

Related to these official records of the state-owned Pennsylvania Canal are several other bodies of canal papers found on Capitol Hill. In the Public Records Division of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission appear, in documentary form, records of such early corporate canal ventures as the Delaware and Schuylkill Canal, the Schuylkill and Susquehanna Canal, the Conewago Canal, the Union Canal, the Conestoga Navigation Company, and others. Here, deposited by the Pennsylvania Water and Power Company, is the main bulk of the surviving records of the company-owned Susquehanna and Tidewater Canal. In the Pennsylvania Museum Building, in charge of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, are held and inventoried all the surviving official records of the Schuylkill Navigation Company, which now belong to the Commonwealth.

A few voucher lists, vouchers, and kindred accounts for labor on the early-chartered and early-abandoned Delaware and Schuylkill Canal Navigation are shelved in the Bureau of Land Records of the Department of Internal Affairs with the papers of the Pennsylvania Board of Canal Commissioners. There also are shelved considerably more substantial records, both documentary and printed, of the Pennsylvania Canal Company, a corporation which acquired control during the 1860's from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, first purchaser from the state of the Main Line of the Pennsylvania Canal, and which operated large parts of the old waterway until 1902.

(It is relevant to note at this point that the vast body of the papers of the Union Canal Company belongs to the Berks County Historical Society in Reading, Pennsylvania; the equally great body of the papers of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company Canal remains, appropriately, in the possession of that still-active corporation in Allentown, Pennsylvania)