

**James Buchanan Family Papers, Part 8 Papers of Others (Not Part of the Family),
Series 2 Financial and Legal Documents**

Call Number: JBFP Part 8 Series 2

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Scope and Content: James Buchanan Family Papers, Part 8 Papers of Others (Not Part of the Family), Series 2 contains financial and legal documents. Series 2 includes financial and legal documents within three subseries. Subseries 1 has bills, receipts, ledgers and accounts. Subseries 2 has deeds and land records. Subseries 3 has legal papers.

The financial and legal documents are arranged chronologically, spanning almost 100 years, from 1770 through 1866. The bulk of the items, dated between 1784 and 1790, are promissory notes, receipts of payment and rental slips. There is a large gap between 1790 and 1849. The items from the 1800s include bills of sale, accounts and receipts. The deeds and land records include one hand-drawn survey for an unknown location (1858) and a title report for property in Warren County, New York (1865). The legal papers include documents filed with the courts, transcriptions of a legislative act from Maryland, notes, purchase contract, as well as two foreign documents, possibly a German enlistment record and a Swedish passport, both for Eugene Francois Theodore de la Croix.

Date: 1770 – 1869; Bulk 1784-1790 and 1858-1869.

Creator: James Buchanan Foundation for the Preservation of Wheatland (Lancaster, Pa.)

System of Arrangement: James Buchanan Family Papers, Part 8 Papers of Others (Not Part of the Family) is arranged into four series.

Series 1 Correspondence

Series 2 Financial and Legal Documents

Subseries 1 Bills, Receipts, Ledgers, Accounts

Subseries 2 Deeds and Land Records

Subseries 3 Legal Papers

Series 3 Ephemera

Series 4 Newspapers

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Language: English, German, Swedish

Biographical and Historical Note: The origination of many of the items contained in this part of the collection are unknown. It is also unclear of the relationship they have with James Buchanan. In the first subseries, there are two names that reappear often from 1770 to 1790, Daniel McCausland and James Crawford. All of these items are either promissory notes, receipts of payment of loans or letters from Daniel to James requesting that he pay a certain sum to the bearer of the note and the reverse would show the receipt of payment of that loan. There is some mention of a Revolutionary War Colonel James Crawford from Lancaster¹ and Daniel addresses one of the notes to "Col. Crawford" so this may be the same individual. (See 8.2.1.001) There is a gap in the receipts and promissory notes from 1790 to 1849. This is also where we see the money on the documents change from pounds and shillings to dollars and cents. There is a bill of sale of the *Lancaster Intelligencer* newspaper from Edwin W. Hutter by a S. Boyd Hamilton in July 1849, as well as some follow up correspondence regarding that sale. However, in an article published in the *Intelligencer* on August 7, 1849, Mr. Hutter states that his successor is Captain George Sanderson of Carlisle, Pennsylvania (*Lancaster Intelligencer*, August 7, 1849, p. 2), which is confirmed in the December 4, 1849 edition which names the editor as "Geo. Sanderson (*Lancaster Intelligencer*, December 4, 1849, p. 1). The name McCausland reappears in the next subseries for legal papers, however, it is not a William McCausland, Jr. This is in reference to a law suit he filed against James Crawford and William McCausland for money due to him in outstanding rents and profits. There is a deposition notice addressed to "Col. Crawford"



so it is likely to be the same James Crawford who had business dealings with Daniel McCausland.

An interesting piece in this subseries is a large transcript of the Court Papers filed in the action by the stockholders of the Marietta & Susquehanna Trading Company against five of their Trustees. The Trustees were entrusted to resolve the company and collect all outstanding debts. However due to a robbery at the bank wherein all of the notes were stolen, they were unable to collect any of the debts. The background of this case is illustrated in Francis Lyman's *A Mysterious Bank Robbery* (LCHSR 905.748 HSP v. 94, p. 384-385), where it is alleged that one of the Trustees/Defendants, Jacob Grosh, committed the crime. The remaining items are random and vague in the origination and contextual relationship.

¹ Ellis, F & Evans, S. (1883). *History of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania*. Philadelphia: Everetts & Peck. Retrieved from <https://books.google.com/books?id=WsQxAQAAMAAJ&pg=PA52&dq=%22James+Crawford%22+Lancaster,+PA&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0CDkQ6AEwBWoVChMIhPb155rHyAIVAV0eCh2FDgt6#v=onepage&q=%22James%20Crawford%22%20Lancaster%2C%20PA&f=false>

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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>

Archives of Maryland Online. Session Laws 1862. (Vol 532. Pg. 267). Retrieved from:
<http://aomol.msa.maryland.gov/000001/000532/html/am532--267.html>

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Series 2
Subseries 1
Bills, Receipts, Ledgers & Accounts

Folder 1 Note from Daniel McCausland to William Crawford ordering the payment of two pounds five shillings and three pence; Witnessed by James Conley. 23 August 1784. (1 item, 1 piece) [William Crawford maybe an ancestor of Louisa Anderson].

Folder 2 Note from William Crawford to Daniel McCausland to pay James Crawford three pounds and four pence to fulfill an obligation. 10 January 1786. (1 item, 1 piece)

Folder 3 Receipt from David Witmer to James Crawford 10 pounds and 2 shillings in full on account. 12 February 1787. (1 item, 1 piece)

Folder 4 Account information and balance due for James [Heinr] with a balance due of £21.38. No date. (1 item, 1 piece)

Folder 5 Promissory note from Robert Anderson to pay Thomas McCausland and James [Crawford] eighty pounds, seven shillings, and two pence in one year. 12 August 1771. (1 item, 1 piece)

Folder 6 Note to Daniel McCausland from Michael Lightner requesting a loan in the amount of one pound, five shillings. 10 October 1772. (1 item, 1 piece)

Folder 7 [Peter Rohc] received from James Crawford the full payment of a debt that Daniel McCausland owed to William Bell. 7 May 1773. (1 item, 1 piece)

Folder 8 John Woodhull received payment from James Crawford toward yearly rent. Leacock Twp. 24 May 1773. (1 item, 1 piece)

Folder 9 Dr. Everard Gruber received payment from James Crawford for medical services and medicine provided for Daniel McCausland. 8 December 1771. (1 item, 1 piece)

Folder 10 Note from Daniel McCausland to James Crawford with an order to Mr. [Cover] 10 shillings. 25 August 1784. (1 item, 1 piece)

Folder 11 Note from Daniel McCausland to James Crawford with an order to pay John [Porter]. 7 February 1785. On reverse is a note payment was received from James Crawford for Daniel McCausland. 15 February 1785. (1 item, 1 piece)

Folder 12 Note from Daniel McCausland to James Crawford with an order to pay William Crawford two pounds seventeen shillings and six pence. Leacock, Lancaster County, PA. 2 July 1785. (1 item, 1 piece)



Folder 13 Note from Daniel McCausland to James [Crawford] with an order to pay Henry Biggart two pounds five pence. 29 July 1785. (1 item, 1 piece)

Folder 14 William Reynolds received payment from James Crawford. John Whittman, attorney, received payment from William Reynolds for the settlement of a civil suit, Wallace vs. McCausland. 20 December 1785. (1 item, 1 piece)

Folder 15 Note from Daniel McCausland to James Crawford with an order to pay James Scot twenty shillings. 10 October 1787. (1 item, 1 piece)

Folder 16 Summons for Jacob Shearer to bring in Daniel McCausland to answer Henry [Zell] regarding a debt under forty shillings. 2 April 1788. (1 item, 1 piece)

Folder 17 Account summary from James Crawford showing balance due from Barbra Hinkle. Settled by William Reynolds. 6 May 1789. (1 item, 1 piece)

Folder 18 William Reynolds received payment from Daniel McCausland via William Crawford in full "from the beginning of the world to this day." 24 April 1790. (1 item, 1 piece)

Folder 19 Statement of A. Boyd Hamilton's purchase of The Lancaster Intelligencer newspaper from E. W. Hutter. 5 July 1849. (1 item, 1 piece)

Folder 20 Letter from Edward Darlington to Boyd Hamilton requesting payment of outstanding bill for work furnished to the Intelligencer office. Lancaster, PA. 19 December 1849. (1 item, 1 piece)

Folder 21 Resolution of church to thank the Ladies Society for helping to reduce their debt and an accounting of the debt. 1 October 1855. (2 items, 2 pieces)

Folder 22 Audit of the credits and debits of A. W. Russel, Treasurer of the Second Presbyterian Church from March 1852 through December 1857, conducted by the audit committee, George S. Bryan, H. B. Swarr and Charles M. Howell. Lancaster, PA. 10 March 1858. (2 items, 2 pieces)

Folder 23 F. J. Steinhauser received payment from J. M. Cooper for the purchase of a second-hand 8 1/8 piano for \$25.00. Lancaster, PA. 30 October 1866. (1 item, 1 piece)

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Deeds & Land Records

Folder 1 Land draft of L. Mahle's land in [Clarion County], showing adjoining furnace lands and property of James Ogelsby. 15 April 1858. (1 item, 1 piece)



Folder 2 Title Search by the Deputy Clerk, E. W. Hunt on Lots 18 and 10 in the Tongue Mountain Tract. Quit Claim of Leonard M. Davis, Egbert Davis, Richard D. Davis, William H. Davis, Walter Cunningham and wife, Samuel Oakley and wife, George W. Kirkland and wife, and all heirs of Henry Davis, deceased, to William McDonald, conveyed on 5 November 1836, recorded 30 December 1841 in Book L, p. 16. McDonald conveyed the same lots as quit claim to Hiram Barber on 29 December 1841, recorded 30 December 1841 in Book L, p. 17. He found no conveyances or liens affecting the property between 5 November 1836 and 8 January 1855. This sheet dated 23 January 1855 at Lake George and signed by Hunt. Further searching made on 23 January 1885 for conveyances and liens as well as judgments against Joseph Fowler and Thomas S. Coolidge for the last ten years and against Eldad W. Goodman from 23 January 1885 to date affecting the following deed: Quit Claim, Eldad W. Goodman and wife to Joseph Fowler and Thomas S. Coolidge on 10 February 1885, recorded 13 February 1885 in Book No. 48 p.--. Conveys the equal undivided two thirds part of lot No. 18 Tongue Mountain Tract "situate at the south end of Tongue Mountain". Signed by Hunt and dated 14 February 1885. A continuation of the search against the same persons from 14 February 1885 to date found no further conveyances by deed or mortgage. Signed by Hunt and dated 21 February 1885. Lake George, Warren County, NY. 21 February 1885. (2 items, 2 pieces)

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Legal Papers

Folder 1 Notice of Deposition from William McCausland, Jr. to James Crawford to depose witnesses for the Plaintiff in the matter of *Wm. McCausland, Jr. and 2 others v. James Crawford & Wm. McCausland*. nd. (1 item, 1 piece)

Folder 2 Certificate from William McCausland to the Court advising of settlement of his law suit against James Crawford and dismissing his action. 20 April 1798. (1 item, 1 piece)

Folder 3 Resolution naming four individuals to the Marietta and Susquehanna Trading Co. Board of Trustees. This is most likely the true copy named in the Court papers regarding the bankruptcy of the Marietta & Susquehanna Trading Company. See 8.2.3.004. 8 April 1822. (1 item, 1 piece)

Folder 4 Transcription of the Court Papers filed in the action by the stockholders of the Marietta & Susquehanna Trading Company against the appointed Trustees of the Company, Jacob Grosh, Jacob Gish (Gisch), Jacob Mishey (Misher), James Patterson, Jr. and William Child, entrusted to resolve the company, however none of the debts were ever collected. Transcription includes a background, complaint, answer and exhibits. Transcribed by the Clerk of the Circuit Court, David Caldwell. 23 November 1829. (1 item, 1 piece) *Housed in JBFP Oversized Box 3.*



Folder 5 Act to Confirm Election of Trustees of the Second Presbyterian Church signed by Pennsylvania's Speaker of the House of Representatives, Henry K. Strong, Speaker of the Senate, William Mulhenberg Hiester and Governor, James Pollock .

An act to confirm and legalize the election of trustees of the Second Presbyterian Congregation of the City of Lancaster signed by Henry R. Strong, Speaker of the House of Representatives, William M. Hiester, Speaker of the Senate, and James Pollock, Governor, and certified by John M. Sullivan, Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth confirming the election of several trustees after failing to do so according to the charter of the church. This act upholds the action of the Golden seal with red ribbon on last page. Lancaster, PA. 6 April 1855. (1 item, 1 piece)

Folder 6 Note and obligation from Abraham W. Russel to the 2nd Presbyterian Congregation to purchase property for \$2,000.00. Lancaster, PA. 25 March 1858. (1 item, 1 piece)

Folder 7 Transcription of an Act of Maryland Legislature by unknown regarding the extension of time to execute judgments on loans. 10 March 1862. (1 item, 1 piece)

Folder 8 Legal memorandum to file accounting the particular events surrounding the sale of property in Montgomery County Maryland. Author unknown. February 1857 – 1 April 1865. (1 item, 1 piece)

Folder 9 Certificate of Authorization for One Year Service from the Royal Department of the Board of Examiners for a voluntary year of service for Eugene Francois Theodore de la Croix, finding him unfit to serve due to stomach issues . Document written in German. Berlin, Germany. 27 May 1865. (1 item, 1 piece)

Folder 10 Agreement between F. Benedict of Bedford Township (seller) and John M. Cooper of Lancaster (buyer) to purchase property located in Bedford Township, PA. 3 August 1866. (1 item, 1 piece)

Folder 11 Legal document, possibly a Swedish Passport for Eugene Francois Theodore de La Croix. 1869. (1 item, 1 piece)

