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Abstract

These papers document the personal, professional and social life of the Biddle family over a 237 year period. Influential in many aspects of Philadelphia business and society, the family was very large and mixed with several other Philadelphia families. The Rush, Williams and Brock families all contribute correspondence, financial and legal documents to this collection. These families became a part of the larger Biddle family through marriage.

Background note

The Biddle family was a wealthy and prominent clan in Philadelphia's early years. They were involved with the city's financial, legal, and mercantile affairs and were also patriots with extensive military careers. Several different families married into the Biddle family including the Rush, Williams, and Brock families, all of which are represented in this collection.

Biddle Family

The collection begins with Clement Biddle (1740-1814) who married Rebekah Cornell and had three children; Thomas A. (1776-1857), Clement Cornell (1784-1855) and James Cornell (1795-1838). James married Sarah Keppelle and had two children; Thomas and Caldwell. This branch of the family is not represented in the collection.

Clement Cornell Biddle married Mary Barclay and had two children; George Washington (c. 1818-1879) and Chapman (1822-1880). Some correspondence can be found in the collection relating to these two individuals. There are, however, discrepancies with the birth and death dates and dates of correspondence from George Washington Biddle. There may have been two George W. Biddle's or difficulty in determining his birth and death dates.

The large majority of the collection belongs to Thomas A. Biddle's branch of the family. Thomas married Christine Williams (1780-1861), thus linking the Williams and Biddle families. Together they had at least five children; Clement (1810-1879), Thomas A. (1814-1888), Henry J. (1817-1862), Alexander (1819-1899), and Jonathan W. (1821-

1856). While there are a few documents from all of these individuals most of the items come from Alexander's descendants.

Alexander Biddle married Julia Williams Rush (1833-1898) linking the Biddle and Rush families. Their seven children are; Alexander W. (b.1856), Henry Rush, (1858-1877), Julia (1859-1885), J. Wilmer (1861-1927), Louis A. (b.1863), Marianne or Marion (b.1865), and Lynford (1871-c. 1943). While all of Alexander and Julia's children have some items in the collection, most come from Louis A., Lynford and Alexander W.

Alexander W. married Anne McKennan (1858-1937) and their five children have papers in the collection as well. Pauline (b. 1880), Christine A. (b. 1882), Julia Rush (b. 1886), Isabel (b. 1888), and Alexander (b. 1893) are those with some impact on the collection. Pauline married John Penn Brock adding the Brock family into the fold.

Williams Family

As stated earlier the Biddle and Williams families were joined with the marriage of Thomas A. Biddle and Christine Williams. Items in the collection date back to the marriage between Jonathan Williams and Grace Harris, who was a niece of Benjamin Franklin. Jonathan and Grace had seven children; Josiah (1748-1772), Jonathan Jr. (1750-1815), Elizabeth (b. 1753), John (b. 1756), Anne (b. 1759), Sally (1761-1765) and Franklin (1763-1775). The collection concerns Jonathan Jr.'s branch of the family. His marriage to Marianne Alexander (d. 1816) produced three children; Christine (d. 1780), Alexander (1790-1814) and Henry J. (1791-1876). Jonathan also had a son from a previous relationship, Josiah (b. 1777).

There are a few materials from Alexander in the collection as well as from Henry J. Henry J. married Julia Rush (1792-1860) but the Rush family was brought into the Biddle family by the marriage between Alexander Biddle, son of Christine Williams Biddle, and Julia Williams Rush. It is not clear whether Henry and Julia had any children.

Rush Family

In regards to the collection the Rush Family saga begins with the prominent Philadelphia doctor and patriot Dr. Benjamin Rush (1745-1813). Benjamin married Julia Stockton and had several children. Those represented in the Biddle Family papers are Richard (1780-1859), Julia (1792-1860) and Samuel (1795-1859). Richard married Catherine Murray, Julia married Henry J. Williams and Samuel married Anne Wilmer. Samuel and Anne had three children; James (1829-1831), William and Julia Williams who married Alexander Biddle as previously mentioned. Julia's grand-daughter, Pauline, married John Penn Brock.

Brock Family

Although not many, there are a few materials in the collection relating to the Brock and Coleman families. George Dawson Coleman married Debbie Brown and had seven children including Sarah and Debbie N. Coleman. Sarah married Arthur Brock and had four children. Debbie married Horace Brock and had two children; John Penn Brock and Deborah Norris. Deborah Norris married Quincy Bent and had Horace Brock Bent

who married Mira Van Pelt. Pauline Biddle and John Penn Brock had four children; Anne Biddle, Horace, Deborah Norris and Alexander Biddle.¹

Scope & content

The eclectic group of items arranged in this collection range in date from 1683 to 1954. The majority of documents, however, date from 1776 to 1920. Early documents are primarily correspondence interspersed with some deeds and financial materials. Series follow a chronological arrangement except where otherwise noted. Later years include these materials as well as invitations, legal documents, advertisements, photographs, and a myriad of items relating to leisure activities.

Series 1, which contains the majority of the collection, includes materials of various members of the Biddle family. Documents date from 1776 to 1940 and are arranged in subseries by individual. Among the individuals represented are: Clement Biddle, Thomas A. Biddle, Christine Williams Biddle, Alexander Biddle, Alexander W. & Anne McKennan Biddle, Louis A. Biddle, and Lynford Biddle. There is a small amount of material pertaining to other family members, as well as a subseries of miscellaneous items. A large portion of the Biddle Family series consists of correspondence between family members and with some business associates. Receipts and financial documents from Thomas Biddle & Co. can be found in the Thomas A. Biddle subseries. The Alexander Biddle subseries contains more information on trips abroad than family or business matters. The Louis A. Biddle and Lynford Biddle subseries contain some estate papers from their father, Alexander Biddle's, estate. In addition these two subseries include many invitations to social gatherings, balls, clubs, and hunting parties. Papers belonging to female family members are almost exclusively comprised of family correspondence, much of which is filled with rich descriptions of daily activities.

The Louis and Lynford Biddle subseries also contain stock listings and some execution orders. Lynford Biddle was particularly active in the stock market and much remains in the collection from stocks he bought and sold. It does not appear Lynford or Louis were stock brokers, but rather, investors. Lynford's papers also contain automobile purchase receipts and car insurance for a few Pierce Arrow automobiles. The *Miscellaneous* subseries also contains much of this same information as the rest of the series but could not be identified as belonging to a particular family member.

Series II contains papers of the Williams family. It too is arranged in generational subseries, but it is a much smaller series than the Biddle Family series. *Jonathan Williams Jr.*, *Marianne Alexander Williams*, *Julia Rush Williams*, *Other family members*, and *Miscellaneous* are the subseries. Following in the manner of the Biddle family, the women's papers are particularly strong in family correspondence. A significant portion of Jonathan Williams Jr. papers are his letters to his wife Marianne. The bulk of the Henry J. Williams subseries consists of correspondence and financial documents of a business nature.

¹ Please see the collection's administrative folder for a more complete family tree.

The few Jonathan Williams Sr. items can be found in the *Other family members* subseries. In addition, the Alexander family papers are located here. These papers are arranged alphabetically by first name and then chronologically. As Marianne Alexander Williams is a member of the Alexander family many of her cousins and relatives wrote not only to her but to her husband and Biddle and Williams family members. The *Miscellaneous* subseries contains eight folders of notes on women's education. Unfortunately, these notes have no date or attributed author.

Series III, Rush family, is small with only one box and one volume. The majority of genealogical information in the collection can be found here, however. Items are arranged into four subseries; *Dr. Benjamin Rush*, *Richard Rush*, *Other family members*, and *Miscellaneous*. Most of the items are random correspondence from the early 1700s to the mid 1800s. Unfortunately the Rush correspondence does not paint as clear a picture of family life as the Biddle and Williams correspondence. Dr. Rush did assemble some genealogical notes, however, relating the lineage of the Rush family. "Descendants of John & Susannah Rush" traces the family history from 1683 to 1878.

Series IV, the Brock family, is the smallest series in the collection and includes just one box. Estate wills of the Brock and Coleman families can be found here. There is also a small amount of correspondence belonging to Pauline Biddle Brock as well as a few of her diaries from her youth and soon after her marriage to John Penn Brock.

The most diverse series is the fifth, *Miscellaneous*. Items include correspondence and documents that could not be concretely associated with one of the families above. Advertisements, invitations, deeds, financial and legal items and publications are also in the series. There is a small section of items relating to Yarrow & Van Pelt business ventures. It appears from the documents Yarrow & Van Pelt dealt primarily with real estate. It is unclear how they relate to the rest of the collection, but perhaps the connection is through Mira Van Pelt, who married Horace Brock Bent, son of John Penn Brock's sister.

The *Miscellaneous* series also includes photographs, though most are unidentified. Among the identified sitters are Lynford, Alexander, and Nicholas Biddle.

Overview of arrangement

Series I	Biddle Family, 1776-1940	17 boxes, 3 vols.
	a. Clement Biddle, 1776-1813	16 folders
	b. Thomas A. Biddle, 1797-1846	75 folders
	c. Christine Williams Biddle, 1794-1856	64 folders
	d. Alexander Biddle, 1858-1897	32 folders, 2 vols.
	e. Julia Williams Rush Biddle, 1844-1898	15 folders
	f. Alexander W. & Anne McKennan	13 folders
	Biddle, 1879-1919	
	g. Louis A. Biddle, 1874-1916	33 folders
	h. Lynford Biddle, 1889-1940	38 folders

	i. Other family members, 1776-1918	17 folders, 1 vol.
	j. Miscellaneous, 1779-1921	56 folders
Series II	Williams Family, 1769-1895	7 boxes, 10 folders, 1 vol.
	a. Jonathan Williams, Jr., 1769-1815	21 folders
	b. Marianne Alexander Williams, 1778-1816	21 folders
	c. Henry J. Williams, 1792-1899	63 folders, 1 vol.
	d. Julia Rush Williams, 1816-1877	24 folders
	e. Other family members, 1780-1865	14 folders
	f. Miscellaneous, 1771-1895	12 folders
Series III	Rush Family, 1683-1869	1 box, 1 vol.
	a. Dr. Benjamin Rush, 1769-1810	14 folders
	b. Richard Rush, 1812-1865	8 folders
	c. Other family members, 1790-1869	10 folders
	d. Miscellaneous, 1683-1897	5 folders, 1 vol.
Series IV	Brock Family, 1788-1954	1 box, 3 vols.
Series V	Miscellaneous, 1778-1937	2 boxes, 16 folders, 2 vols.

Series descriptions

Series 1. Biddle Family, 1776-1940. (Boxes 1-17)

Unless noted, items are arranged by type of document and chronologically.

a. Clement Biddle, 1776-1813.

Papers in this subseries date to the revolutionary period and include correspondence from John Shaw and William Bayly. Some correspondence also deals with financial matters requesting and authorizing payments. Unfortunately these items are very limited and do not present a comprehensive picture of Clement's business dealings.

a. Thomas A. Biddle, 1797-1846.

The items in this section are business oriented, many having to do with Thomas Biddle's company. While some correspondence from Thomas's wife, Christine, reveals private family matters, much of the correspondence is concerned with land holdings and taxes. Thomas owned land in Easton, Pennsylvania, and correspondence reveals his holdings and purchase inquiries. Documents also show that he owned land in Michigan. Although Thomas died in 1857, letters dated after his death are included in this series because they relate to his business, which was presumably carried on by his sons. These items regard purchase inquiries and land taxes. The John Cadwalader papers from 1818 to 1840 also concern lands and mortgages in Easton, PA between John B. Wallace and Thomas.

A smattering of John G. Biddle documents from 1822 to 1827 reveals he was a partner with Thomas and they were both in the stock brokerage business. Correspondence from Anne Smith of Easton, Pennsylvania reaffirms this. Under the financial burden of debt, cost of living, and a sick child, Anne requested that Thomas sell some of her stocks.

Business documents of receipts, certificates and bills from his business dealings are located in the subseries as well.

b. Christine Williams Biddle, 1794-1856.

This sub-series contains correspondence from Christine's husband, Thomas, as well as other friends and family. In the letters family members relate travel news and give counsel and advice. Some letters discuss business matters and investments pertaining to Thomas and other family members. Many letters from her children are in the subseries as well. Christine's relatives on the Alexander side of her family are referenced frequently. Researchers looking for letters to the Alexander relatives should see Series 2 (Williams family).

c. Alexander Biddle, 1858-1897.

This series provides a look into both the personal and professional life of Alexander Biddle. Business documents such as bills of lading dating to 1843 showing shipments of hemp and indigo find a home in this subseries. Correspondence and invoices from business associates are also located here. Alexander served on many company boards and was active in the stock market according to a variety of documents arranged chronologically. In addition, Alexander liked to travel. Letters from his travels can be found in his children's and wife's subseries. Diaries, receipts and souvenir items from his travels can be found in this subseries.

Other items of note are the 1859 will of his wife, Julia, a schedule of legacies or distributive shares from his properties and a "Dr. Moon's type for the Blind.¹⁴" A December 9, 1893 letter from the National Reform Association indicates Alexander was interested in divorce reform. The group wanted reform and standard laws for marriage and divorce in all states.

d. Julia Williams Rush Biddle, 1844-1898.

Included in this subseries are letters Julia received from her father while he was in Mississippi. Other correspondence includes letters from her daughters and sympathy letters from 1898. These letters do not indicate who died. Around the time these letters arrive Julia had left her Chestnut Hill home for Atlantic City.

e. Alexander W. & Anne McKennan Biddle, 1879-1919.

This series is more personal, with invitations and correspondence relating the goings-on of their associates. Included is a grouping of letters from a friend of Anne's who was on a cruise in Havana.

f. Louis A. Biddle, 1874-1916.

Items in this and the Lynford Biddle subseries reflect a more laid back style life from their other relatives. While there are some financial documents and telegrams most of the items relate to social and leisure pursuits. These include memberships in the Germanton Cricket Club, Racquet Club, Philadelphia Club and gun clubs. One item indicates Louis was Chairman of the Elective Committee of "Racquet Club" in 1893. Another states that on December 13, 1906, Louis was suspended from the

Philadelphia Club Clubhouse by its Board of Directors for "conduct in the clubhouse from Nov. 30-Dec. 3rd 1906 prejudicial to the interests of the club under by-law LIV."

Louis's profession isn't certain, although many items in the subseries suggest he may have had a farm with a kennel and was possibly a dog breeder. The limited correspondence show requests to Louis for dogs. Louis was a member of the Philadelphia Dog Show Association and American Fox Terrier Club.

There are not many letters from other family member in the subseries. One item does provide an interesting looking at Ivy League collegiate life. On September 18, 1874, brother Henry Rush Biddle wrote of his first few "easy" weeks at Princeton. "There are a great number of college rules but very few of them are strictly enforced" including a 9pm curfew but "students never think of minding it."

g. Lynford Biddle, 1874-1816.

As with Louis Biddle, Lynford's profession is unclear. He was a member of many clubs such as the Roslyn, Riverton and Carteret gun clubs. He was also an avid cricket player with many items in the collection from the Philadelphia Cricket Club. While there is limited correspondence, he received many invitations to social events and balls as well as thank you notes and requests for game, duck, and fish. Lynford was possibly a horse breeder. A registry certificate from the American Hackney Society for registering a stud is located in the subseries.

Lynford was active in the stock market, Toland Brother's and Melor & Petry as his primary brokers. Certificates and receipts from Federation Stock, Pennsylvania Fire Insurance Co., U.S. Steel Corp., Pennsylvania Railroad, Missouri Pacific, Southern Railway Co., Amalgamated Copper, Palmarito Mining Co., Philadelphia Rapid Transit, Cambria Steel and Lehigh Valley Railroad Co. can all be found in the subseries.

Lynford also enjoyed automobiles as purchase and repair receipts for Pierce Arrow's are found in his papers. Correspondence from car dealerships and insurance policies for the cars are present as well. Researchers can find two policies in the collection. One dated Oct 6, 1912 from the Employer's Indemnity Company of Philadelphia insuring a 1909 Pierce Arrow Runabout for \$50 and a November policy for a 1908 Pierce Arrow Touring insured at \$80.

h. Other family members, 1776-1918.

This series includes many Biddle family members who are represented in the collection with only a few items. Individuals in this series are arranged alphabetically and then chronologically. Those present are Clark, Clement, Chapman, Christine, Christine A., Edward, Emily, Henry J., J. Williams, J. Wilmer, Julia Cox, Marianne (or Marion), Nicholas, Owen and George Washington Biddle. Documents relating to George W. Biddle include an 1804 bill of lading and correspondence. In addition there are several items pertaining to his work as supercargo in 1806 of the ship

Rousseau bound for Canton, China. Included are legal documents from a dispute with the ship's owner, Stephen Girard.

i. Miscellaneous, 1779-1921.

The most eclectic of the Biddle subseries is the last. Documents are grouped into type or subject matter and then arranged chronologically. A variety of Philadelphia advertisements and items relating to local leisure clubs start out the subseries. Some unattributed correspondence and financial documents are also located here. There are many invitations and announcements that point to the social life of the city as well.

Series 2. Williams Family, 1769-1895 (Boxes 17-24)

Unless noted, items are arranged by type of document and chronologically.

a. Jonathan Williams Jr., 1769-1815

Located here is correspondence regarding family matters, stocks, military issues and legal matters. Included are letters requesting stock information from Thomas Biddle. Jonathan had shares in Phoenix Insurance and requests American Fire Insurance shares but he leaves the particulars of the transaction to Thomas's discretion in one letter. There are some items referring to his father's will and legal papers regarding his marriage to Marianne Alexander and family debts. Many letters from his wife including some in French, talk about their young children who haven't seen Jonathan in a long time. A February 1789 letter reveals he was in France and could not return home until his debts were settled. The correspondence is rich in anecdotes and accounts from Marianne regarding their children. One letter in particular stands out informing Jonathan of "accidents" befalling their young children. Son Harry swallowed a pin in 1801 giving his mother great cause to worry about his health.

b. Marianne Alexander Williams, 1778-1816

Marianne's papers discuss the happenings of various family and friends. Items from Margaret and John Craig can be found among the correspondence with Margaret's letters frequently signed "M.C." In addition, letters from Marianne's Alexander family relatives relating daily news are also located here.

c. Henry J. Williams, 1792-1899

This series primarily relates to legal matters and business documents of Philadelphia lawyer, Henry J. Williams. Included are banking and land documents as well as correspondence. An 1836 agreement can be found here between Williams, John Cochran, Charles Peale, M. J. D. Withington, and Henry Baumgardner regarding land. Papers from an 1835-1846 property dispute involving John Aspden, the Neville & Eeles law firm and parties in London, England are found at the beginning of the series labeled "Aspden case."

Correspondence shows Henry was the Proprietor of the Bank of Scotland in 1818. Some items regarding legislature sent to Henry at the House of Representatives indicates he perhaps had a political career as well. There are letters from his Bradford

family cousins in Boston and a congratulatory letter from his mother on induction into the Phi Beta Kappa honor society while at Dartmouth College. Many family history notes, including an inquiry into the Williams' pedigree from possible relative Stephen Williams are located in this subseries.

d. Julia Rush Williams, 1816-1877

This section is limited to some loose correspondence and one (disbound) volume of correspondence. The volume was titled *Letters of Mrs. Julia Rush Williams and Henry J. Williams*. It consists of letters between herself and her mother regarding visits with people as well as letters from her husband Henry.

e. Other family members, 1780-1865

Items in this series are arranged alphabetically, then chronologically. Jonathan Williams Sr. and Alexander Williams' papers are located in here. A small amount of Alexander family correspondence is located here as Marianne Alexander Williams was also a member of that family. The Alexander family also corresponded with Henry J. Williams and Christine Williams Biddle. Researchers may wish to refer to these subseries as well.

f. Miscellaneous, 1771-1895

Eight folders of notes discussing early American women's education are located in this subseries. There is no provenance information or context in which to place these notes. They were originally boxed with the Williams family papers, thus dictating their placement in this series.

Series 3. Rush Family, 1683-1869 (Boxes 24-25)

a. Dr. Benjamin Rush, 1769-1810.

Copies of typescript letters from *Old Family Letters: Copied from the originals for Alexander Biddle* replicated letters between Benjamin Rush and John Adams from 1809-1810 are located here. In the letters Rush beseeches Adams to write some sort of memoir. The letters serve as reflections by John Adams of the state of America and the early formation of the country. He noted and thanked Benjamin for supporting his views at times when no one else would. While the correspondence is one-sided, with only John's responses to Benjamin's letters, it is clear from a September 1 1809 letter that Benjamin felt he outlived his patriotism. There are also letters and documents relating to personal matters as well as deeds from 1795 to 1800.

b. Richard Rush, 1812-1865.

A small subseries, the Richard Rush papers consist of correspondence with his father, family members and various associates.

c. Other family members, 1790-1869.

Many family members are represented by a few documents in this series, including Benjamin, Jacob, Julia Stockton, James, and Anne Rush. A very spirited letter dated September 24, 1842 from Arabella Grumbler protesting a tax was sent to Dr. James

Rush. In an August 25, 1848 letter while Anne Rush was vacationing in Saratoga she wrote to her husband James: "Your name is the best passport in the country." Correspondence and papers of Julia Stockton Rush, including a power of attorney, are also located in this section.

d. Miscellaneous, 1683-1897.

The miscellaneous papers include items not identified as belonging to one particular person in the Rush family. There are five folders of papers including some correspondence as well as one volume *Descendants of John & Susannah Rush*.

Series 4. Brock Family, 1788-1954 (Box 26)

The 1893-1924 diaries of Pauline Biddle Brock are located here. They record daily activities as well as adventures abroad. Included is an account on her honeymoon where she and husband, John Penn Brock, were forbidden to go to Italy because it was considered "unhealthy" in 1905. The 1892-1893 entries recount a voyage to Europe on the steamer *City of New York* and the activities and sickness on board. This series also include estate papers and some correspondence from the Brock and Coleman families.

Series 5. Miscellaneous, 1778-1937. (Boxes 26-28)

A variety of advertisements, leisure materials, correspondence, deeds, financial accounts, legal papers, publications, and religious notes are located in the series. Author or ownership could not be identified for any of the documents found here. However, there are about six photographs that depict members of the Biddle, Coleman and Williams families grouped with the other photographs. Yarrow & Van Pelt papers are located in this subseries. The items deal with health insurance for associates. Some of the correspondence indicates it was a realty firm with letters soliciting clients and regard rents paid and owed.

Separation report

None.

Related materials

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Adele Biddle Papers.

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Southern Railway (U.S.).
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Travelers Insurance Companies.
Union Pacific Corporation.
United States Steel Corporation.

Administrative Information

Restrictions

The collection is open for research.

Acquisition information

This collection incorporates several smaller collections with the following acquisition information:

- Collection 1792A: Gift of Clement Biddle Estate.
- Collection 1792B: Gift of Alexander Biddle, 1950.
- Collection 1792C: Purchased, 1958.
- Collection 1792D: Gift of Mrs. John Penn Brock.
- Collection 1792E: Gift of Samuel Moyerman, 1960.
- Collection 1792F: Gift of Pauline Biddle Brock, 1968.
- Collection 1792G: Gift of Horace Brock, 1972.
- Collection 1792H: No information.

Alternative format

None.

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This collection was previously eight collections known as 1792 A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H. Although the materials were acquired in these separate groups, the materials were clearly one time all a part of the same collection, and were therefore processed as one collection.

Box and folder listing

Series 1. Biddle Family. a. Clement Biddle

Folder title	Date	Extent	Box	Folder
Papers	June-July 1776	26 items	1	1
Papers	Aug.-Sept. 1776	21 items	1	2
Papers	1778-1788	11 items	1	3
Papers	1789-1791	4 items	1	4
Papers	1792-1795	3 items	1	5
Papers	1796	8 items	1	6
Papers	1797	8 items	1	7
Papers	1798-1799	9 items	1	8
Papers	1800	9 items	1	9
Papers	1801	15 items	1	10
Papers	1802-1805	6 items	1	11
Papers	1806	10 items	1	12
Papers	1807-1813	14 items	1	13
Papers	n.d.	6 items	1	14
Originals in poor condition (1 of 2)	1776	2 folders	1	15
Originals in poor condition (2 of 2)	1776	2 folders	1	16

Series 1. Biddle Family. b. Thomas A. Biddle

Folder title	Date	Extent	Box	Folder
John Cadwalader papers	1818-Feb. 1831	7 items	1	17
John Cadwalader papers	Aug. 1831- 1840	8 items	1	18
Correspondence	1797-1802	5 items	1	19
Correspondence	1803-1806	12 items	1	20
Correspondence	1807-1808	9 items	1	21
Correspondence	Jan.-Oct. 1809	22 items	1	22
Correspondence	Nov.-Dec. 1809	14 items	1	23
Correspondence	July-Nov. 1810	10 items	2	1

Correspondence	Jan.-July 1810	18 items	2	2
Correspondence	Nov.-Dec. 1810	5 items	2	3
Correspondence	1811	19 items	2	4
Correspondence	1812-1813	9 items	2	5
Correspondence	1814	10 items	2	6
Correspondence	1815	16 items	2	7
Correspondence	1816	20 items	2	8
Correspondence	1817	10 items	2	9
Correspondence	1818	18 items	2	10
Correspondence	Jan.-July 1819	14 items	2	11
Correspondence	Aug.-Dec. 1819	11 items	2	12
Correspondence	1820-1821	16 items	2	13
Correspondence	1822	15 items	2	14
Correspondence	1823	7 items	2	15
Correspondence	1824	10 items	2	16
Correspondence	1825	6 items	3	1
Correspondence	1826	13 items	3	2
Correspondence	1827-1829	19 items	3	3
Correspondence	1830-1832	17 items	3	4
Correspondence	Jan.-May 1833	9 items	3	5
Correspondence	June-Dec. 1833	17 items	3	6
Correspondence	Jan.-April 1834	11 items	3	7
Correspondence	May-July 1834	11 items	3	8
Correspondence	Aug.-Dec. 1834	16 items	3	9
Correspondence	Jan.-May 1835	16 items	3	10
Correspondence	June-Aug. 1835	10 items	3	11
Correspondence	Sept.-Dec. 1835	19 items	3	12
Correspondence	Jan.-March 1836	10 items	3	13
Correspondence	April-July 1836	14 items	3	14
Correspondence	Aug.-Dec. 1836	14 items	3	15

Correspondence	1837-1838	14 items	3	16
Correspondence	1839	10 items	3	17
Correspondence	1840	9 items	3	18
Correspondence	1841	5 items	3	19
Correspondence	1842	3 items	3	20
Correspondence	1843	9 items	4	1
Correspondence	1844	5 items	4	2
Correspondence	1845-1846	10 items	4	3
Correspondence	1847	12 items	4	4
Correspondence	1848	10 items	4	5
Correspondence	1849	9 items	4	6
Correspondence	1850-1851	14 items	4	7
Correspondence	1852-1853	12 items	4	8
Correspondence	1854-1855	17 items	4	9
Correspondence	1856-May 1858	14 items	4	10
Correspondence	June 1858- 1864	27 items	4	11
Correspondence	1865-1871, 1876	15 items	4	12
Correspondence (1 of 4)	n.d.	14 items	4	13
Correspondence (2 of 4)	n.d.	10 items	4	14
Correspondence (3 of 4)	n.d.	12 items	4	15
Correspondence (4 of 4)	n.d.	11 items	4	16
Correspondence from Christine Williams Biddle (1 of 3)	n.d.	7 items	4	17
Correspondence from Christine Williams Biddle (2 of 3)	n.d.	10 items	4	18
Correspondence from Christine Williams Biddle (3 of 3)	n.d.	7 items	4	19
Receipts, Certificates & Bills	1803-1807	14 items	4	20
Receipts, Certificates & Bills	1808-1809	11 items	4	21
Receipts, Certificates & Bills	1810	12 items	4	22
Receipts, Certificates & Bills	Jan.-Feb. 1811	21 items	4	23
Receipts, Certificates & Bills	April-July 1811	22 items	4	24
Receipts, Certificates & Bills	Feb-April 1811	31 items	4	25
Receipts, Certificates & Bills	1812	21 items	5	1
Receipts, Certificates & Bills	1813-1820	18 items	5	2
Receipts, Certificates & Bills	1821-1826	22 items	5	3
Receipts, Certificates & Bills	1826-1836	28 items	5	4
Receipts, Certificates & Bills	1839	16 items	5	5
Receipts, Certificates & Bills	n.d.	3 items	5	6

Series 1. Biddle Family. c. Christine Williams Biddle

Folder title	Date	Extent	Box	Folder
Correspondence	1794-1805	7 items	5	7
Correspondence (1 of 2)	Ca. 1805	8 items	5	8
Correspondence (2 of 2)	Ca. 1805	11 items	5	9
Correspondence	1806	7 items	5	10
Correspondence	1807	9 items	5	11
Correspondence	1808	7 items	5	12
Correspondence	1809	12 items	5	13
Correspondence	1810	11 items	5	14
Correspondence	1811-1815	9 items	5	15
Correspondence	1816	4 items	5	16
Correspondence	1817	17 items	5	17
Correspondence	1818-1819	9 items	5	18
Correspondence	1820-1821	11 items	5	19
Correspondence	1822-1824	13 items	5	20
Correspondence	1825-1826	9 items	5	21
Correspondence	1827	7 items	5	22
Correspondence	1828	11 items	5	23
Correspondence	1829	10 items	6	1
Correspondence	1830-1831	10 items	6	2
Correspondence	1832	9 items	6	3
Correspondence	1833	15 items	6	4
Correspondence	Jan.-May 1834	12 items	6	5
Correspondence	June-Sept. 1834	20 items	6	6
Correspondence	Oct.-Dec. 1834	13 items	6	7
Correspondence	Jan.-March 1835	11 items	6	8
Correspondence	April-Aug. 1835	10 items	6	9
Correspondence	Sept.-Dec. 1835	10 items	6	10
Correspondence	Jan.-July 1836	15 items	6	11
Correspondence	Aug.-Sept. 1836	18 items	6	12
Correspondence	Oct. 1836	8 items	6	13
Correspondence	Nov.-Dec. 1836	13 items	6	14

Correspondence	Jan.-May 1837	10 items	6	15
Correspondence	June-Dec. 1837	13 items	6	16
Correspondence	Jan.-May 1838	7 items	6	17
Correspondence	June-Dec. 1838	9 items	6	18
Correspondence	1839	15 items	7	1
Correspondence	1840	9 items	7	2
Correspondence	Jan.-May 1841	9 items	7	3
Correspondence	June-Dec. 1841	12 items	7	4
Correspondence	1842	17 items	7	5
Correspondence	Jan.-May 1843	11 items	7	6
Correspondence	May-Dec. 1843	18 items	7	7
Correspondence	Jan.-April 1844	10 items	7	8
Correspondence	May-July 1844	17 items	7	9
Correspondence	Aug.-Dec. 1844	13 items	7	10
Correspondence	1845	16 items	7	11
Correspondence	Jan.-April 1846	15 items	7	12
Correspondence	May-June 1846	10 items	7	13
Correspondence	July-Dec. 1846	15 items	7	14
Correspondence	1847	14 items	7	15
Correspondence	Jan.-June 1848	11 items	7	16
Correspondence	July-Dec. 1848	11 items	7	17
Correspondence	1849	16 items	7	18
Correspondence	1850-1856	14 items	8	1
Correspondence (1 of 10)	n.d.	9 items	8	2
Correspondence (2 of 10)	n.d.	14 items	8	3
Correspondence (3 of 10)	n.d.	14 items	8	4
Correspondence (4 of 10)	n.d.	18 items	8	5
Correspondence (5 of 10)	n.d.	15 items	8	6
Correspondence (6 of 10)	n.d.	13 items	8	7

Correspondence (7 of 10)	n.d.	24 items	8	8
Correspondence (8 of 10)	n.d.	21 items	8	9
Correspondence (9 of 10)	n.d.	18 items	8	10
Correspondence (10 of 10)	n.d.	24 items	8	11

Series 1. Biddle Family. d. Alexander Biddle

Folder title	Date	Extent	Box	Folder
Deeds	1858, 1880	2 items	8	12
Diary	April-Oct. 1889		Vol.1	
Items removed from diary of Apr. 29-Oct. 19, 1889 (1 of 3)	1889	16 items	8	13
Items removed from diary of Apr. 29-Oct. 19, 1889 (2 of 3)	1889	9 items	8	14
Items removed from diary of Apr. 29-Oct. 19, 1889 (3 of 3)	1889	14 items	8	15
Diary	July-Nov. 1897		Vol.1	
Ledger	1884-1901		Vol.2	
Papers	1843	12 items	8	16
Papers	1856-1863	13 items	8	17
Papers	1864-1869	13 items	8	18
Papers	1870-1879	17 items	8	19
Papers	1880-1883	21 items	8	20
Papers	1884-1886	13 items	8	21
Papers	1887-May 1889	28 items	9	1
Papers	June-Dec. 1889	24 items	9	2
Papers	1890	14 items	9	3
Papers	1891-1892	15 items	9	4
Papers	1893	27 items	9	5
Papers	1894	5 items	9	6
Papers	1895	16 items	9	7
Papers	1896	19 items	9	8
Papers	Jan.-June 1897	12 items	9	9
Papers	July-Aug. 1897	13 items	9	10
Papers	Sept.-Dec. 1897	14 items	9	11
Papers	1898	25 items	9	12
Papers	1899	8 items	9	13

Papers	n.d.	33 items	9	14
Trip abroad, hotel materials	1897	5 items	9	15
Trip abroad, miscellaneous	1897	3 items	9	16
Trip abroad, railway materials (1 of 2)	1897	3 items	9	17
Trip abroad, railway materials (2 of 2)	1897	3 items	9	18
Trip abroad, ship materials (1 of 2)	1897	9 items	9	19
Trip abroad, ship materials (2 of 2)	1897	4 items	9	20
Trip abroad, tour materials (1 of 2)	1897	2 items	9	21
Trip abroad, tour materials (1 of 2)	1897	4 items	9	22

Series 1. Biddle Family. e. Julia Williams Rush Biddle

Folder title	Date	Extent	Box	Folder
Correspondence	1844-1851	5 items	9	23
Correspondence	1852	4 items	10	1
Correspondence	1852-1868	11 items	10	2
Correspondence	1869-1877	11 items	10	3
Correspondence	Jan.-Oct. 1878	18 items	10	4
Correspondence	Oct. 1878	14 items	10	5
Correspondence (1 of 3)	Nov. 1878	12 items	10	6
Correspondence (2 of 3)	Nov. 1878	10 items	10	7
Correspondence (3 of 3)	Nov. 1878	13 items	10	8
Correspondence	Dec. 1878- 1880	10 items	10	9
Correspondence	1881-1889	9 items	10	10
Correspondence	1890-1893	11 items	10	11
Correspondence	1894-1897	18 items	10	12
Correspondence	1898	3 items	10	13
Correspondence	n.d.	17 items	10	14

Series 1. Biddle Family. f. Alexander W. & Anne McKennan Biddle

Folder title	Date	Extent	Box	Folder
Papers	1879-1888	3 items	10	15
Papers	1889	9 items	10	16

Papers	1890-April 1893	13 items	10	17
Papers	April-Dec. 1893	23 items	10	18
Papers	1894-June 1896	13 items	10	19
Papers	July- Dec.1896	12 items	10	20
Papers	Jan.-April 1897	13 items	10	21
Papers	July-Oct. 1897	15 items	10	22
Papers	Jan.-July 1898	12 items	11	1
Papers	Aug. 1898	16 items	11	2
Papers	Aug.- Sept.1898	17 items	11	3
Papers	1899-1916	14 items	11	4
Papers	1918-1919, n.d.	7 items	11	5

Series 1. Biddle Family. g. Louis A. Biddle

Folder title	Date	Extent	Box	Folder
Papers	1874-1884	14 items	11	6
Papers	1885-1888	12 items	11	7
Papers	1889-1892	20 items	11	8
Papers	1893-1894	20 items	11	9
Papers	1895-May 1897	33 items	11	10
Papers	June-Dec. 1897	26 items	11	11
Papers	1898-1907	18 items	11	12
Papers	Jan.-June 1902	19 items	11	13
Papers	July-Dec. 1902	37 items	11	14
Papers	Jan.-Feb. 1903	15 items	11	15
Papers	March-Aug. 1903	12 items	11	16
Papers	Oct.-Dec. 1903	15 items	11	17
Papers	Jan.-April 1904	22 items	11	18

Papers	May-Oct. 1904	25 items	11	19
Papers	Nov.-Dec. 1904	20 items	11	20
Papers	1905	35 items	12	1
Papers	1906	19 items	12	2
Papers	Jan.-June 1907	16 items	12	3
Papers	July-Dec. 1907	25 items	12	4
Papers	Jan.-May 1908	19 items	12	5
Papers	June-Dec. 1908	23 items	12	6
Papers	Jan.-July 1909	18 items	12	7
Papers	Aug.-Oct. 1909	21 items	12	8
Papers	Nov.-Dec. 1909	19 items	12	9
Papers	Jan.-April 1910	12 items	12	10
Papers	May-Nov. 1910	19 items	12	11
Papers	Dec. 1910	5 items	12	12
Papers	1911	30 items	12	13
Papers	1914	6 items	12	14
Papers	1916	1 item	12	15
Papers (1 of 3)	n.d.	16 items	12	16
Papers (2 of 3)	n.d.	17 items	12	17
Papers (3 of 3)	n.d.	29 items	12	18

Series 1. Biddle Family. h. Lynford Biddle

Folder title	Date	Extent	Box	Folder
Papers	1889-1899	32 items	12	19
Papers	1900	19 items	12	20
Papers	1901	12 items	12	21
Papers	1902-April 1903	19 items	12	22
Papers	May-Dec. 1903	17 items	12	23
Papers	Jan.-April 1904	14 items	12	24

Papers	May-Dec. 1904	10 items	13	1
Papers	1905	8 items	13	2
Papers	1906	25 items	13	3
Papers	Jan.-May 1907	31 items	13	4
Papers	June-Dec. 1907	18 items	13	5
Papers	1908	21 items	13	6
Papers	1909	33 items	13	7
Papers	Jan.-June 1910	14 items	13	8
Papers	Aug.-Dec. 1910	22 items	13	9
Papers	Jan.-July 1911	20 items	13	10
Papers	Aug.-Oct. 1911	33 items	13	11
Papers	Nov.-Dec. 1911	33 items	13	12
Papers	Jan.-July 1912	39 items	13	13
Papers	Aug.-Oct. 1912	18 items	13	14
Papers	Nov. 1912	18 items	13	15
Papers	Dec. 1912	14 items	13	16
Papers	Jan.-March 1913	16 items	13	17
Papers	April-July 1913	17 items	13	18
Papers	Aug.-Dec. 1913	16 items	13	19
Papers	Jan.-Feb. 1914	17 items	13	20
Papers	March-May 1914	24 items	13	21
Papers	June-Dec. 1914	24 items	13	22
Papers	1915	6 items	13	23
Papers	Jan.-Feb. 1916	13 items	13	24
Papers	March-April 1916	15 items	14	1
Papers	May-June 1916	20 items	14	2

Papers	July-Nov. 1916	16 items	14	3
Papers	Dec. 1916	17 items	14	4
Papers	1917, 1940	19 items	14	5
Papers (1 of 3)	n.d.	18 items	14	6
Papers (2 of 3)	n.d.	15 items	14	7
Papers (3 of 3)	n.d.	28 items	14	8

Series 1. Biddle Family. i. Other family members

Folder title	Date	Extent	Box	Folder
Clark Biddle	1787-1804	6 items	14	9
Clement Biddle	1846-1869	6 items	14	10
Chapman & Christine Biddle	1859-1832	12 items	14	11
Christine A. Biddle-diary	Oct. 1917- Aug 1918		Vol.3	
Edward & Emily Biddle	Ca.19123	3 items	14	12
George Washington Biddle	1800-1805	18 items	14	13
George Washington Biddle	1806	10 items	14	14
George Washington Biddle	1807-1810	10 items	14	15
George Washington Biddle	1849-1860	3 items	14	16
George Washington Biddle	1888	2 items	14	17
George Washington Biddle	n.d.	6 items	14	18
Henry J. Biddle	1837, 1843	4 items	14	19
J. Williams Biddle	1793-1865	17 items	14	20
J. Wilmer Biddle	1877-1889	8 items	14	21
Julia Cox Biddle	n.d.	2 items	14	22
Marianne (Marion) Biddle	1874-1917	24 items	14	23
Nicholas & Owen Biddle	1776-1916	15 items	14	24
Miscellaneous	n.d.	2 items	14	25

Series 1. Biddle Family. j. Miscellaneous

Folder title	Date	Extent	Box	Folder
Advertisements	1890-1907	17 items	15	1
Advertisements	1908-1909	15 items	15	2
Advertisements (1 of 2)	n.d.	14 items	15	3
Advertisements (2 of 2)	n.d.	11 items	15	4
Clubs & gaming	1891-1893	12 items	15	5
Clubs & gaming	1894-1903	18 items	15	6
Clubs & gaming	1903-1907	16 items	15	7
Clubs & gaming	1907-1910	11 items	15	8

Clubs & gaming	1910-1919	7 items	15	9
Clubs & gaming (1 of 2)	n.d.	10 items	15	10
Clubs & gaming (2 of 2)	n.d.	10 items	15	11
Correspondence	1779-1856	15 items	15	12
Correspondence	1857-1868	10 items	15	13
Correspondence	1871-1887	15 items	15	14
Correspondence	1888-1892	20 items	15	15
Correspondence	1893-1895	18 items	15	16
Correspondence	1896-1902	22 items	15	17
Correspondence	1903-1904	20 items	15	18
Correspondence	1905-1907	18 items	15	19
Correspondence	1908-1913	15 items	15	20
Correspondence (1 of 9)	n.d.	27 items	15	21
Correspondence (2 of 9)	n.d.	36 items	15	22
Correspondence (3 of 9)	n.d.	20 items	16	1
Correspondence (4 of 9)	n.d.	21 items	16	2
Correspondence (5 of 9)	n.d.	18 items	16	3
Correspondence (6 of 9)	n.d.	20 items	16	4
Correspondence (7 of 9)	n.d.	22 items	16	5
Correspondence (8 of 9)	n.d.	22 items	16	6
Correspondence (9 of 9)	n.d.	30 items	16	7
Ephemera	1836-1899	18 items	16	8
Ephemera	1900-1910	17 items	16	9
Ephemera (1 of 3)	n.d.	8 items	16	10
Ephemera (2 of 3)	n.d.	16 items	16	11
Ephemera (3 of 3)	n.d.	23 items	16	12
Financial & business	1801-1833	13 items	16	13
Financial & business	1833-1842	14 items	16	14
Financial & business	1842-1889	23 items	16	15
Financial & business	1889-1805	23 items	16	16
Financial & business	1905-1909	8 items	16	17
Financial & business	1910-1921	14 items	16	18
Financial & business (1 of 2)	n.d.	8 items	16	19
Financial & business (2 of 2)	n.d.	11 items	16	20
Invitations & announcements	1875-1892	16 items	16	21
Invitations & announcements	1893-1899	18 items	16	22
Invitations & announcements	1900-1903	10 items	17	1
Invitations & announcements	1904-1905	18 items	17	2
Invitations & announcements	1906-1908	9 items	17	3
Invitations & announcements	1909-1912	9 items	17	4
Invitations & announcements	1913-1917	6 items	17	5
Invitations & announcements (1 of 7)	n.d.	15 items	17	6

Invitations & announcements (2 of 7)	n.d.	14 items	17	7
Invitations & announcements (3 of 7)	n.d.	12 items	17	8
Invitations & announcements (4 of 7)	n.d.	16 items	17	9
Invitations & announcements (5 of 7)	n.d.	15 items	17	10
Invitations & announcements (6 of 7)	n.d.	14 items	17	11
Invitations & announcements (7 of 7)	n.d.	17 items	17	12
Oversized items	1776-1940	10 items	FF	1

Series 2. Williams family. a. Jonathan Williams, Jr.

Folder title	Date	Extent	Box	Folder
Papers	1769-1784	11 items	17	13
Papers	Jan.-July 1785	9 items	17	14
Papers	Oct. 1785-Jan 1786	5 items	17	15
Papers	1786	10 items	17	16
Papers	1787	8 items	17	17
Papers	1788	12 items	17	18
Papers	1789	10 items	17	19
Papers	1790	11 items	17	20
Papers	1791-1791	4 items	17	21
Papers	Ca.1792	1 item	17	22
Papers	1793-1795	9 items	18	1
Papers	1796-1797	7 items	18	2
Papers	1798-1800	17 items	18	3
Papers	1800	21 items	18	4
Papers	Jan.-Sept. 1801	10 items	18	5
Papers	Oct.-Dec. 1801	14 items	18	6
Papers	1802-1805	8 items	18	7
Papers	1806-1807	13 items	18	8
Papers	1808-1814	12 items	18	9
Papers	1815	6 items	18	10
Papers	n.d.	12 items	18	11

Series 2. Williams family. b. Marianne Alexander Williams.

Folder title	Date	Extent	Box	Folder
Correspondence	1778-1794	9 items	18	12
Correspondence	1795-1800	7 items	18	13
Correspondence	1801-1802	9 items	18	14
Correspondence	1803-1805	12 items	18	15
Correspondence	1806-1809	13 items	18	16
Correspondence	1810	8 items	18	17
Correspondence	Jan.-Aug. 1811	12 items	18	18
Correspondence	Sept.-Dec. 1811	11 items	19	1
Correspondence	Jan.-April 1812	7 items	19	2
Correspondence	April-Dec. 1812	11 items	19	3
Correspondence	1813	7 items	19	4
Correspondence	1814	11 items	19	5
Correspondence	1815	7 items	19	6
Correspondence	1816	12 items	19	7
Correspondence (1 of 7)	n.d.	12 items	19	8
Correspondence (2 of 7)	n.d.	13 items	19	9
Correspondence (3 of 7)	n.d.	11 items	19	10
Correspondence (4 of 7)	n.d.	8 items	19	11
Correspondence (5 of 7)	n.d.	13 items	19	12
Correspondence (6 of 7)	n.d.	20 items	19	13
Correspondence (7 of 7)	n.d.	9 items	19	14

Series 2. Williams family. c. Henry J. Williams.

Folder title	Date	Extent	Box	Folder
Aspden case	1835-Sept. 1838	8 items	19	15
Aspden case	Oct. 1838- 1839	3 items	19	16
Aspden case	1841-1846	3 items	19	17
<i>Family Memorials - Henry J. Williams</i>	Ca. 1860		Vol.4	
Papers	1792-1810	11 items	19	18
Papers	1811	5 items	19	19
Papers	1812	15 items	19	20
Papers	1813-1814	13 items	20	1
Papers	1815-1817	11 items	20	2

Papers	1818	11 items	20	3
Papers	Jan.-June 1819	12 items	20	4
Papers	July-Dec. 1819	8 items	20	5
Papers	1820	8 items	20	6
Papers	1821	7 items	20	7
Papers	1822	10 items	20	8
Papers	Jan.-March 1823	10 items	20	9
Papers	April-Dec. 1823	9 items	20	10
Papers	Jan. 1824	19 items	20	11
Papers	Feb.-March 1824	16 items	20	12
Papers	March-June 1824	10 items	20	13
Papers	July-Dec. 1824	12 items	20	14
Papers	1825-1826	7 items	20	15
Papers	1827	12 items	20	16
Papers	1828	16 items	20	17
Papers	Jan.-Feb. 1829	12 items	20	18
Papers	March-April 1829	11 items	20	19
Papers	May-Sept. 1829	11 items	21	1
Papers	Oct.-Dec. 1829	13 items	21	2
Papers	Jan.-March 1830	19 items	21	3
Papers	April-Dec. 1830	17 items	21	4
Papers	1831	9 items	21	5
Papers	1832-1833	14 items	21	6
Papers	1834	12 items	21	7
Papers	Jan.-May 1835	14 items	21	8
Papers	June-Dec. 1835	8 items	21	9
Papers	1836	10 items	21	10
Papers	1837	5 items	21	11
Papers	1838-1839	9 items	21	12
Papers	1840-1841	15 items	21	13

Papers	1842-1843	10 items	21	14
Papers	1844-1845	18 items	21	15
Papers	1846	15 items	21	16
Papers	1849	19 items	21	17
Papers	1850-1856	21 items	21	18
Papers	1857-1861	18 items	21	19
Papers	1862	22 items	21	20
Papers	1863-April 1866	25 items	22	1
Papers	May 1866- 1867	32 items	22	2
Papers	1868	13 items	22	3
Papers	1869	32 items	22	4
Papers	1870	26 items	22	5
Papers	1871	40 items	22	6
Papers	1872-1873	37 items	22	7
Papers	1874-1875	31 items	22	8
Papers	1876-1877	13 items	22	9
Papers	1877-1878	34 items	22	10
Papers	1878-1879	9 items	22	11
Papers-Estate	1899	2 items	22	12
Papers-Genealogy (1 of 2)	n.d.	4 items	22	13
Papers-Genealogy (1 of 2)	n.d.	1 item	22	14
Papers (1 of 4)	n.d.	7 items	22	15
Papers (2 of 4)	n.d.	10 items	22	16
Papers (3 of 4)	n.d.	11 items	22	17
Papers (4 of 4)	n.d.	13 items	22	18

Series 2. Williams family. d. Julia Rush Williams.

Folder title	Date	Extent	Box	Folder
Correspondence	1824-1839	8 items	22	19
Correspondence	1840-1847	11 items	22	20
Correspondence	1848-1851	7 items	22	21
Correspondence	1851-1855	8 items	22	22
Correspondence	1856-1859	12 items	22	23
Correspondence	1860-1877	7 items	22	24
Correspondence	n.d.	20 items	22	25
<i>Letters of Mrs. Julia Rush Williams and Henry J. Williams (1 of 17)</i>	1816-1854	11 items	23	1
<i>Letters of Mrs. Julia Rush Williams and Henry J. Williams (2 of 17)</i>	1816-1854	10 items	23	2

<i>Letters of Mrs. Julia Rush Williams and Henry J. Williams (3 of 17)</i>	1816-1854	10 items	23	3
<i>Letters of Mrs. Julia Rush Williams and Henry J. Williams (4 of 17)</i>	1816-1854	10 items	23	4
<i>Letters of Mrs. Julia Rush Williams and Henry J. Williams (5 of 17)</i>	1816-1854	10 items	23	5
<i>Letters of Mrs. Julia Rush Williams and Henry J. Williams (6 of 17)</i>	1816-1854	10 items	23	6
<i>Letters of Mrs. Julia Rush Williams and Henry J. Williams (7 of 17)</i>	1816-1854	10 items	23	7
<i>Letters of Mrs. Julia Rush Williams and Henry J. Williams (8 of 17)</i>	1816-1854	10 items	23	8
<i>Letters of Mrs. Julia Rush Williams and Henry J. Williams (9 of 17)</i>	1816-1854	9 items	23	9
<i>Letters of Mrs. Julia Rush Williams and Henry J. Williams (10 of 17)</i>	1816-1854	10 items	23	10
<i>Letters of Mrs. Julia Rush Williams and Henry J. Williams (11 of 17)</i>	1816-1854	10 items	23	11
<i>Letters of Mrs. Julia Rush Williams and Henry J. Williams (12 of 17)</i>	1816-1854	10 items	23	12
<i>Letters of Mrs. Julia Rush Williams and Henry J. Williams (13 of 17)</i>	1816-1854	10 items	23	13
<i>Letters of Mrs. Julia Rush Williams and Henry J. Williams (14 of 17)</i>	1816-1854	10 items	23	14
<i>Letters of Mrs. Julia Rush Williams and Henry J. Williams (15 of 17)</i>	1816-1854	10 items	23	15
<i>Letters of Mrs. Julia Rush Williams and Henry J. Williams (16 of 17)</i>	1816-1854	10 items	23	16
<i>Letters of Mrs. Julia Rush Williams and Henry J. Williams (17 of 17)</i>	1816-1854	10 items	23	17

Series 2. Williams family. e. Other family members.

Folder title	Date	Extent	Box	Folder
Alexander family, A-B	1785-1845	8 items	24	1
Alexander family, C-L	1807-1865	8 items	24	2
Alexander family, M-W	1780-1781	3 items	24	3
Alexander family, W	1782-1783	5 items	24	4
Alexander family, W	1785-1815	5 items	24	5
Alexander family	n.d.	items	24	6
Alexander Williams	1809-1810	4 items	24	7
Alexander Williams	1810	7 items	24	8
Alexander Williams	1811-1814	8 items	24	9
Alexander Williams	n.d.	2 items	24	10
Jonathan Williams, Sr.	1774-1780	9 items	24	11

Jonathan Williams, Sr.	1781-1785	9 items	24	12
Jonathan Williams, Sr.	1786-1790	8 items	24	13
Jonathan Williams, Sr.	n.d.	8 items	24	14

Series 2. Williams family. f. Miscellaneous.

Folder title	Date	Extent	Box	Folder
Oversized items	1769-1895	13 items	FF	2
Oversized items	1769-1895	8 items	FF	3
Oversized items	1769-1895	10 items	FF	4
Papers	1771-1813	8 items	24	15
Papers	1814-1850	8 items	24	16
Papers	1851-1895	4 items	24	17
Papers	n.d.	4 items	24	18
Women's education (1 of 8)	n.d.	10 items	24	19
Women's education (2 of 8)	n.d.	9 items	24	20
Women's education (3 of 8)	n.d.	9 items	24	21
Women's education (4 of 8)	n.d.	9 items	24	22
Women's education (5 of 8)	n.d.	9 items	24	23
Women's education (6 of 8)	n.d.	10 items	24	24
Women's education (7 of 8)	n.d.	7 items	24	25
Women's education (8 of 8)	n.d.	7 items	24	26

Series 3. Rush family. a. Dr. Benjamin Rush.

Folder title	Date	Extent	Box	Folder
Correspondence	1753-1768	12 items	24	27
Correspondence	1769	13 items	24	28
Correspondence	1770-1775	9 items	24	29
Correspondence	1776-1783	12 items	24	30
Correspondence	1784-1785	12 items	25	3
Correspondence	1786-1788	10 items	25	4
Correspondence	1789-1799	8 items	25	5
Correspondence	1800-1810	10 items	25	6
Correspondence	n.d.	8 items	25	7
Deeds	1795-1796	2 items	24	27
Deeds	1798-1800	2 items	24	28
Letters from John Adams reprinted in <i>Old Family Letters</i> : <i>copied from the originals for</i> <i>Alexander Biddle</i>	April-June 1809	9 items	25	8

Letters from John Adams reprinted in <i>Old Family Letters:</i> <i>copied from the originals for</i> <i>Alexander Biddle</i>	Aug.-Dec. 1809	16 items	25	9
Letters from John Adams reprinted in <i>Old Family Letters:</i> <i>copied from the originals for</i> <i>Alexander Biddle</i>	Jan-Sept. 1810	11 items	25	10

Series 3. Rush family. b. Richard Rush.

Folder title	Date	Extent	Box	Folder
Correspondence	1812-1813	9 items	25	11
Correspondence	1814-1816	17 items	25	12
Correspondence	1817-1819	8 items	25	13
Correspondence	1820-1825	18 items	25	14
Correspondence	1826-1829	12 items	25	15
Correspondence	1830-1839	12 items	25	16
Correspondence	1840-1865	19 items	25	17
Correspondence	n.d.	6 items	25	18

Series 3. Rush family. c. Other family members.

Folder title	Date	Extent	Box	Folder
Benjamin Rush	1850	6 items	25	19
Jacob Rush	1790-1812	5 items	25	20
Dr. James and Anne Rush	1813	1 item	25	21
Dr. James and Anne Rush	1842	7 items	25	22
Dr. James and Anne Rush	1857	11 items	25	23
Dr. James and Anne Rush	1867-1869, n.d.	2 items	25	24
Julia Stockton Rush	1813-1818	7 items	25	25
Julia Stockton Rush	1824-1837	3 items	25	26
Julia Stockton Rush	1838-1869	8 items	25	27
Julia Stockton Rush	n.d.	12 items	25	28

Series 3. Rush family. d. Miscellaneous.

Folder title	Date	Extent	Box	Folder
<i>Descendants of John & Susannah</i> <i>Rush</i>	1683-1878		Vol.5	
Oversized items	1769-1895	10 items	FF	4

Papers	1824-1830	3 items	25	29
Papers	1831-1835	2 items	25	30
Papers	1838-1849	11 items	25	31
Papers	1850-1897	8 items	25	32
Papers	n.d.	8 items	25	33

Series 4. Brock family.

Folder title	Date	Extent	Box	Folder
Deborah Norris Coleman Brock	1876, 1928, 1934	7 items	26	1
Horace Brock	1877-1878	3 items	26	2
Horace Brock	1882-1917	7 items	26	3
George Dawson Coleman	1878	1 item	26	4
John Penn Brock	1881	1 item	26	5
John Penn Brock	1927-1928	2 items	26	6
Pauline Biddle Brock-diary vol.1	June-April 1893		Vol.6	
Pauline Biddle Brock-diary vol.2	April 1893- May 1894		Vol.6	
Pauline Biddle Brock-diary	1904		Vol.7	
Pauline Biddle Brock-diary	1905		Vol.8	
Pauline Biddle Brock-diary	1924		Vol.7	
Pauline Biddle Brock	1900-April 1906	18 items	26	7
Pauline Biddle Brock	May-June 1906	9 items	26	8
Pauline Biddle Brock	June-Aug. 1906	6 items	26	9
Pauline Biddle Brock	1922-1928	11 items	26	10
Pauline Biddle Brock	1943, 1954, n.d.	13 items	26	11
Richard S. Brock	1922	1 item	26	12
Edward R. Coleman	1933	11 items	26	13
Fanny B. Coleman	1934	1 item	26	14
Deborah Norris (Brock) Bent	1957	6 items	26	15
Miscellaneous	1788-1860	4 items	26	16
Miscellaneous	1862-1899	5 items	26	17
Miscellaneous	n.d.	7 items	26	18

Series 5. Miscellaneous.

Folder title	Date	Extent	Box	Folder
Advertisements (1 of 3)	n.d.	14 items	26	19
Advertisements (2 of 3)	n.d.	6 items	26	20
Advertisements (3 of 3)	n.d.	12 items	26	21
Clubs & gaming (1 of 2)	n.d.	13 items	26	22
Clubs & gaming (2 of 2)	n.d.	8 items	26	23
Correspondence & documents	1778-1805	6 items	26	24
Correspondence & documents	1806-1828	7 items	26	25
Correspondence & documents	1829-1835	13 items	26	26
Correspondence & documents	1836-1847	10 items	26	27
Correspondence & documents	1848-1850	7 items	26	28
Correspondence & documents	1851-1864	15 items	26	29
Correspondence & documents	1865- ca.1890	23 items	26	30
Correspondence & documents (1 of 3)	n.d.	10 items	26	31
Correspondence & documents (2 of 3)	n.d.	11 items	26	32
Correspondence & documents (3 of 3)	n.d.	12 items	26	33
Deeds	1789,1793	2 items	26	34
Deeds	1795-1796	2 items	27	1
Deeds	1797-1800	2 items	27	2
Deeds	1801-1804, n.d	3 items	27	3
Financial	1812-1835	14 items	27	4
Financial	1836-1850	10 items	27	5
Financial	1851-1887	10 items	27	6
Financial	n.d.	3 items	27	7
Financial- ledger	n.d.		Vol.9	
Invitations & announcements (1 of 2)	n.d.	19 items	27	8
Invitations & announcements (2 of 2)	n.d.	14 items	27	9
Henry Lardner papers	1846-1848	8 items	27	10
Legal papers of George & Ella Bausewine (1 of 2)	Ca.1899	14 items	27	11
Legal papers of George & Ella Bausewine (2 of 2)	Ca.1899	8 items	27	12
Legal papers	1840-1849	2 items	27	13
Legal papers	1895	20 items	27	14
Legal papers	n.d.	17 items	27	15
Oversized items	1769-1895	10 items	FF	4

Photographs-Biddle	n.d.	5 items	27	16
Photographs-Brownie, Coleman, Williams	n.d.	2 items	27	17
Photographs (1 of 4)	n.d.	12 items	27	18
Photographs (2 of 4)	n.d.	12 items	27	19
Photographs (3 of 4)	n.d.	7 items	27	20
Photographs (4 of 4)	n.d.	6 items	27	21
Poetry	n.d.	4 items	27	22
Publications	1833-1870	3 items	28	1
Publications	1871-1878	2 items	28	2
Publications	1879-1896	5 items	28	3
Publications	n.d.	4 items	28	4
George Ralston papers	1815-1854	7 items	28	5
Religious reflections (1 of 2)	n.d.	3 items	28	6
Religious reflections (1 of 2)	n.d.	2 items	28	7
Student ledger	ca. 1810		Vol.10	
John White papers	1845-1847	5 items	28	8
Harrison & Samuel Wright papers	1837-1848	4 items	28	9
Yarrow & Van Pelt papers	Jan.-April 1916	15 items	28	10
Yarrow & Van Pelt papers	May-July 1916	18 items	28	11
Yarrow & Van Pelt papers	Aug.-Oct. 1916	13 items	28	12
Yarrow & Van Pelt papers	Nov.-Dec. 1916	11 items	28	13
Yarrow & Van Pelt papers	1931-1935	8 items	28	14
Yarrow & Van Pelt papers	1937, n.d.	9 items	28	15