what direction. It also includes the natural landscape markers, such as the Susquehanna River, creeks and branches, and the Jacobs Mountain range. There are also what appear to be thin lines indicating nearby man-made roads and various coal shaft names, such as Little York shaft. The township is bordered by Exeter, West Pittston, Jenkins, Spring Brook, Lackawanna, Old Forge, and Ransom. A legend in the bottom left corner mentions that the map is scaled 2 miles to an inch.

This map is considered a survey and [atlas map](#). Atlas maps are generally used for reference and study, printed traditionally in a book and can include contextual information of the region depicted as well, including statistics, facts, indexes, and even pictures.

Dates: [ca. late nineteenth- early twentieth century] (reproduction); [[1873](#)] (map)

Creator: N/a (photostat); [[Beers, Daniel Glover, 1841-1913](#)] (map)

Subjects: Maps; Cartography; Titles, Land; Field Survey

Locations: Luzerne County, PA

People: [[Beers, Daniel Glover, 1841-1913](#)]

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 12.25 x 15 in.

Transcription Attempt:

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15.71 Item 16: A Photostat by Unknown, [ca. late nineteenth-early twentieth century], of a Map of Pittston and Covington, 1825 (Removed to Grey Box #4)

Type of Material: Map.

Title: N/A.

Description: The following item dated 1825, depicts a photostat by unknown of a map of Pittston and Covington. The map includes 8000 acres of land on Spring Brook and is divided in three described parts to Matthias Hollenback, David Hosack, and Samuel Fisher. Hollenback's division is $\frac{1}{3}$ of the tracts, including 16 individual warrants with 266 $\frac{2}{3}$ acres total. Hosack's division includes $\frac{2}{3}$ of the remaining $\frac{2}{3}$, totaling 22 warrants and possessing 89 $\frac{1}{3}$ acres in total. Samuel Fisher is granted the remainder of the lands, with 14 tracts and 44 acres in total. The item goes on to list the twenty two tracts of land under Hosack's portion. The 22 lots are granted to individual persons, with their name ascribed to the corresponding number. The map also notes several creeks, including Spring Brook, Sarah's creek, Hosack's creek, and Cist's creek.

Dates: 1825

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Map; Cartography; Titles, Land; Division; Finances; Grant

Locations: Pittston, PA; Covington, PA

People: [Hollenback, Matthias, 1752-1829](#); [Hosack, David, 1769-1835](#); [Fisher, Samuel W. \[Pos. Fisher, Samuel W. 1803-1867\]](#) ; Brownson, Timothy; Starr, Timothy; Starr, Nathaniel; Hosack, Daniel; Hosack, Benjamin; Bennet, Charles; Bennet, Thomas; Bennet, Benajah; Bennet, Ishmael, [Pos. Bennet, Ishmael, 1730-1820]; Bennet, Andrew; Bennet, Solomon, 1792-1855; Strong, Sarah; Richards, Sarah; Richards, David; Millet, John; Millet, Andrew; Richards, Aaron; [Shaw, Comfort, 1765-1846](#); Shaw, John; Richards, Mary; Richards, Hannah; Shaw, Daniel

General Condition: Fair. The page is in good condition but the scan is difficult to read because the original seems to have suffered damage.

Measurements: 17.5 x 15 in.

Transcript Attempt:

Map

Of about 8000 acres of Land on Spring Brook in the Town
of Pittston and Covington County of Luzerne, State of Pennsylvania
—1825—



(Left)

The division of the above
Fifty Tracts of Land was agreed to
as follows —

Col ^[one] M. Hollenback $\frac{1}{3}$	T[tracts] A[eres]
	16 266 $\frac{2}{3}$
Doc ^[to] David Hosack $\frac{2}{3}$ of the	
remaining $\frac{2}{3}$ ^ Say ...	22 89 $\frac{1}{3}$
Sam ^[ue] W. Fisher, the remainder	<u>14 44</u>
Tracts	50 00

(Center)

Warrantee Names of Doct^[o]
Hosack's 22 Tracts Viz

- Nº 1 Timothy Brownson
- Nº 2 Thomas Starr
- Nº 3 Nathaniel Starr
- Nº 4 Daniel Hosack
- Nº 5 Benjamin Hosack
- Nº 6 Charles Bennet
- Nº 7 Thomas Bennet

Nº 8 Benajah Bennet
Nº 9 Ishmael Bennet
Nº 10 Andrew Bennet

(Right)

Nº 11 Solomon Bennet
Nº 12 Sarah Strong
Nº 13 Sarah Richards
Nº 14 David Richards
Nº 15 John Millet
Nº 16 Andrew Millet
Nº 17 Aaron Richards
Nº 18 Comfort Shaw
Nº 19 John Shaw
Nº 20 Mary Richards
Nº 21 Hannah Richards
Nº 22 Daniel Shaw

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15.72 Item 17: A Map of Wilkes-Barre and Surrounding Metropolitan Districts of Luzerne County, Compiled by John Sturdevant, 1942 October (removed to grey print box #4)

Type of Material: Map

Title: City of Wilkes Barre PA and Metropolitan District Luzerne Co. Penna.

Description: The following item depicts an antique map of Wilkes Barre and the surrounding metropolitan areas, compiled by John Sturdevant in October of 1942. The map depicts various townships and boroughs, including Plains, Swoyersville, Forty Fort, Wilkes Barre, Ashley, Kingston, Edwardsville, Courtdale, Larksville, Plymouth, and Hanover. The map includes various waterways, such as the Susquehanna river is depicted and labeled, street and road names in each of the town grids, highways, ferry roads, flood control dykes, railroads such as Nanticoke Branch Central and Lehigh Valley Railroads, parks such as Kirby park, and population numbers.

The reverse of the manuscript has a legend based system to explain which individuals own tracts of land in specific townships or boroughs, arranged alphabetically by last name. The listings have a code, which the legend at the bottom right corner of the page denotes which township or borough they live in, and what looks like the acreage they have.

The map itself is built on a grid, annotated within a four wall framed outline, with the top and bottom frame labelled a-o, and the left and right side numbered 1-22.

The map was copyrighted in 1942 by John Sturdevant and printed by E. B. Yordy.

Dates: 1942 (Sturdevant); [ca. aft. 1942] (Yordy)

Creator: [Sturdevant, John, 1796-1879](#) (Original); Yordy, E. B. (Printer)

Subjects: Maps; Cartography; Roads; Cities; Railroad

Locations: Wilkes Barre, PA; Luzerne County, PA

People: [Sturdevant, John, 1796-1879](#); et al.

General Condition: Poor. The map is tearing in multiple sections and flaking with age.

Measurements: 14 x 17 in.

Transcript Attempt:

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15.73 Item 18: Map and Pamphlet by the Wyoming National Bank entitled, “Map Showing the Location of the Battle Ground and Historic Sites Relating to the Wyoming Massacre, July 3rd 1778,” Printed by H. S. Smith, 1928. (Oversized, in Map Drawer 2-1-1)

Type of Material: Map.

Title: Map Showing the Location of the Battle Ground and Historic Sites Relating to the Wyoming Massacre, July 3rd 1778.

Description: The following item is a map published by the Wyoming National Bank, depicting the battle grounds of the Wyoming Massacre, or the Battle of Wyoming, printed in 1928 by Richard S. Smith. The pamphlet lists the names of the original 40 proprietors sent to the region by the Susquehanna Land Company, a group of Connecticut land speculators of the 18th century. The index also includes a list of additional early settlers in the valley, as well as the names of historic sites, including the military forts that were erected, guard and block houses, and monuments.

Dates: N/A (Map); 1778 July 3 (Battle of Wyoming)

Creator: N/a

Subjects: Maps; Cartography; Battle of Wyoming; Wyoming Massacre; Wyoming National Bank

Locations: Luzerne County, PA

People: et. al.

General Condition: Poor. The page is torn in half from where it was once folded.

Measurements: 44 ¾ x 8 ½ in.

Transcript Attempt:

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Philadelphia County

15.74 Item 19: A Black and White Reproduction by Unknown, [ca. aft.1752], of Nicolas Scull and George Heap’s A Map of Philadelphia and Parts Adjacent, [1752].

Type of Material: Map.

Title: N/A

Description: The following item is a black and white print copy of a map by Nicholas Scull, 1686-1762, and George Heap, 1714-1752, detailing the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The map was originally

printed in 1752 and was the first to depict a sketch of the Philadelphia State House, as it was still under construction in the year the map was printed. It is believed by other sources that it was because Heap and Scull's positions enabled them access to the blueprints of the building by which they created their sketches. [Geographics](#)'s website states that "Heap was a surveyor and city coroner of Philadelphia, and Nicolas Scull, the Survey Gneral of the Province of Pennsylvania," and would have had access to those private documents.

The black and white map shows the surrounding towns and cities near Philadelphia, zoomed out enough to show larger areas of southeast Pennsylvania and West New Jersey. It notes waterways and townships as well, and the small buildings as markers are very detailed and different depending on what they showed - like homes, mills, and meeting houses. It also includes a detailed picture of the state house at the top.

The [John Carter Brown Library](#) has a black and white copy digitized, with a brief history of the creators and the region.

Dates: N/a (photostat); [1752] (Heap and Scull)

Creator: [Scull, Nicholas 1686-1762](#); [Heap, George 1714-1752](#)

Subjects: Maps; Cartography; City; Titles, Land; Architecture

Locations: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

People: [Scull, Nicholas 1686-1762](#); [Heap, George 1714-1752](#); et al.

General Condition: Good. Creases from being folded into thirds, but no tears or smudges.

Measurements: 9½ in. x 6½ in.

Transcript Attempt:

Two Flages on Either Side of the Building:

(Left)

This Building stands in a Square of 396 Feet
by 255 Surrounded by a high Wall. the Ground
is to be laid out in walks with Rows of Trees
In the Body of the Building are two Rooms of
40 Feet Square & 20 Feet high one for the Assembly
the other for the supreme Court between
which is an Entry of 40 Feet by 20 on the
Second Floor is the Councils Chamber and Commette (sic) [Committee]
Room with a Gallery 100 Feet by 20
The Publick (sic) Offices are kept in the Wings
it was founded Anno 1732—

(Right)

Anno 1748 the Dwelling Houses in Philadelphia
were carefully numbered and found to be
2076. Other Publick (sic) Buildings are The Court
House, two Quaker Meeting Houses, two Presbytarian (sic)
Meeting Houses, One Church of England, one

Baptist Meeting one German Lutheran Church
 One German Calvinist Church, one Moravian
 Church, one Mass House, the Academy, the
 Quakers School House the City Alms House
 the Quaker Alms House the Hospital
 Prison and Work House. —

Table at the bottom right:

A Table of Distances of
 Particular places within
 This Map Begin^{[nin]g} at the Court House

	Mil[e]s	Pur [Perches?]
TO Pooll (sic) Bridge ...	0	5
Lynn ...	1	3
Balls...	2	4
Warners...	3	0
Oldmans	5	0
Hopkins	5	4
Logan	5	6
Parr...	6	0
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Lane to Ross & Moland	5	0
Frankfort House	5	0
Meeting...	5	4
Doc[tor] Moore	7	6
Oxford Church	8	6
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Norris...	2	6
Fair Hill Meeting...	3	2
Ris ^{[in]g} Sun...	4	0
Logan...	5	5
Germantown Meeting	6	5 ½
Calvinist Church...	6	6 ¼
W. Allen...	8	6
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Garrig ^s Ferry...	1	7
Robeson...	6	0 ¾
Levering...	7	6 ¾
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Coullis's Ferry...	1	7
Marion Meeting...	7	5
Sculls Ferry...	2	7
Wilcox...	7	0

Marshals Mill...	5	6
Lorver Ferry...	4	5
Debry...	7	7
Point House...	5	2
Taverns...	3	1
Pemberton...	1	7
Passyunk Bank...	4	0

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15.75 Item 20: A Lithograph Map of the International Exhibition, Philadelphia, Situation Plan, by Taylor & Smith, 1876. (Oversized, in Map Drawer 2-1-1)

Type of Material: Map.

Title: International Exhibition, Philadelphia, Situation Plan

Description: The following item shows a large lithographic map, dated 1876, depicting a large scale model of Philadelphia's region for the International Exhibition to take place. The map is titled the Siutation plan, or a city plan, and is printed by Taylor & Smith. The map contains many building markers, such as the U.S. Government Exhibition Building, the Machinery Buiding, the British Government Building, and more. There are details of the city, such as the landscaping, roads and streets winding about, some of which are labeled, like the intersection of Belmont Drive and Belmont Avenue, and other attractions, such as the Passenger Railroad Cars and the Trans Continental or Globe Hotel. Interesting aspects of the map show details of where future buildings are breaking ground, such as the marker of Ground for the Japanese Government. Additionally, there are markers for the geographical inclusions, such as lakes, rivers, and valleys.

At multiple points on the map, there are handwritten notes in pencil. These appear to be street names, such as back End, Market St, River Rd, and Nestonalle(?).

Dates: 1876

Creator: Taylor & Smith (Printing)

Subjects: Maps; Cartography; Philadelphia

Locations: Philadelphia, PA

People: N/A

General Condition: Poor. The page is wrinnkled and torn in many spots and the paper is very fragile and light. Do not handle, refer to digital item.

Measurements: 30 1/8 x 43 in.

Transcript Attempt:

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Westmoreland County

15.76 Item 21: A Lithograph of a Map of Westmoreland, by Wagner & McGuigan, [1754-1799] (Removed to Grey Print Box #4)

Type of Material: Map.

Title: N/A

Description: This is a lithographic publication's map of Westmoreland shown by the Connecticut surveys, made by [Wagner & McGuigan](#). This is a reproduction of an earlier map created in the 1790s, digitized on the [Library of Congress](#)' website, and created possibly by the [Susquehanna Land Company](#). The leftmost section is the description of the map and the information on how it came to be. It almost serves a footnote for some descriptors of the map, such as the starred counties being those under claim of Connecticut settlers prior to the Decree of Trenton, including Ulster, Exeter, Wilkes Barre, Brantrum, Bradford, Pittstown, Kingston, and more. It lists dates and general areas of other additions to the Westmoreland area, including Indian purchases and grants. Landmarks of the Lackawa settlement / birthplace of George W. Woodward, 1809-1875, the map's author's cabin, the childhood residence of Andrew Beaumont, 1790-1853, a tavern, the headquarters of Gen. Ezekiel Hyde, 1771-1805, / store of Enoch Reynolds / home of Judge Jabez Hyde, 1775-1841, and nine forts in the area are noted as well. The closing of the text section discusses the difficulty in finding these maps to preserve them. The right side of the document is much larger and features the map described in the text. It mainly pictures the northeast of Pennsylvania, with towns divided into small boxes and mainly set into grids. Sections that were purchased together have the title of their transfer overlaid on the boxes (ie. Albany 1734). Other than these, the map is mostly unmarked for other features, only rivers being detailed and labeled. Some of the regions included are Huntington; Salem; Plymouth; Kingston; Newport; Hanover; Wilkes Barre; Pittston, Providence, Exeter; Bedford, Northmoreland, Putnam / Tunkhannock; Braintrim, Springfield; Claverack, Ulster; Athens; M'Kean; Elk; New England; Allensburg; Mont-Rose; Harrisburg; Bozrah; Connecticut; Lawsville, Cunningham; Baltimore; Fort Durkee; Fort Wyoming; Fort Ogden; Wintermoot's Fort; Jenkin's Fort, (three unnamed Pittston Forts); and Monokacy Island.

Dates: 1754-1799

Creator: N/A.

Subjects: Maps; Cartography; Titles, Land; Warrant

Locations: Westmoreland, Pennsylvania;

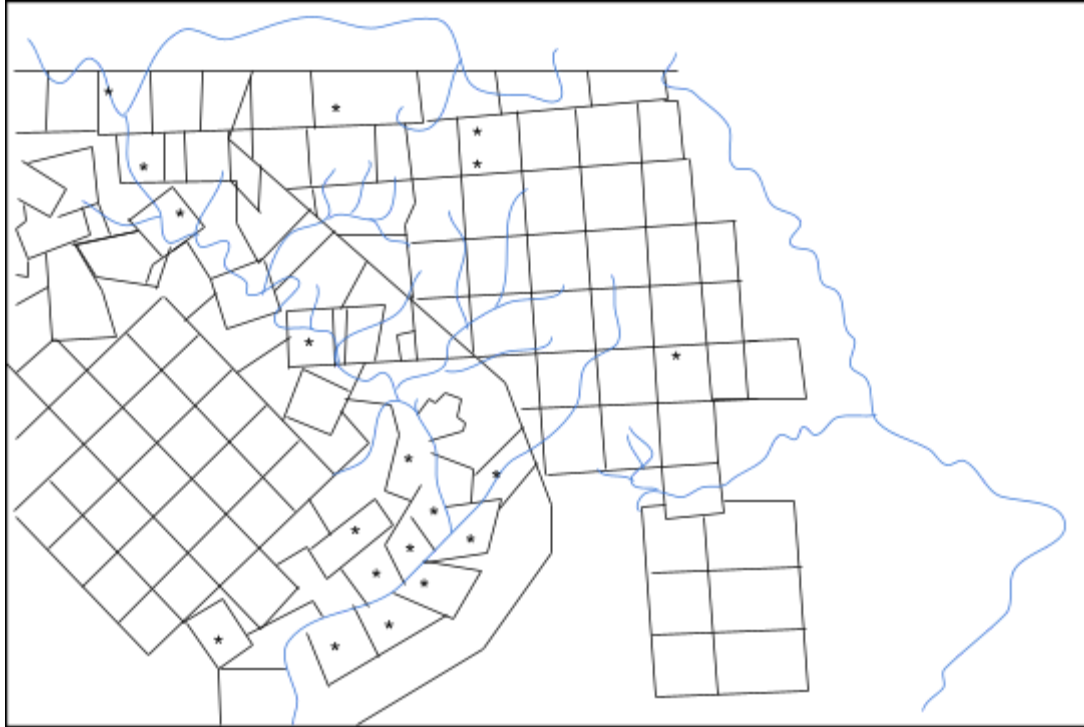
People: Allen, Ethan, [Pos. [Allen, Ethan B. 1787-1835](#)]; [Woodward, George Washington 1809-1875](#); Chase, John; [Beaumont, Andrew 1790-1853](#); [Hyde, Ezekiel 1771-1805](#); [Reynolds, Enoch 1776-1833](#); [Hyde Jr., Jabez 1775-1841](#);

General Condition: Poor. The document is held together by tape in three places, and some of this yellowed tape is also ripped by now. The top and bottom edges are both frayed with several small rips and tears lining them, though they are much worse on the map than the sheet of text. The two actually look like separate sheets that were attached by tape rather than one sheet repaired by it. The map is older and more yellowed, and the other sheet is more white but still dirty along the edges. This text sheet does have one larger torn chunk out of the top center, but is otherwise only marred by some smudges and old underlines within the text. Handle with care.

Measurements: 18 x 8.5 in.

Translation Attempt:

Front:



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York County

15.77. Item 22: Publication of the Map for Yorktown, created by Gilbert Chinard et al., 1781. (Removed to Grey Print Box #4)

Type of Material: Map

Title: A Map of Yorktown

Description: It is a printed reproduction of the original map created by Joachim du Perron, 1756-1814, depicting Yorktown from 1781, reprinted in 1942 by the Princetown University Library with added notes from Gilbert Chinard, 1881-1972, Robert G. Albion, 1896-1983, and Lloyd A. Brown, 1907-1966.

The interior begins with a small note of the significance of Yorktown in the context of the American Revolution from a French perspective. After this note, it discusses the background of the original map as a whole, including its owner at the time of printing, who had allowed this document to be made from the original. Given the nature of the document and its background, the acknowledgements introduce the authors of the sections that discuss Joachim du Perron, his life, and his making of the map based on their own specialties in history. The acknowledgements end with more from those who provided for this printing, whether in support and ability to have it made so well or for more financial donations., and this note was all written by Julian P. Boyd, 1903-1980, the then librarian of Princeton University.

Within the booklet, the map insert is a neat copy of the original work. It is written in French, the picture shown on both pages and a key noted along the right edge and labeled from A to U, divided into two parts. Each of these serves as a detailed description for the area at hand. The map itself is labeled as “THE DU PERRON MAP OF YORKTOWN AND ENVIRONS, 1781” and pictures Yorktown and modern Gloucester Point, Virginia, divided by the York River. Much of the area beyond the

coastlines/main battle focuses are left in little detail or unmarked as a whole, filled in with small dots or little trees to fill in the space. The detailed areas have towns marked with even some small streets, different types of land (an example being marshes in C.) Some small boxes and other shapes mark certain landmarks, possibly camps or things of that sort. In the water, there are ships drawn in either formations or general positions. Two vessels are named, the ship - Le Caron, and the frigate - La Guadeloupe. The picture gives a view of the scene from above, and was originally handdrawn by du Perron.

The first of the sections is titled “JOACHIM DU PERRON, COMTE DE REVEL” and was written by Gilbert Chinard, 1881-1972. Chinard, a professor of French Literature at Princeton with a specialty in French-American ties, was a friend of Mr. Stuart W. Jackson, the owner of the du Perron works mentioned and featured in this publication. This part overview’s du Perron as a whole, ranging from the original attempt at publishing his works, including this one, to more of his life and biography. Chinard traces his birth in 1756 to his military time that did not lead to much fame or success as an infantry officer. A few specific moves and campaigns are mentioned, as well as his lack of opportunity to rise in his ranks. Mentions of things beyond this are mentioned, such as his marriage to Marie-Diane in 1789, and she would go on to give him two sons and a daughter. Du Perron retired from the military in the same year and stayed in France despite the civil and foreign struggles later on. He was said to be respected by those near him or within his lands, and passed away at home at the age of 58 in 1814. Chinard moves more onto the manuscript and maps after this life overview, explaining how it is unique given Perron’s background. This gave more insight into the life of common sailors and struggles rather than the glorious records that are more often kept and shown. Du Perron shows the dirtier side of the infantry and its treatment compared to other branches, “demanding some recognition” for those beyond the famous battles.

The second section is titled “AN INFANTRYMAN’S NAVAL JOURNAL” and was written by Robert G. Albion, 1896-1983. Albion, like Chinard, worked at Princeton University at the time as an assistant dean of faculty who specialized in maritime and naval history. In this, he writes this section regarding the journal of du Perron as a dual historical source. He claims that many other works from this time can all cover military stratagem, but du Perron gives a more down to earth view and shows both triumphs and failures. Albion claims that this uniqueness makes du Perron’s work “a real treasure” among others.

The final section is titled “DU PERRON AS CARTOGRAPHER” and was written by Lloyd A. Brown, 1907-1966. Brown was the Curator of Maps at the William L. Clements Library, as well as a respected figure in the cartographical world and their analysis. In his section of the document, Brown begins with a small anecdote to introduce readers to the Battle of Yorktown in the way of records, namely how much it was documented due to its scale and importance in global interactions. Following this, he discusses how du Perron is able to give a joint account of both land and naval acts during the Yorktown campaign due to his post at the time of the battles. Brown also discusses these maps from du Perron’s time here both in physical detail and contents as well as their importance at that time. These, combined with their detail in most aspects, make this document a unique resource.

The [family tree](#) of the du Perron’s can be found with more biographical information for the creator. Some of the regions included are Princeton; Yorktown; New Jersey; Paris; Metz; Le Conquet; Cape Saint-Mathieu; Brittany; America; Brest; Gloucester; Vergeron; France; Moirans; Lauzun; Jamestown; Virginia; West Indies; London; Chesapeake; and Williamsburg;

Dates: Printed 1942; (Map) 1781

Creator: [Chinard, Gilbert 1881-1972](#); [Albion, Robert Greenhalgh 1896-1983](#); [Brown, Lloyd Arnold 1907-1966](#); [du Perron, Joachim 1756-1814](#)

Subjects: Yorktown; Maps; Cartography

Locations: York, Pa

People: [Boyd Sr., Julian P. 1903-1980](#); [Jackson, Stuart Wells 1875-1957](#); [de Vimeur, Jean-Baptiste Donatien \(Count de Rochambeau\) 1725-1807](#); [de Grasse, Francois Joseph Paul 1722-1788](#); [Clements, William L. 1861-1934](#); Hugo, E. Harold; Smith, Datus C.; Bright, Robert S.; duPont, Mrs. Alfred V.; Arthur A. Houghton Jr.; John H. Scheide; John W. Whiteley Jr.; Mrs. Jacques Leon Stern; Berthier, Marshal, (possibly [Bethier, Louis-Alexandre 1753-1815](#)); Noailles, Vicomte de, [Pos. [Louis-Marie, Viscount de Noailles 1756-1804](#)]; [de Revel, Christophe-Joachim 1720-1784](#); [du Motier, Marie-Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert \(Marquis de Lafayette\) 1757-1834](#); Baron de Vesc, [Pos. Baron de Viomenil? Antione Charles de Houx]; [Marie-Diane, Comtesse de Béconne](#); [Cornwallis, Charles 1738-1805](#); Duc de Lauzun (possibly de Gontaut, Armand Louis 1747-1793); Rodney; [Clinton, Henry 1730-1795](#); Captain Edward Fage (another mapmaker, cannot find biography information); [Washington, George 1732-1799](#); [Hills, John \(Lieutenant\)](#); [de Choisy, Claude Gabriel 1723-1800](#); [Weedon, George 1734-1793](#); [Simcoe, John Graves 1752-1806](#); [Tarleton, Banastre 1754-1833](#)

General Condition: Fair; vinegar smell. The interior sheets don't seem to have any damage thanks to the outer cover. The cover isn't in awful condition, but is a bit worn by creases and small fraying along the outermost edge.

Measurements: 15 in. x 10 1/8 in. (Folder Closed); 20 1/4 in. x 15 in. (Folder Open); 18 3/4 in. x 13 3/4 in. (Map)

Transcript Attempt:

plan Des postes D'York et glocester pris sur Les anglais au mois d'octobre 1781

A ville d' york.

B retranchement ennemis.

C ravin dont une partie etoit marais il couvrait une partie des retranchements, il y avait quelques épaulements sur le bord, pour en défendre de passage

D grande et forte redoute au-delà du marais frairee palissadée avec fosse et entourée d'un double abattis d'arbres.

E tranchée du régiment de touraine qui attaquait cette redoute avec 6 obusiers et y canons.

F deux autres redoutés détachée que les ennemis abandonnèrent aux premier approches

G ouverture de la tranchée dans un creux les américains poussèrent la droite, et les français la gauche.

H ouverture de la Seconde parallèle dont les français poussèrent aussi la gauche, et les américains la droite, qu'ils joignirent aux deux redoutes ennemies I et K, qui avoient été enlevés d'assaut 24 heures auparavant.

L le vaisseau le caron et la frégate la guadeloupe

M batiments de transports ennemis.

N bourgade de glocester

O redoutes ennemies fraises pallissades et jointes ensembles par un rang de gros pieux de bois plants en terre le tout couvert d'un bon abattis d'arbres, en avant duquel il y avoit plusieurs petits redans P:

Q poste ennemi qui nous fusilla l'ors de la fausse attaque

r premier bataillon se mettant en bataille successivement, et faisaient feu.

Sa position du Second bataillon faisant aussi feu.

T position de deux bataillons la Seconde derrière le premier, lorsque nous etion sur le point de fusilier mutuellement

U colonnes de lausun, a droite, et colonne americaine a gauche

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State Maps

15.78 Item 23: A Map of Northern Central American States, by Charles Alexander, 1864.

Type of Material: Map

Title: N/A

Description: The following item depicts a hand drawn map in ink from Charles Alexander depicting a number of the northern central states, such as Dakota, Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas, Iowa, Minnesota, and Washington. There is a notation of “British America” to the north in 1864. Most of the states are drawn more simplistic, with only their borders in relation to Dakota as well as a few rivers that may cross into their territory, but this map overall focuses on Dakota. It features mostly geographical traits of mountains, lakes, rivers and their offshooting creeks, and also some forts of the time. On the back is written, “C. Alexander 1864 Charles Alexander His Map”, as well as the faint traces of a signature that appears to be “Charles W. Clement(?)”.

The regions depicted in the map include Nebraska, [south] Dakota, Colorado, Kansas, Iowa, Minnesota, and Washington.

Dates: 1864

Creator: Alexander, Charles

Subjects: Map; Cartography; United States,

Locations: United States of America, Midwest States

People: Alexander, Charles

General Condition: **Fair.** The paper isn’t brittle, rather decently thick and sturdy despite its age. There are a few older creases in different spots across the paper and a few small tears along the edges, but nothing major enough to risk the map. The sheet is discolored and is rather dirty with smudge marks and small stains.

Measurements: 9 3/16 in. x 11 ½ in.

Transcription Attempt:

Back:

In pencil: Charles W. Clement(?)

In pen:

C. Alexander 1864

Charles.Alexander.His.Map

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15.79 Item 24: Reproduction, [ca. mid-late nineteenth-early twentieth century], of “A Trader's Map of the Ohio Country Before 1753,”

Originally by John Patten, [ca. 1753], (Removed to Grey Print Box #4)

Type of Material: Map.

Title: N/A.

Description: The following item depicts a reproduction of John Patten's 1753 map titled, A Trader's Map of the Ohio Country Before 1753. The reproduction is dated roughly following the original creation date of 1753, likely in the mid to late nineteenth or early twentieth century. The map captures the Pennsylvania and Ohio border, as well as the surrounding physical landscape, such as rivers, branches, and Lake Eerie. The Appalachian mountain range is sketched on the western region of Pennsylvania and there is a notation for Lake Ontario in the upper right hand corner. There are a number of settlements or trails also mentioned on the map, one blog naming them as including [Pinkwaawilenionki, Kiihkayonki, and Longstown](#). The trails are marked by a four pointed star. In the top left hand corner, a scale marks the measurements of the map, indicating that it is rendered in miles to a degree of Latitude.

Dates: [ca. 1753] (Patten); [ca. mid-late nineteenth-early twentieth century] (reproduction)

Creator: [Patten, John 1724/5-1754](#)

Subjects: Map; Cartography; Ohio; Pennsylvania; British--America--Maps; Ohio River Valley--Maps, Manuscript--Early works to 1800; Northwest, Old--Maps, Manuscript--Early works to 1800; United States--Ohio River Valley; United States--Middle West

Locations: Ohio; Pennsylvania [Western]

People: [Patten, John 1724/5-1754](#)

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 22 ¾ x 17 in.

Transcript Attempt:

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15.80. Item 25: A Map by Samuel Lewis, 1795, of the [State of Pennsylvania: reduced with permission from Reading Howell's map, \[1792\] \(Removed to Grey Box #4\)](#)

Type of Material: Map

Title: N/A

Description: The following item depicts a hand-drawn map of Pennsylvania by Samuel Lewis, created in 1795 and reduced with permission, after the Reading Howell map. The map is intricately captured, containing the neighboring borderstates (New York, Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey) and Lake Erie, as well as numerous physical landscape markers, such as lakes, rivers, creeks, and mountains are all marked and labeled. The counties have less of a specified divide, seemingly flowing from one into another. Only a few towns, presumably the larger ones at the time, are listed here. There are the Appalachian and Allegheny mountains drawn in as well. The bottom of the map mentions that it was engraved for Carey's *American Edition of Gunthrie's Geography improved*.

Geographicus' historical sketch accompanying their digitized Lewis map mentions that this was one of the "first maps to clearly delineate Pennsylvania's country structure, forming a basis for civil administration within the state ... Many of Pennsylvania's towns, cities, creeks ... and mineral deposits appeared for the first time on Howell's map" ([Geographicus](#)).

Dates: 1795 (Lewis); 1792 (Howell)

Creator: [Lewis, Samuel 1754-1822](#) (1795); [Howell, Reading, 1743-1827 \(1792\)](#)

Subjects: Map; Cartography; Pennsylvania; Allegheny Mountains; Appalachian Mountains; Lake Eerie;

Locations: Pennsylvania

People: [Lewis, Samuel 1754-1822](#); [Howell, Reading, 1743-1827](#)

General Condition: Fair, map is very discolored and missing a section at the bottom-left of the map. The edges are also very worn along edges. It is dirtier along these edges too, and one crease in particular seems to have gathered more significant browning than the others (right of center, vertical). There are a few small creases along the edges, but nothing major that puts the document at risk for handling.

Measurements: 21 in. x 13 ½ in.

Transcription Attempt:

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15.81 Item 26: A Map of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, by Henry Schenck Tanner, [1823]. (removed to Map Case 2-1-1)

Type of Material: Map.

Title: Map of Pennsylvania and New Jersey

Description: The following item depicts a map of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, by Henry Schenck Tanner and published by Tanner in 1823. On the top, a central header for the map says American Atlas. A map collector, [David Rumsey](#), has explained the historical significance of this map on his website, stating “The first edition with the earliest states of all the maps. Many believe this to be the finest atlas published in the United States in the 19th century. The text essay (included here) is a wonderful compilation of information on the contemporary maps that Tanner used as sources. Tanner updated the maps frequently over the next two decades, and issued several editions or compilations of the atlas with the title pages dated 1823 or 1825, but with some of the maps dated as late as 1833. The collation of our six issues show that no two copies are alike and that the maps were being constantly updated; however the choice of maps for each edition reveals a somewhat haphazard approach with some of the earliest states of a particular map appearing the one of the later atlas editions. A completely revised edition was issued in 1839, with the title page and most of the maps dated 1839 (see P1382). Hand painted in outline color with a full color wash. Atlas is bound in half leather marbled paper covered boards with "Tanner's American Atlas" stamped in gilt on a front leather label.”

The scale is 1, 100, 1000 and in the bottom right hand corner, there is a map key or legend that explains the points on the map.

Dates: [\[1823\]](#)

Creator: [Tanner, Henry Schenck, 1786-1858](#)

Subjects: Maps; Cartography;

Locations: Pennsylvania.

People: [Tanner, Henry Schenck, 1786-1858](#)

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 32 ½ x 23 ¾ in.

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15.82 Item 27: Map of Pennsylvania, [John Reid], [1796] (Removed to Grey Box #4)

Type of Material: Map

Title: The State of Pennsylvania from the latest surveys

Description: The following item depicts a map of Pennsylvania, created by John Reid in 1796. It is an uncolored map that depicts counties, towns, and topography of the Pennsylvania region. There are pictorial drawings of mountains, like Bald Eagle Mountains, waterfalls such as Nonticoke falls, rivers such as the Delaware and Susquehanna, creeks with annotations, such as Tobys Creek, Sandy Lick, and others, Lake Erie, and boundary lines of the counties. There are annotations of the neighboring states, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, and Virginia. The map is created by the latest version of the surveys for each of the regions.

[David Rumsey's Map Collection](#) states that this map was part of the second American Atlas published in the United States.

Dates: [1796]

Creator: [Reid, John, \[ca. 1775-ca.1800\]](#)

Subjects: Maps; Cartography; Pennsylvania; Field Survey; Map collections--Maps

Locations: Pennsylvania

People: [Reid, John, \[ca. 1775-ca.1800\]](#)

General Condition: Fair. Discolored and fragile page.

Measurements: 19 9/16 in. x 16 2/8 in.

Transcription Attempt:

In Pencil, at bottom of page:

1796-

1796 John Reed

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15.83 Item 28: A Map by Lane S. Hart of Pennsylvania, Prepared for Smull's Hand Book, [1872] (removed to grey print box #4)

Type of Material: Map.

Title: Map of Pennsylvania.

Description: The following item depicts a multicolored map of Pennsylvania, created by Lane S. Hart for Smull's Hand Book, or [Smull's legislative hand book and manual of the state of Pennsylvania](#). The map depicts the state of Pennsylvania divided into counties by color variation, and contains annotations of roads, railroads, and canals. It is printed by Lane. S. Hart, who includes a scale of the mileage in the top left hand corner. Lake Erie is captured in the top left hand border of the state, and in the top right hand corner is a key or legend explaining details of the map, such as a star for a state capitol, a crosshatch grid for cities, a circle icon for county towns, villages, post offices, etcetera. There are also varying line designators for railroads, common roads, and canals.

The date of the map has been determined by a comparison with a similar map found on Maps of Pennsylvania's website, which has a black and white copy of Hart's map digitized and dated 1872.

Dates: [1872]

Creator: Hart, Lane S.;

Subjects: Maps; Cartography;

Locations: Pennsylvania.

People: Hart, Lane S.;

General Condition: Poor. The page has tearing along the seams where it was once folded and is fragile.

Measurements: 19 x 12 in.

Transcript Attempt:

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15.84 Item 29: Two Sided Atlas Map, Side A of Washington, Side B of West Virginia and Virginia, by Matthews-Northrup, 1898

Type of Material: Map.

Title: N/A

Description: A printed publication of a map from the Matthews-Northrup Company showing the state of Washington and some of its surrounding areas in 1898. The first side shows Washington, including both towns and geographical landmarks. It is said to contain “all railroads, cities, towns, and principal villages” as well as Mountain ranges and the individual peaks, rivers, lakes, state boundaries, and even reservations. The back side shows a section of a map of Virginia and West Virginia with the same descriptors, only this one is incomplete, presumably from the sheet being torn from a larger map or book. Dates: 1898.

Creator: Matthews-Northrup Company

Subjects: Maps; Cartography; Map collections--Maps; United States; States

Locations: Washington; Virginia; West Virginia

People: [Matthews, James Newson, 1828-1888](#); [Northrup, William Phelps, 1850-1929](#)

General Condition: Fair. Paper is slightly discolored from age- a sort of brown tinge to the paper. This page was also torn out of or off of a larger item, so the bottom edge is uneven and jagged more on the bottom right. The bottom right corner has a small tear into the edge of the map.

Measurements: 4¼ in. x 7 in. (when Washington is being read; otherwise it is held vertically and measurements are switched.)

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Global Maps

15.85a. Item 30a: Antique Maps & Atlases Publication, Printed by Richard B. Arkway, [ca. late twentieth-early twenty-first century]

Type of Material: Publication

Title: Antique Maps & Atlases

Description: A publication of antique maps and atlases along with a, published by Richard B. Arkway 1927-2014. This is a printed publication of a collection of maps created by Richard B. Arkway, 1927-2014, Inc., no date, along with a printed postcard featuring a drawn map of Iceland from 1595 by Abraham Ortelius, 1527-1598. The postcard contains the image of the map on the front and a list of recently acquired maps and globes by Arkway Inc., the remainder of the space resembling a postcard. The book itself contains company information on the inside cover, then moves into the table of contents and straight into the catalogue. It contains 140 items, ranging from maps of several different areas in most of the book as well as some atlases towards the end. Since this is for purchases, each item has a description with it. This description contains the image in black and white, its number, title, a short descriptor for its [creator, physical measurements and conditions, etc.], the price, and a more catalogue-esque description promoting the item and its unique value for collectors. Some items have slightly different setups and lack pictures of the item.

Dates: N/A

Creator: [Arkway, Richard B. 1927-2014](#);

Subjects: Maps, Atlases, Publications, Advertisements, Postcard

Locations: N/A (contains various world, hemisphere, continent, nation, region, and war maps from ranging time periods within a sale catalogue.)

People: [Arkway, Richard B. 1927-2014](#);

General Condition: Good, no issues. The postcard is laminated on one side with some slight discoloration alongside the bottom of the left side on the back. The book has no issues besides a smudge or two on the soft cover.

Measurements: 10 15/16 in. x 8 1/2 in.

Transcription Attempt:

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15.85b. Item 30b: A Postcard Printed by Richard B. Arkway, [ca. twenty-first century], of [Abraham Ortelius](#)' Map of Islandia [Iceland],” 1595

Type of Material: Postcard/ Map

Title: Ortelius, 1595

Description: The following item depicts a postcard created roughly in the twenty-first century by Richard B. Arkway, of a “Map of Islandia [Iceland],” Anders Sørensen Vedel and published by Abraham Ortelius for his atlas titled *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum*. The map is highly decorative, depicting the physical geography of Iceland, including its mountains, fjords, and nearby glaciers. The volcano in the background, Mount Hekla, is drawn mid-eruption, and there are a plethora of mythical creatures filling the foreground sea, and drawn stylistically of the era. The map was of great significance when produced in the 16th century, as it was believed to be the “first relatively accurate map of Iceland from indigenous sources” ([ICA Commissson on Map Design](#))

Dates: 1595; [ca. twenty-first century]

Creator: Richard B. Arkway, Inc. (Postcard); [Ortelius, Abraham 1527-1598](#) (Map)

Subjects: Maps, Atlases, Publications, Advertisements, Postcard

Locations: Iceland (map); New York, NY (printing)

People: [Arkway, Richard B. 1927-2014](#); [Ortelius, Abraham 1527-1598](#)

General Condition: Excellent.

Measurements: 6 1/2 in. x 8 1/2 in.

Transcription Attempt:

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15.86 Item 31: Parliament Trial Map, by [Pos. Cornelius Tiebout], 1788 February 13

Type of Material: Map.

Title: Plan of the High Court of Parliament Erected in Westminster-Hall for the Trial of Warren Hastings.

Description: A printed map/layout of the High Court of British Parliament for the corruption trial of Warren Hastings, 1732-1818, the former Governor-General of Bengal to be held on February 13 1788. It details the setup of the room and seatings for the trial, which are marked with letters to match with a key

on the bottom to describe their usage/occupants for the event, even including a small figure of the accused in his assigned position.

[Cornelius Tiebout Engravings](#)' website has a brief historical paragraph on the engraving: "Possibly the earliest known engraving by Cornelius Tiebout appeared as a foldout with the June 1788 issue of *The American Magazine*. The Plan, after an illustration now in the British Museum, shows the layout in Westminster Hall in which the famous impeachment trial of Warren Hastings was held. Two images appear below: Tiebout's engraving and an artist's rendering of the Hall filled with people attending the trial. This picture is found in *Hutchinson's Story of the Nations*, London, 1933-34, p. 196. For details about Warren Hastings and the trial, see [The Trial](#)."

Dates: February 13, 1788

Creator: [\[Pos. Tiebout, Cornelius, ca. 1773-1832\]](#)

Subjects: Engraving; Arts; Prints; Trial; British History

Locations: London, UK.

People: [Hastings, Warren 1732-1818](#); [\[Pos. Tiebout, Cornelius, ca. 1773-1832\]](#)

General Condition: Good. It's a thin printed sheet attached securely to a thicker piece of cardstock for support. There are no creases, but the corners have some wear and tear of small bends and scuffs. The thinner sheet has some small holes along the upper left edge and some tears along the other, but none are at risk of opening due to the cardstock. Other than that, there are just some smudges and dirtied edges.

Measurements: 10¼ in. x 8¼ in.

Transcript Attempt:

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Subseries II: Surveys and Grants,

Subseries II: Surveys and Grants, 1739-1952, is categorized by county, and arranged by townships alphabetically. If there are more than one item per township, those items are arranged chronologically. The items included are surveys, survey returns, and grants written to various parties for lands in various regions. These items usually contain a hand-drawn map of the survey in question, with some legal script attesting to the boundaries of the tract named and the designation of sale to a certain party. Some of these surveys were obtained through a foreclosure by the county, while others are being granted to settle a whole township.

A [land survey](#) is a professional assessment of a specified parcel of land. In the process, the surveyor traverses the land, writing field notes to identify the locations of the corners, any abutting lands, and making markers of any physical or natural occurrences on the land, such as species of trees, the condition of the soil, and where the degrees of altitude change. [Field notes](#) offer the raw data of the traverse, offering the specific measurements and observations found during the survey, which are used in manifesting the official record.

In the latter seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, this process became easier with the invention of the Guntar's Chain, a 66-foot measuring tool. A researcher on the American Philosophical Society's website explained the process, where the surveyors work in tandem. "The two chain carriers would take hold of either end while the surveyor used a compass or theodolite to mark the distance along a particular line of latitude. As they moved along, the leader marked the ground with an "arrow," or metal pin, and the

follower walked in that direction. Upon reaching the leader, the follower picked up the “arrow” and replaced it with a wooden stake. Together, they would determine if their line was straight, and if not, with the help of the surveyor, they would adjust it before moving forward” ([American Philosophical Society](#)). When they had reached less than “one chain’s length” from the final corner of the tract, the links within the chain remaining were counted for an “exact measurement” ([American Philosophical Society](#)).

The practice includes specific shorthand and terminology related to the survey field, in particular the use of IB to mark the corners of the tract. This shorthand stands for Iron Bar, which is marked on three sides of the corner to mark where the boundary of the tract meets, indicating the bar be placed on the unmarked side. On the current [Protect Your Boundaries](#)’ surveying website, they explain this marker is utilized alongside other acronyms to act as physical markers indicating each tract’s perimeters. [T. A. Bunker Limited](#)’s website, they compiled a comprehensive glossary of the terminology used within the field for centuries. Other materials concerning the language and techniques of surveys can be found in the [Glossaries of Bureau and Land Management, BLM, Surveying](#) text.

LACKAWANNA

15.87 Item 32: Photostat of a Survey by W[illiam]. H[enry]. Sturdevant for Harmon A. Chambers, 1870 June 14. (removed to grey print box #4)

Type of Material: Land Survey/Map

Title: N/A

Description: The following item depicts a photostat of a land survey by Jacob H. Campbell, the surveyor general for Lackawanna township, and signed by the deputy surveyor, William Henry Sturdevant, author of [Atlas of the city of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania : compiled from actual surveys, official maps and records](#), on June 14, 1870. The original warrant for the land was issued on June 6, 1870. It contains 24 acres and 6/10 perches in Lackawanna township, located between the lands of Andrew Henderson on the north and Erastus Smith on the eastern boundary. There was a note that allowances for Roads and such would be the usual six percent on the warrant, but it was crossed out. At the bottom of the document, it is approved by Patrick Blewitt, the county surveyor. The photostat copy was made by an unknown creator, likely during the late nineteenth-early twentieth century.

More biographical information on Isaac Brown listed can be found on the website, [Pennsylvania Roots](#).

Dates: 1870 June 4

Creator: N/A (Copy); 1870 June 14 (Survey)

Subjects: Field Survey; Field Notes; Maps; Titles, Land

Locations: Lackawanna Township; Pittston

People: Henderson, Andrew; Van Buren, Isaac; [Chambers, Harmon A, 1822-1905](#); Smith, Erastus; Campbell, Jacob H.; [Sturdevant, William Henry 1838-1919](#); Hewitt, Patrick; [Brown, Isaac Brownell 1848-1925](#)

General Condition: Good

Measurements: 14 ¾ in. x 9 ⅞ in.

Transcription Attempt:



Annotations:

Center:

Harmon A Chambers

20^{as} [ares] 44 6/10^{ps} [perches]

Strict measure

Andrew Henderson, Isaac Van Buren, Harmon A Chambers, Erastus Smith Certified Pittston

A draft of a Tract of Land, improved, situate in Lackawanna Township, Luzerne County, Pa., surrounded by and adjoining lands in the warrantee names of Andrew Henderson on the North, Erastus Smith on the East, Certified Pittston on the South, and Isaac Van Buren on the West, containing Twenty acres and forty-four 6/10 perches strict measure and the usual allowance of six per cent for Roads, te

Surveyed the above described Tract of Land to Harmon A. Chambers, June 14 AD 1870 By virtue of his Warrant Letter B. dated June 6th 1870

Hon Jacob H. Campbell
Surveyor-General

W.H. Sturdevant
Dep Surveyor
I approve of the above Survey
Patrick Hewitt
County Surveyor

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LUZERNE

UNNAMED

15.88 Item 33: A Photostat of a Survey by Daniel Broadhead for John Cary, 1793 July 2.

Type of Material: Land Survey/Map

Title: N/A

Description: The following document is a photostat copy of a survey by Ryon(?) Gray, deputy surveyor to Daniel Broadhead, the surveyor general. The survey is being conducted for John Carey, who holds a warrant for lands in Luzerne county, containing 468 acres. There is a note that it also includes allowance, which in other manuscripts, such as 15.89 Item 33, which was six percent for public roads and such. This survey of August 1793 having been done as a result of a warrant in July 1793. The land is bordered by three other tracts under the names Jabez Fish, Nathan Walker, and one vacant lot.

Dates: 1793 July 2

Creator: N/A (Photostat); [Broadhead, Daniel 1736-1809](#) (Survey)

Subjects: Field Survey; Field Notes; Maps; Titles, Land

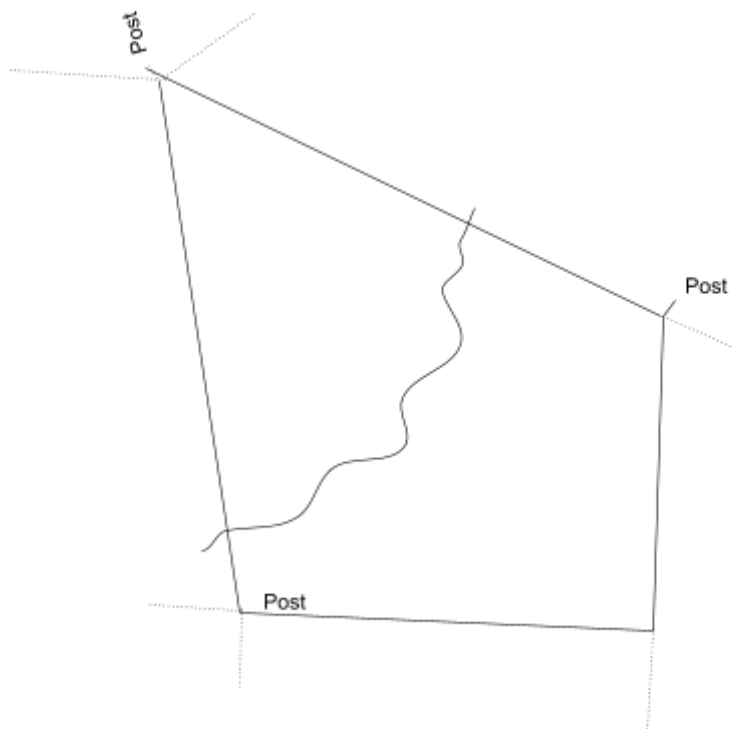
Locations: Luzerne County, PA

People: Carey, John, 1756-1844; Fish, Jabez, 1747-1814; Walters, Evathan; [Broadhead, Daniel 1736-1809](#)

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 8 ½ in. x 8 ⅜ in.

Transcription Attempt:



Annotations: [three corners marked by a post.]

Center:

John Cary 468 ^{ars[acres]} &c [etcetera]

Left Side:

N79 ¼ E 338

Nathan Walter

Right Side:

West 206

Vacant

Top:

S20W354

Bottom:

North 270

Jabez Fish

A Draft of a tract of land called Situate in the County
of Luzern[e] Containing four hundred sixty eight acres +
allowance Surveyed the 14th. August 1793 for John Cary by Virtue
of a Warrant dated the 2nd. July 1793

[R]yon(?)

Gray D^s [Deputy Surveyor]

To

Daniel Brodhead Esq^r [Esquire]

Survey^{[o]r} Gene^{[r]al}

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EXETER

15.89 Item 34: A Photostat of a Survey of Samuel Purviance's Land by the Sturdevant Coal Company, [ca. 1782-1870s] (removed to grey box #4)

Type of Material: Land Surveys/Map

Title: N/A

Description: The following item shows a photostat of a survey for the Sturdevant Engineering Co. in Wilkes-Barre, created roughly during the dates of the company's production, which were 1784-1870s. It pictures parts of Exeter and Port Griffith in Pennsylvania, and a few sections are blocked off to show property lines - each of these blocks containing at least the name, and some the acreage, dates related to them (possibly purchase?). The names of those persons with lands marked are William Moore (Sr.), Harmon A. Chambers; William Far?, Zepheniah Knapp; Andrew Henderson, Erastus Smith, and Isaac Van Buren. A larger note towards the bottom of the map discusses this copies' origin, as it was the copy of a Samuel P. of an original survey.

The date for the item has been estimated by the other dates of properties included by the company papers, such as Isaac Vanburren's lands, warranted to him in July of 1822.

In 15.145 Item 89: Photostat of a Bond of Release by Samuel Purviance and Erastus Smith to Release Lands to the Susquehanna Company, 1874 March 11. (removed to legal box #2)

Dates: [ca. 1784-1870s]

Creator: Sturdevant Coal Company

Subjects: Field Survey; Field Notes; Maps; Titles, Land

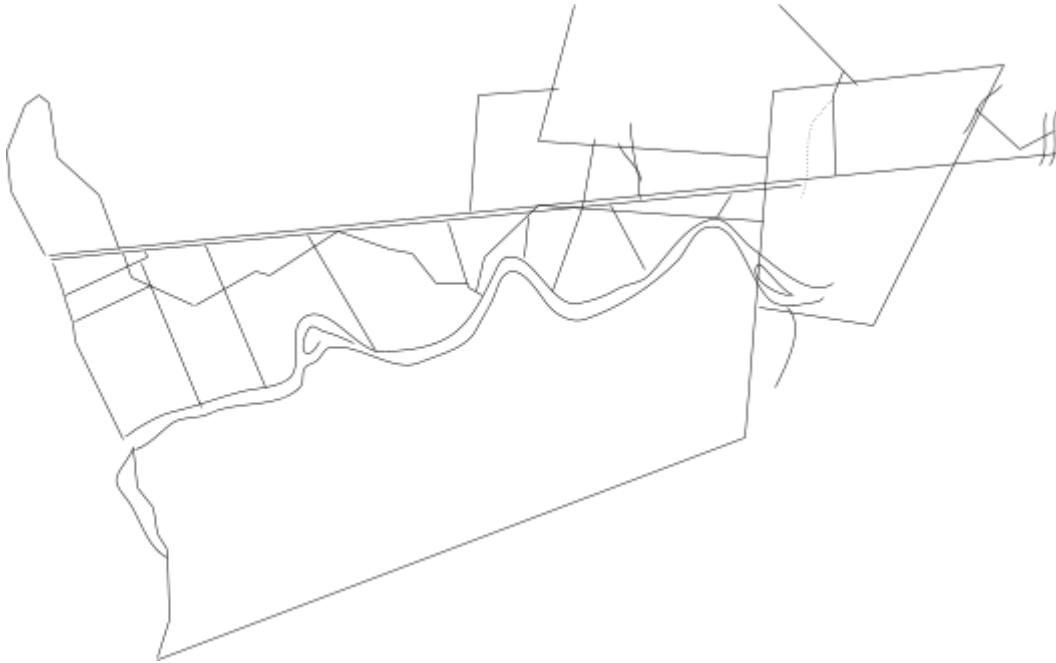
Locations: Exeter; Port Griffith

People: Henderson, Andrew; [Vanburen, Isaac](#); [Chambers, Harmon A, 1822-1905](#); Moore, William; [Purviance, Samuel Anderson, 1809-1882](#); Earl, William; Smith, Erastus; [Knapp, Zephaniah, 1736-1816](#)

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 13 $\frac{7}{8}$ in x 18 $\frac{1}{16}$ in.

Transcription Attempt:



Top Right, Annotations:

Isaac Vanburen

Warrant June 19 1822

109 ^{a[eres]} 92 $\frac{1}{4}$ + all[owance]

Andrew Henderson

499 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres

Warrant July 2 1784

H. A. Chambers

20 ^{a[eres]} 44 $\frac{2}{10}$ (?)

p^s [perches]

Warrant 13 June /70 [1870]

Erastus Smith

48^a 47 ^{ps} + allowance

Harmon A. Chambers

Warrant Feb[ruary] 3 1870

Above Chambers':

William Moore Sen[ior]

475 ³/₄ acres
Warrant July 1 1784

Below Chambers':

Post of William Foster
217 Acres
E. R. Summerly order of
the Commissioners(?)
(Aug[ust] 26 1802)

Farthest Right:

Zepheniah Knapp

Annotations Middle:

Samuel Purviance Jr

This copy is the Samuel Purviance Survey (Courses and Divisions Equally(?))
is copied from the Original Map of Certified Pittston in the Sur^y [Surveyor's] Office at
Harrisburg PA

Note - It will be seen that this survey as well as the Original Survey and that made by
Robert Haines all bring the North line down to the water near ~~the~~ a post below the Lackawanna
Bridge and it is not possible to stretch this survey to meet the Andrew Henderson.

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PLAINS

**15.90 Item 35: A Series of Documents from Dorothy Blanchard
Chapman Stets to Benjamin Rhys, 1952 July 21.**

Type of Material: Letter, Recordings, Return Receipt

Title: N/A

Description: The following items, dated July 21, 1952, depict a series of documents addressed to Benjamin Rhys from Dorothy Blanchard Champan Stets. The first document is a typescript letter from Stets asking Rhys at the Luzerne County Assessors offices to assess 10 acres reserved from a 100 acres parcel. These lands have been certified as lot 3 and a part of lot 2, both lying in Plains township. Stets states that the reservation was made by her aunt, Frances Blanchard Saylor, and recorded in a deed book at the Luzerne County Court House by the number 93, found in pages 439, 444, and 448. The second item is a USPS return receipt by Stets for her letter to Rhys. It includes the date, a stamp of the office, and a return address. It was marked delivered on July 22, 1952 and signed by Rhys upon receipt. The next item is a typescript page of research in various deed books. The books range from 55 to 633, and contain the pages that the desired information can be found on. At the bottom of the page, someone has written that another party mentioned other persons names on the lots 2 and 3 wanted by Stets, including Mr. Lutz's testimony that the lands were bought by Jermyn Green, a map with the Pennsylvania Coal Company above Saylor's lots, and a final note to have a survey made with the meets and bounds recorded in the Mercur deeds, 15.123a Item 67a: Phorostat Copies of a Deed from Sterling

and Frannie E. Saylor and Stephen and Mary S. Abbott to M[ahlon] C. Mercur, 1864 January 11 and 15.135 Item 79: Typed Copies of a Land Deed from Mahlon C. Mercur to Charles F. Welles, 1865 November 15. The final item is a white receipt paper with various numbers typed on it.

Dates: July 21, 1952

Creator: [\(Chapman\) Stets, Dorothy, 1912-1985](#)

Subjects: Letters; Correspondence; Titles, Land; Field Survey; business

Locations: Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

People: [Rhys, Benjamin H. 1889-1970](#); [\(Chapman\) Stets, Dorothy, 1912-1985](#)

General Condition: Good, no issues.

Measurements: 8 ½ in. x 11 in.

Transcription Attempt:

Item a:

Return to Mrs. Thomas Stets

... 803 E. Northampton St.

Registered Article

NO. 4030 ...

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PITTSTON

15.91 Item 36: Land Survey from Samuel Wright for Harrison Wright, [ca. nineteenth century]

Type of Material: Land survey

Title: N/A

Description: A typewritten copy of a land survey from Samuel Wright to Harrison Wright. The top of the page reads as a description of Wright Lots 7 & 8, and the contents reads as a survey of the land by measures of latitude and longitude. There appears to have been 147 acres included in these groups, and they were labeled as "Connecticut" and stood as a part of Pittston township. The second section of the paper describes how Samuel Wright sold a land of the same description in 1809, then in 1845 a Hanah Paul sold the same description to a Stout, proving that Harrison Wright owned the land before someone named Griffith who sold it to Coal Co.

The date for the item has been estimated by the life dates of the younger Wright, Harrison.

Dates: [ca. nineteenth century]

Creator: [Wright, Samuel Gardiner, 1781-1845](#)

Subjects: Deeds; Titles, Land; Field Survey; Field Notes;

Locations: Pittston

People: [Wright, Samuel Gardiner, 1781-1845](#); [Wright, Harrison Gardiner, 1810-1855](#); Paul, John; Paul, Hannah; Stout; Griffith

General Condition: Fair. The paper is slightly yellowed/tanned and is somewhat delicate. There is a

small tear starting on the lower left edge, and the lower right corner is bent back. The paper was annotated by someone with a red pencil, but the time of this underlining is unknown.

Measurements: 10 $\frac{7}{8}$ in. x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

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15.92a Item 37a: Hand Drawn Map and Survey by Unknown, Rendering the Lands of Samuel Saylor, [ca. mid-late nineteenth century] (removed to legal box #2)

Type of Material: Map, Survey

Title: N/A

Description: The following item dated roughly during the late eighteenth-early nineteenth century, depicts a hand drawn map of a survey for Samuel Saylor, with annotations of surface reservations made in individual sales and deed transfers. A title at the bottom of the page states that this is a map described in the conveyance of lands to the Pittston Elmira Coal company to Northern Coal and Iron. The map includes the acreage in his tract, being 100 acres and 73 perches in Pittston. The map also has other neighboring tracts mapped out, marking them as parts of tracts numbered from 4, 14, 15, 7 and Saylor's tracts, 2 and 3. There are numerous dotted or scrawled lines that indicate the railroads, canals, and waterways present in the tract, such as Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, canal, River Road, bush road, and Wilkes Barre and Pittston Public Road. For two of the tracts drawn, the creator has colored them in with blue pencil. The Susquehanna river is seen in the left hand margin of the page.

At the bottom of the page, a note mentions various deals where a percentage of the surface has been withheld. In the first, Theodore Strong conveyed 1 acre to John C Williams. In the second, Saylor himself sold the same to S[amuel] Billings. In the third, 29 acres were sold to John C. Williams, and in the fourth, 4 acres were sold to Edwin C. Lewis by Nathan Carey.

The original archivist had these items compiled with other photostats in a former item 23: Copies of Boundary Lines and Surveys, which contained a number of various deeds and surveys for the Samuel Saylor lands.

The person for [Samuel Billings](#) has been estimated by another item in the collection, 15.126 Item 70: Typescript of a Land Deed from Samuel and Julia Ann Saylor and Samuel Billings, 1825 May 28, where Billings is striking a land contract with Saylor in 1825, and would have had to be of a certain age and is located in the Wyoming region.

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

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Maps; Cartography; Field Survey; Field Notes; Warrant; Patent

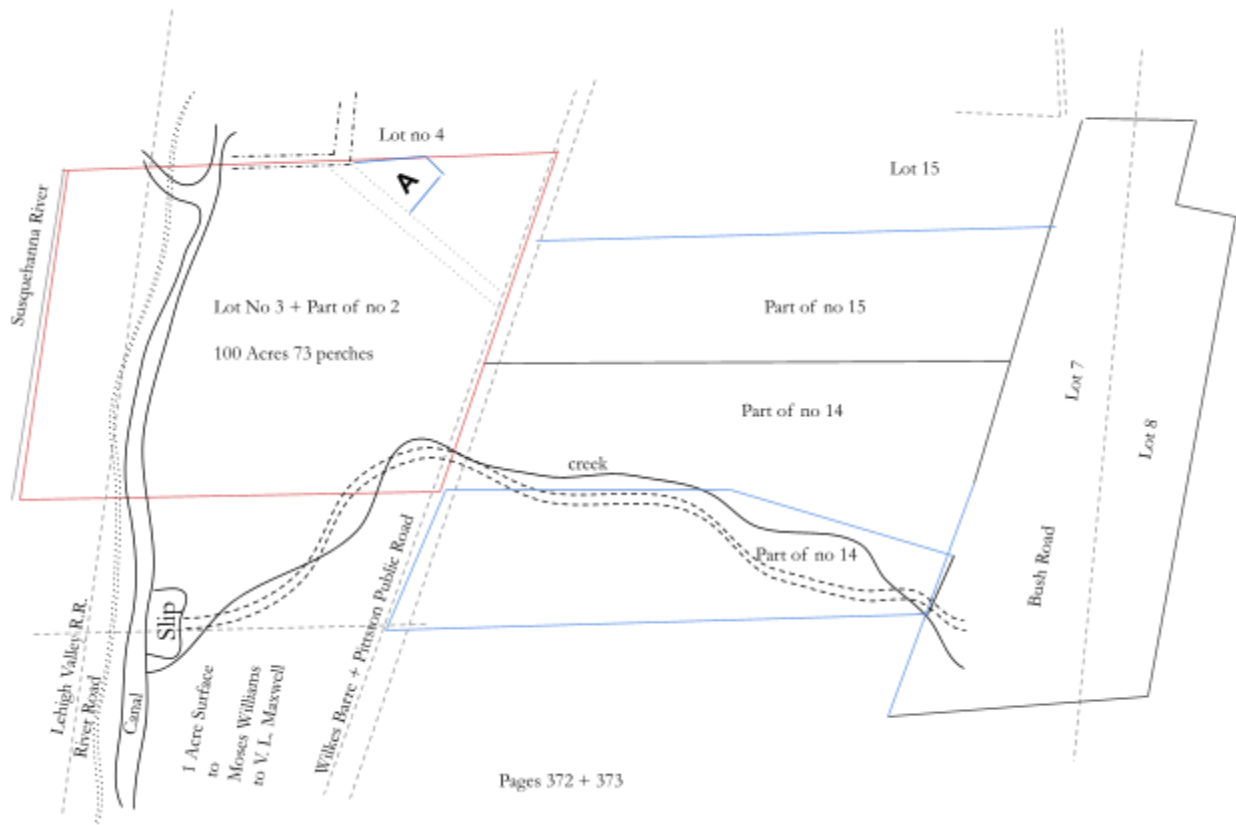
Locations: Pittston, PA

People: [Saylor, Samuel 1799-1859](#); Carey, Nathan; Lewis, Edwin C.; Williams, John C.; [Billings, Samuel, \[Pos. Billings, Samuel, 1798-1872\]](#); [Strong, Theodore 1820-1907](#)

General Condition: Fair. There is some tearing along once folded seams.

Measurements: 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 14 in.

Transcription Attempt:



Annotations on the Right Hand Side:

Reservations of Surface

A 1 Acre conveyed by T[heodore] Strong to John C Williams

B ½ “ “ [same as above] Sam[uel] Saylor to S. Billings

C. 29 acres John C Williams Surface

D. 4 acres “ “ by Nathan Carey to Edwin C. Lewis

Map of described in Conveyance of Pittston Elmira Coal
to the Northern Coal + Iron

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15.92b Item 37b: Photostat Copy of a Map and Survey by Unknown, [ca. aft. late eighteenth-early nineteenth century], Rendering the Lands of Samuel Saylor, [ca. late eighteenth-early nineteenth century]

Type of Material: Map, Survey

Title: N/A

Description: The following item dated roughly late eighteenth-early nineteenth century, depicts a hand drawn map of a survey for Samuel Saylor, with annotations of surface reservations made in individual sales and deed transfers. The map includes the acreage in various tracts. Numbers 7 and 8 contain 165 acres and 20 perches. A tract labeled part of number 14 contains 115 acres and part of 15 contains 55 acres and 128 perches. There are numerous directional markers for the boundaries of the lands within each tract, as well as a notation for the boundary between Pittston and Wilkes Barre.

At the bottom of the page, a note mentions various deals where a percentage of the surface has been withheld. In the first, Theodore Strong conveyed 1 acre to John C Williams. In the second, Saylor himself sold the same to S[amuel] Billings. In the third, 20 acres and 29 perches were sold to John C. Williams, and in the fourth, 104 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres were sold to Edwin M. Lewis by Nathan Carey.

The original archivist had these items compiled with other photostats in a former item 23: Copies of Boundary Lines and Surveys, which contained a number of various deeds and surveys for the Samuel Saylor lands.

Dates: [ca. late eighteenth-early nineteenth century] (original); [ca. aft. late eighteenth-early nineteenth century] (copy)

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Maps; Cartography; Field Survey; Field Notes; Warrant; Patent; Titles, Land; Deed

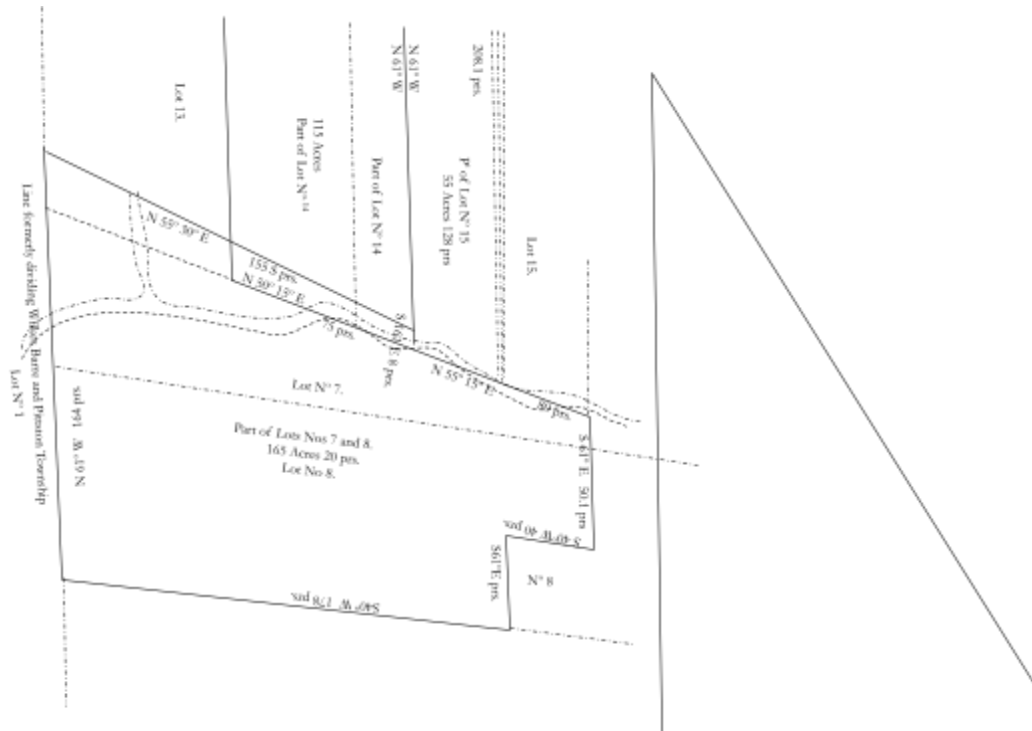
Locations: Pittston, PA

People: [Saylor, Samuel 1799-1859](#); Carey, Nathan; Lewis, Edwin C.; Williams, John C.; [Billings, Samuel, \[Pos. Billings, Samuel, 1798-1872\]](#); [Strong, Theodore 1820-1907](#)

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.

Transcription Attempt:



Bottom:

Reservations of Surface

A 1 Acre surveyed by Theo[dore] Strong to John C. Williams

B ½ do [same as above] “ Sam[ue]l Saylor to Sam[ue]l Billings

C 20 A[cre]s 29 prs [perches] John C Williams Surface

D 4 As 104 ¾ (?) prs Count by Nathan Carey to Edwin M Lewis

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15.92c Item 37c: A Map and Survey by Unknown, of Samuel Saylor's Lands at the Time of Sale to Pennsylvania and Easton Coal Company, [ca. mid-late nineteenth century] (removed to legal box #2)

Type of Material: Map, Survey

Title: N/A

Description: The following item dated roughly during the mid-late nineteenth century, depicts a hand drawn map of a survey for Samuel Saylor, with annotations of nearby railroads, canals, public roads, and surface land sold to other parties. The entire tract, labelled tract number three, contains 100 acres and 13 perches. There are a few railroads named Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, the Volney Maxwell Railroad, and others. A note on the back of the item states that this map was the Strong, Theodore Strong, as well as some details of land sales on the property between Saylor and the Cooper and Skinner families.

The original archivist had these items compiled with other photostats in a former item 23: Copies of Boundary Lines and Surveys, which contained a number of various deeds and surveys for the Samuel Saylor lands.

Dates: [ca. mid-late nineteenth century]

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Maps; Cartography; Field Survey; Field Notes; Warrant; Patent

Locations: Pittston, PA

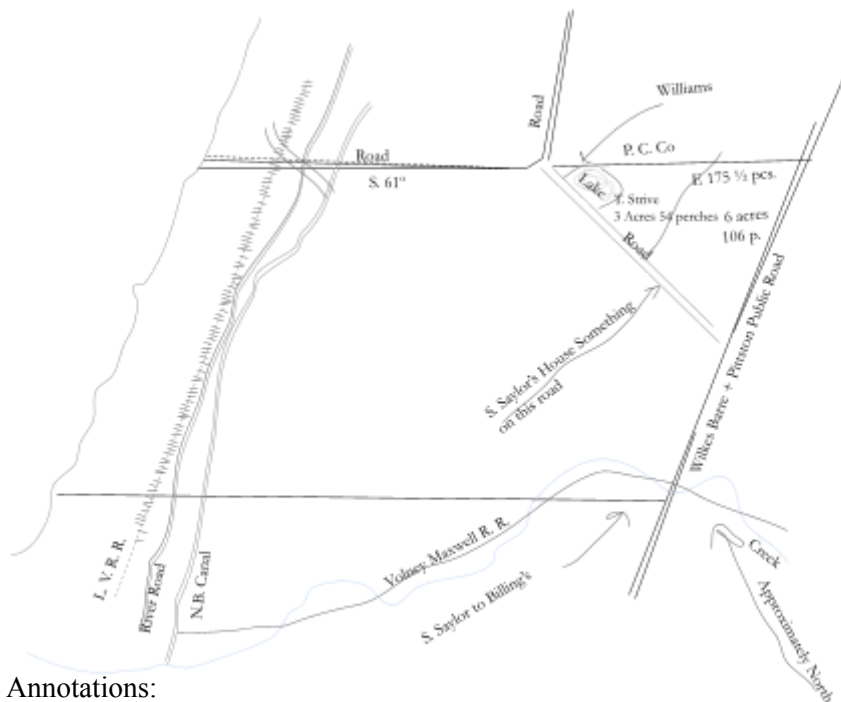
People: [Saylor, Samuel 1799-1859](#); Carey, Nathan; Lewis, Edwin C.; Williams, John C.; Billings, Samuel; [Strong, Theodore 1820-1907](#)

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 8 ½ x 11 in.

Transcription Attempt:

Front:



Annotations:

Center:

Lot #3 part of #2

100 Acres + 13 perches

S. Saylor tract

Along left hand side:

S. Co° E 109 ½ p 13

Along right hand side:

S 60 ¾ W 105 ½ pcs.

Dimensions given are as per original
Rest of map is rough

Along bottom:

Rough sketch of S. Saylor tract at time of sale P+E.C.Co[mpany] to N.C+1Co

Back:

Strong house was at
Saylor corners, the ten
acres, runs along line
4 which divides Cooper
and Saylor, Casper sold
to Skinner(?) some time after
1859 in 1859 Ben Cooper
sold his share to George Cooper

Rough Map of
Samuel Saylor Tract

Item 1:

7.14.1855 1855

DB [Deed Book] 51-216

Back:

[text is crossed out in red pencil]

Item 3:

In pencil:

Jan[uary] 1864

Page 2: [the page has penciled underlines and check marks with one annotation in the right margin]

is this
a rental

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WILKES BARRE

15.93 Item 38: A Photostat of a Survey and Warrant for Joseph Hunter et. al., [ca. aft. 1795 September 19]. (removed to grey print box #4)

Type of Material: Land Surveys

Title: N/A

Description: This is a photocopy of a hand drawn map of land divisions and properties in one area. Each box of land contains the owner's name at the least, and some have measured perimeters, dates (marked as WT and SUR.; the latter of which is believed to be the surveyed date). The names/owners listed are the following: George Taylor, David Andrews, William Evans, George Fell, John Green, Paul Aten, Nelson Coolbaugh, Joseph Hunter, Loami Race, Zeno Albro, Zepheniah Knapp, Charles Drake, Daniel Turner, Andrew Henderson, Samuel Reed, and Josiah Lewis. Some landmarks are also labeled, including a reservoir, roads, and stones that mark certain boundaries. There are solid and dotted lines marking properties, and the solid line is marked "orig." in some areas, so it may be the original property lines prior to a survey or sale. It seems mostly focused around the land of Joseph Hunter, whose area is central in the sheet and detailed further than some along the edges. The bottom right corner of the paper also has a faded marking, presumably from the photocopy paper or something of that sort, marked as Sturdevant Engineering Co.

The location of this item has been estimated as possibly in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania, due to a company stamp by the Sturdevant Coal Company in the bottom right hand corner of the item stating such location.

Dates: [ca. aft. 1795 September 19]

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Field Survey; Field Notes; Maps; Cartography; Titles, Land

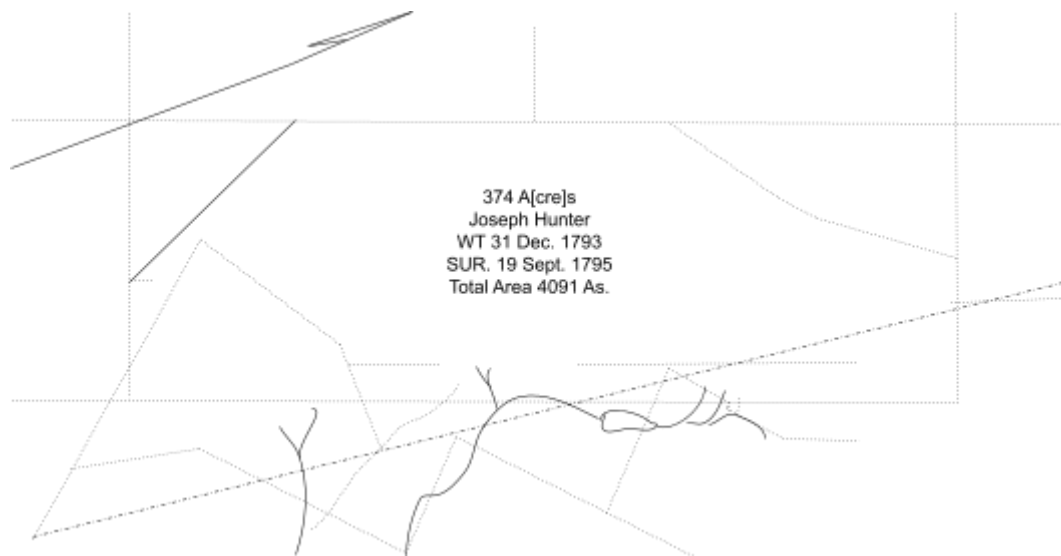
Locations: [Pos. Wilkes Barre, PA]

People: Taylor, George; Andrews, David; Evans, William; Fell, George; Green, John; Aten, Paul; Coolbaugh, Nelson; Hunter, Joseph; Race, Loami; Albro, Zeno; Knapp, Zepheniah; Drake, Charles; Turner, Daniel; Henderson, Andrew; Reed, Samuel; Lewis, Josiah

General Condition: Good

Measurements: 8 ¾ in. x 16 1/16 in.

Transcription Attempt:



SOMERSET

BERLIN

15.94 Item 39: Town charter for Berlin Township, 1773 November 19 (Removed to Legal Box #2)

Type of Material: Town charter

Title: Berlin Grant

Description: This is a charter for Berlin Township. It first lays out the township's measurements. It then notes all of the proprietors of the township. The next part includes meeting minutes, which are largely about the positions people are elected to within the proprietorship of the township and the responsibilities. It seems likely that this township is now Fishing Creek Township and Stillwater, PA.

Dates: 19 November 1773, 29 December 1773, 25 January 1775, 2 November 1787

Creator: Gore, Obadiah, 1744-182;

Subjects: Grant; Contract; Titles, Land

Locations: Norwich, New London, Connecticut; Wilkes-Barre

People: [Baldwin, Eben\[zer\] 1710-1792](#); [Butler, Zebulon 1731-1795](#); [Huntingdon, Hezekiah, \[Pos. Huntingdon, Hezekiah, 1728-1807 / Huntingdon, Hezekiah, 1759-1842\]](#); [Tracy, Isaac](#); [Tracy, Isaac, Jr.](#); [Tracy, Samuel, \[Pos. Tracey, Samuel, 1723-1798\]](#); [Hyde, James, 1752-1809](#); [Tracy, Elisha, 1712-1783](#); [Griswold, Abel, 1731-1804](#); [Douglass, Daniel, 1752- 1823](#); [Thomas, Ebenezer](#); [Rogers, Theophilus, 1731-1801](#); [Grover, Ebenezer](#); [Griswold, Isaac, 1735-1817](#); [Griswold, Joseph, \[Pos. Griswold, Joseph, 1728-1806\]](#); [Backus, Elijah, \[Pos. 1726-1798 / 1755-1835\]](#); [Young, John](#); [Dean, Jabez, 1705-1787](#); [Bill, Ephraim, 1719-1802](#); [Breed, Gershom, \[Pos. 1756-1815 / 1715-1777\]](#); [Palmer, Christopher](#); [Dewey, David, \[Pos. 1733-1814 / 1751-1824\]](#); [Brewster, Jonathan, 1735-1805](#); [Hall, Jonathan](#); [Hamilton, Solomon, 1711-1798](#); [Grimming\(?\) Jonathan](#); [Starr, Comfort, 1742-1776](#); [Sheldon, Isaac, 1723-1786](#); [Smith, Joseph](#); [Edgerton, John, 1720-1778](#); [Gore, Daniel, 1746-1809](#); [Gore, Silas, 1747-1778](#); [Gore, Asa, 1750-1778](#); [Huntington, Simon, 1719-1801](#); [Waterman, Asa, 1743-1789](#); [Poliss, John](#); [Tracy, Joseph](#); [Lathrop, William, 1753-1832](#); [Denison, Nathan 1740-1809](#)

General Condition: Fair.. Vinegar smell.

Measurements: 12 ½ in. x 7 ¾ in. {closed}; 15 ½ in. x 12 ½ in. {open}

Transcript Attempt:

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Berlin Grant—

Pursuant to a Vote of the Susquehannah (sic) Co[mpany] held at Norwich April 1st 1772 Granting Liberty to Locate, and lay out Township; agreeable thereto Obadiah Gore Jun^{ior} appearing as an Agent for a Number of Proprietors who have produced sufficient Evidence of their being Proprietors and their Taxes Paid. Accordingly we the subscribers Order, the s^d [said] Gore go forth, & Survey a Township for said Proprietors, who has laid out and surveyed the same on the Water of Fishing Creek. Beginning at a Black Oak Tree, on the North side of s^d [said] Creek mark'd on Two sides and a heap of stones about it. Thence extending up s^d Creek. One Hundred Ninety five Rod, as the Creek runs. Crossing the Creek & extending

East 30° North Nine Hundred Rod, till it comes to s^d Creek. Thence up the s^d Creek Five Hundred Forty Rod, which make in the whole Five miles to a Large white Pine Tree mark[e]’d on Two sides with the Letter, B. Thence North 30° West Five Miles to a Stake and heap of stones, Thence West 30° South Five Miles to Tree Mark’d, Thence south 30 East Five Miles to the s^s [said] mentioned Bound, which survey is, at the Request of the Honorable Hez: Huntington Esq, Mr Isaac Tracy, Capt Eben Baldwin, and Sam Tracy and Others as List of whom, is herewith Delivered to us the subscribers this 19th Day of Nov 1773-

Obadiah Gore Judge Agent-

Wilkesbarre Nov^{[embe]r} 19th 1773. The above survey of a Township known by the Name of Berlin, is accepted & approved of by us, not inferring on any

Former

{Page 2}

Former survey made by Order of the Susquehannah Company

Zebulon Butler}	Commission to Direct
Obadiah Gore Judge}	the laying out
Nathan Denison}	Town

Names of Proprietors in the Townships of Berlin

Capt Eben Baldwin 2 Rights

Mr James Hide 1 D^o

Doct Elisha Tracy 1

Mr Abel Griswold 1

Mr Dan^l Dowglass 1

Mr Eben^r Thomas 1

Doct Theop^s Rogers 1

Mr Eben^r Grover Jr 1

Mr Isaac Griswold 1

Mr Solomon Hamilton 1

Mr Jonathan Girming(?) 1

Mr Comfort Starr 2

Mr Isaac Sheldin 2

Mr Joseph Smith 1

Mr John Edgerton 1

Capt Obadiah Gore 2

Mr Obadiah Gore Jr 1

Mr Dan Gore 1

Mr Silas Gore 1

Mr Asa Gore 1

The Honorable Hez Huntington 1

Mr Isaac Tracy 2

Deacon Simon Huntington 2

Mr Asa Waterman 2

Mr Joseph Tracy 2

Mr W^m Lathrop 1

Capt Isaac Tracy Judge 2

Mr John Poliss(?) 1

Mr Sam Tracy 2

Capt: Joseph Griswold 2

Capt: Elijah Backus 1

Mr John Young 1

Mr Jabez Dean 1

Capt Eph Bill 1

Capt: Gershom Breed 1

Mr Christopher Palmer 1

Mr David Dewey 1

Capt Jonathan Hall 1

Mr Jonathan Brewster 1

Norwich Dec^{[embe]r} 29th 1773 At a meeting of Mess^[er]r Isaac Tracy, Elisha Tracy, Sam^{[ue]l} Tracy and the rest of the Proprietors of a Township lately survey’d to them on the Susquehannah Purchase by Mr Obadiah Gore Ju and of a Com appointed to lay out Townships on s^d purchase _____ S^d Town laid out on Fishing Creek on s^d Susquehannah Purchase.

Voted. That Mr. Isaac Tracy be Moderator of s^d meeting
That Sam^[ue] Tracy Esq Be Clerk.

That

Page 3:

That s^d Township be called and known by the Name of Berlin.

That Mr. Obadiah Gore Jud be desired or appointed to lott out s^d Township into Lotts in 3 Division, s^d Lotts to be laid out for Quantity & Quality.

That a Com^{te} [Committee] of Three Proprietors, be Chosen to warn Meetings, and Transact affairs respecting the Prudentials of s^d Town.

That Mr. Isaac Tracy, Capt: Eben Baldwin & Sam Tracy Esq be a Com for the purpose afores^d

That s^d Sam^l Tracy be Treasurer for s^d Town.

That when Mr. Obadiah Gore Judge shall make a return of a Compleat survey of s^d Township & s^d allotments of s^d Town with proper survey Bills, that, the Proprietor, that shall not at the drawing of s^d Lott, pay his full proportion of the Cost and Charge due for Surveying & allotting (to the Com^{te}) and six Pence more, for the Purpose of purchasing Record Books &c [etcetera] shall forfeit his Right in s^d Township, and that some other Proprietor that shall pay to s^d Com the above proportion of cost and expense and s^d Six Pence shall be entitled to [illegible/torn] in s^d Township: and shall draw his Lott with the Rest of s^d Proprietors.

Norwich Jan^[uarly] 25th 1775 At a Meeting of the Proprietors of s^d Berlin Voted, That that part of the Township of s^d Berlin that is not allotted; lie and remain so much of it, for Quantity and Quality, as one whole Right, or 5erd Part, in s^d Township, to be allotted and used, for the support of a school, in s^d Township.

That

Page 4:

That there be a reserve in every Lott in s^d Town of Berlin for necessary Highways, where it shall best serve the Publick (sic) and least prejudice the private Interest, to be under the Direction of a Com^{te} for that purpose.

New London County Ss [sheriff station] Norwich Nov 2nd 1787 The aforesaid are True Copies of Record; extracted from the Records of the Town of Berlin

By Sam^l Tracy Clerk to the s^d Town of Berlin

Berlins Copies
of Record

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NORTHUMBERLAND

OLD TIOGA

15.95 Item 40: Photostat Copies of a Land Survey by Charles Stuart for William Foster, 1774 November 21, sent to John Lukens, Surveyor General, 1896 March 5. (removed to grey print box #4)

Type of Material: Photostat/ Land Deed

Title: N/A

Description: This is a photostat copy (produced by Isaac B. Brown, Deputy Secretary of Internal Affairs) of a land survey from Charles Stuart for John Lukens, 1720-1789, for a plot of land. The land in question is marked by a short description of its general perimeters, the contents of which are 298 ¼ acres in Plains township, then the allowances for the roads and such before closing the document. Closer to the bottom is the seal of the copy's creator attesting that it is a copy of an original document and was made on March 5, 1896.

Dates: 5 March 1896

Creator: [Lukens, John 1720-1789](#); Stuart, Charles, [Pos. [Stewart, Charles 1729-1800](#)]

Subjects: Titles, Land; Field Survey; Field Notes; Maps; Cartography

Locations: Old Tioga, PA

People: [Lukens, John 1720-1789](#); [Stuart, Charles](#), [Pos. [Stewart, Charles 1729-1800](#)]; [Brown, Isaac Brownell 1848-1925](#); [Foster, William](#), [Pos. [Foster, William, 1740-1780](#)]

General Condition: Fair. There is discoloration on the photocopy.

Measurements: 15 in. x 9 ⅞ in.

Transcript Attempt:

A Draught (sic) [Draft] of a Tract of land called
Situate on the waters of Lakawanack about three or
four miles from the mouth of said Creek in the County
of Northumberland containing two hundred and
ninety eight acres and a quarter of an acre besides
the usual allowance of six per cent for roads &c [etcetera]
Surveyed the 21st day of November 1774 for
William Foster in pursuance of a warrant
dated the 9th day of June 1773

by
Charles Stuart Dep[ut]y S[urveyor]

To John Lukens Esq[ui]re]
Surveyor Gen[eral]

In Testimony, That the above is a copy of the original remaining on file in the Department of Internal Affairs of Pennsylvania, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the said Department to be affixed, at Harrisburg, the fifth day of March 1896

Isaac B. Brown
Deputy Secretary of Internal Affairs.

Back:

In another hand and pen:

Old Tioga tws [township?]
Northumberland County
William Foster
298 ¼ acres & allowance
now Luzerne

217 ^{ars [acres]} of this tract returned
to the common^{[weal]th} & compensation
p[ai]d agreeably to the several acts
of assembly
No 31 Nov[ember]

Second Page: [There is a printed table of information regarding the map and tract]

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WILKES-BARRE ...**

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Back:

In pencil: Old Forge Tp [township] (**hand of Steuben Jenkins**)

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Small loose note:

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Office of the Secretary

[opposite side, written]

Release back to State

Subseries III: Land Deeds, 1739-1959

Subseries III: Land Deeds, 1739-1959, is categorized by county, and arranged by townships alphabetically. If there are more than one item per township, those items are arranged chronologically. The items within this subseries include a series of original land deeds and photostat or typescript copies of land deeds between various parties in brokerage of land sales. Within these manuscripts, the parties sell off entire tracts of land in different townships throughout Pennsylvania, and one in Ohio, ranging from tens to hundreds of acres of land. These contracts often stipulate that the buying parties are granted the whole of the right to profit and use of the land, excepting those that withhold specific rights to mineral and mining rights on the lands. In other cases, the contracts are selling off certain percentages of the land for the means of building a railroad or special legal precedent for the women's legal rights in sales of their lands or the law of inheritance and its protections.

The [land deed](#) is a legal document that serves to prove the ownership of a piece of property. In these contracts, the rights of ownership include the names of the buyer and seller, a correct description of the property, and a statement of consideration. The document is then attested to with a notarized signature of office and a statement of personal testimony before a sitting justice of the peace or judge for the county in question. These legal stipulations are meant to create a security against future claims to the land as well as make the transfer official. The process of the transfer in whole is called a [property transfer](#).

PENNSYLVANIA

CARBON COUNTY

15.96 Item 41: A Land Deed Poll by George Christy to George Cooper, 1774 February 4 (Removed to Legal Box #2)

Type of Material: Land Deed

Title: N/A

Description: The following item, dated February 4, 1774, depicts a deed poll by George Christy to George Cooper. The deed contains sale for land containing 300 acres and is being sold to Cooper for 5 shillings. The land sold lies between a branch of the Lehigh river and the east side of a path stretching between the lands of George Walker and Fort Allen. In the deed, Christy attests to selling over all his rights and profits to the land, and grants them to the use of Cooper and his heirs. The deed was witnessed by Milford S. Carty and Jonathan Willis. There is a secondary testimony by Thomas Willing, a judge for the region, stating that Christy came before him to swear that the sale is of his own free will and asks that the sale be recorded by the county.

The deed mentions both men's trade in the valley, with Christy being a breeches maker and Cooper being a skinner.

Deed Poll

George Cristy
to
George Cooper

In pencil:

Pa^t (?) for Purchase
Money

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CHESTER COUNTY

BRADFORD TOWNSHIP

15.97 Item 42: Deed Sale by Thomas and Richard Penn to Thomas Sheward, 1739 October 2 (Removed to Grey Print Box #4)

Type of Material: Deed

Title: N/A

Description: The following item depicts a land deed by Thomas and Richard Penn are selling two tracts of land in west Bradford Township, under land office warrants dated October 2, 1739 and March 12, 1743, originally surveyed to Francis Way, to Thomas Sheward, for the sum of Fifteen pounds and nineteen shillings, The land contains 103 acres with the usual six percent allowance for public roads and other necessities of the township. The boundaries of the lot are described in detail with directional coordinates configured during the field survey, and the language of the deed stipulates that all rights, profits, and uses of the land are effectively transferred from Richard and Thomas Penn to Thomas Sheward and his heirs or assigns, with protections against any future claim for the same lands. The deed is recorded on September 6, 1751 by C. Brockden and patent witnessed by James Hamilton.

Dates: October 2, 1739; March 12, 1743; September 6, 1751

Creator: [Penn, Thomas, 1702-1775](#); [Penn, Richard, 1706-1771](#)

Subjects: Deeds; Titles, Land; Field Survey; Field Notes; Finances; Transfer

Locations: Chester County, Pennsylvania

People: [Penn, Thomas, 1702-1775](#); [Penn, Richard, 1706-1771](#); [Sheward, Thomas, 1726-1802](#); [Sheward, James, 1728-1778](#); [Hastings, James, \[Pos. Hastings, James, 1720-1784\]](#); [Thornton, Robert, ca. 1695-ca.1774](#); [Hamilton, James, \[Pos. Hamilton, James George, 1724-1807\]](#); Brockden, C.; [Way, Francis, \[Pos. Wayne, Francis, 1690-1763\]](#)

General Condition: Good, paper is intact with no missing pieces although there is discoloration.

Measurements: 14 ¾ in. x 20 ⅜ in.

Transcription Attempt:

Front:

Thomas Penn and Richard Penn esquires true and absolute proprietarius and governors in Chief of the Province of Pennsylvania and Counties of newcastle Kent and Sussex on Delaware To all unto whom

these presents shall come Greetings Whereas by vertue (sic) [virtue] of two Warrants under the Seal of the Land Office one bearing Date the second Day of October one thousand and seven hundred and thirty nine and the other dated the twelfth Day of march one thousand seven hundred and forty three there was surveyed to one Francis Way a certain tract of land situate in West Bradford Township in the County of Chester Under certain Conditions in the said Warrants mentioned which conditions not having been complied with by the said Francis Way the said Warrants and Survey made in Pursuance thereof are become utterly void as in and by the said Warrants remaining in our Surveyor General's Office Relation being thereunto had does manifestly appear And Whereas afterwards in and by a Warrant under the Seal of the Land Office bearing Date the eighth Day of April last past Upon Application made to us by Thomas Sheward of the said County of Chester Our Surveyor General was required to accept and receive into his Office the Survey of the said Tract of Land and to make return thereof into the Secretaries Office for the use and Behoof of the said Thomas Sheward which Survey being accordingly accepted by our Surveyor General and by him duly returned into the Secretaries Office the metes and Bounds of the same are set forth and described as follow virt Beginning at a marked Black Oak and from thence extending by Land late of James Sheward East North East two hundred Porches to a Post thence by James Hastings's Land and vacant Land North North West thirty Perches to a marked White Oak thence by vacant Land West South West sixty perches to a marked White Oak North North West twenty two Perches to a marked white oak West one hundred and thirty four Perches to a marked Chesnut Tree South fifty eight Degrees West nineteen Perches to a marked Spanish Oak and South seventy six Degrees West seventy eight Perches to a Post thence by Robert Thornton's Land South thirty five Degrees East Thirty two Perches to a marked White Oak South twenty Degrees East twenty Perches to a marked White Oak and East eighty Perches to a marked Chesnut Oak thence by the said Robert Thornton's Land and a line of marked trees South South East thirty Perches to the Place of Beginning containing one hundred and three acres and the usual allowance of Six acres per cent for Roads and highways as in and by the Survey thereof remaining in our Surveyor General's Office and from thence certified into the Secretaries Office may appear Now at the Instance and Request of the said Thomas Sheward that We would be pleased to grant him a confirmation of the same Know Ye that in Consideration of the Sum of Fifteen Pounds nineteen shillings and nine pence Lawful money of Pennsylvania to our use paid by the said Thomas Sheward (The receipt whereof we hereby acknowledge and thereof do acquit and forever discharge the said Thomas Sheward his Heirs and Assigns by these presents) And of the yearly lust rent herein after mentioned and reserved We have given granted released and confirmed and by these presents for us our Heirs and successors do give grant release and confirm unto the said Thomas Sheward his Heirs and assigns the said one hundred and three acres of land as the same are now set forth bounded and limited as aforesaid With all mines minerals quarries meadows marshes savannahs swamps cripples woods underwoods timber and trees ways waters water courses liberties profits commodities advantages hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging or in any wise appearing and lying within the bounds and limits aforesaid (Three full and clear fifth parts of all royal mines free from all deductions and Reprisals for digging and refining the same and also one fifth Part of the ore of all other mines delivered at the pitsmouth only accepted and hereby reserved) And also free Leave Right and Liberty to and for the said Thomas Shward his Heirs and Assigns to hawk hunt fish and fowl in and upon the hereby granted Land and premises or upon any Part thereof + To have and to hold the said one hundred and three acres of land and premises hereby granted (except as before excepted) with their appurtenances unto the said Thomas Sheward his heirs and assigns to the only use and behoof of the said Thomas Sheward his Heirs and Assigns forever To be Holden of Us our Heirs and Successors Proprietaries of Pennsylvania as of our Manor of Springton

in the County of Chester aforesaid in free and common socage by healthy only in lieu of all other Services Yielding and paying therefore yearly unto us our Heirs and Successors at the Town of Chester in the said County at or upon the first day of March in every year from the First Day of March last One Half penny sterling for every acre of the same or value thereof in Coin Currant according as the Exchange shall then be between our said Province and the city of London to such Person or Persons as shall from time to time be appointed to receive the same And in case of nonpayment thereof within ninety Days next after the same shall become due that then it shall and may be lawful for Us our Heirs and successors our and their receiver or receivers into and upon the hereby granted land and premises to reenter and the same to hold and possess untill the said suit rent and all arrears thereof together with the charges accruing by means of such nonpayment and Reentry be fully paid and discharged Witness James Hamilton Esquire Lieutenant Governor of the said Province who, by Vertue of certain Powers and Authorities to him for this Purpose, inter alia, granted by the said Proprietaries, hath hereunto set his Hand and caused the Great Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed at Philadelphia this Twelfth Day of August in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty One the twenty fifth year of the Reign of King George the second over Great Britain +ca [etcetera] And the Thirty Fourth Year of the said Proprietaries Government.

Back:

Entred in the Office for Recording of Deeds for the City and County of Philadelphia in Patent Book A. Vol 17 Page g+c^a [etcetera] the Sixth day of Sept Ano Dom 1751 Witness my hand and seal of my office
CBrockden

Patent to Thomas Sheward for 103 Acres in Chester County

James Hamilton

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LACKAWANNA
PROVIDENCE

15.98 Item 43: Land deed from John W. Taylor to John Carey, 1804
January 2

Type of Material: Land deed

Title: N/A

Description: This is a typescript copy of a land deed from John W. Taylor and Francis Cooper (standing as Commissioners) to John Carey regarding matters for a plot of land on January 2 1804. The land in question is part of lots 32 and 33 and contains 216 acres and 148 perches in Providence Township. It says that Carey was a Connecticut settler who had previously owned the land, but had it taken away during the Pennsylvania claim via the Decree of Trenton. It mentions a survey of the land but only mentions the size of the lots and their numerical titles within the township. The second page starts as if the last page wasn't ended and discusses the same two tracts/lots of land, confirming their sizes and the allowances allotted to

them via a previous survey from September 9th 1802, put in by the commissioners by the same act. This second message was sent to Samuel Cochran by Thomas Sanborn. A note at the bottom of the page mentions part of another deed which tells of the location of the area as well as a \$60.00 payment for natural resources of coal and anthracite fossil stone on the mentioned land.

Dates: 2 January 1804

Creator: [Taylor, John W., 1784-1854](#); [Cooper, Francis, \[Pos. Cooper, Francis, 1789-1870\]](#)

Subjects: Deeds; Titles, Land; Field Survey; Field Notes; Finances; Transfer

Locations: Providence Township, PA

People: [Taylor, John W., 1784-1854](#); [Carey, John 1756-1844](#); [Cooper, Francis, \[Pos. Cooper, Francis, 1789-1870\]](#); Cochran, Samuel; Sambourne, Thomas; Carey, Miner; [Griffith, Joshua, \[Pos. 1764-1845\]](#); Lity, Michael

General Condition: Fair. The paper is very thin and delicate. The corners are slightly bent over and there is a crease close to the center of both sheets. There's a small cut on the top of the first sheet and two small tears on the right side of the second sheet. The ink of the lettering is faint compared to some other documents, but is still legible even with some slight smudges on the second page.

Measurements: 11 1/16 in. x 8 1/2 in.

Transcript Attempt:

{annotation}

Scranton

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15.99 Item 44: Photostat of a Land deed from Jeremiah and Martha Blanchard to Henry J. Williams, [ca. aft. 1818] September (Removed to grey print box #4)

Type of Material: Deed; Photostat

Title: N/A

Description: The following item dated roughly during September depicts a photostat of a land deed by Jeremiah and Martha Blanchard to Henry J. Williams. The deed is witnessed and attested by George Washington Woodward and Thomas Day. In the deed, the Blanchards are selling a tract of land Jeremiah inherited from his father, Jeremiah senior, containing 108 acres and 89 perches. The land is situated near the Lackawanna River, and the deed stipulates that the rights of minerals, waterways, buildings, and else contained on the property are transferred from the Blanchards to Williams. A final line protects Williams' purchase from any other person or persons attempting to claim the same lands.

The original appears to have been badly damaged by water, distorting the middle body of the text, and the left hand margin was made illegible due to the quality of the scanner. Some of the text has been marked illegible in those sections, while others have been inferred by language in other deeds.

The year for the document has been estimated by the date of the original survey, August 11, 1818.

Dates: [ca. aft. 1818] September; August 11, 1818.

Creator: N/A (Photostat); [Blanchard, Jeremiah, 1764-1837](#) (Original)

Subjects: Titles, Land; Deeds; Finances; Field Survey; Field Notes; Transfer; Rights

Locations: Pennsylvania; [Pos. Susquehanna, Wayne, Lackawanna, or Luzerne]

People: [Blanchard, Jeremiah, 1764-1837](#); [Blanchard, Jeremiah, 1799-1838](#); [\(Hutchins\) Blanchard, Martha, 1766-1844](#); [Woodward, George Washington, 1809-1857](#); [Williams, Henry Jonathan, 1791-1879](#);
Day, Thomas

General Condition: Fair. The page is intact but the original suffered water damage and the photostat quality distorted some of the text.

Measurements:

Transcript Attempt:

In pencil: tract to Williams

the first division of that Township bounded and described, as follows Beginning at a corner [illegible] Lackawanna Thence South fifty one degrees and forty five minutes East two hundred and [illegible]ches [pos. perches] to a corner Thence South forty three degrees West Sixty five and four tenths perches to a [illegible] [th]ence North fifty one degrees and forty five minutes west three hundred fifty three and [illegible] perches to a corner thence North thirty three degrees East Thirteen perches to a corner [illegible] North seventy seven and a half audrus(?) East fifteen perches Thence south seventy degrees East[illegible] west twelve perches to a corner Thence South fifty degrees East Thirty three perches Thence [Ei]ghty nine and a half degrees East forty one perches Thence North sixty three degrees East [illegible]lus to the place of Beginning Containing one hundred and eight acres and eighty nine [illegible] more or less the other half part having been conveyed by the said Jeremiah Blanchard and his wife to Rufus Clark and the said Lot to be Equally divided in quantity and quality [to the?] said Rufus Clark to take his choice after such division shall be made The said tract [illegible] are conveyed subject to the purchase money and patent fees due the Commonwealth [illegible] said Land (all of which tracts of Land were certified to Jeremiah Blanchard Sen[io]r By [the?] [[Com]missioners appointed under the act of 4th April A. D. 1799 and the supplements thereto the said Jeremiah Blanchard Senior and instate and by virtue of certain proceedings in the Orphans Court in and for said County of Luzerne the said Lands were found to be undis[illegible] without injury to the estate and the said Lands were valued by an inquisition for [illegible] purpose half(?) which inquisition and valuation were confirmed by the said Court and the [illegible] tracts and parcels of Land herein before described were on the eleventh day of August one [thousa]nd eight hundred and eighteen accepted by the said Jeremiah Blanchard the grantor named at the valuation thereon fixed as aforesaid he being the eldest son and heir at [illegible] the said Jeremiah Blanchard senior deceased and the court decreed the said Lands to [ac]cordingly be given security according to Law all which by reference to the record [illegible] orphans county aforesaid were more fully and at Large appear) Together with all and singular [hou]ses out houses Edifiers and Buildings thereon erected and being and all ways waters water [illegible] woods ferries gardens minerals rights liberties privileges (sic) [privileges] advantages hereditaments and [appurte]nances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining and the revisions and rem[illegible]ents issues and profits thereof and also all the estate right with interest use hist[or]y possession claim and demand whatsoever of them the said Jeremiah Blanchard [and Ma]rtha his wife in Law or Equity or otherwise howsoever of in to or out of the same To [have an]d to hold the said tract of Land hereditaments and premises hereby granted and [illegible] mentioned or intended so to be with the appurt[i]nances (sic) [appurtenances] unto the said Henry J. [William]s his heirs and assigns To the only proper use benefit and behoof of the said Henry J. [Williams] his heirs and assigns forever and the said Jeremiah Blanchard and Martha his [wife] themselves their heirs Executors and administrators Do covenant promise grant and agree [illegible] with the said Henry J. Williams his heirs and assigns by these presents that the said [Jeremi]ah Blanchard and Martha his wife

and their heirs the said tracts of Land here[illegible] [illegible] premises hereby granted and released or mentioned or intended so to be with the p[illegible] [illegible] unto the said Henry J. Williams his heirs and assigns against them the said [Jeremiah] Blanchard and Martha his wife and their heirs and assigns all and [illegible] [other] per[son or p]ersons whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim by through or under [the illegible] warrant and forever defend by these presents [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] thereof [illegible][illegible]nts have hereunto set their hands and [illegible][illegible] and [illegible][illegible] [seal]ed and delivered in the presence of [illegible][illegible] Jere]miah to have [illegible] [illegible] the beginning and in line 21st th[illegible] [illegible] [Jer]emiah Blanchard
[illegible] in line 23rd The words Thence saith [illegible][illegible] Martha Blanchard
[illegible] being(?) first interested and also the [illegible] [illegible] thomas Day
[illegible] and one [in the year of our Lord(?)] Septem[ber] [illegible] G. W. Woodward

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15.100 Item 45: Two Originals and a Photostat Copy of a Land Deed from John Evans to David Correy, 1819 June 12. (Removed to Grey Print Box #4)

Type of Material: Land Deed.

Title: N/A.

Description: The following item dated June 12, depicts a land deed from John Evans to David Correy. In the deed, Evans is selling 170 acres to David Correy for the sum of \$18.00. The land is in Providence, PA, part of Luzerne county, and is mentioned as belonging to an original 200 acres surveyed to James Chapman, by Jacob Cist who held the deed poll July 20th of 1816. The deed attests to the change in ownership, protecting Correy's claim to the lands against Evans, his heirs and assigns, or any other person. It is witnessed by George W. Gibbons and Peter Christian, the alderman in the county records office. Gibbons witnesses a testimony at the bottom of the page by Evans, who states that the same day of the sale, Correy paid the sum in full.

Dates: June 12, 1819.

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Deeds; Titles, Land; Field Survey; Contract; Petition

Locations: Luzerne County, PA.

People: Evans, John, [Pos. [Evans, John 1761-1824](#)]; [Correy, David 1788-1827](#)

General Condition: Poor.

Measurements: 18 ½ in x 16 in.

Transcript Attempt:

[the page is composed of printed and annotated text. bolded text indicates printed text]

THIS INDENTURE Made the Eleventh day of January

in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Nineteen Bewtween John Carey of Luzerne County in the State of Pennsylvania Esquire **of the one part, and** David Carey of the City of Philadelphia, Merchant **of the other part, WITNESSETH That the said** John Evans

~for and in consideration of the Sum of Eighteen dollars Seventy cents lawful Money of the United States to him in hand well and truly paid by the said David Carey ~ “ ~ at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged ~ hath granted, bargained, sold, aligned, released and confirmed, and by these presents, doth, grant, bargain, sell, alien, release and confirm unto the said ~ David Correy ~~~~~~

that certain tract piece or parcel of Unseated land Situate in the Township of Providence in the County of Luzerne and S[tate aforesaid] Containing One hundred and Seventy acres of land “ (The same be[ing] [par]t of a tract of unseated land Containing Two hundred acres Surveyed to [Ja]mes(?) Chapman Which Jacob Cist Townsman of the County of Luzerne aforesaid by his deed Poll dated the twentieth day of July Anno Domini 1816 Granted and conveyed to the said John Evans in fee — as reference(?) thereto will fully appear) free and inconveniences(?) except those arising from a Recarages(?) of taxes

...together with all and singular... of the said John Evans ... **TO HAVE AND TO HOLD** the said One hundredand seventy acres of land and **all and singular the premises above mentioned with their and every of their rights** ... to the said David Correy his heirs and Assigns **to the only proper use and behoof of the said David Correy his heirs ~” ~ Assigns for ever: And the said John Evans for himself his heirs executors administrators ~ Heirs and Assigns all the above mentioned premises ... unto the said David Correy his ~ Heirs and Assigns, and against all and every other person ... will warrant and defend by these Presents.**

IN WITNESS whereof the said John Evans ~”~~hath hereunto set his **Hand and Seal the Day and Year above written~**

Sealed and Delivered in the	 The Twelveth(sic)[twelfth] Day of January A.D. One Thousand
Presence of us,	 Eight Hundred and Nineteen, ~~~ Before me...
Geo[rge] W. Gibbons	one of the alderman of the City of Philadelphia
Peter Christian	personally came the above mentioned John Evans ~~~
	and acknowledged the ... indenture to be his act ^{and deed} ...
	recorded as such

Witness ...

Peter Christian

A^lDⁿ [Alderman]

Received on the day of the date of the above
written Indenture of the therein named Daniel
Correy the sum of Eighteen dollars seventy
cents the full Consideration above mentioned
Witness present John Evans

Geo[rge] W. Gibbons

Back:

Deed

John Evans Esq^{[ui]r[e]}

to

David Correy

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LUZERNE COUNTY

UNSPECIFIED TOWNSHIP

**I5.101 Item 46: Photostat, created by S[amuel] C[ober] Braucher, 1953
January 20, of A Land Patent and Sheriff Sale from Thomas Mifflin and
James Trimble to Jeremiah Warden Parker & Company, 1793 July 18;
(Removed to grey box #4)**

Type of Material: Patent.

Title: N/A.

Description: The following item depicts a photostat of land patent contracts by Thomas Mifflin, Governor, and James Trimble, Deputy Surveyor to Jeremiah Warden Parker and Company. These two patents are to finalize deed sales Warden Parker and company have conducted with John Carey, his original warrant dated July 2, 1793. This tract of land is labelled as "Massa," contains 468 acres in Luzerne county and was sold to Warden Parker & company on July 18, 1793.

Mifflin and Trimble are attesting to the patent sold, certifying their tenanship on September 4, 1794, and enrolling it in the land office on September 26, 1794. In the beginning of the contract, Mifflin states that Carey paid 3 pounds and 16 shillings for the original patent, which Warden Parker & company have paid unto Carey. The first contract is covered by the note from the Office of Internal Affaris, which states that this is a certified copy of the original, but much of the language appears similar, excepting that this deal is between Warden Parker and Company and Aaron Hunt. That original warrant was 8 shillings paid by Hunt originally and by Warden Parker & company to Hunt during the sale of the same warrant on July 18, 1793, originally dated to Hunt on July 2, 1793. The acreage is covered by the patent, but it too is located in Luzerne county. It is attested to on September 5, 1794 and enrolled in the land office on the same day as the Carey patent.

Dates: January 20, 1953 (Photostat)

Creator: [Braucher, Samuel Cober 1906-1980](#) (Photostat)

Subjects: Patents; Titles, Land; Deeds; Finances; Business

Locations: Luzerne County, PA

People: [Braucher, Samuel Cober 1906-1980](#); [Trimble, James 1755-1836](#); [Mifflin, Thomas, 1744-1800](#); [Parker, Jeremiah Warden](#); Carey, John; Hunt Aaron; Caldwell, James

General Condition: Fair. The photostat is in good condition but the original makes the quality of reading difficult.

Measurements: 11.25 x 17 in.

Transcription Attempt:

[The original page was composed of printed and annotated text. Bold indicates printed text.]

Patent Note attached on original:

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting: That in Testimony This is a Photo Copy of Patent Remaining on File In The Land Office ... In Patent Book P Volume 21 Page 538 ... At Harrisburg This 20th Day of Jan[uar]y A. D. 1953

{Signature}

S. C. Braucher

Deputy Secretary of Internal Affairs

Document:

Along the side of the page:

Warden Parker & Co **appears twice**

THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, To all to whom these Presents shall come: GREETING. KNOW YE, That in Consideration of the monies paid by Aaron Hunt into the Rec^d Gen^{ls} [Record Generals?] Office of this Commonwealth at the granting of the Warrant hereinafter mentioned & of the sum of Eight Shillings lawful Money now paid by Jeremiah Warden For his & Company into said Office —

there is granted by the [cut off, patent note copied atop the document] [Com]pany

— — [patent note] [Situa]te in Luzerne County

Beginning at [patent note] Two Hundred Seventy

perches to a P[ost] [patent note] hundred & Sixty perches

& one half to [patent note] -th Two hundred and

Seventy per[ches] [patent note] -chs East Two hundred

and Sixty per[ches] [patent note] — — —

to the Beginning, contain[ing] [patent note] -arters —

Allowance of Six per Cen[t] [patent note] -ted July 2 ^{and} 1793

granted to said Aaron Hunt who by Deed dated July 18 1793 Conveyed the

Same to the said Jeremiah Warden & Parker Company -1 — — —

with the Appurtenances: To HAVE and to HOLD ... unto the said Jeremiah Warden Parker Company — and their Heirs, to the Use of them the said Jeremiah Warden Parker and Company their — Heirs and Assigns forever as Tenant in Common — free and clear of all Restrictions ... In WITNESS WHEREOF Thomas Mifflin Governor ... has hereunto affixed the fifth Day of September in the Year ... one Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety four and of the Commonwealth the Nineteenth,

Attest

James Trimble
Deputy Sec^{r[etar]y}

Inrolled (sic) the 26 September 1794

Tho[mas] Mifflin {S(eal)}

THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, To all to whom these Presents shall come: GREETING. KNOW YE, That in Consideration of the money paid by John Carey into the Rec^d Gen^{ls} [Record Generals?] Office of this Commonwealth at the granting of the Warrant hereinafter mentioned & of the sum of Sixteen shillings & three pound lawful money now paid by Jeremiah Warden For his & Company into said Office —
there is granted, by the said Commonwealth, unto the said Jeremiah Warden Parker & Company into said office— **a certain Tract of Land, called** “Massa” Situate in Luzerne County Beginning at a post thence by land of Jabez Fish North Two hundred & seventy perches to a Chesnut (sic) Oak Saplin[g] (sic) thence by Vacant land West Two hundred & Six perches to a post thence by land of James Caldwell South Twenty degrees West three Hundred & fifty four perches to a post and thence by land of Nathan Walter North Seventy Nine degrees and a quarter East three hundred & thirty three perches —————

at the Beginning, containing Four Hundred & Sixty Eight Acres — —

Allowance of Six per Cent ... Surveyed in Pursuance of a Warrant dated July 2 ^{and} 1793 granted to the said John Carey who by Deed dated July 18-1793 Conveyed the Same to the said Jeremiah Warden Parker & Company -1 — —

with the Appurtenances: To HAVE and to HOLD ... unto the said Jeremiah Warden Parker Company — and their Heirs, to the Use of them the said Jeremiah Warden Parker and Company their — Heirs and Assigns forever as Tenant in Common — free and clear of all Restrictions ... In WITNESS WHEREOF Thomas Mifflin Governor ... has hereunto affixed the Fourth Day of September in the Year ... one Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety four and of the Commonwealth the Nineteenth,

Attest

James Trimble
Deputy Sec^{r[etar]y}

Inrolled (sic) the 26 September 1794

Tho[mas] Mifflin {S(eal)}

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EXETER

15.102a Item 47a: Photostat of Land Deed from Isaac B. Brown to Isaac Vanburen, 1822 January 19. (Removed to Legal Box #2)

Type of Material: Photostat of Land deed

Title: N/A

Description: The following item depicts a photostat of a record for Isaac Vanburen's warrant application, dated January 19, 1822. In the application, Vanburen has requested 100 acres of land that has previously been unseated and unimproved. The land is located in Providence, PA, in Luzernze county. It is bounded by other held lots, including the previous lands of Joseph Horsefield on the south, and Andrew Henderson on the east. The final lines of the testimony state that Vanburen has actually made a settlement and improvements upon the land since he has been settled there, and has paid into the office of the State Treasurer 10 pounds per acre, with interest accruing from April 1st of 1819. The remainder of the deed states that the lands should be surveyed to Vanburen upon the fact that he has paid the sum in full, if they are not already done so. If they are, the deed shall be the warrant, which should be returned to the office. The deed is witnessed by James Brady, and addressed to Samuel Cochran, the Surveyor General.

Dates: January 19, 1822

Creator: [Brown, Isaac Brownell 1848-1925](#), [more information](#) (Recorder)

Subjects: Deeds; Titles, Land; Field Survey; Contract; Petition

Locations: Exeter, PA

People: Vanburen, Isaac; Brady, James; Cochran, Samuel; [Horsfield, Joseph, 1750-1834](#); Henderson, Andrew; [Smith, Eliphalet, 1772-1840](#)

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 12 ³/₄ in. x 7 ⁷/₈ in.

Transcript Attempt:

Back:

A-19-1941

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15.102b Item 47b: Photostat Copy Signed by Isaac Brown, May 22, 1986, of Land Deed Application by Isaac Vanburen, 21 December 1821, Corroborated by Eliphalet Smith, 18 January 1822. (Removed to Legal Box #2)

Type of Material: Photostat/Deed

Title: N/A

Description: The following item is a photostat of a record for Isaac Vanburen's warrant application, dated January 19, 1822. In the application, Vanburen has requested 100 acres of land that has previously been unseated and unimproved. The land is located in Providence, PA, in Luzernze county. It is bounded by other held lots, including the previous lands of Joseph Horsefield on the south, and Andrew Henderson on the east. The record goes on to say that the lands were first improved and testified as such, in April of

1819, grain raised there before so. Vanburen and his family were fully settled on the lands on December 8, 1821, and the deed here testifying is sworn before Roswell Weller and Thomas Dyer, two justices of the peace. The bottom of the page has a note of sworn testimony by Vanburen before Dyer, that there was never another warrant on the land to his knowledge. On the second page is a testimony by Eliphalet Smith, wherein he states that the lands in Vanburen's petition were, to his knowledge, never released by the Commonwealth, nor owned by another party before Vanburen took residence up on them. Additionally, he confirms that the lands were unimproved until April 1820, as Vanburen's deed attests. That testimony was signed on January 18, 1822, and witnessed by Roswell Weller and Thomas Dyer. On a third page, dated May 22, 1896, there is a testimony by Isaac B. Brown, Deputy Secretary of Internal Affairs, that the within deed is a true copy of the original.

Dates: 2 May 1896; 19 January 1822

Creator: [Brown, Isaac Brownell 1848-1925](#), [more information](#) (Recorder)

Subjects: Deed; Titles, Land; Contract; Warrant; Petition;

Locations: Exeter

People: Vanburen, Isaac; [Horsfield, Joseph, 1750-1834](#); Henderson, Andrew; [Smith, Eliphalet, 1772-1840](#); [Welles, Rosewell 1761-1830](#); [Dyer, Thomas 1771-1861](#); [Cortright, Cornelius 1764-1848](#)

General Condition: Fair.

Measurements: 12 ¾ in. x 7 ⅞ in.

Transcript Attempt:

1822} Luzerne

Jan 19} 100 AS

Isaac Vanburen

wt. Issued same day a 10. P. Ct. Int from 1 April 1819.

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JENKINS

15.103 Item 48: Typescript of a Land deed from Sarah Blanchard to “School District of Jenkins Township,” 1854 September 1, after a Resolution on 1854 August 23.

Type of Material: Land deed

Title: N/A

Description: The following item depicts a typescript copy of a land deed from Sarah Blanchard to the School District of Jenkins Township. The item is dated September 1, 1854, and signed by the directors of the school district, Merit Winters, Ira Ash, Crandle Thompson, Michael Philbin, Francis Yates, and Patrick Lennohan. In the deed, Blanchard is selling rights and ownship to the school building, called the Blanchard School House, or Lot. 3, for the sum of \$78 dollars. The land and building were inherited by Blanchard after the passing of John Blanchard. The resolution of the sale was agreed upon August 23, 1854, and witnessed by Samuel Hogdon and E. S. Blanchard.

Dates: September 1, 1854; August 23, 1854

Creator: [Blanchard Sarah \(Lazarus\), 1804-1892](#)

Subjects: Titles, Land; Deeds; Finances; School; Education; Transfer;

Locations: Jenkins Township, PA

People: [Hodgdon, Samuel, 1817-1862](#); [Blanchard, Ebenzer S. 1827-1901](#); Winters, Merit; [Ash, Ira, 1794-1873](#); [Thompson, Crandall, 1824-1900](#); [Philbin, Michael, 1829-1889](#); Yates, Francis, [Pos. [1791-1862](#) / [1824-1905](#)]; Lennohan, Patrick, [Pos. Lenihan]; [Blanchard Sarah \(Lazarus\), 1804-1892](#)

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 10 ⁷/₈ in. x 8 ¹/₂ in.

Transcript Attempt:

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15.104 Item 49: Land deed from Sarah Blanchard to “Pennsylvania Coal Company,” 1860 May 25

Type of Material: Land deed

Title: N/A

Description: The following item depicts a typescript copy of a land deed from Sarah Blanchard, 1804-1892, to the Pennsylvania Coal Company. In the deed, Blanchard is selling a plot of land situated in Jenkins township, Pennsylvania, for \$2,200.94 on May 25 1860. The land in question is described with the field notes of a survey, plotting its perimeters by way of measurements and containing an unknown amount of land on which the company has the right to extract coal and other minerals. According to the boundary lines annotated in the manuscript, the lands lie near the North Branch Canal and the Susquehanna River. The document is missing at least one page, as the text cuts off in the midst of things and has no confirmation of sale/transfers or closing seals.

Handwritten annotations mark the front of the page, some being notes and others are conversions from rods and perches into standard measures. Other notes include a series of numbers, possibly more directional coordinates.

Dates: 25 May 1860

Creator: [Blanchard Sarah \(Lazarus\), 1804-1892](#)

Subjects: Titles, Land; Deeds; Finances; Sale; Field Notes; Field Survey; The Pennsylvania Coal Company

Locations: Jenkins Township; Luzerne County; Pennsylvania

People: [Blanchard Sarah \(Lazarus\), 1804-1892](#)

General Condition: Fair. The sheet has one faint crease in the center, and two more (if put in thirds) are even more faint. About 4 small tears mark the right edge of the sheet, but there is only one small one on the left side where the center crease is. The corners are slightly bent over, and the edges of the sheet are a bit yellowed and dirtied. The only other marks are the two larger tears in the upper left corner for staples and the penciled annotations marking the front of the page - mostly along the botto edge.

Measurements: 11 in. x 8 ¹/₂ in.

Transcript Attempt:

{annotations in pencil:}

D.B [Deed Book] 80

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May 25

648.45 [over the ninth line to the bottom of the page]

429 There by same So[uth]. 36° 58 min[utes] West 52 -Rods to a post : thence.

834.9

917.4

417.45

 | place [last line]
of beginning containing 22 acres 133 perches being part of lot 6 strict measure

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15.105a Item 50a: A Typescript Copy of a Land Deed from Sarah Blanchard to the “Pennsylvania & New York Canal and Rail Road Company,” 1867 November 27; transcribed 1868 January 23 (Removed to Legal Box #2)

Type of Material: Land deed

Title: N/A

Description: This is a typescript copy of a land deed from Sarah Blanchard, 1804-1892, to the Pennsylvania and New York Canal and Railroad company for \$1500.00 for a plot of land on November 27 1867. The land in question is located in Jenkins township, and it gives a small survey of the land in question and relinquishes it and the waterways to the Pennsylvania and New York Canal & Rail Road company, but reserves the coal on the premises to the Pennsylvania Coal Company. It confirms the sale and transfers all rights from Blanchard to the company, as well as naming the deed's witness as S. D. Lewis. On the back of the last sheet, there is additional information written in pencil pertaining to the document, including a note that this price would have been the same sold to W. R. Griffith in 1847 by Jerry Blanchard junior. The annotator has inferred this due to the fact that this tract would have been the only one where the Pennsylvania Coal Company's owned lands met the rail line. The second note states that the south end of the property is the one their grandmother, likely Sarah Blanchard, willed to her heirs, and notes that there is an incorrect notation of a strip reserved by the Pennsylvania Coal company.

Dates: 27 November, 1867; [Trans.] 23 January, 1868

Creator: [Blanchard Sarah \(Lazarus\), 1804-1892](#),

Subjects: Deeds; Titles, Land; Field Survey; Field Notes; Finances; Transfer;

Locations: Jenkins Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania

People: [Blanchard Sarah \(Lazarus\), 1804-1892](#), Lewis, S.D., [Pos. [Lewis, Sharp Delany, 1804-1879](#) / [Lewis, Sylvester Deering, 1835-1915](#)]; Griffith, W. R.

General Condition: Fair.. The paper is fragile due to its age, but the first page has the most yellowing along the top. All three sheets have a crease from being folded in half. The first page has the most tearing with around 5 small tears starting along the right side, though most are minor. The other two have two

tears each in the same places which line up with each other and the first page's, suggesting that something may have damaged them all at the same time.

Measurements: 11 in. x 8 ½ in.

Transcript Attempt:

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This deed reads worth which would be above the price sold to W. R. Griffith by Jerry Blanchard heir in 1847.

It is the only location where the Penna Coal Co- follow ~~the~~ in line with the railroad.

The south end of the railroad ground mother willed both sides of the railroad to her heirs. The railroad did not follow Penn'a [Pennsylvania] River on south end of track. ~~and~~ The coal on that strip is reserved to Penna coal co which is correct.

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15.105b Item 50b: Hand Written Copy of a Land survey from Sarah Blanchard to the "P[ennsylvania] and N[ew] Y[ork] Canal [and Rail Road Company]," 1867 November 27; recorded 1868 January 23 (Removed to Legal Box #2)

Type of Material: Land Deed

Title: N/A

Description: The following item is a handwritten copy of a land deed from Sarah Blanchard, 1804-1892, to the Pennsylvania and New York Canal and Railroad Company, dated November 27 1867. In the deed, Blanchard is designating an area of land containing 2 acres. The land is lying 32 1/10 feet from a line dividing Blacnahrd's land with other parcels already held by the company. There are directional coordinates that designate the boundaries notated by a field survey. There is no mention of the price paid for the land or the surveyor who walked the boundaries. On the back of the page, there is a drawing of lines through a square. The top right section of the manuscript states that the deed was recorded on January 22, 1868.

The land has been estimated as being situated in Jenkins based on other items where the sales are taking place in said township, such as Item 32, 5, and 17.

Dates: 27 November 1867; Recorded 23 January 1868

Creator: [Blanchard Sarah \(Lazarus\), 1804-1892](#)

Subjects: Titles, Land; Deeds; Field Survey; Field Notes; Map

Locations: [Jenkins Township, PA]

People: [Blanchard Sarah \(Lazarus\), 1804-1892](#)

General Condition: Poor. The letter was written on a piece of lined notebook paper or a legal pad in pencil. The paper itself is in rough condition - it has yellowed along the edges and has creases from being folded into quarters. Each of these creases have a tear into the paper along them, as well as smaller tears along the top and bottom of the page. The bottom quarter of the page is in the worst condition, having been completely torn off from the rest of the paper and having a large tear nearly all the way through. There are a few creases on the paper, notably the top left and bottom right corners, but they do not appear to be ripped along those as of now. The pencil has only smudged a little, but some lines drawn on the back

of the page seem to have transferred other graphite onto the writing. The paper is in a protective sleeve to keep the damage from worsening.

Measurements: 12 ½ in. x 7 ¾ in.

Transcript Attempt:

Sarah Blanchard	}	Deed Book
	}	No 122 Page 295
To	}	Dated 27 Nov 1867
	}	Rec[orded] 22 January 1868
Pa And N.Y. Canal & R }		
R Co[mpany]		

Consideration

Beginning on the line which divides
Sarah Blanchard land from the
Penna Coal Co at a point distant as
measured upon Rail line 32 1/10 feet from
-om [connected with former line “from”] the center line between the tracks
of said Rail Road Co as the same is now
located upon the said premises thence
along

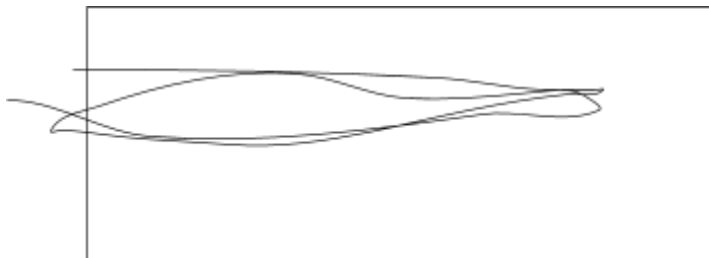
the lands of said Coal Co North 58°
west 84^(64.2) 2/10 feet to a corner thence north
53° East 1406 feet to a corner thence
south 58° east 64 2/10 feet to a corner
to a corner (sic; repeated phrase) thence south 55° west
1406 feet to the place of beginning
containing about 2 acres of land.

Back:

143–

1.5

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15.105c Item 50c: Typescript Copy of a Land deed from Sarah Blanchard to “The Pennsylvania & New York Canal [and Railroad] Company,” 1888 November 10; recorded 1888 December 11(Removed to Legal Box #2)

Type of Material: Land deed/ type

Title: N/A

Description: This is a typescript copy of a land deed from Sarah Blanchard, 1804-1892, to the Pennsylvania and New York Canal Company for \$900.00 for the surface/right of way on a plot of land on November 10 1888, presumably sold with the buyer's intention to construct a railroad or extend a current one. It confirms the sale and transfers all rights at the beginning. The land in question is located in Port Blanchard and marked by a small survey-like description of its perimeters, containing 1 acre and 789/1000ths of an acre. However, excepted from this area is any and all coal and minerals that can be found in/under/upon the land sold. The witnesses are marked at the end as Martha Chapman, 1831-1892, and Frank Everett Shiffer.

Dates: 10 November, 1888; recorded 11 December, 1888

Creator: [Blanchard Sarah \(Lazarus\), 1804-1892](#)

Subjects: Titles, Land; Finances; Transfer; Deeds;

Locations: Port Blanchard; Jenkins

People: [Chapman, Martha 1831-1892](#); [Shiffer, Frank Everett, 1857-1934](#); [Blanchard Sarah \(Lazarus\), 1804-1892](#)

General Condition: Good. The paper is a dark tan, possibly from discoloration, and thin, but there are only small tears from the edges where it has been folded in thirds. No problems otherwise.

Measurements: 10 ¾ in. x 8 ½ in.

Transcript Attempt:

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15.105d Item 50d: Typescript Copy of a Land deed from Sarah Blanchard to “Pennsylvania & New York Canal & Railroad Company,” 1888 November 10 (Removed to Legal Box #2)

Type of Material: Land deed/typescript

Title: N/A

Description: A typewritten sale of land from Sarah Blanchard, 1804-1892, to the “Pennsylvania & New York Canal & Railroad Company” for \$900 on November 10 1888. The document gives a description of the lot and the location of the land in question as well as all the legal language to change the ownership, setting the boundaries of the previous owner and her heirs to those of the new ones. It seems to relinquish the surface of the land to the company, but retains rights to the coal and any other minerals “under and upon the same,” presumably giving the railroad the right to build there but not utilize any other resources

present. The Blanchards were a prominent family of the area in Jenkins Township known as Port Blanchard, which is connected back to Captain Jeremiah Blanchard, one of its first settlers. It is named for one of his children, John Blanchard, and the family was very involved in landowning as seen through the trades and sales their names often show up in.

There are two small penciled in annotations on the first page, but they only correct grammatical errors.

Dates: 10 November 1888

Creator: [Blanchard Sarah \(Lazarus\), 1804-1892](#)

Subjects: Titles, Land; Deeds; Field Survey; Field Notes;

Locations: Port Blanchard; Jenkins Township; Luzerne County; Pennsylvania

People: [Blanchard Sarah \(Lazarus\), 1804-1892](#); [Chapman, Martha 1831-1892](#); [Shiffer, Frank Everett, 1857-1934](#); Anderson, J. N.

General Condition: **Fair.** The three sheets are in relatively good condition despite their age. All have creases from being folded both in half and in thirds, but only the third page on the bottom left has any start of tearing. The paper is a little yellowed from age, and the top left corner of each page has several small holes from previous staples.

Measurements: 11 in. x 8 ½ in.

Transcript Attempt:

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15.105e Item 50e: A Photostat of a Land Deed from Sarah Blanchard to the Pennsylvania & New York Coal & Railroad Company, 1888 November 10 (Removed to Legal Box #2)

Type of Material: Land Deed/ Photostat

Title: N/A

Description: The following item dated November 10, 1888, depicts a photostat of a land deed by Sarah Blanchard to the Pennsylvania & New York Coal Company. In the deed, Blanchard is selling the surface ways and rights of mineral extraction and service to the company for a sum of \$900.00. The document contains a number of field survey notes on the second page, defining the boundaries and neighboring properties of the estate, and marks where previous railroad tracks or surface rights lay.

Dates: November 10, 1888

Creator: [Blanchard Sarah \(Lazarus\), 1804-1892](#)

Subjects: Titles, Land; Deeds; Field Survey; Field Notes;

Locations: Port Blanchard; Jenkins Township; Luzerne County; Pennsylvania

People: [Blanchard Sarah \(Lazarus\), 1804-1892](#); [Chapman, Martha 1831-1892](#);

General Condition: **Good.**

Measurements:

Transcription Attempt:

Sarah Blanchard	}	The Indenture made the Tenth day of
To	}	November in the year of our Lord one thousand
The Pennsylvania New	}	and Eight hundred and Eighty Eight
York Canal & R.R.Co	}	Between Sarah Blanchard of Port Blanchard

Justus Township Luzerne County
Pennsylvania of the one part and The Pennsylvania and New York
Canal and Rail Road Company and the other part.

Witnesseth, that the said party of the first part were
in consideration of the Sum of Nine hundred Dollar lawful sum
of the United States of America unto her will and truly paid by the said
party of the Second part at and before the sealing and delivery of these
presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath granted bargained
sold aliened enfeoffed released and confirmed and by these presents
doth grant bargain sell alien enfeoff release and confirms the
said party of the second part its successors and assigns.

The surface or sight of ways of the following descri[bed]

Page unnumbered:

[descri]bed lot piece and parcel of land situate at Port Blanchard, aforesaid described
as follows, Beginning at a perrit(?) Where the line or right of way of said Rod
Read witnesseth the Northerly line of the Road at Port Blanchard Statue
Which said parcel is distant thirty three Southerly at right angles from
the Center between tracks of said Rail Roads, thence running parallel
with said Center and along the said line of right of way North fifty four
degrees forty five minutes east five hundred and Ninety feet to the
line dividing the within described lands from lands of the Pennsylvania
oal company thence along said dividing line South fifty eight
degrees thirty minutes East Sixty eight feet to the Westerly line of the
North Branch Canal lands, thence along the said Westerly line of canal
Lands the following Courses and distances South forty one degrees forty
one minute West thirty Seven and six tenths thence South forty
one degrees Sixteen minutes, west one hundred feet, thence South thirty
Seven degrees Sixteen minutes west one hundred feet thence south thirty
Eight degrees twenty four minutes west one hundred feet thence south
thirty seven degrees Sixteen minutes west one hundred feet thence South
thirty seven degrees fifty minutes west one hundred feet thence south
thirty eight degrees thirty four minutes west forty seven and four
tenths feet to the said Northerly line of road, thence along said Northerly
line of road North forty eight degrees fifteen minutes west two hundred
and ten feet to the place of beginning Containing one acre(?) and seven
hundred and Eighty nine one thousandths of an acre Excepting and
Reserving however(?) out of the said lot free or parcel of land all the coal
and other minerals in under and upon the name.

Together with all and Singular ways waters water courses
rights liberties privileges hereditaments and appurtenances Whatsoever thereunto
belonging or in any wise appertaining and the revisions and Remainders
rents issues and profits thereof and all the estate right title interest property
claim and demand Whatever of the party of the first part in law

Equity or [or] otherwise howsoever of in and to the same and way part thereof

To have and to hold the said surface of said lot hereditaments and premises hereby granted or mentioned and intended so to be with the appurtenances unto the said party of the Second part its successors and assigns to and for the only proper use and behoof of the said party of the Second part its successors and assigns forever. Excepting and Reserving as aforesaid

And the said party of the first part her heirs Executors and administrators does by these presents Covenant grant and agree to and With the said party of the Second part its successors and assigns that she the said party of the first part her heirs all and Singular the hereditaments and premises herein above described and granted or mentioned and intended So to be with the appurtenances unto the said party of the second part its successors and assigns against her the said, party of the first part her heirs and against all and Every other person or persons Whatsoever lawfully Claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof Shall and will warrant and forever defend. In Witness Whereof the said party of the first part

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15.106 Item 51: Photostat of a Land deed from “The Pennsylvania Coal Company” to the “Pittston Street Car Company”, 1894 May 1, with Research Memo. (Removed to Legal Box #2)

Type of Material: Photostat; Deed

Title: N/A

Description: The following item dated May 1, 1849, depicts a land deed between the Pennsylvania Coal Company and the Pittston Street Car Company. In the deed, the Pennsylvania Coal company is selling a section of land between Jenkins and Plains townships for a right of way for a street car. The sale is for \$1,200.00, and the area is described in detail with field notes and coordinate directionals for the boundaries of the sale. These notes explain that the route will span from Pittston to Wilkes Barre, with the southerly end reaching the village of Port Griffith, and in other points of the survey, notes that the lands will abut those owned by other companies, such as the Lehigh Rail Road Company, Delaware and Hudson Canal Company, or the Erie and Wyoming Valley Rail Road Company. The final sections of the deed explain the transfer and profits of the land between the two companies, and guarantees the protection of the sale and tract from any other claim that might come against the Pittston Street Car Company, but likewise, there is a note of the company’s responsibility of the maintenance and safety of the tracks in question. The deed is witnessed by A. D. Schurmurham, and signed by presidents E. H. Mead and John Welles Hollenback, and attested to by secretaries W. E. Street and C. J. Swan.

Dates: 1 May 1894

Creator: The Pennsylvania Coal Company

Subjects: Titles, Land; Deeds; Contracts; Sale; Finances; Field Notes; Field Survey

Locations: Jenkins / Plains, PA

People: Swan, C. J.; Street, W. E.; [Hollenback, John Welles, 1827-1923](#); Mead, E. H., [Pos. [Mead, Everett Henry, 1876-1965](#) / [Meade Edwin Homer, 1877-1938](#)]; Schurmurham, A. D.

General Condition: Good

Measurements: 14 in. x 8 ¼ in.

Transcript Attempt:

The Pennsylvania Coal Company	}
To	}
The Pittston Street Car Company	}

This Indenture made this first day of May A.D. 1894. Between The corporation of the state of Pennsylvania of the first part hereinafter called the grantor and The Pittston Street Car Company also a corporation of the said state of the second part hereinafter called the grantee.

Witnesseth that the grantor for and in consideration of the sum of Twelve hundred dollars (\$1200.00) lawful money of the United States of America to it in hand well and truly paid by the grantee at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath granted and released and doth hereby grant and release unto the grantee its successors and assigns That certain right of way for a Street car railway partly in the Township of Plains and partly in the Township of Jenkins Luzerne County Pennsylvania and described as follows: Beginning in the center of the main road leading from Pittston to Wilkes Barre near the southerly end of the village of Port Griffith opposite the residence of Patrick Murphy, thence at 22 ° over to the right for 26.8 feet thence along the Easterly side of the present road S[outh] 79 ° 31° W[est] 393.6 feet thence by a 6° curve to the left for 129.4 feet thence S[outh] 71° 40° W[est] 126 feet to a point where the said public road crosses the Lehigh Valley Railroad near the Hoyt Shaft. The said Pittston Street Car Company occupying fifteen feet of the Pennsylvania Coal Company land on the Easterly side of the abovedescribed center line from the beginning to this point Thence through the lands of the Pennsylvania Coal Company for a fourteen degree curve to the left for 100.4 feet to a point fifteen feet distant at right angles from the aforesaid Lehigh Rail Road Companys right of way thence parally (sic) [parallel] with andfullen(?) cut from said right of way S[outh] 54° 54° W[est] 1550 +feet, thence by a four degree curve to the left for 91.4 feet thence S[outh] 51° 14° W[est] 309.6 feet thence by a four degree curve to the left for 175 feet thence S 44° 14° W[est] crossing the track connecting the Lehigh

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Valley Rail Road and the Erie and Wyoming Valley RailRoad 208.4 feet thence by a 4 curve to the left for 108.2 feet thence s 39° 54° W.339.1 feet to the road near Port Blanchard Station. Thence crossing said road by a 1° curve to the left for 133.4 feet. thence s.38° 34° W. 487.9 feet, thence by a 14° curve to the right for 305.4 feet passing through the southeasterly corner of the Blanchard estate (not owned by the Grantor) thence s[outh]. 81° 20° W. 596.5 feet thence by an 8° curve to the left for 330.1 feet to a point opposite the Pennsylvania Coal Company's breaker No. 24. and also being fifteen feet distant from the Lehigh Valley RailRoad Companys right of way thence parally (sic) [Parallel] with and fifteen feet from said right of way s[outh]. 54° 55° W 328.4 feet thence by a 10°curve to the left for 97.5 feet thence s[outh]. 45° 10° W[est]. 177.5 feet thence by a 10° curve to the right for 100 feet thence 15 feet from and along the Easterly side of the before mentioned public road s[outh] 55° 10 W[est]. 1101 feet thence by a

curve to the left with a radius of 87 feet for 130.4 feet to and in the Saylor-road. thence across the said road s[outh]. 31°04 E[ast].18.6 feet to the line between Plains and Jenkins Township and line of lands of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company. The above described center line passes through certified lots Nos [numbers] 8.7.6.5 and 4 of the first division of the certified Township of Pittston now Jenkins Township. Thence passing through the lands of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company not owned by the Grantor) being certified lot no 3 and as part of no 2 to line of other lands of the said Pennsylvania Coal Company thence through said Pennsylvania Coal Company's lands by a 4° curve to the left for 405 feet, thence S[outh]. 32° 35° W[est]. 274. 6 feet thence crossing a small run by a 4° curve to the right for 339.8 feet thence S[outh] 46° 11° W[est].726.7 feet thence by a curve to the right with radius of 150 feet for 52.7 feet thence S[outh]. 66°21° W[est] 246.2 feet thence by a 4° curve to the left for 33.8 feet thence S[outh]. 66°21° W[est] 246.2 Feet. thence by a 4° curve to the left for 33.8 feet thence S[outh].65° W[est] 262 feet thence by a 3° curve to the right for 913 feet to the center of the first mentioned public road leading to Wilkes-Barre near where it crosses the canal below the village of Plainsville
The said last mentioned right of way after leaving the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company's land being through certified lots No 2 and 1 of the first division certified Pittston and lot No 28 of the certified Township of Wilkes-Barre now Plains.

The said right of way being fifteen feet on each side of the line as herein described containing about 6.85 acres to the same more or less. The same being shown upon the map hereto attached which is made apart of this Indenture said right of way not to exceed thirty feet in width.

Together with the appurtenances

To have and to hold the said described right of way with the appurtenances with the grantee its successors and assigns, for it and their use and behoof for and during such time as the same shall be used for a right of way for a Street railway as aforesaid.

All the coal and other minerals in under and upon the said right of way are hereby excepted and reserved unto the Grantor its successors and assigns with the unqualified right to mine and removed to the same and the grantors, its successors and assigns shall in no event be liable to the grantee its successors and assigns for any injury that may be done to said right of way or the improvement now or hereafter erected thereon by reason of the mining or removal of said coal and other minerals or of anything that may occur in connection with such mining or of the failure of vertical or literal support for the said premises
All liabilities(?) for anything that may occur as aforesaid being hereby ex[unfinished; expressly]

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[expr]essly waived and released

It is hereby covenated and agreed that the grantee shall build and maintain fences along the right of way aforesaid at such point or points as the grantee may it the present time or in the future direct

It is hereby convenated and agreed that the grantor shall have the right to alter the location or position of the track or tracks of the grantee and relocation the same in case such attraction shall be needed by the grantor in a future location of its own railroad tracks or of the railroad tracks of its carrying company to wit the Erie and Wyoming Valley Railroad Company.

It is hereby covenated and agreed that the grantee shall construct and maintain in first class condition all grade crossing upon the right of way hereby granted where its railway shall now or in the future cross any present

or future track or tracks of the grantee or its said carrying company the Erie and Wyoming Valley Rail Road Company such crossings to be of the most approved pattern the same to be first approved by the grantor before constructed and the grantee shall when Flagmen or gates shall be here(?) fully required at such crossings by the municipal authorities having police control thereof maintain such flagman or gates and the care of the grantee shall upon approaching such crossings come to a full stop and the conductor shall go to the front of the car to cross before the car shall proceed: the trains of the grantor or of its said carrying company to have the right of way at all times at said crossing over the cars of the grantee: the grantee in the event of a change of grade of the tracks of the grantor or of its said carrying company shall alter at its own expense(?) the tracks grade so as to conform with the changes made by the grantor that the elevated were of the grantee at such crossings shall be so strung and anchored as to produce the danger of sagging and falling to a minimum and the said were shall be elevated at least twenty feet and six inches about the top of the rates of the grantor or of its said carrying company.

All and singular of the covenant and agreements herein contained shall relate(?) and apply to the parties hereto their respective successors and assigns

In Witness Whereof the parties hereto have caused their respective corporate stats to be affixed hereto duly attested by the signatures of these respective Presidents and Secretaries.

Dated the day and year first above written

In presence of	The Pennsylvania Coal Company
A. D. Schurmurham	by E. H. Mead President
	attest W. E. Street Secretary
	by J.W. Hollenback President
	Attest C. J. Swan Secretary

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15.107 Item 52: Typed Transcript of Land deed from Jeremiah F. Blanchard to John E. Tenant, 1896 September 10. (Removed to Legal Box #2)

Type of Material: Land deed

Title: N/A

Description: The following item dated September 10, 1896, depicts a typescript copy of a land deed by Jeremiah F. Blanchard and Augusta, his wife, to John E. Tennant. In the deed, Blanchard is selling Tennant land in Jenkins township for the sum of \$800.00. Parts of these lands were willed to Blanchard by the late Sarah Blanchard, and the deed contains numerous field notes and directional coordinates for the boundaries of the tract in question. The deed does mention that certain parts of the land have been excepted in this sale, as they were previously deeded out to the Pennsylvania and New York Canal and Railroad Company, see items, 15.106a-d, through which they still maintain the rights to minerals and coal found on the lands. The final section of the deed is the transference of rights and profits to the land from

Blanchard and his heirs or assigns to those of Tennant and himself, with protections against any other person claiming to own the lands in sale. The deed is witnessed by D. S. Whitaker and Sam Kutz, and is recorded on September 28, 1896.

Dates: 10 September 1896, Recorded September 28, 1896

Creator: [Blanchard, Jeremiah Franklin 1839-1919](#)

Subjects: Titles, Land; Deeds; Finances; Transfer;

Locations: Jenkins Township

People: Tenant, John E., [Pos. [Tennant, John E. 1859-1921](#)]; Blanchard, Augusta; Whitaker, D. S.; [Kutz, Sam](#), [Pos. [Kutz, Samuel, 1823-1905](#)]; [Blanchard, Jeremiah Franklin 1839-1919](#)

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 14 in. x 8 ½ in.

Transcript Attempt:

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Jer Blanchard to J Tennant.

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KINGSTON

15.108 Item 53: Typescript Copy of Deeds from Samuel and Mary Shiffer, Archibald and Margaret Knight, and Elizabeth Landon, to Jeremiah Blanchard, 1845 November 17.

Type of Material: Land Deed

Title: N/A

Description: These documents cover two separate sales. The first, using the three sheet sale, is a typescript copy of a land deed from one group to John Blanchard, 1801-1853, for \$2750.00 for a plot of land on November 17 1845. The group of sellers contain Jacob (1810-1898) and Mary Shiffer (1815-1897), Archibald (1796-1867) and Margaret Knight (1796-1881), and Elizabeth Landon (1793-1879). The lands in question, including lots 7 (likely correct but blurred, seems & and 7 keys were both struck in the same spot.) and 6, are marked by a small survey-like description of its perimeters. It confirms the sale and transfers all rights from the group to Blanchard and his descendants as well as naming the witnesses to the sale, G. Burrows and W. I. Woodward. The name for Jacob and Mary Shiffer may be incorrect - found as "Shaffer" online. May be correct, but not 100%. A note on the back of the third page mentions a Samuel shiffer, but its yet to be determined if he holds any relation to Jacob and Mary. The Blanchard family is related to the Knight and Landon families through marriage - Elizabeth and Margaret are John's elder sisters. // The second is a typescript copy of a land sale from Jeremiah Blanchard to Jeremiah Blanchard Jr. for £125 for a plot of land on January 1 1792. The land in question, lot 6 of Pittston, is marked by a description of its relations to other lots in the area, being near to Jonathan Stark, Arthur Irwin, and containing 158 acres. It confirms the sale and transfers all rights from Blanchard Sr. to Blanchard Jun. and his descendants, as well as listing witnesses, Enos Brown and John Phillips, at the end. There are three Jeremiahs in the Blanchard family, but only one was alive by 1792, presumably the sr. of the family, father of one Jeremiah and grandfather of another. The ages of this don't lay well then, as both of the latter were born after 1792 by at least 6 years.

Dates: 17 November, 1845; June 16, 1792

Creator: Shiffer, Samuel; [Blanchard, John 1801-1853](#)

Subjects: Titles, Land; Petition; Warrant; Field Notes; Field Survey; Deeds

Locations: Kingston, PA

People: Shiffer, Samuel; [Blanchard, John 1801-1853](#); [Shiffer, Jacob 1810-1898](#); [Shiffer, Mary Ann 1815-1897](#); [Knight, Archibald; 1796-1867](#); [Knight, Margaret 1796-1881](#); [Landon, Elizabeth 1793-1879](#); [Burrows, G., \[Pos. Burrows, Gilbert, 1795-1859\]](#); [Woodward, William Ira, 1821-1898](#); [Blanchard, Jeremiah, 1764-1837](#); [Blanchard, Jeremiah, 1799-1838](#); Stark, Jonathan; Irwin, Arthur; Phillips, John; [Brown, Enos, 1825-1886](#)

General Condition: Fair. There are 4 total sheets, all in relatively good condition. There are creases but no major tears. Several of the sheets have smudges on them, and all have holes from staples in the top left corner. There are some notes in pencil on 3 of the papers, and the last one also has a note written in ink on the bottom.

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

Transcript Attempt:

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1888

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Sam Shiffer to John Blanchard

1845: 2. Copy

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15.109 Item 54: Original Land Deed from John W. Geary to James P. Weller, 1868 July 2 (removed to Grey Box #4)

Type of Material: Deed

Title: N/A

Description: The following item dated July 2, 1868, depicts a land deed by John W. Geary to James P. Weller. In the deed, Geary is selling a piece of land in Kingston township for \$14.00 to Weller. The land contains 26 acres and 152 and 8/10 perches of land. The contract states that it also contains allowances, which is likely six percent for public roads and other components of the commonwealth, as estimated by the language in similar deeds within the collection, such as 15.88 Item 33: A Photostat of a Survey by Daniel Broadhead for John Cary, 1793 July 2. The tract of land was surveyed on January 28, 1867. At the bottom of the page, the deed hereby transfers all rights and profits from Geary to Weller, with Geary affixing his seal and signature before J. M. Campbell, the surveyor general.

The deed contains a number of field survey notes in laying out the boundaries of the property for sale, including directional coordinates that would have been determined by following the route with a Guntar's chain, an invention used for surveying the boundary line of a tract. The surveying process was traditionally walked by two surveyors, where the first measured the line and a second would walk it to ensure it was level. The first would survey the land, walking the proposed tract and establish its boundaries and create its corners. They would typically identify "significant landmarks—often trees or large rocks" for multiple purposes ([American Philosophical Society](#)). A first reason would be to create

those intended corners of the tract, but another was to lead the second surveyor through the path to ensure that the determined lines were level. A researcher on the American Philosophical Society's website explained the process, where the surveyors work in tandem. "The two chain carriers would take hold of either end while the surveyor used a compass or theodolite to mark the distance along a particular line of latitude. As they moved along, the leader marked the ground with an "arrow," or metal pin, and the follower walked in that direction. Upon reaching the leader, the follower picked up the "arrow" and replaced it with a wooden stake. Together, they would determine if their line was straight, and if not, with the help of the surveyor, they would adjust it before moving forward" ([American Philosophical Society](#)). When they had reached less than "one chain's length" from the final corner of the tract, the links within the chain remaining were counted for an "exact measurement" ([American Philosophical Society](#)).

Dates: July 2, 1868; January 28, 1867

Creator: [Geary, John W., 1819-1873](#);

Subjects: Deeds; Titles, Land; Field Survey; Field Notes; Finances; Transfer

Locations: Kingston, PA

People: [Geary, John W., 1819-1873](#); Weller, James P, [Pos. [Weller, James Polk, 1845-1925](#) / [1844-1922](#)]; Campbell, J. M.

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 19 x 18 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.

Transcript Attempt:

[the page is composed of printed and annotated text. bolded text indicates printed text.]

To all to whom these Presents shall Come, Greeting:

Know You, That in consideration of the money paid by James P. Weller at the granting of the Warrant hereinafter mentioned of the sum of fourteen dollars, in full, now paid by him into the Treasury Office of this Commonwealth, there is granted by the said Commonwealth unto the said James P. Weller a certain part of Land, situate in Kingston township, Luzerne County: BEGINNING at a corner at the Susquehanna River; thence by the Township of Plymouth North thirty four degrees and thirty minutes West, five hundred and Eighty perches , thence by other land North fifty-five degrees and thirty minutes East, two perches; thence by the Third Division of Certified Kingston Township, South thirty=four degrees and thirty minutes East, two hundred and eighty=seven perches; North forty =one degrees and thirty minutes East, five hundred and forty perches: North thirty= five degrees East, fifty =one perches, thence by the First Division of Certified Kingston Township, South, two degrees West, nine and six=tenths perches: thence by the Second Division of Certified Kingston Township, South thirty= five degrees West, forty four perches; South forty= one degrees and thirty minutes West, five hundred and forty=one and forty five one hundreths perches. South thirty = four degrees and thirty minutes East, two hundred and eighty= seven perches; thence : thence by the Susquehanna River, South fifty=five degrees and thirty minutes West, two perches to the beginning : Containing Twenty= six acres, one hundred and fifty= two and eight = tenths perches and allowance—

— — Which said tract was surveyed in pursuance of a Warrant dated the twenty=eighth day of January A.D. 1867 granted to the said James P. Weller—

To have and to hold The said Tract or Parcel of Land, with the appurtenances, unto the said James P. Weller and his heirs, to the use of him, the said James P. Weller, his heirs and Assigns, forever —

...

In Testimony Whereof John W. Geary, Governor ... hath hereunto set his Hand, and the Seal of the office ... the second day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight and of the Commonwealth the ninety second —

ATTEST:

J.M. Campbell **Surveyor General** } **Enrolled in Patent Book H, Vol. 63 Page 50**

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James P. Wller
Luzerne County,
26 ^{as [acres]} 152 8/10 ^{ps [perches]} &c [etcetera]

In pencil:

Esq[uire] J. W. Geary
Gov[ernor] of Luzerne

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LAFLIN

15.110 Item 55: Photostats, 2 Copies, of Land deed from the Lehigh Valley Coal Company to Michael Joseph Rafferty, 1949 September 19. (Removed to Legal Box #2)

Type of Material: Land deed

Title: N/A

Description: The following item dated September 19, 1949, depicts two photostat copies of a land deed between Lehigh Valley Coal Company and M. J. Rafferty. This deed is built from an original warrant, dated July 28, 1949, granting two acres of surface rights in Laflin, PA. However, the deed mentions that those two acres appear to have been sold previously to Anna Monahan and so the Lehigh Valley Coal Company is offering sale a neighboring 11 acres of surface area that abuts the same acreage for \$1,000. The deed covers the legalities of the rights and profits transferred from one party to the other, and states that the sale and title is safeguarded against any other claims. There is a description of the boundaries for these 11 acres following with field notes taken during the survey, some of which name other companies' tracts or lands in the area, such as the Pennsylvania Coal Company's along the northerly line.

The document is incomplete, as the numbered pages skips from 231 to 233, and we have no designation of the first part of the deed amendments on the second page, second-fourth. These amendments state that the coal beneath the surface of these lands will be mined progressively, potentially endangering the structure and quality of the soil, with which knowledge, the third amendment addresses that this knowledge has altered the contract regarding price proportionally, but in the fourth noting that the contract was sought by the second party, M. J. Rafferty. These appear to be protections for the mining company in case of future accidents or damage to the acreage being sold. The deed is signed by the vice president, B. Henderson(?), the secretary of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, James More, and Michael Joseph Rafferty.

Dates: 19 September 1949;

Creator: The Lehigh Valley Coal Company

Subjects: Titles, Land; Deeds; Surface Rights; Coal; Minerals; Finances; Contracts

Locations: Laflin, PA

People: Henderson, B.; More, James, [Pos. Moore]; [Rafferty, Michael Joseph, 1874-1972](#); [Monahan, Anna, \[Pos. Monahan, Anna V. \(Murphy\), 1900-1978\]](#)

General Condition: Fair. The page itself is good but the quality of the photostat is poor and hard to read.

Measurements: 14 in. x 9 ½ in.

Transcript Attempt:

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PITTSTON

15.111 Item 56: Land deed from Elijah Slater to David and Asa Dimock, [ca. late nineteenth-early twentieth century]

Type of Material: Land deed

Title: N/A

Description: This is a typescript copy of a land deed from Elijah Slater, son of Samuel Slater Jr., to David and Asa Dimock for \$676.67 for a plot of land in Pittston Township. The land in question is marked by a small survey of its boundaries and neighbors and neighbors in the area, including Jonathan Marcy 1769-1799 and Jeremiah Blanchard 1764-1837. It confirms the sale and transfers all rights from Slater to the Dimocks. It notes towards the end that a portion of the Lackawanna Creek is reserved to James, 1746-1797, and Solomon Finn, 1770-1827, while also holding them accountable for any damages that may occur. The underlined portion of the letter specifies the lot numbers to be sold, and the start of its northern boundary.

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

Creator: [Slater, Elijah, 1775-1836](#)

Subjects: Titles, Land; Deeds; Patent; Finances;

Locations: Pittston, Pennsylvania

People: [Dimock, David, 1749-1836](#); [Dimock, Asa, 1772-1833](#); [Slater, Elijah, 1775-1836](#); [Slater, Samuel, 1798-1878](#); Marcy, Jonathan, [Pos. [Marcy, Jonathan 1769-1799](#)]; [Blanchard, Jeremiah 1764-1837](#); [Finn, James 1746-1797](#); [Finn, Solomon 1770-1827](#)

General Condition: Fair. The paper is in decent condition with only a few creases in the center of the page. There is one tear along the center crease's edge, and the edges of the sheet itself are only slightly yellowed. There are a few pencil annotations underlining two lines towards the center of the page.

Measurements: 11 in. x 8 ½ in.

Transcript Attempt:

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15.112 Item 57: A Typescript Copy of a Land Deed from Jeremiah

Blanchard to Jeremiah Blanchard Jr., 1792 June 16

Type of Material: Land deeds

Title: N/A

Description: The following item depicts a typescript copy of a land sale from Jeremiah Blanchard to Jeremiah Blanchard Jr. for £125 for a plot of land in Pittston on January 1 1792. The land in question, lot 6 of Pittston, is marked by a description of its relations to other lots in the area, being near to Jonathan Stark, Arthur Irwin, and containing 158 acres. It confirms the sale and transfers all rights from Blanchard Sr. to Blanchard Jun. and his descendants, as well as listing witnesses, Enos Brown and John Phillips, at the end.

Dates: 17 November, 1845; June 16, 1792

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Titles, Land; Deeds; Finances; Transfer; Field Notes; Field Survey

Locations: Pittston, PA

People: [Blanchard, Jeremiah, 1738-1807](#); [Blanchard, Jeremiah, 1764-1837](#); Irwin, Arthur; Stark, Jonathan; Philips, John

General Condition: Good.

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

Transcript Attempt:

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15.113 Item 58: Typescript of a Land deed from Jeremiah Blanchard to James Finn, 1792 August 27

Type of Material: Land deed

Title: N/A

Description: This is a typewritten copy of a land deed from Jeremiah Blanchard, 1764-1837, to James Finn, 1746-1797, for "30 pounds Connecticut money" or \$15.00 for the water path upon his land on August 27 1792. The land in question is near Pittston and the right is sold for the purpose of building a water raceway. The exact description of what the raceway is intended for is described, and the legal rights are transferred to Finn. Others are mentioned within the document in the context of relation to other lands, being Samuel Slater Jr.

Dates: August 27, 1792

Creator: [Blanchard, Jeremiah 1764-1837](#)

Subjects: Titles, Land; Deeds; Contracts; Transfer; Finances

Locations: Pittston, PA

People: [Finn, James 1746-1797](#); Slater, Samuel Jr., d. bef. 1792 August 27; [Blanchard, Jeremiah 1764-1837](#)

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 11 in. x 8 1/2 in.

Transcript Attempt:

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15.114 Item 59: Two Photostat Copies and A Typescript of a Land deed from Jesse Gardner to Jeremiah Blanchard, 1797 March 15 (removed to grey print box #4)

Type of Material: Land deed

Title: N/A

Description: This is a typewritten copy of a land deed from Jesse Gardner, 1761-1815, and his wife, Martha Gardner 1760-1849, to Jeremiah Blanchard, 1764-1837, for £60 for access to facilities on the land on March 15, 1797. The land in question, in lot 6 of Pittston, is marked by a small survey-like description of its perimeters and relations to other lots in the area (lots 16, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 19, 5), including some sectors owned by Jesse Gardner and Isaac Gould. The facilities Blanchard bought are 1/2 of a sawmill and sawmill seat, pond and pondage ground, logway and board yard, and the passage into said area. It confirms the sale and transfers all rights from Gardner to Blanchard and his descendants. There is also a second section on the second page which appears to be a confirmation of the previous document by John P. Schott, a justice of the peace, in the presence of William Hutchins on March 17 1797. There is an annotation on the first page in pencil: 3-15-1797.

Dates: March 15, 1797

Creator: [Gardner, Jesse 1761-1815](#); [Gardner, Martha 1760-1849](#)

Subjects: Titles, Land; Deeds; Sale; Contracts; Transfer; Finances;

Locations: Pittston, PA

People: [Blanchard, Jeremiah 1764-1837](#) ; [Gould, Isaac 1742-1802](#); Hutchins, William; [Schott, John Paul 1744-1829](#)

General Condition: Poor. Vinegar smell.

Measurements: 11 in. x 8 ½ in.

Transcript Attempt:

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3-15-1797

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15.115 Item 60: Typescript of a Land deed from Thomas and Mary Wright to George Cooper, 1798 October 1

Type of Material: Land deed

Title: N/A

Description: This is a typescript copy of a land deed from Thomas and Mary Wright to George Cooper, 1751-1824, for £500 for a plot of land on October 1, 1798. It confirms the sale and transfers all rights from Wright to Cooper before detailing the land itself. It is in Pittston, within Lot 5, and marked by a small survey-like description of its perimeters and relations to other lots in the area, containing roughly 100 acres. The neighboring lots include those of Jeremiah Blanchard Jr. and Jonathan Starke, and the lot being sold was sold to the current sellers by Thomas Steward.

Dates: 1 October, 1798

Creator: Wright, Thomas

Subjects: Titles, Land; Deeds; Finances; Transfer; Contracts

Locations: Pittston; Luzerne; Pennsylvania

People: [Cooper, George 1751-1824](#); Wright, Mary; Wright, Thomas; [Blanchard, Jeremiah 1764-1837](#); Starke, Jonathan; Steward, Thomas

General Condition: Good. Paper is a bit browned, tan in the center and darker along the edges. It was folded into thirds and has small tears starting along those crease lines, but nothing major.

Measurements: 10 13/16 in. x 8 ½ in.

Transcript Attempt:

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15.116 Item 61: Typescript Copy of a Deed from George Cooper to Josiah Squire, 1801 October 29

Type of Material: Deed

Title: N/A

Description: This is a typescript copy of a land deed from George Cooper, 1751-1824, to Josiah Squire for £125 for a plot of land on October 29 1801. The land in question is a quarter of Lot 5 in Pittston, containing 25 acres, and is marked by a small survey-like description of its perimeters and relations to other lots in the area. Some of these neighbors are John Canada and George Cooper. It confirms the sale and transfers all rights from Cooper to Squire and his descendants, as well as the witnesses, Jeremiah Blanchard Junior 1764-1837, and Matthias Hollenback 1752-1829. A small section following the seal of the first document is a legal confirmation of the sale by the Court of Common Pleas under Matthias Hollenback.

Dates: 29 October 1801

Creator: [Cooper, George 1751-1824](#)

Subjects: Titles, Land; Deeds; Finances; Transfer; Contracts

Locations: Pittston, PA

People: Squire, Josiah; Canada, John; [Cooper, Phebe 1761-1843](#); [Blanchard, Jeremiah 1764-1837](#); [Hollenback, Matthias 1752-1829](#); [Cooper, George 1751-1824](#)

General Condition: Fair.. Both sheets are in good condition, no major tears. They have creases from being folded in halves and thirds, as well as those from being stapled, and they bear the holes from that as well. There are smaller tears along some of the creases on the sheets, but much more visible on the first page than the second, and the top of the first page has a ripped piece still attached.

Measurements: 11 in. x 8 ½ in.

Transcript Attempt:

George [illegible] Cooper :
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to :
:
Josiah Squire :

Know all men by these presents that I George Cooper of Pittston in the County of Luzerne and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for and in consideration of the sum of One Hundred and Twenty Five Pounds, lawful money of Pennsylvania to me in hand paid by Josiah Squire of Wilkes-Barre, in said County of Commonwealth, the receipt whereof I hereby acknowledge, do Deed and bargain, sell, alien, transfer and confirm unto him the said Josiah Squire, his heirs and assigns forever, the following described tract or parcels of land situated and being in said Township of Pittston and County aforesaid, being the one fourth part of lot No. Five(5) in said Township, bounded West by River Susquehanna, North by lands of John Canada, East by the public highway and South by the lands of George Cooper: containing Twenty Five Acres, be the same more or less. To have and to hold unto him the said Josiah Squire, his heirs and assigns forever, the aforesaid, bargained and des appucribed premises, with every privilege appurtenance, right or interest thereto belonging, or in any manner appertaining to his and their proper use, benefit and behoof

And furthermore, I the said George Cooper for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, do by vthese presents. covenant to and with the said Josiah Squire, his heirs and assigns that him and them I will warrant and defendthxx the aforesaid described and bargained premises with the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, free and clear from all persons lawfully claiming the same, by from or under me, the said George Cooper; Or by, from or under the State of Connecticut or Susquehanna Company. And we further, and I Phebe Cooper, the wife of the aforesaid George Cooper, for the consideration aforesaid and for the consideration of one shilling to me in hand paid, do by these presents release and forever quit claim all my right or demand for dower in the afore described and bargained premises, with the appurtenances unto him the said Josiah Squire, his heirs and assigns forever.

In testimony whereof, we the said George Cooper and Phebe, his xxxx- wife here write to set our hands and seals this Twenty Ninth day of October, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand eight Hundred and One Signed, sealed and delivered

in the presence of us :

Jeremiah Blanchard Jun. :

Matthias Hollenback :

George Cooper (Seal)

Phebe Cooper (Seal)

Luzerne County... On the ~~twenty~~ 25th day of October, 1801, personally appeared before Matthias Hollenback, one of the associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleases for the said County and acknowledged the foregoing to be his free act and deed and allows the to be recorded as such. Inxwxxx witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 29th day of October, A.D. 1801

Matthias Hollenback (Seal)

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15.117 Item 62: Land deed from Richard M. Crain to Jeremiah Blanchard, 1815 February 11 (Removed to grey print box #4)

Type of Material: Land deed

Title: N/A

Description: This is a printed copy of a land deed from Richard M. Crain, 1777-1852, to Jeremiah Blanchard Jr. for \$137.71 for a tract of land in Pittston on February 11 1815. The paper is headed with a small disclaimer marking it as a photocopy of the deed in question. The land in the copied document, lot 10, is marked by a surveyed description of its perimeters. The document mentions the survey being taken

for “An Act for offering compensation to the Pennsylvania claimants of certain lands within the seventeen townships in the County of Luzerne and for other purposes therein mentioned” by Blanchard. It confirms the sale and transfers all rights from Crain to Blanchard as well as a witness named John Cochran, 1761-1869.

Dates: 11 February 1815; 4 May 1953

Creator: [Crain, Richard M. 1777-1852](#);

Subjects: Titles, Land; Deeds; Finances; Transfer; Contracts

Locations: Pittston, PA

People: [Blanchard, Jeremiah 1764-1837](#); [Crain, Richard M. 1777-1852](#); [Cochran, John 1761-1869](#) (section iv.)

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 18 in. x 15 ½ in.

Transcript Attempt:

[attached note and seal of the Department of Internal Affairs; the item is composed of both printed and annotated text. Bolded text designates the typed text.]

**Department of Internal Affairs,
The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
To all whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:
Know Ye that in testimony this is a photo copy of a Patent
Remaining on file in the land office bureau of
the Department of Internal Affairs recorded
in Patent Book 4 Volume 12 Page 275
I have hereunto set my hand and caused the
seal of said department to be affixed at
Harrisburg this 4th day of May A.D. 1953.**

{deed}

**[THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,
[To all whom these Presents shall] come, Greeting:**

Know ye, That in consideration of the sum of one hundred thirty seven dollars and seventy one cents in full paid by Jeremiah Blanchard Jun[ior] into the Treasury office of this Commonwealth there is granted by the said Commonwealth unto the said Jeremiah Blanchard Jun[ior] a certain tract of land (being Lot No. 6 the first division) Situate in Pittstown one of the seventeen township in the County of Luzerne Beginning at a corner, thence by No. 7. South sixty one degrees East, two hundred thirty one perches to a corner, thence along a road, south fifty six degrees thirty minutes West, one hundred perches to a corner, thence by No 5, North sixty one degrees West, two hundred fourteen perches to a corner, thence up the Susquehanna, north forty five degrees East, fifty four perches to a corner, & north fifty one degrees East, forty perches to the Beginning containing One hundred fourteen acres. Fifty perches & Allowance &ca [etcetera] Which said Lot N^o 6, was surveyed to the said Jeremiah Blanchard Jun[ior] in pursuance of an Act entitled “An Act for offering compensation to the Pennsylvania claimants of certain lands within the seventeen townships in the County of Luzerne and for other purposes therein mentioned” passed the 4th April 1799 and the Supplements thereto passed, 15th March 1800 & 6th April 1802.

To have and to hold the said Tract or Parcel of Land, with the Appurtenances, unto the said Jeremiah Blanchard Jr and his Heirs to the use of him the said Jeremiah Blanchard Jr his Heirs and Assigns forever,

Free and Clear of all Restrictions and Reservations, as to Mines, Royalties, Quit-rents, or otherwise, excepting and reserving only the fifth part of all Gold and Silver Ore, for the use of this COMMONWEALTH to be delivered at the Pit's Mouth, clear of all Charges.

In Witness whereof, John Cochran Secretary of the Land-office of the said Commonwealth, hath hereto set his Hand, and the Seal of the Land-office of Pennsylvania hath been hereunto affixed the Eleventh day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Fifteen and of the Commonwealth the thirty ninth

Attest, Richard M. Crain

Dep Su[rveyor] L[an]d Off[ice]

[There is a partial text written on the upper section of the page, copied opposite the body of the page]
[Arc]hibald Stewart for the warrant hereinafter mentioned and the sum of seventeen [blocked by seal] and by him unto the Treasury office of this commonwealth there is granted [blocked by seal] [Ar]chibald Stewart a certain tract of land by Co^{m[fort?]} Cochran situate in Armstrong township [blocked by seal]

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15.118 Item 63: Typescript Copy of a Land Deed from Thomson, Saylor, Gardner, and Saylor to Samuel Saylor, 1828 February 14

Type of Material: Land Deed

Title: N/A

Description: A typescript copy of an indenture made between multiple families compiling their lands for sale to Charles and Catherine Saylor. The families are David and Susan Thomson, Jacob and Mary Saylor, Jesse and Ann Gardner, and David and Catherine Thomson. The deed poll is for the sum of \$1, 400.00, and contains 100 acres of lands in Pittston township, spanning over parts or whole sections of lots two, three, and four. The deed is witnessed by Henry Cortright and Peter Winter for half of the families, and Peter Winter and Joel Hale for Jacob Saylor and his wife, Mary. The final sale and payment of the \$1,400 received in full is witnessed by Peter Winter on February 14, 1828, and recorded on May 7, 1829. The deed first regards the people involved and their relation, then gives a small survey of the land in question in relation to other lots around it and measurements. It finally goes over the legal language transferring titles and rights to the new owner and includes everything on the land. The Saylor (Saler, Seiler, Sailor) family was very involved in land purchases in the Luzerne area, including Wilkes-Barre, Pittston, Jenkins, and Plains, throughout most of the 1800s. Here, they are related to the Thomson and Gardner families through marriage.

Dates: February 14, 1828

Creator: N/A (Typescript); Thomson, Saylor, Gardner, and Saylor (Original)

Subjects: Titles, Land; Sale; Deeds; Purchase; Contract; Finances

Locations: Luzerne County; Pennsylvania; Pittston; Wilkes-Barre.

People: [Thomson, David 1794-1883](#); [Thomson, Susan 1796-1849](#); [Saylor, Jacob 1801-1877](#); [Saylor,](#)

[Mary A. 1804-1899](#); [Gardner, Jesse 1799-1867](#); [Gardner, Ann Marie 1797-1879](#); [Saylor, Benjamin 1806-1882](#); [Saylor, Catherine, \[Pos. \(Saylor\) Buss, Catherine, 1786-1865\]](#); Saylor, Charles; [Saylor, Samuel 1799-1859](#); [Carey, Samuel, \[Pos. Carey, Samuel, 1792-1882\]](#); [Cortright, Henry, \[Pos. Courtright, Hendrick J. "Henry" 1771-1864\]](#); [Winter, Peter 1785-1872](#); Hale, Joel;

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 11 in. x 8 7/16 in

Transcription Attempt:

In pencil:

1 conveyance

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15.119 Item 64: Typescript Land deed from Letitia Cortent to John Blanchard, 1844 September 5

Type of Material: Land deed

Title: N/A

Description: This is a typescript copy of a land deed from Letitia Cortent, 1792-1866, to John Blanchard, 1801-1853, for \$500 for a plot of land in Pittston on September 5 1844. The land in question, lot 6, is marked by a small survey-like description of its perimeters and relations to other lots in the area. It confirms the sale and transfers all rights from Cortent to John B. and his descendants, (Jeremiah Blanchard Jr. 1799-1838) as well as witnesses, (Edward L.; Danna E. Carey). There are annotations on the front of the first page and the back of the second, but they are indecipherable. Handwritten math is on the back of the document. The name for Letitia Cortent is copied incorrectly - her surname is actually "Coutant."

Dates: 5 September, 1844

Creator: [Coutant, Letitia 1792-1866](#)

Subjects: Titles, Land; Deeds; Finances; Transfer; Contract

Locations: Pittston Township; Luzerne County; Pennsylvania; United States of America

People: [Blanchard, John 1801-1853](#); [Blanchard, Jeremiah \(Jr.\) 1799-1838](#); [Blanchard, Jeremiah 1764-1837](#); Edward, L.; Carey, Danna E; Helen, David; [Blanchard, Jeremiah Franklin 1839-1919](#);

General Condition: Fair. 2 sheets, in decent condition. Creases along center fold and holes on top center from staple. Page one also has a tear on the page number and some annotations in pencil on the front, while the second page has annotations, some math, and sketches on the back also in pencil.

Measurements: 11 in. x 8 ½ in.

Transcript Attempt:

{Annotations}

David Helen(?) 9

Jery III died before -----

John Roo----(?) 9

Ki----

La----

differs

{back annotations, second sheet}

acres

114 from Father Jerry 2

16 acres Meadow lots

5 acres Hodgeden(?)

2 acres school

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15.120 Item 65: Typescript Land Deed from William W. and Elizabeth R. Loomis to William R. Griffith, 1847 May 1

Type of Material: Land deed

Title: N/A

Description: This is a typewritten copy of a land deed from William W. Loomis, 1815-1894, and his wife, Elizabeth R. Loomis, 1821-1869, to William R. Griffith, for \$350.00 for a plot of land in Pittston on May 1 1847. It introduces both parties and the sale of the land before detailing the land only in relation to the other lots surrounding it. It mentions the passage of one section of land through the Blanchards to explain how the Loomis' have a portion of the land. Before the legal transfer, the document makes note of an instance where Elizabeth R. had previously sold a part of her land to Samuel Hodgeden Jr., who then moved into a house on said lands but did not fulfill his end of the sale, thus legally forfeiting the land and former contract. There is some unclear business mentioned with Ferry and Fishery and Eel Ware to reserve/except certain areas from this sale within the next section before confirming the legal transfer of land and rights from seller to buyer.

The Blanchards were a prominent family of the area in Jenkins Township known as Port Blanchard, which is connected back to Captain Jeremiah Blanchard, one of its first settlers. It is named for one of his children, John Blanchard, and the family was very involved in landowning as seen through the trades and sales their names often show up in. They are related to the (Loomis, Kesler/Kester, and Bulkeley families through marriage. An annotation on the back of the third sheet seems to be a note of what the document is. Name is copied incorrectly - Should be Kesler instead of Kester.

Dates: 1 May 1847

Creator: [Loomis, William Wallace 1815-1894](#); [Loomis, Elizabeth Robinson 1821-1869](#), more [family](#).

Subjects: Titles, Land; Deeds; Finances; Sale

Locations: Pittston, PA

People: Griffith, William R.; [Blanchard, John 1801-1853](#); [Winter, Peter 1785-1872](#); Anthony Laco; [Blanchard, Jeremiah 1764-1837](#); [Blanchard, Jeremiah 1799-1838](#); [Kesler, Louisa C. 1826-1894](#); [Kesler, Andrew 1819-1903](#); [Blanchard, Clarissa C/E\(?\) Bulkeley 1827-1903](#); [Hodgdon, Samuel 1849-1915](#); Henry; G. Burrows

General Condition: Fair. 3 sheets (labeled L, 2, and 3) in pretty decent condition, only a center crease, staple holes, and a crease around the staple. The paper itself is slightly aged and dirtied along some of the edges

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

Transcript Attempt:

{annotation}

Loomis and wife to Griffith 1847 Copy 3.

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15.121 Item 66: Typescript Land deed from Wyoming Valley Coal Association to Pennsylvania Coal Company, 1848 November 1

Type of Material: Land deed

Title: N/A

Description: This is a typescript copy of a land deed from Fanning C. Tucker et al trustees Wyoming Valley Coal Association to the Pennsylvania Coal Company for \$34,571.68 for multiple parcels of land in Pittston on November 1 1848. The document opens with the introduction of these parties efore moving into each of the multiple tracts. Each labels the general location within Pittston Township, then its neighbor tracts and their owners in relation to them to set boundaries. The first tract is labeled as parts of lots No. 7-18-19 and is close to the lands of Samuel Wright, John Thompson, Samuel Landon, Harry H. Wells, Benjamin Swallow, Jesse Gardner (1799-1867), Anthony De Lecog, and John Blanchard, containing 130 acres and 133 perches. The second tract is labeled as parts of lots No. 7 and 8 and is simply measured in the surveyor manner, containing 147 acres and 103 perches. The third tract is labeled as parts of lots No. 41-42-43-44-29 and is close to the lands of Samuel Benedict, Nathan Giddings, Harris Jenkins, Samuel Miller, Daniel Mosier, Charles T. Pierson, Norman Lampman, W. Goodwin, R. Clark, and Henry I. Williams, containing 333 acres and 125 perches. The fourth tract is labeled parts of lots No. 24, 12 and "Public Lot" and is simply measured in the surveyor manner, containing "296 perches and 127 ½ perches," but they possibly may have been mistyped. The fifth tract is labeled parts of lot No. 21 and is close to the lands of James Armstrong and James Thompson Jr., containing 49 acres and 128 perches. It labels the deed book (48) and page (214) to close.

Dates: 1 November 1848.

Creator: [Tucker, Fanning C., 1783-1856](#), et al. (The Wyoming Valley Coal Association)

Subjects: Titles, Land; Title; Deed; Finances;

Locations: Pittston Township; Wilkes-Barre;

People: [Tucker, Fanning C., 1783-1856](#); Wright, Samuel; Thomson, John; Landon, Samuel; Wells, Harry H.; Hibler W., [Pos. [Hibler, William 1798-1875](#)]; [Swallow, Benjamin, 1809-1888](#); [Gardner, Jesse 1799-1867](#); [De Lecog, Anthony, \[Pos. Misspelled from LaCoe, Anthony Desire, 1778-1883\]](#); [Blanchard, John 1801-1853](#); Benedict, Samuel; Giddings, Nathan, [Pos. [1766-1851](#) / [1803-1857](#)]; [Jenkins, Harris, 1785-1850](#); Miller, Samuel; [Mosier, Daniel Dimmock, 1815-1889](#); [Pierson, Charles T., 1805-1859](#); [Lampman, Norman, 1810-1863](#); Goodwin, W.; Clarke, R.; [Williams, Henry I., \[Pos. Williams, Henry Isaac, 1827-1869\]](#); Armstrong, James; Thompson, James, Jr.

General Condition: Fair.. There are 4 pages in relatively good condition, only bearing creases in halves and thirds and small holes in the upper left corner from a staple as well as the ensuing crease there. None of the creases have any tears, and the pages are relatively clean, if slightly yellow. These are not major, but much of the typed words have actually pierced through all of the papers - the best way to explain would be as if the typewriter was sharp. They should not worsen or cause damage.

Measurements: 11 in. x 8 ½ in.

Transcript Attempt:

{annotations}

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15.122a Item 67a: Typescript Copies of a Deed from Sterling and Frannie E. Saylor and Stephen and Mary S. Abbott to M[ahlon] C. Mercur, 1864 January 11.

Type of Material: Land Deed

Title: N/A

Description: The following items depict a typescript of a land deed, dated January 11, 1864, for a property in Pittston. The deed contains a [survey of the land](#), and the release of ownership from the sale. This deed is annotated as January 1864 in pencil by another hand, shows a deed between Sterling and Fanny E. Saylor, Sterling Saylor, heir of Samuel Saylor, Mary (Saylor) Abbott, daughter and heir of Samuel Saylor and Mahlon C. Mercur. The deed contains several tracts of land in Pittston township, amounting to 100 acres and 73 perches. The land was bought by Mercur for the sum of \$11, 336.33 and 1/3 cents, and contains numerous land survey field notes to again designate the boundaries of the contract and sale. There is an additional page that explains the counsel of Fannie E. Saylor and Mary S. (Saylor) Abbott in selling the land. The contract states that the women were made fully aware of the sale and what it entails, and agreed that their signatures were sworn in full confidence, without compulsion of their husbands. The record was taken January 20, 1864.

Dates: January 20, 1864

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Titles, Land; Finances; Sale; Deeds; Contracts

Locations: Wyoming Valley; Pennsylvania; Pittston; Wilkes-Barre; Luzerne County; Jenkins; Plains (papers say either or "late Pittston, now Plains")

People: [Saylor, Samuel 1799-1859](#); [Lewis, Jr., William D., \[Pos. Lewis, Jr., William D.\]](#); Odenheimer, John M., (active 1846-1907); [Saylor, Julia Ann 1821-1860](#); [Shoemaker, Jacob, \[Pos. Schuhmacher, Jacob, 1744-1810 / Shoemaker, Jacob, 1773-1829\]](#); Saler; Frederick; [Saler \(Seiler\), Peter 1770-1809](#); [Saler \(Seiler\), Margretta \(Margaret\) 1771-1849](#); [Maxwell, Volney L., 1805-1873](#). [Mineral Coal article](#); Willcox, Samuel; Williams, Moses; Meyers; Bowkley; Daman; [Dyer, Thomas 1771-1861](#); [Mercur, Mahlon Clark 1816-1905](#); [Saylor, Sterling, 1832-1864](#); [Saylor, Fanny \(Fannie\) 1811-1841](#); [Abbott, Stephen 1844-1887](#); [Abbott \(nee Saylor\), Mary 1834-1905](#); [Billings, Samuel 1816-1914](#); [Strong, Theodore 1820-1907](#); Williams, John C.; [Winter, Peter 1785-1872](#); [Saylor, Benjamin 1806-1882](#); Robins, Caleb

General Condition: Good.

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

Transcription Attempt:

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15.122b Item 67b: Photostat Copies of a Deed from Sterling and Frannie E. Saylor and Stephen and Mary S. Abbott to M. C. Mercur, 1864 January 11.

Type of Material: Typed copies of property transfers.

Title: Typed Copies of Property Transfers from Samuel Saylor

Description: The following items depict a photostat of a land deed, dated January 11, 1864, for a property in Pittston. The deed contains a [survey of the land](#), and the release of ownership from the sale. This deed is annotated as January 1864 in pencil by another hand, shows a deed between Sterling and Fanny E. Saylor, Sterling Saylor, heir of Samuel Saylor, Mary (Saylor) Abbott, daughter and heir of Samuel Saylor and Mahlon C. Mercur. The deed contains several tracts of land in Pittston township, amounting to 100 acres and 73 perches. The land was bought by Mercur for the sum of \$11, 336.33 and ⅓ cents, and contains numerous land survey field notes to again designate the boundaries of the contract and sale. There is an additional page that explains the counsel of Fannie E. Saylor and Mary S. (Saylor) Abbott in selling the land. The contract states that the women were made fully aware of the sale and what it entails, and agreed that their signatures were sworn in full confidence, without compulsion of their husbands. The record was taken January 20, 1864.

Dates: 1855 July 14, 1849 December 14, 1864 January 11, 1852 May 28

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Titles, Land; Finances; Sale; Deeds; Contracts

Locations: Pittston, PA

People: [Saylor, Samuel 1799-1859](#); [Lewis, Jr., William D., \[Pos. Lewis, Jr., William D.\]](#); Odenheimer, John M., (active 1846-1907); [Saylor, Julia Ann 1821-1860](#); [Shoemaker, Jacob, \[Pos. Schuhmacher, Jacob, 1744-1810 / Shoemaker, Jacob, 1773-1829\]](#); Saler; Frederick; [Saler \(Seiler\), Peter 1770-1809](#); [Saler \(Seiler\), Margretta \(Margaret\) 1771-1849](#); [Maxwell, Volney L. 1805-1873](#). [Mineral Coal article](#); Willcox, Samuel; Williams, Moses; Meyers; Bowkley; Daman; [Dyer, Thomas 1771-1861](#); [Mercur, Mahlon Clark 1816-1905](#); [Saylor, Sterling, 1832-1864](#); [Saylor, Fanny \(Fannie\) 1811-1841](#); [Abbott, Stephen 1844-1887](#); [Abbott \(nee Saylor\), Mary 1834-1905](#); [Billings, Samuel 1816-1914](#); [Strong, Theodore 1820-1907](#); Williams, John C.; [Winter, Peter 1785-1872](#); [Saylor, Benjamin 1806-1882](#); Robins, Caleb

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 10⅞ in. x 8½ in.

Transcription Attempt:

said to the end that the same right be rendered as such
according to law Witness my hand and seal the day and
year aforesaid

John A Conyngham {seal}

P. Judge

{5 cents}

Luzerne County Ss [sheriff station]

At an Orphans Court held at Wilkes

Barre for the County of Luzerne on the Eleventh January
AD 1864 the sale of the herein before described premise
was confirmed by the said court for the price and upon
the terms in the report of said sale contained and the
above named Alexander Hamilton Stark Guardian
of Harriet E and Ann Elizabeth Saylor wives(?) daughters
of Samuel Saylor deceased directed by their said Court

to acknowledge in open court a deed to M.C. Mercur
his heirs and assigns for the same and it was considered
and adjudged by the said court that the same
should be and remain forever firm and stable unto the said
M.C. Mercur the grantee named his heirs and the assigns
forever certified under my hand and the seal of the
said court this Eleventh day of January AD 1864
{orphans court seal} E. B. Crolling Clerk OC [orphan court]

Luzerne County Ss [sheriff station]

Acknowledged in open court for the
County of Luzerne in the Eleventh day of January AD
one thousand eight hundred and sixty four and entered
among the records thereof Certified under my hand and
the seal of the said Court this Eleventh January AD 1864
{orphans court seal} E. B. Crolling Clerk OC [orphan court]
Recorded Jan[uar]y 20th 1864

Sterling Saylor &c Jur [junior] et al } This Indenture the Eleventh
to } day of January in the year of
M.C. Mercur } our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and Sixty Four Between

Sterling Saylor of the Township of Jenkins and Fanny E
Saylor his wife of the said Sterling Saylor being the con(?)
under(?) heir at law of Samuel Saylor late of Plains
Township deceased(and Stephen Abbott of the Township
of Plains and Mary S Abbott his wife (the said Mary S

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being late Mary Saylor and the daughter and an heir at law
of the said Samuel Saylor deceased and all of the County of
Luzerne and state of Pennsylvania parties of the first part
and M.C. Mercur of Towanda Bradford County and State
aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that the said parties
of the First part for and in consideration of the same of Eleven
Thousand three Hundred and thirty three dollars and thirty
three and one third cents lawful money of the United States
of America unto them well and truly paid by the said
M.C. Mercur at and before the sealing and delivery of these
presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have granted
bargained sold aliened enfeoffed released and confirmed
and by these presents do grant bargain sell alien enfeoff

release and confirm unto the said M.C. Mercur his Heirs and assigns the two undivided sixth part of all that certain Tract piece or parcel of Land situated in late Pittston now Plains Township in the County of Luzerne and State of Pennsylvania Being Lot No 3 and part of Lot No 2 in the first division of certified Pittston township bounded and described as follows to wit beginning at the Susquehanna river thence by lot No 4 South sixty one degrees East one hundred and seventy five and a half perches to the public road thence by lot No 4 south sixty degree forty five minutes West one hundred five and a half perches to a corner thence by part of lot No 3 now owned by the Pennsylvania Coal Compny North sixty one degrees West one hundred eighty two and eight tenths perches to said Susquehanna River and thence by the same north sixty four degrees East one hundred nine and a hald perches to the place of beginning Containing One hundred Stones and seventy three perches Strict measure (Excepting and Reserving the Surface of one half acre of Land out of the asaid(?) described Lot heretofore sold and conveyed by Samuel Saylor to Samuel Billings and the surface of a strip of land for a railroad heretofore sold and conveyed by said Samuel Saylor to said Maxwell and the right of way occupied by and sold to the Wilkes Barre and Providence Plankroad Company Excepting and Reserving —(?) one acre of Surface heretofore surveyed by William D. Lewis Junior and John M. Odenheimer to Theodore Strong and by said Strong conveyed to John C. Williams and also the surface of a piece of land between the railroad

Page Unnumbered (Placed in context):

and the creek on which the Store house of J. L. Maxwell now stands) Being the same premises which Samuel Saylor and wife by Indentures bearing date the 14th day of July AD 1855 recorded in the office for recovering deeds &c [etcetera] in said County of Luzerne in Deed Book page 21 granted and surveyed unto William D. Lewis and Odenheimer and their respective wives reconveyed tract to the said Samuel Saylor in fee by Deed of Indenture bearing date the 29th day of December 1857 recorded in the said office for recording deeds &c [etcetera] in Deed Book no 13 page 179 &c Excepting the two acres reserved in said Deed as conveyed

to Theodore Strong which said two acres with the
(Exception of one acre of surface reserved aforesaid
to John C. Williams) The said Theodore Strong and
wife conveyed to the said Samuel Saylor by Deed of
Indenture bearing date the 14th day February AD 1858
and recorded in said office for recovering Deeds in Deed
Book No 13 page 181 &c [etcetera] Together (sic) [together] with all acres singular
the Buildings Improvements ways waters (sic) [waterways] water courses
Rights Liberties Privileges Hereditaments and Appurtenances
whatsoever hereunto belonging or in any wise
appertaining and Resersims(?) and Remainders
tracts(?) Issue and Profits claim and demand whatsoever
of them the said Parties of the first part in law
equity or otherwise however of in and to the same
and every part thereof I Have and to hold the said
tract piece or parcel of land Hereditaments and Premise
hereby granted or mentioned and intended so to be with
the Appurtenances (Except the reservation aforesaid)
unto the said M.C. Mercur hsi Heris and Assigns to
and for the only proper use and behoof of the said
M.C. Mercur his Heirs and Assigns forever Our the said
Sterling Saylor and Stephen Abbott for themselves their
Heirs Executors and Administrators Do by these presents
warrant & grant and agree to and with the said M.C.
Mercur his Heirs and Assigns that they the said Sterling
Saylor and Stephen Abbott their Heirs all and singular
the Hereditaments and Premises herein abovedescribed
and granted or mentioned and intended so to be with
the appurtenances unto the said M.C. Mercur his
Heirs and Assigns against these the said parties of the
First part their Heirs and against all and every other

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Person or Persons whomsoever carefully claiming or to claim
the same or any part thereof shall and will except as to
the reservation herein before specified and contained named
and forever Defend On Witness whereof the said parties
to these presents have hereunto interchangeably set their
hands and seals Dated the day and year first above register
Sealed and Delivered } Sterling Saylor {seal}
in presence of us } Frannie E. Saylor {seal}
Peter Winter } Stephen Abbott {seal}

Benjamin Saylor } Mary S Abbott {seal}
\$20.00

Received the dat of the date of the within or aforgoing
Indenture of the within named M. C. Mercur Eleven
Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty Three Dollars and
thirty three and one third cents in full of within consideration
money Sterling Saylor
 Frannie E. Saylor
 Stephen Abbott
 Mary S. Abbott

Luzerne County Ss [sheriff station]
On the Eleventh dat of January
Anno Domini 1864 before me the subscribers a Justice
of the Peace in and for said county of Luzerne personally
appeared the within named Sterling and Franny E
Saylor his wife and Stephen Abbott and Mary S
Abbott his wife and in due form of law acknowledged
the within or aforegoing Indenture to be their
act and deed and desired the same might be recorded
as such and the said Fanny E Saylor and
Mary S Abbott being respectively of full age and
by me examined seperate and apart from their
respective said husbands and the contract of thei
foregoing Indenture being first ^{by me} made full Known to
them and each of them respectively declared that
they did such voluntarily and of their own free
will and accord respectively seal and as their
respective act and deed deliver the same neither
any cause(?) or compulsion of their respective husbands
Witness my hand and seal the day and year aforesaid
Recorded Jan[uar]y 20th 1864 sets(?) Peter Winter JP {SS}

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15.123 Item 68: Typescript Copies, 3, of a Land Deed from Samuel and Julia Saylor to W[illia]m D. Lewis Jr. and John M. Odenheimer, 1855 July 14

Type of Material: Land Deed

Title:N/A

Description: The following items depict a typescript of a land deed for a property in Pittston. The deed contains a [survey of the land](#), and the release of ownership from the sale. The deed is between Samuel and Julia Ann Saylor to D. Lewis Jr. and John M. Odenheimer. The original date of the sale was July 14, 1855. In the deed sale, the lands within were sold for \$30.136.87 ½ cents, and containing 100 acres and

73 perches in Plains township, once called Pittston. Following the introductory paragraph of the deed contract, there are a number of survey directions detailing the boundaries of the lands, who they abut, and in cases with the coal companies, who they were once owned by. In the final paragraph, there is a note of inheritance for the Saylor parties. The land was originally a trust that was given to Jacob Shoemaker and Frederick Saler, then handed down to Peter and Margareta Sayler, which was to be divided among their heirs after their passing, as patented in May 1808, and was recorded in the Deed books, particularly Deed Book 63, on August 3, 1853. The sum is not listed but allows for a strip of land 20 feet wide toward the boundary of the late Samuel Willcox. There are a number of determined rights and practices that are covered under this contract, including the building and maintenance of fences on either side of the rail, improvements on the rail, and digging measures, etc. The fences are to be built by Maxwell and the interest of the rail to protect the livestock of the properties bounding it, as the contract states that the men should be compensated for any losses they suffer if the fences are not built. It is signed and sworn before Thomas Dyer, a justice of the peace.

Dates: 1855 July 14, 1849 December 14, 1864 January 11, 1852 May 28

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Titles, Land; Finances; Sale; Deeds; Contracts

Locations: Wyoming Valley; Pennsylvania; Pittston; Wilkes-Barre; Luzerne County; Jenkins; Plains (papers say either or "late Pittston, now Plains")

People: [Saylor, Samuel 1799-1859](#); [Lewis, Jr., William D., \[Pos. Lewis, Jr., William D.\]](#); Odenheimer, John M., (active 1846-1907); [Saylor, Julia Ann 1821-1860](#); [Shoemaker, Jacob, \[Pos. Schuhmacher, Jacob, 1744-1810 / Shoemaker, Jacob, 1773-1829\]](#); Saler; Frederick; [Saler \(Seiler\), Peter 1770-1809](#); [Saler \(Seiler\), Margretta \(Margaret\) 1771-1849](#); [Maxwell, Volney L. 1805-1873](#); [Mineral Coal article](#); Willcox, Samuel; Williams, Moses; Meyers; Bowkley; Daman; [Dyer, Thomas 1771-1861](#); [Billings, Samuel 1816-1914](#);

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 10⁷/₈ in. x 8¹/₂ in.

Transcription Attempt:

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15.124 Item 69: Typescript of a Land Deed from Samuel Saylor and V[olney] L[ee]. Maxwell, 1849 December 14

Type of Material: Land Deed

Title: N/A

Description: The following items depict a typescript of a land deed for a property in Pittston. The deed contains a [survey of the land](#), and the release of ownership from the sale. This contract is between Samuel Saylor to Volney Lee Maxwell, allowing a rail road track to be laid in the corner of his land in Pittston township, witnessed on December 14, 1849. The deed allows the laying of a single or double track on the corner of this tract of land held by Saylor, allowable upto to 20 feet wide and extending to the main road coming from Brick Yard. The rights to that land are sold for \$100.00 and the deed stipulates that the maintenance and security of the line is the condition of the Maxwell and his heirs or assigns for the upkeep. The final lines, on the part of Maxwell, attest to the stipulation that he must create fences along the tracks created to protect from any creatures being killed by cars on the tracks. Additionally, if any losses come to Saylor because of the cars, Maxwell is responsible for paying them out.

Dates: December 14, 1864

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Titles, Land; Finances; Sale; Deeds; Contracts

Locations: Wyoming Valley; Pennsylvania; Pittston; Wilkes-Barre; Luzerne County; Jenkins; Plains (papers say either or “late Pittston, now Plains”)

People: [Saylor, Samuel 1799-1859](#); [Maxwell, Volney L. 1805-1873](#); Meyers; Bowkley; Daman; [Dyer, Thomas 1771-1861](#);

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 10⁷/₈ in. x 8¹/₂ in.

Transcription Attempt:

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15.125 Item 70: Typescript of a Land Deed from Samuel and Julia Ann Saylor and Samuel Billings, 1825 May 28

Type of Material: Land Deed

Title: N/A

Description: The following items depict a typescript of a land deed, dated May 28, 1825, for a property in Pittston. The deed contains a [survey of the land](#), and the release of ownership from the sale. This contract is made by Samuel Saylor to Samuel Billings. Saylor is selling a tract of land containing a half acre of land to Billings for the sum of \$250.00. This contract conveys the rights and profits of the land to Billings, with detailed descriptions of the boundaries from a field survey, and makes exceptions to the rights and surface sold in other deeds, such as item 15.124 Item 68, where Saylor sold a section of the same land to Volney Maxwell for rights to laying railroad tracks. The final section of the deed stipulates that all ownership is transferred from the Saylor to Billings, and that the claim is protected from any other or future claims made against it. The deed is witnessed by Caleb Robins and Peter Winter. It was recorded December 29, 1852.

Dates: May 28 1825

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Titles, Land; Finances; Sale; Deeds; Contracts

Locations: Wyoming Valley; Pennsylvania; Pittston; Wilkes-Barre; Luzerne County; Jenkins; Plains (papers say either or “late Pittston, now Plains”)

People: [Saylor, Samuel 1799-1859](#); [Saylor, Julia Ann 1821-1860](#); [Maxwell, Volney L. 1805-1873](#); [Billings, Samuel 1816-1914](#); Williams, John C.; [Winter, Peter 1785-1872](#); Robins, Caleb

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 10⁷/₈ in. x 8¹/₂ in.

Transcription Attempt:

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15.126 Item 71: Typescript Copy of a Deed from Benjamin Cooper to George Cooper, 1851 August 18

Type of Material: Deed/Typescript

Title: N/A

Description: The following item is a typescript copy of a land deed, dated August 18, 1851, from Benjamin Cooper to George Cooper. In the deed, Benjamin is selling a tract of land in Pittston, named lot number 5, sold for \$350.00 for a plot of land in Pittston on August 18, 1851. The boundaries of the tract are described in detail with directional coordinates from a survey conducted on the premises. The deed

names the neighboring tracts of land, including John Blanchard, William Abbott, and Cornelius Cortright, 1764-1848). The final sections of the deed confirms the sale and transfers all rights and profits from Benjamin Cooper to George Cooper, his descendants and is witnessed by H. W. Nicholson, S. Cooper, C. T. Barnum. It was recorded on August 18, 1851.

Dates: 1851 August 18

Creator: [Cooper, Benjmain, 1834-1924](#)

Subjects: Deeds; Titles, Land; Transfer; Field Survey; Field Notes; Finances

Locations: Pittston, PA

People: [Cooper, George, 1794-1880](#); [Cooper, Benjmain, 1834-1924](#); [Blanchard, John 1801-1853](#); [Abbott, William, 1838-1878](#); [Nicholson, H. W., \[Pos. Nicholson, Horatio W., 1817-1855\]](#); Cooper, S.; Barnum, C. T., [Pos. [Barnum, Charles Treadway 1812-1887](#)]; [Courtright, Cornelius 1764-1848](#)

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 11 in. x 8 ½ in

Transcript Attempt:

Benjamin Cooper #
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 to #
 #
George Cooper #

This indenture made and concluded the Fourth day of August. One Thousand Height Hundred and Fifty, by and between Benjamin Cooper of Luzerne County, late "A citizen of the world," of the first part and George Cooper of Pittston in said County of the second part; witnesseth that for --X--- and in the consideration of the sum of Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars to him in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged: The said Benjamin Cooper doth hereby release, assign, and set over unto George Cooper, his heirs and assigns forever, all the right, title and interest in and unto Lot No. 3 in the river tier and first division of lots in Pittston Township: Bounded Northeasterly by the lands of John Blanchard: Southerly by the lands of the Pennsylvania Coal Company: ----- Southeasterly, by the lands of William Abbott and lands of the late Cornielius Cortright: And Northerly by the Susquehanna River. Containing about One Hundred Acres of land.

To have and to hold the same unto him the said George Cooper and his heirs and assigns forever against the said Benjamin Cooper and his legal representatives, and all persons claiming the same under him them or any of them: Witness the hand and seal of said Benjamin Cooper the day and year first above written.

Witnesses

H. W. Nicholson..S. Cooper..C. T. Barnum

Benjamin Cooper (Seal)

Recorded 18th August 1851

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15.127 Item 72: Typed Copies of a Land Deed by Odenheimer and Lewis to Theodore Strong, 1856 February 8, with note by Unknown, [ca. late nineteenth-early twentieth century]

Type of Material: Typescript/ Deed

Title: N/A

Description: This is a mix of typescript and handwritten copies of one sale in 4 separate documents from William D. Lewis, Jr. and John M. Odenheimer to Theodore Strong, 1820-1907. They were paid \$3000.00 for two plots of land in Pittston and Plains on February 8 1856. In the first sheet (the one that has two exact copies), each of the two lots have their own descriptions and a small survey-like description of its perimeters and relations to other lots in the area. The first lot is 6 acres and 106 perches, and the second contains 3 acres and 54 perches. It is also noted that the second lot is inside a larger lot having been previously bought by Lewis and Odenheimer from Samuel Saylor, 1799-1859, and wife, presumably Julia Ann Saylor, 1821-1860. The only section of the land excepted from the sale to Strong is the stone or fossil coal and iron, and they reserve the right to take that if found. The second typed sheet focuses more on confirming the sale and transfers all rights from Odenheimer and Lewis to Strong and his descendants, once again noting the exceptions for mineral resources. This sheet also labels a second indenture from Theodore Strong and his wife to J. C. Williams for a plot of land on August 1 1856. The land in question, possibly the home of the late (died 1859) Samuel Saylor, is marked by a small survey-like description of its perimeters. It confirms the sale and once again notes the exception of stone/fossil coal and iron ore on the lands for Strong and his descendants and the rights they have in the matters of removing these resources from the land. Finally, the handwritten note on notebook paper goes back to that previous sheet in both the deals with Odenheimer and Lewis to Strong, and Strong to Williams. The former has the date, deed book location, and people involved, and the latter has the date, people involved, and a note of 1 acre surface, presumably what was sold.

Dates: February 8, 1856

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Titles, Land; Deeds; Finances; Sale;

Locations: Pittston; Pennsylvania; Plains; Exeter; Luzerne. (papers say "late Pittston, now Plains")

People: [Lewis, Jr, William D. \[Pos. Lewis, Jr, William D\]](#); Odenheimer, John M., (active 1846-1907); [Strong, Theodore 1820-1907](#); Mary E.; Williams, John C.; [Saylor, Samuel 1799-1859](#),

General Condition: Good, no issues.

Measurements: 10 15/16 in. x 8 ½ in.

Transcription Attempt:

(Notebook piece)

2/8/1856

Deed Bk 63

Page 452

Lewis + Odenheim to Strong

8-1-1856

Strong 1 acre surface
to W—s

(Back of thickest sheet)

128.30 (along with other mathematical equations)

47.35

8095

523 Church St 4670

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15.128 Item 73: Typescript of a Land deed from Andrew McClintock to “The Penn[sylvani]a. Coal Co[mpany],” 1860 May 24

Type of Material: Land deed

Title: N/A

Description: This is a typewritten copy of a land deed from Andrew McClintock 1810-1892, to the Pennsylvania Coal Company, for \$50.00 for a plot of land on May 24 1860. It starts by outlining the sale of the land from the McClintocks to the company, specifying that both the land and the resources within it (minerals, coal, etc.). It then gives a small survey-like description of the land and its perimeters by way of measurements, being close to lot 6 in Pittston and containing 22 acres and 133 perches. It also addresses the new owner’s rights to dig, mine, build, etc. within the land in the manner they see fit. It finalizes the rights from McClintock and his heirs as well as the company regarding the land by confirming the sale and transferring all rights from McClintock to the Pennsylvania Coal Company and its successors. It lists the witnesses at the end, (Stephen Vaughan 1828-1896, Helen G. McClintock d.1894). Helen is the daughter of Andrew and Augusta.

Dates: 24 May 1860

Creator: [McClintock, Andrew Todd 1810-1892](#)

Subjects: Titles, Land; Deeds; Finances; Sale; Transfer;

Locations: Pittston Township, PA

People: [McClintock, Andrew Todd 1810-1892](#); [McClintock, Augusta Bordley 1817-1895](#); [Vaugh\(a\)n, Stephen 1828-1896](#); [McClintock, Helen Grinnon d. 1894](#)

General Condition: Fair.. There are 4 total pages in relatively good condition with only slight discoloration along the right edge and mostly affecting the first page. All have creases from being folded in half and in quarters. The first page has a few tears along the right side, the largest being on the upper half of the paper. The center two pages have no rips, but the final page is beginning to tear along the center crease. Each sheet has a staple mark in the upper right hand corner, and the first page has a few phrases and words either underlined or in brackets drawn in pencil.

Measurements: 11 in. x 8 ½ in.

Transcript Attempt:

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15.129 Item 74: Partial Typescript of a Field Survey and Land Deed by William R. Griffith for George A. Hodgdon, 1950 December 20

Type of Material: Deed/ Typescript

Title: N/A

Description: A typescript copy of a land deed for parcels, with some field notes, of land formerly owned by William R. Griffith and wife to the men of the heirs of the Wyoming Coal Association, George A., James H., and Samuel Hodgdon. It seems to be a continuation of another document, immediately giving a description of the location and size of the land despite having the names, date, and location at the top. The land in question for this section is marked by a small survey-like description of its perimeters and relations to other lots in the area, including those of John Blanchard. It holds 21 acres and 8/10ths perches. They are said to be part of the estate of Jeremiah Blanchard and divided into two shares. There is one reserved area within this that is excepted from the sale due to an earlier conveyance by the deed of Samuel Hogdon Jr. In this, Griffith and Wife transferred the lands to George A., James H., John B., and Samuel Hogdon, all being the sons of Hogdon Junior.

Dates: December 20, 1950

Creator: Griffith, William R.

Subjects: Deeds; Titles, Land; Field Survey; Field Notes; Finances; Transfer; Wyoming Coal Association

Locations: Pittston, Pennsylvania

People: [Blanchard, John 1801-1853](#), [Blanchard, Jeremiah Franklin 1839-1919](#); [Hodgdon, George Alexander 1848-1913](#); [Hodgdon, James H. 1845-1851](#); Hodgdon, John B.[Pos. [Hodgdon, John 1845-1951](#)]; [Hodgdon, Samuel 1817-1862](#); [Hodgdon, Samuel 1849-1915](#)

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 10 ½ in. x 8 ½ in.

Transcript Attempt:

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15.130 Item 75: Typed Copies of a Land Deed from W[illia]m. D. Lewis, John M. Odenheimer, to Samuel Saylor, 1857 December 29

Type of Material: Typescript/Deed

Title: N/A

Description: These are two identical typescript copies of a land deed from William D. Lewis, his wife, John M. Odenheimer and his wife, to Samuel Saylor, 1799-1859, for \$30,136.87½ for a plot of land on December 29 1857. The land in question is part lots 3 and 2 in Pittston, are marked by a small survey-like description of its perimeters and contain 100 acres and 73 perches. The document reserves ½ acre of the land to Samuel Billings, then also gives a strip of land to Volney I. Maxwell for a railroad and finally the right of way for the land is sold to the Wilkes-Barre and Providence Plank Road Co. There is also a final exception of 10 acres that had been sold to Theodore Strong prior to this deal. It confirms the sale and transfers all rights from Lewis and Odenheimer to Saylor and his wife Julia Ann, 1821-1860. The annotations underline certain words of the document, and reiterates the location of the original source.

Dates: December 29, 1857

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Property Transfers, Land Deed

Locations: Pittston Township; Pennsylvania; Plains; Wilkes-Barre

People: [Lewis, Jr, William D. \[Pos. Lewis, Jr, William D\]](#); [Saylor, Samuel 1799-1859](#); Odenheimer, John M., (active 1846-1907); [Billings, Samuel 1816-1914](#), ([Mention](#) in print, [Possible family ties](#)); [Maxwell](#),

[Volney L. Saylor, Julia Ann 1821-1860](#); [Strong, Theodore 1820-1907](#)

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 10 x 8³/₈ in.

Transcription Attempt:

Deed book 63, page 21

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15.131 Item 76: Typescript Land deed from C[harles].I[saac].A[bel]. and Martha Chapman to “Lackawanna & Bloomsburg Rail Road Co.” 1862 May 27

Type of Material: Land deed

Title: N/A

Description: The following item dated May 27, 1862, depicts a typewritten copy of a land deed from Charles Issac Abel Chapman, 1826-1916, and Martha Chapman, 1831-1892, to the Lackawanna & Bloomsburg Rail Road Company. In the deed, the company is paying \$100.00 for a plot of land in Pittston, and the contract signed on May 27 1862. The document legally signs the sale of land, transferring it to the railroad company. The boundaries are outlined in a detailed description from the field notes during the survey of the land, designating its perimeters and relations to other lots in the area, including those of Michael Reap, 1820-1878, Peter Wagner, and the railroad's previous perimeters to this plot before their ownership. The document closes with a final confirmation that all rights to the land are now assigned to the new owners, as confirmed by witnesses Mary Philbin and Fanny Blanchard.

Dates: May 27, 1862

Creator: [Chapman, Charles Isaac Abel 1826-1916](#)

Subjects: Titles, Land; Deeds; Sale; Transfer; Contracts;

Locations: Jenkins; Luzerne County; Pennsylvania; Pittston,

People: [Chapman, Charles Isaac Abel 1826-1916](#); [Chapman, Martha 1831-1892](#); [Reap, Michael 1820-1878](#); [Wagner, Peter, 1813-1894](#); Philbin, Mary; Blanchard

General Condition: Good. Fragile page but intact.

Measurements: 11 in. x 8 ½ in.

Transcript Attempt:

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15.132 Item 77: Land Deed from the Bloomsburg Iron Company to Pennsylvania Coal Company, 1864 May 7-26

Type of Material: Land Deed

Title: N/A

Description: This is a typescript copy of a land deed from the Bloomsburg Iron Company to the Pennsylvania Coal Company for \$22,000.00 for two plots of land on May 7-26 1864. Both are part of lot 6 in Pittston Township and are specified to include the coal and minerals contained within the lands. The first parcel is marked by a small survey-like description of its perimeters and relations to other lots in the area, those being lots 5 and 6, and contains 19 acres and 83 perches. The second parcel is marked by a small survey-like description of its perimeters and relations to other lots in the area, those being the lands of lot 5 and 6, as well as the lands of William R. Griffith. It contains 66 acres. It mentions a previous ownership through a sale by John Blanchard, 1801-1853, and wife (Assumed to be referring to Sarah Blanchard, 1804-1892) to Bloomsburg Iron Co. on November 29 1848, which now is moved to Penna. Coal Co. The document also has penciled in notes above the measurements of the land sections, presumably done later on. These original measurements had been measured in perches, and almost all of these annotations are exactly 16.5 times the number of perches, changing to a measurement in feet. Two don't fit this pattern, with one being off by a decimal placement and another having measurements that are either different or calculated incorrectly.

Dates: May 7-26, 1864

Creator: Bloomsburg Iron Co.

Subjects: Titles, Land; Deeds; Field Notes; Field Survey; Transfer;

Locations: Pittston, PA

People: [Griffith, William R.](#); [Blanchard, John 1801-1853](#); [Blanchard Sarah \(Lazarus\), 1804-1892](#)

General Condition: Fair. The paper is quite thin, originally some off-white paper. It is somewhat see-through when above its other sheet but still retains some of its flexibility. Both sheets are creased, and small tears are beginning on those creases as well as a few near those areas. There are also staple marks on both sheets, and page 1's staples left some residue from rust, and it's top corner is folded back. There are pencil markings and annotations on both sheets, and some significant discoloration is also present on both, though page 1 seems to have taken the brunt of it. It appears that something else either covered one part of the papers and reacted with it to make a tan rectangle on the sheet, or that was an opening for some damage from the sun or another exposure.

Measurements: 11 in. x 8 ½ in.

Transcript Attempt:

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Bloomsburg Iron Co. {
To {
Penna. Coal Co. {

This indenture was made May 7th 1864. The Bloomsburg Iron Co. for the amount of Twenty Two Thousand Dollars (\$22000.00) conveyed the Following parcels of land to the Penna. Coal Co. with the coal and minerals.

First- Land in Pittston Twp. bounded and described as follows to wit:- Beginning at a post on the Western side of the North Branch Canal and towing path in the line of Lot No. 5: Thence along said line South sixty one degrees (old course) East forty and five tenths ^{668.25} perches to a red oak tree: Thence across Lot No. 6, North seventeen degrees and thirty minutes East fifteen perches ^{247.5} to a post: Thence North forty seven degrees forty five minutes East sixty four ¹⁰⁵⁶ perches to a post in the line of the two shares set off to Wm. R. Griffith: Thence by said line North fifty eight degrees and forty five minutes West forty seven ^{775.5} perches across the Canal to a post on the western side of the towing path

XXXXXXXXXXXX CanalXThence along the towing path of said Canal, South thirty eight degree West twenty five and five ^{420.75} tenths perches to a post: And thence XX South thirty six degree West fifty ⁸⁵⁸¹ two perches to the place of beginning: Containing nineteen scores and eighty three perches be the same more or less.

Second- Beginning at the red oak tree above named: Thence along the XX line of Lot No.5, South sixty one degrees East (old course) one hundred and twenty two perches ²⁰¹³ to the Southwestern corner of Lot No.6: Thence North fifty six degrees and thirty minutes East (old course) eighty four and seven tenths perches ^{1397.55} to a corner of Wm. R. Griffith's land: Thence by the same North fifty eight degrees and forty five minutes West one hundred and forty ²⁴⁷⁶ four perches to a post corner of land above described:

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Thence South forty seven degrees and forty five minutes West sixty ¹⁰⁵⁶ four perches: Thence South seventeen degrees and thirty minutes West fifteen ^{247.5} XXXX same more or less: Both the above described pieces being part of Lot No. 6 in first division of Certified Pittston Township: Were conveyed by John Blanchard and wife to the Bloomsburg Railroad and Iron Co. by deed dated Nov. 29th A.D. 1848: Recorded in Dead Book 47, Page 480 etc. Bloomsburg Iron Co. was formerly Bloomsburg Railroad and Iron Co.

Recorded May 26th 1864

Deed Book 97...Page 41etc.

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Important

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15.133 Item 78: A Deed by Jacob Cist, Treasurer, Sale of Abijah Starr's Repossessed Lands to David Scott, 1816 December 23 (removed to grey print box #4)

Type of Material: Land Deed

Title: N/A

Description: The following item dated December 23, 1816, depicts a deed by Jacob Cist, treasurer of Luzerne county, to David Scott. It is witnessed by George Matson Hollenback and Charles Frederick Welles. In the deed, the lands of Abijah Starr have been repossessed by the county for taxes unpaid, composed of \$2.00 to the county, and \$8.00 of road taxes. These lands contain 400 acres and have been put up for public sale. Scott was the highest bidder, purchasing the lands for \$13.62 ½ cents. The remainder of the deed states that all rights and profits are transferred from Starr to Scott, and protected against any other claim under the Starr warrant. On the back of the deed, in pencil, Andrew Hamilton McClintock has written a note that the deed is signed by two of his sons' great grandfathers, Hollenback and Cist. McClintock has been inferred as the creator by comparison of his signature to Gilbert's, his son, on other items in the collection, such as 1.57 Item 57a-b: Two Photographs of the McClintock Dining Room, staging for the Historical Society's Centennial Celebration, 1926. (removed to Oversized Box #1)

Dates: 1816 December 23

Creator: [Cist, Jacob, 1782-1825](#)

Subjects: Titles, Land; Deeds; Transfer;

Locations: Pittston, PA

People: [Scott, David, 1782-1839](#); [Starr, Abijah, 1745-1839](#); [Hollenback, George Matson, 1791-1866](#);

[Cist, Jacob, 1782-1825; Welles, Charles Fisher, 1789-1866:](#)

General Condition: Fair. The page is intact but stiff from the material it is printed on.

Measurements:

Transcript Attempt:

[The page is composed of printed and annotated text. The bolded text indicates printed.]

I Jacob Cist Treasurer of Luzerne ... send greeting:

WHEREAS, a Tract of Unseated Land, containing Four Hundred acres **situate in the Township of Pittston ...surveyed to Abijah Starr hath been ... assessed with divers taxes, to wit, Country Taxes** Two Dollars **and Road Taxes** Eight dollars **which remain due and unpaid for the space of one year before the first Monday of June, one thousand eight hundred and Sixteen AND WHEREAS I the said Treasurer ... given due public notice ... exposed the aforesaid Tract of Land to sale by adjournment from day to day on the twenty third of December** **eighteenth hundred and Sixteen ... and sold The Whole** ~~acres~~ **thereof, at three & an half cents per acres, to David Scott ... being the highest and best bidder ... making in the whole the sum of** Thirteen dollars sixty two and an half cents **... to me in hand paid by the said David Scott ... grant, bargain, and sell unto the said David Scott his heirs and assigns, the aforesaid Four hundred acres —**

As also all the estate of ... the aforesaid Abijah Starr or any other person in and through the name Abijah Starr in the premises had or could have ... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the aforesaid premises ... hereby granted ... with the appurtenances unto the said David Scott ... for such estate and on the same conditions as the said Abijah Starr or any other person ... or warrant in the name of the said Abijah Starr ...

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I the said Treasurer, have hereunto set my Hand and Seal ... the twenty third day of December in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and Sixteen

**SEALED AND DELIVERED IN
THE PRESENCE OF US }**

G. M. Hollenback
C.F. Welles

Jac^{[o]b} Cist
Treasurer Luz[erne] Cy [County]

Back:

Deed
Jacob Cist Treasurer Luzerne
to
David Scott
400
Abijah Starr Warrantee

In pencil:

Signed by one Great
granfather (sic) [grandfather] of my boys
& witnessed by another
Great granfather (sic)
A. H. M^cC

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PLAINS

15.134a Item 79a: Typed Copies of a Land Deed of Theodore and Mary Strong to J. C. Williams, 1856 August 1

Type of Material: Typescript/ deed

Title: N/A

Description: The following are typescript copies of a land deed from Theodore Strong, 1820-1907, and his wife, Mary Strong, 1832-1869, to J. C. Williams. The two loose sheets (without staple marks) are copies of the other, presenting an indenture from Strong and wife to J. C. Williams, for \$400.00 for a plot of land on August 1 1856. The land in question is one acre in Plains Township and is marked by a small survey-like description of its perimeters and relations to other lots in the area, including those of Samuel Saylor (1799-1859) to W. D. Lewis and J. M. Odenheimer. It confirms the sale and transfers all rights from Strong and his heirs while still reserving the stone, fossil coal, and iron for them to mine. It labels the deed's location in a deed book. One sheet has an annotation reading, "Coal reserved to Theo Strong in this deed."

Dates: August 1, 1856

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Titles, Land; Deeds; Field Notes; Field Survey; Transfer;

Locations: Plains Township, Pennsylvania

People: [Strong, Theodore 1820-1907](#); Williams, J[ohn] C.; [Strong, Mary Elizabeth \(Benedict\) 1832-1869](#); [Saylor, Samuel 1799-1859](#); Odenheimer, John M., (active 1846-1907, mentions); [Lewis, Jr. William D. \[Pos. Lewis, Jr. William D\]](#)

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 11 in. x 8 ½ in.

Transcription Attempt:

Coal reserved to Theo[dore] Strong in this deed

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15.134b Item 79b: A Typescript Copy of a Land Deed from Theodore and Mary Strong to Samuel Saylor, 1858 February 18.

Type of Material: Deed/typescript

Title: N/A

Description: These are typescript copies of a land deed from Theodore Strong, 1820-1907, and his wife, Mary Strong, 1832-1869, to Samuel Saylor. They detail a sale from Strong and wife to Samuel Saylor for several plots of land on February 18 1858. The lands in question are in Plains Township marked by small survey-like descriptions of their perimeters and relations to other lots in the area. The first contains 6 acres and 106 perches, the second has 3 acres and 54 perches but excepts some land that had been sold by Saylor to Odenheimer and Lewis. The end descriptions are a bit more vague yet complicated in their descriptions, possibly saying that the excepted land is one acre that had been previously sold to J[ohn].C. Williams, and then a different sale that included that as well as another plot of land together in a larger tract which had been sold by Saylor and wife to Odenheimer and Lewis along with their wives.

Dates: February 18th, 1858

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Titles, Land; Deeds; Field Notes; Field Survey; Transfer;

Locations: Plains Township, Pennsylvania

People: [Strong, Theodore 1820-1907](#); [Strong, Mary Elizabeth \(Benedict\) 1832-1869](#); [Saylor, Samuel 1799-1859](#); Odenheimer, John M., (active 1846-1907, mentions); [Lewis, Jr. William D. \[Pos. Lewis, Jr. William D\]](#)

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 11 in. x 8 ½ in.

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15.135 Item 80: Typescript Copies of a Land Deed from Mahlon C. Mercur to Charles F. Welles, 1865 November 15

Type of Material: Typescript/deed

Title: N/A

Description: This is a typescript copy of a land deed from Mahlon C. Mercur, 1816-1905, to Charles F. Welles, 1812-1872, for \$18,000.00 for a plot of land on November 15th 1865. The lands in question, Lot 2 and Lot 3, are marked by a small survey-like description of its perimeters. It then labels the exceptions to the sale being the lands belonging to others within the area and to whom they sold it to, and then payments for mortgages among them from the sale. It is labeled that it covered “all the several conveyances collectively,” so this perhaps stands as an overall relay of the current property holdings at that time. There is an annotation on the first page labeling it as “DB 119, pg 179”, copying the last page for its location.

Dates: November 15th, 1865

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Property Transfer, Land Deed

Locations: Plains Township, Pennsylvania

People: [Mercur, Mahlon Clark 1816-1905](#); [Welles, Charles Frederick 1812-1872](#); [[Mercur, Anna 1832-1901](#)]; [Saylor, Samuel 1799-1859](#); [Billings, Samuel, 1816-1914](#); [Maxwell, Volney Lee, 1805-1873](#); Williams, John C; [Saylor, Sterling, 1832-1864](#); [Abbott, Stephen 1844-1887](#); [Stark, Alexander Hamilton 1827-1869](#); [Saylor, Benjamin 1806-1882](#); Willcox, George S.

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 11 in. x 8 ½ in.

Transcription Attempt:

DB [Deed Book] 119, page 179

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15.136 Item 81: Typescript Copy of Land Deed from C[harles] F[rederick] Wells and Elizabeth Wells to the Pittston & Elmira Coal Company, 1867 December 28

Type of Material: Deeds/Typescript

Title: N/A

Description: This is a typescript copy of a property transfer from Charles Frederick Wells, 1812-1872, and wife Elizabeth Wells, 1825-1875, to the Pittston & Elmira Coal Co. for \$100,000.00 for several plots of land in Plains township on December 28 1867. The document gives a description of the perimeter of just one of the tracts, containing excepting from that about 4 sections and a right of way to be kept by their current owners from sales prior to this. These being: ½ acre to Samuel Billings, ‘strip of land for a railroad’ to Volney L. Maxwell, a right of way to Wilkes-Barre and Providence Plank Road Co., one acre from Odenheimer and Lewis to Strong and from strong to J.C. Williams, ‘surface of a piece’ on which V.L. Maxwell’s store house stands, and the Saylor farm to Mahlon. C. Mercur from three separate past conveyances. This last sale is mentioned more in the next paragraph in more detail; sale 1 from Sterling Saylor and Stephen Abbott and their wives, sale 2 from Alex Stark who is labeled as a guardian, and sale 3 from Benjamin Saylor who was also listed as a guardian, all from January 11 1864. There are further mentions of these lands and the mortgages involved in their sales, given to George Wilcox et al, Benjamin Saylor, and Alex H. Stark. A further note written onto the document along the bottom edge mentions some of the listed relatives, and two that were labeled as guardians have children listed under their names, presumably Benj. E. Edwin, Harriet E., and Ann Elizabeth Saylor.

Dates: December 28, 1867

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Deeds; Titles, Land; Finances; Field Survey; Contracts;

Locations: Plains, Pennsylvania

People: [Welles, Charles Frederick 1812-1872](#); [Wells, Elizabeth 1825-1875](#); [Saylor, Samuel 1799-1859](#); [Billings, Samuel, 1816-1914](#); [Maxwell, Volney L](#); Lewis; John M. Odenheimer (active 1846-1907); [Strong, Theodore 1820-1907](#); [Mercur, Mahlon Clark 1816-1905](#); [Saylor, Sterling, 1832-1864](#); [Abbott, Stephen 1844-1887](#); [Stark, Alexander Hamilton 1827-1869](#); [Saylor, Benjamin 1806-1882](#); George S. Wilcox

General Condition: Fair. The paper is a little flimsy with its age, and has several creases from being folded into halves and quarters. There are tears starting on each of these creases, as well as a few others

along the left and right edges. The paper is aged and dirtied along the edges. There is an underline in red pencil and a note in pencil along the bottom.

Measurements: 11 in. x 8 ½ in.

Transcription Attempt:

–13 93 Page 439 444+448 etc

(1) Sterling + Francis Saylor + The Abbots i Mercur's ^2/6 het

(2) Benj. Saylor guardian for minor sons Benj. E + Edwin

James Saylor to Mercur –73.93-449-46 into.

(3) Alexander H. Stark :guardian for minor daughters

Harriet E + Ann Elizabeth Saylor in hMercur

(2/6 interi) –73 43-439

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15.137 Item 82: Land deed from Dorothy C. Stets to Thomas H. Celano.

1958 September 25; 1959 December 22

Type of Material: Land deed

Title: N/A

Description: This is a typewritten copy of an agreement / deed from Dorothy C. Stets, 1912-1985, to Thomas H. Celano and Matt Macarelli for \$50.00 binder for an “interest in land and Right of Way” on September 25th 1958. The land in question is in Plains township, marked by its Mill and Gardener creek boundaries in the area, and the right of way is said to have been given by Charles Chapman, son of (Charles) Isaac Abel Chapman. Stets gives her full price of her interest as \$1,000.00. The next lines tell of Celano's lawyers quitting the claim, listing its location in a book, and marking that date as October 9 1957, and the final line presumably marks the source of this information as a book of a Mr. Rafferty's, possibly Michael Joseph Rafferty, from Lehigh Valley Coal Company. There is also a small annotation on the back of the deed in red pencil reading “agreement.” The second item in this folder is a handwritten index card of unknown purpose. The card marks a calendar with the 22nd of the month circled with a small notation of something being conveyed to an unidentified second term on Dec 22, 1959.

Dates: 1958 September 25; 1959 December 22.

Creator: [\(Chapman\) Stets, Dorothy, 1912-1985](#)

Subjects: Deeds; Titles, Land; Finances;

Locations: Mill Creek and Gardners Creek

People: Celano, Thomas H.; [\(Chapman\) Stets, Dorothy, 1912-1985](#); Macarelli, Matthew; [Chapman, Charles Isaac Abel 1826-1916](#), [Chapman, Isaac Abel 1787-1827](#), Mr. Rafferty, [Pos. Rafferty, Michael Joseph, 1874-1972]

General Condition: Fair. The paper was torn either apart or out of some sort of notebook/writing pad. The left edge is uneven, but all others are machine cut. The writing is slightly slanted to the right, possibly from being loaded into the typewriter incorrectly. There are three creases in the sheet, one as if it had been folded in half, and the other two as if it were folded into thirds. The Bottom crease appears to have been outward facing the most due to its advanced aging when compared to the rest of the paper. There are two small holes at the top from staples as well as a correlating crease there. The index card has a different sized staple mark on its top as well.

Measurements: 8 1/2 in. x 7 in. {deed}; 2 7/8 in. x 4 7/8 in. {card}

Transcript Attempt:

{annotation}

Agreement

{card}

Sun Mon Tues Wed thurs fri SAT

	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
M	T	W	th	F		
21	(22)	23	24	25		

Conveyed to Monahue(?)

in Dec 22, 1959

1959

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WESTMORELAND

15.138 Item 83: A Land Deed Poll by Jenks and Jonathan Corey to Samuel Cooke, 1777 June 7; Reverse, Property Transfer by John Bailey and Temperance Cook to Putnam Catlin, 1793 Septemeber 12, and a Property Transfer by Putnam Catlin to Christopher Hurlbut, 1793 November 27. (Removed to Legal Box #2)

Type of Material: Deed; Typescript

Title: N/A

Description: The following item dated June 7, 1777, depicts a property transfer bond by Jenks and Jonathan Corey to Samuel Cooke, doctor of the county. The deed is a bond of \$150.00 with interest and to be paid in New York currency. There is a condition on the bond that if Jenks and party will pay the named sum of \$75.00 with interest by June 7, 1778, the bond written here would be found void. The bond is witnessed by Jabez Setts and Robert Durkee. On the reverse of the bond, on the left hand side of the document, dated September 12, 1793, John Bailey and Temperance Cook, the executors of Samuel Cook's estate, are writing a sale of transfer for the bond of sum at 70 pounds to Putnam Catlin. The bond transfer grants Catlin the powers and rights once held by Cook. On the right hand side of the reverse, dated November 27, 1793, Catlin is transferring the bond to Christopher Hurlbut for a sum of 100 pounds. The back of the item mentions Roswell Welles as the attorney of Bailey and Cook. It is witnessed by Jabez Fish and Samuel Curtis.

Dates: June 7, 1777; September 12, 1793; November 27, 1793

Creator: Corey, Jenks;

Subjects: Bond, Title, Deed, Property Transfer, Contract

Locations: Wilkes-Barre, Hanover, Pennsylvania

People: [Corey, Jenks](#); [Corey, Jonathan](#); Cook, Samuel; Bailey, John; Setts, Jabez; [Durkee, Robert, 1733-1778](#); [Cook, Temperance, \[Pos. Cooke, Temperance \(Hedges\), 1736-1813\]](#); Hurlbut, Christopher; [Catlin, Putnam 1764-1842](#); [Welles, Rosewell 1761-1830](#); [Fish, Jabez, 1747-1814](#); Terry, Benjamin; Stuart, Jonathan; Curtis, Samuel

General Condition: Poor. The document has torn into three separate pieces, and there are several holes or tears throughout the document rendering some words missing.

Measurements: 7 11/16 in. x 12 in.

Transcript Attempt:

Front Page:

[The page is composed of printed and annotated text. Bolded texts indicates typed print]

Know all Men by these Presents, that
we jinks [Jenks] Corey + Jonathan Corey both of Westmoreland in the County
of Westmoreland and State of Connecticut are - - -

Holden and stand firmly bound and obliged unto Doct^{[o]r}
Samuel Cook of Poughkepsie (sic) [Poughkeepsie] in Dutcthess (sic) [Dutchess] County in the State of
New York - - - **in the full and just sum of** one Hundred and fifty
Pounds Lawful money----

to be paid unto the said Samuel Cook or his.----

certain Attorney,
executors, administrators or assigns: To the which payment well and truly to
be made, we bind ourselves our Heirs, executors and administrators,

firmly by these Presents. Sealed with our seal
Dated the Seventh day of June
Anno Domini, One Thousand seven Hundred and
Seventy Seven - ~~such in the~~ Year
~~His Majesty's Reign~~

The Condition of this present obligation is such, that
if the above bounden Jinks Corey or Jonathan Corey
their Heirs, Executors or Administration, or
any of them, shall and do well and truly pay or cause to be paid
unto the said Samuel Cook or his— — —
Executors, administrators or assigns, the full and just sum of
Seventy five pounds lawful money with the lawful
interest for the same.

on or before the Seventh day of June - which will
be in the Year of our LORD, One Thousand Seven Hundred and
Seventy Eight- without Fraud, coven, or further Delay; then
the above written Obligation to be void and of none Effect; or
else to abide and remain in full force and virtue.

**Signed, Sealed and delivered,
in presence of us,**

Jabez Setts
Rob[er]t Durke

Jenkes Corey
Jonathan Corey

Back Page:

~~Dear ester~~

Know all men by these presents that I Putman Catlin of Wilkes barre
within Mentioned for the consideration of one hundred pounds
in hand paid to me by Christopher Hurlbut Esq[ui]re].
do assign make over transfer unto him the
said Christopher all the right title interest and demand
I have in and unto the the within bond and
the assignment indorsed thereof so that the said Christopher
may recover and have all the interest &
& benefit I could or might have in the premises

In witness whereof I have here[unto]
Set my hand & seal this 27th of November ^{AD 1793}
at his own risque (sic) [risk] ^{for any} more than the land
mortgaged for the payment of this debt
(to wit) half of lot number Fourteen in Hanover
of which he has taken possession this day.

Sealed + delivered
in presence of
Ben[jamin] Terry
Jonathan Stuarde

Putnam Catlin (seal)

Along the left hand side of paragraph:

Jinks Corey +c [etcetera]
to Both Cooks Bond

Know all men by these presents that we John Bailey and
Temperance Cook Executor of the last will + testament of
Doctor Samuel Cook within mentioned for the consideration
of Seventy pounds current money of Pennsylvania in hand
paid to us by Putnam Catlin do hereby assign make
over, transfer + convey unto the said Putnam all the
property interest + demand which the said Samuel

Cooke had at the time of his deceaseth or that we have
as Executors of the said Samuel, to the within Bond
+ we do hereby empower the Putnam to see + recover
the same to his own use - In witness whereof we have
hereunto set our hands + seals this twelvth (sic) [twelfth] day of September
one thousand seven hundred + ninety three-

John Bailey (seal) } Executors
Temperance Cook (seal) }

~~D-Dear friend~~
Westmoreland

By Rosewell Willes(sic) [Welles] Attorney to the
said John & Temperance in the
aforesaid Capacity

Jabez Fish
Samuel Curtis

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STATES OUTSIDE PENNSYLVANIA

OHIO-JEFFERSON, AUGUSTA COUNTY

15.139 Item 84: Land deed for Jefferson Township, Ohio, 1805 August 15-December 3. (Removed to greyprint box #4)

Type of Material: Deed

Title: N/A

Description: The following item dated August 15, 18[06], depicts a deed from Gideon Granger to Jacob Cist and Horace Hampden Edwards. The deed is for multiple tracts located in Jefferson township, Geauga county, Ohio, with lot 7 containing 2 acres with an addition of two lots in the town plot containing 8 acres each, lots 179, 180, and an 80 acre draft lot named lot 36, containing 77 acres and 53 hundreths of an acre. Edwards and Cist pay Granger \$200.00 for the contract, and a final note makes a stipulation of a \$12.00 lean on the lands held by Granger for the possibility of the lands becoming a seat of Justice for the county. Those dues are being withheld in case they need to build a public building. In the third section of the deed, Granger transfers over all rights and profit to the tracts of land from himself and his heirs to Cist and Edwards, with their respective heirs. The deed is witnessed by William Gardner, Seth Parsons, David Shoemaker, and Benjamin Granger. There is a signature by Mindwell Granger, wife of Gideon, who on the reverse of the manuscript is counseled outside of her husband to confirm that she is releasing and selling the lands of her own free will, without fear of her husband's displeasure. That testimony is signed

by Asahel Hathaway, and dated December 3, 1806. The reverse also has testimony from William Thorton, town magistrate, stating that Granger confirmed the sale as his own free will, dated November 12, 1806. The record was taken by James A Harper and logged in the record's office on January 9, 1808.

The date of the deed is covered by the affixed seal, but it is inferred as 1806 due to the testimony by Gideon and Mindwell on the reverse, both sworn after its drafting in 1806.

Dates: 15 August 18[06]; November 12, 1806, December 3, 1806; January 9, 1808

Creator: [Granger, Gideon 1767-1822](#)

Subjects: Titles, Land; Deeds; Contracts; Transfers; Business; Field Survey;

Locations: Washington, DC; Jefferson Township, Geauga(?), Ohio; Suffield(?) Township, Hartford County, Connecticut

People: [Edwards, Horace Hampden, 1782-1862](#); [Cist, Jacob 1782-1825](#); Gardner, William(?); Parsons, Seth; [Granger, Francis 1792-1868](#); [Granger, Mindwell 1770-1860](#); Shoemaker, David; Thornton, William; [Hatheway, Asahel 1739-1828](#); Harper, James A.; [Granger, Gideon 1767-1822](#)

General Condition: Poor. Vinegar smell. The document is badly creased and torn into separate pieces at points. Appears slightly yellowed and weakened by age. There are a few spots on the document that were either seals changing over time or stains. Handle with care.

Measurements: 16 in. x 10 1/8 in.

Transcript Attempt:

[The text is composed of printed and annotated text. Bolded text indicates printed]

KNOW ALL MEN, by these presents, that I, GIDEON GRANGER,
now resident in the City of Washington, for the consideration of Two hundred dollars ~~~
received to my full satisfaction of Horace Hampden Edwards & Jacob Cist
both **of Washington City in the county of Washington ~**
and District of Columbia the receipt whereof I do hereby
acknowledge ... and convey unto the said Horace Hampton Edward,
and Jacob Cist **all the following tracts or parcels of land**, that is to say: lot number seven
in Erie Street in the Township of Jefferson containing two acres, also
in the Eight acre draft lying round said town plat two lots of eight
acres each, being lots number one hundred and seventy nine and one
hundred and eighty, also in the Eighty acre draft so called, lot number
Thirty six, containing seventy seven acres, and fifty three hundredths
of an acre all lying and being in the Township of Jefferson in the
County of Geauga and in the State of Ohio, and reference is
had to a chart of said Township now engraving (sic) by Jacob Cist
for the particular Location and Boundary of each lot.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above described tract ... to them the said Horace Hampden Edward
and Jacob Cist **their heirs and assigns and to them and their sole use, benefit ... I the said GIDEON**
GRANGER do covenant ... with the said Edward & Cist **their heirs and assigns ... that the same are**
free and clear from all incumbrances ... furthermore, I do for myself ... covenant to and with the
said Edwards & Cist their heirs and assigns ...

And for the better and effectually securing the said Edward & Cist their heirs or assigns... I do covenant to and with the said Edwards and Cist their heirs and assigns, that I will, ... in writing, at the proper cost, charge and expense of the said Edward & Cist their heirs or assigns, such other deeds ... in writing ... nevertheless the grantor has a lien on the land herein granted for the payment of twelve dollars by the grantee on his Representatives in case that a seat of Justice shall be established in said town, said seem to be applied towards the Erection of public buildings

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal, this fifteenth **day of August in the year ... one thousand eight hundred and** [six]

Gid^{[co]n} Granger

Witness the Signature

of Mindwell Granger

Signed, sealed and delivered }

Seth Parsons

in presence of us

Benjamin Granger

W^{[illia]m} Gardner

Mindwell Granger

David Shoemaker

{Back}

District of Columbia Ss [sheriff station]. County & City of Washington
Novemb^{[e]r} 12th 1806. Before the subsider One of the Magistrates
for the said city and county on this day came Gideon
Granger who executed the within Instrument, and acknowledged
the same to be his free act and deed, and that he
executed the same for the uses and purpose therein
mentioned.

William Thornton

State of Connecticut

Suffield Township

Hartford County Ss.[sheriff station]

This 3rd day of Dec^{[embe]r} 1806 personally came before me the
subscriber Justice of the peace for -(?) Hartford County

Mindwell, wife of Gideon Granger, party to the within
deed and being by me examined privately, and out of the
hearing of her husband she acknowledged that she surrendered
& released all right little and claim of dower in the lots or
parcels of ground in the within deed granted bargained & sold
to the said Jacob Cist & Horace H Edward their heirs and assigns forever & also
acknowledged the same willingly and freely, and without being induced
thereto by fear or threat of, or ill usage by her husband or
fear of his displeasure.

Taken and Certified by me

Asahel Hathaway, Juc^{ts} [Justice] Paris(?) [Peace?]

Received and recorded

the 9th January

1808 in Geauga

Subseries IV: Legal Contracts and Research,

1741-1953

Subseries IV: Legal Contracts, 1741-1953, is categorized by county, and arranged by townships alphabetically. If there are more than one item per township, those items are arranged chronologically. In this subseries, the items include estate citations, foreclosures and sheriff sale contracts, administrator's bonds, power of attorney forms, and a last will and testament. These contracts focus on the transfer and closing of estates after the deceased party, lands repossessed after a failure to pay taxes, or a legal precedent to avoid taxation or charge on accounts.

This subseries is split between the contracts and other manuscripts compiled for land deed research. In the second section, the research compiled in photostats and typescripts, includes a historical survey of land transfers between a family property, the meeting minutes of a resolve to build up the public commons of Wilkes Barre metropolitan areas, and others containing lists of lands occupied in the Wyoming Valley region. These items seem to focus on how land is retained and how it is lost to various legal movements or purchases.

Of the contracts present in this subseries, the following descriptions offer:

An [administrator's bond](#) is a three party court ordered surety bond meant to protect the beneficiaries and creditors of the estate in case of possible mismanagement, negligence, or fraud. These contracts make sure that the administrators will faithfully execute the duties of settling the estate, and allowing that if they should fail, the defaulted parties can bring forth a suit to recover any losses.

A [power of attorney](#) form grants another party the authority to act on behalf of the signee in specific or broad matters. These affairs can include financial, property handling, and healthcare decisions should the party become incapacitated.

An [estate citation](#) is a legal document requiring a person to appear in probate court in order to respond to the proceeding or action against or for an estate. The contract is used to progress the administration of an estate if the executor has been delayed, disputed, or non-acting.

A [last will and testament](#) is a legal document that explains how an individual's assets would be distributed upon their death, as well as the handling of their affairs. The contract allows the deceased party to name what property is inherited and by whom, as well as in what manner.

A [sheriff sale deed](#) is a legal document transferring ownership of property to a buying party after selling it in a court-ordered public auction. These lands are usually on sale after being repossessed following their previous owners falling under debts or taxes due, leading to the property being sold to make up the losses. The contract proves the sale and new ownership and right to the lands.

CONTRACTS

15.140 Item 85: An Administrators Bond by Peter Evans, Register General, with Adam Shrove, to Ludwig Poll, administrator to the Mathias Obold estate, 1741 May 5 (removed to Legal Box #2)

Type of Material: Legal Documents/ Contracts

Title: N/A

Description: The following item dated May 5, 1741, depicts a legal bond signed by Ludwig Polls, administrator for the estate of Mathias Obold, recently deceased, in settling dues for the estate. The deed states that he and Adam Shrove owe Peter Evans, the Register General, for accounts rendered on the estate. The sum of that charge would be fifty pounds. However, there is a condition on the deed that if Polls were to compile an accurate account of all the goods, chattel, and credits on the accounts and that account be leveled by the Orphans court at Philadelphia, the dues would be handled by the office. The deed is witnessed by Conrad Weiser, and signed by Ludwig and Adam.

Dates: 1741 May 25; 1741 May 26; 1741 June 21

Creator: Poll, Ludwig

Subjects: Deeds; Titles, Land; Estate Property Transfer, Will, Testimony, Contract

Locations: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

People: Shrove, Adam; Evans, Peter; Poll, Ludwig; Obold, Matthias; Weiser, Conrad;

General Condition: Poor. The document is tearing along seams and the page is discolored.

Measurements: 8 3/16 in. x 13 in.

Transcript Attempt:

Front Page:

Know all Men by these Presents that We Ludwig
Pol[l]s of Cocolus in Camden County yeomen and Adam Shrove of M township of Hudloberg in the
s[ai]d County yeoman - - -
are held and firmly bound unto Peter Evans Register General for the Probatee of Wills & granting Lres
[Letters] of administration in & for the province of Pennsylv[ania] &c [etcetera] in the sum of fifty c-
Pounds Lawfull (sic) money of the said Province to be paid for the said Register General his certain
attorney Exec^s [Executors] adm^{ts} [administrators] or assigns to which payment well and truly to be made
We bind our selves our heirs Exec^s [Executors] & administrators jointly and severally for and in the
whole firmly by those presents Sealed with our Seals dated the Twenty fivth (sic) [fifth] day of May anno
1741-

The Condition of this obligation is such That if the above bounden
ludwig poll administrator of all and singular the goods rights & credits of
Mathias Obold Dece^d [deceased] do make or cause to be made a true and p[er]fect Inventory
of all and singular the goods Rights and Credits which were of the said Decd^s [Deceased's] which
have or shall come to the hands possion (sic) [possession] or knowledge of the said ludwig poll
or into the hands or possion (sic) [possession] of any other p[er]son (sic) or p[er]sons (sic) for h[im](?)
and the same so made do Exhibit or cause to be Exhibited into the Register General's office at Phila^{[delphi]a}
at or before the twenty first day of June - next and the same Goods and Chattels which were of the s[ai]d
Deced^s [deceased's]. at the time of h[is] death or which at any time after shall come to
hands or possion (sic) [possession] of the said ludwig poll - - or into the hands or possion (sic)
[possession] of any other p[er]son or p[er]sons for h[im] do well and truly administer according to law and
further do make or cause to be made a true and just account calculation or reckoning of the said -
administration at or before the twenty sixth day of May anno Dom[ini] 1742 and all the
Rest and residue of the said Goods Chattells Rights and Credits which shall be found Remaining
upon the s^d. [said] adm^{[inistrati]on} acc^{[oun]t} the same being first Examined & allowed of by the orphans Court
of the County of Philad^{[elphi]a} shall deliver and pay to such p[er]son or p[er]sons respectively as the said
court by its Decree or Sentence shall Limit & appoint and if it shall hereafter appear that any
last Will & Testam.^{[en]t} was made by the said Deced^s [deceased's] & the Exor^s [Executor] & Exor^s
[Executors] therein named do Exhibit the same into the s[ai]^d office making Request to have it allowed &
approved of accordingly if thes[ai]^d ludwig poll being thereunto requested do render & deliver up the
s[ai]^d Lrts [letters] of adminstracon approbation of such Testam^{[en]t} being first had & made in the s[ai]^d
office then this obligacon (sic) [obligation] to be void or else to be & Remain in full force & Virtue in
Law -

Sealed & delivered
In the presence of
Conrad Weiser-

Ludwig Cortz
Adam Srop [Shrove?]

Back Page:

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Adm^o [Administrators] Bond

Lodowick Polls cat [administrator?]
on y^c Estate late of
Mathias Obold Dece'd [deceased].
Dat[e] (sic) 25 May 1741

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Page 1765 [165]

recorded

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15.141 Item 86: A Power of Attorney Form by Arthur Erwin and Edward Mott for Thomas Stewart and James Finn 1772 January 13; 1779

Type of Material: Legal documents/Contracts

Title: N/A

Description: These are typewritten copies of legal documents. The first is an overview of a deed's instructions from the will of Arthur Erwin to Thomas Stewear. It outlines his duties and responsibilities coming from the power of attorney for Erwin's heirs, including himself. He has authority over what is done on land owned on the Susquehanna river, at that time under the management of previously Cornelius Nefus, now Thomas Wright, and the document closes with mentions of executions of actions involving William Stark with the land and matters of (i)ndorsements. The second is a deed from Edward Mott to James Finn for £ 36 for a plot of land on January 13 1772. This discusses the more numerical aspects of the land such as the aforementioned price and the size, 1100 acres, as well as a small description of its location in relation to other lots, those being of Jeremiah Blanchard and John Brown. This page has an annotation on the backside in pen that reads, "Water Race in Pittston".

Dates: 1797; January 13, 1772

Creator: [Erwin, Arthur, 1726-1791](#); Mott, Edward

Subjects: Power of Attorney; Contracts; Legal; Law; Business

Locations: Luzerne County; Lackawanna County;

People: Stewart, Thomas; Nefus, Cornelius; Stark, William; [Erwin, Arthur, 1726-1791](#); Wright, Thomas; Finn, James, [Pos. [Finn, James 1746-1797](#)]; [Blanchard, Jeremiah 1764-1837](#); Brown, John

General Condition: Fair. The paper itself seems to be a type of copy paper, very flimsy and nearly translucent. It is creased due to this fragility on both sides, though it is more significant on the left side of both pages and the bottom right of the second page. There are small rips on both pages from staples in two separate places - one only leaving holes from the metal, but the second tearing a small chunk from the second page. There is also a small note handwritten on the back of the second page in ink.

Measurements: 11 in. x 8 5/8 in.

Transcript Attempt:

{annotation} (Back of second page)

Water Race in Pittston

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15.142 Item 87: An Estate Citation from Jonathan B. Vaughn to John Smith, Peter Winter, and John Blanchard, 1845 June 9

Type of Material: Notice of a will/Legal manuscript

Title: N/A

Description: This is a handwritten notice of a will from John B. Vaughn on the behalf of Charles Potter, 1815-1857, to John Smith, Peter Winter, 1785-1872, and John Blanchard, 1801-1853, regarding their positions as the executors of the will of Jeremiah Blanchard, 1799-1838, from June 9, 1845. They are ordered to come to Potter's Wilkes-Barre office on Saturday, June 28th of that year at 10:00 am in order to work with some of the legal matters regarding the will and their jobs that come with it, notably to state and file their accounts for the matter. Peter Winter seems to be either a family friend or another landowner they were friendly with, John Blanchard is the brother of the deceased Jeremiah, and Andrew Kester (Also Kesler in some records) is the husband of Louisa Cary, Jeremiah's daughter- thus making him a son in law. A small note on the back of the paper mentions Sarah Blanchard, 1804-1892, the wife of John. The Blanchards were a prominent family of the area in Jenkins Township known as Port Blanchard, which is connected back to Captain Jeremiah Blanchard, one of its first settlers. It is named for one of his children, John Blanchard, and the family was very involved in landowning as seen through the trades and sales their names often show up in. They are related to the Kesler/Kester family through marriage.

Dates: 9 June 1845

Creator: Vaughn, Jonathan B.

Subjects: Notice; Legal manuscript; Luzerne County (Pa.) ; Estate.

Locations: Luzerne County

People: Vaughn, Jonathan B.; Smith, John; [Winter, Peter 1785-1872](#); [Blanchard, John 1801-1853](#); [Blanchard, Jeremiah 1799-1838](#); [Kesler, Andrew 1819-1903](#); [Potter, Charles W., 1815-1857](#); [Blanchard Sarah \(Lazarus\), 1804-1892](#)

General Condition: Poor. Item is in three pieces, fraying at the edges. The paper is browning, acidic staining. Should be handled with care.

Measurements: 10 1/8 in. x 8 1/4 in.

Transcript Attempt:

Luzerne County Ss [Sheriff Station]

The commonwealth of Pennsylvania: To John Smith, Peter Winter and John Blanchard
Executors of the testament and last will of Jeremiah Blanchard late of said county, decd
[deceased] Greeting;

at the instance of Andrew Kester you and each of you, laying aside all business and excuses
whatsoever are hereby cited [cited/ (inferred)] to be and appear, before Charles W Potter Register for the
probate of Wills and granting Letters of administration in and the county of Luzerne, at his office in
Wilkes Barre on Saturday the 28th day of June next at ten o'clock in the forenoon then and there to state
and file your account, upon the administration of the estate of the said Jeremiah Blanchard decd
[deceased]: according to law, or to shew(sic) [show] just cause why you should not herein- fail not

Given under the hand of the said Charles W Potter and the seal of the said office at Wilkes Barre
this 9 day of June ADⁱ [Anno Domini] 1845

Charles W Potter Register
By Jno. [John] B. Vaughn

{Back}

Est[ate] of Jere^{[mia]h} Blanchard

deed,, [deceased]

Citation

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15.143 Item 88: A Foreclosure Contract and Sheriff Sale from Samuel van Loon for Andrew T[odd]. McClintock, 1860 January 13

Type of Material: Legal Contract/Land Deed

Title: N/A

Description: This is a typewritten copy of a document, mainly from Samuel Van Loon, 1811-1885, to Andrew T[odd]. McClintock, 1810-1892, discussing a lawsuit that occurred and an exchange of land as a result on January 13 1860. He discusses how he was ordered to levy the “goods, and chattels lands and tenaments” of Sarah Blanchard, 1804-1892, of D. Blanchard, 1824-1910, and A. M. Stout as well as \$371.97 in an unclear matter involving George Miller Law and Co. and I. I. Slocum. These seem to be a payment for some sort of debts and damages, and the lands were to be sold to “make return to Court.” It is paid off with the sale of the debtors' lands and their contents in the Court of Common Pleas to Andrew T[odd]. McClintock, and he gives the legal reasoning for the sale at the end.

The Blanchards were a prominent family of the area in Jenkins Township known as Port Blanchard, which is connected back to Captain Jeremiah Blanchard, one of its first settlers. It is named for one of his children, John Blanchard, and the family was very involved in landowning as seen through the trades and sales their names often show up in.

Dates: January 13, 1860

Creator: [Van Loon, Samuel 1811-1885](#)

Subjects: Titles, Land; Deed; Sale; Finances; Property Transfer

Locations: Wilkes-Barre, PA

People: [Van Loon, Samuel 1811-1885](#); [McClintock, Andrew Todd 1810-1892](#); [Blanchard Sarah \(Lazarus\), 1804-1892](#); [Blanchard, David 1824-1910](#); Stout, A. M.; [Blanchard, John 1801-1853](#); Miller, George; Slocum, I. I.

General Condition: Good. The paper does not have any tears, but is fragile with age. The edges are slightly yellowed, and there are a few creases - the largest in the center, then one splitting the top and another the same on the bottom to fold it into quarters. Though this sheet was not stapled, it appears that it may have been stored next to something with a staple at some point given the small orange marks in the upper left hand corner.

Measurements: 11 in. x 8 ½ in.

Transcript Attempt:

{annotation}

Van Loon to McClintock

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15.144 Item 89: Legal document from Samuel van Loon to Andrew McClintock, 1860 January 13

Type of Material: Legal document

Title: N/A

Description: This is a typewritten copy of a legal document from Samuel Van Loon, 1811-1885, to Andrew McClintock, 1810-1892, describing a debt being paid and an exchange of land in Plains Township on January 30 1860. It is written by Van Loon, who was Sheriff at the time, and begins with the introduction of a debt and his instructions on how to handle it. He discusses seizing the land and gives a small survey-like description of the land, its perimeters, and contents in the manner of structures. He describes the value of the land in apportionment to the debt and then recounts its sale in the Court of Common Pleas to Andrew I. McClintock, transferring it in title to him and ending the document. The pages are numbered, but the last two pages are both labeled as 3. There are several strikeouts with the typewriter overlaid on mistakes as well as some minor typographical errors.

Dates: 13 January 1860.

Creator: [Van Loon, Samuel 1811-1885](#)

Subjects: Titles, Land; Deeds; Contract; Property Transfer

Locations: Wilkes-Barre; Luzerne County; Plains Township;

People: [Van Loon, Samuel 1811-1885](#); [McClintock, Andrew Todd 1810-1892](#); [Blanchard Sarah \(Lazarus\), 1804-1892](#); [Blanchard, David 1824-1910](#); Miller, George; Slocum, I. I.; Stout, A. M.; Rafferty, James

General Condition: Good. The sheets are in good condition, but are delicate due to their age. There are no tears other than rip marks from removed staples, and a little bit of yellowing and possible ink smudges/transfers, but they do not impede the visibility of the document.

Measurements: 11 in. x 8 ½ in.

Transcript Attempt:

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15.145 Item 90: Photostat of a Bond of Release by Samuel Purviance and Erastus Smith to Release Lands to the Susquehanna Company, 1874 March 11. (removed to legal box #2)

Type of Material: Land Surveys

Title: Series of Land Surveys

Description: This is a photostat copy of a power of attorney between Samuel Purviance Jr. and Erastus Smith over a plot of land on August 6th 1856. The land and its allowances are stated to span through parts of Pittston, Exeter, and Old Forge in Luzerne county. The document is slightly difficult to follow, but seems to be the resolution to either some uncertainties in land ownership or sales. It appears that (rough guess) some land belonging to Purviance was partially given to Smith by way of a warrant in 1856 and later releases the owners of the land from the liability to pay the lien designated by the survey that Purviance entered for another purpose. The bottom of the document is sealed under Surveyor General Robt. B. Beath, 1839-1914, and beneath that is a more recent seal confirming that this is a copy under the name of Isaac B. Brown, 1848-1925.

There is another manuscript with Purviance's land, found in item 34: A Photostat of a Survey of Samuel Purviance's Land by the Sturdevant Coal Company, [ca.] (removed to grey box #4)

Dates: 1874 March 11

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Land Surveys, Maps, Property Ownership

Locations: Pittston, Exeter; Old Forge; Luzerne County

People: [Purviance, Samuel Anderson, 1809-1882](#); Smith, Erastus

General Condition: Good

Measurements: 12 7/8 in. x 7 13/16 in.

Transcription Attempt:

Stapled to the top of the page:

RE-Lease of 45 acres out of 2,000 acre

Propriators Susquehanna Co. Warrant,
applied for 1874

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15.146 Item 91: The Last Will and Testament of Alice Lenore Saylor, 1937 May 18, with Two Certificates of the Probate's Office, 1948 September 6; 1950 August 7 (removed to legal box #2)

Type of Material: Will

Title: Last Will and Testament of Alice Lenore Saylor

Description: The following item shows three documents pertaining to the last will and testament of Alice Lenore Saylor. Of the smaller documents, there are typed certificates of authenticity by the probate's office, signed by the clerk, Grace E. Morrissey, on August 7, 1950, stating that the papers brought to their office appear to be true and correct copies of the original. The second is another certificate of the probate's office, dated September 6, 1948, stating that the last will and testament instrument of Alice Lenore Saylor, under the testimony of Martha P. Hotter, were rendered after the death of Saylor on July 8, 1938. The document is signed by Roscoe R. Luce, county judge for Walworth county, Wisconsin. The third document is a typescript of the last will and testament of Alice Lenore Saylor. After an address to settle the debts on the estate, Saylor divides the estate amongst various parties. In the second division, Saylor grants \$100.00 to Mary Tuttle, and named silver pieces attached in a later page. In the third, Anna Gregg is given \$100.00 and named household pieces attached on a later page. Donald Meracle is given \$100.00 for education expenses, and George W. Gresman is granted a mercantile building located in Delavan, which is described with boundary lines from a survey. Ruth Huntington Crozier is granted \$200.00, and Ron R. Crozier is given her Nelson Loose Leaf Encyclopedia, along with their case. In the eighth and ninth divisions, Saylor grants the Croziers her library, and wishes them to be donated to the Aram Public Library of Delvan, excepting the encyclopedias granted in the prior division. In the tenth division, Saylor grants \$200.00 to the Altar Guild of Christ Church of Delavan, to be a perpetual trust and insure securities. The interest is allowable for the purchase of necessities however, such as flowers for the altar, with any extra money to purchase flowers for the familial crypts. In the eleventh, Kate C. Rowe receives \$500.00, and is asked to remain with Saylor's body as it is prepared, as well as ensuring that the embalming takes place in Saylor's home. In the twelfth, she asks that should Saylor die before 1940, a

promissory note for \$1000.00, executed by Douglas Mc Farlane, should be cancelled and not paid out to the man. In the thirteenth, Saylor grants the dividends from her Standard Oil Company stock be given to Esther E. Marsh, as a means of security until the time of her death, where it be transferred to Russell Ledwith Marsh, grandson of Esther. In the fourteenth, Saylor grants her homestead to [Maude] Alice Harvey, which is followed by a description of its boundaries and location from a survey taken of the place. In the fifteenth, Saylor gives Maude Alice Harvey all goods within her home that have not been previously designated to other parties. In the sixteenth, Albert and Maude Alice Harvey are granted \$250.00. In the seventeenth, Saylor stipulates that all inheritance taxes should be paid through the corpus of her estate, and not deducted from any of the gifts granted by her will. In the eighteenth, Saylor grants the remainder of her estate to Clara B Hasten, executor of the estate, and upon her death, the inheritance is divided equally between Lloyd Marsh and Adella Hawes Murfin. In red pencil, a note states that Clara Hasten was deceased at the time. In the final, nineteenth section, Saylor names Ray Bowers the executor and trustee of her last will and testament, signing her name and setting her seal on May 15, 1937. A final section concludes that these divisions and this instrument are true acts of Saylor and have been witnessed by Elizabeth Hollister and Martha P. Hotter.

Dates: May 18, 1937

Creator: [Saylor, Alice Lenore 1869-1938](#)

Subjects: Will; Contracts; Estates; Finances; Inheritance and succession; Estate settlement costs

Locations: Walworth County, Wisconsin

People: [Saylor, Alice Lenore 1869-1938](#); Saylor, Harrie S.; Rowe, Kate C.; Morrissey, Grace E.; Hotter, Martha P.; Luce, Roscoe R.; Tuttle, Mary; Gregg, Anna; Meracle, Donald; Gresman, George W.; Crozier, Ruth Huntington; Crozier, Ron C.; Mc Farlane, Douglas; Marsh, Esther E.; Marsh, Ledwith; Harvey, Maude Alice; Hasten, Calra B.; Marsh, Lloyd; Murfin, Adella Hawes; Hollister, Elizabeth

General Condition: Excellent.

Measurements: 8 ½ in. x 7 in.

Transcription Attempt:

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LAND DEED RESEARCH

15.147a Item 92a: Pay Assessments and Deed Records by “unknown” for “Pennsylvania Coal Company,”[ca. 1838-1971]

Type of Material: Pay assessments

Title: N/A

Description: The following item dated roughly between 1838 and 1971, depicts a hand-written note by unknown with various names and numbers written in various lines. The names included are Sarah and Helen Blanchard, and a Rolan. An penciled archivist note mentions that these are pay assesments with the Pennsylvania Coal Company. It is unclear in this item whether these people owe the company or vice versa, but with context from the remaining notes, such as item 97b, we can see that the Company is sending payments to the various parties. Thus, it looks like the total line is placed on the company's, with a sum of 36 C. The notation is unclear what C notates, but it is possibly a shorthand for charged, meaning

the party paid the sum, unlike p for payment. This would match other sources of shorthand we see in money systems, such as Cr for credit and Dr for debtor.

A [pay assessment](#) can be for many purposes, some include a payout for coal mining taxes and assessment charges, royalties, or reclamation taxes if the ash produced by the companies were to affect neighboring sites.

[The University of Nottingham](#) has a digitized history and explanation on the history of Business Accounting, explaining the use and shorthand available in Double-entry book-keeping, such as the [Dr/Cr](#) shorthands. “The person who RECEIVES is Dr. (Debtor) for that which he receives; and the person who PARTS WITH is Cr. (Creditor) for the article which he parts with.” The abbreviations Dr. and Cr. often appear at the left-hand and right-hand sides of double-entry accounts. Dr. is an abbreviation for Debtor [Latin for debtor], and Cr. is an abbreviation for Creditor. For each transaction there is a debtor and a creditor, and the amounts of money recorded on each side of the account must be the same for the account to be correct.

The date for the item has been estimated by the active dates of the [Pennsylvania Coal Company](#), which ran from 1838 to 1971.

Dates: [ca. 1838-1971]

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Finances; Note; Pennsylvania Coal Company; Bills; Dues

Locations: N/A

People: [Blanchard Sarah \(Lazarus\), 1804-1892](#); Blanchard, Helen; Rolan

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 6 1/8~5 7/8 in. x 5 in.

Transcript Attempt:

Sarah Blanchard-15-C-33-C-27

J. “ -16-C-33-C-29

Helen Blanchard-17-C-33-C-31

7AC

Rolan - 1398-397

PA Coal -36-C-1

In pencil:

Pay	{	Coal Co
Assessments	{	Map
		References

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15.147b Item 92b: Note by Unknown, [ca. mid eighteenth-late nineteenth century]

Type of Material: Note

Title: N/A

Description: The following item, undated, depicts a note written by an unknown creator. The note may potentially be a record from a deed book, inferred from the D. 830, which is how references to other deed book research has been recorded, and would pertain to a purchase or sale between the Lehigh Valley Coal company and M. J. Rafferty. However, the handwriting is similar to that in item 97a, which is cataloging a pay assessment from the company, and could likely be another instance of that.

Dates: N/A

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Notes; Titles, Land; Bills; Dues; Finances; The Lehigh Valley Coal Company

Locations: N/A

People: Rafferty, M. J., [Pos. Rafferty, Michael Joseph, 1874-1972];

General Condition: Good.

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

Transcript Attempt:

D - 830 - 180

Lehigh Valley Coal

To

M. J. Rafferty

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15.147c Item 92c: Note by Unknown,[ca. mid eighteenth-late nineteenth century]

Type of Material: Note

Title: N/A

Description: The following item, undated, depicts a note written by an unknown creator. The note may potentially be a record from a deed book, inferred from the Deed 1382, and would pertain to a purchase or sale between F. and E. Bonomo to M. Macarelli and T. Celano, for the sum of \$30,000. The following lines mention that this deed was recorded in error, followed by information on A. and Anna Bonomo to F. Bonomo for \$1.00, deed 1167. A final note records deed 1131, M. J. Rafferty to Anthony and Frank Bonomo for the sum of \$1.00. It appears that this might have been a warranty charge from the final note, but it is unclear without further context.

The handwriting similarities are what have connected these items.

Dates: [ca. mid eighteenth-late nineteenth century]

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Deeds; Finances; Titles, Land; Business

Locations: N/A

People: [Bonomo, Frank 1911-1986](#); Mrs. E. Bonomo, [Pos. [Bonomo, Eleanor Mary 1918-1998](#)]; M. Macarelli; T. Celano, [Bonomo, Anthony 1905-1965](#); [Bonomo, Anna 1906-1989](#); Rafferty, M. J., [Pos. Rafferty, Michael Joseph, 1874-1972];

General Condition: Good.

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

Transcript Attempt:

Deed 1382 - 512

F. Bonomo & E. Bonomo

To \$30,000

M. Macarelli & T. Celano

~~This deed recorded in error
west side of~~

D - 1167 - 177

A. Bonomo & Anna Bonomo

To \$1.00

F. Bonomo

D - 1131 - 11

M. J. Rafferty

To \$100

Anthony Bonomo

&

Frank Bonomo

Warranty

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15.147d Item 92d: Note by Unknown, [ca. mid eighteenth-late nineteenth century]

Type of Material: Note

Title: N/A

Description: The following item, undated, depicts a note written by an unknown creator. The list includes a number of peoples names, such as Lupus D., Monohan D., and Macarelli, with numbers following each of their names. It is possible that this is a list of deeds with each of the persons named, such as we see in item 91c, or that these are records of pay assessment made to the persons named, such as we see in item 91a. The handwriting is similar across these items, giving us an inference of connection but without context it is hard to define the intent of the record.

Dates: [ca. mid eighteenth-late nineteenth century]

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Records; Deeds; Finances; Contracts; Research

Locations: N/A

People: Lupus, D.; Monohan, D.; Macarelli, [Matthew]

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 5 in. x 2 in.

Transcript Attempt:

[Crossed out in pencil]

Lupus D - 1612 - 485

Monohan D - 1488 - 946

Macarelli 1382 - 512

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15.147e Item 92e: Note by Unknown, [ca. mid eighteenth-late nineteenth century]

Type of Material: Note

Title: N/A

Description: The following item shows a handwritten note, listing numbers under the header B and P. It is possible in connection with the other documents, that these are deeds or pay assessments recorded in various books, header B, and the pages to locate them on. The notation DB in line four would infer that these are listings in deed books, such as we see in item 91b, however, with the D crossed out, it is hard to say for certain without further context. There is one date mentioned, July 8, 1886.

Dates: [ca. mid eighteenth-late nineteenth century]

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Numbers

Locations: N/A

People: N/A

General Condition: Excellent

Measurements: 8 in. x 5 in.

Transcript Attempt:

B - P

97 - 385

177 - 31

July 8 - 1886 - ~~DB~~ - 258 - 509?

283 - 524

649 - 549

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15.147f Item 92f: Flipbook by Unknown, [ca. mid eighteenth-late nineteenth century]

Type of Material: Flipbook

Title: N/A

Description: The following item depicts a flip style booklet with the name Arch, possibly Archibald, Myerling on the front page. The rest of the pages are blank. The handwriting is similar to the other documents in this folder.

Dates: [ca. mid eighteenth-late nineteenth century]

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Research; Names; Business; Finances;

Locations: N/A

People: Myerling, Archibald

General Condition: Excellent.

Measurements: 8 in. x 5 in.

Transcript Attempt:

Arch[ibald?] Myerling

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15.148 Item 93: Typescript of Research into Land Deeds from [Andrew Todd] McClintock to Sarah Blanchard, 1797 July 7

Type of Material: Land Deeds

Title: N/A

Description: This is a typewritten history of a tract of land and its exchanges between various people. It begins with a small note describing the lands in discussion with the exceptions of lands owned by other persons and companies. It belonged to Sheriff S. Van Loon, 1811-1885, excepting the land and coal rights which had been previously sold by John Blanchard, 1801-1853, and wife Sarah, 1804-1892, to the Bloomsburg Railroad and Iron previously, and a second exception from coal and minerals in a separate section of the tract which had been sold by McClintock and wife, and Sarah Blanchard, to the Pennsylvania Coal Co. in 1860. The document then begins to list the sales in sections. The first describes sales in 1850 (to Bloomsburg R.R., reserved part of surface), 1860 (to Penn Coal Co.), 1865 (to Penn Coal Co.), 1867 (to Penn N.Y. Canal Rail Road, reserved coal), and 1888 (to Penn N.Y. Canal Rail Road, reserved coal) from either John or Sarah Blanchard to companies. The second section has a small note on further sales by one company. It is labeled as 1897 and sold several strips of the surface in either Jenkins Township or an area near Port Blanchard in specific. The third is on an exception for "surface or right of way" from 1888 and describes the land presumably in question within the sale and its exception, but is cut off on the bottom. There are two identical copies of this page, one of which used to be item 23. One copy of these has a small annotation in pencil in the last section on the bottom marking the referenced documents location in a deed book: D.B 278 - page 158. This document references item 1b. The third page seems to be missing the introduction tying it to the others, and only contains the legal transference of some land. Without the introduction, it isn't quite clear who the land was originally owned by, but the transfer was between Asa and David Dimock and the "Connecticut Title or Susquehanna Company." These may be two separate documents entirely, as the second page seems to be an average closing for a land deed, not the same descriptive style of the first page. The witnesses of either that final sale or of the overview of the document are Sylvester McKay and John Phillips, under the seal of Elijah Slater.

Dates: 1797 July 7, et al.

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Titles, Land; Deeds; Contracts; Records; History; Finances

Locations: N/A

People: [McClintock, Andrew Todd, 1810-1892]; [Van Loon, Samuel 1811-1885](#); [Blanchard, John 1801-1853](#); [Blanchard Sarah \(Lazarus\), 1804-1892](#); Dimock, David, 1749-1836; Dimock, Asa, 1772-1833; McKay, Sylvester; Phillips, John; Slater, Elijah, 1775-1836

General Condition: Good

Measurements: 10 15/16 in. x 8 ½ in.

Transcript Attempt:

McClintock to Sarah Blanchard

D.B. 80--Page 330 ---1860

:All that certain tract of land particularly described in the within deed of SHERIFF S.VAN LOON to McClintock D.B.#15--Page 285 with the appertances-excepting and reserving however out of the same all the land and coal rights and privileges conveyed by John Blanchard and wife to the Bloomsburg R.R. and Iron .D.B. 47 --480 also reserving and ex excepting all coal and minerals in 23 acres I33 perches Part of within described tract of land conveyed to the Pennsylvania Coal Co. by McClintock and wife 24th of May 1860 AND by #####eed# said Sarah Blanchard by her deed May 25 1860.

In 1850 John Blanchard and wife sold 66 + I9 acres Coal to Bloomsburg R.R.
I\$\$\$860\$ (reserving 66 a. of surface)

In 1860 Sarah Blanchard sold thru Sheriff 22 acres coal--to PennCoal Co.

In 1865 Sarah Blanchard sold 65 acres surface to Penn Coal Co.

In 1867 Sarah Blanchard sold 2 acre strip to Penn N.Y. Canal Rail Road
reserving coal to coal Co.

In 1888 Sarah Blanchard sold 2 acres SURFACE respe---. Y. Canal Rail Road
reserving coal.

Description: Beginning at station etc.

In 1897 Penn Coal sold several strips of surface

Description of one: Situated in Jenkin Twp. County and aforesaid being tract of land or old Canal basin on Port Blanchard Station at Lehigh Valley Rail Road containing (0.373(?)) of an acre

1888 Surface or right of way

:Beginning at a point where the line of right of way of said Rail road intersects the Northly line of the road at Port Blanchard station which said point is distant 30 ft So.Easterly at right angles from center between tracts of said R.R. thence parrallel etc. containing I acre 7 hundret hs 89 Excepting and reserving however out of said lot or parcel of land all the coal and minerals in(?)

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Deeded and bargained premises to them the said David Dimock and Asa Dimock, their heirs and assigns against all claims and demands whatsoever from, by or under me or any other person claiming the same or any part thereof under the Connecticut Title or Susquehanna Company. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, the seventh day of July in the year of our Lord, 1797

Signed xxxxled sealed and delivered # Elijah Slater (Seal)

In the presence of #

Sylvester McKay...John Philips #

Record July 23rd 1797 Dead Book 5.....Page 25

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102(?)

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15.149 Item 94: Summary by Land Transfers of Jerry Blanchard's Land, Ranging from 1799-1817.

Type of Material: List/Research

Title: N/A

Description: A typescript document that summarizes a number of land transfers associated with a Blanchard family at some point after 1850. It seems to mainly follow the lands owned by Jerry Blanchard I to his children and how the sales went on. Following the death of Jerry Blanchard I, much of his lands were given to Jerry II, believed to be Jeremiah Blanchard 1764-1837, and he made some sort of trade with an H. J. Williams. Jerry II then only mentions willing some of his land to his eldest son, John Blanchard, 1801-1853, but it seems other children (Clarissa, 1827-1903; Louisa, 1826-1894; and Elizabeth, 1821-1869) received land too, but most of them sold their tracts of land back to John later. He later sold 19 acres of land to Bloomsburg Coal and Iron and 66 acres of coal to Bloomsburg while reserving the surface, both in 1850. The document closes with John and his wife Sarah Blanchard, 1804-1892, turning over the land to their eldest son, David, 1824-1910. The document itself seems to be printed on the back side of a paper marked for the "Luzerne County Bowling Operators Association."

Dates: 1799-1817

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Titles, Land; Land; Research; Note; Lists

Locations: N/A

People: Blanchard, Jeremiah, 1738-1807; [Blanchard, Jeremiah 1764-1837](#); Williams, Henry Jonathan 1791-1879; [Blanchard, John 1801-1853](#); Griffith; [Bulkeley, Clarissa C/E. 1827-1903](#); [Kesler, Louisa Cary 1826-1894](#); [Loomis, Elizabeth Robinson 1821-1869](#); [Blanchard Sarah \(Lazarus\), 1804-1892](#); [Blanchard, David 1824-1910](#)

General Condition: Fair. The paper is older and somewhat aged in appearance, being yellowed along the edges, but the paper is not fragile or breaking.

Measurements: 11 in. x 8 ½ in.

Transcript Attempt:

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15.150 Item 95: Historical Summary, by Unknown, on Land Deeds and Transfers, from Saylor, Strong, Blanchard, et. al., 1808-1901

Type of Material: Historical Sketch, typed

Title: Summary

Description: Typewritten copies of a summary about the transfer of land from several parties, in Pittston, Jenkins, and elsewhere, over several years. Overall, the three seem to be different variations on the history in sales of one tract of land from 1801 to 1901. Each page's version gives different amounts of information, from simple lists to paragraphs. The land changed hands from Peter Saylor, 1770-1809, and Margaret Saylor, 1771-1849, to their son, Samuel Saylor, 1799-1859. He then sold to Lewis and Odenheimer, who sold to Theodore Strong, 1820-1907, who sold to I.C. Williams. S. Saylor bought back everything from Odenheimer and Lewis except the land which had been sold to Strong, but soon thereafter bought it from Williams. Mercur is the next in the chain, having bought everything but 10 acres from Saylor's family. Mercur would sell to Welles, and finally the land changed hands to Pittston Elmira Coal, Northern Coal & Iron, and eventually Central Vall[e]y Railway. The two individual sheets are mostly lists of land sales. The first labels the deed book they are inside, its location within said book, and occasionally some dates, locations, and people. The second has a bit more explanation for each, giving dates, the seller and buyer, the size of the land and occasionally location, and the prices. The last 2 pages are connected as one document, but are just a copy of the second sheet's information.

Dates: 1808-1901

Creator: N/A

Subjects: History, Land Transfer

Locations: Wilkes-Barre; Pennsylvania; Luzerne County; Meadow Lots (Possibly Pittston); Kingston; Jenkins; Laco

People: Stark, Jonathan; Swallow, James; Blanchard, Jerry Jr, [Pos. Blanchard, Jeremiah, 1764-1837]; Blanchard, Jeremiah, 1738-1807; Wright, Hendrick B. (Hendrick Bradley), 1808-1881; Cooper, Charles; Clark, Rufus; Cooper Benjamin; Cooper, George; John, Hosiah; Fell, Amos, [Pos. Fell, Amos, 1742-1821]; Jenkins, [Pos. Jenkins, John, 1751-1827]; Armstrong, James; Bedford; Bedford; Haygard(?), Comfort; Wright, Thomas; Moore, Herman; [Gardner, Jesse 1761-1815](#); [Saler \(Seiler\), Peter 1770-1809](#); [Saler \(Seiler\), Margretta \(Margaret\) 1771-1849](#); [Saylor, Samuel 1799-1859](#); [Saylor, Julia Ann 1821-1860](#); Lewis, William D, Jr. ([military career](#)); Odenheimer, John M. (active 1846-1907); [Strong, Theodore 1820-1907](#); Williams, J[ohn]. C.; [Saylor, Benjamin 1806-1882](#); [Mercur, Mahlon Clark 1816-1905](#); [Welles, Charles Frederick 1812-1872](#); Wilcox, George; [Stark, Alexander Hamilton 1827-1869](#); [Billings, Samuel 1816-1914](#)

General Condition: Fair. There are 4 separate pages, 2 are connected and labeled as "Summary" and 2 - they are on the same type of paper, quite thin but yellowed and creased. They also have numerous annotations ranging from underlines, stars, and notes in ink and pencil alike. There is a third sheet of the same thin, nearly transparent material, but it is much less yellowed than the other two. The fourth piece is

more solid in shade, creased and slightly ripped along the left hand. The page is incomplete, the very bottom portion having been torn off along with some information. This last sheet is annotated in red pencil.

Measurements: 9 ½ x 8 in. (torn sheet). 11 x 8 ½ in.

Transcription Attempt:

(this may be meadow lots at Pittston)

Jesse Gardner 5e16 Dec - Port 8 Lot 7 1ST Div [LACOE - on map]

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15.151 Item 96: Typescript of the Meeting Minutes to Develop the Wilkes Barre Public Commons, 1819 May 8

Type of Material: Minutes/ Typescript

Title: N/A

Description: The following item depicts a typescript copy of the minutes from a city planning document highlighting new areas for development in the city. The report is from a meeting on May 8th and the 15th in 1819, held with the purpose of planning a layout of more public spaces in the metropolitan area. The document lists various locations in the city, including the names of streets, as well as the areas they are planning to refurbish and details of how to seek to set them up for better public usage and changes in the future. Areas such as the river commons are mentioned as well as lots for designated areas for coal, lumber, etc.

Dates: May 8-15, 1819

Creator: N/A.

Subjects: Wilkes-Barre; History; Buildings; City Planning; Research

Locations: Wilkes-Barre, PA

People: [Scott, David 1782-1839](#); [Edward Covell](#); [Slocum, Joseph 1777-1855](#); [Drake, Benjamin 1778-1857](#); [Butler, Steuben 1789-1881](#)

General Condition: Good. Paper was exposed to light in certain areas and bears a column of pale yellow down the center as a result.

Measurements: 10 13/16 x 8 in.

Transcript Attempt:

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15.152 Item 97: List of land transactions by unknown, 1864, 1866-1868

Type of Material: List

Title: N/A

Description: A typewritten copy of the history of land transactions, presumably of one area. It lists the years, how much land, from who, and who purchased them. Though each has a sale to a company, three

list the sales from Sarah Blanchard, suggesting this may have been part of her records. The list concludes with a short land survey. There is a single annotation underlining the year 1888 in red ink. This contains a few typographical errors, but is still very legible despite that and the matters of the ink. The Blanchards were a prominent family of the area in Jenkins Township known as Port Blanchard, which is connected back to Captain Jeremiah Blanchard, one of its first settlers. It is named for one of his children, John Blanchard, and the family was very involved in landowning as seen through the trades and sales their names often show up in.

Dates: 1864, 1866, 1867, 1888

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Titles, Land; Finances; History; Deeds; Transfers;

Locations: Port Blanchard, PA

People: [Blanchard Sarah \(Lazarus\), 1804-1892](#)

General Condition: Good. Paper is in good condition with minimal aging and no creases or tears, just cut unevenly. The typewriter ink appears to have smudged/faded, leaving many letters in a lighter shade.

Measurements: 8 ½ in. x 3 ½ in.

Transcript Attempt:

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15.153. Item 98: Two Photocopies of a List of Lands Belonging to the North, 1793-1819 (Removed to Legal Box #2)

Type of Material: Official document.

Title: List of Lands Belonging to the North.

Description: The following item depicts two photostats of a list of lands created by unknown, roughly during the mid-late nineteenth century. The list surveys the lands of interest lying in the north, and includes the warrant names, number of acres, to whom they were patented, the warrant's date, the survey date, and the date of the patent. The list appears in a table form, and after certain names is included a + symbol, which an accompanying annotation mentions that these are tracts of land that have been lost to the claimants following the 1799 act and its supplemental measures.

The loss of lands under the act is likely referring to the 1799 Compromise Act following the [Decree of Trenton](#) decision to grant jurisdiction to Pennsylvania after a three part conflict called the [Yankee Pennamite Wars](#). The annotation mentions that these lands were lost to the Connecticut claimants due to being located in Salem township, whereas some parts lying in Luzerne and Northampton are recoverable. This is because the 1799 Compromise act granted the Connecticut claimants rights to title in a designated 17 townships, some of which were Luzerne and Northampton. Wilkes University's special collection, [Susquehanna Conflict, 1771-1801](#), has a digitized manuscript of the drafted act of compromise.

Dates: 1793-1819.

Creator: N/A.

Subjects: Wilkes-Barre; History; List; Note; Titles, land

Locations: Luzerne County, PA.

People: Richards, Lewis; [Kunkle, John Christian, 1757-1823](#); [Richardson, Thomas, \[Pos. Richardson, Thomas Walton, 1770-1832\]](#); Scott, Jesse; Brink, William; Max, Lewis; [Clingman, John Michael, 1736-1816](#); [Stone, Michael, \[Pos. Stoner, Michael, 1774-1853\]](#); Lewis, Arekilan; Scott, David; [Beach, Nathan, 1763-1847](#); Hancock, Jonathan; Chahoon, George; Hoyt, Elias; [Cope, Israel, 1770-1855](#); Brady, William P.; Gray, William; [Thomas, Isaiah, \[Pos. 1749-1831 / 1773-1819\]](#); [McNeal, James, 1744-1805](#); Brady, John; Paschall, Thomas, [Pos. Parshall]; Scott, Samuel; Hicks, Samuel; [Sansom, William, \[Pos. 1763-1840\]](#); Smith, Jeremiah; Smith, Daniel; Smithers, Henry; [Koons, John, 1747-1830](#); Chapman; Ballick

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 12.25 x 7.75 in.

Transcription Attempt:

List of Lands belonging to the North

Warrantee Names	Nº of Acres	To whom Patented	Date of Warrant	Date of Survey	Date of Patent
1 Lewis Richards + ' John Kunkle + 'Thomas Richardson + ' Jesse Scott 'William Brink 'Lewis Max 'John Clingman+ ' Michael Stone + ' Arekilan Lewis+ ' David Scott (*)	400 ³ / ₄ 411.150 413.136 440.20 360.137 436. 441.64 426.127 441.70 441. 439.62		 June 7 th 1793 June 7 th 1793	 Aug ^{[us]t} 17 th 1793 Aug ^{[us]t} 17 th 1793	

(Left)

William Brink was sold Aug^{[us]t} 9th 1803 to Nathan Beach

said to be 448 acres for \$9.16 (whole amount paid appears to be \$18.20

And the same tract was sold Aug^{[us]t} 19th 1903 to Nathan Beach

350 Acres for 9.20 (Amount marked \$19.21 and the same

tract was sold again Dec^{[ejm]ber} 8th 1813 408 ¹/₄ acres to Jonathan Hancock

for taxes of 1802-1804-1806-1805-1807-1811-1812 for \$11.81

amount marked \$32.80

Jesse Scott was sold for taxes Aug^{[us]t} 30th 1805 to John Evans & in 1816 part to

George Chahoon and Part to Elias Hoyt

(Right)

Remarks on the

Those tracts marked thus (+) are situated wholly within the certified Township of Salem and having been certified to the Connecticut Settlers under the acts of 1799 & its supplemental are entirely lost to the Company Lewis Richards & John Kunkle are in part lost being partly in the Township

“ Israel Cope	400.00			Sep ^{[te]m[ber]} 17 th 1793	
‘ William P. Brady	400.00			Sep ^{[te]m[ber]} 21 st 1793	
‘William Gray	400.00			Sep ^{[te]m[ber]} 20 th 1793	
‘Nathan Beach	400.¾			Sep ^{[te]m[ber]} 20 th 1793	
‘Isaiah Thomas	437 ⅓			Sep ^{[te]m[ber]} 21 st 1793	
‘James McNeal	437 ⅓			Sep ^{[te]m[ber]} 20 th 1793	
‘John Brady	437 ⅓			Sep ^{[te]m[ber]} 20 th 1793	
‘Thomas Paschall	400 ¾			Sep ^{[te]m[ber]} 20 th 1793	
‘Samuel Scott	400.00			Sep ^{[te]m[ber]} 22 nd 1793	
‘Samuel Hicks	400.00			Sep ^{[te]m[ber]} 23 rd 1793	
‘William Sansom	400.00			Sep ^{[te]m[ber]} 23 rd 1793	
‘Jeremiah Smith	400.00			Sep ^{[te]m[ber]} 23 rd 1793	
Half of ¾ th of					
‘Daniel Smith	400.00			Sep ^{[te]m[ber]} 24 1793	
‘Henry Smithers	400.00			Sep ^{[te]m[ber]} 24 1793	

(left) The Nathan parts of Daniel Smith and Henry Smithers is supposed to be in Luzerne and the remaining parts in Northampton but no Reference to the line had yet been taken

(Right) Remarks on the

That part of Jesse Scott John Kunkle & Lewis Richards which lies out of the Township and sold to John Koons Oct^{[ob]er} 7 1819 by Chapman and Ballick

(*) NB [nota bene] The other land tracts are lost being within the certificates(?) Townships of Salem

Subseries V: Tax Documents, [ca. 1880s]-1955.

Subseries V: Tax Documents, [ca. 1880s]-1955, is arranged chronologically and contains various materials relating to taxes and dues owed to different parties. Of the manuscripts included, there are various pay assessment notes regarding the Pennsylvania Coal Company, property assessments and taxes, correspondence regarding taxes, as well as photostat copies of records. Among the companies listed, Lehigh Valley Coal and Northern Goal & Iron Company also appear in the manuscripts, along with familial lines seen in other subseries including Sarah Blanchard and Helen Basgier.

The majority of these documents depict [pay assessments](#), which can be for many purposes, some include a payout for coal mining taxes and assessment charges, royalties, or reclamation taxes if the ash produced by the companies were to affect neighboring sites.

15.154 Item 99: Photocopied Tax Assessment Documents, [ca. mid eighteenth-late nineteenth century]

Type of Material: Tax Assessment Documents

Title: N/A

Description: The following item offers a series of photocopied documents created by an unknown creator during roughly the 1880s. The items list the names of taxable inhabitants on their lands and the assumed worth. The list includes individuals and businesses, such as the Pittston & Elmira Coal Company, Carey Coal Company, and Northern Goal & Iron Company. The list considers improved versus unimproved lands, the number of houses on the premises, the number of acres, value per acre, and the total value, out-houses, horses and livestock, and other improvements made. There is a note on the second page mentioning surface rights, which were retentions held over minerals, such as coal, when parcels of land were sold to others from the larger estate.

Dates: [ca. mid eighteenth-late nineteenth century]

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Tax Assessment; Taxes; Records; Property; Titles, Land

Locations: Luzerne County, Pennsylvania

People: Phillips, John; Price, Evan; Pryor, Patte; Prime, John; Piat, Frederick; Wilcox; Carey; Hoisnerly, Waterman, J. S.; Parcel, Thomas;

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 12 in. x 8 11/16 in.

Transcription Attempt:

[The table is composed of typed and annotated text. The annotations appear as follows:]

Page 1:

Phillips Jno [John]

Price Evan

Pryor Patte

Prime Jno [John]

Piat Frederick

Pittston & Elmira 80 60 4800 2 45 90 4 250 2 100

Co[al] Co[mpany] ^{saylor Lot}

“ Wilcox 17 75 1275 1 120 3 150

“ Wilcox 70 60 4200 15 45 675 1 110 2 100

“ Carey Coal 59 50 2950 27 40 1080 2 100

R. R. 3 50 150

Hoisnerly(?) J. S. Waterman 60 45 2700

Parcell Tho^{[ma]s} 100 10 1000 ~~SS~~ } Parts of lots n^o 7018 ²⁰

Page 2:

L 50 50 ✓ 50 50

“ 50 50 ✓ 50 50

“ 50 50 ✓ 50 50

Sheriff 100 100 ✓ 100 100

S 50 50 ✓ 50 50

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} 16150 16150

}

}

} 3700 3700

} ~~SS~~

Page 3:

1 100 7275

4 400 350

7075

2040

1750

60

Page 4:

Page 27

Northern Goal & Iron Co

Pittston & Elmira lands ✓ 97 75 7.275

Coal only 2 50 100 1 150

85 75 6375 3 300

51 40 2040

Coal only 35 50 1750

Surface 3 20 60

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15.155 Item 100: Typescript Copies of Property Assessment Records, 1950 November 6-10

Type of Material: Property Assessment Records

Title: N/A

Description: A series of documents from the Luzerne County Board for the Assessment and Revision of Taxes. These sheets contain assessment records on certain tracts of lands as needed for the means of tax amounts. 8 sheets have the same printed basis header and notes. They are marked with the mark of the Luzerne County Pennsylvania Board for the Assessment and Revision of Taxes, and the staff. They are listed as Guy W. Moore (President), Benjamin H. Rhys, 1889-1970 (Secretary), Siegmund K. Knies, 1894-1960 (Vice President), and Arthur T. Thomas (Chief Clerk). The other two sheets follow the rest of the same patterns barring this header. The body of the papers go over each of the assessment records for numerous properties (Pittston Elmira Coal Co., Samuel Saylor [1799-1859], Theodore Strong [1820-1907]; Northern Coal and Iron Co.) While some of these sheets simply have an individual property, others have lists that mark the acreage, the state of the land (improved, unimproved, houses, outhouses, farm animals, etc.), and the monetary amounts the correlate to each. Each has its own grand total to mark the tax amounts for the owner of the estate.

Dates: November 6-10, 1950

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Property Assessment; Taxes; Finances; Banking; Dues

Locations: Luzerne County, Pennsylvania

People: [Strong, Theodore 1820-1907](#), [Saylor, Samuel 1799-1859](#); [Moore, Guy W. 1868-1953](#); [Rhys, Benjamin H. 1889-1970](#); [Knies, Siegmund K. 1894-1960](#); [Thomas, Arthur T. 1894-1964](#);

General Condition: Good. Certain pages have holes from staples, and some stains possibly from rusted staples. They are in good condition otherwise, no creases and minimal yellowing.

Measurements: 8 ½ in. x 11 in.

Transcription Attempt:

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15.156 Item 101: Property Taxes and Check from Collins & Collins to Helen Basgier, 1954 September 7

Type of Material: Letter/Correspondence, Check

Title: Property Taxes and Check

Description: The following item depicts a check and property taxes from an attorney's office, Collins & Collins, acknowledging the payment of property taxes on September 7, 1954. The letter, from J. Campbell Collins to Helen Basgier regarding the taxes for properties (presumed to be hers.) The listed receipt payments have a small annotation on the side to give the total of \$44.90, which correlates to the check enclosed with the document, from Basgier to Collins for the same amount.

Dates: September 7, 1954

Creator: [Collins, James Campbell 1899-1976](#)

Subjects: Taxes; Check; Finances; Taxes; Debts; Dues

Locations: Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

People: [Basgier, Helen 1904-1993](#); [Collins, James Campbell 1899-1976](#);

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 11 in. x 8 ½ in. (paper), 2 6/8 in. x 6 3/16 in. (check)

Transcription Attempt:

{signature}

J. Campbell Collins

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15.157 Item 102: Letter from Helen Basgier on property taxes, 1955

September 2

Type of Material: Letter/Correspondence

Title: Letter from Helen Basgier

Description: This is a typescript letter from Helen Basgier, 1904-1993, to the Tax Claim Bureau at the Luzerne County Commissioners' Office. In the letter, Basgier is enclosing the payment of \$17.55 for taxes due on her property, land listed as lots 2 and 3 of Pittston Township. The item is dated September 2, 1955. Below this is another smaller note mentioning that the dues are assessed to Jermyn-Green Coal Company, a trustee in Plains Township. As trustee, they would have potentially been responsible for paying the dues or managing the taxes on the trust, which would have been determined by the local government based on the assets valuation. It is unknown if this is a copy made for Basgier's records or the original.

Dates: September 2, 1955

Creator: [Basgier, Helen 1904-1993](#)

Subjects: Taxes; Finances; Titles, Land; Property; Debts; Dues; Jermyn-Green Coal Company; Trustees

Locations: Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

People: [Basgier, Helen 1904-1993](#)

General Condition: Good. Paper is in good condition, minor creases from being folded in half and thirds. There are no tears from these, and a block of the upper left corner is discolored, likely yellowed from light exposure when compared to the rest of the paper.

Measurements: 11 in. x 8 ½ in.

Transcription Attempt:

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Subseries VI: Genealogical Manuscript Concerning Land, 1818-1953

Subseries VI: Genealogical Manuscript Concerning Land, 1818-1953, items in the subseries reflect documents regarding land within specific familial lines, namely Chapman, Douglas, and Blanchard. These items include certified and hand written family trees, correspondence and historical research on communal buildings they contributed to in the region, as well as archivists photocopies of referential texts concerning lands in the area, including the 17 townships erected for the Connecticut settlers following the Yankee Pennamite Wars (more information on the conflict can be found in Series V, Subseries II: Susquehanna Claim, 1771 - 1801), and more.

General Correspondence

15.158. Item 103: Handwritten Note by Unknown, Addressed to Franny E. Blanchard, Port Blanchard, [ca. late nineteenth-early twentieth century]

Type of Material: Note

Title: N/A

Description: The following item, dated roughly during the mid nineteenth-early twentieth century, addressed to Franny E. Blanchard at Port Blanchard. There is no other identifying information on the item to indicate who the party is, but a Frances E. Blanchard was found living in Pennsylvania at the time of their death in 1931.

The item has been estimated by the life dates of the possible Blanchard in the item, 1845-1931.

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

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Note; Correspondence; Address

Locations: Port Blanchard, PA

People: Blanchard, Franny E., [Pos. [Blanchard, Frances E. 1845-1931](#)]

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 8 ¼ in. x 2 ⅞ in.

Transcript Attempt:

Port Blanchard

Franny E. Blanchard

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15.159a Item 104a: A History Written by Unknown on Wilkes Barre

Schoolhouse for Women and Girls, Originally Chapman Schoolhouse, [ca. late nineteenth-early twentieth century][removed to legal box #2]

Type of Material: Photostat.

Title: The Historical Record.

Description: The following item depicts notes pertaining to descriptions of Wilkes Barre's first schoolhouse for women and girls. The first note is a description of the history leading up to the formation of the school, indicating where it was first located near the Chapman House on river and Market, brought up to Franklin, alongside the Gilderslough, possibly Gildersleeve, property, and later from Franklin to Union. While it was stationed on Union, the note states that it fell into ruin for a time until it was brought into the possession of the new directors. It was moved to a second floor location, noted as being recognized as the Old Arndt Tavern House, near Northampton. This note concludes that it was the first brick building in the city, markedly named the Allen Jack house. The second note explains that this description is of the schoolhouse, originally built by Isaac A. Chapman for his wife, Rebecca Douglas Jennison Chapman, but was instead later turned into the school. The house is said to have wheels. [Issac Abel Chapman](#) made his fortune as a coal operator but was also an inventor, businessman, and publisher of *The Gleaner*. He is also credited for writing the first history of Wilkes-Barre, "A Sketch of the History of Wyoming Valley." The first note records the various locations the schoolhouse was after the Chapman house.

The date of the item has been estimated by the life dates of Chapman, the creator of the school in question, allowing for the time between the name designations and a researcher compiling the notes.

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

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Notes; Research; History; Education

Locations: Wilkes Barre

People: [Chapman, Isaac Abel, 1787-1827](#); [\(Jennison\) Chapman, Rebecca, 1794-1873](#); Long, Jonas; [Gilderslough, \[Pos. Gildersleeve, William Camp, 1795-1871\]](#); [Sterling, James William, 1791-1864](#); Arndt; Kinsle, Michael; Jack, Allen; Owens, Robert; Bennet;

General Condition: Good, no issues.

Measurements: 7 13/16 in. x 10 3/16 in.

Transcription Attempt:

The school-House having gone on wheels from the Chapman House down River to Market- up Market to Franklin and up Franklin to the Gildersloug [Gildersleeve?] Property (rear of which was Bennets) was held as Teacher for a short period by J. W. Stirling (sic) [Sterling] & Robb Owens after which it was soldt. (sic) [sold]-- for a private residence and removed again on wheels up Franklin to Union thence to the North side of the New Canal where it was soon in ruin The school however was taken from position by the Directors and located in the 2nd story of what was known as the Old Arndt Tavern House located on River St about 100 rods short of Northampton St. Exactly opposite the long time Residence of Michael Kinsle from Time Immemorial Undisputed master of all social government in W.B.[Wilkes Barre] This spot with it's time honored Store House ^{had been} ~~was~~ the center of all trade each way

upon the Susq^{[uehann]a}- Here the School remained until a better home
Was found for it in the "Allen Jack" House one of W.Bs [Wilkes Barre's] first Brick
Structures on South Main St.

A new Brick structure was soon after commenced upon the site
of the First Academy- was in due time finished but found
inadequate having no facilities of drainage- the Necessities of
loc^kage for the New Canal having made the site- impossible for a
School on the Square

In another hand:

These above are notes on the first
school house for girls; built in Wilkes Barre
On River St., Below Union (Known for years as the
Jonas Long Home.) Built by Isaac A. Chapman
for his wife. Who built the school house in her yard +
taught there many years.

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**15.159b Item 104b: Photostat of a History Written by Unknown on
Wilkes Barre Schoolhouse for Women and Girls, Originally Chapman
Schoolhouse, [ca. late nineteenth-early twentieth century] [removed to
legal box #2]**

Type of Material: Photostat.

Title: The Historical Record.

Description: The following photostat, taken by unknown, depicts two original notes pertaining to descriptions of Wilkes Barre's first schoolhouse for women and girls. The first note is a description of the history leading up to the formation of the school, indicating where it was first located near the Chapman House on river and Market, brought up to Franklin, alongside the Gilderslough, possibly Gildersleeve, property, and later from Franklin to Union. While it was stationed on Union, the note states that it fell into ruin for a time until it was brought into the possession of the new directors. It was moved to a second floor location, noted as being recognized as the Old Arndt Tavern House, near Northampton. This note concludes that it was the first brick building in the city, markedly named the Allen Jack house. The second note explains that this description is of the schoolhouse, originally built by Isaac A. Chapman for his wife, Rebecca Douglas *Jennison* Chapman, but was instead later turned into the school. The house is said to have wheels.

[Issac Abel Chapman](#) made his fortune as a coal operator but was also an inventor, businessman, and publisher of *The Gleaner*. He is also credited for writing the first history of Wilkes-Barre, "A Sketch of the History of Wyoming Valley." The first note records the various locations the schoolhouse was after the Chapman house.

The date of the item has been estimated by the life dates of Chapman, the creator of the school in question, allowing for the time between the name designations and a researcher compiling the notes.

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

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Notes; Research; History; Education

Locations: N/A

People: [Chapman, Isaac Abel, 1787-1827](#); [\(Jennison\) Chapman, Rebecca, 1794-1873](#); Long, Jonas; [Gilderslough, \[Pos. Gildersleeve, William Camp, 1795-1871\]](#); [Sterling, James William, 1791-1864](#); Arndt; Kinsle, Michael; Jack, Allen; Owens, Robert; Bennet;

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 5.5 x 8.5 in.

Transcription Attempt:

The school-House having gone on wheels from the Chapman House down River to Market- up Market to Franklin and up Franklin to the Gilderslough [Gildersleeve?] Property (rear of which was Bennets) was held as Teacher for a short period by J. W. Stirling (sic) [Sterling] & Robb Owens after which it was soldt. (sic) [sold]-- for a private residence and removed again on wheels up Franklin to Union thence to the North side of the New Canal where it was soon in ruin The school however was taken from position by the Directors and located in the 2nd story of what was known as the Old Arndt Tavern House located on River St about 100 rods short of Northampton St. Exactly opposite the long time Residence of Michael Kinsle from Time Immemorial Undisputed master of all social government in W.B.[Wilkes Barre] This spot with it's time honored Store House ^{had been} ~~was~~ the center of all trade each way upon the Susq^{uehanna}^a - Here the School remained until a better home Was found for it in the "Allen Jack" House one of W.Bs [Wilkes Barre's] first Brick Structures on South Main St. A new Brick structure was soon after commenced upon the site of the First Academy- was in due time finished but found inadequate having no facilities of drainage- the Necessities of loc^kage for the New Canal having made the site- impossible for a School on the Square

In another hand:

These above are notes on the first school house for girls; built in Wilkes Barre On River St., Below Union (Known for years as the Jonas Long Home.) Built by Isaac A. Chapman for his wife. Who built the school house in her yard + taught there many years.

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15.159c Item 104c: A Photograph and Letter from Raeple to Gilbert [Stuart McClintock] of Shade's Glen Bucks Township School, 1956

Oct[ober] [removed to legal box #2]

Type of Material: Photograph and letter

Title: N/A

Description: The following items depict a letter and photograph of a schoolhouse in Bucks township, written by Raeple [or Raepple], to Gilbert Stuart McClintock in October of 1956. An annotation on the back of the photograph mentions that this was the Shade's Glen School, the last one room school house. The letter mentions that Raeple and others photographed the school, and an upcoming feature story on it is to be published forthcoming. He also mentions sending some other photographs he made for Connie Reynolds Behlin, as well as some lantern slides while she gave a talk to them before the Women's Club on the Susquehanna River Bridges.

Dates: 1956 October

Creator: Raeple

Subjects: Letters; Correspondence; Photography; School

Locations: N/A

People: McClintock, Gilbert Stuart, 1886-1959

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: (photograph) 6 ³/₄ x 4 ³/₄ in ; (letter) 8 ¹/₄ x 6 in.

Transcription Attempt:

{Letter}

Raeple {signature}

{Photograph, Back}

Shades Glen Buck Township

School

Oct[ober] 1956

One of the last one room
schools.

15.160a-b Item 105a-b: Journal and Photograph of [\[Isaac Abel Chapman\]](#), 1818 May 15 - June 10

Type of Material: Journal

Title: N/A

Description: A handwritten but incomplete journal of Isaac Abel Chapman detailing the records of what may be a trip as well as his everyday life throughout Eastern Pennsylvania during May and June of 1818. There are two accompanying photographs of Chapman, one in sepia and the other in negative. The author is mentioned to do 'business' for individuals often regarding matters of land and law, mostly seeming to be personal matters, but he does mention working with one company, the North American Land Company. He also mentions serving as a prosecutor in a martial court (pg. 17) as well as attending the

party of a Judge Burnside (pg. 8) at different points, suggesting a possible profession in the legal field. This business is never specified, but he travels throughout the towns and counties and interacts with many people. He also mentions attending a militia meeting (pg. 7) and a battalion review (pg. 11) at different instances, so we suspect he may have had some military position. It is very cut and dry in the majority of entries, but a few contain stories of interesting events or personal gossip of the townspeople, as well as mentions of a wife named Rebecca. The entries are in chronological order, having been written presumably day by day as a record of events and travels.

Dates: May 15-June 10, 1818

Creator: [[Chapman, Isaac Abel, 1787-1827](#)]

Subjects: Journal, Lawyer, law; correspondence;

Locations: Eastern Pennsylvania; Stoddartsville; Bethlehem; Wilkes-Barre; Milford; Stroudsburg(h); Bushkill; Tobyhanna; Lehigh; Luacake Valley; Lausanna (e?); Lehighton; Easton; Lehigh Gap; Beaver Meadows; Aqua[n]shicola; Susquehanna County; Hanover; Lackawannock; Legatis Gap; Abington; Greenfield; Clifford; Pittston; Mount Hope; Nanticoke; Nescopeck; Luzerne, Northampton; Terrapin Ponds; Sugar Loaf, Philadelphia, Lancaster; Allentown, Whitehall; New Hope; Pike County

People: [[Chapman, Isaac Abel, 1787-1827](#)]; ([Jennison](#)) [Chapman, Rebecca, 1794-1873](#) J. M. Taylor?; Mr. Roach; Mr. Wraggs; Mr. Barton; Mr. Klotz; Mr. Hagenbucks; Major White-Hazard; Major Hanto; [Craig, Thomas 1739-1832](#), (mention in [print](#)); Mr. Ballicts; Mr. Congingkaus; Sister Mary S. H.; Mrs. Bill; Miss Overton (nee Elysner); E. Overton; Captain Tracy; [Burnside, Thomas 1782-1851](#) (more on [political life](#)); Misses W. Coys; Miss Grant; Mr. Miller; Mrs. Miller; Mr. Weatherbees; Mr. Stone; Mr. Murphy; Mr. Morgan; Mr. Clarke; Mr. McCoy; [Hollenback, George Matson 1791-1866](#); Mrs. Gordon; Mr. Ho; Mr. Sturdt; Mr. Mifflin; Mr. Vernet; Mr. Dodson; Mr. Romaze; Mr. Hopkins; Mr. Bittenburden; Mrs. Strudt; Mr. Hinea; Mr. Conyngham; Mr. Bobrocks; J. Beach; Mr. Grof; Miss Sarah Smith; Mr. Ely; Mr. Wlobs(?); Mr. Ballard; Pete Ballist; Mr. King; Mr. Drumhelken; Elyah Clarke; Mr. Dennison; Mr. Arndt; Longshore (?)

General Condition: Poor. No outer binding on the book, and so the inner pages are alone. Pages are missing and many are falling off of the original twine binding. All the paper is very yellowed and fragile.

Measurements: 6 ¼ in. x 3 ¾ in. (closed); 6 ¼ in. x 7 ½ in. (open); 2 ½ x 3 ½ in. (2 photographs)

Transcript Attempt:

Page 1:

Farmd J, M, Taylor at Sacks

Monday 15. Proceeded to Wraggs at Stoddaitsville to breakfast, Arrived at Wilkesbarre about 2. PM, Mendes Treasury Sales. received a letter from Rebecca of June 10th,

Tuesday 16th Spent the day writing and attending Sales of Lands

Wednesday 17th, Writing Drafting and attending Sales Wrote to Rebecca in answer to her of the 10th fixing "the day that makes us one"

Thursday 18th, Continue my entries relative to lands- wiring(?) reading

Friday 19th, Writing most of the day attend Sales of Lands

Saturday 20th, Writing + Attending to business at home

Sunday - 21 Spent the day at Church heard Mr Roach

Page 2:

of Bethlehemite- Travelling for health and Botanizing-

Thursday 11th, Paid to breakfast at Mr Wraggs. The stage from Wilkesbarre arrived in which was miss Jewit going to New York - Wrote a line by her to Rebecca - Proceeded towards Milford and spent the night at Stroudsburgh

Friday 12th Proceeded towards Milford where I arrived about 4 P.M. Spent the night at Mr Bartons

Saturday 13th Attended to some hearings in the Treasurers Office and setout(?) for Wilkesbarre came to Bushkill-

Sunday 14th Proceeded, batd(?) at Lauders, Shafers + Merwinez, and arrive at geo Sock's at Tobyhanna about 6. Pete, spent the night there

Page 3:

Harman towards the landing at Lehigh - Hopped a short time at the beaver meadows at Luacake Valley and arrived at Mr Klotz at Lausanna about half past 3 oclock. - Here being informed that the Gentlemen who have undertaken the improvement of the Lehigh navigation - were at Lehighton - I proceeded to that place and found them at Mr Hagenbucks-

Spent the evening in conversation with Majors White-Hazard, and Hanto -on the subject of the Lehigh navigation

Monday 28th After breakfast proceeded to Mr Ballictz where I arrived at half past 12 - was informed that he had gone that day to Easton to attend Court - Dined at Mr Ballicts - left a letter for him and

Page 4:

stoudt(?) for the Lehigh Gap - arrived at General Craig's about five oclock -found him just going to visit the daughter of a sick neighbour who was dying - walked with him; saw the sick girl - fine young lady about 15 - who had him quite a favourite of the old General- we sat some time by the side of her bed, and contemplated the picture of death before us she was spuckly's(?) but looked at the Gen.^c(?) as if she recognized him - he shook her gently by the hand as we took our leave but she did not appear to be conscious of her situation or his emotion - Her mother wiped the falling tears from her eyes as we left the room. - [We] crossed(?) the Lehigh and arrived at the Gen^c 's in time for tea - Spent the evening ~~afar~~(?) in conversation - This evening Rebecca got my last letter. -

Page 5:

Tuesday 2(?)th, After breakfast walked with Gen. Craig to the mill at the mouth of the Aquanshicola returned in time to dine upon some fine trout which Misses Mary and Harriet had prepared for us - Spent a short time after dinner in conversation upon Revolutionary times, a dating(?) theme to a soldier particularly one, who like him had a respectable command during the whole of the war - after which I proceeded towards Lausanne where I arrived about four oclock

Wednesday 29th spent the day writing in answer to letters rec[ieve]d during my absence to evening reading came back as far as Beaver Meadows

Thursday April 30th Spent the day writing and attending to some business (strikeout illegible) Mr Congingkaus and after dinner returned to W-

Friday May 1st 1818 Spent the

Page 6:

day in part in writing and finishing the bushings which had been made in memoranding during my absence - found a letter from J Trott and one from Sister Mary, S. H. and one from my father, among other letters which had arrived during my absence - write to several persons on business - evening reading -

Saturday 2nd, This morning received by mail another letter from Rebecca, had received mine by Mrs Bill, with the journal - Yes my dear girl your requests shall be complied with, [Illegible] to some business in the Commissioners Office-

Sunday 3rd, Spent the day at home writing, rainy + muddy evening reading - Miss Elysner Married this evening to E Overton against her parents wishes. Ran away wedding!

Page 7:

Monday 4th, = spent part of the day writing - attend to militia meeting - evening reading and in conversation on the independence of miss Eliza Elysner alias Overton in having to good a home to marry an Englishman - without fortune - talents - worth - or respectability - but, love is blind - the scales have not yet fallen from my eyes! -

Tuesday 5th Spent the day principally on the History of Wyoming - My father arrived from Susquehanna County. Capt Tracy + Lady spent the evening with us. -

Wednesday 6th Spent the day principally writing letters and entering accounts on business - evening at home reading +c

Thursdaysay 7th Spent morning

Page 8:

organizing accounts. at ten AM Rhode to Hanover, call'd on Rural persons with whom I have accounts -
Afternoon writing -

Friday 8th, Spent the day writing + drafting - Attended the offices on business with Mr [Tremmer?] - In the evening attended a party at Judge Burnside's - a large sociable agreeable party - [illegible] at half past eleven I was introduced to, and saw for the first time, the Misses W Coys just arrived from Philadelphia to reside here, their Brother being Cashiers - Miss Grant from Sundury also of the party - I attended the Miss W boys home.

Saturday 9th Spent the day drafting and writing, engaged for some time in the Commissioners Office - took tea at Capt. Tracy's with

Page 9:

Father and Sister Lydia, Wrote to Rebecca - enclosing Profile and lock of hair -

Sunday 10th Spent the morning writing and reading at half past ten set out(?) for Providence after the Lackawannock on the New Bridge and arrived at Tripp's about 5 o'clock - concluded to spend the night here - spent remainder of the afternoon reading "Lecture upon France" describing the situation of the country after the Revolution by Helen Maria Williams. - but it is getting too dark to write the hours pass(?) come when I have promised to think of Rebecca.

Monday 11th After breakfast proceeded(?) through Legatis Gap into Abington and Greenfield where I made some

Page 10:

Surveys to ascertain the Geo. Fullerton Trail. - Dined at a little cottage in the woods. The residence of a Mr Miller. upon [illegible] water and bread. Mrs.(?) Miller had the hind quarters of a Dog roasting by the fire with the fat of which she expected to cure her mother of the cramp who had been effected and confined 6 years with it

Spent the afternoon exploring the woods - recollected my promise to Rebecca as the fern grew low in the wet(?) - Spent the night at Mr Weatherbee's

Tuesday 12th, Spent the morning in the woods took breakfast at Mr Stones - proceeded thence towards Clifford - examined the William Ather Trail(?). Met the Committee on the Clifford Turnpike and came with them to Mr where we spent the night.

Wednesday 13th, Proceeded in the

Page 11:

Morning to Cobbs Inn. near the Gap where I breakfasted, After which proceeded to Mr Murphy's in Pittston where I spent the night with him. Spent the evening in conversation upon Ireland. Mr Murphy's native place being on the Ban-

Thursday 14th, Built a Raft in the Lackawannock and floated on it to Wilkesbarre where I arrived about 3 oclock P,M, walked down to Ayore's (or Agne's?)

Friday 15th River rose and took away my boards last night. Attended Battalion Review this day - had some difficulty with a Mr Clarke of the 3rd company Dined at Mr Morgans - call'd at Mr McCoy's and spent the evening with Sisters at Geo. M Hollenbacks -

Page 12:

Saturday 16th Spent the day arranging and correcting drafts and papers - Drew up charges and specifications against Clarke -

Sunday 17th Spent the day at home writing on History of Wyoming +c - Rainy - not very well-

Monday 18th Spent most of the day at work in the garden remainder writing - +c

Tuesday 19th Wet weather. Spent part of the day examining Books with Mrs Gordans - the other part writing no business

Wednesday 20th Complete the bargain for the books and get them home Spend the day writing and working in the Garden.

Thursday 21st Writing most of the

Page 13:

time examined and prepared Drafts - +c - drew up a certificate for Father agreeably to the late law of Congress - Went on a small raft to Mr Ho'

Friday 22nd After Breakfasting with Mr Sturdt at Mount Hope entered upon my small raft and went through Nanticoke folly here a raft overtook me, and I belayed along side. Arrived at Nescopeck about noon - entered upon business for Mr Mifflin Walked over the River and took tea at Mr Vernets-

Saturday 23rd lecutiune(?) at Nescopeck on Mr Mifflin business. der? at lot for the Bittenbunder - After ten walked up the bank to the Taylor house made some calculations for the future

Sunday 24th Took a mornings

Page 14:

walk on the flats below the Creek with Mr Dodson and Mr Romaze Attended Dining Service at the Hare House where wa quitt a large congregation Heard Mr Hopkins an Episcopalian - lived as a kind of clerk for him - After meeting walked to Mr Bittenburden - ask them with Philip - his wife - and Betsey to Philip's house - returned to tea

Monday 25th Surveyed for Mrs Strudt and Mr Hinea - returned to Mr Dosons for the night

Tuesday 26th After finishing town business walked via Mr Conyngham to the Beavers Meadows - Spent the night at Mr Bobrocks

Wednesday 27= Proceeded with Mr Babrock and J Beech on the County line between Luzerne + Northampton - traced it through

Page 15:

the woods and wet to the great jwarf near the Lehigh at Dark arrived at Mr Grofs's at house near Terrapin Ponds spent the night there -

Thursday 28th Rebecca's birth day cloudy morning - such was the morning of her life - after breakfast separated from Mr B. and Beach and myself came through the woods to Wilkesbarre where we arrived about 2. Pete, The foreman was wet. but the afternoon very pleasant as I hope the evening of my R's life may be - began a letter to her in the evening in answer to one received this day dated the 17-

Friday 29th Spent the day writing and working in the garden - evening writing -

Page 16:

Saturday 30th Setout for Allentown and proceeded as far as Mr Conyngham in Sugar Loaf. Arrived there about two hours after the arrival of him and his family from Philadelphia. Found Miss Sarah Smith with them from Lancaster - Spent a pleasant evening in conversation until 11-

Sunday 31st At ten oclock - setout for Allentown and at the Beaver Meadows was overtaken by a heavy rain which continued all the remainder of the afternoon and part of the night Spent the night at the Meadows with Mr Babcock - found Mr ely there from Susquehanna Co.-

Monday June 1st 1818

Procceded to Lausanna to Breakfast there. I procured a horse of Mr Wlobs and rhode to Mr Ballids in White Hall where I arrived

Page 17:

about 6. Pete Ballist not at home:

Tuesday 2nd proceeded to Allentown. Saw Mr King - Received the papers +c relatives to the North American Land Company. Returned to Mr Ballists for the night-

Wednesday 3rd Proceeded towards Wilkesbarre. and arrived at Mr Drumhelken about 7 where I spent the night

Thursday 4th Proceeded and arrived at Mr Conynghams to breakfast did some business for him and proceeded to Wilkesbarre where I arrived about 4 oclock. PM

Friday 5th Attended a Court Martial at the Court House where I was prosecutor against Elyah Clarke. Worked in the Garden

Saturday 6th Attended Court Martial again. Addressed the court in

Page 18:

answer to Mr Dennison for the occupied the court closed and sealed up its proceedings -

Sunday 7th After tea walkted to our Arndt at New Hope in Hanover Spent the night with him-

Monday 8th Proceeded with Mr Arndt to Nescopeck to attend his vendue tale of land, near the village - returned as for as Salem and spent the night at Longshore's

Tuesday 9th, Returned to Wilkesbarre when I arrived about 1 oclock PM, Was informed that the Court Martial had fined Clarke 15 dollars.

Wednesday 10th, Setout for Milford in Pike County on business for the N.A. Land Company. Spent the night at Stoddartsville where I find a company

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15.161 Item 106: A Photostat, [no date], of “Extracts from Rebecca [(Jennison) Chapman]’s Letter,” 1819 July 16.

Type of Material: Photostat/Letter

Title: N/A

Description: The following photocopy, taken by unknown, depicts an extract from an original letter by Rebecca, surname unknown. In the original letter, dated from Morristown on July 6, 1819, Rebecca writes about another young woman named Eliza. She mentions that while hosting a group of friends, Rebecca found their manners to be insincere and less worth the time spent with those people truly loved, even if only for an hour. The bottom of the letter is signed, Miss Fine. The back of the photostat is signed, R: Douglas senior, with an accompanying note that mentions this is the great grandmother of Dorothy Steb Chapman.

Dates: July 6, 1819 (Original); N/A (Photostat)

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Letters; Correspondence;

Locations: Morristown, PA (Original); N/A (Photostat)

People: ([Jennison](#)) [Chapman, Rebecca, 1794-1873](#); ([Chapman](#)) [Stets, Dorothy, 1912-1985](#); Eliza;

General Condition: Fair.

Measurements: 4 x 6.5 in.

Attempted Transcript:

Front:

From a letter dated Morristown July 6th 1819.

“Last Friday afternoon Eliza^{[bet]h} had quite a collection of young friends to visit her, the evening passed as is usual in such cases, many polite professions without much sincerity, and more solicitude to appear amiable and happy, than diligence and care to be so in reality: that a masquerade is such a circle! How much envy, ill nature, discontent and chagrin, is concealed behind a smiling countenance; how little of the real feeling of the heart is exhibited on such occasions. One hour with the being we love is worth ages spent in this manner.
Miss Fine

Back:

R[ebbecca]: Douglas Jennison

g[reat] grandmother

Of

Dorothy Steb

Chapman

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15.162 Item 107: A Letter From C[harles] I[saac] A[bel] Chapman to Sheldon Reynolds, [18]94 October 2

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: The following item dated October 2, 1894, depicts a letter from Charles Isaac Abel Chapman to Sheldon Reynolds. In the letter, Chapman is speaking about the Battle of Locust Hill, a conflict between the Connecticut and Pennsylvania settlers during the Yankee Pennamite Wars. He explains that Armstrong and Boyd, captains on the Pennsylvania side, who were later replaced by Moore from

Philadelphia and clashed with Swift's command of Connecticut, with Schrawder, and includes a line that he suggests Reynolds will remember about driving them through the "shades of Death," and away from the valley. Chapman mentions that he has found papers on the conflict in his father's papers, where he builds a connection between current railroad company lands, such as the Lehigh Valley Railroad company's branch on Harvey's Lake, which Chapman suggests would have come about as payment to Moore and Schrawder for their service in this conflict.

Dates: [18]94 October 2

Creator: [Chapman, Charles Isaac Abel, 1826-1916](#);

Subjects: Letters; Correspondence; Battles; Yankee Pennamite Wars, 1769-1807

Locations: Port Blanchard, PA

People: [Chapman, Charles Isaac Abel, 1826-1916](#); Swift, John, 1761-1814; [Armstrong, John, 1758-1843](#);

Boyd, John, 1737-1817; Moore, John, [Pos. Moore, John, 1738-1811]; Schrawder;

General Condition: Good.

Measurements:

Attempted Transcript:

Port Blanchard Oct[ober] 2nd [18]94

Sheldon Reynolds Esq[ui]re — You will doubtless
recollect the incident known as the Battle
of "Locust Hill" — a skirmish between forces
detailed by the notorious Pennamite leaders
Armstrong and Boyd Col[onel] John Moore of
Philad^{[elphi]a} being in actual command on the P[ennsylvania]
side and Capt[ain] John Swift on the Connecticut
side. You will also recollect that the
"Hessians" subsequently Enlisted ^{to} Expect our
friends from the valley and drive them
through the "Shadows of Death" were under
command of Capt[ain] Schrawder.

I find among my Fathers papers
the Enclosed fragment which in this
connection seems to possess Historic
interest. These lands (now crossed by
the L.V.R.R. Harveys Lake Branch) were
doubtless in payment to Moore & Schrawder
for their services at that time

Yours truly

C. I. A. Chapman

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Family Trees

15.163. Item 108: Hand Written Family Tree by Unknown, of the Chapman/Blanchard/Dean Families, [ca. late twentieth century]

Type of Material: Family Tree

Title: N/A

Description: The following item, dated roughly during the twentieth century, depicts a hand drawn family tree for Rebecca Douglass *Jennison* Chapman and Isaac Abel Chapman. The family tree shows who married who, the issues (or children) had by each pairing, and mentions where certain parties gained power of attorney over their family members. The earliest generation marks that Rebecca remarried after she was widowed, notes some of her children died young or in infancy, and continues to branch farther through Charles Chapman, Dorothy Chapman, and Elizabeth Chapman's familial lines. It appears that Charles L. Chapman and Dorothy Stets had been signed over power of attorney. There are also archivist notes that mention Eleazar Carey, Rebecca's second husband, died before Reuben.

The date of the item has been roughly dated according to the life dates of the youngest familial line.

Dates: [ca. twentieth century]

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Family tree; Genealogy; Notes;

Locations: N/A

People: [Chapman, Isaac Abel 1787-1827](#); ([Jennison](#)) [Chapman, Rebecca, 1794-1873](#); [Carey, Eleazer, 1786-1853](#); Reuben, [Pos. Carey]; Chapman, Edward; Chapman, baby girl; Chapman, baby girl; [Chapman, Charles Isaac Abel, 1826-1916](#); ([Blanchard](#)) [Chapman, Martha Sophrania, 1831-1892](#); [Chapman, Maxwell, 1856-1925](#); [Dean, William Henry, 1860-1944](#); ([Ryon](#)) [Chapman, Kate Amelia, 1862-1937](#); ([Chapman](#)) [Dean, Elizabeth May, 1860-1945](#); [Chapman, Blanchard, 1858-1915](#); ([Whitehead](#)) [Chapman, Alice, 1886-1954](#); [Dean, Allen, \[Pos. Dean, Samuel Allen, 1870-1934\]](#); Dean, Herb; Dean, Martha; ([Hickok](#)) [Dean, Helen Jennie, 1834-1927](#); ([Chapman](#)) [Stets, Dorothy, 1912-1985](#); [Stets, Thomas, 1907-1964](#); Chapman, Donald; Roddis, Alice;

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 11 in. x 8 ½ in.

Transcript Attempt:

Isaac A. Chapman	— ^{m[arried]}	Rebecca Douglass Jennison Chapman	— ^{married}	Eleazar Carey	Eleazar Carey died before Reuben
		issues			
					Edward – died young
					2 girls – died infancy
					Charles – 1918-?
		issues			
See power of attorney	to		Charles <u>m.</u>	Martha Blanchard Chapman	
Dorothy Stets					
		issues			Elizabeth Chapman - m. - W[illia]m Dean
					Allen Dean
					Maxwel Chapman - m. - Kate Ryan
					Herb “
					Blanchard Chapman - m. - Alice Whitchel
					Helen Dean
			Houston	Dorothy Chapman m. T[homas] Stets	
		issues		Donald Chapman I	issues
					Alice Roddis
					issues

no issues

Thomas Stets

Charles I.
Chapman
see power of
att[orney]
no
issue

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15.164 Item 109: A Certified and Notarized Copy by Walter A. Ridgeway, Notary Republic, of the Douglas Family Tree, and Sworn by Laura Leeter Daggett, 1952 July 25.

Type of Material: Family Tree

Title: N/A

Description: The following item dated July 25, 1952, depicts a certified copy of the Douglas family tree, starting with William Douglas' marriage to Ann Mattle. The family tree shows who married who, dates for some of the marriages, birth and death dates, and the children had by each pairing. In some instances, lineage, such as the Earl of Hempster, is given, and at other times, birthplaces. On the reverse of the manuscript, Laura Leeter Daggett is testifying to the within information being a true character of the family tree. The document is then notarized by Walter A. Ridgeway as a certified copy.

Dates: 1952 July 25

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Family tree; Genealogy; Notes;

Locations: N/A

People: [Ridgeway, Walter Allen, 1902-1963](#); Daggett, Laura Leeter; [Douglas, William, 1610-1682](#); [\(Motley\) Douglas, Ann, 1601-1685](#); [Douglas, Robert, 1639-1715](#); [\(Hempstead\) Douglas, Mary, 1647-1711](#); Earl of Hempstead; [Douglas, Thomas, 1679-1724](#); [\(Sperry\) Douglas, Hannah, 1685-1758](#); [Douglas, Spearry, 1744-1816](#); [Douglas, Stephen, 1719-1748](#); (Atwell) Douglas, Patience, b. 1742; [\(Chapman\) Douglas, Rebecca, 1743-1826](#); [\(Douglas Bull\) Jennison, Rebecca, 1772-1830](#); Jennison, Samuel, 1794-1800; [\(Jennison\) Carey, Rebecca Douglas, 1794-1873](#); [Carey, Eleazer, 1786-1853](#); Carey, Douglas, b. ca. 1832; (Scott) Douglas, Letteer, b. 1834; (Carey) Wendell, Mary Scott, b. 1856; Wendell, Herman, b. 1852; Wendell Douglas Carey, b. 1894; (Yates) Carey, Margaret, b. 1921; Wendell Douglas Carey, Jr., b. 1922; Wendell, Ann Whittier, b. 1924

General Condition: Fair. The page has some discoloration and fraying along the folded seams.

Measurements:

Transcript Attempt:

William Douglas married Ann Mattle [Motley

(Probably) Born in Scotland^{about 1621 (Born 1610)}

(died ab[ou]t 1685)

Robert Douglas born 1639
married Mary Hempster [Hempstead] (born 1647
Earl of Hempstead's daughter or
granddaughter.
The son of Robert Douglas & M. Hemp
stead was Thomas Douglas ^{b[orn]} 1679
Thomas Douglas (1679) married (Hannah Sperry)
Their son was
Stephen Douglas born 1719
Stephen " married Patience Atwell b[orn] 1742
Their son was Sperry Douglas who
married Rebecca Chapman
Their daughter was Rebecca Douglas
who married Samuel Jennison born 1794
(died 1800)

Their daughter was
Rebecca Douglas Jennison born 1794
who married Eleazer Cary - a 2nd husband
who died 18
Their only Child was Douglas Cary ^{b[orn]} 1832(?)
who married Letteer Scott b[orn]. 1834
Their 4th child was Mary Scott Cary ^{born} 1856
scott(?) who married Heman Wendell born 1852

Right:

The only of Mary Scott Cary
Wendell is Douglas Cary Wendell
born July 16, 1894
Douglass Cary Wendell married
Magaret Yates South, in June 1921
Their children {Douglas Cary Wendell Jr
born June 1922
Ann Whittier Wendell, born July 4 – 1924

Back:

[The back is composed of both printed and annotated text. The bolded text denotes printed text.
There is a blue stamp acknowledging the item as a true copy, with a signature by M. S. Cedar]

**I solemnly swear or affirm that the within instrument is a
true copy of a family reckord (sic) [record] Laura Leeter Daggett**

**Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of July
1952 Walter A. Ridgeway Notary Public, in and for the County**

of Alameda, State of California. My commission expires Jan. 21. 1955.

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Archivist Notes

15.165. Item 110: Handwritten notes on Land Lots, by [Pos. Dorothy Stets Chapman], of Grandmother's Lands, [ca. mid-late twentieth century]. (Removed to Legal Box #2)

Type of Material: Notes

Title: N/A

Description: The following item, dated roughly mid-late twentieth century, depicts a hand-drawn survey rendering seven tracts of land along the Branch Canal and Susquehanna River. The tracts each contain the person's name, the number of said lot, and where it lays located on the parallel line, such as first, second, third, and on. The Lehigh Valley Railroad Company has a tract running through each of the tracts.

The creator has been inferred as possibly Dorothy *Blanchard Chapman* Stets, as she is seen collecting other manuscripts regarding her family throughout Series IX: Map and Land Deeds, such as the photocopied letter by Rebecca Chapman, item 106. There is an archivist note at the back of the manuscript which mentions that this renders the tract of the creator's grandmother.

The date of the item has been estimated roughly in the mid-late twentieth century, against the life dates of Stets, 1912-1985.

The location has been inferred from tract four, owned by Sarah Blanchard and Frannie E. Saylor, from its connection to a similar tract owned by the two women and sold in item 70.2a-b.

Dates: [ca. mid-late twentieth century]

Creator: [Pos. [\(Chapman\) Stets, Dorothy, 1912-1985](#)]

Subjects: Correspondence; Notes; Map; Field Survey; Cartography

Locations: [Pittston, PA]

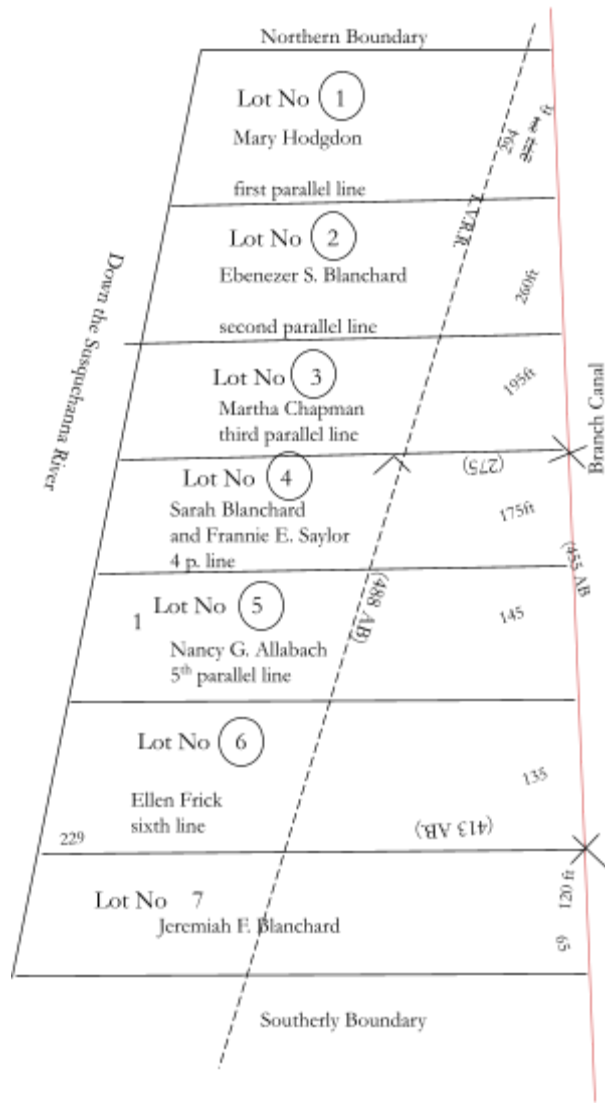
People: [Pos. [\(Chapman\) Stets, Dorothy, 1912-1985](#)]; [Hodgdon, Mary 1823-1885](#); [Blanchard, Ebenzer S. 1827-1901](#); [Chapman, Martha 1831-1892](#), [Blanchard Sarah \(Lazarus\), 1804-1892](#), [Allabach, Nancy Gertrude 1829-1908](#); Frick, Ellen; [Blanchard, Jeremiah Franklin, 1839-1919](#)

General Condition: Fair. There is slight discoloration and minor tearing along the sides.

Measurements: 12 ½ x in.

Transcript Attempt:

Front:



Back:

In blue pencil [Handwriting of Pos. Dorothy Stets Chapman]:

Grandmother's
property

294
260
/ 554
331
223

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15.166a Item 111a: Field Notes and Survey by [Pos. Donald Drum] Lubrecht for unknown, [ca. aft. 1951] (Removed to Legal Box #2)

Type of Material: Notes and survey

Title: N/A

Description: The following item depicts a typescript copy of notes on the lands inherited by Jerry [Jeremiah] Blanchard, including what was sold and how many acres. There is a list and explanation for the division of his lands to each of his heirs. Some of the names included are Helen D., Sarah Blanchard, S. B., and Bloors. In the equations at the top, which are the divisions of the lands named in the manuscript, such as 8.90 at the top which corresponds to Lot 6, attributed to Helen D., there are also names Wright and Hein. At the bottom of the page, there is a survey by Donald Drum Lubrecht, for a sale between Sarah Blanchard to Bloomsburg Iron company, more information which can be seen in item 94, with an accompanying field survey of the boundaries for the tract.

A [land survey](#) is a professional assessment of a specified parcel of land. In the process, the surveyor traverses the land, writing field notes to identify the locations of the corners, any abutting lands, and making markers of any physical or natural occurrences on the land, such as species of trees, the condition of the soil, and where the degrees of altitude change. [Field notes](#) offer the raw data of the traverse, offering the specific measurements and observations found during the survey, which are used in manifesting the official record.

In the latter seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, this process became easier with the invention of the Guntar's Chain, a 66-foot measuring tool. A researcher on the American Philosophical Society's website explained the process, where the surveyors work in tandem. "The two chain carriers would take hold of either end while the surveyor used a compass or theodolite to mark the distance along a particular line of latitude. As they moved along, the leader marked the ground with an "arrow," or metal pin, and the follower walked in that direction. Upon reaching the leader, the follower picked up the "arrow" and replaced it with a wooden stave. Together, they would determine if their line was straight, and if not, with the help of the surveyor, they would adjust it before moving forward" ([American Philosophical Society](#)). When they had reached less than "one chain's length" from the final corner of the tract, the links within the chain remaining were counted for an "exact measurement" ([American Philosophical Society](#)).

Dates: 1951 (resurvey date)

Creator: [Lubrecht, \[Donald Drum, 1908-1957\]](#)

Subjects: Field Notes; Land Survey; Titles, Land; Field Survey; Deed; Inheritance; Bloomsburg Iron Company

Locations: N/A

People: [Lubrecht, \[Donald Drum, 1908-1957\]](#); [Blanchard, John, 1801-1853](#); [Blanchard Sarah \(Lazarus\), 1804-1892](#); Helen D.; [Blanchard, Jeremiah 1764-1837](#); [Blanchard, Jeremiah, 1738-1807](#)

General Condition: Fair. Page has discoloration and minor tearing along the edges.

Measurements: 10 ⁷/₈ in. x 8 ¹/₂ in.

Transcript Attempt:

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15.166b. Item 111b: Handwritten Notes, Heirs of J[ohn] Blanchard, [ca. aft. 1853]. (Removed to Legal Box #2)

Type of Material: Note

Title: N/A

Description: The following item dated roughly during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, depicts a note written by an unknown creator regarding the estate of John Blanchard. In the note, there is a list and explanation for the division of his lands to each of his heirs. Some of the names included are Helen D., Sarah Blanchard, S. B., and Bloors. In the equations at the top, which are the divisions of the lands named in the manuscript, such as 8.90 at the top which corresponds to Lot 6, attributed to Helen D., there are also names Wright and Hein.

These divisions may be the rendering we see in item 110, a Handwritten notes on Land Lots, by [Pos. Dorothy Stets Chapman], of Grandmother's Lands, [ca. mid-late twentieth century]. (Removed to Legal Box #2)

The date of the item has been estimated by the death of John Blanchard, the man whose lands are being discussed.

Dates: [ca. aft. 1853]

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Titles, Land; Note; Finances; Dues; Inheritance

Locations: N/A

People: [Blanchard, John, 1801-1853](#); [Blanchard Sarah \(Lazarus\), 1804-1892](#); Helen D.; [Blanchard, Jeremiah 1764-1837](#); [Blanchard, Jeremiah, 1738-1807](#)

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 12 ½ in.

Transcript Attempt:



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	8.90	
	2.25	
	8.65	
	2.---	
	39.	
	22.	
	51- Wright	
Heirs of J Blanchard	70	Pt. Lot 7
	127 -	
Pt Lot - 6- 1 pt div.[ision] -8.90 @	-8 Hein No 77	24.24
Helen D.	109	Pt. Lot 7
Lot 7- 8.65		105.21
Heirs of J Blanchard		
Pt. Lot 6 — 1st div.		
2 - &c [etcetera]		
x S. B. to Bloors - 76.40		

Sara Blanchard	8	8.	
1 st div. pt. of Lot 1 9 @	8	2.	
x 22. 20 @	2	2.	
	2.	12 @	
		76.	
		22.	
Heirs of J. B.		110 @	
8.90 L. 6		+ 9	
Helen 2.25 L. 6		119 @	127
Heirs 2. L. 6			119
12.115 L 6			8@
S. B. 76.40			
22.20	85		
98.460	22		166
		60	19
122		19	85
111		79	47

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15.166c. Item 111c: Typescript of the List of J[ohn] Blanchard's Heirs and Lots, by Unknown, [ca. late nineteenth-early twentieth century] (Removed to Legal Box #2)

Type of Material: List

Title: N/A

Description: The following item dated roughly during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, depicts a note written by an unknown creator regarding the estate of John Blanchard. In the note, there is a list and explanation for the division of his lands to each of his heirs. Some of the names included are Helen D., Sarah Blanchard, S. B., and Bloors. In the equations at the top, which are the divisions of the lands named in the manuscript, such as 8.90 at the top which corresponds to Lot 6, attributed to Helen D., there are also names Wright and Hein.

These divisions may be the rendering we see in item 110, a Handwritten notes on Land Lots, by [Pos. Dorothy Stets Chapman], of Grandmother's Lands, [ca. mid-late twentieth century]. (Removed to Legal Box #2)

The date of the item has been estimated by the death of John Blanchard, the man whose lands are being discussed.

Dates: [ca. aft. 1853]

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Titles, Land; Note; Finances; Dues; Inheritance

Locations: N/A

People: [Blanchard, John, 1801-1853](#); [Blanchard Sarah \(Lazarus\), 1804-1892](#); [Blanchard, Jeremiah 1764-1837](#); [Blanchard, Jeremiah, 1738-1807](#); Blanchard, Helen

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 9 ¾ in. x 8 ½ in.

Transcript Attempt:

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15.167 Item 112: Photostat and Notes Pertaining to Lands in Wyoming Valley, with Archivist Notes, [1879](removed to legal size box #2)

Type of Material: Photostat/Publication

Title: N/A

Description: The following item depicts photocopied pages from a [*Brief of a title in the seventeen townships in the county of Luzerne: a syllabus of the controversy between Connecticut and Pennsylvania*](#), published in 1879, and focusing on chapter VIII, which begins on page 94. These pages document the development of the 17 townships following the [Yankee Pennamite Wars](#), particularly the Third Yankee Pennamite War in 1784. The Yankee Pennamite Wars were a three part war between Connecticut and Pennsylvania, as they attempted to resolve a dispute over the land in the upper regions of what is now Pennsylvania. King Charles II granted the land twice, once to Connecticut in 1662, and again to William Penn as he founded Pennsylvania in 1681.

The Third Yankee Pennamite War was a military conflict following the [Decree of Trenton](#) decision to grant Pennsylvania ownership to the lands after decades of conflict between Connecticut and Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania Assembly instructed Alexander Patterson, and other people in positions of power, to remove the Connecticut settlers from lands they had settled prior to the decision. Yet, while the Decree of Trenton gave Pennsylvania the right to soil, it did not give them the right to title.

Pennsylvania, however, under the command of the Pennsylvania Assembly and Patterson, forcibly removed “one-hundred and fifty” Connecticut families from their homes under Patterson’s command. They forced the families to “find their way through the wilderness of the Lackawaxen to the Delaware Valley, a distance of about eighty miles,” without supplies or clothing to sustain them ([Gnichtel, The Trenton Decree of 1782](#)). The violence and brutality levied by Patterson’s troops was so severe that it drew attention from neighboring states, and condemnation on the governing bodies of Pennsylvania. That critique ultimately led the Pennsylvania Assembly to remove Patterson from his position within the valley around July 1784, replacing him with colonel [John Armstrong](#).

To remedy the conflicts, 17 townships were developed as a means to sow peace between the two settler groups. This designated that any Connecticut title within these 17 named townships could be brought before the state for a fair trial of reclamation.

Wilkes Eugene S. Farley Library archives has a more detailed historical blog on the conflict that can be [found here](#), as well as an expansive subseries collection of manuscripts relating to the conflict, which can be [found here](#).

Dates: [1879]

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Yankee Pennamite Wars, 1769-1807; History; Research; Connecticut; Pennsylvania

Locations: N/A

People: N/A

General Condition: Good.

Measurements:

Transcript Attempt:

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15.168 Item 113: Railroad notice by Unknown, 1953 October 8

Type of Material: Note

Title: NOTICE

Description: The following item depicts a typed notice for a railroad right of way, addressed to the contractor for improving the R.R. right of way over a lot containing 6, 156 acres in Pittston. The right of way is said to appear on a map approved by Congress on October 8, 1953.

Dates: 1953 October 8

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Legal; Note; Railroad; Titles, Land; Map

Locations: Pittston, PA.

People: N/A

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 8 ½ in. x 3 ½ in.

Transcript Attempt:

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Subseries VII: Newspaper Clippings, [ca. 1948]-1954

Subseries VII: Newspaper Clippings, [ca. 1948]-1954, is arranged chronologically and includes manuscripts that were clipped from original newspaper resources. The items include a map of Luzerne County's election map of 1954 and public response to a developer's interest in purchasing the public commons in Wilkes Barre.

15.169 Item 114: A Newspaper Clipping by Unknown, titled "Durkee's Survey," [ca. nineteenth-twentieth century]

Type of Material: Newspaper Article

Title: Durkee's Survey

Description: The following item depicts a newspaper clipping of an article entitled, "Durkee's Survey," which discusses the historic division of the famed public lands. It ranges from the a time of building lots in 1820, referring to a "blueprint which Harry Marne land agent for the Lehigh & Wilkes Barre Coal company ... presented to the City of Wilkes Barre," demonstrating the industry ties in the area. An original map showed 25 building lots, each 5 perches wide, with a 1 perch vacant space between them. Property owners were also required to "leave a space 4 perches wide extending along the entire common for use as a public walk." The map also detailed existing buildings on the opposite side of Front street, including "several hotels and roadhouses" and the "houses of such early residents as Lord Butler, R. Welles, Jacob Glat, the Hollenback family, George Chohoon and the Morgan family." These lots remained

unsold, and the municipality only secured the title to the ground in the 1850s. The tone of the piece is joyous, seeing as now the area is owned by the city and unlikely to be subdivided again soon.

Dates: March 15, 1954

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Newspaper; Articles; Titles, Land

Locations: Wilkes Barre, PA

People: N/A.

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 11.25 x 10 in.

Transcription Attempt:

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15.170 Item 115: Newspaper Clipping of Article, “Court Rules In Coal Case,” Published, [[ca. 1948](#)] September 9

Type of Material: Newspaper Article

Title: Court Rules In Coal Case

Description: The following item depicts a newspaper clipping of an article entitled “Court Rules in Coal Case.” A judge from Somerset county, Norman T. Boose, ruled on Weaver vs Juliette Coal Company, a case brought forth by Mr. and Mrs. Milton Weaver in question of the company’s rights to strip mine coal from their farm. The company brought forth a 1909 agreement allowing for deep-mine coal extraction on lands, however in the article, Boose ruled in favor of the Weavers, upholding their rights of denial, stating that it does not grant the rights for coal stripping operations on the same lands. That would require a specific deed between the two parties, as the 1909 agreement was based on the usual mining practices of the time, and could not cognize of strip mining as it was unheard of in the area. The final ruling granted \$40 per acre damaged to the Weavers, but only for that caused by deep mine operations.

Dates: March 15, 1954

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Newspaper; Articles; Titles, Land; Juliette Coal Company

Locations: Somerset, PA

People: [Weaver, Milton, \[Pos. Weaver, Milton S., 1884-1960\]](#); [Weaver, Wife, \[Pos. \(Penrod\) Weaver, Mary Rebecca, 1882-1969\]](#); [Boose, Norman Turner, 1876-1965](#)

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 11.25 x 10 in.

Transcription Attempt:

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15.171 Item 116: Luzerne County Election Map, 1954 March 15

Type of Material: Map.

Title: Luzerne County’s Revised Legislative Districts.

Description: This is a typescript copy of a newspaper publication from the Wilkes Barre Record on March 15 1954 regarding revisions to the legislative districts of Luzerne County. The article is cut from the page of the paper, including the article itself at the bottom as well as an illustration of Luzerne and the new

divisions above it. The piece discusses the changes in more detail, from the physical to the political, including losing a representative in the State Assembly. It lists the chairmen of each district and discusses the reapportionment as a whole and what that entails for Luzerne County. At the end, it shows each district, area, its census counts, and the republican and democrats in each.

Dates: March 15, 1954.

Creator: [WILKES BARRE RECORD](#)

Subjects: Maps; Newspaper; Articles; Voting; Election; [WILKES BARRE RECORD](#)

Locations: Luzerne County, PA

People: N/A.

General Condition: Good. The article is clipped from the paper, but only appears to have some creases from storage. There are no visible tears, and the paper seems slightly aged in color alone.

Measurements: 11.25 x 10 in.

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