

**James Buchanan Family Papers, Part 3 Papers of James Buchanan Henry,  
Series 2 Financial and Legal Documents**

**Call Number: JBFP Part 3 Series 2**

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Scope and Content Note: James Buchanan Family Papers, Part 3 Papers of James Buchanan Henry, Series 2 contains the financial and legal documents of James Buchanan Henry. Subseries 1 includes bills, receipts, ledgers, and accounts with F. P. Freeman & Co, New York, Joseph Schell for footwear, and Lehigh University. Subseries 2 contains the legal papers including a summons, deeds, and the marriage license of James Buchanan Henry and Mary Hagner Nicholson. The dates on these documents range from 1794 to 1905.

Creators: Henry, James Buchanan, 1833-1915.  
James Buchanan Foundation for the Preservation of Wheatland.

System of Arrangement: James Buchanan Family Papers, Part 3 Papers of James Buchanan Henry is arranged into three series.

Series 1 Correspondence

**Series 2** Financial and Legal Documents

**Subseries 1** Bills, Receipts, Ledgers, Accounts

**Subseries 2** Legal Papers

Series 3 Ephemera

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Language: English

Biographical and Historical Note:

James Buchanan Henry, also known as Buck, was born on March 1, 1833. Just like his cousin, Harriet, Buck lost both of his parents and was taken in as James Buchanan's ward in 1840. During his early years, he attended several boarding schools and eventually graduated from the College of New Jersey. Though his interests remained with the arts, Buck went on to read law under an attorney named John Cadwalader. When James Buchanan assumed the presidency, he called for Buck to join him as his private secretary, a position known today as the Chief of Staff. While Buck worked at Washington, he found himself in frequent conflict with his Uncle. This conflict came to a head in 1858 when Buck proposed to his sweetheart, Mary Nicholson. Upset that Buck hadn't consulted him on the proposal, James Buchanan disapproved of the match. Buck left his position as private secretary and went on to marry Miss Nicholson. The couple would have two children, one of whom would survive into adulthood.

Soon after the birth of their second child, Mary Nicholson died of consumption, leaving Buck a widower. Later on, he married Louisa Anderson, and the two had six sons. After fourteen years of marriage, Louisa died. Buck would marry for a third time much later in his life to a woman named Margaret Grote Elliman. Buck was 71 and Margaret was 24. The two had no children and enjoyed 11 years of marriage before Buck died on February 17, 1915. [<https://www.lancasterhistory.org/about-wheatland/>, accessed 10/24/2019]

Source of Acquisition: These documents were collected by the James Buchanan Foundation for the Preservation of Wheatland.

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James Buchanan Papers, Dickinson College Archives & Special Collections  
<http://archives.dickinson.edu/collection-descriptions/james-buchanan-papers>

James Buchanan and Harriet Lane Johnston Papers, Library of Congress  
<https://www.loc.gov/collections/james-buchanan-and-harriet-lane-johnston-papers/>

James Buchanan Papers, Historical Society of Pennsylvania,  
<http://www2.hsp.org/collections/manuscripts/b/Buchanan0091.html>

James Buchanan Papers, Penn State University Libraries,  
<https://libraries.psu.edu/findingaids/1458.htm>

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**Box 4 Part 3, Series 2, Subseries 1: Bills, Receipts, Ledgers, Accounts**

**Folder 1** 12 December 1890

Bill from the office of F. P. Freeman & Co, New York, signed by H. D. Anderson to James Buchanan Henry 4000 [ \_\_\_ ] [ \_\_\_ ] for \$144.00 [ \_\_\_ ] [Judg].



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**Folder 2** 46 Arrietta Street, Tompkinsville, Staten Island, July 1890 – 2 March 1891  
Group of 7 bills from Joseph Schell for miscellaneous footwear for members of the family, one letter from H. R. Irving enclosing one of the bills and a receipt Dr. J. J. van Rensselaer. [All are moderately to severely water damaged.]

**Folder 3** Annapolis, Maryland, 1892-1903

Group of two invoices for wood from John B. Flood, 12 Main Street 1892; one bill for office supplies from Geo. W. Jones, 60 Main Street; 2 invoices of Robert E. Henry from St. John's College, one telegram dated 19 August 1898 Lake George Telegraph and Telephone Company from Army and Navy Journal to M. J. Henry; one report card of Robert E Henry from St. John's College, Annapolis, 30 March 1895, and one receipt for Buchanan from The American Bible Society, 24 Mary 1903. [Most are moderately to severely water damaged with loss of text]

**Folder 4** Annapolis, Maryland, December 1899

Copy of terms of sale of cadet at \$2,500 with terms of sale.

**Folder 5** South Bethlehem, PA, 16 January 1905

Bill from Lehigh University for second term 1904-1905 for F. A. Henry in the amount of \$50. 14 x 20 cm. Return pre-addressed envelope included. 9 x 16 cm.



**Box 4 Part 3, Series 2, Subseries 2: Legal Documents**

**Folder 1** [Lancaster, PA] 5 April 1794

Summons to James Cranford from William McClausand to appear in the office of James Hopkins for the purpose of giving a deposition as a witness for the plaintiff.

**Folder 2** Philadelphia, PA 2 November 1859

Marriage license of James Buchanan Henry and Mary Hagner Nicholson on 9 August 1859 in the Protestant Episcopal Church in the U.S.A.; witnessed by Edward Y. Buchanan, Rector of Trinity Church, Oxford, Philadelphia. Red floral border with red and blue type. 28 cm.

**Folder 3** Brooklyn, King's County, New York 16 May 1889

Indenture transferring property along Carroll Street from John and Mary Magilligan to James Buchanan Henry for the sum of \$25,500; recorded on 21 May 1889. 1 sheet folded 42 x 28 cm.

