

## **Record Group 1**

### **Worrall and John Family Records**

**Repository:** Historic Sugartown, Inc.

**Extent:**

16.5 linear feet

**Language:**

English

**Preferred Citation:**

[Description and date of item], RG 1.0, [Box/folder number], Worrall and John Family Records, 1799-1939, Historic Sugartown Archives

**Date:**

1799-1939 (inclusive) 1846-1924 (bulk)

**Abstract:**

During the 1840s, Sharpless Worrall moved with his family to Sugartown in Willistown Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, where he took over ownership of a general store and served as postmaster for 20 years. Upon his retirement, Worrall's son-in-law Hillery John took over the store, which he ran until his death. At that point it was taken over by Hillery's son, Clyde B. John, who eventually turned the business into an antiques shop. Worrall and John family papers and business records, 1830-1939, primarily consist of the business records of the general store under all three owners as well personal and family papers relating to the Worrall and John families.

**Biography:**

Sharpless Worrall (1811-1887), the son of Peter Worrall (1768-1831) and Hannah Sharpless (1777-1858) was born in Middletown, Delaware County, Pennsylvania. In 1833, he married Abigail Thatcher (b. 1814), daughter of Thomas Thatcher and Hannah Palmer of Aston, Pa. The couple had several children including Hannah Worrall (1851-1932), who in 1874 married Hillery John (1845-1904), the son of Jacob E. John (1815-1873) and Minerva White (1818-1890).

By the late 1840s, Sharpless Worrall had moved his family to Sugartown in Willistown Township, Chester County, Pa., where he took over ownership of a general store. He served as postmaster for twenty years, president and secretary of the Willistown School Board for fifteen years, secretary of three beneficial associations, and treasurer of two others.

In 1879, Sharpless Worrall's son-in-law Hillery John took over the store and served as postmaster. Hillery ran the business very successfully until his death in 1904 when his son, Clyde Bernard John (b. 1875), took over, renaming it C.B. John & Bro. Clyde

eventually turned the business into an antique shop and renamed it John's Antique Shop.

### **Bibliography:**

Cope, Gilbert, Henry Fishwick, and Joseph Lemuel Chester. *Genealogy of the Sharpless Family*. Philadelphia: Privately published, 1887. Accessed September 20, 2013. [http://archive.org/stream/genealogyofsharp00cope/genealogyofsharp00cope\\_djvu.txt](http://archive.org/stream/genealogyofsharp00cope/genealogyofsharp00cope_djvu.txt)

### **Scope and Content:**

The Worrall and John Family Records contain both business and personal records for the John and Worrall families. Of interest are the Daybooks (1846-1907), which recorded sales of general store merchandise for three generations. One volume (1846-1852) contains 19<sup>th</sup> century medical recipes. The antique store, C. B. John and Bro is represented by receipt sales (1916-1925) as well as a receipt booklet from the 1960s. Additionally, activities of the Postmaster General (1863-1896) of which both Sharpless Worrall and his son-in-law Hillery John were both officials. These records include Bond Warrants, a post office money order cash book (1899-1902) and some legal disputes. For Local interest or Genealogy researchers, this collection contains multiple Deeds Mortgages and Land Leases from as early as 1799 to early 20<sup>th</sup> Century as related to Worrall and John families in Chester County, Pennsylvania. There is a lengthy court dispute (1931-1940) between the estate of Peter Worrall and his ward Matilda Dilworth pertaining to property in Philadelphia.

Sharpless Worrall was a member and treasurer of the Ivanhoe Lodge 432, Independent Order of Odd-Fellows. This collection contains a Treasurer Book, Ivanhoe Lodge 432 (1851-1867) and charter and by-laws 1857.

Correspondence in this collection, with special interest to the letters of Marguerite John (d.1956), may be of interest to researchers and genealogists, this collection contains quite a few postcards and handwritten letters to Marguerite John

### **Processing Information:**

This collection was initially loosely arranged by an archival survey team from Historical Society of Pennsylvania in 2012. In 2023 the collection was fully processed by archivist Susannah Thurlow. Items were arranged chronologically and rehoused into acid free folders and arranged into series and folder files.

## Name and Subject Headings:

### People

- [John family](#)
- [John, Clyde Bernard, b. 1875](#)
- [John, Hillery, 1845-1904](#)
- John, Marguerite
- [Worrall family](#)
- [Worrall, Sharpless, 1811-1887](#)
- [Worrell family](#)
- Worrall, Abigail
- Worrall, Peter
- Dilworth, Matilda
- Nixon, Rachel

### Subject

- [General stores](#)
- [Local history](#)
- [Postmasters](#)
- Ivanhoe Lodge 432
- Odd Fellows

### Place

- [Chester County \(Pa.\)](#)
- [Malvern \(Pa.\)](#)
- [Sugartown \(Pa.\)](#)
- [Willistown \(Pa. : Township\)](#)

## Administrative Information:

### Publisher

Historic Sugartown, Inc.

### Finding Aid Author

Finding aid prepared by Susannah Thurlow

**Finding Aid Date:** 03/09/2023

**Sponsor:** Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC)

### Access Restrictions

Contact Historic Sugartown, Inc. for information about accessing this collection.

**Use Restrictions:** none

**Accession Number:** 2023.01

**Collection Inventory:**

**Record Group 1**

**Worrall and John Family Records**

**Series 1: Worrall Business and Family Records**

**Subseries 1.1**

**Worrall and John Family and Property Records:**

**This series pertains to records of the general store at Sugartown and John's Antiques, and also contains legal papers, Deeds and leases (1799-1926) pertaining to the family. Wills of Rachel Nixon, a former slave who lived with the Worrall household, and Hillery John, estates of Peter Worrall and Hannah Worrall are in this collection. Additionally, this series contains records for the Postmaster General, which both Sharpless Worrall and Hillery John held office. (1863-1904). This series also contains business records pertaining to the general store, which morphed into a trucking and hauling industry in the 1920s. Some records on Petroliana might be of interest to researchers.**

**This series has been arranged chronologically**

**BOX 1**

1. Peter Worrall land title transfer 1799
2. Peter Worrall Estate 1831
3. Orphans Court Trial, Estate of Peter Worrall vs Matilda Dilworth 1830-1841
4. Hannah Worrall Estate 1858
5. Sharpless Worrall 1836-1844
6. Sharpless Worrall, Postmaster General 1869
7. Bonds and Warrants 1863-1870
8. Sharpless Worrall, Financial and bank records (1853-1879)
9. Worrall, Sharpless Orchard Diary 1865
10. Rachel Nixon Will 1896
11. Postmaster General Certificate, Hillery John 1897
12. Money-Order Cash Book of the Post Office, Sugartown Pa., Hillery John 1898-1904 (see oversized)
13. Hillery John Estate Calendars 1906
14. C.B. John and Bro Calendars 1908, 1910, 1918 (see oversized)
15. Hannah Worrall John Mortgages 1921-1926
16. Grocery Accounting Book 1926-27
17. Fire Insurance Policy, Hannah Worrall 1931

18. Hillery John, Deeds and Mortgages 1854-1902
19. Bonds and Warrants 1888-1896
20. Hillery John, General Store receipts 1892-1896
21. John's Antiques 1916-1935
22. Hillery John Will 1902
23. Hannah W. Worrall Lease 1925
24. Hillery John Estate, Insurance records 1926-27
25. Marguerite John, Deed 1939

**BOX 2**

26. C. B. John and Bro., Business Records 1914-1928 (blue binder)
27. C. B. John and Bro. -Dunleavy Bros. trucking and hauling records 1916-1923 (white binder)

**BOX 3**

28. Loose items from John Daybook 1901-1924 see (1.2.07)
29. C. B. John, Check-stub Receipt Book 1922-1924
30. C. B. John & Bro blank receipt books

**BOX 4**

31. John's Antiques miscellaneous 1890-1933
32. Clyde B. John, bank statements and payroll 1923-1929
33. Clyde B. John, cancelled checks 1909-1916
34. Clyde B. John, cancelled checks 1917-1918
35. Clyde B. John, cancelled checks 1919-1921
36. Clyde B. John, cancelled checks 1922-1923

**BOX 5**

37. Clyde B. John, cancelled checks 1924-1929
38. Clyde B. John, Highway Department, construction of Route 153, Bucks County 1926-1929
39. Clyde B. John, insurances 1928-1929
40. Clyde B. John, Bell Telephone records 1928-1929
41. The Texas Company, Texaco Petroleum Company records 1928-1929
42. Clyde B. John, Cox and John Contractors, correspondence, incoming 1929

**Subseries 1.2**

**Daybooks 1846-1924**

**This subseries of order books and daybooks contains daily sales records for the General Store; one volume contains handwritten medical recipes, arranged chronologically. The daybooks are oversized and are stored individually.**

1. Worrall Daybook 1846-1852 contains medicine recipes (mold)
2. Worrall Daybook 1852-1862 (contains mold) in drawer 4.5
3. Worrall Daybook 1880-1882 (on display in General Store)
4. Hillery John Daybook 1885-1886
5. Hillery John Daybook 1893-1894

6. Hillery John Daybook 1901-02
7. John Daybook 1901-1924 (Both Hillery and C.B. John used this, contains phone book) extremely fragile))
8. John Daybook 1903 (double Entry mostly blank)
9. John Daybook 1907

## **BOX 6**

10. Order Book December 20, 1906-February 8, 1907
11. Order Book March 28-June 19, 1907
12. Order Book June 19-November 15, 1907
13. Order Book 1920, 1921

## **Series 2**

### **Correspondence and Ephemera**

**This series contains personal correspondence and ephemera of the Worrall and John Families (1852-1919). Some advertisements for Peter Worrall Clock repair (1890s). The bulk of this series comes from the correspondence files of Marguerite John (d. 1956). Poems for Sharpless and Abigail Worrall are in this collection as well as some correspondence between family members. A copy of a poem denoting the arrival of the first Worrall to Chester County is in this collection. Items have been arranged chronologically.**

## **BOX 7**

1. Sharpless and Abigail Worrall Golden Anniversary (contains poem) January 10, 1883
2. Abigail Worrall, correspondence (1852-1874)
3. Abigail Worrall, journal entries (1860, 1871)
4. Sharpless Worrall, correspondence (1841-1882)
5. Hannah Worrall, report card, school and mathematics workbook 1867-68
6. Miscellaneous Worrall 1841, 1917
7. Peter Worrall (b.1933) correspondence 1845-1905
8. Peter Worrall (b. 1933), clock repair 1890s
9. Marriage certificate H. John and Hannah Worrall 1874
10. Minerva John 1890 Funeral Card
11. Ante-nuptial Contract, Hanna W John and J. Elwood Worrall 1915
12. Marguerite John, Girls Handybook 1912-1919 (3 books: 1912, 1913, 1914 on display in carriage museum)
13. Marguerite John, correspondence (1904-1912)
14. Marguerite John, ephemera c.1905
15. Clyde B. John, clubs and dues 1927-1929
16. Clyde B. John, West Chester Lions Club, 1929

17. Radnor Hunt, 1931

### Series 3

#### **Items pertaining to Sharpless Worrall and The Independent Order of Odd-Fellows (1851-1867)**

1.3.1 Ivanhoe Lodge 432 Charters and By-laws 1857

1.3.2 Treasurer Book, Ivanhoe Lodge I.O.O.F. 432 (1851-1887) see **box 9**

### Series 4

#### **Photographs:**

01 Elizabeth Anna Worrall age 9 months

02 Unknown, nd

### Series 5

#### **Artifacts:**

**This series contains rare books pertaining to the Worrall family and artifacts from the C.B. John's Antiques. The Worrall Family Bible contains family information such as birth and death dates. There is a cross-stitch by Hannah Worrall from 1843.**

#### **BOX 8**

The Worrall Family Bible: *The Comprehensive Bible* 1863; Lippincott: Philadelphia (JE and AM Worrall)

#### **BOX 9**

1. Smith, C. H. *The Useful Companion and Artificer's Assistant Containing Everything for Everybody including Nearly Six Thousand Recipes*. New York: The Empire State Publishing Co., 1876. (belonging to Peter Worrall)
2. Treasurer Book, Ivanhoe Lodge I.O.O.F. 432 (1851-1867) **see series 3**

#### **BOX 10**

Clipboard from Johns' Antiques (used for receipts, see subseries 1.1)

#### **BOX 11**

Hannah Worrall cross-stitch, 1843

## **Record Group 3**

### **Title: Historic Sugartown Inc. Collection**

**Repository:** Historic Sugartown Inc.,

**Extent:**

.4

**Language:**

English

**Preferred Citation:**

[Description and date of item] RG 3 Historic Sugartown Inc. Collection 1880-1997,  
[Box/folder number] Historic Sugartown Archives.

**Date:**

1880 to 1997 (bulk 1901-1946)

**Abstract:**

Newsletters from Historic Sugartown 1991-1997, photographs (1880-1946) and ephemera (1800s) with no known provenance are found in this collection. The processing archivist located a few folders of loose photographs in the archive and has arranged them by Portrait and Local Homes and Surroundings. Some of the photos are copies with no known source of original and many copies might appear elsewhere in the manuscript collections. In this collection are people, names and places familiar to Sugartown, including photos of the extended Worrall-Williams families, Sugartown school photos and photographs of many of the historic homes in the Sugartown area. There is a photograph of William Engle who was blacksmith at Sugartown, as well as photographs of local lives in the immediate surrounding area.

**Biography:**

Along Sugartown Road in Malvern stands the remarkably intact and lovingly restored, 19th-century village of Sugartown. In the early 1800s, with the American Revolution behind them, Sugartown's early residents established a school, general store, businesses and meeting places, creating a vibrant crossroads that provided goods and services to its surrounding farming community. The village was soon known as Shugart's Town, after tavern keeper Eli Shugart, and served as a vital stop for weary travelers hauling wagonloads of goods to the markets of Philadelphia and other parts of the county. Sugartown remained a social, educational, commercial and municipal center throughout the 1800s.

**Bibliography:**

<https://historicsugartown.org/> Accessed May 11, 2023



## **Scope and Content:**

This collection contains newsletters published by Historic Sugartown in the 1990s and other photographs and ephemera that relate to Historic Sugartown (1880s to 1940s). Many of the photographs are copies with no known provenance and have been used for various research projects over the years.

The portraits series contains images of notable locals, including members of the Worrall and Williams family. Images dates from the 1800s to mid 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The Local Homes and Surroundings Subseries contain many photographs, postcards and copies of images of the intersection at Sugartown, including the crossroads, and exterior views of many local buildings. Interesting to note, the changes of Sugartown including the introduction of power lines and gas station. Many of these photographs are not originals and are on display in the hallways of Sugartown.

## **Processing Information:**

The archivist located a box of photographs and other ephemera that had been used primarily for research or reference over the years. Some photographs are originals, and many are copies. The archivist has placed images in mylar sleeves and organized into two subseries: Portraits, and Local Homes and Surroundings. A third series, Ephemera, has a scant few items that relate to the Worrall and Hall families from the late 1800s.

## **Name and Subject Headings:**

Sugartown, PA

## **Administrative Information:**

### **Publisher**

Historic Sugartown, Inc.

### **Finding Aid Author:** Susannah Thurlow

Finding aid prepared by

### **Finding Aid Date:** May 11, 2023

### **Sponsor:** Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC)

### **Donor:** n/a

### **Access Restrictions**

Contact Historic Sugartown, Inc. for information about accessing this collection.

**Use Restrictions:** some copyright restrictions may apply

**Accession Number:** 2023.03

## **Record Group 3**

### **Title: Historic Sugartown Inc. Collection**

#### **Collection Inventory**

##### **BOX 1**

##### **Series 1: Newsletters 1991-1997**

##### **Series 2: Photographs**

###### **Subseries 2.1 Portraits and People:**

- 001: unknown man with beard (only copy) mounted on backboard
- 002: (2 copies no original) Elizabeth Worrall Williams (daughter of Sharpless Worrall and wife of Granville Williams)
- 003: Emma G. Williams, daughter of Elizabeth Worrall Williams and Granville Williams
- 004: Mrs. Wilson Matlack (Angelica Matlack) (Wills' Mother)
- 005: unknown woman in bonnet
- 006: Anna Katherin Grow Booser 1946
- 007: Dick Booser 1948
- 008: (copy) family portrait, 1948
- 009: (copy) woman in white with three children on horse, circa 1900
- 010: William Engle, Darby PA (Sugartown Blacksmith) + copy
- 011. William S Worr(al?) with horse and carriage
- 012: Sugartown School photo
- 013: School photo (William Evans)
- 014: Man with horse + copy
- 015: Sugartown 1929 (young woman) (copies)
- 016: Young woman, young boy and dog (copy)

###### **Subseries 2.2 Local Homes and Surroundings:**

- 017: Main Street, Sugartown, Chester Co., Pa. (postcard copy)
- 018: Roselawn Farm (postcard)
- 019: Antiques Shop Sugartown, October 12, 1938 (copy)
- 020: unknown white house with cars parked out front
- 021: Sugartown Inn, front of house
- 022: Hillery John shop photo, May 26, 1901 with horse/carriage out front (copy)
- 023: porch photo (general store)? (Copy)
- 024: Gasoline, Motor Oil front porch photo October 12, 1938 9(copy)
- 025: sepia photo of general store (power lines)
- 026: corner of Boot Road, general store 1882, (pre-power lines) (copy)
- 027: family in front of barn (copy)
- 028: stone home (copy)
- 029: two-story building with 2 women (1880s?) (copy)
- 030: Sugartown exterior with people and horse and carriage
- 031: Sugartown, May 26, 1901
- 032: Sugartown, May 26, 1901 stone home

033: Historical Committee Archive/Sugartown crossroads 1900s

034: Homes and people/horses

035: "Our House, Sugartown 1923" (copy)

036: 2 color slides of garden/estate

037: The Main Street, Sugartown, Chester Co., Pa (color postcard)

**Series 3: Ephemera**

Folder 1. Envelope addressed to Rosanna Hall, Crawford Co.

Folder 2. Envelopes for Sharpless Worrall

**Record Group 2:  
Historic Sugartown Manuscript Collection**

**MSS 002 Garrett Family Manuscript Collection**

**Extent:**

1.85 linear feet

**Language:**

English

**Preferred Citation:**

[Description and date of item], [Box/folder number],[ Historic Sugartown Local Manuscripts Collection], [MSS no. 002] Historic Sugartown Archives

**Date: 1772-1930 (bulk dates: 1857-1907)**

**Abstract:** Sugartown, located in Malvern, Pennsylvania, was established in the early 1800s and became a vibrant crossroads that provided goods and services to the surrounding farming community. The Garrett Family Manuscript Collection, 1772-1930 consists of various materials such as deeds and real estate information, family papers, photographs, that document one of Sugartown's earliest families.

**Biographical Note:**

William Garrett constructed the house in 1805 on the corner of his father's Bryn Clovis property. The William Garrett House is an excellent example of a modified "Quaker Plan" or three-room plan so prevalently used in homes among the Quaker community. He lived there with his wife Anne, and their children Mary Ann, Jemima and William. Garrett came from a family of a rich Quaker tradition, so when he married Anne, a non-Quaker, it was a scandal in the community and he was written out of the Quaker Meeting. Garrett died at the young age of 37 and the home was sold out of the family.

In the late 1800s Amos Garrett occupied the farm between Bryn Clovis and Warren Avenue. Amos was related to the Bryn Clovis Garretts through both sides of his parentage. His father, Isaac Garrett was a descendent of William Garrett and Mary Smith, and on his maternal side, Lydia Garrett, a descendent of Thomas Garrett and Hannah Yarnall. Amos was second cousin to Nathan Garrett. Later in life, Amos and his wife Anna Marsh Chandler, moved to West Chester Pa.

**Bibliography:** Historic Sugartown. "William Garrett House." Accessed March 14, 2023.

<https://historicsugartown.org/william-garrett-house/>

Montgomery, Alexandra L. and Amanda Charland. *Good Deeds in Pennsylvania: A History of Bryn Clovis and Brushwood Farms of Chester County*. Privately Published, 2018.

**Scope/Content:**

The Garrett Family Manuscript Collection (MSS 002) consists of local deeds and estate papers dating back as early as 1772. Some of the deeds are on vellum or oversized and fragile. A few family papers can be found in this collection as well; there is a poem for Sarah Garrett written by her father in 1834, and the Maris Garrett journal from 1864 includes daily entries, mostly weather reports and some family news.

This collection is rich in artifacts and photographs. Additionally, a few artifacts from Warren Garrett, including a pendant from a local masonic lodge, Thompson Lodge no. 340 from 1907. Family bibles from the Garrett and Lewis families containing family history and notes, can be found in this collection as well.

**Processing Information:** This collection was loosely put together by an archival team in 2013 and officially organized by an archivist in 2023 who placed the collection into acid free boxes and folders and into three series; Deeds and Family papers, containing mostly mortgage and estate information; Photographs, removed from acidic , brittle albums and kept in original order with notations of creator; and finally Artifacts, which are housed in acid-free boxes.

**Controlled Access Headings:****Name(s):**

Garrett Family  
Garrett, Amos  
Garrett, Davis  
Garrett, Maris  
Garrett, Sarah  
Garrett, Warren  
Williams, Jane

**Places:**

Chester County, Pa.,  
Sugartown, Pa.,

**Subject(s)**

Freemasons  
Genealogy  
Local Interest

**Administrative Information:****Publisher**

Historic Sugartown, Inc.

**Finding Aid Author**

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**Sponsor:** Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC)

**Access Restrictions**

Contact Historic Sugartown, Inc. for information about accessing this collection.

**Use Restrictions:** none

**Accession Number:** 2023.002

**MSS 002 Garrett Family Manuscript Collection**

**Collection Inventory:**

**Box 1**

**Series 1: Deeds and Family papers**

1. Garret Deeds 1772-1861
2. Jane Williams Deed 1791
3. Thomas Garrett barn
4. Goshen/Fallowfield Monthly Meeting 1815
5. Garrett Family Miscellaneous 1824
6. Amos Garrett Estate 1825
7. Sarah Garrett 1834
8. Davis Garrett Estate 1857-1859
9. Maris Garrett Journal 1864-1865
10. Garrett Clocks, Benjamin Garrett

**Box 2**

**Series 2: Photographs (see photo inventory)**

Folder 1: 3 items; 2 photographs and one postcard

Folder 2: 1 item: Thomas C. Garrett

Folder 3: 10 photographs; assorted Garrett Family

Folder 4: 16 items from album 1 (floral); includes funeral cards

Folder 5: 20 items from album 2 (art nouveau)

**Box 3**

**Series 3: Artifacts**

1. Warren Garrett - Masonic Temple pendant necklace 1907 Thompson Lodge No. 340 (32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Mason).

2. Warren Garrett Health Officer Badge, West Chester PA.

**Box 4**

3. *The King James Holy Bible* (1642) Garrett Family Bible, contains family history midway through between page 396-97

**Box 5**

4. *Book of Common Prayer*. 1765: Oxford University. Lewis Family Bible: Contains family history -back pages

**Box 6**

5. Photo Albums (empty) see photographs folders 4 and 5

5a. Floral Album

5b. Art Nouveau Album

**Record Group 2:  
Historic Sugartown Manuscript Collection**

**MSS 003  
Williams Family Manuscript Collection 1809-1930**

**Extent:**  
.85 linear feet

**Language:**  
English

**Preferred Citation:**  
[Description and date of item], [Box/folder number],[ Historic Sugartown local Manuscripts Collection], [MSS no. 003] Historic Sugartown Archives

**Date:**  
**1809-1930 (bulk dates: 1860-1901)**

**Abstract:** The Williams Family Manuscript Collection, 1809-1930, consists of various materials such as deeds and real estate information of local interest, family papers, photographs, and scrapbooks that document one of Sugartown's early families. In 1861, Elizabeth S. Worrall (b. 1838) daughter of Sharpless and Abigail Worrall, married Granville Williams.

**Biographical Note:** Sugartown, located in Malvern, Pennsylvania, was founded in the early 1800s. Along Sugartown Road, "early residents established a school, general store, businesses and meeting places, creating a vibrant crossroads that provided goods and services to its surrounding farming community. The village was soon known as Shugart's Town, after tavern keeper Eli Shugart, and served as a vital stop for weary travelers hauling wagonloads of goods to the markets of Philadelphia and other parts of the county. Sugartown remained a social, educational, commercial and municipal center throughout the 1800s."

**Bibliography:**  
Historic Sugartown. "A 19th Century Crossroads." Accessed September 23, 2013.  
<http://www.historicsugartown.org/index.html>

**Scope and Content:** The Williams Family Manuscript Collection (MSS 003) includes: deeds, mortgages and local estate sales and transfers; a marriage certificate between Jesse Williams and Sarah Hoopes from 1819; autograph albums of William Williams Jr., Amy Ida Williams and Clara Williams; a family photograph album (1865-1930s). Of interest are farming documents including cow lineage, and an employment agreement. There is also an Abstinence Treaty brought forth by the Quaker community and Ellis Williams. In this collection is a patent for a hedge-trimmer by William Williams Jr., from

1885. Local Blacksmith Samuel Yarnall's diary from 1880, and marriage announcement of his daughter, as well as a marriage certificate of J. Harvey Garrett and Emma Williams, 1901.

**Processing Information:** This collection was loosely put together by an archival team in 2013 and officially organized by an archivist in 2023 who kept most of the original arrangement, placed in acid-free folders and organized into two series: Williams Family Papers, and Albums and Ephemera (includes photographs). The small pocket-sized photograph album is in excellent condition and was kept intact.

**Controlled Access Headings:**

**Name(s)**

Broomall, John M  
Garrett, J. Harvey  
Matlack, Wilson M.  
Pratt, Garrett  
Williams, Amy H  
Williams, Amy Ida  
Williams, William Sr.  
Williams, Williams Jr.  
Williams Family  
Yarnall, Samuel

**Place heading(s)**

Chester County, Pa.  
Sugartown, Pa.  
West Chester, Pa.  
Willistown, Pa.

**Subject heading(s)**

Blacksmiths  
Genealogy  
Local History  
Quakers

**Administrative Information:**

**Publisher**

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**Use Restrictions:**

None

**Accession Number: 2023.003**

**Collection Inventory:****Series 1****Williams Family Papers****Box 1**

1. Deed, Easton Pa., 1809; Peter Christine
2. Marriage Certificate, 1819; Jesse Williams and Sarah Hoopes
3. Ellis Williams Estate 1822-1832
4. Ellis Williams, Abstinence Treaty
5. Deed, Philadelphia Pa., 1831
6. Correspondence 1822-1873; Jesse Williams
7. Mortgages, Deeds and Legal 1839-1846; Garrett Pratt and Thomas Hickman
8. Deeds 1857-1887; William Williams Sr.
9. Marriage certificate 1861; Granville Williams and Elizabeth S Worrall  
(oversized see tube)
10. Mortgages 1868-1873; Jesse Williams
11. Financials, 1871-1886; William Williams Sr.
12. Deeds and Mortgages, 1873-1907; West Chester Pa.,
13. Williams Farm, 1878
14. Mortgages and Deeds, 1878; Wilson M and Angelica Matlack
15. Deed 1882-1920; Mary Twaddle
16. Deeds and Estates; 1880s; Miscellaneous Williams
17. Hedge-trimmer Patent 1885; William Williams Jr.
18. Marriage Certificate 1901; Joseph Harvey Garrett and Emma G. Williams  
(oversized see tube)

**Series 2****Albums and Ephemera****Box 2**

1. Engineer's and Mechanic's Pocket book 1861; S. C. Thornton
2. Yarnall, Samuel; diary 1880
3. Autograph Album and journal, 1881; William Williams Jr.
4. Autograph Album 1883; Amy Ida Williams
5. Autograph Album 1893; Clara C Williams
6. Receipts 1897-1902; John Broomall
7. Haverford College 1899; sophomore class
8. Sugartown postcard; 1903; Mrs. Geo D Taylor

9. Williams Family photograph album 1880s

**Photograph Album Inventory**

1. Amy H. Williams
2. Amy Ida Williams
3. Amy H Williams (loose in album)
4. William Williams Jr.
5. Elwood Glisson
6. Amy Ida Williams
7. William Williams Jr. (tintype)
8. Amy Ida Williams
9. William Williams Sr. (tintype)
10. Jane Speakman
11. Amy Ida Williams
12. Clara Ashbridge
13. Margaret Williams

**Oversized (tube)**

1. Marriage certificate 1861; Granville Williams and Elizabeth S. Worrall  
(oversized see tube) see series 1
2. Marriage Certificate 1901; Joseph Harvey Garrett and Emma G. Williams  
(oversized see tube) see series 1

**Oversized (see framed items)**

3. Copy of cross-stitch from 1843. Margaret H. Williams

**Record Group 2**  
**Historic Sugartown Local Manuscripts Collection**

**MSS 004**  
**Lillian M. Hoopes Scrapbook**

**Repository:** Historic Sugartown, Inc.

**Extent:**  
1 linear foot

**Language:**  
English

**Preferred Citation:**  
[Description and date of item], [Box/folder number],[Historic Sugartown local Manuscripts Collection], MSS no. 004 ] Historic Sugartown Archives

**Date:**  
1882-1899

**Biographical/Historical Note:**

Sugartown, located in Malvern, Pennsylvania, was founded in the early 1800s. Along Sugartown Road, "early residents established a school, general store and meeting places, creating a vibrant crossroads that provided goods and services to its surrounding farming community. The village was soon known as Shugart's Town, after tavern keeper Eli Shugart, and served as a vital stop for weary travelers hauling wagonloads of goods to the markets of Philadelphia and other parts of the country. Sugartown remained a social, educational and municipal center throughout the 1800s."

In 1789 Amos Hoopes purchased the "Brushwood" tract of land from Thomas Smedley and his wife Susanna Hoopes Smedley, who was Amos' first cousin. Amos and his wife Meredith lived in Westtown, PA and may not have occupied the house at Brushwood. The land did not stay with Amos Hoopes for long; in 1795 the Brushwood tract was sold to Daniel Sinquet.

The scrapbook emerged in the 1800s as printed materials became more common and accessible. A new trend emerged; people began to paste into bound books, which were sometimes blank journals or music books, clippings, calling cards and other printed ephemera of the time. These scrapbooks became literal works of art in their own right, and often contain handwritten poems, invitations and other pieces of printed material. "The Oxford English Dictionary, which defines a scrap-book as a "blank book in which pictures, newspaper cuttings, and the like are pasted for preservation," suggests that 1854 is the earliest known date of the word "scrap book" being used in print, although

an Internet search for the answer shows evidence that dates back to 1821. Originally the term was seen as two words or hyphenated as “scrap-book.” Over time, however, the two words morphed into one and the accepted and preferred spelling today is one word – “scrapbook.””

### **Bibliography:**

Historic Sugartown. “A 19<sup>th</sup> Century Crossroads.” Accessed September 23, 2013.

<http://www.historicsugartown.org/index.html>

Montgomery, Alexandra L. and Amanda Charland. *Good Deeds in Pennsylvania: A History of Bryn Clovis and Brushwood Farms of Chester County*. Privately Published, 2018.

Journal of Antiques. “Victorian Scrapbooks.” Accessed March 16, 2023.

<https://journalofantiques.com/features/victorian-scrapbooks/>

### **Scope and Content:**

This scrapbook, compiled by Lillian M. Hoopes in the 1890s, contains newspaper clippings of death and funeral announcements, calling cards and marriage announcements with many local names, school report cards signed by her mother Phebe Hoopes, as well as local snippets and ephemera of the time. There are also some family photographs that have been pasted in. This scrapbook was originally a music notebook and the creator has pasted in the clippings and ephemera over top.

### **Processing Note:**

This collection was processed by archivist Susannah Thurlow in 2023. The scrapbook was placed into an archival book box, padded with acid free papers and interleaved through, where applicable.

### **Controlled Access Headings:**

#### **Name (s):**

Hoopes Family

Hoopes, Lillian M.

Hoopes, Phebe

#### **Places:**

Chester County Pa.,

West Chester, Pa,

#### **Subject(s):**

Genealogy

Local Interest

Scrapbooks

### **Administrative Information:**

**Publisher**

Historic Sugartown, Inc.

**Finding Aid Author**

Finding aid prepared by Susannah Thurlow

**Finding Aid Date:** 03/16/2023

**Sponsor:** Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC)

**Access Restrictions**

Contact Historic Sugartown, Inc. for information about accessing this collection.

**Use Restrictions:** none

**Accession Number:** 2023.004

**Collection Inventory:**

**Box 1: Lillian M. Hoopes Scrapbook 1882-1899**

**Record Group 2:  
Historic Sugartown Manuscript Collection**

**MSS 005  
Local Interest Collection**

**Extent:**  
**2.3 linear feet**

**Language:**  
English

**Preferred Citation:**  
[Description and date of item], [Box/folder number],[ Historic Sugartown local Manuscripts Collection], [MSS no. 005] Historic Sugartown Archives

**Date: 1736-1981 (bulk dates 1815-1925)**

**Abstract:**

**Historical/Biographical Note:**

Sugartown, located in Malvern, Pennsylvania, was founded in the early 1800s. Along Sugartown Road, "early residents established a school, general store and meeting places, creating a vibrant crossroads that provided goods and services to its surrounding farming community. The village was soon known as Shugart's Town, after tavern keeper Eli Shugart, and served as a vital stop for weary travelers hauling wagonloads of goods to the markets of Philadelphia and other parts of the country. Sugartown remained a social, educational and municipal center throughout the 1800s."

**Bibliography:**

Historic Sugartown. "A 19<sup>th</sup> Century Crossroads." Accessed September 23, 2013.  
<http://www.historicsugartown.org/index.html>

**Scope and Content:**

The Local Interest Manuscript Collection (MSS 005) contains deeds of land and notable real estate of Chester County and surrounding townships, including The Goshen Friends Monthly Meeting indenture from 1817 as well as a brief on the history of the property. Also included are numerous vellum documents for a land seisin in Marple Township as well as various deeds for Westchester, Pennsylvania. Additionally, this collection also contains a comprehensive history and photographs of Rest Harrow House, which was formerly owned by the Cox family.

Various local lodges and clubs have representation here, including the Independent Order of Odd-fellows (IOOF), The Union League of Willistown's charter and constitution (1863) with Sharpless Worrall as a founding member, the Willistown Union Association

for the Detection of Horse-thieves (1855-1865) contains a plaque as well as by-laws and poster.

Other items of interest to Sugartown farms and surrounding area, including Time Books from 1924 detailing trucking and hauling records for a local business, possibly (C.B. John) and an unknown cash receipt book from 1815 with familiar local names. There are agricultural almanacs from the 1860s as well as ready-reference "manekin" guides for Horses and Cows from 1896. Ephemera folders contain advertisements of the surrounding area and some local correspondence which had no known origin but was of interest to local families.

This collection also includes early education manuals from the area, including mathematics workbooks and conversion tables from 1847 and a literary guide for Sugartown School from 1888.

Photographs in this collection are organized by people, places and subjects, with many unknown or unidentified. The photographs in this collection also detail the Thomas Massey House restoration project. For the Grant family photographs(1947-1972), see also Deeds and Leases C. Gordon Grant.

**Processing Information:**

This collection has no known provenance or donor and was pieced together by the archivist and placed in archival boxes and folders. Much of the collection had been loosely processed and placed into folders and the archivist honored this prior arrangement. The archivist chose to organize the collection chronologically and into the following series: Deeds and Real Estate, Local Interest and Ephemera, and Photographs. Additionally, there is a box of over-sized items.

**Controlled Access Headings:**

**Name(s):**

Massey, Thomas  
Worrall, Sharpless

**Place(s):**

Chester County, Pa.  
Sugartown, Pa  
West Chester, Pa  
Willistown, Pa

**Subject(s):**

Agriculture  
Education (1800s)  
Horse(s)  
Farming  
Independent Order of Odd-Fellows  
Quakers

**Administrative Information:**

**Publisher:**

Historic Sugartown, Inc.

**Finding Aid Author:**

Finding aid prepared by: Susannah Thurlow

**Finding Aid Date:** 04/06/2023

**Sponsor:** Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC)

**Access Restrictions:**

Contact Historic Sugartown, Inc. for information about accessing this collection

**Access Restrictions:** none

**MSS 005 Local Interest Collection**

**Collection Inventory:**

**Box 1**

**Series 1:**

**Indentures, Deeds and Real Estate**

1. Indenture - Ellis Lee, Berks County 1791
2. Writ of Seisen - Delaware County 1795
3. Writ of Seisen – Joseph Maris v. John Powell, Marple Township 1796
4. Draft of barn, no date circa 1800s
5. Land Survey, Willistown, Pa., 1812
6. Indenture/Deed - Goshen Friends Monthly Meeting 1817-1903
7. Miscellaneous Bonds and Leases, 1850s
8. Indenture – William B. Waddel, West Chester 1859
9. Deeds and Leases – C. Gordon Grant 1926-1956 (see photograph collection Series 3.7)
10. Rest Harrow House History 1927-1981 (oversized see binder)
11. Miscellaneous Local Real Estate circa 1960s

**Series 1.2 Maps (see oversized items)**

1. Smith's New Map of Philadelphia and Vicinity, 1881
2. Hunting Country of the Radnor Hunt, 1923 (1974 reprint)
3. Map of West-Chester, no date; circa late 1800s
4. Map of Willistown, no date; circa 1880s (see also framed items for copy)
5. Map of Sugartown, Kimberton and Charlestown, PA, no date; circa 1880s (see also framed items for copy)
6. Map of Chester County, 1830

**Series 2**

**Local Interest and Ephemera**

**Box 2**

1. Marriage certificate 1736; James Perrock and Sarah Armington
2. Cash Receipt Book/Daybook 1815-1820 (very fragile)
3. Willistown Post-office, Joseph Pratt Postmaster; 1831-1835
4. Mathematics Workbook – John Acken 1847
5. Mathematics Conversion workbook/scrapbook 1850s
6. Mary Harbaugh, Journal 1857-1860



7. Willistown Union Association for The Detection of Horse-Thieves; 1855-65  
(see also oversized frame/No.1)
8. Mounted Riflemen -Chester County; Constitution and By-Laws 1861
9. Female Institute; West Chester Pa 1861
10. Wit and Wisdom Almanac 1861
11. Grand Lodge No. 325 I.O.O.F of PA; 1868: 1874 (2 items)
12. Sugartown Lodge No. 337
13. Willistown Grange No. 114; Sharpless Worrall, 1874-1880 (5 items)
14. The Literary Guide – Sugartown 1885
15. Manekin of Horse/Cow 1896; Hand-book of ready reference (3 items)
16. Agricultural Almanac 1900: Lancaster
17. Local advertisements and ephemera 1880s to 1900s
18. Miscellaneous ephemera 1880s
19. Sugartown Union Sunday School
20. Journal 1919; books read
21. Time Books 1924, 1925 (hauling records for farm/business)
22. Mary A. Golden, ephemera and financial 1920s
23. Miscellaneous, clippings/local interest
24. Miscellaneous correspondence 1821-1924
25. Miscellaneous correspondence circa 1890s
26. W. B. Engle, Blacksmith; Thornton PA 1914

### **Box 3**

1. Philadelphia Suburban Phone book 1934
2. Chester County Day 1857-2015
3. Guide Book and History for Willistown Residents 1959-1973

### **Series 3:**

#### **Photographs**

4. People, Miscellaneous 1880s
5. Sugartown and Chester County, miscellaneous 1900s (3 items)
6. Thomas Massey House Restoration
7. Grant Family Photographs 1947-1972 (see Deed and Leases – Grant)
8. Oversized unidentified photos (possibly Williams family)

#### **Oversized Box 4**

1. Local Newspapers
2. Local Store Calendars 1915- 1929
3. Photograph: Bishop House at Sugartown (1 item)
4. Union League of Willistown, Chester County 1863; Charter and Constitution

**Record Group 2:  
Historic Sugartown Manuscript Collection**

**MSS 006  
Local Families Photograph Collection**

**Repository:** Historic Sugartown, Inc.

**Extent:**  
.4 linear feet

**Language:**  
English

**Preferred Citation:**  
[Description and date of item], [Box/folder number],[Historic Sugartown local Manuscripts Collection], [MSS no. 006 ] Historic Sugartown Archives

**Date:**  
**1880s to 1933**

**Abstract:** Familiar names such as the Williams family, the Glisson family, Cox family, and the Hall family appear regularly in this collection. Quite possibly this collection once belonged to Lydia Emma Thatcher. There are many interesting photographs detailing local homes interiors and exteriors, farm life and horses, ladies and men's fashions, and group photographs. There are a few tin-type portraits of the Williams family here.

**Biographical/Historical Note:**  
This photograph collection primarily consists of the Hall and Williams family and their extended relations of Chester County, Pennsylvania. At some point in the 20<sup>th</sup> century the family and photographs extend to Meadville of Crawford County, Pennsylvania.

**Processing Note:**  
Photographs were found in a box in the archives with no known provenance. Given that the collection had no prior arrangements or known provenance, the archivist has arranged this collection into two sub-series; Portraits (arranged alphabetically by family name) and Family Photographs and organized to item level. Many of these photographs have prices on them leading the archivist to think they may have been purchased at an estate or similar sale. The photographs have been placed in mylar sleeves or interleaved with acid-free buffered paper where applicable. The tin-types have been placed in mylar sleeves lined with acid-free paper.

**Controlled Access Headings:**

**Name(s):**

Cox Family  
Glisson Family  
Hall Family  
Williams Family

**Place(s):**

Sugartown, Pa.  
Chester County, Pa.  
Crawford County, Pa.  
Meadville, Pa.  
West Chester, Pa.

**Subject(s):**

Farming  
Genealogy  
Local Interest

**Administrative Information:****Publisher**

Historic Sugartown, Inc.

**Finding Aid Author**

Finding aid prepared by Susannah Thurlow

**Finding Aid Date:** 03/16/2023

**Sponsor:** Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC)

**Access Restrictions:** none

**Accession number:** 2023.006

**MSS 006 Local Families Photograph Collection****Collection Inventory****Box 1****Series 1**

**Portraits:** This series of photographs contains portraits, including tintypes, circa 1860s and cabinet cards, circa 1880s. Information has been transferred, where applicable, including dates and names. This series has been organized alphabetically by family name.

**Folder 1**

001: Anna Cox  
002: Sallie R. Cox; September 15, 1898  
003: Wilmer B. Cox ;September 15, 1898  
004: Elwood Glisson tin-type  
005: Detta Hall

006: Detta and May Hall, William Williams (unidentified) group photo  
007: L. Mabel Hall  
008: L. Mabel Hall and Amy Ida Williams tin-type  
009: L. Mabel Hall and Amy Ida Williams tin-type  
010: May Hall  
011: Rosanna B. Hall  
012: Arthur S. Pritchett "compliments from Arthur to Ida"  
013: Ida Rodgers Stackhouse  
014: Ida Rodgers Stackhouse  
015: Lydia Emma Thatcher  
016: Amy H. Williams  
017: Amy H. Williams  
018: Amy Ida Williams  
019: Amy Ida Williams  
020a: Amy Ida Williams; 1887 (2 copies)  
020b: Amy Ida Williams; "given to me December 23, 1887 LET"  
021a: Amy Ida Williams (2 copies)  
021b: Amy Ida Williams Glisson  
022: Charles Lester Williams (infant)  
023: Clara C .and Ida May Williams  
024: Elizabeth J .Williams (postcard)  
025: H. Calvin Williams  
026: Lillian Williams; Christmas; 1891  
027: Margaret H. Williams  
028: William Williams Jr.  
029: William Williams Jr.  
030: William Williams Jr.  
031: William Williams Jr. and L. T. Williams  
032: William Williams Jr. (postcard)  
033: William Williams Sr. (tin-type)  
034: Unidentified woman (Margaret Williams?)

## **Series 2:**

### **Family Photographs:**

**This series has been loosely organized by family name (Glisson, Williams, Hall families) and features group photographs, exterior and interior of local homes and farm life. The majority of these photographs are of Amy Ida Willams and Elwood Glisson. The photographs here extend beyond Chester County. Of note: Amy Ida Williams married Elwood Glisson.**

### **Folder 2**

035: Elwood and Amy Ida Glisson (postcard)  
036: Elwood and Amy Ida Glisson (taken in Meadville, Crawford Co, PA)  
037: Elwood Glisson, Amy Ida Glisson, May Hall, Detta Hall, Harrie Brown, Hattie Brown  
038: Elwood Glisson, De Etta Hall, Lewis Brown

- 039: Elwood Glisson in overalls in front of home
- 040: Elwood and Amy Ida Glisson (double exposure w car)
- 041: Elwood and Amy Glisson, house at 333 Dean St. Westchester PA (left to right): Ida Stackhouse, William Williams, ? Hall, Lizzie Williams, Ida Glisson, Grace Ellsworth
- 042: Elwood Glisson and home (with dog)
- 043: George and Mary Williams, May Hall and Amy Ida Glisson in Elwood Glisson's yard at Chatham
- 044: Gilbert and Glisson family
- 045: May Hall, Elwood and Amy Ida Glisson (horse and carriage)
- 046: Elwood and Amy Ida Glisson (farm scene, horse and carriage)
- 047: Elwood Glisson and horse "Lady"
- 048: Elwood and Amy Ida Glisson, De Etta Hall and Addie Beatty, taken in Crawford County, PA
- 049: Elwood and Amy Ida Glisson
- 050: Elwood and Amy Ida Glisson, Harrie Edwards in the rear pointing his finger
- 051: Elwood and Amy Ida Glisson, Lewis Brown
- 052: Elwood and Amy Ida Glisson, Lester Williams, May Hall; 1933 at Asbury Park
- 053: Elwood Glisson (in home, reading)
- 054: Elwood and Ida Glissons' parlor in home in West Marlborough

### **Folder 3**

- 055: May Hall and her cousin Mrs. Nora Brown
- 056: Detta and May Hall, Ida Stackhouse, Lewis Rodgers, Sakie Hall; 1919 (at Sakie's)
- 057: Claude Williams, Ida Stackhouse, Lewis Rodgers, May Hall; 1919
- 058: Ida Stackhouse, May and Det Hall, Lewis Rodgers; 1919 "Taken in front of Mr. Firsts' House, across the street from ours"
- 059: Detta and May Hall
- 060: Group taken on Hall porch, Meadville PA 1909; Nora and Lewis Brown, Addie Beatty, Sarah Wilcox, Detta Hall, Mrs. Scott, Elwood and Amy Ida Glisson
- 061: Edwin and Lydia Gilbert, Abbie Gilbert, Percy Wollaston, Elwood and Amy Ida Glisson, Ada Pearl
- 062: Detta and Mabel Hall (having tea)
- 063: Ada Gilbert and Anna Cox; May 3, 1931
- 064: William Williams; 1919
- 065: John J. Williams on his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday (outside home); circa 1930
- 066: Thomas H. Williams
- 067: Lizzie Williams, Frances and Margaret McFadgen (postcard)

### **Folder 4**

- 068: Elwood and Amy Ida Glisson's house and horse on the farm. "We moved there March 25<sup>th</sup> 1890")
- 069: Elwood and Amy Ida Glisson's farm. "We moved there March 25<sup>th</sup> 1890"
- 070: William and Elizabeth Williams and Norman Vernon at their home, 341 Dean Street. West Chester PA
- 071: Elwood and Amy Ida Glisson and Abbie Gilbert at their home 333 Dean Street, West Chester, PA.

072: Rosanna B Hall's house in Meadville, PA  
073: Thomas T Hall old home in Crawford County. Dell and Minnie Smith  
074: Elwood Glissons' home, May Hall and Amy Ida Glisson (Chatham?)  
075: John Williams' House  
076: William Smileys' house on Price Street, West Chester  
077: Wills' house at Brandywine Manor  
078: Skating park on the cricket ground in West Chester; taken by Amy Ida Glisson 1910  
**The following are housed in an album, photos glued onto paper**  
079: Rosanna Halls' house  
080: Rosanna Halls' house  
081: Rosanna Hall "Aunt Rosie and her two sisters"  
081: Rosanna Hall and Addie Beatty  
082: De Etta Hall  
083: De Etta Hall  
084: L. Mabel Hall  
085: Hattie Brown and Mabel Hall  
086: Hattie Brown and May Hall  
087: Rosanna Hall, Addie Beatty and Grace Ellsworth "Aunt Rosie, Aunt Addie and Grace Ellsworth"  
088: Aunt Rosie (Rosanna Hall) house, Meadville PA  
089: Claud Williams house

**Record Group 2**  
**Historic Sugartown Local Manuscripts Collection**

**MSS 008**  
**Amy H. Williams Manuscript Collection 1860-1880**

**Extent:**

1.0 linear feet

**Language:**

English

**Preferred Citation:**

[Description and date of item], [Box/folder number],[ Historic Sugartown local Manuscripts Collection], [MSS no. 008] Historic Sugartown Archives

**Abstract:** The Amy H. Williams Manuscript Collection consists of a Victorian-era hair album and photographs of the Williams and Garrett families. Photographs are in the form of Daguerreotypes and tin-types.

**Biographical/Historical Note:**

Amy H. Williams (1823-1889), nee Hall, born July 18, 1823, was a resident of the village of Sugartown and lived on Spring Road with her parents Thomas Hall and Phebe Mode Hall and her older siblings: Mode, Mary, Thomas and Phebe. She married William Williams Sr. and was mother to Amy Ida Williams Glisson and Thomas H. Williams.

Victorian hair albums were often assembled using locks of hair from living friends and family and are equivalent of a friendship album. Friends exchanged locks of hair as a token of affection, or occasionally when friends moved far away. "The locks of hair were styled according to the abilities of the album creator, ranging from simple bunches tied together with string or ribbon to elaborate braided and looped creations. Asking one's friends for a lock of hair seems almost unimaginable now, but in a time before the invention of photography, a piece of hair was the only tangible way to remember someone."

**Bibliography:** "Amy Hall Williams." Accessed on March 14, 2023.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/34900275/amy-williams>

"Conservation of Sarah Davenport's Hair Album." Accessed March 21, 2023.

<https://www.nedcc.org/about/nedcc-stories/davenport-hair-album-pt1>

**Dates: 1860-1880**

**Scope:** This collection contains an album of hair snippets that Amy Hall started collecting from friends and relatives in 1834. The earliest piece of hair is from her older sister Mary who was 23 at the time. The hair album contains 56 hair samples dating from 1834-1844. Most of the hair is braided or looped into circles and some feature embellishments such as ribbons.

In addition to the hair album this collection contains photographs; including two daguerreotypes, tintypes, and other photographs. The Williams family, the Garrett family, and Lewis family are represented in this photograph collection.

This collection also contains information and tags used for display.

**Processing Information:**

Provenance is unknown although this collection is frequently accessed by the staff at Historic Sugartown and used for display. The archivist provided acid-free housing, folders and mylar or paper enclosures for the photographs and hair album. The collection is arranged in 2 series; The Hair Album and Photographs. The photographs have been arranged by item.

**Controlled Access Headings**

**Name(s):**

Garrett Family  
Hall, Amy  
Williams Family

**Subject(s):**

Hair album

**Places(s):**

Chester County Pa.

**Administrative Information:**

**Publisher**

Historic Sugartown, Inc.

**Finding Aid Author**

Finding aid prepared by Susannah Thurlow

**Finding Aid Date:** 03/21/2023

**Sponsor:** Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC)

**Access Restrictions**

Contact Historic Sugartown, Inc. for information about accessing this collection.

**Use Restrictions:** none

**Accession Number:**

2023.008



**MSS 008**

**Amy H. Williams Manuscript Collection 1860-1880**

**Collection Inventory:**

**Box 1**

**Series 1: Hair Album**

**Series 2: Photographs**

008.2.01 Williams Family Post-Mortem Daguerreotype, circa 1850s

008.2.02 Daguerreotype; unknown seated man, very fragile

008.2.03 Nathan Garrett, Jane Lewis Garrett (oval frame)

008.2.04 Tintype: three children

008.2.05 Tintype: well-dressed man with hand-tinted cheeks circa 1860s

008.2.06 Tintype: 2 well-dressed women circa 1860s

008.2.07 Tintype: 3 women, circa 1860s

008.2.08 Tintype: 6 women, circa 1860s

008.2.09 Elwood Huntsman in uniform, Union soldier circa 1860s

008.2.10 Amy H. Williams

008.2.11 Amy H. Williams

008.2.12 William Williams Sr. (Amy H. Williams husband)

**Record Group 2:  
Historic Sugartown Manuscript Collection**

**MSS 009  
The Matlack and Bishop Family Collection**

**Extent:**  
1.0 linear feet

**Language:**  
English

**Preferred Citation:**  
[Description and date of item], [Box/folder number],[ Historic Sugartown local Manuscripts Collection], [MSS no. 009] Historic Sugartown Archives

**Dates: 1833-1941**

**Abstract:** The Matlack and Bishop Manuscript Collection (MSS 009) is a small collection consisting of family documents and photographs of local families, specifically the Matlack and Bishop families, of Sugartown and Chester County, Pa.

**Biographical/Historical Note:**  
Angela B. Matlack, wife of Wilson M. Matlack and daughter of Joaquim Bishop, Sugartown's platinum refiner, purchased The Garrett House, sometime after William Garrett's death. Angela Matlack shopped at Historic Sugartown's General Store, appearing frequently in Hillery John's Day Books in the early 1880s. Angela's husband, Wilson, was a Civil War veteran and served as Captain of the Washington Troop of Chester County, the local unit of the National Guard of Pennsylvania in 1874.

**Bibliography:** Historic Sugartown. "William Garrett House." Accessed March 14, 2023. <https://historicsugartown.org/william-garrett-house/>

**Scope:** This collection was donated by Angelica Matlack, no other known information or provenance exists. This collection consists of a few family papers including an American Citizenship certificate for Joaquin Bishop 1870, a marriage certificate of Joaquin Bishop and Susan O'Neal (1847), a handwritten family history document and a patent for William W. Matlock from 1941. Additionally, four daguerreotypes and two family bibles are in this collection.

**Processing Information:**  
This collection was processed to item level. Documents are housed in an acid free folder; daguerreotypes are housed in acid free enclosures. Family bibles are additionally wrapped in archival paper.

**Donor:** Angelica Matlack

**Controlled Access Headings:**

**Name(s)**

Bishop family  
Bishop, Joaquin  
Matlack family  
Matlack, William W.  
Bishop, Susannah

**Subject(s):**

Genealogy  
Local Interest

**Place(s):**

Chester County, Pa.,

**Administrative Information:**

**Publisher**

Historic Sugartown, Inc.

**Finding Aid Author**

Finding aid prepared by Susannah Thurlow

**Finding Aid Date:** 03/09/2023

**Sponsor:** Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC)

**Access Restrictions**

Contact Historic Sugartown, Inc. for information about accessing this collection.

**Use Restrictions:**

None

**Accession Number:**

2023.009

**Collection Inventory:**

**Box 1/Folder 1**

**Series 1: Family Papers**

1. Joaquin Bishop American Citizenship certificate 1870
2. Bishop family record 1833-1856
3. William W. Matlock US Patent Office, 1941
4. Marriage certificate 1847, Joaquin Matlack and Susan O'Neal

**Series 2: Photographs:**

Daguerreotypes:

1. Two women, seated, circa 1860s
2. 2 women, circa 1860s
3. Cecilia Bishop Worrall ("aunt") circa 1860s
4. 3 men circa 1860s

**Series 3: Family Bibles:**

1. *King James Bible*. (1912) Oxford University Press. "presented to William from Mother, Dec 25, 1912" Worn used copy of Bible with hand-written notes
2. *King James Bible*. (1877) Cambridge University Press. "Willie W Matlack, from Grandma, Sept 1881"

**Title:**  
**MSS 011**  
**Daniel W. Green, Blacksmith Collection 1864-1887**

**Repository:** Historic Sugartown Inc.,

**Extent:**  
.7 linear feet

**Language:**  
English

**Preferred Citation:**  
[Description and date of item] MSS no. 011[Box/folder number] Historic Sugartown Archives

**Date:**  
1864-1887

**Abstract:**  
Local Blacksmith Daniel Green's daybook and/or ledgers. This collection contains two daybooks with daily entries from 1864 to 1887. The daybooks in this collection contain many local and familiar names that populate this archive, including the Garrett family. Additionally, a date stone from the blacksmith shop dated 1877 is also in this collection.

**Biography:**  
By 1860, the United States census recorded 7,504 blacksmith workshops and 15,720 workers employed within them. It also listed blacksmithing as the fourth most popular trade after lumber milling, flour milling, and shoemaking. At a time when the United States population hovered around thirty million, this was a significant number of people employed in blacksmithing and illustrates the demand for this service. Smiths managed their businesses carefully and kept detailed records of daily work orders and the debts owed by their customers. They interacted with other business owners in their community to build solid professional networks and advertise their services. Blacksmiths living in the 1800s took on the roles of both tradesmen and businessmen in order to manage successful workshops and provide a variety of services. Townspeople and farmers alike valued the range of skills blacksmiths possessed and relied on them to create the tools and implements necessary for survival.

Smiths could manipulate metal in endless ways, but usually created and repaired farm equipment such as hoes, plows, rakes and other tools as well as hardware and wheels for wagons, kitchen utensils and horseshoes.

**Bibliography:**

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**Scope and Content:**

Local Blacksmith Daniel Green's daybook and/or ledgers. This collection contains two daybooks with daily entries from 1864 to 1887. The first daybook in the collection dates from 1864-1868; the second daybook is dated 1874-1887. The daybooks in this collection contain information such as debts and sales, and many local and familiar names within the archive populate this collection, including the Garrett family. Additionally, a date stone from the blacksmith shop dated 1877 is also in this collection.

**Processing Information:**

The two daybooks had been previously preserved in acid-free boxes. The archivist has brushed the daybooks free of debris and taken note of any items from the interior pages. Archivist has removed any acidic papers interleaved, photographed them, and filed them in a separate file folder.

Additionally, while processing the collection, attention was drawn to a date-stone from the Blacksmith Shop of Daniel W. Green, dated 1877. This was donated in 1986 by Robert M. Valyo

Items are extremely fragile and faded, with some blooming on the leather and possible signs of mold.

**Name and Subject Headings:****Names:**

Green, Daniel W.

**Subject(s)**

Blacksmiths 1800s

**Place(s)**

Sugartown, PA

Chester County, PA

**Administrative Information:****Publisher**

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**Sponsor:** Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

**Donor: (date stone)** Kitty Baldwin and Robert M. Valyo

**Access Restrictions**

Contact Historic Sugartown, Inc. for information about accessing this collection.

**Use Restrictions:** none

**Accession Number:** 2023.011

**Collection Inventory:**

**Series 1: Daybooks**

**Book Box 1**

1. Daybook 1864-1868

**Book Box 2**

2. Daybook 1874-1887

**Box 3**

3. Folder 1: items from daybook 1864-1868
4. Folder 2: items from daybook 1874-1887

**Series 2: Artifacts**

1. Date Stone D. W. G; 1877. Dutton Mill Road and West Chester Pike