

# Johnstown Area Heritage Association

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**Johnstown Flood Museum Archives**

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## **A Guide to Archival Collections**

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# Introduction and Policies

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The Guide to Archival Collections contains descriptions of the scope and content of archival collections that have been catalogued at the Johnstown Area Heritage Association Archives, as of the date listed at the bottom of the page. The archives is located at 304 Washington Street, Johnstown, PA 15901.

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**Records** are documents in any form that are made or received and maintained by an organization, whether government agency, church, business, university, or other institution. An organization's records typically might include copies of letters, memoranda, accounts, reports, photographs, and other materials produced by the organization as well as incoming letters, reports received, memoranda from other offices, and other documents maintained in the organization's files.

**Personal papers** are created or received and maintained by an individual or family in the process of living. Diaries, news clippings, personal financial records, photographs, correspondence received, and copies of letters written and sent by the individual or family are among the materials typically found in personal papers.

**Artificial collections** are fundamentally different both from records and from personal papers. Instead of being natural accumulations, artificial collections are composed of individual items purposefully assembled from a variety of sources. Because artificial collections comprise documents from many sources, archivists may elect to change established relationships in order to improve access or control.

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## Personal Papers and Family Collections

### **Reverend Dr. David J. Beale Papers, 1833-1923**

The Reverend Dr. David J. Beale Papers consist of personal diaries (1859-1899), correspondence, receipts, and more. Dr. Beale was the head of the First Presbyterian Church on Main Street at the time of the 1889 Johnstown Flood. As co-chairman of the committee recovering the dead, Dr. Beale became a source of controversy after the Flood, as several did not agree with his decision to use the church as a temporary morgue. Dr. Beale and his family left Johnstown in 1890 and settled in Philadelphia. Collection donated by Laura Beale Toy, granddaughter of Rev. Dr. Beale.

### **Don Berkebile Collection, 1920-1943**

The Don Berkebile Collection consists of programs and playbills relating to the Johnstown Music League, as well as a history of the Johnstown Music League (1939).

### **Charles Wakefield Cadman Collection, 1910-1958**

The Charles Wakefield Cadman Collection contains musical scores, including music by Cadman, a Johnstown native.

### **Fulton I. Connor Papers, 1875-1982**

The Fulton I. Connor Collection contain scrapbooks, pamphlets and business papers, primarily relating to the 1936 flood, including 3 scrapbooks of news clippings from the *Johnstown Democrat* and the *Johnstown Tribune*, containing articles about the flood and the activities of City Council before the flood. The collection also contains some school records, ephemera and newspaper clippings concerning Johnstown High School and St. Francis College (now Saint Francis University).

### **Kitty Connor Papers, 1889-1990**

This collection consists of various photographs, postcards, and newspaper clippings.

### **Jemima Crawford Papers, 1880-1907**

This collection contains correspondence and accounts related to the May 31, 1889 Johnstown Flood. The papers include recollections of the Flood by Jemima Linn Johnston Crawford and several of her companions who survived the flood; an 1880 letter describing the conditions of the South Fork Dam written by John Fulton; correspondence in the first few months after the disaster; and miscellaneous items pertaining to the Crawford and Fulton families.

### **Biderman T. DuPont Papers, 1930-1987**

This collection consists of documents and photographs gathered on a variety of Johnstown topics, including records from the Johnstown Hockey Company, local government reports, notes on the DuPont family history, and several historical essays and newspaper clippings.

### **Karl V. Eckel Collection, 1854-1962**

The Karl V. Eckel Collection contains miscellaneous ephemera including scrip from the Cambria Iron Company store, a store directory, World War II rationing information, two binders created for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Penn Traffic Department Store, and more.

### **Grace Elliot Papers**

This collection consists of scrapbooks and photographs related to Johnstown schools.

### **Epstein Family Papers**

The papers of the Epstein family in Johnstown contain information about Johnstown's synagogues, community organizations, and individuals in the Epstein family and in the Jewish community of Johnstown. The collection has been arranged into series for Hadassah, Beth Sholom Congregation, Rodef Sholom Synagogue, the United Jewish Federation of Johnstown and the Johnstown Jewish Federation, Johnstown History, Johnstown Memorabilia, the Royal Plate Glass Company, and the Epstein Family history. The papers include correspondence, fundraising documents, newspaper clippings, programs, and Johnstown memorabilia. They provide information about the Irene Dorothy and Harry Epstein family of Johnstown and their religious, social, and philanthropic activities. JAHA has recently received an addendum to this collection that has not yet been processed.

### **Fenn Family Papers, 1870-1890**

This collection includes birth certificates for five Fenn children, as well as photographs of the Fenn family and the Fenn house.

### **Fritz and Chandler Family Papers, 1854-1989**

The Fritz and Chandler Family Papers contains miscellaneous family papers and ephemera including account books, a plan of Isaac Chandler's house in Yoder Township, a 1881 scrapbook, an account book of land transactions by Isaac Chandler in Morrellville (1867-1882), correspondence primarily dealing with land holdings (1896-1916), and the transcribed diary of George Fritz detailing a trip to Europe with John Fritz.

### **Elsie Frum Collection, 1957-1989**

Elsie Frum was one of the last survivors of the Johnstown Flood. Her collection consists of various printed documents relating to the Johnstown Flood of 1889.

### **John Fulton Papers, 1826-1914**

The John Fulton Papers include manuscript memoirs compiled by Fulton between 1913-1914 in four volumes. Volume I recounts his birth and early life in Ireland as well as his emigration to the U.S. (1828-1848). Volume II documents the period 1848-1874 and Fulton's work for the Broad Top Mountain Railroad and Coal Co. (1874-1893). Volume III deals with his work as mining engineer and general manager of the Cambria Iron Co. (1874-1893). Volume IV deals with his independent professional work. There is an additional travel diary, "Memoirs of the Cruise to Palestine, Egypt," Etc." (1902). The papers also include letters to Fulton (1896-1914).

### **George W. Griffith Collection, 1936-1966**

This collection consists primarily of scrapbooks detailing the work of the Johnstown Department of Public Works from 1936-1939, also including topics such as local politics, taxes, and the river channel construction. It also contains a manuscript index of special ordinances of the city of Johnstown.

### **George Hand Collection, 1871-1981**

The George Hand Collection contains letters, legal papers, reports and scrapbooks dealing with Bethlehem Steel in Johnstown, pamphlets, letters, etc. concerning Johnstown and Cambria County, letters, programs, minutes and statistics related to Penn's Woods Council Inc. and Boy Scouts of America. Pamphlets, architectural designs, letters, photographs, etc., dealing with a modular housing construction project (ca. 1970), scrapbooks with material on various economic development projects

and community organizations, including the Johnstown Flood Museum and flood related materials (primarily the 1977 flood).

#### **Glock Collection**

This collection consists of Johnstown ephemera.

#### **Glosser Family Papers, 1849-1994**

This collection includes a variety of documents, photographs, and objects collected by members of the Glosser family regarding the Glosser Brothers Department Store and subsidiaries.

#### **Horner Family Collection, 1786-1970s**

This collection includes Horner family genealogical information and a ledger (1786-1806) of John Horner's which includes sales to Joseph Schantz (Johns), the founder of Johnstown.

#### **Irwin Family Papers, 1860-1945**

This collection includes the personal letters of Maggie Irwin, a victim of the 1889 Flood and waitress at the Hulburt House Hotel. The collection also contains miscellaneous Irwin family papers including photocopies of papers documenting Samuel Irwin's Civil War service, certificates listing family births, deaths, and marriages, school records of Samuel Jr. and misc. clippings and ephemera.

#### **Arthur Johnson Collection, 1900-1936**

This collection includes programs from Johnstown events including the Cambria County Kennel, Yellow Dogs Dinner, calendars and newsletters from the Johnstown High School, receipts from the Cambria Film Exchange, and two issues of the *Evening School News Bulletin*, published by the Johnstown Evening School.

#### **Rita King Collection**

This collection consists mainly of store ledgers.

#### **Irving London Collection, 1854-1977**

The Irving London Collection consists of miscellaneous materials dealing with the history of Johnstown, particularly with the development of the local transportation systems (especially canals and railroads). The collection is largely printed material but also contains books, photographs, and slides. Also includes a 9 volume "History of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, Showing the Plan of Organization with Portraits of Officials and Biographical Sketches," compiled by William Bender Wilson (scrapbooks).

#### **Samuel Masters Papers, 1863-1936**

The Samuel Masters Papers consist of receipts, correspondents, legal papers and notebooks documenting Masters' business and personal life. The collection includes materials dealing with Masters' service and injuries in the Civil War, his term as postmaster in Johnstown, his legal responsibilities as executor for Airwire Metz and guardian for Florence J. (Campbell) Wissinger and receipts for his personal and household expenses. Also notebooks containing records of names, regiments and death dates of local Civil War veterans.

#### **Eddie McCloskey Collection, 1920-1960**

This collection consists of newspapers, brochures, photographs and ephemera related to Mayor Eddie McCloskey and his family.

**Amanda A. Miller Autograph Albums, 1881-1894**

The Amanda A. Miller Autograph Albums consist of three photograph albums with ephemera detailing the life of Miller, a school teacher. The albums date from 1881-1894.

**William O'Donnell III Family Collection**

This collection consists of family history documents, photographs, and information related to the Bethlehem Steel Corporation.

**Lawrence Olek Collection, 1970-1989**

The Lawrence Olek Collection features a wide range of documentation of the 1977 flood and disaster relief activities such as a personal account of the flood by Olek, reports, correspondents, press releases, minutes of various meetings (including 63 cassette tapes), hearing testimony, pamphlets and various other ephemera, newspaper accounts, various materials related to the National March for Flood Relief (1978), and the National Catholic Disaster Relief Committee (1980).

**Beth Rice Collection, 1889-1936**

This collection consists of published documents relating to the Johnstown Floods of 1889 and 1936.

**Jack Ringold Collection, 1938-1958**

The Jack Ringold Collection consists of miscellaneous materials dealing with Johnstown, particularly the attempt to build a "Flood Free Johnstown" and local sports activities and a collection of newspaper clippings (1937-1945 and 1946-1958) dealing with flood control. Clippings are arranged chronologically by the day of publication from June 7, 1937 to June 7, 1941, from June 1941 to 1945 by year only. The collection consists of newspaper clippings, scorecards, programs, scorebooks and pay sheets (ca. 1933-ca. 1949) for the Johnstown Johnnies baseball team as well as miscellaneous ephemera, programs, anniversary souvenirs, pamphlets, newsletters, magazines, and sports statistics.

**Dwight H. Roberts Papers, 1758-1948**

The Dwight H. Roberts Collection consists of materials related to the Roberts / Von Lunen families and to the history of Johnstown. Correspondence, legal and insurance papers, documents related to land transactions, including hand-drawn maps, diaries of Dwight Roberts (1899-1943), papers related to Charles Von Lunen (Justice of the Peace, Stony Creek, PA), extensive research notes and materials concerning the Forbes Road compiled by Roberts, including note cards, notebooks, scrapbooks, maps, drawings, transcripts and photocopies of correspondence, diaries, etc. The materials related to Johnstown history include: maps, sheet music, pamphlets, books, newspapers, prints, photographs, programs, letters and receipts covering a variety of subjects including the Allegheny Portage Railroad, the 1889 Flood, local elections, businesses and transportation systems, etc. Of particular note is the diary of George Spangler (1819-1904), written in 1889 including brief entries about the 1889 flood and cleanup.

**Smith Family Papers, 1854-1923**

The Smith Family Papers consist of letters written to Smith family members including Mr. A. H. George, Misses Amanda, Annie, and D. M., primarily from Maggie McMullen (1854-1923), pamphlets and advertising leaflets related to the Grand Army of the Republic (ca. 1884-1923), miscellaneous ephemera (1869-1899), including calling and advertising cards, pamphlets, almanacs, and reward of merit certificates.

**Stackhouse Collection**

This collection consists of school records and a photograph album related to Powell Stackhouse.

**Clara Staer Collection, 1907-1973**

The Clara Staer Collection contains letters, appraisals and legal papers dealing with land transactions – property owned by Whalley, Staer, and Adams.

**Swank Family Papers**

This collection consists of family papers as well as documents related to the Swank Hardware store.

**Wagner-Ritter Family Papers, 1864-1990**

This collection consists of various family photograph albums, documents, and books from the Wagner and Ritter families of 418 Broad Street.

**George W. Wagoner Papers, 1860-1905**

The George W. Wagoner Papers consist of letters, personal notes written by Wagoner (1860-1898), pamphlets, newsletters, programs, and other ephemera.

**Gomer Walters Papers, 1858-1988**

The Gomer Walters Papers consist of a series of oversized letters written and illustrated by Gomer Walters, to his nephews Phil and John Waterman (1908-1918), calendars featuring reproductions of “Uncle Gom’s” letters (1985), a deed of property where Walters lived later in life (1858), and a draft of Phil Water’s *Johnstown: My Uncle and the Flood*. Walters also worked as the land agent for the Fritz / Chandler Families, see Fritz / Chandler Collection for additional information.

**Louise A. Whittington Collection, 1936**

A photograph and objects from the 1936 flood including a piece of wallpaper signed by survivors of the Johnstown Flood of 1936.

## **Company / Organizational Collections and Records**

**Austrian Band Hall Photographs, 1900-1905**

Documents and photographs relating to the Austrian Band Hall.

**AMSLO Club Collection, 1925-1992**

The American Slovak Club Records consist of meeting minutes, anniversary booklets, a charter, and photographs.

**Bethlehem Steel Corporation Collection, 1854-1985**

The Bethlehem Steel Corporation Papers consist of ledgers, correspondence, legal papers, publications, reports, design drawings, photographs, and ephemera dealing with Bethlehem Steel Corp. and its subsidiary companies. Also includes records of earlier companies: Cambria Iron Co. (incorporated June 29, 1852), Cambria Steel Co. (incorporated Nov. 14, 1898, Midvale Steel & Ordnance Co., 1916, and Bethlehem Steel Company, 1923). See the George Hand collection for related Bethlehem Steel materials.

**Chamber of Commerce Records**



This collection consists of microfilmed copies of city council meeting minutes and other administrative documents.

#### **Falls Creek Store Records**

This collection consists of ledgers from the Falls Creek Store.

#### **Garfield Fire Clay Company Collection, 1905-1958**

The Garfield Fire Clay Company Papers consists of an accounts ledger (1905-1914), a cash book (1905-1910), daily output ledger (1914-1915), voucher records (1917-1922), and more.

#### **Imperial Coal Company Collection, 1916-1954**

The Imperial Coal Company Records consist of a mine foreman's report ledger for the Luciusboro Mine (1916), a mine foreman's report for the Kent 5 Mine, miscellaneous pamphlets and publications.

#### **International Refractories Corporation Collection, 1982-1985**

The International Refractories Incorporated collection consists of an 1985 employee manual, shipping labels for the Swank Refractories and International Refractories, pamphlets relating to a Steel Rally, a listing of ownership of International and pamphlets regarding the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the steel industry and Hiram Swank and Sons. The Swank Refractories Company (1853-1979) became International Refractories Incorporated in 1981 and closed in 1990.

#### **Johnstown Coal and Coke Company Collection, 1944-1945**

The Johnstown Coal and Coke Company Records consist of drilling records for 1944-1945, including descriptions and depth of layers.

#### **Johnstown First National Bank Collection, 1909**

Johnstown Passenger Railway Company dividend checks.

#### **Johnstown Savings Bank Collection, 1877-1977**

This collection consists of bank ledgers and other documents.

#### **Johnstown Traction Company Collection, 1915-1988**

The Johnstown Traction Company Papers consist of a record book (1920-1934), tokens, picture books, blank time sheets and expense reports, and the Johnstown Transportation Heritage Project records – oral history interviews, property inventory and deed search records.

#### **Kolb Baking Company Records, 1932-1957**

This collection consists of bank statements, cancelled checks, ledgers, and other financial records from the Kolb Company.

#### **Lucerne Power Plant Company Records, 1922-1936**

This collection consists of company ledgers.

#### **Penn Central Company Collection, 1953**

This collection consists of a blueprint and specifications for maintenance of way plans.

#### **Penn-Mary Coal Company Collection, 1905-1932)**

The Penn-Mary Coal Company Papers consist of various business letters concerning shipping, equipment, supplies and service, letters from Frank W. Moore, architect, regarding the construction of a church by Penn-Mary, letters concerning the assessment of taxes for Bethlehem Steel Corp. properties in Cambria County, letters concerning tax assessment, legal matters, and insurance for Penn-Mary, and more. Business letters are primarily to or from H. P. Dowler, Superintendent.

#### **Polish National Alliance and KMP Society**

This collection consists of two large scrapbooks that give an overview of the societies histories.

#### **Rochester and Pittsburgh Coal Company Collection, 1885-1976**

The Rochester and Pittsburgh Coal Company Papers consists of correspondence and minutes from Rochester and Pittsburgh Coal Company, company By-Laws, Articles of Incorporation, wage rates pamphlets, correspondence of R. J. Craig, General Manager, ledgers of the Lucerne Power Plant, etc.

#### **St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church Collection, 1932-2007**

The St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church collection contains information about the Slovakian Lutheran church as well as the St. John's Evangelical Church in Johnstown, PA. The collection contains photographs, church annuals and bulletins from special occasion services.

#### **Stein Print Shop Collection**

This collection consists of documents and ledgers from the Stein Print Shop.

#### **United Steel Workers of America Records**

This record group consists of the records of the Johnstown branch of the United Steel Workers, including administrative records and grievance records.

## **Collections by Subject Matter**

#### **Coal Mining Collection, 1896-1968**

The Coal Mining Collection contains primarily correspondence, pamphlets, and articles related to the United Mine Workers. The collection also contains a ledger for the Buffalo Mine, a cash book for Nu Mine, coal assessments for Armstrong County, and more.

#### **Eileen Cooper Collection, 1869-1982**

The Eileen Cooper Collection consists of a variety of coal mining related materials, including various correspondence and records from the Rochester & Pittsburgh Coal & Iron Co. administration, correspondence regarding miners strikes (1890-1903), correspondence between the United Mine Workers of America and various organizations such as the Bituminous Coal Operators of Central Pennsylvania, receipts from Pennsylvania coal companies (1869-1932), personal accounts and interviews with coal miners (ca. 1960-1980s), letters and legal papers related to the Reynoldville and Falls Creek Railroad Company (1896-1930), pay stubs for the Big Bend Coal Mining Co. and the Ebensburg Coal Co. (1938-1939), research materials and lecture notes of Eileen Coopers regarding local coal mining history, and more.

#### **Fraternal Organization Records Collection, 1871-1954**

Records of local chapters of various fraternal organizations, the majority dealing with the Grand Army of the Republic, Emory Fisher Post Number 30, including minutes, receipt books, enrollment forms,

membership applications, by-laws, lending library records, account books, newsletters, membership lists, banking records, and more. Other records include the Daughters of America, the Speer Orr Camp, No. 14, Sons of the Union Veterans, the Mineral Point Council No. 24, the Knights of Pythias Lodge 157, and the Woodmen of the World.

#### **General Cambria County History Collection, 1882-1987**

The General Cambria County Historical Collection consists of pamphlets, articles, newsletter clippings, research notes and correspondence pertaining to the history of Cambria County. Contains materials on local history and biographies, as well as information on individual communities within the county.

#### **General Pennsylvania History Collection, 1851-1960**

The General Pennsylvania History Collection consists of maps, articles, reports, news clippings, scrapbooks, legal papers, books, pamphlets, and periodicals primarily relating to the history of transportation in southwestern Pennsylvania. Contains materials on the Pennsylvania Canal and the Pennsylvania and Southern Cambria Railroads, including information about the train wreck in 1916 and the Allegheny Portage Railroad. Also includes the Laurel Hill Study on land use and biography review of Westmoreland County, 1896.

#### **Greater Johnstown History Collection 1829-1960**

The Greater Johnstown History Collection consists of materials related to various Johnstown events, businesses, industries, sites, and more. Souvenir pamphlets, brochures, newspaper clippings, articles, research papers and notes, programs, reports, scrapbooks, correspondence, receipts, and ledgers covering a wide range of subjects related to the history of Johnstown are part of this collection. It contains materials on local industries (focusing on iron and steel but including hotels, transportation, banking, and theatre), fraternal and professional organizations, floods, local events and local notables.

#### **The Inclined Plane Collection, 1907-1989**

The Inclined Plane Collection consists mainly of newspaper clippings, correspondence, deed, engineering and mechanical papers related to the construction of the Inclined Plane, legal papers, the book *Uphill All the Way*, company rates and incomes, job order books, tokens, ticket stubs, and ephemera related to the Inclined Plane's dedication.

#### **Industrial Heritage Collection, 1877-1987**

The Industrial Heritage Collection consists of books, reports, maps, newsletters, ledgers, catalogs, and more concerning Johnstown iron and steel making. The collection pertains to Cambria Iron Company, Cambria Steel Company, Bethlehem Steel Company, Lorain Steel Company, Johnson Street Rail Company, and Conemaugh and Blacklick Railroad.

#### **Johnstown Churches Collection, 1876-1988**

The Johnstown Churches Collection contains programs, pamphlets, bulletins and other ephemera from churches in the Johnstown area.

#### **Johnstown Flood Collection, 1881-1977**

The bulk of the Johnstown Flood records relates to the 1889 and 1977 floods. The 1889 flood materials include: souvenir pamphlets, first person accounts, newspapers and newspaper clippings, letters, articles, research papers, reports, sheet music and ephemera. The collection also contains materials on flood victims and survivors, the South Fork Dam, the South Fork Fishing and Hunting Club, including an 1881 club register book, information relating to flood damage sustained by the PRR, flood relief,

including the activities of the Red Cross and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the recovery of bodies, weather conditions, and anniversary events. It also includes original letters written by flood survivors and flood survivor questionnaires. The 1936 flood materials contain souvenir pamphlets, correspondence, and first-person accounts. The 1977 flood materials contain reports, scrapbooks, pamphlets and other ephemera, slides, eyewitness accounts, federal flood disaster relief program materials, correspondence including three binders of minutes for the National March for Relief, proposed flood control projects, and more. Additional materials relating to the 1977 flood are in the Lawrence Olek Collection.

#### **Johnstown Flood Centennial Records, 1980-1990**

The Johnstown Flood Centennial Records consist of *Centennial Reports*, press materials, photographs, meeting minutes, and newspaper clippings regarding the centennial programs of the Johnstown Flood of 1889.

#### **Johnstown Passenger Railway Collection, 1880-1987**

The Johnstown Passenger Railroad Collection consists of agreements, pamphlets, maps, reports, postcards and more concerning Johnstown's transportation history.

#### **Medical Records Collection, 1887-1980**

The Medical Records Collection consists of hospital ledgers, In-patient record of contagious diseases for Municipal and Cambria Hospitals (1893-1950), the register for the small pox hospital (1898-1903), notebooks containing physicians' records of births assisted by two midwives with a supervising physician (1915-1926), ledger containing cash accounts of the Seaside House for Invalid Women, Atlantic City, NJ (1887-1891), records for United Cerebral Palsy of Cambria and Somerset Counties, Inc., (1969-1973), prescription ledger (1908-1910), Red Cross ephemera, and letters from Clara Barton (1889-1890).

#### **Pennsylvania Railroad Collection, 1837-1965**

The Pennsylvania Railroad Collection consists of documents, reports, maps, and more concerning the Pennsylvania Railroad and the Allegheny Portage Railroad.

#### **School Records Collection, 1844-1991**

School records, programs, reports, yearbooks, report cards, diplomas and books from various Johnstown and Johnstown area educational institutions including Teachers' monthly report ledgers (1879-1899) containing student names, attendance records, books used and teachers' salaries, various volumes of the Johnstown High School Yearbook, *the Spectator*, (1898-1935), financial and medical records and World War II service records of students, and a student notebook and copybook (1870-1871).

## **Collections by Medium**

#### **Artwork Collection, 1896-1900**

This collection consists of watercolors, drawings, oil paintings, and lithographs.

#### **Audio Collection, 1989**

Audio recordings of news programs, music, and more.

#### **Bible Collection, 1846-1935**

This collection includes family Bibles and Bibles that survived the Johnstown Flood of 1889. Family Bibles include: Eck Family (Flood Relic); Burke and Eisenhuth Families; George M. Stephen (Bible presented by the Pennsylvania Bible Society to Stephen, Company I 206<sup>th</sup> Regiment, 1862); Goenner Family (Flood Relic); Scull Family (1863, Flood Relic); Mr. W. Gerths (1882); Edna Slick (1906); Elizabeth Slagle (1900); Emilie Kurth (1873); Tobias T. Miller (1846); William Gerth (339 Fairfield Ave, Morrellville, 1908); Charlotte Augusta (Collection of Hymns), 1849); Mrs. Mina and George C. Rarab Family (1888); William & May Swank; G.A.R. Post 30 (1887); Mary S. Umbuagh (1880, Johnstown Flood Relic); John Brunner, (Tyrone, 1881); Emilie Kurth (1833); Mary Trent (1846); Charles Muscardelli (1902); Old Bethel United Presbyterian Church (1865); Jacob Dell (1883); Schubert Family (1909); Thomas Lewis and Catherine Ann James (1886 – Johnstown Flood Relic).

### **Blueprints, 1918-1981**

Several blueprint collections document the industrial history of the Johnstown area. Collections consist primarily of blueprints related to the Bethlehem Steel Company. The **Harold Jenkins Collection** is the largest blueprint / map collection.

### **Cambria Deed Collection, 1830-**

### **E. J. Frey Newspaper Collection, June – December 1889**

Thirty two newspaper issues with accounts of the 1889 flood make up this collection. The newspapers include: *The Philadelphia Press*, *The Pittsburgh Leader*, *The Evening Independent* (Altoona); *The World*, *The Morning Tribune* (Altoona), *The Saturday Globe* (Utica, NY), *The Times* (Altoona); *Harrisburg Morning Tribune*, *The Pittsburgh Dispatch*, *The Times* (Philadelphia), *Johnstown Weekly Tribune*, *Johnstown Daily Tribune*, *The Daily* (Allentown) and the *Bedford Gazette*.

### **Johnstown City Directories, 1869-1991**

Directories for the following years make up this collection: 1869; 1882-1883; 1884; 1889; 1893; 1896; 1901; 1909; 1932; 1940; 1941-9142; 1943-1944; 1945-1946; 1949; 1951; 1953; 1955-1956; 1957; 1958-1959; 1960; 1962; 1963; 1964; 1965; 1966; 1968; 1969; 1972; 1973; 1980; 1981; 1984; 1986; 1990; 1991.

### **Johnstown Observer Collection, 1942-1980**

Copies of this weekly newspaper start on June 2, 1942 and end on October 30, 1980. Years 1979 and 1980 are incomplete. The issues available in 1979 and 1980 are as follows: 12/20/1979; 12/25/1979; 7/31/1980; 8/28/1980; 10/2/1980; 10/9/1980; 10/16/1980; 10/30/1980.

### **Map Collections**

JAHA's map collections consist of survey's of transportation, Johnstown and surrounding areas, industrial holdings, and more. JAHA also houses a Sandborn Fire Insurance Map Collection.

### **Cookbook Collection**

This collection was curated by Mareva Hershberger. It consists of various cookbooks produced in Johnstown.

### **Moving Images Collections**

Several collections include video recordings of various events, programs, and activities such as the Johnstown Folk Festival, home movies, the Johnstown Flood Centennial, news programs, etc.

### **Rare Books Collection**

JAHA has an extensive book collection, including a rare book collection that includes titles such as Gertrude Quinn Slattery's book *Johnstown and It's Floods* (1936), Reverend H. L. Chapman's book *Memoirs of an Itinerant* (publication date unknown).

### **Photograph Collections**

While several manuscript collections contain photographs, the majority of JAHA's photograph collections are separate collections. The following is a list of photograph collections: Johnstown Flood Photograph Collection, 1889; Johnstown Flood Photo Negative Collectoin, 1889; Johnstown *Tribune-Democrat* Photograph Collection; Longill and Darling Photograph Collection (1889 Flood Photographs); Harry D. Thomas Photograph Collection; E. A. Zimmerman Photograph Collection (1889 Flood Photographs); Charles Burggrat Photograph Collection (1889 Flood Photographs); Grazier Collection (1889 Flood Photographs); Fenn Family Photograph Collection; Johnstown Flood Stereoview Collection; Kim E. Wallace Glass Plate Negative Collection (1889 Flood); Charles Lorenz Negative Collection (1889 Flood and Industrial views); Kathleen E. Wickham Glass Plate Negative Collection (1889 Flood); Louis Semple Clarke Photograph Collection (1889 Flood); Johnstown Flood Photograph Collection, 1936; Johnstown Flood Control Project Photograph Collection; Johnstown Flood Photograph Collection, 1887, 1891, 1907; Johnstown Flood Photograph Collection, 1977; Penelec Photograph Collection (1977 Flood); Ray Orlosky Photograph Collection (1977 Flood); Johnstown Area Local History Photograph Collection; Newsboy Photograph Collection; Rose Photograph Collection (pre-1889); W. K. Zane Photograph Collection; Griffin Book Store Photograph Collection; Sherman Photograph Collection; G. Simonof Photograph Collection; I. Brosig Photograph Collection; Arthur Johnson Photograph Collection; Louis Bem Photograph Collection; Irving London Photograph Collection; Russell Heffley Negative Collection; Cambria Somerset Authority Quemahoning Dam Photograph Collection; Paul Cover Photograph Collection; Custer Photograph Collection; Stahl Photograph Collection.

### **Postcard Collections, 1889-**

The Postcard Collections consist mainly of the Johnstown Flood of 1889, area landmarks, businesses, and various sites.

### **Scrapbook Collection, 1883-1953**

The scrapbooks contained in this collection include: John D. Walker Scrapbook (1931); Flood-Free Campaign Scrapbook, compiled by Tom Nokes (1943-1944); Scrapbook of Proceedings of Johnstown Borough Council (1883-1887); Ronald A. Daugherty Scrapbook (1920-1925 – includes activities of Johnstown High School, the Boy Scouts of America, and the Johnstown Sportsman's Association); William J. Grubb Scrapbook (1927-1953 – Grubb, Superintendent of the Inclined Plane, contains related photographs, newspaper clippings, etc.); and a Johnstown Flood of 1889 Scrapbook.

### **Sheet Music Collection, 1889-1937**

This collection consists of sheet music relating to Johnstown, including songs inspired by the 1889 Johnstown Flood.