

EDWARD SHIPPEN THOMPSON COLLECTION

Processor's Note

The State Archives (then known as the Division of Public Records) received the bulk of the Edward Shippen Thompson papers on April 30, 1946, from Charlotte Thompson Henry (Thompson's daughter), Arlington, Va. Prior to the donation, 1939-41, Thompson had loaned numerous items to the Archives for conservation work and duplication, according to letters in the MG-125 Accession File. This contact explains the Thompson family's desire to place Edward's papers with the Archives, and he previously may have deposited a few items with the Division.

Although most vestiges of the collection's original arrangement have been obliterated, the papers apparently may have been filed by family groups or surnames in accordance with Thompson's genealogical activities. Unfortunately, the attempts to process the manuscripts produced somewhat chaotic results.

Marvin W. Schlegel, Assistant Historian, accepted the donation and immediately sifted out those items of "historic interest," removing "most of the papers which had no value" for return to Mrs. Henry (Memo, Schlegel to Colonel Henry W. Shoemaker, April 30, 1946; MG-125 Accession File). Four years later, the collection's processor observed that the documents had been "arranged and re-arranged," concluding with a "rearrangement of the papers in chronological and topical order in ten boxes... effected with the aid of Dr. Humbertis Cummings" ("Thompson Papers," August 22, 1950; MG-125 Accession File). While this process identified many interesting and historically-valuable items, it destroyed the collection's original order and dissociated materials pertaining to the same family.

From 1950 until the present processor commenced work on the group in May of 1988, the collection became disorganized and the arrangement was found to be confusing and unsatisfactory. Possibly, it may have been altered during those decades. Redundant box numbers and other problems developed.

Initially, this processor sought only to check the collection for missing documents, but the arrangement of the materials and some of the item descriptions required that all of the papers be reorganized and listed in a manner more in accordance with standard archival practice. Owing to the previous efforts to arrange and rearrange the papers, no entirely suitable order could be imposed on them. At this time, they are filed roughly by family and thereunder by type of documents--accounts, correspondence, photographs, etc.

In some cases, undated pieces were discovered in folders marked with specific years or dates. Under the new scheme, these items are identified as "not dated" (n.d.) and filed at the end of the year to which they previously had been assigned.

The collection remains problematic in that related papers will be found among the materials of different families and among different file types. This circumstance may stem from Thompson's efforts to interfile original family papers with genealogical notes as well as the various rearrangements to which the collection was subjected at the Archives. When a researcher identifies an item of interest, all other files in the collection bearing that date should be examined.

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September 5, 1991

Location: 3rd floor
Vault

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Burd Orphan Asylum (later Burd School), 1896-1935, n.d. (7 items)	1	1
Business and Legal Papers, 1746-77, n.d. (45 items)	2	
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General Correspondence (primarily correspondence of Col. James Burd and family), 1747-1860, n.d.		
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Edward Shippen Burd Materials, 1825-1848		
Text of Oration delivered at "Doctor simpons spring 4th July 1825." (1 item)	14	
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Last Will and Testament of Edward Shippen Burd, 1848 (printed copy) 1 item	15	
Genealogical Correspondence and Notes 1684-1942, n.d.		
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Shippen Family Materials, 1884-1936, n.d.	21	
Military Papers (primarily papers of James Burd), 1748-1763, 1775-1780, n.d.		
French and Indian War, 1748-1763, n.d.		
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Revolutionary War, 1775-1780, n.d. (10 items)	25	
Photographs, Silhouettes, etc.		
Col. James Burd (13 items)	26	
Sarah Shippen Burd, wife of Col. James Burd (8 items)	27	
Maj. Edward Burd (2 items)		
Margaret Burd, wife of Jacob Hubley (3 items)		
Sarah Burd, wife of Jasper Yeates (1 item)		

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Jasper Yeates (1 item)	
Katharine Yeates Shippen (1 item)	
Col. James Burd's descendants, 1929-30 (4 items)	28
Unidentified soldier (World War II?) (1 item)	
"Tinian", home of Col. James Burd (6 items)	
Burd Coat of Arms (1 items)	
Edward Shippen, "First Mayor" of Philadelphia (3 items)	
Joseph Shippen, son of "first" Edward Shippen (6 items)	
Edward Shippen, of Lancaster (10 items)	
Edward Shippen, Chief Justice of Pennsylvania (5 items)	
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The ~~THOMPSON-BURD-PATTERSON-SHIPPEN~~ Papers
(In three cartons and one large, flat, black document case.)
8 Boxes - 2 Loose Vols

These Papers were received at the Division of Public Records in the middle 1940's from Edward Shippen Thompson, of Thompsontown, Pennsylvania. Chiefly the papers stem from succeeding generations of the Thompsens, a family which founded Thompsontown, on the lower reaches of the Juniata River, and for more than a century remained prominent in the commercial and social life of that community. It should be noted, however, that many important portions of the Papers originated with the marriage-connected Burd, Patterson, and Shippen families. A basic understanding of the complex family relationships is essential to any adequate comprehension of the strands interwoven in these papers. The following outline lists in order of chronology and family descent the more notable persons involved in the exchange of letters:

Colonel James Burd (1725-1793) of Tinian in Lancaster (now Dauphin) County, road builder, officer during French and Indian War and again during early days of the Revolution. Married Sarah Shippen, of Lancaster. Edward Burd (1750-1835) was his son and Jasper Veates (1745-1817) his son-in-law.

A second son-in-law of Colonel Burd:

George Patterson (1762-1814) Descendant of the trader James Patterson, of Lancaster County; member of family which founded Patterson's Fort (now Mexico) where George Patterson operated a saw mill and a fulling mill. His daughter married William Thompson, Jr., and became ancestor of numerous Thompsens.

William Thompson, Sr. (1752-1813) miller, merchant, and founder of Thompsontown on the lower Juniata some 6 miles below Patterson's Fort.

The sons of William Thompson, Sr:

James Thompson (1782-1847) miller, merchant, and postmaster at Thompsontown.

William Thompson, Jr., (1785-1834) married Charlotte Chambers Patterson.

Robert Thompson (1790-1866)