

# HISTORICAL SOCIETY NOTES AND DOCUMENTS

## THE MANUSCRIPT AND MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

### A PRELIMINARY GUIDE

#### PART FIFTEEN

#### GD PRINTED MATERIAL, DIPLOMAS, CERTIFICATES, ETC.

##### ALLEGHENY BOROUGH. [Pittsburgh, Pa.]

Loan certificates, 1837.

Engraved sheet, 10 x 8 in., by A. F. Marthens, Pittsburgh,  
of uncut and unsigned notes of \$1, \$2, and \$3 denominations.

##### ALLEGHENY, CITY OF. Pittsburgh, Pa.

Official Bond of Thomas P. Trimble, 1901.

Completed form, 14 x 8 in., for \$10,000 for the office as  
Assistant Solicitor. Affixed is a documentary stamp, 1898 series.

##### ALLEGHENY COUNTY AGRICULTURAL & MECHANICAL SOCIETY.

Diploma awarded . . . to James Rees, 1866.

Lithograph, 13.5 x 17 in., with deep decorative border.  
Awarded best slidevalve steam engine and tubular boiler.

Same, negative, 4 x 5 in.

##### ALLEGHENY COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Diploma awarded . . . to J. R. & J. C. Holmes for Best  
Hatchets, . . . 1852.

Lithograph, 14 x 19 in., by Wegner, Beugner, Mueller, Pitts-  
burgh; wide and decorative borders.

##### ALLEGHENY COUNTY. COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS.

[Dog license, 1881]

Completed registration form, 6 x 8 in., with embossed seal,  
issued to O. H. Allerton 1881 Apr. 27 for Ringold, a cocker  
spaniel.

Gift of Miss Ida M. Allerton, with ALS.

##### "ALLEGHENY INDEPENDENT BLUES."

Commission as First Lieutenant issued to James Logan,  
1849.

Completed form, 17 x 14 in., with seal, S. by Gov. Wm. F. Johnston. The Blues were part of the 1st Brigade, 18th Division of Pennsylvania Militia from Allegheny, Armstrong, Indiana, and Jefferson counties.

**BLACK, CAPT. ELSIE [ESLEY] P.**

Certificates as steamboat master, 1879, 1880.

Engraved certificates (2) issued by United States Steamboat Inspection Service for western and southern rivers, and as pilot on Monongahela & Ohio from Brownsville to Louisville. Also U.S. Post Office Department draft for 2c. Accompanied by typescript list from Pittsburgh directories of entries for E. P. Black, 1864-1895, prepared by J. W. Fawcett.

Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Black, his grandchildren, Denver, Colo.

**BRADDOCK, GEN. EDWARD. MEMORIALS, etc.**

"D.A.R. Ceremony Commemorating Braddock's Crossing of Monongahela — Bronze Tablet Erected" [at McKeesport, Pa.].

Illustrated clipping from *Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph*, 1928 Sept. 28, page width, including photoprint of tablet erected by Queen Alliquippa Chapter, D.A.R., July 9.

**BRYAR, JAMES.**

Naturalization papers, 1848.

2 items.

Order of U.S. District Court, Pittsburgh, 1848 Aug. 11, with embossed paper seals; also testimonial to his character.

Gift of Miss Henrietta Bryar.

**CRAWFORD, JAMES.**

Naturalization paper, 1825.

Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas order, with embossed seal, 1825 Oct. 10, frayed and torn, mounted on cardboard, 12 x 7.5 in. Action was begun in Beaver County in 1823 by Crawford, a native of Ireland.

**FORT PITT. HISTORICAL MARKERS.**

The Site of Fort Pitt built 1759-1761. Visited by George Washington 1753-1758, 1770. This tablet placed by the Daughters of the American Revolution of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, 1908.

Silver print, 6.5 x 8.5 in., of an elaborate decorative shield.

**[GORDON, ELIZA M.]**

Visa, 1914.

Completed form, 17 x 11 in., with seal, issued by the U.S. Embassy at Vienna, Austria.

[HANCOCK, JOHN.]

G.A.R. Commissions as Aide-de-Camp, 1895 and 1896.

2 items.

Completed forms, 16x23 and 18x23 in., with embossed seals.

Gift of Taylor H. Beech.

HANS WAGNER AND BROTHERS' CIRCUS AND CONGRESS OF ATHLETES.  
(WAGNER BROTHERS' CIRCUS).

Stock prospectus and letter of solicitation, 1908.

The T.L.S. by J. H. DeWolff, General Agent, is addressed to C. S. B. McCormick, University of Pittsburgh. The office address was at 144 Main Street, Carnegie, Pa.

HARVEY, FRANCIS, and JEAN WHERRY.

Marriage license, 1806 May 13, issued by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Positive photostats, 2 pp., 13.5 x 8 in., of completed form; endorsed: Found among the Papers of the Rev. Mattw. Brown, D.D.

Gift of Pennsylvania State Museum.

JEFFERSON COLLEGE. Canonsburg, Pa.

Scholarship certificate, 1853 Mar. 29.

Engraved form by Weaver & Beuchner, Pittsburgh, 6 x 10 in., completed in ms. and issued to Henry B. Stotler. Contains view of the buildings and portraits of the founder, etc.

[JOHNSTON, JOHN.]

Appointment as Deputy Post-Master at Pittsburgh.

Completed form, mounted on cardboard, 13 x 15.5 in., with Postmaster-General's embossed paper seal.

LADIES CHRISTIAN COMMISSION OF PITTSBURGH AND ALLEGHENY.

Membership receipt issued to Emmet Dickson 1864 Nov. 18.

Completed form, 5 x 8 in., S. Mrs. James A. Lourie for Jos. Albree, Treas. of the U.S. Christian Commission, Pittsburgh. Reverse contains directions for sending stores.

[LANG, WILLIAM GRAY.] Allegheny County.

Commission as First Lieutenant, Monitor Guards, 15th Regiment, Allegheny County Uniformed Militia, 1862.

Completed form, 13.5 x 15 in., with seal, S. A[lexander]. G. Curtin.

LAWRENCEVILLE AND SHARPSBURGH PLANK ROAD COMPANY.

Stock certificate, 1852.

Printed form, 5 x 8 in., by M'Millen, 5th Street, opposite Theatre, Pittsburgh, with cut of Conestoga wagon and a stage. Issued to Archibald Kelly for 4 shares, S. by James Blakely as President, G. E. Arnold as Treasurer.

Gift of Robert M. Gibson.

[LIPPERT, JOHN ADAMS.]

Commissions, 1860-1880. 4 items.

Completed forms, from 14 x 17 to 16 x 21 in., as Justice of the Peace for Pitt Township, Allegheny County, 1860 and 1865, and as Alderman of the 14th Ward, Pittsburgh, 1875 and 1880.

Gift of S. Edward Lippert.

THE LITTLE SAW MILL RUN RAIL ROAD Co.

\$1,000 bond, 1856 June 1.

Facsimile, 11 x 13 in., of one of the investments of the Harmony Society, in a portfolio containing a condensation of a report on Old Economy. Includes illustration of a freight train.

Gift of Robert D. Christie.

[LOVE, JOHN.]

Military appointments, 1841-1846. 2 items.

Completed forms, 10 x 7 and 15 x 10 in., mounted on cardboard, as First Lieutenant, 1841, and as Captain, 1846, of First Brigade, 15th Division, Pennsylvania Militia.

Gift of the Rev. R. J. Love.

MADISON, JAMES, and JAMES MONROE. Washington.

Appointment of Alexander Blair as Surgeon, Fifth regiment of Infantry, 1815.

Completed parchment form, 10 x 15 in., with seal.

From Dr. Alexander Blair Papers, AB.

MILHOLLAND, GEORGE B. (b. 1843).

Certificate of [Civil War] Record, 1903.

Printed form, 19 x 8 in., completed in typescript and compiled by the Soldiers and Sailors Historical and Benevolent Society, Washington, D. C. Pvt. Milholland enlisted at Pittsburgh in 1861 and was mustered out at Ackworth, Ga., in 1864. Includes

account of war services and some biographical data.

Gift of Miss Martha L. Milholland.

MOST COMPANY. Phoenix, Arizona.

Stock certificate, 1906.

Engraved form in black and red, 8 x 11 in., issued to James Smith for 6 shares. Though incorporated in Arizona the company is listed in a 1908 Pittsburgh directory as dealing in food products and was located at 4516 Henry Street, presently the Webster Hall Garage.

Gift of Dr. William S. Tacey.

PARKER, THOMAS H., West Chester, Pa.

Marriage certificate, 1855 Jan. 9.

To Annie M. Forbert, of Valley, Chester County, Pa., by A. G. Morrison, Minister, 9 x 7.5 in., with embossed border.

Gift of Mrs. Margaret Pearson Bothwell.

PARTINGTON, ROSS (*b.* 1839).

Army discharge, 1865 June 28.

As Private, Company D, 61st Pennsylvania Volunteers. Issued at Defences of Washington; S. of Capt. Sylvester D. Rhoades and Brig. Maj. Geo. N. Armiston [?].

Gift of Mrs. William J. Cooper.

PENNSYLVANIA CONSTITUTION COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE  
(1937-1938).

Certificate of appreciation.

Completed lithographed form, 13 x 17 in., issued to Dr. A. L. Lewin. Contains small oval portraits of Pennsylvania signers and S. George H. Earle. Issued to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution.

PENNSYLVANIA. [DEPARTMENT OF] COMMON SCHOOLS.

Teachers' County Certificate, 1859.

Completed form, framed and glazed, 7 x 11 in. overall, issued to James McCann at Pittsburgh. Bears engraved vignette of one-room school with pupils at play.

Gift of Miss Alice M. McCann.

## PENNSYLVANIA. DEPARTMENT OF COMMON SCHOOLS.

Teachers' Permanent Certificate, 1868.

Completed form, 10 x 9.5 in., issued at Harrisburg to Annie Curry of Allegheny County. Also endorsed in Beaver County, 1894.

Gift of Miss Jean C. McKinney.

## PENNSYLVANIA. [LAND OFFICE.]

Warrant to survey 900 acres within the last Indian purchase, 1794.

Completed form, 8 x 13.5 in., S. Thos. Mifflin, issued to the Surveyor General for Wilhelm Willink, Nicholaas Van Staphorst, Christian Van Eighen, Pieter Stadnitski, Hendrick Vollenhoven, and Rutger Schimmelpennick of Amsterdam.

Gift of Mrs. Mildred H. Osmer.

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Membership certificate, 1853.

Completed form, 3.5 x 8 in., issued to Edwin Miles.

## PITTSBURGH ACADEMY.

Diploma, 1896.

Completed form on vellum, 19.5 x 16 in., issued to Ruby B. King. Has embossed seal and S. of the faculty.

## PITTSBURGH AND CONNELLSVILLE RAIL ROAD COMPANY.

Stock certificate, 1852.

Engraved form, 9 x 11 in., with view of train passing under a viaduct, and of workmen digging a tunnel. Issued to Archibald Kelly for 5 shares, S. by Benjn. H. Latrobe as President.

Gift of Robert M. Gibson.

## [PITTSBURGH] CITY BLUES.

First Lieutenant's commission, 1833.

Completed form, 12 x 16 in., mounted on cardboard, issued to A. C. Alexander, Allegheny County. The Blues are identified as an infantry corps attached to the Pittsburgh Volunteer Legion of the Pennsylvania Militia, First Brigade, Fifteenth Division, from Allegheny, Armstrong, Indiana, and Jefferson counties.

## PITTSBURGH. COMMITTEE OF HOME DEFENSE.

Commission as Captain of the West Pittsburgh Home Guards, 1861 May 2.

Completed form, 10 x 8 in., issued to H. D. Whipple; S. by P. C. Shaw as Chairman, Joseph Dilworth as Secretary P.T.

Gift of Henry D. Whipple.

[PITTSBURGH FEMALE COLLEGE.]

Diploma (in Latin), 1870.

Completed form, on vellum, 14.5 x 18.5 in., with embossed seal indicating the institution was incorporated in 1854. Includes view of the building. Issued to Bessie B. Mercer, grandmother of the donor.

Gift of Mrs. Linford Macdonald.

PITTSBURGH PETROLEUM EXCHANGE.

Stock certificate, 1886.

Completed engraved form, 11 x 13 in., with view of the Exchange Building, issued to J[ohn]. C. Fisher for 5 shares.

Gift of Chester G. Fisher.

PITTSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Diplomas, 1895, 1895.

2 items.

Completed forms, lithographed by Armor Lith. Co., Limited, Pittsburg, 15 x 16 in., with seal, issued at Lincoln School to Howard Bedford Duff and to Ruby King. Includes view of a four-story school with twin towers.

[REED, STEPHEN.] Mount Pleasant Township.

License to keep a public house, 1785.

Completed form, 8 x 12 in., with embossed seal, for a public house "on the Great Road leading to Fort Pitt at the Nine Mile Run in the County of Westmoreland for selling of Wine, Rum, Brandy, Beer, Ale, Cyder and all other spiritous liquors by the small Measure . . ."

[RITENOUR, JOHN STURGIS.]

*In Memoriam. At a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Western Pennsylvania Humane Society Pittsburgh held on November 10, 1925.*

Single-fold sheet, 8.5 x 5.5 in., of an adopted minute, with photoprint portrait on cover.

SEVENTY-EIGHTH REGIMENT, PENNSYLVANIA VOLUNTEERS.

Return of Captain William S. Jack's Company (H) . . . for the month of November 1861.

Completed form, 10 x 16 in., S. by the Capt. at Fort Negley.

## SEVENTY-EIGHTH REGIMENT, PENNSYLVANIA VOLUNTEERS.

Volunteer Descriptive List and Account of Pay and Clothing of George W. McCandless of Co. "H" of 8th Regt. Penna. Vol.

Completed form, 10 x 21 in., for loss of clothing by Pvt. McCandless, mustered at Kittanning in 1861. This return S. by Capt. Wm. J. Jack at Nashville, 1862 Dec. 9.

## STEVENSON, A. M., Allegheny County.

Commission as Justice of the Peace, Borough of Manchester, 1866.

Completed form, 14 x 17 in., with seal, S. by Gov. A. G. Curtin.

Gift of W. H. Stevenson.

## THOMAS, EDWARD UTLEY.

Diplomas from Arnold School, 1930; The Haverford School, 1931; and Yale University, 1935.

Parchment and paper, from 11.5 x 14 to 17 x 21 in., with seals.

## THOMAS, ELIZABETH UTLEY.

Diplomas from Thurston Preparatory School, 1928, and from Bryn Mawr (in Latin), 1932.

Parchment, 11.5 x 15 and 19 x 15 in., with seals.

## THOMAS, ISAAC.

Certificate of membership, Pennsylvania Hospital, 1859.

20 x 13.5 in., with wafer seal. Includes view of the building drawn by Geo. Strickland, engraved by G. C. Childs & W. W. Hay, 5 x 9 in.

## THOMAS, ISAAC.

Certificates of membership, Medical Society of Philadelphia (in Latin), 1809, 1820.

Parchment, 11.5 x 15 in., with ribbons and seals; for junior and honorary memberships.

## THOMAS, ISAAC.

Diploma as M.D. (in Latin), University of Pennsylvania, 1850.

Parchment, 20.5 x 24.5 in., with seal.

## THOMAS JEFFERSON MEMORIAL FOUNDATION, INC.

Six per cent mortgage gold bond, \$1,000, 1923 June 30.



Cancelled engraved bond issued to Gov. John S. Fisher, with his letter transmitting it to the HSWP, 1931.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA.  
Certificate of directorship, 1903.

Completed form, 8 x 12 in., issued to Mrs. Mary L. McCague. Contains views of Orphan's Home, Memorial Hospital, and Home for the Aged. (The latter building, in Wilkinsburg, was razed in 1964.)

Gift of Mrs. Robert S. McCague.

UTLEY, C[HARLES]. F.

Certificate of membership, The Franklin Institute of the State of Pennsylvania for the Promotion of the Mechanic Arts, 1916.

Engraved form, 25 x 18.5 in., with elaborately bordered oval engraving by John Sartain after design by C. Schuessele of the education of mechanics and workingmen.

UTLEY, ELIZABETH M.

Certificate of membership, Society of the Colonial Dames of America, 1902.

Engrossed parchment, 15.5 x 21 in., with heavy wax seal. Ancestor, Elder William Brewster, 1563-1643.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA EXPOSITION SOCIETY. Pittsburgh.

\$500 stock certificate, [1889].

Issued to Armstrong Bros. & Co. Engraved, with view of the building, by Armor Lith. Co. Limited, Pittsburgh.

Gift of Gilbert G. Osmer [for C. Dudley Armstrong?].

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA EXPOSITION SOCIETY. Pittsburgh.

\$100 stock certificate, 1900.

Issued to Nathaniel Spear, S. Francis Torrence, President. Contains view of the Exposition building by Mackenzie Davis & Co., Lith., Pittsburgh.

Gift of Nathaniel Spear, Jr.

WORLD WAR I. DRAFT REGISTRATION.

Registration certificate, 1918.

Card, 2.5 x 4 in., issued to Russell Errett Waggoner by the local board at Peabody High School, Pittsburgh.

## WORLD WAR I. RATIONING.

Sugar Distribution Certificates.

Blank forms, 3.5 x 7 in., with facsimile S. Howard Heinz,  
Federal Food Administrator for Pennsylvania.

## GE PRINTED MATERIAL, MISCELLANEOUS.

BLAINE, JAMES G., Augusta [Maine].

L. to [William W.] Phelps, 1884 Sep. 6.

Single-column clipping, 15.5 in., from unidentified newspaper  
regarding circumstances of the second marriage ceremony to his  
wife, at Pittsburgh in 1851.

BRADSTREET, GEN. JOHN, Presque Isle.

L. to Gov. Thomas Gage, New York, 1764 Aug. 14.

Double-column clipping, 18 in., from unidentified newspaper  
quoting extracts regarding his relations with the Indians.

DEANE, NATHANIEL CARTER, Carnegie, Pa.

Miscellaneous prose and verse. 25 items.

Published materials, 1909-1926, on a variety of subjects,  
many dealing with service in the 21st Massachusetts Volunteer  
Infantry, 1861-1864.

ELECTIONS. WESTMORELAND COUNTY [1912].

Campaign literature. 6 items.

Mimeographed and printed materials sent to Jas. B. Camp-  
bell of Yohogheny, Pa., mostly from the Progressive and Prohibi-  
tion Parties.

Gift of Richard Linder.

LANG, WILLIAM F.

Collection of social invitations, tickets of admission, etc.,  
1859-1870's. 30 items.

Visitors' passes to New York, Chicago, St. Louis, etc., ex-  
changes; wedding invitations, etc., mostly from the Pittsburgh  
area; a few calling cards.

Gift of Mrs. William A. Seifert.

McCook, MARTHA M.

Collection of music, c. 1825-1840. 2 vols.

Leather and marbled boards, detached, with leather labels,  
14 x 10.5 in., not uniform. Consists of piano and choral pieces,  
many with decorative covers (one depicting uniforms of the New

York State Guard, c. 1838).

NEVILLE, MORGAN, Cincinnati.

L. to Editor, *Pittsburgh Gazette*, 1825 Aug. 16.

Single-column newspaper clipping, 9.5 in., referring to Gen. Richard Butler and Maj. Morris, and giving the text of a L., n.d., from Lafayette to his grandfather, Gen. Daniel Morgan, concerning the welfare of Mrs. Morris.

PITTSBURGH. FIRST TAX-PAYERS UNION, 1873.

Constitution of the First Tax-payers Union of the City of Pittsburgh, 1873.

Reprint, 1 p., from original booklet printed by Stevenson & Foster, 1873.

Gift of Henry Rea Garber.

PITTSBURGH, HARMONY, BUTLER & NEW CASTLE, and PITTSBURGH, MARS AND BUTLER RAILWAY CO.

"The Harmony Route."

Unsigned article in *Trolley Sparks*, Bull. 71, p. 5-8 (June 1947). With illustrations, including map.

Gift of William A. James.

UMSTAETTER, M. M.

Music collection, c. 1840-1870.

3 vols.

Leather and cloth, with leather labels on covers; spines lacking or torn, 13 x 10 in. Consists of piano and vocal pieces, many with decorative covers; includes some of Stephen C. Foster's lesser-known compositions.

VALENTINES.

Collection of romantic and comic valentines, ca. 1895-1900.

50+ items.

WESTERN UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA. IRVING LITERARY SOCIETY.

Imprinted envelope, ca. 1880?

Addressed: Geo. K. Miles.

GF PRINTED MATERIAL, LEGAL AND OTHER FORMS.

BANK OF PITTSBURGH.

Unsigned \$5 bank notes, ca. 1815-1825.

Different forms of pairs of notes on two sheets, each 6 x 7 in.,

engraved by Murray Draper Fairman & Co., and Fairman Draper Underwood & Co.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA. ELECTIONS.

Elector ticket headed by Jefferson Davis and Alexander H. Stephens. 2 items.

Both printed and ms., 6.5 x 5 in., with names of electors for Virginia.

Gift of Mrs. (Col.) Wm. McKee.

DEGRAFF, JOSEPH and MARY.

D.S., 1849 Mar. 27, completed ms. of indenture for one acre in Dickinson Township, Cumberland Co., Pa., to William Galbraith.

Gift of Dr. William S. Tacey, w/Carothers papers.

ELECTIONS. PENNSYLVANIA, 1820.

Blank ballots.

Uncut, 8 x 10 in., of slate headed by Joseph Hiester for Governor. Ms. notes on reverse.

Gift of Mrs. C. W. Dahlinger.

GALLATIN, ALBERT.

D.S., 1 p., 1777 Oct. 28.

Certification accompanying plan (not herewith) of New Geneva.

Typescript copied from Fayette County, Pa., Deed Book C III, l. 1131. The original town laid out on the Monongahela at the mouth of George's Creek by William George Wilson was named Wilson's Port. Includes names and widths of streets and alleys, size of lots, etc.

HETTERICH, JOHN, HEIRS OF.

D.S., 1838 Apr. 3, parchment indenture for two tracts of land in Dickinson Township, Cumberland Co., Pa., containing 13 and 130 acres, to Daniel Hollinger.

Gift of Dr. Wm. S. Tacey, w/Carothers papers.

PARKER SAVINGS BANK, Parker's Landing, Pa.

Bank check, 1873.

Completed form S. by Parker Thompson & Co. to John H. Haines for \$17.27; endorsed by Haines.

Gift of East Liverpool (Ohio) Historical Society.

## POTTS, NOAH.

D.S., by Thos. Mifflin, 2 pp., 1793 June 28. Printed form, 8.5 x 13 in., completed in ms. Warrant for survey of 25 acres of land in Moon Township, Allegheny County, adjoining lands of John Loughland, Andrew Pow, and James Mathews.

## TAYLOR, ROBT., Greensburgh, Westmoreland County, Pa.

License bond to sell spirituous liquors.

D.S., 2 pp., 1789 Oct. 7. Completed form, 13 x 7.5 in., mounted on cardboard, witnessed and S. by Thomas Hamilton and A. St. Clair.

## TOLAND, HENRY.

D.S., Andrew Porter and others, 2 pp., 1784 July 1.

Printed form, 8 x 13 in., completed in ms. Warrant for survey of 300 acres of land in Northumberland County, adjoining those applied for by Jeremiah Fisher. Also S. by John Luken, John Dickinson, and James Trimble.

Gift of A. L. Lewin.

## WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

*Answer. In the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, Sitting in Equity. Western District. October and November Term, 1869.*

Pamphlet, 8.5 x 5.5 in., 14 pp. Case of David C. Houston and others *vs.* Jefferson College and Washington and Jefferson College, involving union of the two.