



# LancasterHistory

## **D. S. Sweeton & Co. Records, 1886-1893**

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Creators: D. S. Sweeton & Co.; Sweeton, David S., 1827-1906

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### Biographical and Historical Note:

David S. Sweeton was born in Glassboro, New Jersey c.1827. He was a woodturner by trade and specialized in building staircases. He moved to Lancaster in 1881 and first appears in the Lancaster City Directory as a manufacturer of emery wheels in 1892. (An emery wheel has an abrasive coating that is used for buffing or grinding.) From 1897 to 1901 Sweeton is listed as the proprietor of the Lancaster Polishing Wheel Works located at 44 W. Liberty Street, Lancaster. After 1901, he is listed only as a manufacturer.

Sweeton lived at 414 W. Lemon St., Lancaster in 1886 and 1888, but by 1906 he had moved to 439 W. Frederick St., then to 33 W. Liberty St., and finally to 623 N. Shippen St.

Sources: Lancaster City Directories; Obituary, *Daily New Era*, 1 March 1906.

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People:

Coffin, Mathilde E.  
Myers, Richard  
Neidich, Mary F.  
Ragan, Henry Harger  
Sweeton, David S.

Subject Headings:

Business records  
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Polishing wheels  
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Ragan Lectures  
Receipts  
Union Manufacturing Co.  
Zucker & Levett Chemical Co.

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## **Folder 1** Orders

**Insert 1** D. S. Sweeton received order from Hanson Van Winkle & Co. for covered wood wheels. Newark, New Jersey. 5 August 1890.

**Insert 2** D. S. Sweeton received order from Abrasive Material Co. of Penna. for wood wheels. Philadelphia. 20 September 1890. With envelope postmarked 20 September 1890.

**Insert 3** D. S. Sweeton received order from Zucker & Levett Chemical Co. for wood wheels. New York City. 25 July 1890.

D. S. Sweeton received order from Zucker & Levett Chemical Co. for wood wheels. New York City. 6 August 1890.

D. S. Sweeton received order from Zucker & Levett Chemical Co. for wood wheels. New York City. 7 August 1890.

D. S. Sweeton received order from Zucker & Levett Chemical Co. for wood wheels. New York City. 13 August 1890.

D. S. Sweeton received order from Zucker & Levett Chemical Co. for wood wheels. New York City. 15 August 1890.

D. S. Sweeton received order from Zucker & Levett Chemical Co. for wood wheels. New York City. 18 August 1890.

D. S. Sweeton received order from Zucker & Levett Chemical Co. for wood wheels. New York City. 20 August 1890.

D. S. Sweeton received order from Zucker & Levett Chemical Co. for wood wheels. New York City. 28 August 1890.

D. S. Sweeton received order from Zucker & Levett Chemical Co. for wood wheels. New York City. 29 August 1890.

**Folder 2** Price lists of the Lancaster Polishing Factory for leather-covered wood polishing wheels. D. S. Sweeton, proprietor.

## **Folder 3** Freight Receipts

Bill of lading received from D. S. Sweeton & Co. for polishing wheels to be delivered by the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Co. Lancaster.

6 September 1890.

D. S. Sweeton received freight delivered by the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. 17 September 1890.



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## **Folder 4** Purchases

**Insert 1** Potts & Weber received payment from Mr. Griel for D. S. Sweeton for an engine lathe. Lancaster. 16 August 1890.

Potts & Weber received payment from D. S. Sweeton for shell reamers. Lancaster. 26 August 1890.

**Insert 2** Hanson, Van Winkle & Co. received payment from D. S. Sweeton for wheel. Newark, New Jersey. 11 August 1890.

J. J. Hensel received payment from D. S. Sweeton for a wood wheel. Lancaster. 28 July 1890.

Union Manufacturing Co. received payment from D. S. Sweeton for a combo chuck and casting. New Britain, Connecticut. 15 September 1890. With envelope postmarked 16 September 1890.

**Insert 3** Conestoga Machine Works received payment from D. S. Sweeton for machine parts. Invoice for November 1889 to February 1890. Lancaster. 11 March 1890.

Conestoga Machine Works received payment from D. S. Sweeton for bushings. Lancaster. Invoice dated July 1890.

Conestoga Machine Works received payment from D. S. Sweeton for bushings purchased in July and August 1890. Lancaster. 13 August 1890.

## **Folder 5** Correspondence

Letter from Grey Iron Casting Co. to D. S. Sweeton regarding a sample of leather they claim is inferior and that they have a better grade of leather in stock. Mount Joy. 7 August 1890.

A note from Mary F. Neidich to Mr. Richard Myers as a receipt of money. Lancaster. 13 June 1889. With envelope addressed "442 W Lemon Pavement."

Letter from Hanson, Van Winkle & Co. to D. S. Sweeton acknowledging the receipt of wheels and their defects. The company states that it is the product that is inferior, not the workmanship. Newark, New Jersey. 11 August 1890.



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## **Folder 6** Personal Memorabilia

**Insert 1** Brochure explaining elementary geography. Statement by Mathilde E. Coffin, Chicago, 26 August [1888].

**Insert 2** Newsletter listing activities for a church picnic sponsored by Grace Lutheran Church of Penryn Park. "The Lively Times." 20 July 1893.

**Insert 3** Train schedule for the Pennsylvania Railroad. Trains between Philadelphia, West Chester, and Phoenixville; Philadelphia, Bryn Mawr, Paoli, Downingtown, Parkesburg, and intermediate stations; to and from New York; and the Schuylkill Division. Effective 17 May 1886.

**Insert 4** Checkbook from the Northern National Bank of Lancaster for a Sweeton account. Balance shown for 1890. Check stubs show who payments were made to—businesses, self, and payroll. Several blank checks. Printed by A. M. Speed & Co., 52 Dey St., N.Y. 1890.

**Insert 5** Invitation for The Ragan Lectures, Mr. H. H. Ragan, at the Fulton Opera House. The subject: "Paris, the Magnificent." March 11.

Invitation to Miss Griel for the Annual Reception of the Philadelphia School of Design for Women. Philadelphia. 22 June 1886. With envelope postmarked 19 June 1886.