

PENNSYLVANIA BOARD of CANAL COMMISSIONERS

ALLIED RECORDS

A. Pennsylvania Canal Records in the Division of Public Records of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

Second in importance only to the Pennsylvania Canal Commissioners' Records housed in the BUREAU of LAND RECORDS are the Pennsylvania Canal Papers held in the Division of Public Records (Room 221, Education Building, Harrisburg) of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. These, the greater number of which occurs in manuscript form, were, until recent years, included among the Governors' Papers without any systematic cataloguing or filing. Now, catalogued, calendared, and filed, they parallel in many respects the larger body of papers and books in the Bureau of Land Records. They include correspondence and resolutions of the Canal Board; petitions from many regions of the Commonwealth for the privilege of canalways; the reports, sometimes the field notes, of engineers; recommendations of aspirants to positions of trust in the canal service. An interesting folder is that of correspondence on the Robert Brooke - Charles S. Trezyulny New York - Pennsylvania Canal Survey, 1816 - 1818, in the era of Simon Snyder, governor of Pennsylvania, and DeWitt Clinton, governor of New York, with the account books of the two engineers involved in a Pennsylvania exploration entirely within the boundaries of New York State.

Many of the Public Records Division's Pennsylvania Canal Papers parallel, canal division by canal division, both the Canal Commissioners' Records and the Superintendency Papers which are held in the Bureau of Land Records. In them, in brief,