

James Buchanan Collection, 1816-

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Scope and Content Note: The James Buchanan Collection contains material that pertains to the life and legacy of James Buchanan and his Lancaster home, Wheatland. The collection contains correspondence of James Buchanan and letters written by his niece, Harriet Lane Johnston. Newspaper articles discuss Buchanan's life and Wheatland, tell the story of Buchanan's romance with Ann Coleman, and report on commemorative events. Legal and personal business are represented by deeds, financial matters, and Buchanan's probate records.

Political papers include the Presidential appointment of Buchanan as Minister to Russia, certification to represent Pennsylvania in the U.S. Senate, and a series of letters regarding the Atlantic slave trade in 1819 and Liberia in 1858. In letters, Buchanan outlined his reasons for not wanting to run for Governor, wrote about the confidence bestowed on him by the Democratic Party, and established a fund for the city of Lancaster to purchase wood and coal for poor women during the winter. After the Crimean War, Buchanan wrote to the ambassador to the United Kingdom and observed that Russia seemed to be intent on recovering its military prestige and had made vast naval preparations.

There is an assortment of ephemera, such as programs for memorial celebrations, material related to John Updike's play *Buchanan Dying*, commemorative stamps, sheet music, and invitations. Souvenir pamphlets from Wheatland provide history about Buchanan's home and the museum. Speeches range from those given by Buchanan to several that honor his life and Presidency. A scrapbook describes the establishment of Wheatland as a museum and contains newspaper articles about archaeology on the site in 1948.

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<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>

James Buchanan Papers, Penn State University Libraries,
<https://libraries.psu.edu/findingaids/1458.htm>

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Box 1

Folder 1 Minister to Russia

Insert 1 Presidential appointment of Buchanan as Minister to Russia. Signed by Andrew Jackson. 4 January 1832. (photocopy)

Insert 2 Recommendation of Andrew Jackson as to the character of Buchanan for Russian post. He gives Buchanan full powers as the minister to Russia. Signed by Andrew Jackson and Edward Livingston, Secretary of State. Wax Presidential Seal. 26 March 1832.

Insert 3 Letter from Henry Buehler to James Buchanan (9th U.S. Minister to Russia) in St. Petersburg, Russia. Buehler writes his opinion on Europe. Harrisburg, PA. 20 June 1833.

Folder 2 Letter and Certificate of Senate Election

A letter of certification declaring James Buchanan a Senator of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. 14 December 1836.

A letter to James Buchanan stating his election to be Senator. From the Chamber of the Senate of Pennsylvania. Wax seal of the Senate. Harrisburg. 11 January 1843.

A letter of certification stating that James Buchanan was chosen to be a Senator of Pennsylvania to represent the state. 10 January 1843.

Folder 3 Letter written by James Buchanan to the Hon. Walter Franklin regarding certain candidates for the House of Representatives. Washington. 21 December 1821. (photostatic copy)

Folder 4 Correspondence, 1828-1853

Insert 1 Letter written by James Buchanan from Washington, D.C. to William B. Fordney. He notes enjoying hearing about Lancaster news and mentions when he will be in Lancaster. Washington. 18 January 1828.

Insert 2 Letter from James Buchanan in Washington, D.C. to James A. Caldwell in Harrisburg. Buchanan writes about the confidence bestowed in him by the Democratic party, and that he intends to visit Lancaster and Harrisburg over the holidays. Washington. 19 December 1836.

Short thank you letter written by James Buchanan to William B. Fordney. Washington. 20 January 1837.

Insert 3 A transmittal letter from James Buchanan to James A. Caldwell regarding a matter of salary for Judge Hayes. Washington. 19 February 1840.

A letter from James Buchanan in Washington, D.C. to Benjamin Champneys, Esq., regarding an article in Globe. In the letter Buchanan expresses objection toward a tariff on coal and iron. Washington. 8 January 1842.

Insert 4 A letter from James Buchanan at Wheatland to Christian Huber in Miamisburg, Ohio regarding a matter settled with Mr. Ellmaker. Wheatland. 9 October 1849.

A private letter from Mr. Tyler in Philadelphia to James Buchanan, relating to matters of possible appointment of Tyler to clerkship of Supreme Court. Relates to political matters. Philadelphia. 13 November 1852.

Insert 5 A letter of recommendation from James Buchanan to Hon. Greene C. Bronson in New York regarding appointment of H. L. Williams as "Weigher" in the New York Custom House. Wheatland. 5 May 1853.

A letter from Mr. David Lynch to James Buchanan requesting appointment of Col. S. W. Black to a vacancy occasioned by resignation of Gen. Lane. Pittsburgh. 14 July 1853.

Folder 5 Letters regarding Postmaster of Pittsburgh

A letter to R. Johnston, from John Marron (Chief Clerk) on failed payments from Mr. David Lynch of Pittsburgh to the post office. Pittsburgh. 27 June 1840.

A letter to Martin Van Buren from James Buchanan regarding the successor of Major Lynch and the possible appointment of Major John K. Moorhead to Postmaster of Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh. 1 July 1840.

A letter from James Buchanan regarding his recommendation of Major John K. Moorhead to Postmaster of Pittsburgh. Washington. 2 July 1840.

Folder 6 Donations to the Poor

Insert 1 A private letter from James Buchanan to Michael Carpenter, Esq. of Lancaster regarding a donation of coal and wood during the winter to poor widows and women in the area. Lancaster. 1846.

Insert 2 Letter from James Buchanan to Michael Carpenter, Esq. Buchanan wants the interest from the donation to be used to purchase wood and coal for the poor women of Lancaster during the winter months annually. Written on the back of a 100 dollar stock certificate (date 2 January 1844) printed for City Council. Lancaster. 3 July 1849. (with transcription)

Folder 7 A letter, with seal, from James K. Polk appointing James Buchanan to Secretary of State of the United States. 6 March 1845. (photostatic copy)

Folder 8 *Letters to William Mathiot*

Insert 1 A letter from James Buchanan to William Mathiot of Lancaster. The letter is a response from Buchanan, who was questioned about the selection of a surgeon in Pennsylvania and asked to recommend Dr. Baker. Small stamped seal in corner of letter. Washington. 11 January 1846.

A letter from James Buchanan to William Mathiot of Lancaster. In the letter Buchanan writes about some of his debtors in Lancaster, and his intent to settlement by the middle of the following month. Washington. 11 December 1846.

Insert 2 A letter from James Buchanan to William Mathiot of Lancaster. Buchanan writes of how he wants to settle a certain debt owed to him. Washington. 24 January 1847.

A short letter from Buchanan to William Mathiot of Lancaster. Buchanan comments on a different letter between a Mr. Witmer and Mr. Hood. Washington. 15 January 1850.

Insert 3 A letter from James Buchanan to William Mathiot of Lancaster. Buchanan writes about S. D. Patterson, Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Forney and their failure to pay certain sums. Wheatland. 12 March 1850.

A letter from James Buchanan to William Mathiot of Lancaster regarding an inquiry of a party rule which would prevent a delegate from the County Convention from being elected a delegate to the Reading Convention. Wheatland. 24 February 1851.

Insert 4 A letter from James Buchanan to William Mathiot of Lancaster explaining election expenses. 18 October 1852.

A letter from James Buchanan to William Mathiot of Lancaster. Buchanan writes of his surprise when he found out from Judge Lewis the news of Mathiot being a candidate. Wheatland. 16 November 1852.

Folder 9 Letters regarding Mexico

Insert 1 Private and confidential letter from James Buchanan to John Black of the U.S. Department of State. Buchanan thanks Mr. Black for all of his hard work and informs him he is sending this letter with an important dispatch he had sent to the Minister of Foreign Affairs in Mexico. He also informs Mr. Black that Colonel A. J. Atocha will be delivering these things to him, and if asked he should give any advice regarding Mexico to Colonel Atocha. Washington. 19 January 1847.

Insert 2

Letter to Samuel C. Slaymaker from Phil Klein regarding the 1847 letter from James Buchanan to John Black. 23 April 1963.

Transcription of letter in Folder 9, Insert 1. A private and confidential letter from James Buchanan to John Black of the U.S. Department of State, regarding Mexico. Washington. 19 January 1847.

Insert 3 "Secret Buchanan Letter Now Here." Newspaper article regarding the private and confidential letter from James Buchanan to John Black regarding Mexico. Lancaster. 23 March 1963. (photocopy)

Folder 10 Letters to A. Herr Smith

A letter from James Buchanan to A. Herr Smith, Esq. of Lancaster regarding Mrs. Ann Johnson's pension certificate. Washington. 12 December 1848.

A letter from James Buchanan to A. Herr Smith, Esq. of Lancaster regarding the validation of Mrs. Ann Johnson's pension certificate. Washington. 23 December 1848.

Folder 11 A letter from James Buchanan to Colonel A. H. Reeder. Buchanan lists the reasons he will not become a candidate for the office of governor. Washington. 22 July 1848. (photostatic copy and transcription)

Folder 12 Correspondence to Thaddeus Stevens

A letter from James Buchanan to Thaddeus Stevens regarding Buchanan's nephew, James B. Henry (a sophomore at Lancaster College) who wanted to attend West Point. Buchanan asks Stevens his opinion on whether James would be fit for West Point after a review of one of his examinations. Bedford Springs. 31 July 1850. (photostatic copy)

A letter from James Buchanan to Thaddeus Stevens regarding Buchanan's nephew, James B. Henry. Buchanan thanks Stevens for his prompt review of his nephew's examination from Lancaster College. Wheatland. 10 August 1850. (photostatic copy)

A letter from James Buchanan to Dr. C. S. Kaufman of Cincinnati, Ohio. In the letter Buchanan thanks Dr. Kaufman for a letter that was received from him. He also briefly mentions slavery. Washington. 13 November 1858. (copy of transcription)

A letter of introduction from James Buchanan regarding Professor S. S. Haldeman. Washington. 29 January 1859. (photostatic copy)

Folder 13 Correspondence to William Carpenter

Insert 1 A letter from James Buchanan to William Carpenter, Esq. about investing money and assisting Mr. Carpenter's nephew in securing a job. Washington, D.C. 13 June 1857. Cancelled envelope with U.S. seal in wax. Washington, D.C. 14 June 1857.

Insert 2 A letter from James Buchanan to William Carpenter, Esq. regarding a draft for \$5,000 on the Philadelphia Bank and securing a mortgage on property in Lancaster with W. Killinger. Washington, D.C. 4 July 1857.

Insert 3 A letter from James Buchanan to William Carpenter, Esq. regarding a letter written several days earlier. (see Folder 13, Insert 2) Buchanan writes that he did not get a receipt for the draft of \$5,000 dollars he had sent to Philadelphia Bank, and feared it may have been misplaced. Washington, D.C. 11 July 1857.

Insert 4 A letter from James Buchanan to William Carpenter, Esq. regarding a mortgage. Washington, D.C. 24 May 1859.

Insert 5 A letter from James Buchanan to William Carpenter, Esq. In the letter Buchanan confirms that he will send Carpenter the mortgage. Washington, D.C. 13 September 1860.

Folder 14 Correspondence regarding the Atlantic slave trade

Insert 1 A letter from R. B. Rhett to James Buchanan regarding the arrival of enslaved persons in Charleston, South Carolina. He is asking to be appointed commissioner and for

Buchanan to speak with Hon. Cobb on this subject. Charleston, South Carolina. 30 August 1858.

Insert 2 A letter from William Miles to James Buchanan regarding the conditions of enslaved persons and their attitudes upon arrival from Africa. Charleston. 1 September 1858.

Insert 3 A letter from the Office of the Attorney General. The letter was sent regarding an Act of March 3, 1819 which had to do with the Atlantic slave trade. The letter also mentions the appointment of a new agent to oversee the Atlantic slave trade. 2 September 1858.

A letter from James Buchanan to R. B. Rhett responding to a letter regarding the Atlantic slave trade and Act of March 3, 1819. Washington. 3 September 1858.

Insert 4 A letter from the Office of the Attorney General to James Buchanan. This is a five page letter listing several references to official documents which regard the construction of the Act of March 3, 1819. 3 September 1858.

Folder 15 Correspondence to H. M. North, Esq.

Letter from James Buchanan to H. M North, Esq. regarding Buchanan's desire to purchase a farm. Lancaster. 16 October 1862. (photostatic copy)

Letter from James Buchanan to H. M. North, Esq. regarding an uncertain trip to Bedford in the future. Lancaster. 8 July 1864. (photostatic copy)

Letter from James Buchanan to H. M. North, Esq. regarding a trip to Washington with a judge from York. 27 November 1865. (photostatic copy)

Letter from James Buchanan to H. M. North, Esq. The letter considers a previous note from North and a purchase of land by Buchanan. Lancaster. 13 December 1865. (photostatic copy)

A short letter to H. M. North, Esq. from James Buchanan accepting an invitation to a dinner. Lancaster. 10 June 1866. (photostatic copy)

A letter from the relatives of James Buchanan to H. M. North, Esq. designating him as a pallbearer at the funeral of Buchanan. The funeral was to take place at Wheatland. Lancaster. 2 June 1868. (photostatic copy) See digital image of original at JBFP 5.1.1.008.

Letter from Mrs. Harriet Lane Johnston to H. M. North, Esq. The letter is an invitation from Mrs. Johnston inviting Mr. North to visit. Lancaster. 30 July 1869. Original in JBFP 2.1.1.15 (photostatic copy)

Folder 16 Telegrams and Letters regarding Liberia

A telegram to James Buchanan from T.J. Bowan. Bowan declines agency in Liberia and claims his health is not fully restored after an already long stay in Africa. Washington. 6 September 1858.

A letter from James Buchanan to John Seys regarding his appointment as agent on the coast of Liberia under the Slave Trade Laws. Buchanan tells Seys he can accompany the steamer Niagara from Charleston to Liberia if he wanted to. Washington. 7 September 1858.

A letter from James Buchanan to the postmaster in Vandalia, Illinois, dispatching John Seys. Washington. 7 September 1858.

A telegram from John Seys to James Buchanan responding to a letter from Buchanan. Seys accepts the appointment as agent on the coast of Liberia. Washington. 11 September 1858.

Folder 17 Legal Notes

A legal note raising questions about the Committee on Elections and containing definitions of legal terms. No name or date.

A note containing cited court cases and definitions of legal terms. Mr. W. Bailey is mentioned throughout the note. No date.

Folder 18 Nomination of James Buchanan as candidate of Pennsylvania for the next President of the United States. The article contains the date for the Democratic National Convention and the city it was being held (Baltimore, Maryland). Signed by the Pennsylvania delegates. June 1852.

Folder 19 A letter from J. Ridenour, Jr. to James Buchanan. Ridenour explains how glad he was to hear Buchanan's opinions on the war while he was visiting him at Wheatland. After leaving Wheatland, Ridenour spoke with Mr. Hamilton in Lancaster, who told him about Buchanan's differing views on the war and the Confederacy. J. Ridenour, Jr. asks James Buchanan to confirm his notes on their conversation at Wheatland, that Buchanan did not agree with the Confederacy and would never have signed a compromise had he been President during the war, and that Mr. Hamilton was wrong. Harrisburg. With envelope and transcription. 1 October 1862. *Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene H. Gardner, December 2008.*

Folder 20 Railroads

Insert 1 A letter from James Buchanan to Mr. J. S. Geist. Buchanan claims he has no copy of the Pacific Railroad Report. Wheatland. 7 February 1866.

Insert 2 A typed letter from Mrs. Laura Lundgren, librarian at the Lancaster County Historical Society, to Freeman Hubbard, editor of *Railroad Magazine*. The letter pertains to whether or not James Buchanan was employed by a railroad company at any point in time. Lancaster. 20 June 1962.

Folder 21 A photocopy of a newspaper clipping. The small article relates to money donated from James Buchanan to the First Presbyterian Church in Lancaster, as well as authorities of the city of Lancaster, to be used to buy fuel for poor women of the city during the winter months. No date. Mr. George M. Steidler is credited with preserving the article.

Folder 22 Draft of a speech written by [James Buchanan] regarding the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives for worship. No date.

Folder 23

Typescript of Congressional proceedings regarding statutory for the U.S. Capitol. 28 April 1836. An invitation to James Buchanan from a committee appointed to organize a military encampment at Ephrata (Camp Brandywine) for a ceremony to lay a cornerstone of a monument erected in memory of two-hundred soldiers of the American Revolution. The soldiers were "buried in the vicinity of the village, wounded at the Battle of Brandywine...died in the hospitals at Ephrata." Lancaster. 29 May 1845.

Folder 24 Speeches

Insert 1 A pamphlet with the speech of James Buchanan in the Senate, "on the Independent Treasury Bill; in reply to Mr. Clay, of Kentucky." 22 January 1840.

Insert 2 A transcript of James Buchanan's statements to the Democratic State Convention on August 5, 1840. The article was reported for the *Intelligencer & Journal*. 5 August 1840.

Insert 3 A pamphlet titled, "*Speech of Hon. James Buchanan of Pennsylvania, against the Bill to Incorporate the Subscribers to the Fiscal Bank of the United States*". It was delivered in the Senate. 7 July 1841.

Gift of Andrew Vogel in May 2009.

Insert 4 Speech of James Buchanan at the Dinner of the Pennsylvania Historical Society. The speech regarded the importance of the State of Pennsylvania as well as State pride. Monday, 8 November 1852. (photocopy)

Folder 25

Insert 1 Photocopy of a Bounty Land Warrant to Philip Noel, Sr. of Ohio. Noel was granted 80 acres of land for his service in the War of 1812. Signature of Buchanan. Washington. 16 July 1860. (photocopy)

Insert 2 Prosecutors' bill for payment. (photocopy) 1822-1823.

Folder 26 Booklet printed in Lancaster in 1856 titled *The Life of the Hon. James Buchanan, as written by Himself*. It is a satire of his set to music. 1856.

Folder 27 Legal and Financial Papers

Insert 1 Large ad for a public sale of James Buchanan's property on Orange Street in Lancaster. The sale was to take place on 6 December 1851. Lancaster. 25 November 1851.

Insert 2 Conditions of Sale by James Buchanan. Signed by Abraham W. Russel, purchaser, and W. Carpenter, agent. Lancaster. 6 December 1851.

Insert 3 Deed from James Buchanan to Abraham Russel for a lot of ground and the building on it in Lancaster City. The location was on Orange Street between Lime and Shippen Streets. Lancaster. 15 March 1852.

Insert 4 Release from James Buchanan to Abraham Russel for property in Lancaster. Signed by James Buchanan and W. Carpenter. Lancaster. 20 February 1857.

Insert 5 Mortgage from Jacob F. Kautz and Barbara Kautz, wife, to James Buchanan for property on West King and Manor Streets at a cost of \$1,500. Lancaster. 7 April 1864.

Insert 6 Bond secured by mortgage, from Jacob F. Kautz and Barbara Kautz, wife, to James Buchanan for \$1,500. Lancaster. 7 April 1864.

Folder 28 Bond from Margaret Hamilton of Salisbury Twp., George B. Hamilton of Salisbury Twp., John Clark of Donegal Twp. to Molton C. Rogers and James Buchanan. 1822.

Folder 29 Receipts

Receipt from Amos Ellmaker for an amount of \$78.96. 7 May 1810.

Receipt from W. Christian Leman, signed by James Buchanan. Lancaster. 9 June 1819.

Folder 30 Masonic Lodge No. 43

Insert 1 Facsimile of petition to join the Masonic Lodge, No. 43. Lancaster. 13 November 1816. (2 copies)

Insert 2 Program booklets of the 100th anniversary of *Making a Mason in Lodge No. 43*. Lancaster. 11 December 1816. (2 copies)

Insert 3 A political article of a newspaper written by James Buchanan. Buchanan announces that he will not be a candidate for Congress in the next election. 13 May 1830. (photocopy)

Insert 4 Newspaper clipping about the 171st Anniversary of Lancaster Lodge 43, Free and Accepted Masons. Lancaster. 15 September 1956. (photocopy)

Magazine article and program for the dedication of a Masonic plaque honoring James Buchanan. Wheatland, Lancaster. 8 July 1961.

Folder 31 Images of James Buchanan

Image of James Buchanan and the small cabin in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania where he was born.

Image of James Buchanan in 1851. On reverse, image of Thaddeus Stevens at age 38.

Image of James Buchanan while he was President, 1857-1861.

Image of the last photo taken of James Buchanan.

Image of James Buchanan.

Folder 32 Funeral

Small envelope outlined in black for funeral notice. Front has James Buchanan's name on it. No date.

Photocopy of newspaper clippings of James Buchanan's funeral. Lancaster. 5 June 1868.

Folder 33 Will

Insert 1 Typed abstract of will taken from Will Book Z, vol. 1, page 295 of President James Buchanan. 27 January 1866. Probated 10 June 1868.

Insert 2 Typed copy of the written will of James Buchanan as it was presented to David Miles, Register for the Probate of Wills. Lancaster. 1 August 1867. (photocopy of original in JBFP 1.2.4.9)

Insert 3 Photocopy of the written will of James Buchanan. Lancaster. 1 August 1867. (photocopy of original in Folder 33a)

Folder 33a Will

Original of will of President James Buchanan. 1 August 1867 Probated 10 June 1868 (Use photocopy in Folder 33, Insert 3.)

Folder 34 Legal Transfer of James Buchanan's Will

Insert 1 Newspaper clipping. "Historians to save Buchanan's will," *Lancaster New Era*, Lancaster. 4 November 1971. (photocopy)

Insert 2 Notes of testimony for the hearing for the petition for transfer of custody of historical document. Court of Common Pleas, Lancaster County, Pa. 2 December 1971.

Insert 3 Final decree for the transfer of custody of historical document. Court of Common Pleas, Lancaster County, Pa. 2 December 1971.

Insert 4 Receipt of for petition for custody. Daniel B. Strickler, Esq. Lancaster. 9 December 1971.

Folder 35 Appraisalment of the James Buchanan estate. Signed by David Miles, Register. Lancaster. 22 August 1868. (photocopy)

Folder 35a Original estate inventory for James Buchanan. 1 June 1868. ***Please use photocopy in Folder 35b.***

Folder 35b Estate inventory for James Buchanan. 1 June 1868 (photocopy)

Folder 36a Probate Records ***Please use photocopies in Folder 36b.***

Insert 1 Administrators' account for James Buchanan. Lancaster. Signed 21 May 1869.

Insert 2 Official copy of the administrators' account for James Buchanan. Lancaster. Signed 21 May 1869.

Insert 3 Petition to have investment approved regarding a trust for Harriet Lane Johnston. 30 October 1869.

Insert 4 Guardianship account for Jessie Magaw. Lancaster. 19 February 1870.

Folder 36b Probate Records. Photocopies of documents in Folder 36a.

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Folder 37 Deeds

Insert 1 Deed between Christian Hershey of Warwick Township and Benjamin Hershey, Jr. of Lancaster County for land in Lancaster. Lancaster. 14 May 1773. (photocopy)

Insert 2 Deed between Benjamin Hershey of Lancaster Township and Benjamin Hershey, Jr. of Lancaster Township, for land in Lancaster Township. Lancaster. 3 March 1803. (photocopy)

Insert 3 Deed between Benjamin Hershey of Lancaster Township, and The Farmers Bank of Lancaster, for land in the Township of Lancaster. Lancaster. 26 November 1824. (photocopy)

Insert 4 Court of Common Pleas Appearance Docket record regarding a deed signed by James Buchanan, presented to the court by Frederick Hambright, Esq., Sheriff of the County of Lancaster addressing amount of land recorded in the deed. Lancaster. 17 August 1824. (photocopy)

Insert 5 Deed between Adam Witmer and James Buchanan for fifteen acres of land. Lancaster. 26 April 1854. (photocopy)

Insert 6 Deed between Rhoda Wright and Nelson Sutton, both of Columbia, Lancaster County, for land in Columbia. Lancaster. 26 April 1854. (photocopy)

Insert 7 Newspaper article. "Heirs of Buchanan share estate," *Lancaster Inquirer*, Lancaster, 6 April 1931. (photocopy)

Folder 38 Ann Coleman

Insert 1 Transcription of article from the *New York Times* regarding a letter from Buchanan to the Coleman family after the death of their daughter, Ann.

Insert 2 Series of letters concerning Ann Coleman and James Buchanan:

Letter from Francis Rawle to Hon. Charles I. Landis. Philadelphia. 20 June 1927.

Letter to Charles Keith of Philadelphia regarding the death of Ann Coleman. Philadelphia. 20 June 1927.

Letter from Fannie Coleman to Francis Rawle suggesting Ann Coleman died of heart disease. Philadelphia. 6 July 1927.

Letter from Francis Rawle to Hon. Charles Landis of Lancaster regarding the death of Ann Coleman. Philadelphia. 7 July 1927.

Insert 3 Three photocopied newspaper articles regarding James Buchanan and Ann Coleman:

"Early love affair the only romance in the life of James Buchanan." An article about James Buchanan's relationship with Ann Coleman, Ann's death, and Buchanan's niece, Harriet Lane. 25 June 1942. (photocopy)

"A sad story of love." An article picked up from the St. Paul, Minnesota *Globe* about James Buchanan and an early relationship with a girl named Letitia Duncan. (photocopy) *Gift of I. A Young*.

"Edna Guhl knows inside story of Pres. Buchanan's tragic romance," *Susquehanna Times* regarding James Buchanan's relationship with Ann Coleman. Marietta and Mount Joy. 21 July 1976. (photocopy)

Folder 39 Harriet Lane Johnston

Insert 1 Letter from P. G. Shipley at Johns Hopkins Hospital to Mrs. A. K. Hostetter of Lancaster. The letter describes the purpose of the Harriet Lane Home – a home founded by Harriet Lane Johnston for invalid children. Lancaster. 19 July 1929.

Insert 2 Letter from P. G. Shipley at Johns Hopkins Hospital to Mrs. A. K. Hostetter of Lancaster. The letter contains a copy of the encriptions on the tombstones of Harriet Lane, her husband and her children. The letter also contains a rough sketch of Harriet Lane's tombstone. Lancaster. 25 July 1929.

Folder 40 Blank invitation: "Mr. Buchanan requests the honor of _____ Company on _____ evening the _____ at 8 o'clock." 2 copies. No date.

Folder 41 Speeches

Insert 1 Typed copy of a speech given by Eleanore J. Fulton, about James Buchanan. Lancaster. February 1937.

Insert 2 Typed copy of a speech given to the Lancaster County Historical Society, about honoring James Buchanan. Lancaster.

Insert 3 Handwritten copy of a speech given about the life and career of James Buchanan.

Folder 42 Address given by Dr. S. K. Stevens (state historian) about James Buchanan. Titled "James Buchanan – Neglected Statesman." The address was given at Buchanan's grave on his birthday. Lancaster, 23 April 1949.

Folder 43

Insert 1 An article titled, "James Buchanan Our Bachelor President," written by Alfred L. Snyder, *St. John's Herald*. 1 April 1935.

Insert 2 Magazine article written about the political life of James Buchanan, "James Buchanan – One Hundred Years Ago," by Robert E. Carlson.

Insert 3 *Historic Pennsylvania Leaflet*, no. 28, article written about James Buchanan's life and political career. Harrisburg. 1966.

Box 2

Folder 44 Campaign Booklets

Short Answers to Reckless Fabrications, Against the Democratic Candidate for President, James Buchanan. William Rice, book and job printer. Philadelphia. 1856.

The Fearfull Issue to be Decided in November Next!: Shall the Constitution and the Union Stand or Fall? Fremont, the Sectional Candidate of the Advocates of Dissolution! Buchanan,

the Candidate of Those Who Advocate One Country! One Union! One Constitution! and One Destiny! [1856] (2 copies)

Folder 45 Typed article, "The Old 'Buck Cannon'," written by M. Luther Heisey. [1960]

Folder 46 *Buchanan Dying*

Insert 1 Lancaster newspaper articles about a play written by John Updike, *Buchanan Dying*, and the possibility of it premiering in Lancaster.

"Updike writes Buchanan play, wants premier here." 14 June 1974. (photocopy)

"Tickets now on sale, Gala preview-reception planned for 'Buchanan Dying'," *Lancaster Sunday News*, 4 April 1976. (photocopy)

"Updike writes play: 'Buchanan Dying'," *Lancaster New Era*, 14 June 1974. (photocopy)

Insert 2 A program from John Updike's *Buchanan Dying* from the Green Room Theatre at Franklin and Marshall College. Lancaster. 29 April 1976.

Folder 47 Dedication of James Buchanan Monument

Insert 1 A program from the dedication ceremony of the James Buchanan Monument, gift to the City of Lancaster from Dulon F. Buchmiller. Buchanan Park, Lancaster. 1 June 1928. (3 copies) *The copy without a call number is a gift of Roberta Spiese.*

Insert 2 Invitation and RSVP form to the Buchmiller luncheon and unveiling ceremony of the Buchanan Monument. With envelope. Lancaster. 1 June 1928.

Insert 3 Lancaster newspaper articles about the ceremony for the unveiling of the James Buchanan memorial.

"Dedicates memorial to 15th U.S. President." 1 June 1928. (photocopy)

"Orators at unveiling pay high tribute to James Buchanan," *Intelligencer Daily Journal*, Lancaster. 2 June 1928. (photocopy)

"Deeds of Buchanan lauded at unveiling," *Intelligencer Daily Journal*, Lancaster. 2 June 1928. (photocopy)

"Historical Society to erect tablet at 'Wheatland'." (photocopy)

"Mrs. Ledwith presents statue to Lancaster." (photocopy)

"When Lancaster honored her distinguished son—James Buchanan," *Intelligencer Daily Journal*, Lancaster. 2 June 1928. (photocopy)

Folder 48 Manuscript of address delivered by the late Judge J. Hay Brown at the unveiling of the statue of James Buchanan in Buchanan Park. Lancaster. 1928.

Folder 49 James Buchanan Memorial

Insert 1 Newspaper article about the unveiling of the James Buchanan Monument in Washington, D.C. along with a brief description of the monument. Washington, D.C. 1930. (photocopy)

Insert 2 Invitation to the unveiling ceremony of the Buchanan Memorial. Washington, D.C. 1930.

Insert 3 Program of exercises for the unveiling ceremony of the Buchanan Memorial. Washington, D.C. 26 June 1930. *Gift of C. H. Martin, 12 August 1930.* (2 copies)

Folder 50 Buchanan Day

Insert 1 Proclamation of Dale E. Cary, Mayor of Lancaster City, establishing April 23 as "Buchanan Day" in Lancaster. Lancaster. 23 April 1949.

Insert 2 Annual Buchanan Memorial Program held at the Woodward Hill Cemetery. Lancaster. 23 April 1949.

Annual Buchanan Memorial Program held at the Woodward Hill Cemetery. Lancaster. 23 April 1950.

Folder 51 Woodward Hill Cemetery

Invitation from the Pilot Club of Lancaster to the dedication of the restored memorial of James Buchanan in Woodward Hill Cemetery. Lancaster. 22 May 1960.

Program from the memorial dedication to James Buchanan in Woodward Hill Cemetery. Lancaster. 22 May 1960. (2 copies)

Program from the Presidential Wreath Laying Ceremony held in Woodward Hill Cemetery. Lancaster. 8 April 1984 (2 copies); 21 April 1991; 23 April 1999.

Folder 52 Newspaper Articles about James Buchanan (photocopies)

"Lancaster Unveils Statue to Buchanan." *Lancaster New Era*. 1 June 1928.

"Buchanan's Letters Go On Display." *Lancaster Intelligencer Journal*. 30 September 1975.

"James Buchanan's Papers Displayed." *Lancaster New Era*. 25 October 1975.

"Buchanan Letters, Notebooks Give Insights to 15th President." *Lancaster New Era*. 6 November 1975.

"College Displays Buchanan Letters." 13 November 1975.

"Ceremonies Mark Birthday of Buchanan." *Lancaster Intelligencer Journal*. 25 April 1977.

"Activities to Commemorate Death of James Buchanan." *Lancaster Intelligencer Journal*. 5 June 1978.

"Buchanan Papers Found at Wheatland Junior High." 12 October 1983.

"Rededication of Buchanan's Restored Tomb on May 22."

"Buchanan Staunch Defender of Unity for United States."

Folder 53 Buchanan Remembered

Insert 1 A request for donations to help restore Buchanan's original marble tomb. Presented by the Pilot Club of Lancaster for James Buchanan Memorial Fund. Lancaster. 1957.

Insert 2 Newspaper articles about James Buchanan (photocopies)

"James Buchanan Funeral Described by John Rengier." 27 February 1958.

"Buchanan Now Seen Victim of History." *Lancaster Intelligencer Journal*. 23 May 1960.

"James Buchanan's Birthday Honored." *Lancaster Intelligencer Journal*. 30 April 1973.

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"Buchanan to be Honored." *Lancaster New Era*. 19 June 1976.
"Philadelphia Author to Lead Tour of Woodward Hill." *Lancaster Intelligencer Journal*. 9 June 1978.
"110th Anniversary Marked at James Buchanan's Grave." *Lancaster Intelligencer Journal*. 12 June 1978.
"Buchanan Defended at Annual Tomb Rites." 9 August 1984.
"Buchanan Remembered at 198th Birthday Rites." *Lancaster New Era*. 24 April 1989.

Folder 54 Photocopy of the Woodward Hill Cemetery deed (2 June 1883) and a receipt from the Woodward Hill Cemetery Association for the \$100 bequest from Charles Schmitt to care for the graves of himself and his wife. Lancaster. 8 May 1913. Charles Schmitt was the coachman for James Buchanan.

Folder 55 Sheet of music, "Wheatland Polka," by Ellen C. Morant. Published by E. B. Swisher, Philadelphia. [1857] (2 copies; 1 copy also in JBFP 1.6.1.001) *Lighter copy, gift of Glenn Thompson, 15 March 2008.*

Folder 56 Buchanan Stamps

Insert 1 First Day Cover envelope commemorating the 100th anniversary of the election of James Buchanan with Wheatland stamp. 31 March 1957.

Wheatland commemorative stamps on envelopes of The Buchanan Foundation addressed to Mr. and Mrs. John W. Aungst, Jr. 30 March 1958, 31 March 1959.

Gift of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Aungst, Jr.

Insert 2 Three First Day Cover envelopes commemorating the 100th anniversary of the election of James Buchanan with Wheatland stamp. Addressed to David, John and Mark Stevenson, all of 48 S. Marshall Street, Lancaster. 5 August 1956.

"First-Day Cover Information for Philatelists." Letterhead of the United States Post Office, Lancaster. 1956.

Insert 3 First Day Cover envelope commemorating the 100th anniversary of the election of James Buchanan with Wheatland stamp. Addressed to Chester M. Woolworth, Animal Trap Company of America, Lititz. 5 August 1956.

Postcard from Foltz-Wessinger, Inc., Advertising regarding the commemorative cover.

Gift of Andrew Woolworth, 18 October 2010.

Folder 57 Wheatland Centennial Celebration, Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the election of James Buchanan

Program of events with color images. Lancaster. 5 August 1956.

Sheet containing the order of formal ceremonies. Lancaster. 5 August 1956.

Folder 58 Wheatland

Insert 1 Typed copy of a school composition by Annie E. Kramph titled, "A Visit to Wheatland." Circa 1858.

Insert 2 An article from *Armstrong's Research and Development Center News* titled, "The Wheatlands" by J. H. Widmyer. Lancaster. March-April 1959.

Insert 3 Three magazine or bulletin excerpts about James Buchanan and Wheatland:

Cover of the *Lancaster Motorist Magazine* with a picture of Wheatland and a caption under it that says, "Wheatland – the President James Buchanan Shrine in Lancaster". Lancaster. February 1937.

An article from the *Internal Affairs Monthly Bulletin*, vol. 29, no. 6 titled, "Homes of Presidents in Pennsylvania," about James Buchanan's Wheatland and the home of former President Dwight D. Eisenhower and his wife. June 1961.

A bulletin from the James Buchanan Foundation for the Preservation of Wheatland. It contains several images of the restored Wheatland, has captions explaining each image and an article on Wheatland. Lancaster November, 1970.

Folder 59 Wheatland

Insert 1 Program from the dedication of Wheatland. Lancaster, 14 October 1937.

Insert 2 Program for the dedication of Wheatland. Lancaster. (2 copies) 19 May 1962.

Folder 60 James Buchanan Foundation for the Preservation of Wheatland

An information pamphlet from the James Buchanan Foundation for the Preservation of Wheatland. Inside are reasons to donate, a description of the property, the importance of Wheatland and how donations will be spent. Lancaster.

Folder 61 Letters from Harriet Lane Johnston and A. Buchanan

Photocopy of a letter from Harriet Lane Johnston to Mrs. A. C. L. Botta responding to a request for an autograph of James Buchanan for her book and Harriet's rush to oblige as she cares for a sick child. Lancaster. 11 June 1871.

Photocopy of a letter from A. Buchanan to Mr. Wilson regarding furniture in the library that was given to the writer's father, not Mrs. [Johnston], and that now belong to the writer. The Gladstone, Philadelphia. 2 June 1922.

Folder 62 Genealogy

Insert 1 Transcription of a cover letter to James Buchanan from Edward F. Sise and thirty pages of his genealogy. Portsmouth, New Hampshire. 22 May 1857.

Insert 2 Original letter from Edward F. Sise to James Buchanan informing him of his ancestry. The letter contains an introduction page and many pages of information.

A blue sheet of paper used to give Buchanan a brief description of what was in the following pages. Contains a stamp in the top left corner. Portsmouth, New Hampshire. 22 May 1857.

The original letter containing several pages of information on James Buchanan's ancestry. No date.

Folder 63 Genealogy

Insert 1 Genealogy information of James Buchanan and his ancestors. No date.

Insert 2 Typed information from the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania containing information on James Buchanan's parents. No date.

Insert 3 Three typed pages, titled Collateral Descendents of James Buchanan. No date.

Folder 64 Scrapbook

A small book titled, "Sketches of James Buchanan, fifteenth President of the United States." The book contains several newspaper clippings varying in date, all about James Buchanan. 1923.

Folder 65

Insert 1 *Wheatland: Home of James Buchanan, President of the United States, 1857-1861.* Small booklet explaining each room of Wheatland and who restored it. Lancaster. No date.

Insert 2 *Wheatland: James Buchanan, 15th President of the United States.* Small booklet describing Wheatland and its many rooms. Text by Frederic S. Klein, photography by Marshall Dussinger, cover from an original painting by Florence Starr Taylor. Published by Stel-Mar, Lancaster. 1970.

Folder 66 Buchanan Commemorative Stamp Portfolio and Newspaper Articles. *Gift of Jack E. Keyser, 7 October 2010.*

Portfolio presented to Mrs. Thelma H. Keyser by the Postmaster General "in grateful recognition of the contributions of the late Earl E. Keyser, editor of the *Intelligencer Journal*." 3-Cent Wheatland Commemorative U.S. Postage Stamp, Issue 1956.

"Editor's efforts to obtain stamp recognized," [*Daily Intelligencer Journal*]. August 1956.

Newspaper articles regarding the stamp and the centennial celebration of Buchanan's nomination and election. *Daily Intelligencer Journal*. 6 August 1956.

Folder 67 "Campaign '56" trading card. James Buchanan, Democrat v. John C. Fremont, Republican. Topps, 2008. *Gift of Seth Ellerin, May 2012.*

Folder 68 Invitation to a Grand Presidential Ball on 12 January 1857 in Honor of the Election of James Buchanan and John C. Breckinridge. Sponsored by the Young Men's Democratic Union Club. New York, New York. 10 December 1856. *Gift Virginia V. Thorndike, in memory of the ancestors who handed it down over the generations, 19 April 2013.*

Folder 69 Special Order from the Navy Department announcing the death of former-President James Buchanan. With the official message from President Andrew Johnson and instructions from Gideon Welles, Secretary of the Navy. 2-3 June 1868. *Purchased from The Rail Splitter, 2012.*

Folder 70 *Gift of Gregg Schneider, in memory of Howard Schneider, 29 August 2013.*

Letter of introduction for James G. Bennett, Esq., founder, editor and publisher of the *New York Herald* and Washington McLean, owner of the *Cincinnati Enquirer*. Letter written by

James Buchanan, Secretary of State, and addressed to Gen. Robert Armstrong, Consul to Liverpool, England. 9 June 1846.

Letter from President James Buchanan appointing Thomas Feran interim Commissioner of Customs in the absence of Hugh I. Anderson, Esq., from 12 October 1857 to 2 November 1857. 9 October 1857.

Folder 71 Resolutions adopted by the Select and Common Councils of Lancaster on Tuesday, June 2, 1868 pertaining to the death of James Buchanan. 2 June 1868. *Gift of Paul and Judy Ware, 8 May 2014.*

Folder 72 Letter from James Buchanan to Rev. E. W. Hutter regarding to Rev. E. W. Hutter regarding Buchanan's intention to seek the party nomination for President at the 1852 Democratic National Convention. 19 November 1851. *Gift of Paul and Judy Ware, June 2014.*

Folder 73 Draft of a letter from James Buchanan addressing the inquiry of whether he would be interested in becoming a candidate for nomination as Governor before the approaching Democratic State Convention with the understanding that the Democrats of York County will nominate him at their upcoming County Meeting. Buchanan outlines his reasons for not wanting to run for Governor. 20 July 1848. *Gift of Paul and Judy Ware, 13 March 2016.*

Folder 74 Letter from James Buchanan to W. Kennedy critiquing a letter Kennedy wrote, saying that it had "too much good sense and sober argument to produce any sensible effect" when it came to the current state of public affairs. He also says that he will be able to assist W. Kennedy with a loan, bond, and mortgage of \$3000. He writes to transmit them to Hiram B. Swarr Esq. of Lancaster, his man of transfer. 5 September 1863.
Print of an etching of James Buchanan portrait. No date.
Gift of Paul and Judy Ware, 8 May 2014.

Folder 75 *Extracts from the Ahiman Rezon, or Book of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adopted June 17, 1857; and also from Decisions of the Grand Lodge and from the Ancient Charges.* Published in Lancaster, by Cooper, Sanderson & Co., copyright 1865. Belonging to James Buchanan, signed 15 May 1865, and H. L. Johnston, signed 1868. 1865.

Folder 76 **Restricted. Requires staff supervision.** Buchanan replies to Hiester's request for a date to attend to business and/or legal matters in Lancaster, PA. Buchanan describes how he cannot leave Washington until a final disposition shall be made on the tariff, which is a subject of great interest in PA and to the Union. He continues to describe that the Senate may amend the bill and that it will return to the House for concurrence and that he must be present for any votes. 26 April 1828. *Gift of Frank Shaffer, June 2016.*

Folder 77 Letter of introduction from James Buchanan for Michael G. Dale, Esq. of Lancaster City. Buchanan explains that he has known Mr. Dale since he was a boy, and that his father, the Honorable Samuel Dale, is "of the highest respectability and worth." Mr. Dale has proposed to find residence in the western states and has recently been admitted to the bar to practice law. 28 March 1838.

Folder 78 Color photocopy of a land grant for Berryman H. Bearden of Conway County, Arkansas for 160 acres in Little Rock, Arkansas. Signed by President Buchanan. 1 June 1859. *Gift of Graydon and Jeanne Dodson, 22 February 2019. Original was sent to the Arkansas State Library.*

Folder 79 Letter from James Buchanan to the Hon. Peter D. Vroom, who was serving as minister to the United Kingdom. Buchanan writes that he has received a letter from Dr. W.W. Bidlack who informed him that the Russian Minister at Berlin was soliciting an appointment of the Assistant Surgeon in the Russian Army, and that he cannot interfere in favor of Dr. Bidlack's appointment. He writes about hoping to hear the Czar's answer to the propositions made by Austria and accepted by France and England, and that if they are favorable, that they will hopefully be satisfactory to the British people. Buchanan writes that Russia also seems to be intent upon recovering their military prestige, and have made vast naval preparations. Written after the Crimean War. 22 December 1855. *Purchased from RR Auction, July 2019.*

Heall Certificate Certificate of appointment for Jonathan N. Heall, appointed Second Lieutenant of the First Regiment of Artillery. 9 June 1860.

Letter from James Buchanan to Col. E. Townsend. No date. Mounted signature of James Buchanan.

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Dates: February 1936-May 1948

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History: **James Buchanan**

James Buchanan was born in Cove Gap, Pennsylvania on 23 April 1791. He graduated from Dickinson College in 1809. He studied law after graduation and in 1812 was admitted to the bar. Buchanan was elected to the House of Representatives in 1814 and served until 1831. His political career continued to flourish when he was appointed as the Minister to Russia from 1832-1834. For the next ten years, Buchanan was one of Pennsylvania's representatives in the United States Senate. Under two of his predecessors, James K. Polk and Franklin Pierce, Buchanan served as Secretary of State and Minister to Great Britain, respectively. Buchanan was the Democratic nominee in 1856 and was elected the fifteenth President of the United States of America. Buchanan was the only president from Pennsylvania and the only unmarried president.

After his presidential term, Buchanan retired from politics in 1861 and returned to Wheatland, his Lancaster estate. During his life, Buchanan was an active Freemason serving as Master of his Masonic Lodge in Lancaster and District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. He died at Wheatland on 1 June 1868 and was interred at Woodward Hill Cemetery in Lancaster.

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