

**James Buchanan Family Papers, Part 4 Papers of Edward Young Buchanan
Series 1 Correspondence**

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Edward, James Buchanan's brother, was co-executor of his brother's estate. The letters in this collection pertain mostly to the settlement of James Buchanan's estate, including the President's papers, biography, and memorial site. There are references to many nieces and nephews, especially Harriet Lane Johnston. Many of the letters from Edward are to James Buchanan's co-executor, Hiram B. Swarr. The letters to Edward are from William B. Reed, Charles M. Howell, and John Cadwalader.

Creators: Buchanan, Edward Y. (Edward Young), 1811-1895
James Buchanan Foundation for the Preservation of Wheatland (Lancaster, Pa.)

System of Arrangement: James Buchanan Family Papers, Part 4 Papers of Edward Young Buchanan is arranged into three series.

Series 1 Correspondence

Subseries 1 Letters from Edward Young Buchanan

Subseries 2 Letters to Edward Young Buchanan

Series 2 Financial and Legal Documents

Series 3 Ephemera and Official Documents

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Biographical and Historical Note:

Reverend Edward Young Buchanan (1811-1895) was born on May 30, 1811 in Mercersburg in Franklin County, Pennsylvania. He was the child of James Buchanan (1761-1821) and Elizabeth Speer Buchanan (1767-1833). He was the younger brother of President James Buchanan (1791-1868). He went to college at Dickinson College. He later became a reverend.

In 1833, he married Anne Eliza Foster Buchanan (1812-1891), and together they had six children: Ann Elizabeth (1838-1927), Harriet (1841-1912), Henrietta Jane (1844-1906), Marie Lois (1847-1920), William Foster (1849-1875), and Alice Conyngham (1852-1931).

Rev. Edward Young Buchanan died on January 25, 1895.

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Folder 1 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 26 June 1868

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr acknowledging receipt of the inventory of James Buchanan's estate and asking that he inform Annie or Miss Hetty of his probable Monday arrival if he should happen to see them.

Folder 2 Oxford Church, Philadelphia, 16 July 1868

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr detailing financial affairs. He has placed their bonds and Miss Hetty's in the Safety Deposit Building in Philadelphia and the certificates in the Farmers & Mechanics Bank. A new Power of Attorney is required for Lehigh Valley Railroad to continue to issue dividends to the Misses Pleasanton, although he would prefer that a new Trustee be appointed to whom their securities could be transferred. He will prepare the letter to Mr. Demund soon. He has asked Mr. Johnston to bid on the sleigh with a \$50.00 limit; and asks that someone be at Mr. Trout's to receive things as they arrive. Golden envelope with stamp but no postmark addressed to H. B. Swarr, Esq., Lancaster, Pa. On front of envelope: Edward Y. Buchanan Rec'd July 14, 68; on back of envelope: Please buy the whip for me on Saturday if it does not go too high.

Folder 3 Oxford Church, Philadelphia, 22 September 1868

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr saying that he has enrolled his nephew John Weaver in Claymont School and asking reimbursement for fees and clothing; asking reimbursement from the estate for his travel and expenses on behalf of the estate; needing an advance of a few thousand dollars because three of his children probably will be married in the near future but asking that no one else be told of the coming marriages; asking for \$100 each for his niece Maria B. Weaver and her brother James B. Weaver; expecting the wines to sell well; hoping to meet with Mr. Howell in Laurel Hill; enclosing a note that Mr. Henry received from William and John O'Brien; planning to discuss the sale of the securities when he is in Lancaster; and having received the farm advertisements.

Folder 4 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 1 December 1868

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr asking that his nephew James B. Weaver be advanced \$100 from the estate since his job in New York pays only \$7 per week; noting that the wedding "passed off very pleasantly" with a number of out-of-town guests, but regretting that the animosity between him and the Johnstons prevented him from inviting them; and sending regards to Mrs. Swarr and Miss Sallie.

Folder 5 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 2 December 1868

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr noting that Miss C. Pleasanton must ask Harriet Johnston for the Bible, as it is probably not the one drawn by James Buchanan Henry; asserting his right to distribute the canes as he sees fit; doubting that Mrs. Magaw will receive any more money at present; and mentioning receipt of the modified advertisement for the farm from Mr. Williams.

Folder 6 Philadelphia, 5 February 1869



Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr asking him to inform Mr. Howell that only a solid monument is acceptable.

Folder 7 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 9 February 1869

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr explaining his objections to Mr. Howell's proposal for the monument; noting that Mr. Diller's estimate for the railing is higher than expected; noting that Mr. Pearce's bill for John Weaver's education must be paid soon, but more details are needed regarding Dr. Cardera's bill for treating John; acquiescing to a remittance for Mrs. Dunham requested by Dr. Yates, but requiring written proof of her Uncle's intention to forego charging her interest on her bond; asking for a copy of Judge Black's opinion contained in Mr. Johnston's letter; and cautioning against providing Mr. Johnston with their entire proceedings.

Folder 8 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 22 February 1869

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr proposing that Mrs. Dunham be paid a remittance of \$1000, be charged for the principal and interest on her mortgage or bond, and that his son James should be employed to handle the transactions.

Folder 9 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 25 February 1869

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr saying that he has dealt with the affairs of Mrs. Dunham and asked her to name a person to handle a power of attorney; that Gaw Bacon & Co are holding all securities until the rate improves; that he prefers to visit Lancaster when Mr. Johnston is not there; that Jessie Magaw has written asking for \$100 to help her parents; and that he is glad to learn that Mr. Howell is getting a solid block of marble for the monument and hopes to see Mr. Howell in Lancaster.

Folder 10 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 3 March 1869

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr promising a trip to Lancaster soon; mentioning that Mrs. Dunham has sent a receipt for the amount of her mortgage and proposing that Mrs. Dunham's father, rather than G. W. Hecker whom she has recommended, is sufficient to enter satisfaction on her mortgage; discussing an enquiry from his son James about whether James Buchanan owned land in Forest County; and promising to send the check to Jessie Magaw.

Folder 11 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 27 April 1869

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr decrying the inefficiency of Bowie & Williams; answering that the amount he has received through Gaw Bacon & Co. from the estate is probably \$14699.20 (excepting the amount given to Dripps); requesting the previous account rendered by Gaw and Bacon; asking to be informed about Harriet Johnston's views on Dr. Carpenter's bill before it is paid; and noting that Gaw Bacon & Co. sold the Pa 5 percents on Saturday at 93.

Folder 12 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 17 May 1869

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr enumerating expenses on behalf of the estate amounting to about \$47 and noting that his travel since January 1st has been on a railroad pass without expense to the estate; hoping that Swarr arrived safely home on



Saturday and that Alice was decidedly in luck; asking for six additional impressions of the photograph of Wheatland for his family; and announcing plans to come to Lancaster on Thursday.

Folder 13 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 5 October 1869

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr in receipt for the \$180 interest from John Dripps for his judgment bond, and asking that Swarr meet him at Gaw, Bacon, & Co next Friday and bring the canes allotted to him and Mr. Henry at the same time.

Folder 14 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 24 January 1870

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr noting that he has received a proposal to write the biography of James Buchanan from Mr. Shunk, who would be under the influence of Judge Black and his partially false opinions about the end of Buchanan's administration; wondering about Mrs. Johnston's views of Mr. Reed or the book; hoping that Mrs. Johnston has received her interest on her trust funds and is satisfied with them; noting that funds for John Weaver's school will soon be due and suggesting that these funds and those for the Lane boys be legally invested; and noting that Mr. Reed's property on Chestnut Hill is advertised at sheriff's sale in the *Daily Age*.

Folder 15 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 28 January 1870

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr enclosing the endorsed check sent this week; noting that when they meet on the 7th he can receive the funds for John Weaver's school fees; noting that Mr. Shunk wrote a second letter withdrawing his offer to write James Buchanan's biography, after learning that Mr. Reed was still being considered; and supposing that Mrs. Johnston might have had him write the first letter.

Folder 16 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 4 February 1870

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr enclosing a letter from Mr. McMurtrie that confirms an appointment for Monday and asks for a statement of the amount due on Edward Y. Buchanan's mortgage with the interest to be brought; noting that Mr. Reed's property is no longer offered for sale; and expressing regret that Mr. Swarr is suffering from an eye ailment as Mr. Swift's letter indicates.

Folder 17 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 8 February 1870

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr regretting that the weather prevented him from coming to Lancaster to attend the funeral of Mr. Wharton; hoping that the matter of the mortgage has been straightened out with Mr. McMurtrie and the purchaser; returning receipts for money received on behalf of John Weaver and Mr. Johnston's letter; replying at length to Mr. Johnston's objections about the housing of James Buchanan's papers; advising no reference to Judge Black's alleged opinion on the value of the papers; advising no reply to Mr. Johnston's request for suggestions for the author of James Buchanan's biography, except in noting that Mr. Shunk is unacceptable; advising warning that funds might need to be withheld from the estate if Mr. Johnston keeps threatening legal action; raising the suggestion that presidential papers now at Wheatland be removed to Mr. Swarr's home; and asking that his name not be mentioned in his reply to Mr. Johnston.



Folder 18 Oxford Church, Philadelphia, 19 February 1870

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr asking for permission to publish Judge Black's "Defence of the Administration" and some letters from Mr. Stanton to James Buchanan, all of which he is sending via Mr. Baker to Mr. Reed; and adding that the Alderman has executed the Trustee account which is enclosed.

Folder 19 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 21 February 1870

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr asking that James Weaver be advanced \$100 from the estate as soon as possible, since he has lost his employment; and explaining that he did not send Miss Jessie's guardianship account earlier because Mr. Swift did not mention a need for haste.

Folder 20 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 7 March 1870

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr noting that he has promised his son James \$2000 from the estate and offering to pay interest on the amount to ward of charges of favoritism; supposing that he has received the amount of their mortgage on Mr. Reed's place; hoping that the Clarion County deed reached him safely; noting that he and Mr. Reed have decided not to publish any estate papers until a forthcoming letter of Judge Black about Mr. Stanton has appeared; and noting that Jessie Magaw should receive her inheritance from the estate soon and suggesting that Captain Magaw be reminded of his indebtedness to the estate.

Folder 21 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 28 March 1870

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr noting that Mr. Macalaster will be prepared to pay the amount of the Kennedy Bond & Mortgage on April 1st; asking whether the purchaser of Mr. Reed's property will be prepared to pay on the same date; and suggesting that they authorize Mr. Gaw to sell the Virginia and Tennessee bonds as soon as they can get reasonably good prices on them.

Folder 22 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 31 March 1870

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr saying that Mr. Macalaster will have his check in Lancaster tomorrow; that he will meet Swarr at Gaw Bacon & Co. next week; and sending regards to Mrs. Swarr, and Sallie.

Folder 23 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 4 April 1870

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr stating that Jessie Magaw is purchasing a house for which she urgently needs money due her from the estate; asking for the document for the heirs to sign regarding the \$5000; hoping for Mr. Hiester's comment on removal of the papers; and noting that although he had received Mr. Henry's letter recently, it was not written after Mr. Henry had received his letter regarding the book.

Folder 24 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 11 April 1870

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to Mrs. Anna M. Scheetz asking that she provide rooms and board for some weeks for Mr. Swarr and his daughter in Philadelphia.



Folder 25 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 28 July 1870

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr thanking him for his resumé of his latest correspondence with the Johnstons; saying that Mrs. Johnston has no power to prevent the removal of the papers from Wheatland and leaving the legal steps necessary to remove the papers to Swarr; denying that he and his daughter Annie left papers at Wheatland in confusion after sorting out important ones for Mr. Reed, although agreeing that they are now in confusion; noting the absurdity of Mrs. Johnston suggesting that increasing the biographical fund to \$20,000 would in any way assure the rapid acquisition of a suitable biographer; and sympathizing with Mr. Swarr on having to correspond with such unreasonable persons as the Johnstons.

Folder 26 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 10 August 1870

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr giving his train schedule and asking that Mrs. Swarr not hold tea; mentioning a thunderstorm with a nearby house damaged by lightning; and noting that James Buchanan Henry is still at sea but will go directly to Annapolis to be with his son before coming to Philadelphia.

Folder 27 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 16 August 1870

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr enclosing letters from Mr. Capen and Mr. Thompson; promising an extract from Judge Black's letter when he finds it; pointing out a discrepancy in the estate account; and mentioning that he had spent a larger amount than expected for purchase of Lehigh Valley Railroad stock.

Folder 28 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 17 August 1870

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr quoting from Judge Black's 18-- letter, which requests an additional \$1500 now and \$5,500 from the estate later as payment for the business [of writing James Buchanan's biography]; noting that Judge Black's ideas of suitable compensation for writing the biography have since greatly increased; and accepting Mr. Swarr's offer of an advance of \$2000 or \$2500 from the estate at the present time.

Folder 29 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 5 September 1870

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr trying to arrange a meeting in Philadelphia and asking that Swarr telegraph him of the date and time; asking for \$100 so that he can give it to Miss Maria Weaver for John Weaver's board bill; and noting that James Buchanan Henry has been visiting for over a week and wishes the papers to be removed [from Wheatland] as soon as possible.

Folder 30 [Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia], 7 September 1870

Note from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr informing him that a Friday meeting is unacceptable and agreeing to meet him on Thursday at Jamison & Co at 11 o'clock.

Folder 31 [Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia], 9 September 1870

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr returning Mrs. Johnston's letter and proposing that Mrs. Johnston be informed in Mr. Hiester's letter that we have no interest



in receiving her personal letters, only those of the estate; and wishing to be informed in Altoona of the reception of Mr. Hiester's letter.

Folder 32 Altoona, [Pennsylvania], 14 September 1870

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr reporting that Mr. Cassatt has no clerkships available at present, but would be glad to have a specimen of Charlie's penmanship, or could place him in the shops at any time, if he wanted to be a mechanical engineer; praising the weather and shops in Altoona, should the Swarrs care to visit; mentioning that Mr. Cassatt will be away for a few dates, but should be back all next week; and noting that Mr. Henry has not sent a receipt for his draft.

Folder 33 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 28 September 1870

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr re-enclosing Mr. Hiester's letter to Mrs. Johnston; hoping the letter will cause her to give up the papers, which avoids a disagreeable lawsuit; and mentioning that he saw Charles at the station in Lancaster.

Folder 34 [Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia], 20 September 1870

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr enclosing the requested receipts; noting that the interest on Mr. Abram W. Russell's mortgage should be paid in coin or its equivalent, rather than in currency; proposing that Mr. Swarr have Mr. Hiester write a second letter to Harriet Johnston setting a deadline for her reply regarding the papers, after which legal proceedings will begin.

Folder 35 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 11 October 1870

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr gratefully acknowledging receipt of the semi-annual interest on his Russell mortgages; wishing to discuss Mr. Wiley's mortgage; noting that Miss Hetty and Mrs. Dunham are visiting and that Miss Hetty has informed him that the Johnstons are planning a trip to Montreal; requesting information on what the Johnstons are planning to do about the law suit; and noting how unseemly it appeared for African-American men to be voting alongside white men at the polls in Frankford that morning.

Folder 36 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 31 October 1870

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr noting that the advertisement of Rev. Buchanan's farm contains the superfluous word "on" and asking to have Mr. Smith correct it; asking him as a personal favor to contact Mr. Dripps regarding a late mortgage payment; noting that nothing has been received from Mr. Wise yet, except Mr. Monaghan has received \$100 from him; worrying that Mr. Hiester may accept delays from Judge Black regarding the lawsuit, and that until the issue is settled they may as well not bother to hire a biographer because they could not furnish him with any papers other than those already in their possession; and noting that he has spoken to Mr. Cassatt again concerning Charles.

Folder 37 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 22 November 1870

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr asking him to urge Mr. Hiester to contact Judge Black and demand a response to their Bill in Equity before January; stating his



belief that John Weaver should be paid annually only the interest on the money they hold for him and asking for an enumeration of that amount; and informing him that Rev. Buchanan's chapel was dedicated and his farm was sold to Mr. John Benson of Lebanon County at a good price.

Folder 38 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia 28 November 1870

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr expressing happiness that Swarr's eyesight has improved enough that he can write; thanking him for the information about the Trust investments; expressing approval of Mr. Hiester's letter, noting that Mr. Johnston's letter indicates a softening in his position and doubting that Judge Black will intervene; and planning to meet Mr. Swarr at Gaw & Bacon at the appointed time.

Folder 39 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia 13 December 1870

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to Isaac E. Hiester thanking him for sending his letters from and to Judge Black, expecting further propositions regarding their Bill, stating that nothing should be allowed to interfere with a decision before January regarding rightful custody of the papers, and asking to receive copies of any further communications he receives on the issue.

Folder 40 [Oxford Church Parsonage] Philadelphia, 18 April 1871

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr enclosing a letter to Mr. Reed for Swarr's approval; stating that, after reading Mr. Swarr's letter to Mrs. Johnston, he sealed it and mailed it directly to her; noting that his daughter appreciated the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Swarr to them and that they were pleased with the tomb and the size of the lot.

Folder 41 [Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia], 19 May 1871

Hasty note from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr enclosing the paper Swarr requested and asking him to make a copy of it.

Folder 42 Oxford Church Parsonage, [Philadelphia], 1 June 1871

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. R. Swarr giving him Rev. Buchanan's possible train schedule from Philadelphia for his trip for the purpose of revising the testimony; and noting that he is postponing his trip to Altoona and expects to see Mr. Biddle tomorrow.

Folder 43 Oxford Church Parsonage, [Philadelphia], 7 June 1871

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr making plans for Mr. Lightner to come for a meeting with Mr. Biddle and asking for Mr. North and Mr. Swarr to also come or choose another day; and mentioning that Mr. Henry has not arrived.

Folder 44 Oxford Church Parsonage, [Philadelphia], 17 June 1871

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr written by Edward Young Buchanan just before and after hearing of the death of his son James, saying that he wants the suit to be heard and decided upon as soon as possible even though he will not be able to attend.

Folder 45 [Oxford Church Parsonage], Philadelphia, 19 June 1871



Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr noting that Mr. Biddle will be leaving Philadelphia about the 4th of July to be gone for ten or twelve weeks, so Mr. North should go on with the case next week, even though Edward Young Buchanan will be going tomorrow to Guilford Station, Virginia, to settle the affairs of his son.

Folder 46 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 9 August 1871

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr acknowledging receipt of \$23, his share of the commissions on the interest on Mrs. Johnston's trust money; and assuming that he had received his letter concerning the suit with Mr. and Mrs. Johnston.

Folder 47 Oxford, Philadelphia, 12 April 1872

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr acknowledging receipt of amount awarded by the auditor covering Dr. Foltz's claim and legal fees of the suit; and asking for advice on investing John's money.

Folder 48 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 20 June 1872

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr stating that he has received a letter from Dr. Foltz addressed to both of them, apparently not wishing a lawsuit over his claim; noting that a case of smallpox at Wheatland may prevent removal of the papers; hoping that his correspondence with Mr. Welling will convince him to enter into an agreement about writing the biography of James Buchanan; and requesting a copy of a letter from James Buchanan to Dr. Foltz which his daughter Annie remembers copying.

Folder 49 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 5 September 1872

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr stating his reluctance to appoint Judge Black as James Buchanan's biographer, but promising to discuss it with Mr. Henry, who is coming to town soon; and politely declining Swarr's invitation to buy property in Lancaster and become a resident.

Folder 50 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 10 September 1872

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr asking that Mr. Russell pay the principal of his bond if at all possible, and if not, asking if he could borrow money from the estate for his forthcoming trip abroad, promising to pay 6 percent on money for which they are now getting 4 percent; noting that Mr. Henry is coming this week; noting that his son William has sailed in the Saranak for Paris via Liverpool; and wondering whether the estate is responsible to the heirs for money actually earned, whether it be 6 percent or 4 percent.

Folder 51 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 18 September 1872

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr informing him that Judge Black had asked to meet with James Buchanan Henry and himself, but that he could not because Mr. Henry had left and because he is opposed to Judge Black's appointment as James Buchanan's biographer, because he disapproves of Judge Black's letter to the New York Herald in January 1870. This letter concerned the "consternation & grief" which the Cabinet felt on hearing James Buchanan's response to the South Carolina



Commissioners. In fact the changes in President Buchanan's "views and proceedings" were caused by the secessionists in Charleston.

Folder 52 Rome, Italy, 24 February 1873

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr, his first since leaving America in the autumn, describing their travels, the Carnival in Rome, not seeing the Pope, but catching a glimpse of Victor Emmanuel, all in crowds of tourists from America and England; reporting that his son William became ill in Paris and will come for rest in Italy; noting that John Lane must have reached his majority and received his inheritance; expressing satisfaction that the Foltz case was settled favorably; and asking for new information to be sent to him in London on whether Judge Black intends to write a history of James Buchanan's presidency; and sending good wishes to Mrs. Swarr, Mrs. Kremer, Miss Mary, Charles, Mr. Swift, and Miss Hetty.

Folder 53 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 4 July 1873

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr informing him that all of his party have returned home on the ship Idaho and are well; offering to come to Lancaster to conduct any business; hoping that Charles has recovered from his illness; and sending regards to Mrs. Swarr and family.

Folder 54 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 9 July 1873

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr thanking him for sending his commission on Mrs. Johnston's Trust interest and for depositing the proceeds of the Russell bond; and expressing his happiness that Charles is well again and promising to ask Mr. Cassatt about a position for him.

Folder 55 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 3 November 1873

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr saying that he might not be able to come to Lancaster for the audit because he hasn't been well, but that if he comes up he prefers only a family dinner and will spend the night in Miss Hetty's new house; and noting arrangements to retrieve needed money from the Western Savings Fund.

Folder 56 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 22 November 1873

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr acknowledging receiving the auditor's report but noting that the auditor had failed to take into consideration that Mrs. Dunham, James Weaver, Maria Weaver, and Jessie Magaw had all legally agreed to leave their full shares of \$3000 in the hands of the executors for the supplement of the Biographical Fund.

Folder 57 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 4 December 1873

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr expressing sorrow at Mrs. Johnston's exceptions to Mr. Swift's excellent report, because now the unpleasant facts to which she refers will be more widely distributed; suggesting that payment to the other heirs be postponed until settlement of the threatened proceedings; approving the hiring of Mr. North and making arrangements for him to see the proceedings of the equity suit; and



planning to meet with Mr. Preston of Boston who is strongly recommended by Mr. Capen to be the biographer of James Buchanan.

Folder 58 [Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia], 5 December 1873

Note from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr saying he has written to Mr. Henry about the exceptions and sent him a check for \$300; and promising to write to Mrs. Dunham next week.

Folder 59 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 4 December 1873

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr stating that he would certainly be present for giving depositions in connection with the exceptions to Mr. Swift's report, were it not that his health requires him to avoid all excitement, but he will send relevant documents; denying that Mrs. Johnston offered to contribute double the sum that Rev. Edward Young Buchanan or James Buchanan Henry might contribute to the fund for the biography, but instead offered to unite with Rev. Buchanan or Mr. Henry in contributing equally the sum of \$5000 each; and suggesting that the \$5000 for the fund should properly remain in the estate, since it was mentioned in their second account which was duly confirmed.

Folder 60 327, 329 & 331 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, 11 December 1873

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr indicating he could not find the copy of the agreement sent to Mrs. Johnston which she returned unsigned; supposing that the Johnstons are the only ones required to make depositions on Saturday; reporting that Mr. Preston brought letters from Mr. Capen, G. S. Hillard, Judge Payne, and Colonel Greene supporting his bid to become James Buchanan's biographer; noting that another possible candidate for biographer is H. B. Dawson, editor of the New York Historical Magazine, who has written several articles favorable to James Buchanan, and asking for news of what the Johnstons swear to at the deposition.

Folder 61 [Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia], 12 December 1873

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr apologizing for not finding the unsigned agreement and hoping that Swarr has it; supposing that Swarr has Mrs. Johnston's original proposal in reference to the \$20,000 offer; and noting the importance of Mr. Swarr and Mr. North being present tomorrow to examine Mr. and Mrs. Johnston.

Folder 62 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 22 December 1873

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr returning a paper signed and sealed; asking for points Mr. Reynolds dwelt upon in his argument; hoping Mr. North showed the falsity of the Johnstons' claims; wondering why the Johnstons did not give depositions and asking if they were present; regretting that the proceedings are slowing payment to the legatees; and musing on possible ramifications if the court decides against them on their right to hold the \$5000 and the presidential papers.

Folder 63 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 19 January 1874

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr expressing satisfaction that the ruling went their way, but wondering if that was the end of the case; asking that Mr. North's fee be



determined so that he can deduct it from the shares of the legatees; and asking that Swarr give his regards to Judge Hayes, who ruled in the matter.

Folder 64 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 21 January 1874

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr giving detailed accounting of how Mr. North's fee should be paid by all the legatees and repeating his opposition to paying the legatees until the Johnstons decide whether or not to appeal; and noting Mr. Shunk has died suddenly.

Folder 65 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 28 January 1874

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr embracing his idea that the fee of Mr. North come out of the biographical fund and enclosing a check; and planning to send checks immediately to Mr. Henry and Mrs. Dunham and expecting the evening arrival of John Weaver.

Folder 66 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 9 February 1874

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr with a receipt for his commission on Harriet Lane Johnston's interest; stating that he has asked a written opinion from P. McCall Esq. as to whether Mr. Reed's children would have a legal claim to the \$5000 bequeathed to their mother if it is decided not to appoint Mr. Reed as James Buchanan's biographer; mentioning various problems with Mr. Dawson and Mr. Preston as biographer with no suggestions from Mr. O'Connor worth mentioning; and enclosing releases from all the parties he has paid.

Folder 67 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 9 May 1874

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr asking the next step in enabling Mr. Hopkins Henderson to collect interest on Harriet Lane Johnston's Philadelphia City Trust Loan; informing him that he plans to interview Mr. Tenney in New York about writing James Buchanan's biography; and requesting details on the settlement of John [Weaver]'s trust and asking the dates on which James B[uchanan Lane] and Elliott Eskridge Lane will receive theirs.

Folder 68 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 15 July 1874

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr thanking him for sending Mr. Reed's article from the Baltimore Gazette and his note, which he returns; doubting that Mr. Reed's article was much of a vindication; expressing no surprise at Judge Black's opinions; hoping to see Judge Cadwalader and make arrangements about the files of the *Intelligencer & Journal* and permission to see the papers still at Wheatland; planning to stay at the Atlantic Hotel in Cape May; and believing that Mr. and Mrs. Johnston must be pleased that Judge Cadwalader and not Judge Black has been appointed as James Buchanan's biographer.

Folder 69 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 18 July 1874

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr reporting that he has seen Judge Cadwalader, who plans to come to Lancaster to examine the *Intelligencer and Journal*



newspaper files himself for reference to President Buchanan; and that weather was delightful during his recent stay at Cape May.

Folder 70 [Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia], 15 August 1874

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr acknowledging receipt of his share of the semiannual commission on Harriet Lane Johnston's trust estate; and mentioning his excursion through a part of the coal region with two of his daughters.

Folder 71 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 4 October 1874

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr enclosing a copy of a letter from Judge Cadwalader to Harriet Lane Johnston; acknowledging that he has received two copies of the Lancaster Intelligencer newspaper, one from Mr. Swarr and one from Mr. J[ohnston]; mentioning that Harriet Lane Johnston's letter is a good one; and announcing his intention to re-subscribe to the Intelligencer, considering the New Era to be unfair.

Folder 72 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 6 October 1874

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr expressing regret that Mr. Swarr has suffered a broken arm; satisfaction that Mr. Brown has agreed to sift through the files of the Intelligencer & Journal for Judge Cadwalader; and giving the sad news that his son William is very sick and may not recover.

Folder 73 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 14 October 1874

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr explaining that Judge Cadwalader is opposed to hiring Mr. Brown to search the newspaper files, because he feels that he will need all funds over the \$5000 bequest for his own necessary expenses; adding that Judge Cadwalader declines to have anything to do with the \$5000 bequest to Mrs. Reed; and that Mr. Swarr should consider this letter confidential. 1 folded sheet 18 cm.

Folder 74 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 4 May 1875

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr seeking to have the bonds and mortgages held for Elliot Eskridge Lane put in both his and Swarr's name instead of Swarr's alone; has complete faith in Swarr but wants to be sure the executors share equally the responsibility; and does not want sole control, but joint control of the securities.

Folder 75 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 11 January 1876

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr reporting that Judge C[adwalader] is still in the process of gathering, arranging, and digesting material, but hasn't written very much because of his health and judicial duties, and so, regrettably, the biography will not be published during the centennial year; noting that his only surviving son Edward and his family are visiting from California; and asking for information about a W. R. Bierly of Williamsport, who is requesting access to James Buchanan's early letters

Folder 76 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 10 April 1876



Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr acknowledging receipt of the annual interest on Elliot Eskridge Lane's trust and hoping to earn further interest on it; and noting that the city is beginning to fill with guests for the Centennial Exposition.

Folder 77 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 19 July 1876

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr acknowledging receipt of his share of the commission on Harriet Lane Johnston's Trust Estate, and enclosing his signed authorization for Franklin and Marshall College to grant the Estate Scholarship to young Gerhard.

Folder 78 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 9 January 1877

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr acknowledging receipt of his share of the commission on the semi-annual interest on Harriet Lane Johnston's Trust Estate; and agreeing to comply with Mrs. Johnston's request and planning to determine whether it can be done without Swarr's presence.

Folder 79 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 10 January 1877

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr noting that Mr. Drexel does not approve of the sale and purchase of securities that Mrs. Johnston is requesting; stating that Mr. Swarr should write Mrs. Johnston about Mr. Drexel's objections; asking whether they should have written requests from Mrs. Johnston herself before making changes in her investments; and asking Mr. Swarr to be present himself if the changes are made.

Folder 80 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 23 January 1877

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr requesting a reply to his letter of the 10th; expressing his opinion that the City sixes should be sold, but the Currency sixes should not be bought at the present prices; and asking whether he should forward Mr. Johnston's letter.

Folder 81 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 24 March 1877

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr attempting to set a date for Mr. Swarr to come to Philadelphia; apologizing for his miscalculation of the losses on the trade of securities, which, according to Mr. Drexel, will be \$2000 instead of \$300, and asking whether Mrs. Johnston should be informed.

Folder 82 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 9 April 1877

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr acknowledging receipt of the interest on funds of Elliot Eskridge Lane, which he will invest; mentioning receipt of a new letter from Mr. Johnston wishing to dispose of the City sixes and purchase Currency sixes, with which request Edward Young Buchanan disagrees; and hoping that the drop in property values will not affect the mortgages in the Elliot Eskridge Lane Trust.

Folder 83 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 12 August 1879

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr setting a meeting with him in Philadelphia at the St. Cloud at 10 o'clock.



Folder 84 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, 4 January 1883

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr saying he deposited the check of Harriet Lane Johnston's interest in the Banking House of B. K. Jamison & Co. to the credit of Mr. A. S. Henderson as directed; wishing him a happy new year; and has received about 150 proof sheets of Mr. Curtis's biography of James Buchanan.

Folder 85 1342 Pine Street, Philadelphia, 19 January 1883

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr acknowledging receipt of his commission on Harriet Lane Johnston's trust interest; noting that he has received about 300 sheets of proofs of Mr. Curtis's interesting James Buchanan biography; and noting that the shares of United Company's stock are up for sale, and that he intends to invest the proceeds in the Philadelphia Trust & Deposit Company where he has already invested \$600 at 2%.

Folder 86 1342 Pine Street, Philadelphia, 10 July 1883

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr stating that he has a temporary address with Mr. Cassatt at Haverford College; noting that Elliott Eskridge Lane was pleased to receive interest on interest, but had trouble withdrawing the money until Edward Young Buchanan added the word "guardians" after his and Swarr's names; approving Mr. Ancona to have use of the Buchanan Scholarship, assuming that Swarr thinks the young man "proper and deserving"; thanking Swarr for the \$23.50 pertaining to Harriet Lane Johnston's trust fund; and surmising that Mr. Curtis, who is now at Richfield Springs, will bring out the biography before long.

Folder 87 1342 Pine Street, Philadelphia, 29 October 1883

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr acknowledging the correctness of the statement of their account received on the 26th; noting that Mr. Swarr was correct in not listing payments to Mr. Curtis, Mr. Cadwalader, and the insurance company, since Mr. Curtis does not want his name listed in the account; enclosing a receipt from Mr. Curtis; and planning to get Mr. Curtis's postscript when next in Lancaster.

Folder 88 1342 Pine Street, Philadelphia, 24 February 1886

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr asking if he will be in Philadelphia soon to confer about a letter from an attorney in Richmond concerning interest on Virginia State securities held by James Buchanan; directing him to come to the above address because that is where James Buchanan's book of accounts is located; and lamenting that while his general health is good, his eyesight could be better.

Folder 89 1342 Pine Street, Philadelphia, 17 March 1886

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr enclosing a check for one half of the commission on the money (\$247.55) lately received from Virginia via John C. Williams.

Folder 90 No place, no date.

Note from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr thanking him for complying promptly with his wish; and asking to know on what subject Mr. Reynolds has appeared before the auditor.



Folder 91 1342 Pine Street, Philadelphia, no date.

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr saying that he previously gave Mr. Williams Power of Attorney to have the interest, including that from West Virginia, funded and sold; and since he has now received the amount, asking whether he or Swarr should distribute it to the heirs.

Folder 92 Oxford Church Parsonage, Philadelphia, [July 1874, date from context]

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr hoping to meet him at the Lehigh Railroad offices; and adding that he has just returned from Atlantic City.

Folder 93 1342 Pine Street, Philadelphia, [1883, date from context]

Letter from E. Y. Buchanan to H. B. Swarr [from context] finalizing the trust accounts; noting that he has paid certain charges out of his personal account in order to rectify an earlier error; stating that he has overpaid Mr. Curtis by \$1221.50 in total; noting that there are additional expenses in connection with the Boston Herald libel, which he, because of no payment by Mr. and Mrs. Johnston since their return, will pay to Mr. Curtis and his nephew out of his personal account; asking that his Trust account be put in proper shape for filing and noting that he has receipts for nearly all disbursements.



Series 1
Subseries 2

Folder 1 Philadelphia, 5 October 1865

Letter to E. Y. Buchanan from William B. Reed acknowledging receipt of the \$500 in regard to which he agrees to any arrangement; asking for the early sheets and the preface; and expressing approval of what he has read.

Folder 2 Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, 22 September 1868

Letter to E. Y. Buchanan from W. B. Reed expressing pleasure at Edward Young Buchanan's decision about the personal secretary, and noting that Reed's contract is for one year with the first quarterly advance payment of \$125 due October 1.

Folder 3 No place, 21 October 1868

Letter to E. Y. Buchanan from Charles M. Howell proposing the construction of the tomb of James Buchanan of Italian marble except the base of American marble or granite 7' 1" x 3' 7" including engraved inscription at a cost of \$2500.

Folder 4 Lancaster, 2 February 1869

Letter to E. Y. Buchanan from William Diller giving his proposal for the wrought iron railing enclosing James Buchanan's gravesite at a total cost of \$573.25. A second sheet in different handwriting contains additional figures.

Folder 5 Meadville, Pa., 4 February [1869]

Letter to E. Y. Buchanan from C. M. Yates written on behalf of Mary asking that she be released from the mortgage held by her uncle's estate because she is thinking of selling the house to pay her debts and the bank is currently charging her about 14% interest.

Folder 6 Tiediorite, Pa., 20 February 1869

Letter to E. Y. Buchanan from son James Buchanan III asking if James Buchanan owned a large tract of land in Forest (late Venango) County which has recently been sold for taxes.

Folder 7 No place, 23 March 1869

Letter to E. Y. Buchanan from Charles M. Howell giving an estimate for granite cemetery posts of \$350 if plain and \$400 if fashioned according to an enclosed drawing. (The drawing is lost.) Accompanying the letter is an undated newspaper article criticizing the later reduction in size of James Buchanan's cemetery lot.

Folder 8 No. 3b East 21st Street, New York, 29 January 1874

Letter to E. Y. Buchanan from William B Reed asking that he be reinstated as the author of James Buchanan's biography although he had freely renounced the task earlier, regretting the six years that have elapsed since Buchanan's death and the failure of Professor Welling to execute the work.

Folder 9 Philadelphia, 19 September 1877



Letter to E. Y. Buchanan from John Cadwalader quoting extracts from a letter he sent to Harriet Lane Johnston explaining that the investigation of sometimes contradictory facts about President Buchanan has slowed his progress in writing the biography which will be an agreeable occupation of his old age.

