

Mills and Bridges of Lancaster County, The R. Harold Barton Collection, 1637-1916

Call Number: MG-15

6 boxes 2 notebooks, 33 folders 2.4 cubic ft.

Repository: LancasterHistory (Organization); PV7

Shelving Location: Archives South, Side 1

Description: Collection contains the research materials of R. Harold Barton on the mills and bridges of Lancaster County. Included are field notes, working papers, photographer's negatives, and postcards. Indexes are available listing mills by name and location, and bridges by name. Four notebooks are the finished product of the mills and bridges research of R. Harold Barton. These notebooks are in the library under Barton, R. Harold on the online catalog (621.85, B283, v.1-v.4). The notebooks constitute 1 cubic ft. of the collection. The remaining six boxes are located within the manuscript collection. These boxes house working papers, field notes, worksheets, notebooks, photographs, negatives, additional albums of photographs and other miscellaneous material relating to Lancaster County bridges and mills. Mr. Barton uses a numerical system to locate bridges and mills by township or by the names of the streams, rivers, runs and creeks. Three indexes have been prepared: one lists the bridges by name, one the location by town or townships, and one the names of the mills. There are a few notes related to Lancaster County gunsmiths, missionaries, and Indian traders.

Creator: Barton, R. Harold.

System of Arrangement: Collection is arranged by township, number, and index.

Conditions for Access: No restrictions.

Conditions Governing Reproductions: Collection may not be photocopied. Please contact Research Staff or Archives Staff with questions.

Language: English

Source of Acquisition: Unknown.

Related Materials: Library and Photograph Collections

Note: Do not confuse the numbering for this collection with the numbering system of the Chester Paes collection published in the Community Historians Leaflet, Vol. 3, No. 6, December 1964.



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Subject headings:

Mills and mill-work (LHo-LOC sh 85085422)

Bridges (LHo-LOC sh 85016829)

Box 1

Folder 1 Index Book. This lists mills by name, number of mills per creek, size and power of mills, number of mills per year from 1756 to 1916, number of grist and saw mills per year per township, list of county bridges per creek in 1924, covered bridges per creek 1824-1893, type of bridge construction 1804-1920, list of gunsmiths 1670-1850, first missionaries 1702-1705, Indian traders 1637-1689, mills before 1729.

Folders 2-5 Field notes for mills number 1 through 171.

Box 2

Folders 6-11 Field notes for mills and bridges in Lancaster County, numbers 171A through 458.

Box 3

All folders in this box include mills by townships from Bart to Little Britain. Within each folder there are maps, newspaper clippings and other relevant miscellaneous material.

Folder 12 Bart, Brecknock, Caernarvon, Clay Township

Folder 13 Cacolico, East & West Colerain, Conoy Township

Folder 14 Donegal, Drumore Township

Folder 15 Earl, East & West Earl, Eden, Elizabeth, Ephrata Townships

Folder 16 Fulton, East & West Lampeter, East & West Hempfield

Folder 17 Lancaster, Leacock, West Leacock, Little Britain

Box 4

All folders in this box include mills by townships from Bart to Little Britain. Within each folder there are maps, newspaper clippings and other relevant miscellaneous material.

Folder 18 Manheim, Manor, Martic Townships

Folder 19 Mt. Joy, Paradise, Penn, Pequea, Providence Townships

Folder 20 Rapho, Sadsbury, Salisbury Townships

Folder 21 Strasburg, Warwick Townships

Folders 22-23 Information arranged by creeks and valleys of Lancaster County.



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Box 5

Folders 24-27 Duplicates the four (4) albums accessioned in the library, but are an older, less complete system.

Notebook 1 Drawings and miscellaneous notes on mills and bridges of Lancaster County arranged by number. *Photographs transferred to the Photograph Collection, 3 November 2017.*

Notebook 2 Pictures of mills and bridges along the Conestoga River. *Album transferred to the Photograph Collection, 27 October 2017.*

Box 6

Folder 28 Newspaper extractions relating to mills and bridges of Lancaster County.

Folders 29-30 Extra photographs, numbered by mill numbering system. *Photographs transferred to Photograph Collection 27 October 2017.*

Folder 31 Miscellaneous negatives and photos. *Negatives transferred to the Photograph Collection, 27 October 2017.*

Folders 32-33 Negatives of mill pictures #1 through #454. *Negatives transferred to the Photograph Collection, 27 October 2017.*

