

Stephen Girard

- Wealthiest man in America at the time of his death
- Made his fortunes from shipping
- Opened up his own bank, Girard's Bank
- Was the principal source of government credit during the War of 1812, his backing enabled the war to continue.
- Assisted yellow fever victims in the city
- Will left an endowment for the creation of a boarding school for poor orphans, Girard College

Primary Sources

Stephen Girard papers, 1772-1891 (in French)

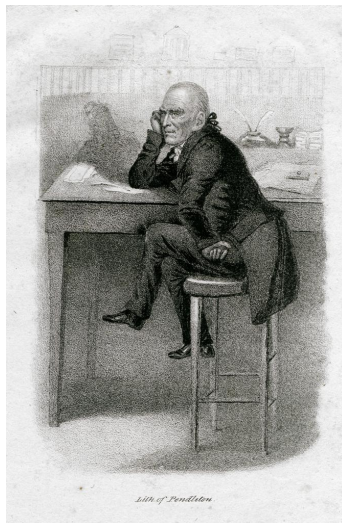
Business and personal correspondence discussing shipping and trade. Some letters refer to the French Revolution.

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Girard College photographs circa 1800

Three prints: Two showing Girard College, one of Stephen Girard

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First house owned by Girard, #6373

Stephen Girard engraving, #2453

Committee to Attend to the Malignant Fever, minutes 1793-1794, #11725

Stephen Girard caricature, #427 (pictured at left)

The will of the late Stephen Girard, Esq. : procured from the office for the probate of wills, with a short biography of his life.

Includes important and interesting facts in relation to the Girard College derived from official documents.

by Stephen Girard

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Available online: <https://archive.org/details/willoflatestephe01gira>

Deborah Norris Logan diaries 1815-1839

The diaries of Deborah Norris Logan, wife of George Logan, eminent Philadelphian, friend of Thomas Jefferson, reflect the social life of many prominent Philadelphia families, and political, religious, and cultural developments. Because of Mrs. Logan's association with many of the prominent men of the Revolutionary and early national periods, her biographical notes on notable people including Stephen Girard are particularly interesting. Other topics include the Declaration of Independence, Revolutionary War, cholera and yellow fever epidemics, slavery, European conditions, Napoleonic Wars, national and local events, travel and transportation facilities, natural phenomena and weather conditions, Friends meetings, and literature. Index available.
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Secondary Sources

Virginia D. Martus Collection of research materials on Stephen Girard, 1980-1995

This collection consists of articles, photographs, pamphlets, and brochures collected by Martus for an article she wrote on Girard entitled 'Stephen Girard, 1750-1831, Mariner-Merchant and Beyond'; a copy of which is included. There are Girard College brochures, including one that highlights the collegés architectural collections; copies of articles on Girard's background and his maritime interests; a 1980 auction catalog for the Stephen Girard Collection, and two groups of color photographs of ships and other items from Girard Collegés collections.
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plus many more!