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Walker & Brother (Christiana, Pa.) Records, 1861-1867

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Scope and Content Note: The Walker & Brother (Christiana, Pa.) Records contain a receipt book of grain merchants, Walker & Brother of Christiana, Pennsylvania. The business correspondence pasted to the receipt stubs documents the firm's purchases and sales of grain, cigars, fertilizer, coal and lumber; banking; debt collection; and purchases of horses, cattle, and baling machinery.

Creator: Walker & Brother (Christiana, Pa.)

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Biographical and Historical Note:

Joseph Coates Walker was born in Sadsbury Twp., Lancaster County on 4 April 1832. He learned the science of agriculture in his youth and in 1853 became a clerk at a mercantile business in Gap, Pennsylvania. He moved to Christiana briefly, then returned to Gap in 1857 to begin his career in general transportation, grain, coal and lumber, with his brother, Asahel. In 1880, the business became Joseph C. Walker & Son, when E. Enfield Walker joined his father. Outside of the mercantile business, Joseph served as postmaster, revenue collector, justice of the peace and president of Gap National Bank.

Ellis, Franklin, and Samuel Evans. 1883. *History of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania*... Philadelphia: Everts & Peck, pp. 1055-1058.
Biographical Annals of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania... Chicago: Beers, 1903, pp. 308-9.

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People:

Walker, Joseph Coates

Walker, Asahel

Subject Headings:

Business records

Letters

Receipts (Acknowledgments)

Search Terms:

Business records

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Finding aids

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Processing History: This collection has been documented, preserved and managed according to professional museum and archives standards. The finding aid was updated using DACS conventions.

Grain Receipt Book, 1861-1867 The 3,800 grain receipt stubs record purchases of specified amounts of wheat, corn and oats from named local farmers with prices per bushel from November 1861 to August 1864. Attached to the receipt stubs are 640 pieces of correspondence from merchants, railroad shippers and others to Walker & Brother, dated April 1865 to September 1867.