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Abstract

Jasper Yeates Brinton (1878-1973), a successful lawyer who worked for many years at the American Embassy in Egypt, traced his lineage back to the Smith and Steinmetz families of eighteenth-century Philadelphia. Brinton's paternal great-great grandfather, John Steinmetz (1740-1803), left Germany in 1751 and soon established a successful shipping business in Philadelphia. He became a fervent supporter of the colonial cause in the American Revolution. Steinmetz eventually owned a small fleet of ships, which carried out his trade with Europe and the West Indies. His son, John Henry Steinmetz (1766-1793) went out to St. Eustatia during the 1780s to manage that end of the business. Brinton also traced his ancestry back through his paternal grandmother to William Smith, one of the primary founders and first Provost of the College of Philadelphia (a forerunner to the University of Pennsylvania), and an associate, if not always a compatriot, of Benjamin Franklin. The Scots-born Smith was well-known in Philadelphia in the 1760s and 1770s as an Anglican clergyman and an advocate for education. His support for the Proprietors of the Pennsylvania colony made him so unpopular during the revolution that he left Philadelphia for Maryland, but he was later invited back to resume his position as Provost.

The Jasper Yeates Brinton collection consists of personal and business correspondence, shipping invoices, receipts, account books, and land records pertaining to Brinton's forebears John Steinmetz, William Smith, and Charles Smith, as well as his father John Hill Brinton, his mother Sarah Ward Brinton and his older brother Ward Brinton. John Steinmetz's papers offer insight into general trade and shipping in Philadelphia immediately before and after the Revolutionary war, and also include a small amount of correspondence regarding the divorce of his son John Henry Steinmetz (b. 1766). The papers of William Smith address the management of land holdings in Pennsylvania, New York, Maryland, and Nova Scotia, and also include some records of the family's financial transactions. Charles Smith's papers consist of documentation on the settlement of William Smith's estate, and legal documents pertaining both to cases Charles Smith handled as an attorney and cases the family was involved in. Also included in the collection are land and legal papers of Jasper Yeates Brinton's father John Hill Brinton (1832-1907), correspondence between his mother Sarah Ward Brinton and her mother, and numerous letters sent by his brother Lt. Ward Brinton while he served with the Reserve Medical Corps in Texas in 1916.

Background note

William Smith, a prominent clergyman and advocate for education, was born in Aberdeen, Scotland in 1727. His long career in Philadelphia and Maryland educational institutions, and in the Anglican Church in America, was complicated by the political upheavals of the revolution and the early republican period. Smith's views about both politics and education sometimes put him at odds with other authorities from the Penn family to Benjamin Franklin, but to the end of his life he remained a well-respected figure in American life.

Smith studied at the University of Aberdeen, though he received no degree, and spent several years doing charitable work in London before emigrating to America in 1751 as the tutor for the sons of Colonel Martin of Long Island. In 1753 he published *A General Idea of the College of Mirania*, a pamphlet containing recommendations for establishing a new college in New York state. The publication caught the eye of Benjamin Franklin, who invited Smith to visit the Academy of Philadelphia, a charity school he had helped establish. Smith was so impressed by the school that he accepted a position on the faculty as Rector, chief administrative officer, and instructor in logic, rhetoric, and both natural and moral philosophy. He assumed his responsibilities at the Academy in May 1754, after a brief trip to England to be ordained in the Church of England.

With Franklin's support, Smith reorganized the Academy to become the College of Philadelphia, which was chartered in 1755 and is a direct ancestor of the University of Pennsylvania. Smith served as the first Provost of the institution, and also taught logic, rhetoric, and moral and natural philosophy. Smith clashed with Franklin, however, on the issue of classical education. While Franklin had envisioned a curriculum taught entirely in English and emphasizing mathematics and science to prepare students for work in trade or crafts, Smith felt strongly that classical languages should be included in the academic program. The school's trustees, who were themselves products of the classical education system, concurred with Smith.

Smith and Franklin also disagreed on Pennsylvania politics, particularly on the issue of whether control of the militia should rest with the Penn family as proprietors of the colony or with the populace. Franklin argued for control by the citizenry while Smith supported the proprietors. The vagaries of popular opinion were such that Franklin was removed from the college's board of trustees for his views, while Smith was briefly jailed for expressing his.

During the 1760s, Smith made a successful fund-raising tour of Great Britain, received honorary degrees from the universities of Oxford, Aberdeen, and Dublin, and became the rector of Trinity Church in Oxford Township, near Philadelphia. His continued support for the proprietary privilege of the Penn family made him, and by extension the College of Philadelphia, a focus of proto-Revolutionary ire. Though Smith supported the broadening of colonial liberties, he deplored the upheaval spurred by groups like the Sons of Liberty in Boston, and during the Revolution he printed essays calling for pragmatic caution. Suspecting him of Tory sympathies, the Pennsylvania Assembly

chose not to offer Smith a position when, in 1779, they rechartered the College of Philadelphia as the University of the State of Pennsylvania.

After losing his position at the College, Smith relocated to Maryland, where he founded Washington College using the same curriculum he had successfully implemented in Philadelphia, and devoted much attention to ecclesiastical issues, particularly the controversy over whether to appoint an American bishop of the Episcopal church. Smith presided over the 1780 convention that established the diocese of Maryland, and was elected, though never consecrated, as Maryland's first bishop. He was also instrumental in creating the prayer book for the American Episcopal church.

A shift in the Pennsylvania state government in the mid-1780s led to the reestablishment of the College of Philadelphia, and in 1789 Smith was invited to become provost once again. The population of Pennsylvania could not, however, support two institutions of higher learning, and in 1791 the College of Philadelphia merged with the University of the State of Pennsylvania to create the University of Pennsylvania. Smith retired at the time of the merger, and passed his remaining years at his estate above Falls of the Schuylkill, where he died in 1803.

In 1758, William Smith married Rebecca Moore, the daughter of Judge William Moore, a political compatriot to Smith who was jailed with him in the late 1750s. The couple had eight children, of whom six (William Moore Smith, Thomas Duncan Smith, Williamina Elizabeth Smith, Charles Smith, Richard Smith, and Rebecca Smith) lived to adulthood. The couple had a happy marriage; upon her death in the yellow fever epidemic of 1793, Smith eulogized her as "the best of Women, the best of Wives."¹ The family had significant land holdings both in Pennsylvania and in New York state.

Smith's third son, Charles (1765-1836), attended the college his father founded in Maryland and was admitted to the Pennsylvania bar in 1786. In 1791 he married Mary Yeates; the couple settled in Lancaster, Pa., where they raised eight children. Charles served as President Judge of the Pennsylvania District of Adams, Cumberland and Franklin counties, and later of Lancaster City and County. He and his family lived briefly in Baltimore, Md., before returning to Philadelphia where Charles died in 1836.

The Smith family became linked to the John Steinmetz family by the marriage of Charles and Mary's eldest daughter, Mary Margaret Smith (1806-1870) to George Brinton (1804-1858) in 1831. George Brinton was the son of John Hill Brinton the elder (1772-1827) and Sarah Steinmetz, the eldest daughter of John Steinmetz and Maria Catharine Keppele.

John Steinmetz was born in 1740 in Germany, the son of Daniel Steinmetz and Anna Maria Schryer. He arrived in Philadelphia in 1751, and soon established himself as a merchant. In 1765, he married Maria Catharine Keppele, scion of another German merchant family. Not long afterwards, his younger sister Margaret (Peggy) further reinforced the family's professional alliances by marrying William Bell, a merchant and

¹ William Smith to Mr. Cassidy, November 2, 1793.

gentleman farmer who became one of John Steinmetz's strongest business associates. Steinmetz bought and sold bulk produce like flaxseed and flour on behalf of farmers outside Philadelphia; he also dealt in goods imported from overseas. By the 1770s he and his brother-in-law Henry Keppele jointly owned several ships that followed trade routes between Philadelphia and ports in Canada, Europe, and the Caribbean.

As a merchant, Steinmetz was a member of the American class most affected by Britain's mercantilist policies during the 1760s. It is therefore unsurprising that Steinmetz was a strong supporter of the Revolutionary cause, even though tensions with Great Britain impeded his import business. He served with the military during the war, taking his oath of allegiance to Pennsylvania on October 18, 1779. According to some accounts, Steinmetz served in the Pennsylvania Assembly beginning in 1781.

During the early years of the republic, Steinmetz' business continued to grow. In 1785, he sent his oldest son, John Henry Steinmetz Jr., to St. Eustatia in the Dutch West Indies to manage the Caribbean end of the family shipping business. Young Henry's career there was neither long nor successful; he made an unfortunate marriage with a woman known as the Widow Stevens, and failed to realize his father's hopes for increasing the trade in tea and sugar. In 1790 he returned home in disgrace, and with his father's support and urging divorced his wife.

John Steinmetz' daughter Sarah (1769-1843) had a far more successful marriage. She wedded John Hill Brinton the elder (1772-1827) and had four children, each of whom made a significant marital alliance. Daughter Catherine Ann (1796-1866) married Edward Ingersoll, one of the family of eminent Philadelphia lawyers bearing that name, while Anna Maria (1801-1876) married Charles Sidney Coxe son of Tench Coxe. Elizabeth (b. 1800) married a physician, George McClellan; their son George Brinton McClellan became a widely renowned general in the Civil War and later governor of New Jersey. Finally, their son George Brinton (1804-1858) married Mary Margaret Smith (1806-1870), uniting the Steinmetz and the Smith families.

George and Mary Brinton's son, John Hill Brinton (1832-1907) was a Pennsylvania physician who lectured at Jefferson Medical College and served as a Brigade Surgeon in the Civil War. In the late 1860s he married Sarah Ward, the daughter of Ferdinand De Wilton Ward, one of the first American missionaries to India. Sarah was the subject of an 1878 portrait by American artist Thomas Eakins. The couple had several children, including Ward (born about 1873) and Jasper Yeates Brinton (1878-1973), donor of this collection. Ward became a physician like his father, and was active in the Reserve Medical Corps of the Army. Jasper became an attorney, and worked with the Judge Advocate General's department of the U.S. Army before embarking on a lengthy career as a legal advisor with the American Embassy in Egypt, where he lived from the early 1920s until the 1970s. Jasper's childhood in Philadelphia, combined with his heritage, made him strongly interested in collecting and preserving the records of his ancestors, and he made significant donations to both the Historical Society of Pennsylvania and the library of the University of Pennsylvania. He died in 1973.

Scope & content

The Jasper Yeates Brinton collection is richest in material relating to trade in Philadelphia during the late eighteenth century. Also included are a small number of documents rich in information about the personal lives of members of the Smith, Steinmetz, and Brinton families. The collection contains correspondence, account books, receipts, bills of lading, shipping inventories, and land records pertaining to Brinton's ancestors and closer relations in the Brinton, Smith, and Steinmetz families.

Materials relating to John Steinmetz and his family deal primarily with his business as a merchant shipper in Philadelphia from the early 1760s through 1800. There are almost no documents dealing directly with the Revolutionary War or Steinmetz's political views, but his professional dealings with Pennsylvania farmers, fellow Philadelphia merchants, and European export firms are extensively documented through correspondence. His shipping papers offer a detailed picture of the business of transporting and selling flour, sugar, tea, and manufactured goods in the late eighteenth century, with invoices and receipts for paying crew members as well as cargo manifests, crew lists, correspondence with captains, bills for wharfage, and notices of customs duties. A few records of his personal finances, including receipts for tuition at Philadelphia schools, and two folders of correspondence regarding the divorce of his son Henry Steinmetz (b. 1766), offer insight into the social history of wealthy Philadelphians.

The Smith family papers record the activities of William Smith and his son Charles, with some references to his other sons Richard and William Moore. The documents are rich in information about the Smith family land holdings, the settlement of William Smith's estate, and Charles Smith's legal career. One letter from William Smith to his friend Mr. Cassidy describes the death of his wife, Rebecca Moore, in the yellow fever epidemic of 1793, but the strength of the collection lies in the records of William Smith's real estate holdings in Pennsylvania, New York state, and Maryland, and in the correspondence, notes, and legal documents recording Charles Smith's professional activities as a lawyer.

The most significant section of the Brinton family papers are three folders of letters from Lt. Ward Brinton to his mother, Sarah Ward Brinton. The letters date from July-October 1916 when, as an officer of the Medical Reserve Corps of the U.S. Army, Ward was posted to Texas as part of a force meant to discourage the incursions of the Mexican general Pancho Villa into U.S. territory. Ward's letters offer detailed insight into camp life at that time and place. The Brinton family papers also include a single letter written by George Brinton, assorted notes and legal documents pertaining to John Hill Brinton (1832-1907), and other documents collected by Jasper Yeates Brinton, most notably extracts from the correspondence of Robert Elliot to Isaac Norris.

Unless otherwise noted, the documents are arranged chronologically within each subseries.

Overview of arrangement

Series I	John Steinmetz, 1762-1822 a. Correspondence, 1762-1796 b. Shipping, 1765-1801 c. Mercantile, 1762-1800 d. Personal, 1781-1791 e. Additional materials, 1763-1822	23 boxes 5 FF, 1 vol.
Series II	Smith Family, 1763-1843 a. William Smith, 1763-1836 b. Charles Smith, 1765-1843	14 boxes, 10 FF, 9 vol.
Series III	Brinton Family, 1696-1916	2 boxes

Series description

Series 1. John Steinmetz, dates (Boxes 1-22)

a. Correspondence, 1732-1796.

Incoming correspondence about John Steinmetz's merchant and shipping concerns makes up the majority of this subseries. The letters were previously divided into domestic and foreign correspondence.

The domestic correspondence records how Steinmetz acted as both agent and supplier for farmers and businessmen outside Philadelphia. Men like Nathaniel Blencowe of Kingswood (in present-day West Virginia), or James Arbuckel of Chester County, Pennsylvania, ordered cloth, tea, nails, knitting needles, soap, sugar, and other supplies from Steinmetz. They also sent him produce or goods to sell on their behalf. In 1770, for example, Nathaniel Blencowe shipped Steinmetz dozens of hogsheads of flax seed and large amounts of beeswax to be sold in Philadelphia at the best price possible. Steinmetz also dealt in smaller requests; in 1762, Blaithwaite Jones sent him seven pairs of breeches, describing them as "an Adventure of my Mother, which I shall take as a favour if you would dispose of... to the Best Advantage." Presumably Steinmetz earned a commission on these sales, but the correspondence is not always clear on the point.

One of Steinmetz's primary correspondents was his brother-in-law William Bell, a fellow Philadelphia merchant who also maintained a farm in Lancaster. Bell peppered his requests for goods for his farm with inquiries after Steinmetz's wife and children, and brief news of his own wife, Steinmetz' younger sister Margaret (Peggy), who was herself an occasional correspondent. Bell's letters make frequent reference to "mother," who could be either his own mother or Steinmetz's.

Two folders of letters regarding the divorce of John Steinmetz's son Henry represent the only strictly personal material in this subseries. From 1785 to 1790, Henry Steinmetz lived on the island of St. Eustatia, handling the Caribbean end of his father's shipping business. There he met and married a widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Stevens, who had at least one child from her previous marriage. The elder Steinmetz

sternly disapproved of the union, which apparently was a stormy one; according to young Henry, the couple had separated at least once before he made the final break.

The Steinmetzes charged Elizabeth with dishonesty and loose virtue; she repeatedly and passionately avowed her devotion to Henry. The correspondence presents a confusing picture, with her adoring letters to Henry and a few bitter, condemnatory lines from the Steinmetzes to her and to friends about the situation. In January 1791, almost six months after leaving Elizabeth in St. Eustatia, Henry wrote to her, “what have I ever received [from you] but treachery & deceit... (I mean the Different Moneys I have missed at Trinidad, St. Bart, & Statia & last of all the Chest of Tea)... I have put in force the Divorce formerly had at St. Barth, with a determination never to see your face again.” In sharp contrast, she wrote to Henry’s father “I can no longer live parted from him... if he is in distress I am willing to share it with him... he is an affectionate Husband to me, & as long as I live I *will not forsake him.*”² Elizabeth traveled to Philadelphia in search of Henry, who fled the city to hide with the McCalla family, who administered Steinmetz’s store in Chester County. When she had a child in August 1791, nearly a full year since she and Henry had been together, the Steinmetz’s case for her poor virtue seemed assured, and Henry wrote to the distinguished Philadelphia lawyer Jared Ingersoll, laying out the situation and asking for counsel. It is not clear whether Ingersoll acted in the matter, but after that, Elizabeth returned to the Caribbean and eventually married a Mr. Seaman, though she continued to appeal to the Steinmetzes for monetary support.

Steinmetz’s foreign correspondence documents his interaction with European and Caribbean merchants. Correspondents include representatives of Parr Bulkeley & Company in Lisbon, William Wallace & Company in Liverpool, James Robinson in Halifax, Herman Heyman & Son in Bremen, Parish & Company in Hamburg, Joshua Beale & Company in Cork, and Le Couteuls Desportes in Cadiz. Steinmetz’s 1770s correspondence with Benjamin and John Bowers of Manchester is particularly noteworthy, as the Bowers brothers discussed the effects of Revenue acts passed by Parliament which prevented them from shipping goods that Steinmetz had ordered.

b. Shipping, 1765-1801.

This subseries consists of documents relating specifically to the shipping aspect of the Steinmetz family business. John Steinmetz’s ships carried cargoes including flour, tea, sugar, lumber, and manufactured goods between Philadelphia and ports in Ireland, England, Portugal, the Caribbean islands, or Canada.. During the late 1760s, Steinmetz’s merchandise traveled by means of a number of different vessels, but in the 1770s he apparently developed a small fleet of his own ships, including the ships Catherine, Charming Peggy, and Nancy, and the brig Sally. Of particular interest is an account book detailing the process of building the ship Catherine, “a Ship of 64 Feet Keel & 25 ½ Feet Beam,” during the winter of 1771. The subseries also includes crew lists, cargo inventories, invoices for ship maintenance, notices of

² Elizabeth Steinmetz to John Steinmetz, December 14, 1790.

customs duties, bills for wharfage, and other records of the voyages of Steinmetz's ships. Documents in this subseries are grouped together by ship, then arranged chronologically.

c. Mercantile, 1762-1800.

This subseries contains bills, invoices, contracts, accounts, and other records of John Steinmetz and Henry Keppel's non-shipping business transactions. Documents include records of sales made in Philadelphia and at a store Steinmetz owned in Chester County, run by Alexander McCalla. Steinmetz had dealings with other Philadelphia merchants including William Sitgreaves, William McMurtrie, and Willaday & Montgomery. He had accounts with many individuals, including Paul Beck, John Paisley, William Bell, and John Miller.

d. Personal finances, 1781-1794.

This subseries contains a few folders of receipts and notes relating to John Steinmetz' personal expenses, including purchases of clothes for his family and tuition payments for his children.

e. Additional material, 1763-1822.

This subseries contains materials that have either a tangential or an unclear link to the Steinmetz family. Documents with no clear link to the Steinmetzes include assorted petitions made to the General Assembly of Pennsylvania in the early 1780s, items relating to two Philadelphia militia organizations, the *Independece Bleus* [sic] and the Philadelphia Rifle company, two issues of Philadelphia newspapers from 1822, and a number of deed polls recording the sale of lands in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, to William Peters, Esquire and Daniel Clark, Merchant, of Philadelphia. The subseries also includes two folders of correspondence, notes, and accounts regarding an iron works near York, Pennsylvania, apparently purchased by John Steinmetz but managed by others.

Series 2. Smith Family, 1763-1843 (Boxes 23-36)

a. William Smith land papers, 1763-1822.

Materials in this subseries document the purchase and management of lands owned by William Smith in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, Oswego, New York, Nova Scotia, Maryland, and elsewhere in Pennsylvania. Records include deeds, warrants, correspondence, surveys, and notes about the division of William's property among his children. Also included are land books with survey information for lands that may or may not have been owned by the Smith family, and an inventory of lands William possessed at the time of his death.

b. William Smith business and personal papers, 1763-1836

This subseries includes legal documents, tax records, correspondence, receipts, memoranda, bills, receipts, notes of bank transactions, and account books associated with William Smith. While most documents record William Smith's affairs, there are a few records of William's brother Thomas Smith and of Theodore Smith, whose relationship to this Smith family is unknown. Business correspondents include J. Barnes, Ed. Ward, James Crawford, Mr. Blodget, and W. M. Smith (possibly a

relation), and most letters discuss shipping or other business. Receipts record transactions for blacksmith work, the purchase of staples like sugar and oats, and labor such as digging in a garden or carrying goods from one place to another.

Also included in this subseries are several documents in German that refer to William Smith, contract books, and a single letter from William to his friend Patrick Cassidy of Frankstown, discussing the death of William's wife Rebecca in the yellow fever epidemic of 1793. He wrote in a letter dated November 2 of that year, "My dear daughter Mrs. Blodget had the disorder, with considerable Malignity, but thro' God's Blessing on the efficacious medicines of Dr. Rush, & my dear Wife's attendance Night & Day as her Nurse, she was restored, but in ten Days afterwards, my dear Wife was seized and is now, I trust, with God. My Sister who nursed my Wife, was also seiz'd the 4th day after her Death, but we hope, this being the 10th day, she is out of present Danger... The late cool Weather, with some Rain and a Frost have abated the Maligancy of the Disorder so far that but few now remain seized with it & they are generally in a convalescent State and we are flattered with the Hope that in a Week more, the Contagion will wholly disappear – But the Issues of Life and of Death are with God."

c. Charles Smith correspondence 1786-1843

This subseries contains both personal and business correspondence sent to Charles Smith, with a very few items of outgoing correspondence. Family correspondence included significant amounts of business information about property held in common, the settlement of Charles' father William's estate, and intra-family loans. Regarding the disposition of some of William's land, Richard Smith wrote to Charles in 1813, "It appears... that Younge does not mean to take the other seven tracts of Mushannon Land. As this is the Case, the chief object of the Sale will be defeated. Our Object in the sale was to contribute equally to raise a Sum for the Payment of Debts, but now there is no Equality. Neither you nor William part with any it is only the Goldsboroughs, the Blodgets and myself that have sold our Property at half price."³

Charles had significant correspondence with his cousin Phineas Bond [Jr.] (1749-1815). The two men were close – Phineas addressed his cousin as "Charles" and teased "I am sure you are either in Love or distracted by... extreme Attention to Books... [as] you say nothing of the steps to be pursued about the back Lands." (September 27, 1789) Apparently Charles and Phineas had some joint land concerns, and bought/borrowed books from each other.

Much of the correspondence deals with land disputes and the maintenance of property in Lancaster and Bedford Counties. Charles Smith corresponded about these issues with his brothers Richard and William Moore Smith, as well as with Thomas Vickroy, William Orbison, Thomas Stewardson, Alexander Nisbet, and Benjamin Morgan. Vickroy in particular often served as agent for Charles, collecting rents and settling debts. For example, in a letter of June 23, 1813, he wrote: "After

³ Richard Smith to his brother Charles Smith, July 3, 1813

hard scratching I have collected fourteen hundred Dollars for you, and have left it with Mr. Josiah Espy in Bedford in order to send it... by the first opportunity.”

The subseries also includes some correspondence of the Yeates family, particularly a letter from Thomas B. McElwee, son-in-law of Charles Smith, to Catherine Yeates, describing and protesting a rift between him and the Smith family subsequent to his separation from his wife, Williamina Elizabeth Smith (1797-1848). Also in dispute was McElwee’s possession of a plantation in Bedford, PA which he named Maryville after his daughter.

d. Charles Smith financial, 1788-1836

This subseries contains accounts, bills and receipts, checks, and a few items of correspondence relating to Charles Smith’s personal and professional finances. Bills and receipts record transactions for both goods and labor, as well as the settlement of debts. Smith kept accounts with John Blair and Andrew Henderson, among others, and used the Bank of Pennsylvania as his primary financial institution.

e. Charles Smith legal papers, 1768-1825

The legal documents in this subseries include records of court cases, land disputes, indentures, commissions, and agreements, dealing with people and places both in Pennsylvania and in Great Britain. Both cases prosecuted by Charles Smith as an attorney and cases involving the family are represented. Some documents do not have any overt connection to Charles Smith or the Smith family.

Items of particular interest include a certificate dated March 1, 1821 appointing Charles Smith to oversee the publication of the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and a “Draft of a Charge to a Grand Jury” at York, England, dated 1768, which comprises a short explanation of the British legal system of the time with definitions of crimes including forgery and bigamy.

f. Charles Smith land papers, 1765-1835

This subseries includes correspondence, maps, books, and correspondence dealing with the land holdings of Charles Smith, particularly near Oswego, New York.

Series 3. Brinton Family, 1696-1916

This series consists of correspondence received by member of the Brinton family, land records and other documents pertaining to John Hill Brinton (1772-1827) and assorted other documents presumably collected by Jasper Yeates Brinton.

The papers of John Hill Brinton (1772-1827) are an assortment of legal, land, and business records dating from 1767 to 1821. The majority of the documents deal with the rental of lands in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. Also included are a few receipts, sketched maps, and items of correspondence about rents.

The Brinton family correspondence includes a single 1840 epistle to George Brinton from W.H. Dillingham, regarding the disposition of real estate, and two groups of correspondence received by Sarah Ward, the wife of John Hill Brinton (1832-1907).

Sarah Ward's incoming correspondence contains letters from her mother in Geneseo, New York, where her father was the pastor of a Presbyterian church. Mrs. Ward's letters discuss goods that she had her daughter send from Philadelphia, family travel, domestic arrangements, and moral or religious issues. In a letter that was apparently written not long after Sarah's marriage, her mother noted, "It pleased me to know that you did not go to the Fancy Ball.... I feel very much pleased that you have fallen into such a sensible family and one which will not force you into gaieties and follies for which you have no taste."⁴

The bulk of this series, however, consists of letters Sarah received from her son Ward Brinton. A doctor and first lieutenant with the Medical Reserve Corps, Ward was mobilized as part of a force sent to garrison the Mexican border in 1916 after Pancho Villa's forces attacked Columbus, New Mexico, killing seventeen Americans. He was stationed in El Paso, Texas from early July until early October of that year. In frequent letters to his mother, Ward discussed his daily observations of El Paso life both in and out of camp, rumors about troop movements in Mexico, and family business. A few weeks after his arrival in Texas, he wrote, "Mother dear... what you say is sweet to read – and to know that your thoughts are following me just as mine go out to you. It was hot to day – and I hardly stirred from my tent until 4 o'clock when the captain – Conyngham and I got into our 'Tin Lizzie'... and went down to the army post at Fort Bliss for a shower.... Yesterday... our company got into a little mess with some Mexicans across the river near Juarez, but it was most trifling and I think the Mexicans only made their little attack for bravado. No one was hurt." (July 18, 1916)

A few copies of memos from Ward to his superiors suggests that one of his primary responsibilities was inspecting the camp for compliance with hygiene regulations, and that he was eager to be demobilized and sent back to Philadelphia. He was eventually successful in securing orders to return to Philadelphia in mid-October.

Other documents in this series include a copy of extracts from letters of Robert Elliot to Isaac Norris, 1696-1701, undated lists of books and goods, and correspondence 1817-1825 between Hugh Boyle and Robert & Edward Coleman regarding a Boyle's attempt to make good a debt by granting the Colemans his interest in the Ship General Hand.

⁴ Jane Ward to Sarah Ward Brinton, January 31, 1867.

Separation report

None.

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Domestic Correspondence	1767	1	6
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Domestic Correspondence	August 1770	2	2
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Domestic Correspondence	May 1771	2	10
Domestic Correspondence	June – July 1771	2	11
Domestic Correspondence	August 1771	2	12

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Domestic Correspondence	November – December 1771	2	14
Domestic Correspondence	1772	3	1
Domestic Correspondence	January – February 1772	3	2
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Domestic Correspondence	May – June 1772	3	4
Domestic Correspondence	July – August 1772	3	5
Domestic Correspondence	September – October 1772	3	6
Domestic Correspondence	November – December 1772	3	7
Domestic Correspondence	January – April 1773	3	8
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Domestic Correspondence	April 1774	4	3
Domestic Correspondence	May 1774	4	4
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Foreign Correspondence	1777	6	7
Foreign Correspondence	1778	6	8
Foreign Correspondence	1782	6	9
Foreign Correspondence	1783	6	10
Foreign Correspondence	1784	6	11
Foreign Correspondence	February – April 1785	6	12

Foreign Correspondence	May – December 1785	6	13
Foreign Correspondence	1786	7	1
Foreign Correspondence	1787	7	2
Foreign Correspondence	1788	7	3
Foreign Correspondence	1789	7	4
Foreign Correspondence	1790	7	5
Foreign Correspondence	1791	7	6
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Ship Catherine	1772-1774	8	2
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Ship Catherine	1785	8	9
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Ship Catherine, accounts	1787	8	14
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Ship Catherine (bundle)	1788	9	1
Ship Catherine – Capt. Wilson's orders for labor	1789	9	2
Ship Catherine – Account of goods taken from on board	n.d.	9	3
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Charming Peggy	1771-1772	9	5
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Charming Peggy	1772-1773	9	7
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Charming Peggy	1772-1781	9	10
Charming Peggy (bundle)	1773	9	11
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Charming Peggy – old disbursements	1773-1775	9	14
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Brig Sally – Steinmetz & Robinson accounts	1784-1787	10	6
Brig Sally – accounts of disbursement	1785	10	7
Brig Sally – invoices and bills of cargo	1785	10	8
Brig Sally – second voyage to Halifax	1785	10	9
Brig Sally – third voyage to Halifax	c. 1785	10	10
Brig Sally – fourth voyage	1785	10	11
Brig Sally – fifth voyage	1785	11	1
Brig Sally – fifth voyage, invoices	1785	11	2

Brig Sally – accounts	1786	11	3
Brig Sally (bundle)	1786	11	4
Brig Sally (bundle)	1786-1787	11	5
Brig Sally (bundle)	1787	11	6
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Brig Mary	1784-1794	11	8
Brig Mary	1793	11	9
Brig Mary – Capt. Ware’s orders for mate and three seamen’s wages	1794	11	10
Ship Nancy (bundle)	1784-1785	11	11
Ship Nancy (bundle)	1784	11	12
Ship Nancy	1785	12	1
Ship Nancy – first voyage	1785	12	2
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General - Cargo inventories	1770-1772	13	1
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Accounts bundle	1770-1771	15	9
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Accounts bundle	1770-1776	15	11
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Accounts, Orders, etc	1785-1786	20	1
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Charles Smith Correspondence	1807-1809	29	1
Charles Smith Correspondence	1809-1810	29	2
Charles Smith Correspondence	1811-1812	29	3
Charles Smith Correspondence	1813	29	4
Charles Smith Correspondence	1814	30	1
Charles Smith Correspondence	1815	30	2
Charles Smith Correspondence	1816-1817	30	3
Charles Smith Correspondence	1817-1818	30	4
Charles Smith Correspondence	1819	30	5
Charles Smith Correspondence	1820	31	1
Charles Smith Correspondence	1821	31	2
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Charles Smith Correspondence	1822	31	4
Charles Smith Correspondence	1823	31	5
Charles Smith Correspondence	1823	31	6
Charles Smith Correspondence	1824	31	7
Charles Smith Correspondence	1824	32	1
Charles Smith Correspondence	1825	32	2
Charles Smith Correspondence	1825	32	3
Charles Smith Correspondence	1825	32	4
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Receipts and bills	1791-1797	34	1
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Bills and accounts	1803-1813	35	1
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Legal papers	1820s	36	5

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