

## **Johnstown Flood Relief Committee Records, 1889**

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Scope and Content Note: The Lancaster Relief Committee for the Johnstown Flood Disaster kept records of the donations collected from businesses and individuals throughout Lancaster County.

Creator: Lancaster Relief Committee for the Johnstown Flood Disaster (Pa.)

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Biographical and Historical Note: "On May 31, 1889, a neglected dam and a phenomenal storm led to a catastrophe in which 2,209 people died. Visit the [Johnstown Flood Museum](#), which is operated by the Johnstown Area Heritage Association, to find out more about this shocking episode in American history."

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**Folder 1** "Roll of Honor: Containing names and amounts of Lancaster City and County contributors to the Johnstown Relief Fund, for the benefit of those who suffered by the Great Flood Disaster at Johnstown, Pa. Friday May 31st 1889." The account shows the names of individuals and businesses and the amount donated within each municipality, and contains the Report of the Auditing Committee. This committee collected \$22,602.01. The report recognizes that many other contributions were collected in and sent from Lancaster County. 1889. *LancasterHistory has custodial responsibility from the City of Lancaster, 29 December 1959.*

Members of the Relief Committee were Hon. Edward Edgerley, John Stoner, John B. Long, John B. Schaum, Charles A. Heinitsh, D. S. Bursk, Henry Wolf, E. K. Martin, Elmer E. Steigewalt, Walter M. Franklin, W. A. Morton, William H. Bateman, James Girvin, D. E. Long, W. U. Hensel, Henry Baumgardner, Charles F. Miller, George Steinman, J. Gust Zook, Ellwood Greist, John D. Skiles, John I. Hartman, Roland Brubaker, Frank A. Reiker, Harry R. Breneman, Valentine Wise, G. B. Long, Jacob Pontz and Joseph M. Kreider.

**Folder 2** Letter from Mayor Edward Edgerley to George Steinman regarding a meeting of the Johnstown Relief Committee. 22 June 1889. *Transferred from the Document Collection, 10 June 2014.*



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