



The Historical
Society of
Pennsylvania

Collection V89

Historical Society of Pennsylvania print collection

ca. 1800-ca. 1950

75 boxes, 167 flat files, 28.2 lin. feet

Contact: The Historical Society of Pennsylvania
1300 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107
Phone: (215) 732-6200 FAX: (215) 732-2680
<http://www.hsp.org>

Re-inventoried by: Cary Majewicz

Restrictions: None

Related Collections at

HSP: Jane Campbell scrapbook collection (V71)
Boies Penrose Pictorial Philadelphia collection (V60)
Helen C. Perkins scrapbooks collection (V72)
Leach Philadelphia Portraits collection (V77)
Society Photograph collection (V59)
Society Portrait collection (V88)
Society Prints: Posters and Broad sides (V94)
Phillip B. Wallace photograph collection (V50)

Historical Society of Pennsylvania print collection

ca. 1800-ca. 1950

75 boxes, 167 flat files, 28.2 lin. feet

Collection V89

Abstract

The Society Print collection provides a rich visual catalog of various local, regional, national, and international areas, locales, institutions, and scenes. Despite the vast range of subjects under which the collection is arranged, the majority of the collection is centered on Philadelphia and Pennsylvania. The images date from the early 1800s to the mid twentieth century. Items in the collection primarily include reproductions of prints, drawings, lithographs, etchings, woodcuts, and photographs, many of which have been clipped from newspapers, magazines, and calendars. There are also postcards, greeting cards, and invitations. Additionally, the collection includes scattered original artworks such as watercolors and drawings, as well as original photographs.

This collection is divided into three categories according to size: small, medium, and large. It is further arranged alphabetically within each size according to subject. The small prints have been housed in boxes, while the medium and large prints are housed in oversized folders. A detailed inventory of the small prints is available in HSP's library.

Subjects within the collection are quite varied and include everything from banks, insurance companies, museums, and libraries, to stadiums, churches, bridges, mills, schools, and amusement parks. Images under the heading "foreign views" show mostly landscapes, cityscapes, and landmarks from European nations such as Germany, Italy, and France; however, there are also views from countries such as Cuba, Brazil, and Liberia. Those pictures under the "groups" heading depict groups of people in various civil, historical, and military situations. Another sizeable group of images are those under "residences," which show primarily the houses of famous Pennsylvanians, such as James Logan, Robert Morris, and various members of the Penn family. There are also several folders of images of famous ships, such as the *Alabama*, the *Constitution*, and the *Mayflower*. Under the heading "stores and factories," images are arranged according to what was being sold or manufactured: e.g., chemical supplies, dry goods, glass, iron, marble, pianos. Those seeking images related to Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, or Abraham Lincoln, will find them under the headings "Frankliniana," "Washingtoniana," and "Lincolnia." Two other significant groups of images are listed under "Pennsylvania" and "United States," which depict views across the state and most of the nation, respectively.

Restrictions

The collection is open for research.

Acquisition information

This is an artificial collection created over time by HSP staff mostly through donations and purchases of individual images or groups of prints.

Preferred citation

Cite as: [Indicate cited item or series here], HSP print collection (Collection V89), The Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

Box and folder listing

Small prints

Box number	Subjects
1	Academy of Fine Arts Academy of Natural Sciences Actors & Actresses Almshouses Amusements & Sports Armories Balloons Banks & Insurance Companies (A-F)
2	Banks & Insurance Companies (G-W)
3	Battles & Battlefields Bridges
4	Camps and Headquarters Canals Carpenters' Hall Cartoons Centennials (1864, 1876)
5	Centennials (1887, 1893, 1898, 1909)
6	Centennials (1915, 1926, 1933) Charitable Institutions Churches (Baptist; Roman Catholic; Congregational; English; Episcopal, A-R)
7	Churches (Episcopal, Sts. Clement-Simeon; Jewish Synagogues; Lutheran; Methodist; Presbyterian; reformed) City Hall
8	Clubs Commissioners' Halls Courthouses Crafts Costumes Custom's House Darby Creek log cabin Delaware River Facsimiles (photocopies of specific items, images, or documents)
9	Fairmount Park Falls of Schuylkill Fire Engines Fires Flags
10	Foreign Affairs offices Foreign views (Austria; Belgium; Bermuda; Brazil; Canada; Carthage; Cuba; France)

11	Foreign views (Germany; Great Britain, Boston-Kent)
12	Foreign views (Great Britain, London-Yorkshire; Greece)
13	Foreign views (Italy; Japan; "Lafayette's Departure from America;" Liberia; Portugal; Russia (Crimea); Spain; Switzerland; West Indies) Forts Frankliniana
14	Friends' meetings Furnaces & Forges
15	Germantown
16	Graves & Graveyards Groups – Civilian (Academy of Fine Arts-Financiers) *The subject "groups" refers to images that contain groups of people in either formal or informal settings.
17	Groups – Civilian (Industrial-Religious) Groups – Colonial
18	Groups – Historical Groups – Indians
19	Groups – Military (Before 1800)
20	Groups – Military (After 1800)
21	Historical Society of Pennsylvania Horticultural Hall (SEE Centennial and Fairmount Park) Hospitals
22	Hotels (A-L)
23	Hotels (M-Y)
24	Houses of Industry Inclined plane Indians Libraries (A-L)
25	Libraries (M-P) Library Lighthouses Markets
26	Masonic Halls Medals Merchants' Exchange Milestones Mills (A-M)
27	Mills (N-W) Mints
28	Monuments
29	Museums Naval asylums Naval battles Navy yards
30	Newspaper buildings Odd Fellows' Hall

30 con't	Parades Pennsylvania (A-Bethlehem)
31	Pennsylvania (Bloomsdale-Chester Valley)
32	Pennsylvania (Clifton-Greensburg)
33	Pennsylvania (Penna. Hall-Luzerne)
34	Pennsylvania (McKeesport-Ohiopyle Falls)
35	Pennsylvania (Pennypack-York Springs)
36	Petroleum industry (primarily printed articles containing images) Philadelphia (A-B)
37	Philadelphia (B-K)
38	Philadelphia (L-V)
39	[American] Philosophical Society Prisons Religious Residences (Abercrombie-Bayard)
40	Residences (Beekman-Cynwyd)
41	Residences (Dallas-Hawthorne)
42	Residences (Hemlock-Logan, Lames)
43	Residences (Macalester-Moylan)
44	Residences (Newkirk-Penn, William)
45	Residences (Penn, William-Rush)
46	Residences (Seddon-"Vernon")
47	Residences (Wakeling-"Wyck")
48	Schools & Colleges (A-H)
49	Schools & Colleges (I-U)
50	Schools & Colleges (U-Y)
51	Schuylkill River Ships (A-O)
52	Ships (P-Z) Spanish-American War Spring House Squares
53	State Houses State House
54	State House Stores & Factories (Agricultural warehouses-Chemical supplies)
55	Stores & Factories (Chemical supplies-Foundries & Machine shops)
56	Stores & Factories (Foundries & Machine shops-Power houses)
57	Stores & Factories (Printers/publishers-Woolen mills)
58	Streets (Addison-Chestnut)
59	Streets (Delaware-Sansom)
60	Streets (Second-Woodland) Theatres
61	Transportation (Airplanes-Railroads)
62	Transportation (Railroads-Toll gates/houses)
63	Treaty tree

63 con't	Trees, flowers, fruit
64	United States (Alabama-California)
65	United States (California-Georgia)
66	United States (Illinois-Massachusetts)
67	United States (Michigan-New Jersey)
68	United States (New Jersey-New York)
69	United States (New York)
70	United States (Ohio-Washington D. C.) * For subject "Pennsylvania" see boxes 31-35
71	United States (Washington D. C.-West Virginia) Valley Forge
72	Washingtoniana
73	Water Works
74	Drawings & engravings (A-L) Folder 1: Arthurs, Stanley Folder 2: Bakos, Jozef; Barry Folder 3: Baldwin, Aubrey Folder 4: Bellows, George; Benedetto; Bentley, J. C. Folder 5: Bingham Folder 6: Bohrod, Aaron; Bourne, H. Folder 7: Brandard, R. Folder 8: del Blono Folder 9: Carnegie American Art Show (Anonymous, Blythe, Copley, Hicks, Hovenden, Johnson) Folder 10: Chappell, Alonzo, 1828-1887 [portraits] Folder 11: Cole, Thomas; Colyer, J.; Copley, John Singleton; Cousen, J.; Cowan, J. [on verso: Sir Joshua Reynolds] Folder 12: Cundall, Charles; Curry, John Folder 13: David Folder 14: Derand Folder 15: <i>Don Quixote</i> [plates] Folder 16: Erdmann, D.; Ferrario, Guilio, 1757-1847 Folder 17: Gildersleeve, R. Folder 18: Hesselius, John
75	Drawings & etchings (M-Z) Folder 1: Memin Folder 2: Miscellaneous American artists [portraits by Baskerville, Bernatshke, Brockhurst, Cadmus, Comfort, Cox, Davis, Dickenson, Eves, Gorsline, Henderson, James, Jones, Kennington, Kilnghoffer, Lante, Leake, Mansbridge, Merwin, Olinsky, Peirce, Pène du Bois, Phillipp, Rand, Schnackenberg, Simkhovich, Taubes, Thomas, Weeden, Wyeth] Folder 3: Tardieu, Ambrose; Taylor, Frank H. Folder 4: Thackery, William M. Folder 5: Trumball Folder 6: Unidentified Folder 7: Vogel

75 con't	Folder 8: M. Y. W. Folder 9: Wallis, R.; Warner, C. Thomlinson Folder 10: West Folder 11: Wharton, W. [sketchbook] Folder 12: Willmore, A. Folder 13: Worthington, W. H. Folder 14: Wright, J. A.
-------------	---

Medium prints

Folder number	Subjects
1	Amusements
2	Banks and insurance companies
3	Bath houses
4	Battles and battlefields
5	Bridges
6	Camps and headquarters
7	Cartoons and caricatures
8	Centennials and fairs
9	Centennial – 1876 – Birds' eye views
10	Centennial – 1876 – Hunter prints
11	Centennial – 1876 – Hunter prints – Franklin Fire Insurance Company
12	Centennial – 1876 – Miscellaneous
13	Centennial – 1876 – Photolithographs by Julius Bien
14	Churches – Episcopal (A-L) (NOTE: Episcopal churches M-Z are in folder 144 large prints)
15	Churches – Methodist Churches – Presbyterian
16	City Hall
17	Commissioners' Halls
18	Courthouses
19	Crests and seals
20	Delaware River
21	Declaration of Independence
22	Drawings and engravings
23	Expositions
24	Facsimiles
25	Fairmount Park
26	Fires and fire engines
27	Fire stations
28	Floods
29	Forts and blockades Foreign views
30	Friends' meetings

31	Germantown Graves and graveyards
32	Groups – Civilian – Athletes
33	Groups – Civilian – Carpenters Hall
34	Groups – Civilian – Clubs and societies (1 of 2)
35	Groups – Civilian – Clubs and societies (2 of 2)
36	Groups – Civilian – Clubs and societies (Bellevue Stratford)
37	Groups – Civilian – Educational
38	Groups – Civilian – Family reunions
39	Groups – Civilian – Historical
40	Groups – Civilian – Insurance companies
41	Groups – Civilian – Judicial
42	Groups – Civilian – Military
43	Groups – Civilian – Miscellaneous (1 of 2)
44	Groups – Civilian – Miscellaneous (2 of 2)
45	Groups – Civilian – Music
46	Groups – Civilian – Political
47	Groups – Civilian – Presidents
48	Groups – Civilian – Religious
49	Groups – Civilian – Theatrical
50	Groups – Historical – Indians
51	Groups – Military – 1801-1860
52	Groups – Military – 1861-1865 (Civil War)
53	Groups – Military – 1865-1914
54	Groups – Military – 1914-1918 (World War I) Groups – Military – 1939-1945 (World War II)
55	Historical Society of Pennsylvania
56	Horse stables
57	Hospitals
58	Hotels
59	Independence Hall
60	Lincolniana
61	Lighthouses
62	Markets
63	Masonic halls
64	Mills Mines and mining
65	Mints
66	Monuments, statutes, tablets
67	Naval battles
68	Navy yards
69	Newspaper buildings
70	Parades
71	Parks
72	Pennsylvania

73	Pennsylvania – Towns
74	Philadelphia
75	Philadelphia – General views
76	Police stations
77	Portraits (A)
78	Portraits (Ba-BI)
79	Portraits (Bo-By)
80	Portraits (Ca-Ch)
81	Portraits (Ci-Ch)
82	Portraits (Ci-Cz)
83	Portraits (D)
84	Portraits (E)
85	Portraits (Ga-Gk)
86	Portraits (Gl-Gz)
87	Portraits (Ha)
88	Portraits (Hb-Hz)
89	Portraits (I-K)
90	Portraits – Lafayette (EMPTY as of 9/3/08)
91	Portraits (L)
92	Portraits (Mac-Mc)
93	Portraits (Ma-Mn)
94	Portraits (Mo-Mz)
95	Portraits (N-O)
96	Portraits (P, excluding Penn family)
97	Portraits – Penn family
98	Portraits (R)
99	Portraits – Rowland, Howard and Filter family
100	Portraits (Sa-Sh)
101	Portraits (Si-Sz)
102	Portraits (T-V)
103	Portraits (Wa-Wg)
104	Portraits (Wh-Wz)
105	Portraits – Wister family photographs
106	Portraits – Yarnall, Sarah G. and family
107	Prisons
108	Religious
109	Residences (A-C)
110	Residences (D-K)
111	Residences – Hopkinson
112	Residences (L-R, except Penn family)
113	Residences – Penn family
114	Residences (S-Z) Schools Schuylkill
115	Schools and colleges

116	Ships (A-L)
117	Ships (M-W)
118	Ships – miscellaneous
119	Stadiums
120	State House
121	Stores and factories (A-L)
122	Stores and factories (M-Z)
123	Streets
124	Theatres
125	Theatres – Academy of Music
126	Transportation (except railroads)
127	Transportation – Railroads
128	Treaty Tree and William Penn’s treaty with the Indians
129	Uniforms United States (A-M)
130	United States (N-V)
131	United States (W-Z)
132	Waterworks Wrought iron
133	Washingtoniana – Allegorical – Full figure – Fictitious
134	Washingtoniana – Fictitious portraits
135	Washingtoniana – Inaugural centennial
136	Washingtoniana – Miscellaneous and composite portraits
137	Washingtoniana – Monuments, statues, busts
138	Washingtoniana – Portraits after Stuart
139	World War I – Civilian activity

Large prints

Folder number	Subjects
140	Centennials – 1876
141	Centennials – Miscellaneous
142	Chronologies
143	Churches
144	Churches – Episcopal (M-Z) (NOTE: Episcopal churches A-L are in folder 14 in medium prints)
145	Declaration of Independence (statistics)
146	Delaware River
147	Facsimiles
148	Fire marks
149	Foreign views
150	Graves and graveyards
151	Groups – Civilian – Judicial
152	Groups – Civilian – Miscellaneous

153	Groups – Civilian – Miscellaneous (from Jay Cooke papers)
154	Groups – Colonial
155	Groups – Foreign
156	Groups – Military – before 1800 Groups – Military – 1801-1913 Groups – Military – 1914-1919
157	Historical Society of Pennsylvania
158	Philadelphia – panoramas and birds-eye views
159	Philadelphia – Scull and Heap, “East prospect of the City of Philadelphia,” 1754
160	Portraits
161	Residences – Cooke, Jay
162	Residences – Pennsbury
163	Ships
164	State House
165	Stores and factories
166	Streets
167	Transportation – Merion Station