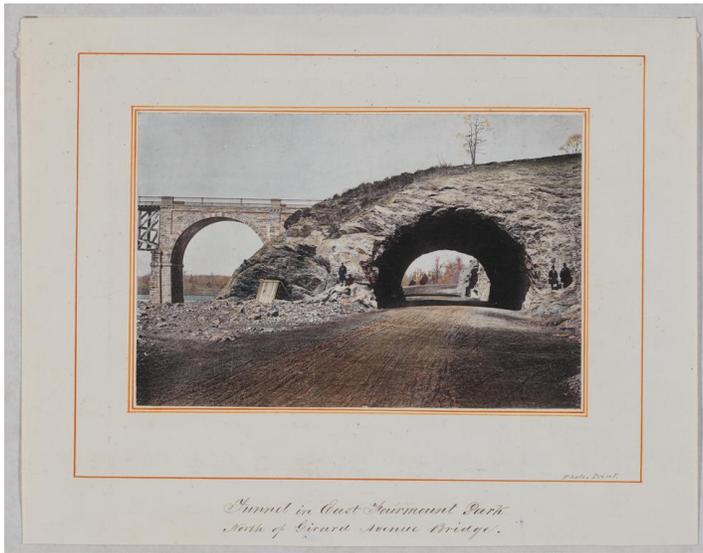


Eli Kirk Price/Fairmount Park Commission

- Lawyer known for his real estate expertise
- Original member of the city's Park Commission, founded in 1867
- Responsible for acquiring the land tract that later comprised Fairmount Park
- Commission was formed to take charge of the land purchased to preserve the city's water supply and provide a place of public enjoyment for the people.

Primary Sources



Fairmount Park

287 photoprints. Documents sites, structures, and activities in Fairmount Park.

by Philadelphia Record

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(Tunnel in East Fairmount Park, North of Girard Avenue Bridge. from the David J. Kennedy Watercolors collection #v61, call number K: 2-48.1, Digital Archive item #3113)

Eli Kirk Price papers relating to the Fairmount Park Commission, 1850-1884

This collection consists of two volumes: a journal/scrapbook and collection of pamphlets (disbound). The bound journal contains entries by Price that tell of his experiences with the Fairmount Park Commission, as well as other daily events. Pasted into the journal are numerous newspaper clippings and ephemera relating to Price's work. The disbound pamphlets cover topics such as taxation and liquor control.

Collection #3589

Price family papers

This collection contains papers created by various members of the Price family, relating to their estates and professions. The collection is divided into series by individual, arranged in chronological order of their birth. Documents in all series are arranged chronologically, with the exception of Series VII: Subject files, which is arranged alphabetically by title.

Collection #3690

Annual report of the Commissioners of Fairmount Park, 1869

Call number: SB 483 .P54

Address on the late Eli K. Price

by Benjamin Harris Brewster, 1886

Call number: F153.P94

Fairmount Park, a history and a guidebook : world's largest landscaped municipal park : official directory of the Fairmount Park Commission

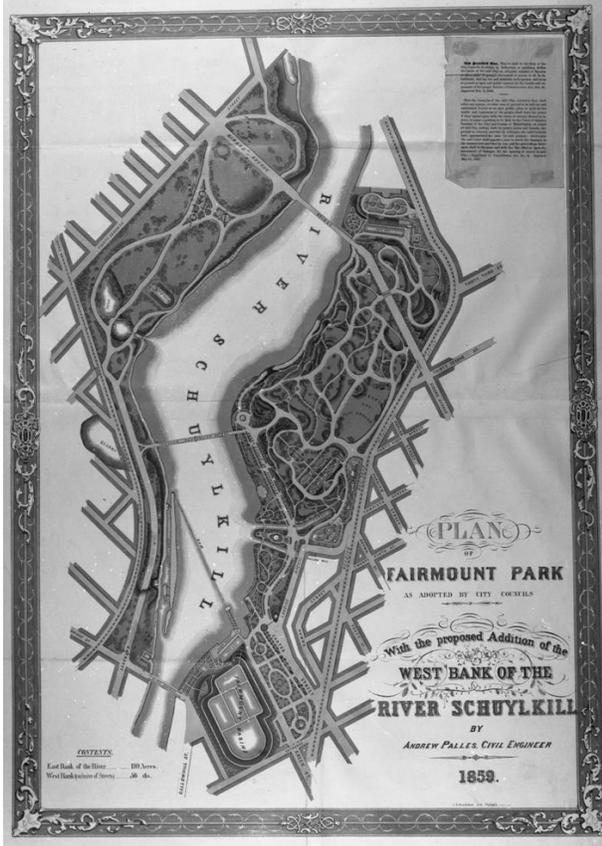
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John Welsh papers

John Welsh was born in Philadelphia and was trained by his father to follow his steps as a merchant businessman. During his early years Welsh dealt dry goods and, in association with his brothers, went into the West Indies sugar business. He was very interested in public service and was part of the Philadelphia Select Council between 1855 and 1857. Welsh was also very interested in the development of Fairmount Park and was a member of the Fairmount Park Commission until his death in 1886.

Collection #1529



(Plan of Fairmount Park as Adopted by the City Council with the proposed addition of the West Bank of the River Schuylkill, 1859, Digital Archive item #525)

Secondary Sources

The history of the Fairmount Park Guard, 1868-1972

by Marion W. Rivinus, published 1976

Call number: Ws* .149 V.6

A biography of Eli Kirk Price (manuscript)

Eli Kirk Price, 1860-1933, was a distinguished citizen of Philadelphia. Price was the Vice President of the Fairmount Park Commission and helped establish the Philadelphia Museum of Art. This volume, given to HSP by Sarah Lowrie, is a biography of Price based primarily on oral testimonies of his relatives and colleagues and contains transcriptions of family letters.

by Sarah Lowrie

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