

and vouchers ("receipts" for salary, wages, etc.); accounts of moneys paid to a contractor for grubbing, for excavating, for building a wall, a culvert, a lock, an aqueduct, a bridge, etc. Together with his receipt to the superintendent will be found the account of the contractor, certified by an official engineer on the division as to the quality or the state of completeness of any feature of canal-way or railroad equipment. Locomotive engines, stone sleepers, iron for tracks, iron chairs and other castings are properly receipted for among Columbia and Philadelphia or Allegheny Portage Railroad Superintendents' Papers. Foremen's check-rolls and laborers' receipts for wages, as well as principal engineers' and their assistants' receipts for salary are preserved. From the years of operation of the Pennsylvania Canal by the state, in the papers of many of the divisional superintendents are held the vouchers of toll-collectors and lock-keepers. The cost of repairs on the several divisions after damages by floods and freshets is similarly recorded.

The papers of the superintendents have been filed chronologically in accordance with the dates of settlement of accounts. The labels of the files or packets containing the papers indicate the order of succession of acting commissioners, superintendents, and supervisors.

Particular reference may be made to files containing papers of two engineers: Edward F. Gay, who served the Pennsylvania Canal Board in many capacities as railroad and canal builder, who continued in outstanding employ throughout the period of the state's ownership of the canal, and who was state engineer at the time of the sale of the canal into private ownership; and Charles L. Schlatter who, as principal engineer with a staff of distinguished assistants, including John August Roebling, explored during 1838 - 1841 three routes for the proposed (but never built) "Harrisburg and Pittsburg Rail Road" and had maps and profiles drawn for the routes, which drawings have been preserved in the Map Books of the Canal Board.

Other files of interest are one containing miscellaneous boat clearances at canal ports on a number of the canal divisions; one