

James Buchanan Family Papers, Part 3 Papers of James Buchanan Henry, Series 3 Ephemera

Call Number: JBFP Part 3 Series 3

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Scope and Content Note: James Buchanan Family Papers, Part 3 Papers of James Buchanan Henry, Series 3 contains ephemera. The materials include a complementary ticket from the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, calling cards, newspaper clippings, invitations to various events and weddings, a handwritten note from James Buchanan Henry, a business card of John Book, and a dinner menu of the Watch Hill House. The dates range from 1855 to 1907.

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

Series 3 Ephemera

Subseries 1 Invitations, Broadside, Visiting Cards

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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.lancastrhistory.org/about-wheatland/>, accessed 10/24/2019]

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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>

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Box 4 Part 3, Series 3, Subseries 1 Invitations, Broadsides, Visiting Cards

Folder 1 1855

Complimentary ticket from the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts to J. B. Henry during the exhibition 1855, H. Gratz, Treasurer; No. 157.

Folder 2 [1857-1859]

Calling card of Mr. J. Buchanan Henry, Executive Mansion.

Folder 3 [1857-1859]

Calling card of Mr. J. Buchanan Henry, Executive Mansion.

Folder 4 [1857-1859]

Calling Card of Mr. J. Buchanan Henry, Executive Mansion.

Folder 5 [c. 1858]

Calling card of Miss Mary H. Nicholson.

Folder 6 [c.10 August 1859]

Newspaper clipping announcing the marriage of James Buchanan Henry and Mary Nicholson over the objection of his uncle, the former President who reportedly did not attend the ceremony.

Folder 7 Brooklyn Collegiate and Polytechnic Institute [Brooklyn, N.Y.] 1888

Report of James B. Henry, whose grades ranged from 92 to 73. badly water damaged with large segments missing.

Folder 8 U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD, 31 May 1894

Relative standing and marks of Naval Cadet J. B. Henry, Jr., whose grades ranged from 2.57 (tolerable) to 3.14 (good) 21 cm moderate water damage.

Folder 9 Princeton University, Office of the Secretary [1902]

Printed invitation to purchase a copy of *Academic Honors in Princeton University, 1748-1902* limited to 500 copies and ready in November, 1902. Contains invitation, sample sheet, and envelope. 1 sheet folded 22 cm (invitation), 1 sheet folded 24 cm (sample), and envelope with postmarks and stamp addressed to Mr. James Buchanan Henry, Hotel Maryland, Annapolis, MD.

Folder 10 November 1902 [date from invitation]

Invitation from Mr. and Mrs. J. Worthington Watterman announcing the marriage of their daughter Jean Ray to Lieutenant Oscar Dibble Duncan, United States Navy on 19 November 1902 at the Central Presbyterian Church, New York. Enclosed card stating that the parties will be home after the eighth of December at Annapolis, Maryland. Invitation, card, and envelope with no postmarks or stamps addressed to Mr. Henry.

Folder 11 November 1904 [date from invitation]



Invitation from Mrs. Henry Benbow Elliman to Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Henry announcing the marriage of her daughter, Margaret Grote, to Mr. James Buchanan Henry on Wednesday, 2 November 1904 in New York. Envelope without postmarks or stamps addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Henry.

Folder 12 November 1906 [date from invitation]

Invitation from the Secretary of the Navy to the ceremonies in commemoration of John Paul Jones at the armory of the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md. on Tuesday 24 November 1906 at 2:00 p.m. One ticket admitting the bearer and one lady. Embossed anchor. Invitation and admission card.

Folder 13 September 1907 [date from invitation and other sources]

Invitation from Medical Director and Mrs. Remus Charles Persons to [JBH] announcing the marriage of their daughter Julia Barnett to Sidney Morgan Henry, Assistant Naval Constructor, United States Navy on Wednesday 11 September at 5:00 p.m. at St. Peter's Chapel, Mare Island, California. Middle edge water damaged with no loss of text.

Folder 14 October 1907

Invitation from Mrs. H. H. Brogden to Mr. and Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry announcing the marriage of Mary Randolph and Mr. Alexander Randall Cheston on Wednesday, 16 Oct 1907 at "Goodwood" Prince George's County, Maryland; enclosed card stating that the family will be at home after the 16th of December 121 Upsal Street, Germantown, Philadelphia. Envelope with no postmarks or stamps addressed to Mr. and Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry. All moderately water damaged with no loss of text.

Folder 15 No date.

Calling card of Mr. & Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry.

Folder 16 No date.

Calling card of Mr. & Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry.

Folder 17 No date.

Calling card of Mr. & Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry.

Folder 18 No date.

Calling card of Mr. & Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry. [card missing]

Folder 19 No date.

Calling card of Mr. & Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry.

Folder 20 1858

Note from J. B. Henry to Dear Sir: Will you have the goodness to had the enclosed to Mr. Carpenter to oblige. No enclosure. Date is written in another hand.

Folder 21 no date

Business card of John Book, Jr., 430 North Street, Lancaster, PA advertising his whitewashing and housing cleaning business as well waiting of weddings, parties, etc.

Folder 22 no date

Card stating reception immediately following the ceremony. Envelope with no postmarks or stamps addressed to Mr. and Mrs. J. Buchanan Henry. Water damage to left bottom corner of both with loss of corner of envelope.

Folder 23 187[]

Dinner menu of the Watch Hill House, Watch Hill, R. I. Hale & Wallace proprietors; menu includes soup, fish, boiled, roast, cold, entrees, vegetables, pastry, dessert, and wine list sold mainly by the pint and quart. Some items written in very faded pencil and are unreadable. Stained and in 2 pieces.

Folder 24 no date

Calling card of Mr. John Bassett Moore with "To J. Buchanan Henry, Esq" written in pencil. Note on back.

