

**James Buchanan Family Papers, Part 6 Papers of Hiram B. Swarr, Series 3
Ephemera**

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Scope and Content Note: James Buchanan Family Papers, Part 6 Papers of Hiram B. Swarr, Series 3 contains his ephemera. This series includes invitations to various events, a circular from the Democratic County Committee, membership cards from the Historical, Agricultural & Mechanics' Institute, and admission tickets to the Avon Park Agricultural and Horticultural Association of Lebanon. The dates range from 1851 to 1889.

Creators: Swarr, Hiram Behm, 1821-1896
James Buchanan Foundation for the Preservation of Wheatland (Lancaster, Pa.)

System of Arrangement: James Buchanan Family Papers, Part 6 Papers of Hiram B. Swarr is arranged into three series.

Series 1 Correspondence

Subseries 1 Letters from Hiram B. Swarr

Subseries 2 Letters to Hiram B. Swarr

Series 2 Financial and Legal Documents

Series 3 Ephemera

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Biographical and Historical Note:

Hiram Behm Swarr (1821-1896) was born in Londonderry Township in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania. His father was Jacob Swarr, a prominent manufacturer of Lebanon County at the time. His mother was from the prominent Behm family. He became a lawyer instead of following in his father's footsteps. In December 1847, H.B. Swarr married Fanny T. Swarr. Together they had three children: Charles, Sallie, and Mary.

Swarr was admitted to the bar in 1847, and worked in Lancaster County for nearly fifty years. He was a member of the Democratic Party, and was also appointed the Chairman of the Democratic County Committee. He was a Democratic delegate for congress from his district in 1868 and was appointed Postmaster General from 1857 to 1861. Additionally, he belonged to the Lancaster School Board, the Board of Censors, the Law Library Association, and was one of the founders of the Lancaster Bar Association.

Swarr was also a close friend of President James Buchanan, handled many of Buchanan's financial affairs and investments, and was appointed co-executor of James Buchanan's estate in 1868.

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

Custodial History (Provenance): This collection was relocated from the Wheatland mansion to Lancaster County's Historical Society archives in the Spring of 2009.

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<http://www2.hsp.org/collections/manuscripts/b/Buchanan0091.html>

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Processing History: Finding aid prepared by RC, 2017. This collection has been documented, preserved and managed according to professional museum and archives standards. The collection was cataloged using DACS conventions.



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Series 3, Subseries 1

Folder 1 Lancaster 8 November 1851

Embossed invitation to Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Swarr to attend a cotillion party at The Mechanics' Institute.

Folder 2 Lancaster 21 April 1852

Embossed invitation to Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Swarr to attend a cotillion party at the Swan Hotel embossed card. Embossed envelope.

Folder 3 Lancaster 22 September 1856

Circular by H. B. Swarr as Chairman of the Democratic County Committee addressed to Democratic officers in the county urging them to organize well in order to bring out the vote against the "common enemy of the Democracy and the Union."

Folder 4 Lancaster 1858-1860

Three annual membership cards from the Historical, Agricultural & Mechanics' Institute for the years 1858-1860.

Folder 5 Philadelphia 17 and 29 April 1860

Receipt #35 in the amount of \$80 for passage to Charleston, S. C. and back to Philadelphia by Steamship Keystone State to sail on April 18 and a boarder's ticket for Room #113 at Mills House on April 29. Purchased by H. B. Swarr.

Folder 6 Lancaster, 7 July 1869

Biographical information sheet for a lawyer to fill in for inclusion in the Law Register and Official Directory for the United States for 1870; among the questions answered were the location of his office at No. 13 North Duke Street, admitted to the bar in Lebanon, Pa. in 1847, postmaster at Lancaster City from November 1856 to April 1861, and is not a member of any law firm.

Folder 7 Lebanon, Pa. 20 September 1870

Complimentary admission ticket to the Avon Park Agricultural and Horticultural Association of Lebanon.

Folder 8 New York, July 1870

Circular announcing the publication of the New Law Register and Official Directory for the United States for 1870-1871.

Folder 9 Lancaster 9-13 September 1889

Complimentary ticket for admission issued to the Swarrs for the annual fair of the Farmers' Lancaster Co. Fair Association.



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