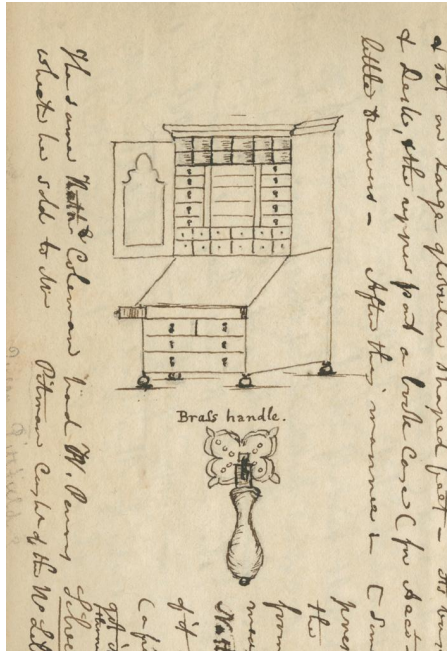


John Fanning Watson

- Author of "Annals of Philadelphia" first published in 1830, the first major history of the city of Philadelphia
- Gathered reminiscences of the elderly and put together the book, though without much fact-checking

Primary Sources



John Fanning Watson collection on the cultural, social, and economic development of Pennsylvania 1693-1855

These papers of a Philadelphia historian contain information on the cultural, social, and economic development of Pennsylvania. Included are autograph letters, sketches, pictures of historic landmarks, drafts, portraits of eminent men, and newspaper clippings.

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