

is reflected the multiple activity on the Pennsylvania Canal from exploratory engineer's receipt for salary; lock-keeper's receipt for wage; foreman's check roll; boat permit or boat clearance; list of passengers on boat or Allegheny Portage Railroad car; amount of tonnage here or there; task in operation or repair; contract; cost of extension; claim for damage to every problem and every advantage of artificial waterway traffic and travel. On the whole, they constitute the most immediate supplement to the Bureau of Land Records Canal Papers.

B. The Harrises of Bellefonte Papers

A minor but valuable supplement, also held in the Division of Public Records of the Historical and Museum Commission, is the collection of the papers of James Dunlop Harris (1797 - 1842), canal engineer, the gift in 1950 of the late John S. Sommerville, Esquire, to the Commonwealth. These private papers of an expert who served on the Western and the West Branch divisions and on the North Branch Extension cast an intimate light on the labors of an engineer during the heyday of canal construction as well as reflect the culture of a family which, for several generations, served Pennsylvania efficiently and devotedly. John Harris, grandfather of James D. Harris, was a member of the convention which framed the Pennsylvania Constitution of 1776. James Harris, the father of James Dunlop Harris, was a deputy surveyor long in the service of the state as well as, with Colonel James Dunlop, co-founder of Bellefonte.

C. Pennsylvania Railroad Blue Print Maps of the Pennsylvania Canal in the Division of Public Records

Belonging to the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and held in the Division of Public Records, a number of blue print copies of tracing maps not only testify to the generosity of their donor, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, but also exhibit clearly the locations of locks, aqueducts, canal basins, waste weirs, and other canal works on five divisions of the Pennsylvania Canal: the Western, the Juniata, the Eastern, the Susquehanna, and the West Branch.