

HSP INTRODUCES NEW BLOGS

HSP's Hidden Histories

<http://frontierhistory.blogspot.com/>

Hidden Histories highlights the depth and scope of HSP's varied and diverse collections. Its intent is to acquaint researchers and others with the unknown or obscure individuals as well as events of our past. These stories reside in abundance here among HSP's manuscript, published, and graphic collections and await discovery by those who are curious and determined enough to find them. We encourage readers to share their own thoughts, responses, and discoveries in this forum.

Processing the Chew Family Papers

<http://chewpapers.blogspot.com/>

This new blog highlights the work being done to preserve and make accessible the Chew Family Papers. HSP received a two-year grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to process this 400-linear-foot collection of family papers, which spans 300 years. This important collection illuminates many understudied aspects of American history, from the practice of slavery to the evolution of family relationships and gender roles. The blog will report important findings, showcase conservation treatments, and document the day-to-day activities involved in making a collection of this size and scope available to researchers. Readers can follow the progress of the processing activities, view images of documents, comment, and learn how to donate money to help us raise the matching funds required by NEH for the completion of the project.

PACSCL Consortial Survey Initiative

<http://pacsclsurvey.blogspot.com/>

This blog highlights interesting collections, describes odd finds, and mulls over what the Philadelphia Area Consortium of Special Collections Libraries (PACSCL) Consortial Survey Initiative, a project funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to assess backlogged archival collections at 22 Philadelphia area libraries, archives, and museums, reveals about archives and collectors.

These blogs can also be accessed through HSP's Web site, at **<http://www.hsp.org/default.aspx?id=1090>**.