



The Historical
Society of
Pennsylvania

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Restrictions: None

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Abstract

The Society's photograph collection is a rich visual resource on a variety of topics, with an emphasis on Philadelphia and the surrounding region. Subjects particularly well documented in the collection include: local streets and residences, Fairmount Park, Friends' Meeting houses, and historic buildings and sites. Other subjects include bridges, churches, factories, fire engines and companies, hotels, monuments, schools, societies and clubs, the Centennial International Exposition, Lincoln's funeral, and the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. Everyday life is represented in images of sports and recreation, and people at work. Reproductions of art objects, medals, clocks, and flags are also included. In addition to documenting Philadelphia, the collection also includes views of other Pennsylvania cities and towns and a small group of foreign views. Prominent photographers in the collection include James Cremer, Harry W. Balleisen, James E. McClees, Frederick DeBourg Richards, and McAllister & Bros. The collection spans from the mid 19th century to the late 20th century and contains examples of several different types of photographs, such as albumen prints, gelatin silver prints, and cyanotypes. Also in the collection are examples of different photographic formats, like stereo views, cabinet cards, and cartes-de-visites.

The collection is divided into two sections by size: small and medium. Within each section photographs are arranged alphabetically by subject. Photographs within the Centennials and Parades folders are arranged chronologically by date of the event.

Related materials

At HSP:

Albertype Company collections (Collections V18 & V18A)

Penrose Photograph collection (Collection V60)

Philadelphia *Record* Photograph morgue (Collection V7)

Photograph album collection (Collection V82)

Thomas H. Shoemaker collection (Collection V86)

Society Print collection (Collection V89)

Phillip B. Wallace collection (Collections V45)

Administrative Information

Restrictions

The collection is open for research.

Acquisition information

This is an artificial collection created over time by HSP staff mostly through donations and purchases of individual images or groups of prints.

Alternative format

None.

Preferred citation

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Box listing

Small photographs

Box number	Subjects
1	[Pennsylvania] Academy of Fine Arts Academy of Natural Sciences Agriculture – Chester County Almshouses American Bible Society American Philosophical Society Amusements and Sports: Baseball-Polo
2	Amusements and Sports: Rowing-Vaux Hall Garden Animals Armories Arsenals Athenaeum Banks and Insurance Companies: Ardmore-Girard Life
3	Banks and Insurance Companies: Marine National-Western Savings Barns Baths and Bathtubs Battles and Battlefields: Braddock's Field-Germantown-Reenactment
4	Battles and Battlefields: Gettysburg-Missionary Ridge Bridges: Benjamin Franklin-Goshen Road)
5	Bridges: Chestnut-Market Street
6	Bridges: Mississippi-Williams
7	Camps and Headquarters: Brandywine-Worcester Canals Carpenters' Hall Cartoons
8	Centennials: Great Central Fair for the U.S. Sanitary Commission (1864); International Exhibition (1876)
9	Centennials: Bicentennial Landing Day (1882); Constitutional Centennial (1887)
10	Centennials: Constitutional Centennial (1887) Plates 1-20
11	Centennials: Constitutional Centennial (1887) Plates 21-65; Celebration of the Centennial of Inauguration of George Washington (1889)
12	Centennials: World's Fair Chicago (1893)
13	Centennials: Atlanta International Cotton States Exhibition (1895); Peace Jubilee (1898)
14	Centennials: Sesquicentennial International Exposition (1926);

	Persia Exhibition; Commemoration of the 250 th anniversary of the 1 st Arrival of William Penn (1932); New York World's Fair (1940)
15	Centennials: Tercentenary Commemoration of William Penn and the City Of Philadelphia (1982); Constitutional Bicentennial (1987)
16	Charitable Institutions Churches: A-English
17	Churches: Episcopal (A-R)
18	Churches: Episcopal (S-Z)
19	Churches: Jewish Synagogues.-Presbyterian (A-F)
20	Churches: Presbyterian (M-Z)-Universalist City Hall
21	City Hall
22	City Hall
23	Clocks Clubs: Boy Scout's – Y.M.C.A. Commissioner's Halls Costumes "Fanchon" Courthouses
24	Crafts: Spinning Customs House (U.S.) Delaware River Department of City Transit Photo Division:[Pennsylvania] Academy of Fine Arts-Libraries
25	Department of City Transit Photo Division: Markets-Toll Houses Exhibits and Fairs
26	Facsimiles: Building and Church Markers-Furniture and interiors
27	Facsimiles: Gravestones, Inscriptions-Samplers
28	Facsimiles: Silver-Window Memorial (Lippincott Family) Fairmount Park: Boathouses-Strawberry Mansion
29	Fairmount Park: Dahlgreen Cannon-Misc. Sites
30	Fairmount Park: Miscellaneous Views
31	Fairmount Park: Old Mill-West Park
32	Fairmount Park: Wissahickon Creek-Zoological Gardens
33	Ferries Fire Engines and Companies: American-Miscellaneous
34	Fire Engines and Companies: Neptune-William Penn Fires Flags Flags: U.S.
35	Foreign Affairs Office Foreign Views: Belgium-Great Britain
36	Foreign Views: Great Britain-West Indies (Barbados)
37	Forts: Allen-Necessity Franklin Institute and Frankliniana
38	Friends' Meetings: Abington-Byberry
39	Friends' Meetings: Caln-Concorde

40	Friends' Meetings: Darby-Kennett
41	Friends' Meetings: Maiden Creek-Philadelphia, 15 th and Race
42	Friends' Meetings: Plymouth-Washington, D.C.
43	Friends' Meetings: West Grove-York Furnaces and Forges Germantown
44	Graves and Graveyards: A-Mai
45	Graves and Graveyards: Mal-Z
46	Groups, Civilian: Abolitionists-Clubs and Societies
47	Groups, Civilian: Education-Legal and Judicial
48	Groups, Civilian: Political-Religious Groups, Colonial Groups, Historical:
49	Groups, Military: Before 1800
50	Groups, Military: After 1800-After 1900
51	Historical Society of Pennsylvania: Patterson Mansion-1300 Locust
52	Historical Society of Pennsylvania: Stacks, Manuscripts, Exhibits
53	Historical Society of Pennsylvania: Groups (1918-1989)-Staff (1943-1979)
54	Historical Society of Pennsylvania: Staff (1943-1990)
55	Horticulture Hospitals:
56	Hotels: A-L
57	Hotels: M-Z Houses of Industry Indians: A-Forts
58	Indians: Relics-Z Libraries: A-M
59	Libraries: N-Z Lighthouses Lincolniana Markets Masonic Halls
60	Medals Memorial Hall Milestones Mills: A-N
61	Mills: O-Z Mines and Mining Mint
62	Monuments: A-L
63	Monuments: M-Z
64	Morgues Museums: Chinese-Unidentified
65	Naval Battles Navy Yards

	Newspaper Buildings Occupations Odd Fellows' Hall Orphanages Parades: Trenton-New Years
66	Parades: Founder's Day-Phillies World Series
67	Pennsylvania: A-B
68	Pennsylvania: C-E
69	Pennsylvania: F-Johnstown
70	Pennsylvania: Johnstown
71	Pennsylvania: K-L
72	Pennsylvania: M-N
73	Pennsylvania: O-S
74	Pennsylvania: T-Z
75	Petroleum Industry Philadelphia: A--P
76	Philadelphia: R-V
77	Philadelphia: V-Z [American] Philosophical Society and Library Police Post Offices Prisons
78	Religious Residences: A-AI
79	Residences: Am-Bay (except Bartram)
80	Residences: Bartram
81	Residences: Be-Buc
82	Residences: Bur-Care
83	Residences: Carl-Cha
84	Residences: Che-Cr
85	Residences: D-Ei
86	Residences: El-F
87	Residences: G-Ha
88	Residences: He-Je
89	Residences: Jo-Lei
90	Residences: Lem-Log Houses
91	Residences: Loga-Me
92	Residences: Mi-Mor
93	Residences: Mou-Peni
94	Residences: Penn Family
95	Residences: Penno-Po
96	Residences: Pr-Rose
97	Residences: Ross-Sp
98	Residences: St-Su
99	Residences: T-V
100	Residences: W-We

101	Residences: Wh-Win
102	Residences: Wis-Wu
103	Residences: Wy-Z
104	Schools and Colleges:[Pennsylvania] Academy of Fine Art-Drexel Institute
105	Schools and Colleges: Ephrata-Old Lower Dublin Academy
106	Schools and Colleges: Marywood-Temple
107	Schools and Colleges: University of Pennsylvania-Villanova
108	Schools and Colleges: Westtown-Yale
109	Schuylkill River Ships: A-E
110	Ships: F-O
111	Ships: P-Y Spanish American War
112	State House: Independence Hall
113	Stores and Factories: Art Galleries-Bakeries
114	Stores and Factories: Blacksmiths-Dry Goods
115	Stores and Factories: Electric Co.-Shot Towers
116	Streets: American St.-Callowhill St.
117	Streets: Camac-Chestnut
118	Streets: Chestnut-Delaware Ave.
119	Streets: Delaware Expressway-Fourth St.
120	Streets: Frankford Ave.-Market St, 100 blk
121	Streets: Market St., 200 blk-Pine St.
122	Streets: Powelton Ave.-Spruce St., 500 blk
123	Streets: Spruce St., 600 blk-York Rd. Streetlights
124	Theatres: Academy of Music-Welch's Minstrels
125	Transportation: Airplanes-Carts
126	Transportation: Motorcycles-Railroads, Bridges
127	Transportation: Railroads, Depots-Railroads, Misc.
128	Transportation: Railroads, History to 1944-Railroads, Toll Gates
129	Treaty Tree Trees: Buttonwood-Unidentified United States: Alaska-Delaware
130	United States: Florida-Maryland
131	United States: Massachusetts-New Hampshire
132	United States: New Jersey-New York
133	United States: New York
134	United States: North Carolina-Virginia
135	United States: Virginia-Washington D.C.
136	United States: West Virginia-Wyoming
137	Valley Forge
138	Valley Forge Washingtoniana Water Cure

Water Torture Water works: Centre Square-Old Water Works Weapons
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Medium photographs

Box number	Subjects
1	[Pennsylvania] Academy of Fine Arts Academy of Natural Sciences Amusements and Sports: Outings Arsenals: Washington
2	Banks and Insurance Companies: Drexel Bldg.-Provident Life & Trust Battlefields: Gettysburg Bridges: Market St.-Tum Hole Bridges
3	Camps and Headquarters Carpenters' Hall Centennials
4	Centennials: : Constitutional Centennial (1887) Plates 41-62; Meeting at Independence Hall; "Bailey's Twine house" display
5	Centennials: Constitutional Centennial (1887) Plates 1-20; Plates 21-40
6	Centennials: Constitutional Centennial (1887) Plates 1-20; Plates 21-40
7	Centennials: Washington's Inauguration, 1889 Charitable Institutions: House of Industry Churches: Baptist Churches: Catholic (H-W) Churches: Episcopal (C-T)
8	Churches: Lutheran Churches: Mennonite Churches: Misc. Churches: Presbyterian (A-P) Churches: Universalist City Hall Clubs: B-W Commissioners Halls Crafts: Cookery, Weaving Customs Houses Delaware River
9	Facsimiles: Franklin's clock-Rittenhouse clock Fairmount Park: H-Z Fire Engines and Companies: Insurance Patrol #1-Veterans Hose Co. Flags: England; Revolutionary

	Foreign Views: Russia
10	Foreign Views: Great Britain-Castles; Cathedrals & Abbeys; Southhampton Foreign Views: Russia; West Indies (Barbados)
11	Forts: Delaware-Washington Franklin Institute: Exhibition Friends Meetings: A-W Furnaces and Forges: Edge-Hill Graves and Graveyards: F-W, unidentified
12	Groups, Civilian: A-J Groups, Civilian: Clubs & Societies A-S Groups, Civilian: Clubs & Societies-Stylus Club Groups, Political: Harrison Inauguration; Philadelphia Canal Project Groups, Religious: Universalist Memorial (Reading); unidentified
13	Groups, Military before 1800: Marine Corps. Groups, Military after 1800: Civil War-U Groups, Military after 1800: F-NA Groups, Military after 1800: Na-P Groups, Military after 1900: Dixon Couriers-WWI Historical Society of Pennsylvania: Hospitals: C-P Hotels: B-W
14	Indians: Indian Mount; Pictographs; Zodiac of the Aztec Libraries: Library of Congress; Merchantile Lincoln: Hears; Funeral Procession Markets: Front and Market Streets Masonic Halls: Interiors Merchants' Exchange of Philadelphia Mills: Deserted Mill, Spring Mill, unidentified Mines and Mining: Hollywood Coal Basin Mint: N. 7 Street Monuments: B-P Monuments: S-W
15	Parades: G.A.R.-unidentified Pennsylvania: Chambersburg, 1864 (Ruins)-unidentified
16	Pennsylvania: Johnstown after the flood Philadelphia: Panoramic Views of Philadelphia Philadelphia: Torresdale Filtration Plant
17	Residences: As-Bu Residences: Ca-Che Residences: Che-Du
18	Residences: Fi-Gu Residences: Ha-Ke Residences: Le-Ma
19	Residences: M-N Residences: Penn

	Residences: Pe-Pu
20	Residences: Rig-unidentified Residences: Van-Wyck
21	Schools and Universities: B-J Schools and Universities: T-Y Ships: B-USS: Miscellaneous Sports: Duck Hunting Susquehanna: Flood
22	State House Stores and Factories: C-G Stores and Factories: H-S