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Collection V72

Helen C. Perkins
Scrapbooks

1875-1912 (bulk 1900-1912)
37 boxes, 12.4 lin. feet

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Restrictions: None

Related Collections at Jane Campbell scrapbook collection (V71)

HSP: Helen C. Perkins lantern slide collection (V32)

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Abstract

This collection of scrapbooks was created by Helen C. Perkins, who was a contemporary of noted suffragist, Jane Campbell. Included in the scrapbooks are newspaper clippings, black and white prints, and photographs of various buildings and scenic views throughout Philadelphia and several of its neighborhoods and suburbs. Other topics covered to a lesser degree include colonial families, statuary and centennial buildings, and public schools and scenes of New Jersey. Some of the images are accompanied by newspaper articles or Perkins' handwritten notations, which often include a history of a location or building site and its occupants. Perkins took many of the photographs herself and sometimes noted the conditions or occurrences on the street at the time they were shot. Occasionally, she also included notes on buildings on a particular street that she did not photograph.

The collection also includes a handwritten copy of "Souder's History of Chestnut Street" which, as Perkins noted, was published in the *Sunday Dispatch* from April 1858 to October 1859.

Perkins produced over eighty scrapbooks, all of which have been disbound and re-housed. Individual volume numbers have been retained and each box contains between one and six volumes. Overall, the collection is arranged alphabetically by location, first by Philadelphia Streets, then by subject. Please note that numbered streets are spelled out and are alphabetized accordingly.

While a box-level inventory is offered starting on page 4 of this guide, each volume has its own index. A complete copy of all indices is available in HSP's library.

Separation report

None.

Related materials

Jane Campbell scrapbook collection (V71)
Helen C. Perkins lantern slide collection (V32)

Subjects

Alleys – Pennsylvania – Philadelphia
Bridges – Pennsylvania – Philadelphia
Clubs – Pennsylvania – Philadelphia
Churches – Pennsylvania – Philadelphia
Public buildings – Pennsylvania – Philadelphia
Public schools – New Jersey
Public schools – Pennsylvania – Philadelphia
Scrapbook – Pictorial works
Streets – Pennsylvania – Philadelphia

Chester (Pa.)
Bridesburg (Philadelphia, Pa.)
Fairmount Park (Philadelphia, Pa.)
Fox Chase (Pa.)
Germantown (Philadelphia, Pa.)
Holmesburg (Philadelphia, Pa.)
Manayunk (Philadelphia, Pa.)
Main Line (Pa.)
Roxborough (Philadelphia, Pa.)
West Philadelphia (Philadelphia, Pa.)
Wissahickon Creek (Pa.)

Perkins, Helen C. b. 1849

Administrative Information

Restrictions

This collection is open for research.

Acquisition information

Provenance unknown.

Alternative format

None.

Preferred citation

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Box inventory

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Box #	Volumes contained within each box
1-2	1A-B: Arch Street
3	2: Allegheny Avenue, Hunting Park Avenue, Montgomery Avenue, North College Avenue, South College Avenue, Passyunk Avenue, Susquehanna Avenue, Snyder Avenue, Washington Avenue, Powelton Avenue 3: Baltimore Avenue 4: Beach Street 5A: Broad Street
4	5B: Broad Street, from Walnut Street to City Hall 5C (pgs. 1-56): Broad Street north from Girard Avenue
5	5C (pgs. 57-85): Broad Street north from Girard Avenue 6: Cherry Street 7: Chester Avenue 8A: Chestnut Street, from the Delaware River to 5 th Street
6	8B: Chestnut Street from 5 th Street to 8 th Street 8C: Chestnut Street from 8 th Street to 12 th Street
7	8D: Chestnut Street from 12 th Street to 15 th Street 8E: Chestnut Street west from 15 th Street
8	9: Columbia Avenue 10: Delaware Avenue 11: Dock Street 12: Eighth Street 13: Fairmount Avenue 14: Fifth Street
9	15: Filbert Street 16: Fourth Street 17: Front Street
10	18: Girard Avenue 19: Juniper Street 20: Kensington Street/Old Front Street 21: Lancaster Avenue 22: Locust Street 23: Lombard Street
11	24A: Market Street from Delaware to 5 th Street 24B: Market Street from 6 th Street to 13 th Street
12	24C: Market Street from 13 th Street to the Schuylkill River 24D: Market Street west of the Schuylkill River 25: Ninth Street
13	26: Pine Street

13 (con't)	27: Race Street 28: Ridge Avenue 29: Sansom Street
14	30: Second Street 31: Seventh Street
15	32: Sixth Street 33: South Street 34: Spruce Street 35: Swanson Street
16	36: Tenth and Eleventh Streets 37: Third Street 38: Twelfth and Thirteenth Streets
17	39: Vine Street 40A: Walnut Street (Delaware to Sixth Street) 40B: Walnut Street (Sixth Street to Broad)
18	40C: Walnut Street (west of Broad) 41: Water Street 42: Woodland Avenue
19	43: Alleys, Courts and Street Scenes 44: Bridesburg and Chester 45: Bridges
20	46: Catholic Churches 47: Episcopal Churches
21	48: Miscellaneous Churches 49: Presbyterian Churches
22	50: Clubs 51A-B: Colonial Families
23	51C-E: Colonial Families 52: Creeks
24	53A: Cross Streets- Fifteenth Street-West-Twentieth Street 53B: Cross Streets- West of 21 st , 22 nd , 23 rd , et al. 54A: Cross Streets A-J
25	54B: Cross Streets- K-Y 55: Counties- Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery 56: The Delaware River
26	57: Philadelphia Family Names in First Census 58/58B: Fairmount Park/West Fairmount Park 59: Fox Chase
27	60: Frankford Avenue 61A: Germantown- Wayne Junction to Manheim St. 61B: Germantown Ave, Poplar Street to Cayuga Street
28	61C: Germantown Ave, Manheim Street to Cheltenham Avenue 61D: Germantown Ave, Cheltenham Ave. to Washington Lane 61E: Germantown Ave, Washington Lane to Mt. Airy
29	62: Germantown Cross Streets 63: Historical Items

29 (con't)	64: Holmesburg
30	65: League Island 66: Main Line R.R. Private Residences 67: Manayunk 68: Meeting Houses
31	69: New Jersey 70: Portraits
32	71A-B: Public Schools
33	72: <i>Philadelphia Record</i> newspaper clippings (Fragile!)
34	73: Roxborough 74: Schuylkill
35	75: Souders' History of Chestnut Street 76: State House Buildings 77: Statuary and Centennial Buildings
36	78: Pennsylvania University and Private Schools 79: West Philadelphia
37	80A-C: Wissahickon Creek