

remained under the authority of the Pennsylvania Board of Canal Commissioners. The number of these was increased from five to nine by the Act of 10 April 1826, and the membership of the Commission remained so constituted for many years. An act of 18 April 1843, however, reduced the number of commissioners to three, took from the governor the power of appointing them, and made their office one to which they were elected by the direct vote of the people.

Documentary and printed records of The Pennsylvania Canal Board, 1825 - 1858, are housed today at several offices on Capitol Hill in Harrisburg. The largest assemblage of them is filed in the Bureau of Land Records of the Department of Internal Affairs (543 North Wing, Capitol); another very significant body of documents, originally held among the Papers of the Governors but now under the direction of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, has been filed and indexed in the Division of Public Records of that Commission (221 Education Building) and consists of official records submitted from year to year by the commissioners with their annual reports to the executive. Pennsylvania Canal records in printed form also appear in the Pennsylvania Law Library (Education Building) in the succession of Acts for the Canal in PENNSYLVANIA LAWS and as Annual Reports of the Board of Canal Commissioners in the HOUSE and SENATE journals from the period of the exploration for and the building of the several divisions of The Pennsylvania Canal until 1842 and in the annual volumes of EXECUTIVE DOCUMENTS from 1843 to 1858.

Among these several collections of records, whether documentary or printed, close relationships occur. Corresponding to the eleven (11) manuscript volumes of the CANAL COMMISSIONERS' JOURNAL (Bureau of Land Records), 1 June 1829 to 25 January 1859, are numerous entries year by year in HOUSE JOURNAL, SENATE JOURNAL, or EXECUTIVE DOCUMENTS printed volumes. Frequently an engineer's or a superintendent's report filed in the Bureau of Land Records is also found in printed form in the official printed records of the House, the Senate, or the Executive. The last Minutes of the Canal Commissioners' Journal, without any accompanying report, appear in EXECUTIVE DOCUMENTS for 1859. Similarly, many other reports and documentary records held in the Division of Public Records of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission appear in the printed volumes.