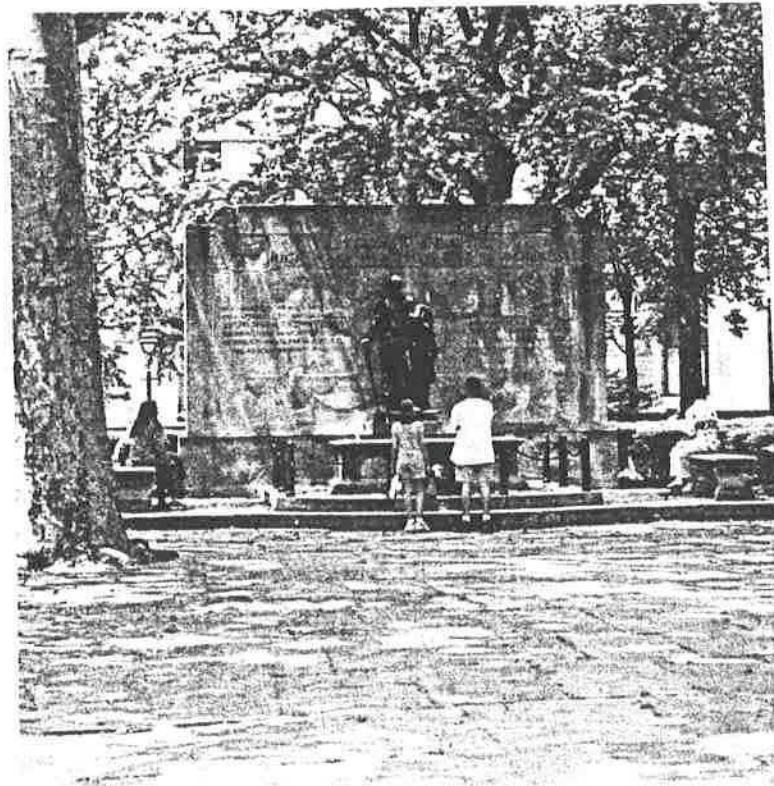


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Key to Repositories Cited

APS: American Philosophical Society
ATH: Athenaeum
CAR: City Archives, Philadelphia
CGM: CIGNA Museum
FLP: Free Library of Philadelphia
FPC: Fairmount Park Commission
HSP: Historical Society of Pennsylvania
LCP: Library Company of Philadelphia
PHS: Pennsylvania Horticultural Society
PSR: Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution
WRM: Winterthur Museum and Library

Introductory Remarks

The following guide is a bibliography covering Philadelphia-area repositories housing material on Washington Square. While not comprehensive, I have attempted to describe the collections in as much detail as possible for future researchers. This bibliography was compiled in two parts under two separate contracts. Part I, the Preliminary Bibliography, was completed in May, 1998, and covered the American Philosophical Society, the Athenaeum, the Blockson Collection at Temple University, the City Archives of Philadelphia, the (Philadelphia) City Bureau of Property/Historical Commission, the Fairmount Park Commission, the Free Library of Philadelphia, the Library Company of Philadelphia, the Olmsted Center, and the Pennsylvania Historical Society. The Bibliography of Source Material, Part II, completed in May, 1999, covered the following collections: the CIGNA Archives, the CIGNA Museum, Dickinson College Special Collections, Haverford College Quaker Collections, the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, the Penn Mutual Archives, the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution, Swarthmore College Friends Historical Library, and the Winterthur Museum and Library. In addition, I have included miscellaneous information such as on-line searchable databases and repositories, and material gleaned from CD-Roms. In order to make this document easier to use, I have combined these two bibliographies so that all repositories found within are listed alphabetically.

In many instances I have included partial or full transcriptions of certain materials that might be potential subjects for future research. The sources are organized by repository, material type, and chronology, except for books, which are arranged alphabetically by author's last name. The bracketed information contains the citations needed to retrieve each item at each repository. Where needed, I have also used brackets to indicate my own notations such as necessary clarifications; question marks indicate to illegible wording, questionable dates, or other aspects of the materials that are unclear.

Besides the places listed in the following pages, I have also checked other reference materials for entries on Washington Square. Poole's Index to Nineteenth-Century Periodical Literature contains no references to Washington Square in Philadelphia, but does have listings for articles on Philadelphia. These may possibly contain information on the square. I have not checked the twentieth-century volumes of the Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature, which may contain more recent citations for Washington Square. I have also done a computer search on RLIN, the Research Libraries database, which turned up nothing that I have not already located at area repositories.

While the comprehensive nature of any work can never be certain, this bibliography is as thorough as possible given the access to repositories, reference materials, and on-line resources. The Historical Society of Pennsylvania, which reopens in August of 1999 after renovations, is the only promising location known to the author which has not been thoroughly mined for relevant materials.

When taken as a whole, the source materials in the various collections provide a fairly cohesive history of Washington Square as seen through visual documentation such as prints and photographs, manuscript materials, popular accounts from newspapers, books, and periodicals, in-house reports from company newsletters, and records found in annual reports.

However, there are two major parts of Washington Square's history that need to be clarified and/or confirmed. The first is the location of the thousands of bodies once interred at the site. It still remains unclear whether these bodies were really ever moved, and if so, where they found their final resting place. While archaeological investigations in areas of the site -- commissioned by the state in 1956 and

more recently by the City of Philadelphia -- uncovered some human remains, the results are still inconclusive. It might be fruitful to check with area church archives for burial records, especially St. Thomas A.E. for African-American burials, and St. Joseph's for Catholic burials. Another possibility, suggested by Phil Lapsansky at the Library Company of Philadelphia, is that the bodies might have been moved near the University of Pennsylvania and what is now HUP, which was formerly the Blockley almshouse site. Jefferson Moak at the City Archives has also speculated that the bodies may have been moved to a West Philadelphia site, but does not know of an exact location.¹

The other part of Washington Square's history that should be determined with more documentation is its role as a site for African-American gatherings throughout its history. There is some indication from City Council records that even from the late 1700s African-Americans gathered at the South East Square. Phil Lapsansky has also suggested this, and James Dallett mentions it in his book, information of which he has taken from Watson's Annals. The Library Company of Philadelphia has the original manuscript versions of Watson's Annals, and in these unedited volumes there may be more information about his specific sources for these remarks. This, then, ties into the issue of whether Washington Square was ever called "Congo Square" by African-Americans. Even though Charles Blockson states that it was in his book on African-American sites in Philadelphia, his original source for this has as yet not come to light. There was a confirmed and much celebrated Congo Square in New Orleans. A long-shot, contacting the historical society in New Orleans, just might determine whether they have records of other "Congo Squares" in the country. Whatever the outcome, the relationship of Washington Square to African-American culture should be clarified and established in more detail if an accurate history of the square is to be uncovered.

Wendy Woloson
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¹ The most recent study of Washington Square is: Crist, Thomas A.J., and Daniel G. Roberts of John Milner Associates. An Archeological Investigation of Washington Square, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 1996. This is located at the Library, Independence NHP, Philadelphia, PA.

American Philosophical Society
105 S. Fifth St.
Philadelphia, PA; 440-3400

The APS houses an impressive collection of manuscript materials, but seemingly few related to people involved in Washington Square. A more thorough search through the card catalogue with a more extensive list of names might yield better results, as it is doubtful that all relevant papers are cross-referenced to Washington Square. The collection of printed material was not consulted, but might be a fruitful place to search as well. The curator of printed materials, Roy Goodman, mentioned the existence of some in-house indexes and databases that might lead to contemporary published articles.

Maps/Plans

- MAP. Map of Washington Square. Lithograph drawn by M. Schmitz, printed by T. Sinclair. [APS: 649.962 Schmitz, M, 1843 Sch17ws Large; photostat in FLP: Map Department]. Image size 25" x 34"; scale: 30'=1"; bounded by Walnut Street and Locust Street, 6th Street and 7th Street
 - includes detailed visual depictions of individual trees, with botanical references listed for each, and their English translations.
 - two illustrative vignettes: iron fencing and gate; Washington Memorial
 - lower left reads: "The Botanical and English names of the Trees on this Map were collected with great care, and their position given by Patrick Kereven, Chief Gardener of Washington and Independence Squares." [Kereven listed as gardener in 1843 Philadelphia Directory]
- MAP. Illustrative Site Plan, prepared by Wright, Andrade, and Amenta, architects. Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority, Washington Square East Urban Renewal Area. [APS: Map 649.962/n.d./P536 rea]
 - image size 8 1/2" x 15 1/4"; n.d. [rec'd by APS, 1962]
 - detailed map of area bounded by Chestnut Street and Lombard Street, S. 8th Street, and the Delaware River
 - Washington Square Park area marked with buildings, trees, bushes in plan

Manuscript Material

- PETITION. Petition to improve Washington Square. [APS: Peale-Sellers Papers B/P31 ca. 1830]

"That your memorialists have seen with great satisfaction the determination of your honorable bodies relative to the South East public square; particularly the enclosing of it entire, according to its patent boundaries, and the adoption of a plan for its improvement by walks and trees, so as to combine both beauty and usefulness, and tho as a late day to carry into effect the design of the enlightened founder of Philadelphia. The universal interest and approbation manifested on this subject by the citizens at large are sufficient evidence of the public wish, and it cannot be doubted that should the improvement be continued and completed in the manner proposed, this square will become an object highly creditable to the character of the city.

Your memorialists having understood that the expense which may attend the execution of the proposed plan, is considered an obstacle to the immediate completion beg have to observe that in their opinion nothing to which the funds of the city are at this time applicable, can be considered as of equal importance, either in point of taste or extent of usefulness, and that most other objects ought to be viewed as secondary when compared with it. They therefore respectfully pray that the improvement of the said square may be completed as early as possible, and that an ordinance may be passed providing for its being kept in proper order and giving to it a suitable name.

They also beg have to suggest [sic] as connected with the improvement of the square, and as greatly to the convenience of the citizens generally, the propriety of paving the street on its southern and western sides."

- signed w/97 signatures

- appeal to the Committee on Property [?] to fix up Washington Square, put a fence around it, add walks and trees

- LETTER. John Diehl to Bonney and Buch (Iron Founders, Wilmington, DE). [APS: Msc. Ms Coll. 1836. Aug. 10]

"Gentlemen,

The Committee on City Property has held a meeting this afternoon and are much dissatisfied at the very tardy manner in which the operations* at the Iron fence round Washington Square is progressing.

I was* obliged to put the Saddle on the right horse which All* around them to pass a Resolution that Unless you progressed* with all possibility patch in the acleoriy* of the railing they would annull [sic] your contract and prosecute you for the damages, of which I am requested to notify you.

Yours, John Diehl"

[*words illegible]

- "The City Property Committee threatens to sue unless the iron fence for Washington Square is put up at once."

Athenaeum**219 S. Sixth St.****Philadelphia, PA; 925-2688**

The Athenaeum has an impressive variety of materials relating to Washington Square Park. Within the Vaux papers are a number of primary materials relating to the various early-nineteenth-century plantings in the square. Located on the square, the Athenaeum has a number of images relating to its own history and therefore which also record the development of the square. Most of these images were not consulted directly; rather, their descriptions are taken from the card catalogue cards. In addition, the Athenaeum houses the Washington Square Association Papers starting from the 1950s. According to Bruce Lavery, the Athenaeum will also continue to receive WSA papers in the future.

Maps/Plans

- PLAN/MAP. ca. 1809. [ATH: Sansom, William - in matter of John Nicholson and Robert Morris, 1790s. Case A, Left 8]:
 - hand-drawn of Sansom property
 - approx. 2" x 10"
 - property divisions at Walnut and 7th Streets
- PLAN/MAP. 1809. [ATH: Sansom, William - in matter of John Nicholson and Robert Morris, 1790s. Case A, Left 8]:
 - hand-drawn of Sansom property
 - approx. 2" x 7.5"
 - property divisions at Walnut and 7th Streets
- PLAN/MAP. ca. 1811. [ATH: Sansom, William - in matter of John Nicholson and Robert Morris, 1790s. Case A, Left 8]:
 - hand-drawn of Sansom property
 - approx. 2" x 8.5"
 - property divisions at Walnut and 7th Streets
- MAP. Land Use Map. "Redevelopment Area #8, Old City." Philadelphia City Planning Commission. 8/5/1947. 1" = 500'. [ATH: Washington Square Association Papers, box 4, folder 6]
- MAP. Land Use Map. "Faulty Street or Lot Layout." Philadelphia City Planning Commission. 8/5/1947. 1" = 500'. [ATH: Washington Square Association Papers, box 4, folder 6]
- PLAN. "Washington Square Public Lavatories." Existing and Suggested 5/26/1952. Leroy E. Varner. [ATH: Washington Square Association Papers, box 4, folder 6]
- MAP. "Plans and Elevations along West Washington Square and South Washington Square, Walls and Piers." G. Edwin Brumbaugh, Arch. 4/13/1954; 1" = 20'. Blueprint (marked drawing #1) [ATH: Washington Square Association Papers, box 5]
- MAP. "Plans and Elevations along Sixth Street and Walnut Street" G. Edwin Brumbaugh, Arch. 4/13/1954; 1" = 20'. Blueprint (marked drawing #2) [ATH: Washington Square Association Papers, box 5]

- MAP. "Key Plan." G. Edwin Brumbaugh, Arch. 4/13/1954; 1" = 20'. Blueprint (marked drawing #5) [ATH: Washington Square Association Papers, box 5]
- PLAN. "Shop Drawing, Fountain And Memorial Lighting, Washington Square." Independent Wiring Company 12/30/1957. [ATH: Washington Square Association Papers, box 5]
- PLAN. "Plaque" Memorial and Fountain at Washington Square. G. Edwin Brumbaugh, Architect. 4/14/1959. 1/8" = 1'. Blueprint (marked drawing #27) [ATH: Washington Square Association Papers, box 5, folder 1]
- PLAN. "Guard Chain and Posts Around Sarcophagus" Memorial and Fountain at Washington Square. G. Edwin Brumbaugh, Architect. 4/14/1959. 3/8" = 1'. Blueprint (marked drawing #25) [ATH: Washington Square Association Papers, box 5, folder 1]

Manuscript Material

- MANUSCRIPT. J.E. Cresson to Edward Fox, Esq. [n.d.] [ATH: Sansom, William - in matter of John Nicholson and Robert Morris, 1790s. Case A, Left 8]:
 - re: Sansom property, Chestnut Street to Walnut Street, 7th to 8th Streets
 - Are there any mortgages on this property?
 - gives dimensions of lots, describes buildings
- MANUSCRIPT. William Rawle. Feb. 6, 1801. [ATH: Sansom, William - in matter of John Nicholson and Robert Morris, 1790s. Case A, Left 8]:
 - re: Sansom property, Chestnut Street to Walnut Street, 7th to 8th Streets
 - lists any previous claims to property; establishes present title to Sansom as valid
- MANUSCRIPT. Extract from the minutes. Select Council, Oct. 26, 1815, Thos. Bradford, Clerk of Select Council. [ATH: George Vaux Papers. Washington Square Park Improvement, 1816-24. Case B. Left 8]:
 - "Resolved that a Joint Committee of two members of each Council be appointed to advise and assist the City Commissioners in the improvement of the Public Squares."
 - appointment of Vaux and Rush by Select Council; appointment of Watson and Garret by Common Council
- MANUSCRIPT. Letter [to Mr. Poulson/Poulson's Daily Advertiser?]. n.d. [ATH: George Vaux Papers. Washington Square Park Improvement, 1816-24. Case B. Left 8]:
 - "As some of your readers may not have examined the trees in the South East public square which are called 'paltry shrubs' by one of your correspondents, I beg leave to hand you the following list of the names and numbers of each kind already planted, and of some intended to be hereafter added --" [lists them - "Trees already planted" with quantities; number dead; number to be added]
 - "About 200 trees have been planted of which 61 or 62 are dead. Amongst the dead are all the hickorys and a considerable part of the Oaks. The larches have all been destroyed by an insect within the last month."

- MANUSCRIPT. Extract from the minutes. Select Council, Nov. 14, 1816, Thos. Bradford, Clerk of Select Council. [ATH: George Vaux Papers. Washington Square Park Improvement, 1816-24. Case B. Left 8]:
 - appointment of committee of two to "superintend the improvement of the South East Public Square"
 - appointment of Vaux and Wallace by Select Council; appointment of Stocker and Newcomb by Common Council
- MANUSCRIPT. Receipt of George Vaux. Jan. 6, 1817. [ATH: George Vaux Papers. Washington Square Park Improvement, 1816-24. Case B. Left 8]:
 - Five dollars in full.
 - for six trees delivered him in Potters' field for public use -- Daniel Hanes
- MANUSCRIPT. List of trees. n.d. [ATH: George Vaux Papers. Washington Square Park Improvement, 1816-24. Case B. Left 8]:
 - 13 total
- MANUSCRIPT. Letter to Senate. n.d. [ATH: George Vaux Papers. Washington Square Park Improvement, 1816-24. Case B. Left 8]:
 - plea to create new walking, grassy place -- a park -- due to encroachment of city development on the foliage and trees; also acknowledges need for local park for "those classes whose occupation are mechanical or sedentary" and who cannot get transportation to outlying recreational areas, "to a distance from their ordinary dwellings."
 - also call to keep closed the streets running through the square
 - plea to pass the bill before the senate to protect the square as an open and public area free from through-traffic
- MANUSCRIPT. Offer. Dec. 2, 1817. [ATH: George Vaux Papers. Washington Square Park Improvement, 1816-24. Case B. Left 8]:
 - offer by Harvey Elliott to supply Juniper trees at \$.75 each if 12 are purchased, for planting in the public squares
- MANUSCRIPT. Letter to Mr. Bronson, regarding S.E. Public Square. n.d. [ATH: George Vaux Papers. Washington Square Park Improvement, 1816-24. Case B. Left 8]:
 - response to "A Correspondent" who mentioned public squares, detailing and extolling the history of the South East Square
 - especially regarding the history of its being fenced, and whether it had allowed any through-traffic in the past
 - chronology of attempts to close 7th street, where it "cropped" the square
 - retelling of attempts to close the street and resistance to that closing
 - "There seems then to be no satisfactory evidence that streets were never regularly laid out through the public squares; but supposing that they had been so laid out, ought they not to be now closed, and the grounds improved, as places for exercise and recreation?"
 - weighing private interests favoring the road against public benefit
- MANUSCRIPT. "Site of Trees proper to be planted in the Public Squares of Philadelphia, 1816." [ATH: George Vaux Papers. Washington Square Park Improvement, 1816-24. Case B. Left 8]:
 - justification for not using Lombard popular or cottonwood

- list of trees, their botanical and English names, appropriate for the public squares (Washington Square not listed specifically)
 - "The noble trees selected will afford sufficient shade, if put in the Squares in the course of the present and succeeding years, by the time they are required, and the growth of the two above mentioned [poplar, cottonwood] affords no argument in favor of planting them in public walks, when the inconvenience arising from their removal hereafter, and the injury they would do the other trees by impoverishing the grounds, are considered."
 - provides rationale, considerations for choosing appropriate trees -- re: soils, digging, maintenance, planting considerations
 - engages Bartram's to deliver required trees
- MANUSCRIPT. List of trees. Oct. 28, 1817. [ATH: George Vaux Papers. Washington Square Park Improvement, 1816-24. Case B. Left 8]:
 - "Delivered from Landreth"
 - number of trees, totaling 35
- MANUSCRIPT. List of, receipt for trees. Oct. 31, 1817. [ATH: George Vaux Papers. Washington Square Park Improvement, 1816-24. Case B. Left 8]:
 - "Bought of Robert Carr" by G. Vaux
 - costs and numbers of trees
- MANUSCRIPT. List of trees. n.d. [ATH: George Vaux Papers. Washington Square Park Improvement, 1816-24. Case B. Left 8]:
 - "Bought at Bartram's Gardens" by G. Vaux
 - 12 trees total
 - [on back]: "To be delivered to Mr. Gillespie at Potters' Field"
- MANUSCRIPT. List of trees. Jan. 1, 1817. [ATH: George Vaux Papers. Washington Square Park Improvement, 1816-24. Case B. Left 8]:
 - "Bought at Bartram's Gardens" by G. Vaux
 - 12 trees total
 - "To be delivered at Potters' Field"
- MANUSCRIPT. "List of trees planted in the S.E. public square of Philadelphia under direction of G. Vaux - principally in 1816 & 17." Jan. 1, 1817. [ATH: George Vaux Papers. Washington Square Park Improvement, 1816-24. Case B. Left 8]:
 - [in margin]: "Note. The 'Washington Square' was improved according to the design of Grogan Bridport -- the gardener employed [--] Andrew Gillespie."
 - "Those marked D. are dead, not having succeeded after several successive plantings."
 - recorded which trees took; which ones didn't
- MANUSCRIPT. "Large Trees." n.d. [ATH: George Vaux Papers. Washington Square Park Improvement, 1816-24. Case B. Left 8]:
 - "These may be had at Bartram."
- MANUSCRIPT. Receipt from Linnaean Botanic Garden, Flushing, L.I., New York. March 29, 1824. [ATH: George Vaux Papers. Washington Square Park Improvement, 1816-24. Case B. Left 8]:
 - Mr. Anthony Finley for George Vaux, Esq., bought of William Prince

- Isabella Grape; Isabella Grape cuttings; White Sweet Water; prices plus postage
- MANUSCRIPT. List of expenditures, "Expended on the South East Public Square 1816." [ATH: George Vaux Papers. Washington Square Park Improvement, 1816-24. Case B. Left 8]:
 - May - Dec., 1816, Jan. - Aug., 1817
 - costs, 1816: City Commissioners for Labor Hands; Poulson's and Wm. Duane for advertising; Lawrence Harmstead for fence; J. Hallowell for layering [?]; B. Watson for lumber; George Peterson for bricks
 - costs, 1817: City Commissioners for Labor hands; Andrew Gillespie for planting trees; Lawrence Harmstead for fence; B. Watson for lumber; Levi Arnold for carpenter work; Robert Carr for trees; James Skevrett [spelling?] for ironwork.
 - total expenditures in 1816 - \$2751.16; 1817 (to Aug. 1) - \$2087.91

Washington Square Association Papers, 1952-69

[by ATH box: all located in Athenaeum Architectural Archives]

- BOX 1. Washington Square Association Papers, 1952-69

Folder 1. "Washington Square Association, 1959-64."

- misc. correspondence re: tax exempt status of WSA; installation of plume fountain; correspondence among members; solicitation of new members; re: foliage decoration in Square; need for improvements; letter 10/9/1962 granting permission for Girl Scouts to use Square for Clothesline exhibit in June, 1963; re: Society of Little Gardeners' planting in Square, 1937
- meeting minutes, 1/14/1964

Folder 2. "Washington Square Association, 1965-66."

- misc. correspondence re: annual meeting; Executive Committee meeting; Curtis Building use; Washington Square planting plan; planting by Mr. Sears, estimates for shrubs
- general information re: sale of Curtis Building and possible use as a school; its affect on Washington Square; risk of adjacent squares being used as playgrounds
- meeting minutes: special meeting 3/24/1964; Executive Committee 1/26/1965, 10/19/1965
- memos re: 1966 Christmas decorations in Square
- members list, 1965

Folder 3. "Washington Square Association, 1956-68."

- misc. correspondence ca. 1957, 1958 re: floodlight, fountain, memorial, flags, cost breakdowns, bills; 1956, 1957 acknowledgment of contributions; excavation work, 1956
- memos: re: dedication of Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, 4/22/1957; Washington Square luncheon, 5/8/1956
- expenditures list: 10/31/1954, 2/23/1956
- list of contributors to Washington Square project, 1/8/1958

Folder 4. "Washington Square Association, 1967-69."

- misc. correspondence re: Christmas tree in Square and expenses, 1969; Historical American Buildings Survey Catalogue, 1969; new members, 1969; payment of dues; 1967, 1968 re: possible liquor license for Eugene De Sipio (basement) 713 Walnut St.; notices on hearing dates; planting of anniversary tree, 1967
- parking survey, 7/1969
- Freedom Week: list of activities; schedule of events 6/6/1969; brochure; correspondence re: Fort Myers drill team
- report of the treasurer and list of expenses, 1/19/1967, 1/1/1968

- meeting minutes: Annual Meeting, Executive Committee, 1/19/1967, 11/20/1967, 1/30/1969

Folder 5. "Washington Square Association, 1952-1955."

- misc. correspondence re: various improvements made 1954, 1955, including installation of trees; erection of walls; tree plaques; lights; excavation; bills, receipts, expenditures, etc.
- list of contributors, 1953, 1954
- Washington Square Planning Committee: list of companies, assessed property values ca. 1955
- Agreement with Fairmount Park Art Association, 12/1953 - Appointment of Washington Square Planning Committee and its purpose
- meeting minutes: Planning Committee, 4/27/1954, 9/20/1954

- BOX 2. Washington Square Association Papers, 1970-1979

Folder 1. "Washington Square Association, 1970-1972."

- misc. correspondence: Christmas tree and expenses - 1969, 1971 - 1973; welcoming new members; acknowledging dues, 1972; Independent membership of Mrs. Frank Elliott, 1972; creation of Women's Auxiliary; Freedom Week observance, 1972
- treasurer's report, balance as of 1/28/1970, 1/20/1971, 12/31/1971
- meeting minutes: Executive Committee 2/3/1971, 1/11/1972, 11/9/1972, 11/14/1963; Annual Meeting 1/25/1972, 1/14/1964
- papers, 1971 re: monument cleaning: estimates, bills, receipts, etc., Western Waterproofing Co.
- list of members, 1/31/1972, 11/30/1972
- proposed slate of candidates, 1/28/1970, Executive Committee

Folder 2. "Washington Square Association, 1973-1974."

- misc. correspondence: to Fairmount Park Commission re: Centennial events, Washington Square's participation; improvements to trees and shrubs, 1973; annual budget proposed by McFarland Landscape for "Tree Maintenance Program," 2/8/1973; dues, welcoming new members, 1973
- treasurer's report: balance to 12/31/1972, 12/31/1973
- IRS form: notification of foundation status, 1970-1973
- memos: to Executive Committee re: "Pilot Committee," to involve neighbors as associate members of WSA - 3/9/1973, 3/14/1973, 3/22/1973, 5/10/1973, 5/24/1973, 11/15/1973

Folder 3. "Washington Square Association, 1975-1976."

- misc. correspondence re: improvements made for bicentennial; proposal to Rizzo 4/1976; to Fairmount Park Comm.: all expressing concerns about "temporariness" of improvements; eternal flame, 1975: wording of flame's plaque: opposition to erection as hazardous
- members list 3/8/1976
- report on Washington Square events, 1975-1976 from Washington Square Associates
- meeting minutes 6/3/1976; Washington Square Associations 2/24/1975
- treasurer's report - balance to 12/31/1974

Folder 4. "Washington Square Association, 1977-1979."

- misc. correspondence re: dues payments 1977, 1978; new members; maximum allowable density in Washington Square area 1978; parking; attempts to get fountain working 1977; Christmas tree 1977

- Society Hill Civic Association compromise with PA Hospital, 1978
- treasurer's report balance as of 12/31/1977; 11/14/1957
- flyer - "Continental Bank Commemorative Service Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. . . " 5/27/1977
- articles/clippings: "Redevelopment is Major Concern of Area Groups. Washington Square." Welcomat 7/27/1977; "Jungle Gym is Moved: Washington Square Tranquil Again." Bulletin 6/2/1977; "Washington Square Project is Expanded." Evening Bulletin 5/5/1978; "U.S. Earmarks 11 Million for Society Hill Slum Area." [no source; no date]; "Site for Apartment Hotel on Washington Square Acquired." Evening Bulletin 11/7/1957; Ceremonies for Wreath Laying, Tomb of Unknown Soldier, Jewish War Veterans Philadelphia Inquirer 11/12/1957; "Planners Clear Path for Building Towers." Evening Bulletin 6/2/1978; "City Offers Twin Towers Parking Plan." Evening Bulletin 5/30/1978

- BOX 3. Washington Square Association Freedom Week Papers, 1961 and Prior - 1972

Folder 1. "Freedom Week 1961 and Prior."

- misc. correspondence re: ceremonies
- notes for Washington Square ceremonies, 1962
- program, stage direction for ceremonies 1958, 1960, 1961
- list of descendants participating 6/15/1961
- WSA members list 6/8/1961
- Calendar of Events 6/27-7/4/1961

Folder 2. "Freedom Week 1962."

- misc. correspondence re: ceremonies, participants
- luncheon list
- program and stage direction 6/28/1962
- Plan of Memorial showing flags, fountain, memorial positions

Folder 3. "Freedom Week 1963."

- misc. correspondence: letters to descendants; re: ceremonies, participants
- luncheon list
- program and stage direction 6/28/1963
- Plan of Memorial showing flags, fountain, memorial positions

Folder 4. "Freedom Week 1964."

- misc. correspondence: letters from state governors: governors' messages; letters to descendants; re: ceremonies, participants
- flyer: "Freedom Week Ceremony in Washington Square" 6/29/1964
- list of descendants, luncheon participants
- program 7/2/1964
- plan including location of chairs, risers
- luncheon menus 7/2/1964. RSVP's

Folder 5. "Freedom Week 1965."

- misc. correspondence re: ceremonies, participants
- luncheon guest list 7/1/1965, menus, RSVP's
- check list of details
- program 7/1/1965

Folder 6. "Freedom Week 1966."

- misc. correspondence re: ceremonies, participants
- luncheon guest list
- program 6/28/1966

Folder 7. "Freedom Week 1967."

- misc. correspondence re: ceremonies, participants
- program 6/28/1967

Folder 8. "Freedom Week 1968."

- misc. correspondence re: ceremonies, participants
- program and stage directions 7/1/1968
- clipping: "They Study the Revolutionary War: The Continentals Are Coming." Philadelphia Inquirer Magazine 6/9/1968

Folder 9. "Freedom Week 1969."

- misc. correspondence re: ceremonies, participants
- program and stage directions 6/30/1969
- booklet: "Freedom Week 1969" City of Philadelphia, 20 pp.
- images of costumed participants

Folder 10. "Freedom Week 1970."

- misc. correspondence re: ceremonies, participants
- program, stage directions 6/28/1970
- photos: flag raising; people saying pledge; participants in front of memorial; fife and drum corps
- clippings: "Here's What's Happening During Freedom Week." Evening Bulletin 6/28/1968; "Colonial Music and Dances Spark Revolutionary Tribute." [no date, no source]
- list of expenses
- booklet: Momentum summer 1970 (incl. Freedom Week advertisement); "Freedom Week" City of Philadelphia, 1970, 25 pp.

Folder 11. "Freedom Week 1971."

- misc. correspondence re: ceremonies, participants
- program, stage directions 6/28/1971
- list of area businesses, number of handbills and posters for them to receive
- Philadelphia Inquirer ads 6/24/1971, 6/25/1971, 6/28/1971
- invocation text
- check list 6/28/1971

Folder 12. "Freedom Week 1972."

- misc. correspondence re: ceremonies, participants

- BOX 4. Washington Square Association Papers, 1963-1975; + and -

Folder 1. "Washington Square Association Minutes 1963-1975."

- all but 1964, 1973

Folder 2. "Washington Square Christmas Party, 1960, 1963."

Folder 3. "Washington Square Observance"

- papers re: Christmas tree: 1960, 1961, 1966, 1967, 1969

Folder 4. "Washington Square Association, Roger W. Moss."

- misc. papers re: WSA 1952-54, 1956, 1960, 1963, 1966, 1969, 1972-1973, 1975-1977, 1979-1982

- support of HR 2768 7/23/1983

- photocopy of W. Chambers Things as They Are in America. Philadelphia, 1854:

- (p. 308): "Behind the old State-House is an enclosed space with rows of trees; no doubt an agreeable summer-lounge for the Hancock's, Washington's and Franklin's of revolutionary memory. Adjacent to the further extremity of the enclosure, is one of the few squares in the city, forming a lawn, with walks and seats, and prettily ornamented with trees. On visiting this spot, which is open to the public, I was amused by observing the tameness of a number of gray squirrels. . . ."

- Fairmount Park Art Assoc. 38th Annual Report, 1955. Contains picture of Washington Square with new brick wall designed by Edwin Brumaugh

Folder 5. "Washington Square Association - Turnover to Park Service."

- John H. Archer papers - 1980-1982

- copy of agreement, 1950 re: Independence National Historic Park

- copies of HR 5053, 1948

Folder 6. "Washington Square Project."

- misc. correspondence 1953

- Fairmount Park Art Assoc. 81st Annual Report 1953

- map - Philadelphia City Planning Commission 8/5/1947. "Redevelopment Area #8, Old City" 1" = 500'. Land Use Map

- map - Philadelphia City Planning Commission 8/5/1947. "Faulty Street or Lot Layout" 1" = 500'. Land Use Map

- plan - "Washington Square Public Lavatories." Existing and Suggested 5/26/1952. Leroy E. Varner

- clippings: "The Five Squares." Philadelphia Inquirer Magazine 7/27/1958 (includes pictures); misc. clippings re: Square ca. 1950s-1970s

- photos: Square with trees in full foliage (n.d.): child sitting in Square, snow-covered Square by Joseph N. Pearce (n.d.)

- Agreement with Fairmount Park Art Assoc. to appoint Washington Square Planning Committee, 12/1953

- meeting minutes, copies: 1/9/1913, 1/16/1914, 6/21/1915, 4/12/1916; Planning Committee minutes 1954

Folder 7. "Washington Square Association Minutes and End Reports."

- 1974-1976, 1978-1981

Folder 8. "Washington Square Association Denny Development."

- 1978

Folder 9. "Washington Square Association Beginning 1974."

- misc. papers 1974-1982

Folder 10. "Washington Square Association Members."

- misc. lists from 1966-1980

- BOX 5 Washington Square Association Project Papers, 1952-1958; + and -

- maps: "Plans and Elevations along West Washington Square and South Washington Square, Walls and Piers." G. Edwin Brumbaugh, Arch. 4/13/1954; 1" = 20'. Blueprint (marked drawing #1); "Plans and Elevations along Sixth Street and Walnut Street" G. Edwin Brumbaugh, Arch. 4/13/1954; 1" = 20'. Blueprint (marked drawing #2); "Key Plan." G. Edwin Brumbaugh, Arch. 4/13/1954; 1" = 20'. Blueprint (marked drawing #5)
- typescript: "Specifications for Fountain and Memorial Lighting, Washington Square." 12/30/1957 and attached blueprint: "Shop Drawing, Fountain And Memorial Lighting, Washington Square." Independent Wiring Company 12/30/1957; "Specifications for Wall and Piers and Washington Square." 4/12/1954 by G. Edwin Brumbaugh, Architect.

Folder 1. "Washington Square Association - Architectural Papers and Drawings."

- plans: "Plaque" Memorial and Fountain at Washington Square. G. Edwin Brumbaugh, Architect. 4/14/1959. 1/8" = 1'. Blueprint (marked drawing #27); "Guard Chain and Posts Around Sarcophagus" Memorial and Fountain at Washington Square. G. Edwin Brumbaugh, Architect. 4/14/1959. 3/8" = 1'. Blueprint (marked drawing #25)
- estimates re: Plaque installation, 1957

Folder 2. "Washington Square Association Architectural Papers and Drawings."

- correspondence re: lighting in Square, 1957

Folder 3. "Washington Square Association Speech: 6/28/1957."

- typescript on note cards

Folder 4. "Washington Square Association Dedication Ceremony - 6/28/1957."

- misc. papers, correspondence re: addresses

Folder 5. "Washington Square Association Dedication Ceremony - 6/28/1957."

- publicity and publications
- clippings, brochures, etc.

Folder 6. "Washington Square Association Speech 12:30 p.m. 6/30/1958."

- typescript on note cards

Folder 7. "Washington Square Association Papers/Correspondence 1952-1960."

- misc. papers: meeting minutes, expenses

Folder 8. "Washington Square Association Papers/Correspondence 1961-1966."

- misc. papers: meeting minutes, expenses

Folder 9. "Washington Square Association Publicity and Publications."

- Pennsylvania Hospital Day
- Freedom Week 1964, 1970
- Gala Cocktail Party 1989
- House Tour 1989
- Washington Square Weekend (n.d.)
- WSA Newsletter - Spring 1989

Folder 10. "Washington Square Association Publicity and Publications."

- WSA Newsletter - Spring 1988
- zoning issues, 1957
- newspaper clippings, 1954

- BOX 6 Washington Square Association Unprocessed Papers

Folder 1.

- correspondence 1952-1956
- meeting minutes 1952, 1954-1955
- newspaper clippings ca. 1950s

Folder 2.

- misc. correspondence 1956-1959
- meeting minutes 1954, 1956-1957

Images

- IMAGE. Athenaeum. Thomas Stewart. Athenaeum competition entry. 1834-1936. [ATH: STW*001 004].
- IMAGE. Athenaeum. William Strickland. Elevation of Washington Square front. 1840. [ATH: STR*002 001].
- IMAGE. Athenaeum. 1840. [ATH: WTU*027 004].
- IMAGE. Athenaeum, 1840-1846. [ATH: NOT*001 023].
- IMAGE. Washington Square. 1840-1846. John Notman. Athenaeum competition entry. [ATH: NOT *001 023].
- IMAGE. Washington Square. 1845. John Haviland. Athenaeum competition entry. [ATH: HAV *003 002].
- IMAGE. Washington Square. 1845. O'Neill and Forsyth. Athenaeum competition entry. [ATH: ONF *001 006].
- IMAGE. Washington Square. ca. 1890. Unidentified Residence, South 7th Street below Washington Square. [ATH: 157].
- PHOTOGRAPH. Child sitting in Square. Ca. 1900s. 8" x 10". Joseph N. Pearce. [ATH: WSA Papers, box 4 folder 4]

- PHOTOGRAPH. Snow-covered Square. Ca. 1900s. 8" x 10". Joseph N. Pearce. [ATH: WSA Papers, box 4 folder 4]
- PHOTOGRAPH. Square in full foliage. Ca. 1900s. 8" x 10". [ATH: WSA Papers, box 4 folder 4]
- IMAGE. Washington Square. ca. 1900. Hutton, Addison, architects. PSFS, "York Row," 7th and Walnut Streets. [ATH: 154].
- IMAGE. Washington Square. 1909. Furness & Evans. [ATH: FAE *006 001].
- IMAGE. Washington Square. 1911. John Windrim. W.B. Saunders & Co. [ATH: WIN 094 009].
- IMAGE. Home Life Insurance Building, 1913. [ATH: LOV*182, Tube 13].
- IMAGE. Washington Square. 1936. Tiden and Pepper. Office Building. [ATH: TAP 381 001].
- IMAGE. "Old Philadelphia Park System." 1946. Possibly by Louis Magaziner. [ATH: MAG *041 009].
- IMAGE. Washington Square. 1949. Harbeson, Hough, Livingston, and Larson. [ATH: HHL 6013 001].
- IMAGE. Washington Square. 1949. Zantzinger & Borie. W.B. Saunders & Co. [ATH: ZAB 441 009].
- IMAGE. Washington Square. 1951-1952. Willing, Sims and Talbutt. Athenaeum. [ATH: WST 417 004].
- IMAGE. Washington Square. 1953. Henry Magaziner. South Washington Square proposed building.. [ATH: MLH *010 006].
- IMAGE. Washington Square. 1956. Borie & Smith blueprint. [ATH: BOS 056 002].
- IMAGE. Washington Square. 1961. Athenaeum blue print. [ATH: *001 001].
- IMAGE. Washington Square. 1962. Historical American Building Survey, Athenaeum. [ATH: HABS 1092 001].
- IMAGE. Washington Square. 1967. George Robbins. Athenaeum lecture room. [ATH: ROB *001 014].
- PHOTOGRAPH. Black and white, 8"x10". Freedom Week 1970. Flag raising. [ATH: WSA Papers, box 3 folder 10]
- PHOTOGRAPH. Black and white, 8"x10". Freedom Week 1970. People saying pledge. [ATH: WSA Papers, box 3 folder 10]

- PHOTOGRAPH. Black and white, 8"x10". Freedom Week 1970. Participants in front of memorial [ATH: WSA Papers, box 3 folder 10]
- PHOTOGRAPH. Black and white, 8"x10". Freedom Week 1970. fife and drum corps [ATH: WSA Papers, box 3 folder 10]
- IMAGE. Washington Square. 1975. John Dickey Athenaeum restoration. [ATH: DIC *002 005].
- IMAGE. Washington Square. 1975. Mirrick, Pearson, Ilvonen and Batcheler. Athenaeum restoration. [ATH: MPB 974 089].
- PHOTOGRAPH. Drainage repair. Ca. 1980s. 8" x 10". (3 views) [ATH: WSA Papers, box 4 folder 4]
- IMAGE. Washington Square. n.d. Dilworth, Richardson residence. [ATH: BRU 451 004].

Printed Material: Books

- BOOK EXCERPT: Chambers, W. Things as They Are in America. Philadelphia, 1854:
 - (p. 308): "Behind the old State-House is an enclosed space with rows of trees; no doubt an agreeable summer-lounge for the Hancock's, Washington's and Franklin's of revolutionary memory. Adjacent to the further extremity of the enclosure, is one of the few squares in the city, forming a lawn, with walks and seats, and prettily ornamented with trees. On visiting this spot, which is open to the public, I was amused by observing the tameness of a number of gray squirrels. . . ." [ATH: photocopy, WSA Papers box 4, folder 4]
- BOOKLET. Dallett, Francis James. An Architectural View of Washington Square Park. Philadelphia, 1968, 38 pp. (Based on an address made by the author to the Philadelphia Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians at the Athenaeum of Philadelphia on Oct. 2, 1964.) [PHS: Stacks; ATH: RBCF 158.65.W3.D3]
 - well-researched evolution of Washington Square Park from an architectural historian's point of view
 - useful bibliography of primary sources
 - good source for identifying important buildings and their inhabitants through time
 - "the city's Negro population came here about 1785 for camp meetings and to dance, 'speaking and singing in their native dialects,' as the annalist puts it" (p. 21).
 - also contains photo illus.: "Nos. 701-9 Walnut" [ATH]; "South Washington Square about 1890" [FLP]; "East Washington Square Below Locust" [ATH]; "aerial view" [ATH]; "Philadelphia Saving Fund Society" [FLP]; "Snow in Washington Square: 1965" [HABS].
- BOOK. Labs, Kenneth. The Southeast Square of Philadelphia. Philadelphia, 1973. [ATH: F158.65.W3.L3.1973; Historical Commission].
 - history of formation of Square; re-conceptualized maps depicting possible appearance of the Square ca. 1720, 1787, 1796, 1817, 1835, 1870, 1929, 1973
 - puts development of Square in context with the rest of city development of the time
 - "Another proposal to establish a market in the 7th Street -- Little Seventh -- strip was defeated in 1811, as was a petition by the University of Pennsylvania to obtain the site for their new medical school" (n.p.).

- BOOK. McCullough, George H. Washington Square Poems. Hicksville, NY: Exposition Press, 1975. [ATH: RBC PS3563.A2755.W3].
 - collected historical poems
- BOOK. Rabzak, Denise R. Washington Square: A Site Plan Chronology, 1683-1984. National Park Service, Independence NHP, 1987. [ATH: F158.65.W3.R32; FPC: Washington Square Folder (photocopy); Historical Commission]
- BOOK. Washington Square. N.W. Ayer & Son., 1957. [ATH: F158.65.W3.N2; FPC: Washington Square Folder]
 - brief history of the Square; details its development around the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, beginning around 1952; description of the memorial
 - illustrations of Washington Square flags; explications of the flags' origins, meanings
- BROADSIDE. "Catalogue of American Seeds, Put up for Exportation at Bartram's Gardens, near Philadelphia." n.d. [ATH: George Vaux Papers. Washington Square Park Improvement, 1816-24. Case B. Left 8]
- PAMPHLET. Washington Square: Opinion as to the Legality of Its Use for Public Purposes. [n.p., n.p.] 1870. [ATH: AI 1870].
 - "We have been asked to consider the question whether the Legislature of the State, with the sanction of the citizens of Philadelphia, can lawfully authorize the use of Washington square, as the site for the proposed public buildings" (p. 1). [legal opinion re: City's title to Washington Square]
 - "At the present time, as we have shown, the legal title to the square is in the city, in trust for some public use, limited or general" (p. 11).
 - gives brief legal history of Philadelphia's squares
 - approves erection of public buildings on Square
 - signed, Henry Wharton, Eli K. Price, Wm. L. Hirst, Geo. W. Biddle, R. C. McMurtrie
- TYPESCRIPT. "Philadelphia's Washington Square." An Address Delivered by Arthur M. Kennedy, Secretary and Librarian of the Athenaeum, before the Germantown Historical Society, Feb. 17, 1942. [ATH: F158.65.W3.K45.1942]
 - includes illustrations of Washington Square and its environs ca. 1940s- Athenaeum's relationship to its presence near Washington Square
 - its history as a pasture, then cemetery, then garden
 - (p. 10): "In 1831, the Horticultural Society noticed the square in its annual report: 'The whole is beautifully kept,' it said, 'and illuminated at night until ten o'clock, all showing the correct and liberal spirit of our city'."
 - (p. 10): "Lossing tells us that in 1860 Washington Square was the most beautiful promenade in the city."
 - also references to Downing's 1853 Rural Essays; Frances Trollope's visit to the Square in 1833
 - description of Walnut St. Jail

Printed Material: Articles

- EVENING BULLETIN. November 7, 1957. "Site for Apartment Hotel on Washington Square Acquired." [ATH: WSA Papers, box 2 folder 4]

- PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER MAGAZINE. June 9, 1968. Kay Mott, "They Study the Revolutionary War: The Continentals Are Coming." [ATH: WSA Papers box 3 folder 8]
- EVENING BULLETIN. June 28, 1968. "Here's What's Happening During Freedom Week." [ATH: WSA Papers box 3 folder 10]
- BULLETIN. June 2, 1977. "Jungle Gym is Moved: Washington Square Tranquil Again." [ATH: WSA Papers box 2, folder 4]
- WELCOMAT. July 27, 1977. Cinnie Morgan and Martin Hirsch, "Redevelopment is Major Concern of Area Groups." [FLP: Clipping File, Washington Square, Social History Dept.; ATH: WSA Papers, box 2 folder 4]:
 - section on Washington Square; description of Washington Square Association, and its mission
 - photo of Eugene Wey sitting on bench in square
- EVENING BULLETIN. May 5, 1978. David Runkel, "Washington Square Project is Expanded." [ATH: WSA Papers box 2, folder 4]
- EVENING BULLETIN. May 30, 1978. David Runkel, "City Offers Twin Towers Parking Plan." [ATH: WSA Papers box 2, folder 4]
- EVENING BULLETIN. June 2, 1978. David Runkel, "Planners Clear Path for Building Towers." [ATH: WSA Papers box 2, folder 4]
- UNIDENTIFIED CLIPPING [no source; no date] "Colonial Music and Dances Spark Revolutionary Tribute." [ATH: WSA Papers, box 3 folder 10]
- UNIDENTIFIED CLIPPING. [no source; no date] Saul Schraga, "U.S. Earmarks 11 Million for Society Hill Slum Area." [ATH: WSA Papers, box 2 folder 4]

Blockson Afro-Americana Collection
Temple University
Philadelphia, PA; 204-6632

In a published account of African-Americans in Philadelphia, Charles Blockson, the Blockson Collection compiler, wrote that African-Americans traditionally called Washington Square, "Congo Square." In an effort to find a documented source for this African-American tradition in the Blockson Collection, attempts were made to reach Charles Blockson, but with no success. Pursuing the question further, this writer consulted Phil Lapsansky, Chief of Reference and Curator of the Afro-Americana collection at the Library Company of Philadelphia. His research found no contemporary source referring to Washington Square as Congo Square. The only source for Congo Square may be oral tradition, a common means to preserve and pass on information in the African-American community.

James Dallett has mentioned in various publications (See esp. Dallett, Francis James. An Architectural View of Washington Square Park. Philadelphia, 1968.) that Washington Square was a regular gathering place for African-Americans in the last few decades of the eighteenth century. This information he gathered from Watson's Annals, which according to Phil Lapsansky is confirmed by looking at the City Council minutes, which express concern about gathering and potentially unruly crowds.

CIGNA Archives
Two Liberty Place
1601 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA; 761-4901

CIGNA houses an impressive amount of material related to Philadelphia's history generally and to the history of insurance specifically. Leslie Simon was most helpful in accessing relevant materials, but cautioned that the CIGNA company's restructuring, happening as of June, 1999, leaves the future of archives accessibility uncertain.

Early fire insurance records list property addresses, descriptions, and owners who insured their premises against loss from fire. An examination of the first volume of these records found no listings for properties adjacent to Washington Square. (See pp. 21a-21d for fire insurance finding aid.) A name index that cross references these records should be consulted if property owners surrounding Washington Square are known for this time period, 1794-1805/1850.

CIAA Archive

INA COLLECTION
RG 5: Fire Insurance

<u>SubGroup</u> <u>Series</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	Early Fire Insurance Records [old #1-4,11] * Fire Blotters listing: insured risk, premium, special clauses. Chronological. Also on microfilm printout volumes. Indexed by name.	1794-1805
2	Fire policies #1-#535,568; incomplete series. Includes register of fire policies for Fort Payne, AL, and vicinity (#135,437-#153,738). Indexed by proper names.	1794-1920 1916-1920
3	* Insurance surveys & requests for renewals. Indexed by proper names.	1794-1850
4	Washington, D.C. & Georgetown papers; mainly correspondence from agents to Home Office Indexed by proper names.	1804-1837
5	"Trenton papers": correspondence from James Ewing (Trenton, NJ agent) to John Inskeep and John C. Smith (5th & 6th Presidents of INA) Indexed by proper names.	1808-1835
6	Chicago Fire Records [old series #6] Proofs of loss and correspondence	1870-1871
7	Boston Fire Records [old series #7] Proofs of loss	1872
8	San Francisco Fire Records [old series #8] 1-46 cf: Calendars & Special Lists Sheldon Catlin papers concerning the earthquake & fire, including correspondence, from Sheldon Catlin (Special Adjustor) to Home Office, & E.L. Ellison (Vice President) to San Francisco agency.	1906-1908

~~Perpetual Fire Records [old series #5]~~

A

Insurance Company of North America

1841-1956

Ledgers; Journals, blotters, surveys, drawings, abstracts, architectural plans & blueprints, indexes, correspondence, and cancelled policies.

Indexed by address, name of first insured, policy #.

Blotters #1-3 (1841-1879) also on microfiche.

Surveys & drawings through turn of century only; correspondence through current.

B

Alliance Insurance Company

1905-1949

~~Ledgers~~; correspondence, cancelled policies.

Indexed by policy #, name of first insured, address.

Correspondence through current.

C

Philadelphia Fire and Marine Insurance Company

1924-1952

Ledgers, correspondence cancelled policies.

Indexed by policy #, name of first insured, address.

Correspondence through current.

D

Central Fire Insurance Company

1891-1935

Policy ledger pages (disbound; boxed with PF&M pages).

Microfiche [old series #9]

Fire losses, reservations, and payments

1899-1950

cf: microfiche lists for details.

Subject files [old series #12]

1914-1969

Mainly correspondence concerning pools and associations, the City Fire Desk, and types of policies.

From: the old Central Files on 2M (Home Office)

cf: Special List.

Automobile Department [old series #13]

1919-1935

established under Fire Department in 1919

Miscellaneous Fire Insurance Pamphlets [old series #10]

20th cent.

Miscellaneous historical material [old series #14]

Arthur Moyer, Fire Secretary, papers

1938-1953

subject files: unprocessed; dates approximate

INA Collection
Record Group 10 (Communications & Public Affs)

21c

5: Special Projects

150th Anniversary

pamphlets, plans, corres, memos, menus	1941-1943
agents' materials including postertime repros of 6 national ads	1941-1942
special repros: Bushrod Washington policy of 1804; engraving of signing of Declaration of Independence after painting by John Trumbull; and Stephen Girard application for insurance [125th anniversary, 1917]	1942

175th Anniversary

plans and activities	1966-1967
<u>Perils named and unnamed</u> (history of INA by William H A Carr), corres, illustrations	1966-1967
special expenses/compensation, letters of thanks from employees	1966-1967
letters of congratulation including telegram from President Lyndon B Johnson	1967
stationery, logos	1967

Indemnity Remote Control Golf Tournament

(sponsored by agents of Indemnity Ins. Co.)	
corres	1940
news releases, posters, publicity materials	1941-1942

*** Liberty Bell Vault**

(After the US entered WWII, INA offered to build a bomb-proof shelter to protect the Liberty Bell.)

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|---|---|--|
| 1 | corres re formation of joint board, INA and City of Philadelphia, to supervise building of shelter;
letters from prospective merchants/contractors | Jan-Feb 1942 |
| 2 | corres, memos tracking progress of project from INA's initial offer to build shelter;
press releases | Jan 1942-Sep 1944
Jan 1942-Dec 1944 |
| 3 | corres (Arthur Joyce, director of publicity, files) re INA's offer and City's acceptance of vault

article by Joyce "Bombs won't ring Liberty Bell" | Jan-Feb 1942
Feb-Sep 1942 |
| 4 | contract and specifications for construction of bomb shelter for Liberty Bell, George W. Peppard, Architect | 17 Apr 1942 |

*blueprints and plans

10 Apr 1942, 14 Jul 1943
3,7 Dec 1943

- 5 Representative Hugh Scott's speech in Congressional Record
re INA's gift of vault;
corres re speech 28 Apr 1942
Apr-Jun 1942
- 6 corres, papers re obtaining steel priorities from War
Production Board prior to construction Apr 1942-Jan 1944
- 7 corres, policies (Travelers Ins Co) of insurance coverage
for erection of shelter Jun 1942-Aug 1944
- 8 corres between Joyce and contractors/engineers Jan-Nov 1943
- 9 corres between INA, City, technical consultants and contrac-
tors re final arrangements to start vault;
city's final rejection of gift Jan 1944-Dec 1944
15 Dec 1944

Liberty Ship "Benjamin Rush"

(This 37th Liberty Ship was named in tribute of Benjamin Rush, Philadelphian physician, teacher, humanitarian, signer of the Declaration of Independence. He was the great-great-grandfather of Benjamin Rush, Sr., Chairman of the Board of the North America Companies.)

- corres re naming and launching of ship 1942
- news releases on launching of ship Jul 1942
- war record of "Benjamin Rush" [1944]
- brochure The Bethlehem Liberty Fleet, 24pp [1944]

"Mayflower II" (replica of original Mayflower)

(insurance by INA; reproduction of early marine policy)

*policies, plans and corres re insurance 1956-1957

inspection report for underwriters on Barque Mayflower II;
worksheet (copy) 12 Apr 1957

corres, news releases, press clippings Sep 1956-May 1957

"Sing with Bing"

(Christmas Eve radio program on CBS network sponsored by INA and dedicated to local agents and brokers)

- 1 advertisements, flyers, posters 1955 - 1957
- 2 CBS news releases, promotion kit Nov-Dec 1955
INA news releases, corres re promotion of program Dec 1955

CIGNA Museum**Two Liberty Place****1601 Chestnut Street****Philadelphia, PA; 761-4901**

The CIGNA Museum contains prints, photographs, maps, three-dimensional models, and other material objects related to insurance generally and fire-fighting specifically. Nancy Powell, Registrar and Fine Arts Specialist, provided access. The Museum's collection is indexed primarily by artist's name in their "Historical Collection Index Cards," maintained until 1975; therefore, if specific cartographers, painters, or printmakers are known to have used Washington Square as a subject, these records should be consulted again by referencing specific creators' names. (See pages 22a-22c for photocopy of fireman's map and fact sheet.)

Maps/Plans

- MAP. "This New Map of the City of Philadelphia for the Use of Firemen and Others. . . John A. Paxton." ca. 1818. [CGM: Index Cards, "Philadelphia Washington Square"]
 - color, showing southeast quadrant of Philadelphia, including Washington Square
 - shows locations of fire hydrants, other water sources (see reproduction, fact sheet)

Images

- COLOR ENGRAVING. "An East Perspective View of the City of Philadelphia, . . Taken from the Jersey Shore." ca. 1760s. John Carwitham. 9 3/8" x 16 3/8"
 - shows Christ Church, State House, Quaker Meeting House, other area buildings
- LITHOGRAPH. "South East View of Philadelphia." 1848. Augustus Kollner, published for Goupil, Vibert and Company
 - view looking up Delaware River to the Northwest, including Independence Hall and surrounding buildings
- ETCHING. "Independence Hall, Philadelphia." (n.d., 20th century). Richard H. Filbert. 9 1/4" x 12 7/8"
 - from original black and white pen and ink drawing
 - Independence Square in wintertime; includes Congress Hall and APS

Miscellaneous Sources

- BOOK. Snyder, Martin P. Mirror of America: The Developing Life of Philadelphia Seen in Engravings, 1801-1876. Self-published, 1996. [CGM: reference stacks]
 - "Promenade in Washington Square." Plate 1, aquatint, 3 1/2" x 4 1/8", part of Life in Philadelphia series published by S. Hart and Son, collection of the Library Company of Philadelphia.

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CIGNA MUSEUM & ART COLLECTION
TWO LIBERTY PLACE - TLP07E
1601 CHESTNUT STREET
P.O. BOX 7716
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19192-2078

accession n°: 86.01.04
classification: Fire Prints
artist: John A. Paxton
active: 1810-1819
citizenship: American
attributes: male
object name: Fire Map
title: Street map of Philadelphia for the use of Firemen
object date: 1818
medium/technique: engraving
medium keys: hand-colored
dimensions: Image: 17 x 23 1/2 inches; support: 18
1/2 x 26 3/4 inches; frame: 27 1/2 x
36 inches
description: Complete title reads: "THIS NEW MAP OF THE CITY OF Philadelphia for the use
of FIREMEN and others, is most respectfully dedicated to the Citizens and
Members of the Engine & Hose Companies, By their humble Servant, John A.
Paxton."

At bottom of map it reads "Entered according to Act of Congress".

Vignette labelled: "VIEW OF FAIR MOUNT WATER WORKS/Kneass, Young & Co. Sc."

Next to the vignette is a paragraph reading: "Fair Mount Water Works, were
commenced in August 1812 and completed Sept. 7th. 1815. In the house are
placed two Engines which work alternately, and raise the water about 98 feet
from the river Schuylkill, to the reservoir, the reservoir covers near an
Acre and a quarter of ground, its dimensions [sic] are 318 feet in length,
167 feet in width, and 10 feet 3 inches in depth, it contains 3264176
Gallons. The cost of the works including the pipes extended to the Centre
Square is about 225000 dollars."

The map of Philadelphia shows street, pipes, fire houses, and hydrants.
Streets are colored in yellow, greenswards in green, some items in red. Sky
in top vignette is in blue.

To the right of the map is a diagram labeled "Interior construction of a
Fire Plug". Parts are labelled: "A The handle of Valve screw. B The Valve
screw. C The Saddle for the support of Valve Screw. D The Nosle [sic] of
plug where the Hose attaches. E The Valve Rod. F The drain or Frost Rod. G
The Valve. H The pipe of Conduit."

"To open the Valve G which is represented shut, turn the hand screw A to
the right. When the Valve G is open then shut the frost Rod F by dropping
it.

To shut the Valve G which is represented open, turn the hand screw A to the
left-When the Valve G is shut then raise the frost Rod F and tie it to the
plug."

List of "ENGINE & HOSE HOUSES"

- A America or Fame
- B Amicable
- C Assistance
- D Columbia
- E Columbia Hose

F Delaware
G Diligent
H Fame Hose
I Fellowship
K Good Intent Hose
M Good Will
N Harmony
O Hibernia
P Hope
Q Hope Hose
R Humane Humane Hose
S Neptune
T Neptune Hose
U Niagara
V Pennsylvania
W Perseverance Hose
X Philadelphia
Y Philadephia Hose
Z Phoenix
Aa Phoenix Hose
Bb Reliance
Cc Relief & Liberty Fire Bucket Co.
Dd Resolution
Ee Resolution Hose
Ff Southwark Hose
Gg Unon
Hh Vigilant
Ii Washington
Kk Washington Hose
Ll Franklin Hose"

Marginalia. Numbers pencilled in on right hand margin written in 19th century hand; partially obscured by mat.

search keys: Philadelphia, PA, Fire art, Waterworks

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The City Archives has early Philadelphia Council Minutes. These are in huge volumes, hand-written, and mostly (except the first volumes) indexed in the rear, fairly completely. Jefferson Moak is most helpful in accessing relevant material here. The Archives possesses no Health Office records that indicate whether or not bodies from Washington Square were ever reinterred. Their Art Jury Files do not start until the late-1910s and so were not consulted.

Common Council Minutes

[by date; all located in the City Archives]

- March 19, 1792: "A petition from a number of the inhabitants of the City of Philadelphia requesting that the Public Squares may be improved was read and ordered to lie on the table. On Motion it was read a Second time and referred to George Roberts Matthew Clarkson, Miers Fisher Thomas Morris and John Stille" (p. 286). [CAR: CNL6, Minutes of the Common Council Vol. 1 - Oct. 31, 1791-Mar. 21, 1796]
- July 21, 1794: "It was moved and seconded that the Commissioners be directed to have built Frame Sheds for the Accommodation of three or more Water Carts on the North East Corner of the Potter's Field" (p. 58). [one on Lombard or Washington Square? Not specified.] [CAR: CNL7, Minutes of the Common Council - Jan. 18, 1793 - Oct. 3, 1796]
- Sept. 29, 1796: "South East Square granted by William Penn first Proprietary and is now inclosed [sic] by a board fence, In the center of the Square is a small portion of Ground enclosed with a brick wall and used as a burial place in which some of the family of I. Carpenter, formerly Mayor of the City are interred, by what right is unknown to your Committee, from the local situation of this Square, it is expected in some future day a Common Sewer will be continued thro it" (p. 127). [attempt by Committee to provide information re: titles of city property] [CAR: CNL7, Minutes of the Common Council - Jan. 18, 1793 - Oct. 3, 1796]
- December 11, 1799: "A Petition of William Sansom praying that Walnut Street between Sixth and Seventh Streets be paved was read and ordered to lie on the table" (p. 52). [CAR: CNL8, Minutes of the Common Council Vol. 2 - Feb. 18, 1799 - Jan. 13, 1803]
- Dec. 27, 1799: "A Petition of a number of inhabitants of the City praying that Walnut Street between Sixth and Seventh Streets be paved, was read and ordered to lie on the table" (p. 71). [CAR: CNL8, Minutes of the Common Council Vol. 2 - Feb. 18, 1799 - Jan. 13, 1803]
- February 8, 1800: "Resolved that the City Commissioners be and they are hereby directed to provide and fix curb stones and pave the footways adjoining the south east public square in Walnut Street and that they regulate said street from sixth to eight [sic] streets From Delaware and pave the gutters thereof as early as the weather will permit. The above resolution was referred to Thos. P. Cope and Malc McDonald" (p. 78). [CAR: CNL8, Minutes of the Common Council Vol. 2 - Feb. 18, 1799 - Jan. 13, 1803]

- March 13, 1800: "The Committee to whom was referred on the 8th ulto. a resolution from the Select Council respecting the fixture of curb stones and paving the footways adjoining the south east public square made report and in pursuance thereof Council non-concurred in the said resolution from the Selt. Council" (p. 88). [CAR: CNL8, Minutes of the Common Council Vol. 2 - Feb. 18, 1799 - Jan. 13, 1803]
- Jan. 15, 1801: "A Petition of a number of inhabitants of this City praying that pumps or fountains be placed in Walnut [Street], between sixth and Eighth Streets -- and a petition of said inhabitants praying that Walnut [Street] between 6th and 8th streets be paved were read and referred to a joint committee. -- Timy. Paxson and Pasck. Hollingsworth were appointed to the Committee on the part of this Council -- the Selt. Council concurred in the reference and appointed Mess. Parker Payard and Dawson the committee on their part" (p. 130). [CAR: CNL8, Minutes of the Common Council Vol. 2 - Feb. 18, 1799 - Jan. 13, 1803]
- February 5, 1801: "A memorial of Wm. Sansom praying that Walnut Street between Sixth and Eighth [sic] streets be paved was read and referred to Timothy Paxson and Geo. Krebs" (p. 150). [CAR: CNL8, Minutes of the Common Council Vol. 2 - Feb. 18, 1799 - Jan. 13, 1803]
- February 13, 1801: "A message was received from the Select Council informing that they have adopted the report of the joint-committee to whom was referred the petition of William Sansom and others for paving Walnut Street -- for paving Chestnut Street and Bank Alley and have passed the resolutions recommended in said report" (p. 156). [CAR: CNL8, Minutes of the Common Council Vol. 2 - Feb. 18, 1799 - Jan. 13, 1803]
- February 13, 1801: "Resolved by the Select and Common Councils that the proposal made by William Sansom to advance a sum of money sufficient to defray the expence [sic] of paving Walnut Street between 6th and 8th streets (allowing him interest therefor [sic] until paid) be accepted and that the Commissioners be directed to proceed to the paving thereof as early as it is practicable agreeably to the condition specified in his offer" (p. 157). [CAR: CNL8, Minutes of the Common Council Vol. 2 - Feb. 18, 1799 - Jan. 13, 1803]
- August 6, 1801: "Resolved by the Selt. and Common Councils that the city commissioners be directed to remove apart of the fence on the west side of Seventh Street between Walnut and Spruce Streets and on the east side of the Street called Little seventh Street so as to lay open a part of the public square not less than 60 nor more than 80 Feet wide near the posts fixed in Seventh Street to be used together with the ground already appropriated for a horse and cattle market. The Select Council non-concurred in said resolution" (p. 178). [CAR: CNL8, Minutes of the Common Council Vol. 2 - Feb. 18, 1799 - Jan. 13, 1803]
- March 3, 1802: "The Committee recommend that the following streets be regulated, gravelled and the gutters paved provided the owners of the lots fronting thereon provide and fix. the Curb stones and lay the foot pavements viz -- Seventh Street from Market to Walnut Street/Walnut Street from 6th to 8th Street/Crown Street from Race to Vine Street" (p. 232). [CAR: CNL8, Minutes of the Common Council Vol. 2 - Feb. 18, 1799 - Jan. 13, 1803]
- May 1, 1802: "The Memorial of Sundry Citizens soliciting Council to throw out thirty feet of the publick ground called Potters field on the South side of Walnut [Street], between 6th and 7th Streets and that two rows of Trees in addition to the one already there may be planted and the

- ground levelled so as to form a publick walk, was presented read and referred to Messrs. Bartram Thewell and Shoemaker" (p. 246). [CAR: CNL8, Minutes of the Common Council Vol. 2 - Feb. 18, 1799 - Jan. 13, 1803]
- May 13, 1802: "The Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of Sundry citizens [re: trees for Potters Field]. . . . made Report that they have viewed the ground attentively and obtained as much information as they could on the subject, that they believe that publick walks are highly necessary in a large City, a they are conducive to the health, convenience and innocent recreation of the Inhabitants; that there are fewer places of this kind in this City than perhaps in any other of the same magnitude and that every improvement of the above nature that can be conveniently made should be encouraged. They are therefore of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners is reasonable and ought to be granted. That they are further of opinion that it would be advisable to extend the walk contemplated by removing the fence on the west side of sixth street five feet within the row of Trees; by planting another row Trees [sic] on sixth street; by totally removing the wooden building used by the City Commissioners from their present situation to the Corner of seventh street and the horse market; and by rounding the Corner of the ground at Walnut Street and sixth street, by describing a curve from two points equi-distant from the corner; and not exceeding one hundred feet each way. Your Committee therefore offer the following resolution vis Resolved by the Select and Common Councils that the City Commissioners be directed to lay out the above ground for a publick walk in manner and form as above described, provided that the whole be fenced from the street way, by a substantial railing to prevent the intrusion of horses and carriages and provided that the corporation of the City be not called upon for the expence thereof, but that it be defrayed by voluntary contribution, allowing however the part of Walnut street to be first completed provided the funds cannot be conveniently raised to do the whole at once -- which report was read and adopted. The Select Council concurred in the foregoing resolution" (p. 248-9). [CAR: CNL8, Minutes of the Common Council Vol. 2 - Feb. 18, 1799 - Jan. 13, 1803]
 - June 10, 1802: "Resolved that a Committee be appointed to enquire whether any and if any, what regulations ought to be made respecting the paving of footways or fixing curb stones on any improved square when two thirds of the owners of property on such square shall have agreed that the same shall be paved or curb stones fixed thereon and respecting the levelling or filling up of any footway when two thirds of the footways on any square shall be properly levelled or filled up -- to report the bill or otherwise -- Mr. Bartram, Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Boehm were appointed to the Committee" (p. 254). [CAR: CNL8, Minutes of the Common Council Vol. 2 - Feb. 18, 1799 - Jan. 13, 1803]
 - January 3, 1803: "A Petition from owners and occupiers of grounds between the Public square commonly called Potters field and Spruce street and between seventh and eighth streets was read representing that the grounds in their neighborhood are liable to be overflowed by heavy rains, and moreover retain the water Stagnant for a considerable time. They pray council to take their situation into consideration. On motion resolved that the foregoing Petition be referred to the Committee appointed to examine what Streets, Lanes and alleys ought to be paved in the current year" (p. 285). [CAR: CNL8, Minutes of the Common Council Vol. 2 - Feb. 18, 1799 - Jan. 13, 1803]
 - April 2, 1803: "Resolved that such of the citizens as may find it convenient be permitted to deposit in the S.E. public square of the City any earth suitable for filling up the said square subject to the

- regulation and direction of the City Commissioners" (p. 14). [CAR: CNL9, Minutes of the Common Council Vol. 3 - Jan. 1803 - May 17, 1813]
- April 7, 1803: "Resolved that such of the citizens as may find it convenient be permitted to deposit in the S.E. public square of the City any earth suitable for filling up the said square subject to the regulation and direction of the City Commissioners" (p. 16). [CAR: CNL9, Minutes of the Common Council Vol. 3 - Jan. 1803 - May 17, 1813]
 - April 16, 1803: "Resolved by the Select and Common Councils that no dirt shall hereafter be deposited in the S.E. public square of the City of Philadelphia" (p. 25). [CAR: CNL9, Minutes of the Common Council Vol. 3 - Jan. 1803 - May 17, 1813]
 - January 18, 1804: "A petition was presented from sundry inhabitants praying that Councils would erect a Market House on a part of the South East public square to wit, between Seventh and little Seventh streets, and between Walnut and South Streets -- ordered to lie on the table" (p. 61). [CAR: CNL9, Minutes of the Common Council Vol. 3 - Jan. 1803 - May 17, 1813]
 - January 18, 1804: "The petition for a market in the south east public square was on Motion referred to Messrs. Rehn, Vanuxen and Cook" (p. 62). [CAR: CNL9, Minutes of the Common Council Vol. 3 - Jan. 1803 - May 17, 1813]
 - February 8, 1804: "The committee appointed on the petition for the erection of a Market house, on the south east public square, made a report, which was read, ordered to lie on the table" (p. 63). [CAR: CNL9, Minutes of the Common Council Vol. 3 - Jan. 1803 - May 17, 1813]
 - March 28, 1804: "The Report of the Committee on erecting a Market House on the south east public square was called up and read, the resolution subjoined to the report was agreed to -- the resolution authorized the appointment of a Committee to bring in a Bill allotting part of said square, as a fit place, for the erection of a Market House, -- referred to Messrs. Rehn, Cook, and Vanuxen" (p. 68). [CAR: CNL9, Minutes of the Common Council Vol. 3 - Jan. 1803 - May 17, 1813]
 - May 2, 1804: "Mr. Rehn, from the Committee appointed to enquire into the propriety of allotting a portion of the South east public square, for the erection of a Market -- made a report by Bill what was said, and ordered to lie on the table" (p. 73). [CAR: CNL9, Minutes of the Common Council Vol. 3 - Jan. 1803 - May 17, 1813]
 - November 19, 1804: "Resolved by the Select and Common Councils, That a joint Committee consisting of two members from each Council be appointed to wait on the County Commissioners, and request them to have the curb stone fixed, and foot pavement laid on the east side of Sixth street commencing at Walnut Street down Sixth Street, and round Pruen [sic] Street to the extent of the Debtors Apartment, and that the City Commissioners forthwith cause the regulation of said footway to be made and have the gutters thereof paved -- Messrs. Worrelland Purdon were appointed on the part of the Common Council -- The Select Council concurred and appointed Messrs. Bartram and Say their Committee" (p. 98). [CAR: CNL9, Minutes of the Common Council Vol. 3 - Jan. 1803 - May 17, 1813]

- February 20, 1805: ". . . a Committee be appointed to consider of and devise a plan whereby said [public] squares will be made to answer best the original purpose for which they were granted. -- And also to enquire whether any, and if any, what regulations are necessary respecting Internments in the Public Buring [sic] Grounds so as to make them more safe and convenient to the citizens. . ." (p. 110). [CAR: CNL9, Minutes of the Common Council Vol. 3 - Jan. 1803 - May 17, 1813]
- June 5, 1805: "Resolution -- Whereas some considerable time ago, Councils authorized by resolution, the citizens residing in the neighborhood of the Public Square, commonly called Potters Field, to Improve the same, and to remove the Building Situate at the south west corner of Sixth and Walnut Street, to the south east corner of Seventh and Locust Streets, at their own expence: and whereas money, enough has been raised by said Citizens to improve the said Square fronting on Walnut [Street] between Sixth and Seventh streets, but not to remove said Building" (p. 128). [CAR: CNL9, Minutes of the Common Council Vol. 3 - Jan. 1803 - May 17, 1813]
- October 6, 1805: "Resolved. . . that Sixth Street between Walnut and Pruen [sic] Streets, to be paved, from side to side, instead of in part, as heretofore ordered" (p. 198). [CAR: CNL9, Minutes of the Common Council Vol. 3 - Jan. 1803 - May 17, 1813]
- November 13, 1805: "Whereas the Citizens inhabiting the neighbourhood of that part of the south east Public Square, which parts on Walnut Street, have commenced the improvement of the same at their own expence, under the authority of a Resolution of Councils and whereas they are prevented from the completion of their intended improvement by a Ravine, or water-course, which runs in a diagonal direction from Walnut to Sixth streets -- Therefore in order that the contemplated improvements should not be delayed. Be it resolved that the Select and Common Councils, that the City Commissioners, forthwith cause sidewalks to be built along the said water-course, to the distance of at least thirty five feet south from Walnut Street, and to lay the bottom thereof with such condemned water logs, as the Watering Committee can spare, or otherwise to cover, or arch the same, so that the course of the water be not impeded, nor the improvements delayed. Provided the expence of erecting the said Wall, and laying the said logs, does not exceed the sum of One hundred Dollars, and charge the same to Appropriation No. 2" (p. 150-1). [CAR: CNL9, Minutes of the Common Council Vol. 3 - Jan. 1803 - May 17, 1813]
- September 17, 1806: "Resolved. . . That the Commissioners. . . hereby are authorized, to pave the said Sixth Street opposite the Public Square from side to side, instead of in part, as heretofore ordered" (p. 193). [CAR: CNL9, Minutes of the Common Council Vol. 3 - Jan. 1803 - May 17, 1813]
- September 14, 1808: "A Petition was presented from the Inhabitants in and near Walnut Street, stating that the fence of the Potters-field is in want of repair and praying permission to repair the same, or put up a new one at their own expence" (p. 268). [CAR: CNL9, Minutes of the Common Council Vol. 3 - Jan. 1803 - May 17, 1813]
- June 26, 1809: "A Petition was presented from the Inhabitants of the City residing in Walnut Street, near the Potters field, praying permission to take down the fence on the west side thereof, and place it further back &c, which was read and referred to a Select Committee Messrs. Browne and Morris were appointed" (p. 303). [CAR: CNL9, Minutes of the Common Council Vol. 3 - Jan. 1803 - May 17, 1813]

- February 22, 1810: "Mr. Browne read in his place a Bill for appropriating the South East public square for a parade grounds for the Militia of the City of Philadelphia and other purposes which was ordered to lie on the table" (p. 339). [CAR: CNL9, Minutes of the Common Council Vol. 3 - Jan. 1803 - May 17, 1813]
- December 20, 1810: "Resolved. . . not to lease all or any part of the North-east or South-east public squares until authorized to do so by a resolution of Councils" (pp. 404-5). [CAR: CNL9, Minutes of the Common Council Vol. 3 - Jan. 1803 - May 17, 1813]
- April 11, 1811: "Resolved. . . that the City Commissioners cause the earth which it may be necessary to remove in order to prepare Walnut Streets and the neighbouring streets for paving to be place[d] upon such parts of the South-east public square as are lower than [sic] the adjoining Footways' Select Council were informed" (p. 445). [CAR: CNL9, Minutes of the Common Council Vol. 3 - Jan. 1803 - May 17, 1813]
- March 12, 1812: "Mr. Vaux from the Committee to whom was referred the item of Unfinished Business relating to the Northeast and Southeast public Squares made report, which being read was laid on the table" (p. 521). [CAR: CNL9, Minutes of the Common Council Vol. 3 - Jan. 1803 - May 17, 1813]
- May 14, 1812: "Resolved. . . . that the City Commissioners cause a tunnel of four feet six inches diameter to be constructed upon the south-east public square, conformably to the plan laid down by the Howels [spelling?] draught of the City; to extend from the opening of the old tunnel on the west side of 6th Street near Prune Street in a southwestern direction toward the intersection of Locust and Seventh [Streets], and that they cause the same when finished to be covered with the earth now lying in Seventh Street adjoining the said square, as with such other surplus earth as may be necessary to remove in making any public improvements in that neighbourhood; provided that the sum necessary to complete the said tunnel, shall, previous to the commencement thereof be paid into the City Treasury upon loan for two years without interest.
For the original resolution in the above report the following was, on motion, substituted and adopted. Resolved by the Select and Common Councils that the City Commissioners cause the South east public square to be surrounded by a suitable open fence proved, that the sum to be drawn from the city Treasury for the purpose aforesaid shall not exceed \$400. . . " (p. 545-6). [CAR: CNL9, Minutes of the Common Council Vol. 3 - Jan. 1803 - May 17, 1813]
- May 28, 1812: "Resolved. . . that the City Commissions. . . are hereby authorized to let the Northeast public square and the South-east public square as are not appropriated to other purposes upon leases determinable at the pleasure of the City Councils" (p. 548-9). [CAR: CNL9, Minutes of the Common Council Vol. 3 - Jan. 1803 - May 17, 1813]
- [Minutes of the Common Council Vol. 4 not in City Archives.]
- October 25, 1819: "Resolved. . . that a Committee of two members of each Council be appointed to superintend the improvement of the South East public square" (p. 44). [CAR: CNL10, Minutes of the Common Council Vol. 5 - March 25, 1819 - Oct. 3, 1823]

- October 26, 1820: Joint Committee selected " to superintend the improvement of the South east public square." Select Council: Messrs. Watson and Meredith; Common Council: Messrs. Coates and Miller (p. 150). [CAR: CNL10, Minutes of the Common Council Vol. 5 - March 25, 1819 - Oct. 3, 1823]
- October 27, 1821: "Resolved. . . that a committee of two members of each council be appointed to superintend the improvement of the South East Publick square" (p. 261). [CAR: CNL10, Minutes of the Common Council Vol. 5 - March 25, 1819 - Oct. 3, 1823]
- November 8, 1821: Appointment of Messrs. Watson and Meredith to committee (p. 263). [CAR: CNL10, Minutes of the Common Council Vol. 5 - March 25, 1819 - Oct. 3, 1823]
- October 24, 1822: Joint Committee selected " to superintend the improvement of the South east public square." Select Council: Messrs. Lewis and Miller; Common Council: Messrs. Broome and Coates (p. 342). [CAR: CNL10, Minutes of the Common Council Vol. 5 - March 25, 1819 - Oct. 3, 1823]
- January 23, 1823: "On the motion of Mr. Broom the following resolution was adopted and sent to Select Council for concurrence. Resolved by the Select and Common councils that the Mayor be requested to station a sufficient number of Constables of the City or such other person as he may deem necessary at the South East public square on the Seventh of February next to prevent any injury to the same, by the Assemblage of Citizenry at that time and place, provided such an assemblage should take place.
Select Council concurred with an amendment by inserting after the words 'South East public square' the words 'and State House Yard' and requested concurrence" (p. 373). [CAR: CNL10, Minutes of the Common Council Vol. 5 - March 25, 1819 - Oct. 3, 1823]
- November 5, 1821: Joint Committee selected " to superintend the improvement of the South East public square." Select Council: Messrs. Watson and Meredith; Common Council: Messrs. Coates and Miller (p. 22). [CAR: CNL19, Minutes of the Select Council - June 19, 1821 - Sept. 30, 1830]
- July 12, 1821: "Mr. Meredith offered the following resolution which was read and adopted. Viz. -- Whereas the City Commissioners have represented that early on the morning of the 10th Instant seven of the publick lamps on Walnut street near Washington Square were wantonly broken by a person or persons unknown" (p. 9). ["Washington Square" was common usage for the park even before its official renaming in 1825.] [CAR: CNL19, Minutes of the Select Council - June 19, 1821 - Sept. 30, 1830]
- October 24, 1822: Joint Committee selected to oversee South East Square improvements: Select Council: Messrs. Lewis and Miller; Common Council: Messrs. Broome and Coates (p. 86). [CAR: CNL19, Minutes of the Select Council - June 19, 1821 - Sept. 30, 1830]
- January 23, 1823: "Resolved. . . that the mayor be requested to station a sufficient number of Constables of the city, or some such other persons as he may deem necessary at the South East public Square on the Seventh of February next, to prevent any injury to the same by the assemblage of Citizens expected at that time and place" (p. 116). [CAR: CNL19, Minutes of the Select Council - June 19, 1821 - Sept. 30, 1830]

- July 10, 1823: "Resolved. . . that the Mayor of the City be authorized hereby and he is directed to draw from appropriation No. 21 fifteen hundred dollars for the special purpose of improving the North East public Square, and the sum of one hundred dollars relative to the South East public square" (p. 150). [CAR: CNL19, Minutes of the Select Council - June 19, 1821 - Sept. 30, 1830]
- October 23, 1823: Joint Committee selected to oversee South East Square improvements: Select Council: Messrs. Lewis and Miller; Common Council: Messrs. Coates and Percival (p. 171). [CAR: CNL19, Minutes of the Select Council - June 19, 1821 - Sept. 30, 1830]
- January 15, 1824: "Resolved. . . that the within sum of one hundred and seventy nine dollars and seventy nine cents be and the same is hereby appropriated to pay the expense incurred in painting the fence around Washington Square and that the same be charged to appropriate No. 21" (p. 187). [CAR: CNL19, Minutes of the Select Council - June 19, 1821 - Sept. 30, 1830]
- March 11, 1824: "A message was received from the Common Council informing that they had received a petition from a number of citizens praying that a fountain may be constructed in the South East public square towards which a sum of money had been subscribed and had referred the same to the Committee of the South East Public Square" (p. 196). [CAR: CNL19, Minutes of the Select Council - June 19, 1821 - Sept. 30, 1830]
- August 3, 1824: report re: fountain tabled (p. 222). [CAR: CNL19, Minutes of the Select Council - June 19, 1821 - Sept. 30, 1830]
- October 7, 1824: proposal to erect monument in Washington Square: "Whereas at the public meeting of our fellow citizens it has been determined to erect in the City of Philadelphia a monument to the memory of the Father of his Country and as no place can be more appropriate than the square which bears his name, no time so proper as the present and no hand more fit to commence the undertaking than that of his friend and our benefactor General LaFayette" (p. 231). [CAR: CNL19, Minutes of the Select Council - June 19, 1821 - Sept. 30, 1830]
- October 28, 1824: Appointment of South East Square Committee: Select Council: Messrs. Lewis and Miller; Common Council: Messrs. Percival and Linn (p. 237). [CAR: CNL19, Minutes of the Select Council - June 19, 1821 - Sept. 30, 1830]
- June 9, 1825: "A letter was received from John Sergeant Esq. Chairman of the Washington Monument Committee, stating that the committee had adopted the design of William Strickland, which they now exhibited for the approbation of Councils. and that the requisite authority might be granted to the committee to use the Washington Square for the purpose of its erection" (p. 289). [CAR: CNL19, Minutes of the Select Council - June 19, 1821 - Sept. 30, 1830]
- November 10, 1825: Appointment of South East Square Committee: Select Council: Messrs. Lewis and Miller; Common Council: Messrs. Johnson and Walmsley (p. 314). [CAR: CNL19, Minutes of the Select Council - June 19, 1821 - Sept. 30, 1830]
- October 26, 1826: Appointment of South East Square Committee: Select Council: Messrs. Toland and Miller; Common Council: Messrs. Johnson and Walmsley (p. 375). [CAR: CNL19, Minutes of the Select Council - June 19, 1821 - Sept. 30, 1830]

- October 25, 1827: Appointment of South East Square Committee: Select Council: Messrs. Toland and Miller; Common Council: Messrs. Johnson and Walmsley (p. 449). [CAR: CNL19, Minutes of the Select Council - June 19, 1821 - Sept. 30, 1830]
- October 23, 1828: Appointment of South East Square Committee: Select Council: Messrs. Toland and Miller; Common Council: Messrs. Horner and Graff (p. 523). [CAR: CNL19, Minutes of the Select Council - June 19, 1821 - Sept. 30, 1830]
- March 26, 1829: "Resolved. . . that the Joint-Committees appointed on Independence, Washington, Franklin, Penn, and Rittenhouse Squares be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to employ such person or persons, as they may think proper, to improve and take care of the same and that they City Commissioners be and they are hereby authorized and required to pay all Bills which may be presented to them for labour, etc." (p. 562). [CAR: CNL19, Minutes of the Select Council - June 19, 1821 - Sept. 30, 1830]
- April 9, 1829: Common Council did not concur with above: "Resolved. . . that the Joint-Committees appointed on [all squares: see above] be and they are hereby authorised and empowered to take charge of and to order the same to be improved from time to time as they may think proper and that the City Commissioners be and they are hereby authorised and required to carry such orders into effect, to examine and certify to the Mayor for payment all bills which may be incurred for labour done in the said squares or for the wages of persons employed therein.
Select Council did not concur" (p. 565). [CAR: CNL19, Minutes of the Select Council - June 19, 1821 - Sept. 30, 1830]
- April 16, 1829: ". . . the expenses by them incurred [committees for the squares' improvement] in the performance of these duties shall be audited by the said committees respectively and shall by a majority of them be certified in duplicate to the Mayor who shall thereupon annex his warrant to one copy of the same for the payment of the amount thereof by the City Treasurer" (p. 571). [CAR: CNL19, Minutes of the Select Council - June 19, 1821 - Sept. 30, 1830]
- May 28, 1829: "A letter from Dr. James Mease, on the subject of the trees in front of the State House, and in the public squares, was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Washington Square, concurrence of the Common Council to be requested" (p. 583). [CAR: CNL19, Minutes of the Select Council - June 19, 1821 - Sept. 30, 1830]
- June 11, 1829: concurrence of Common Council to above (p. 588). [CAR: CNL19, Minutes of the Select Council - June 19, 1821 - Sept. 30, 1830]
- October 22, 1829: Appointment of Committee to take charge of Washington and Rittenhouse Squares: Select Council: Messrs. Miller and Horn; Common Council: Messrs. Johnson and Walmsley (p. 605). [CAR: CNL19, Minutes of the Select Council - June 19, 1821 - Sept. 30, 1830]
- November 12, 1829: "Mr. Duane presented a letter from Stephen Kingston relative to a statue of Washington to be placed in Washington Square with certain drawings, and specimens which was read and referred to the Committee on Washington and Rittenhouse Squares. Common Council concurred" (p. 609). [CAR: CNL19, Minutes of the Select Council - June 19, 1821 - Sept. 30, 1830]

- December 10, 1829: "Mr. Miller presented a report from the Committee on Washington and Rittenhouse Squares to whom was referred certain letters, proposals and plans from Mr. Raggi and Mr. Stephen Kingston for erecting a statue of General Washington or other works of art in Washington Square, which was read and laid on the table" (p. 615). [CAR: CNL19, Minutes of the Select Council - June 19, 1821 - Sept. 30, 1830]
- December 24, 1829: "[Common Council] had received a petition from Sundry citizens praying that additional gates, or openings may be made into Washington Square which they had referred to the Committee on that square and in which they requested concurrence" (p. 620). [CAR: CNL19, Minutes of the Select Council - June 19, 1821 - Sept. 30, 1830]

Images

- PHOTOGRAPH. Fifth and Walnut Streets. Black and white, 8" x 10". Ca. 1893. [CAR: Folder 1704, no photo number]
- PHOTOGRAPH. Walnut Street Theater. Black and white, 8" x 10". Ca. 1900. [CAR: Folder 1706, photo #908]
- PHOTOGRAPH. 712 Walnut Street. Black and white, 8" x 10". November 7, 1909. Detail of entryway. [CAR: Folder 1706, photo #40289]
- PHOTOGRAPH. Washington Square looking Northeast. Black and white, 8" x 10". April 18, 1913. View of central soldier's monument with group of children and misc. pedestrians. [CAR: Folder 1777, photo #6988]
- PHOTOGRAPH. Northwest corner of Sixth Street and Walnut Street [?]. Black and white, 8" x 10". December 16, 1915. J.L. Kelly, Cigars. [CAR: Folder 1704, photo #11510]
- PHOTOGRAPH. Southeast corner Eighth and Walnut Streets. Black and white, 8" x 10". January 21, 1917. Shops. [CAR: Folder 1706, photo #3820-T]
- PHOTOGRAPH. Southwest corner Seventh and Walnut Streets. Black and white, 8" x 10". July 11, 1927. [CAR: Folder 1706, photo #24407]
- PHOTOGRAPH. Aerial view. Walnut Street West from Sixth Street. Black and white, 8" x 10". March 21, 1929. [CAR: Folder 1704, photo #26617]
- PHOTOGRAPH. Penn Mutual Building. Black and white, 8" x 10". August 19, 1931. [CAR: Folder 1704, photo #31648]
- PHOTOGRAPH. Walnut Street East of Eighth Street. Black and white, 8" x 10". December 17, 1931. Cars, trolley tracks, pedestrians. [CAR: Folder 1706, photo #25297]
- PHOTOGRAPH. 700-708 S. Washington Square. Black and white, 8" x 10". April 3, 1932. Row houses, old car. [CAR: Folder 1778, photo #40112]

- PHOTOGRAPH. Walnut Street west of 5th Street, looking west. Black and white, 8" x 10". August 25, 1935. [CAR: Folder 1704, photo #35317-5]
- PHOTOGRAPH. Washington Square Park looking west from fountain to Unknown Soldiers Memorial. Black and white, 8" x 10". Ca. 1950. [CAR: Folder 1706, photo #38331]
- PHOTOGRAPH. "Toilet facilities. Boy Scouts Jamboree, June 30 - July 6." Washington Square. Black and white, 8" x 10". July 7, 1950. Rows of early "Porta-potties." [CAR: Folder 1777, photo #40873-2]
- PHOTOGRAPH. 712 - 716 Walnut Street. Black and white, 8" x 10". January 22, 1951. [CAR: Folder 1706, photo #33840-B]
- PHOTOGRAPH. East of Washington Square. Black and white, 8" x 10". December 18, 1956. Alleyway. [CAR: Folder 1778, photo #40863]
- PHOTOGRAPH. "700-706 S. Washington Square." Black and white, 8" x 10". February 4, 1957. [CAR: Folder 1778, photo #33880-E]
- PHOTOGRAPH. Southwest corner, Seventh and Walnut Streets. Black and white, 8" x 10". November 20, 1957. PSFS office. [CAR: Folder 1706, photo #34992]
- PHOTOGRAPH. Washington Square plaque. Black and white, 8" x 10". March 5, 1959. Close-up of plaque. [CAR: Folder 1777, photo #37940]
- PHOTOGRAPH. Looking west toward Unknown Soldiers Monument. Black and white, 8" x 10". March 7, 1959. Working fountain in foreground. [CAR: Folder 1777, photo #37943]
- PHOTOGRAPH. Washington Square plaque. Black and white, 8" x 10". March 7, 1959. Bolder with plaque, "In memory of the Many American Soldiers. . . ." [CAR: Folder 1777, photo #37941]
- PHOTOGRAPH. Unknown Soldiers Monument. Black and white, 8" x 10". March 7, 1959. [CAR: Folder 1777, photo #37942]
- PHOTOGRAPH. First Presbyterian Church. Black and white, 8" x 10". May 6, 1963. [CAR: Folder 1778, photo #40248]
- PHOTOGRAPH. 700 block, Walnut Street. Black and white, 8" x 10". June 26, 1963. Cars in traffic. [CAR: Folder 1706, photo #51802]
- PHOTOGRAPH. 700 block, Walnut Street. Black and white, 8" x 10". June 26, 1963. Cars, rowhouses. [CAR: Folder 1706, photo #51803]

City Bureau of Property, Philadelphia 686-4543

The City Bureau of Property does not have any relevant Washington Square materials that cannot be found in other repositories. According to Kristin Fetzner of the Historical Commission, they have only copies of Kenneth Labs' The Southeast Square of Philadelphia and Denise Rabzak's Washington Square: A Site Plan Chronology.

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A search on the database Archives USA (<http://archives.chadwyck.com/>) showed that Dickinson College housed Eli K. Price papers related to the Fairmount Park Association. Jane Schroeder provided a manuscript register of the Price papers (see pages 35a-35c), a collection which should be consulted first-hand to ascertain their scope and content.

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MANUSCRIPT REGISTER

Main Entry: Price, Eli Kirk
Title: Collection, 1822-1937

Donor: Moyerman family
Date: 1965

Scope & Contents:

Correspondence, legal and financial materials primarily related to Price's law practice, his service in the Pennsylvania State Senate (1854-56), and as a commissioner for Fairmount Park Association. Also includes papers concerning the Fisher's Creek Improvement Company and from the files of Eli Kirk Price, Jr. correspondence and applications for the Keene Home, a retirement home in Bristol Pa.
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PRICE, ELI KIRK
COLLECTION, 1822-1937

ARRANGEMENT BY FOLDERS

BOX 1

CORRESPONDENCE

Personal, 1851-1884
Business/Legal, 1823-1868 and undated
Fairmount Park Commission, 1868-1892

FINANCIAL MATERIALS

General, 1834-1852 and undated

LEGAL MATERIALS

General (Bonds, opinions, client affairs) 1822-1885 and undated
Fishing Creek Improvement Co. 1852-1869

KEENE HOME

Applications and correspondence, 1910-1934

SCRAPBOOK MATERIAL

General, 1846-1937

PRINTED MATERIAL

Report of the Board of Managers of the Grandm Institution, 1850
Will of Alexander J. Derbyshire, 1879
Proceedings of the Bar Meeting, Called to Pay Respect to the Memory of
the late Chief Justice Sharwood, 1883
Appeal of Thomas and Joseph Wood, 1847
Estate of Joseph Dugan, Deceased...1882
Peter Hotz' Estate, Appellees' Brief
Farries' Appeal-Reath's Appeal, 1852
Letter of Eli K. Price to the Judiciary Committees of teh Senate and House
of Representatives...1874
In the Matter of League Island, Petition for Appointment of Jury,
Appointment of Jury, Report of Jury, Exceptions to Report, 1867
Paid Fire Department, 1853
Our Unknown City Laws
The City of Philadelphia, to use, &c vs. George W. Tryon, 1859
The City of Philadelphia, Plaintiffs in Error vs. The American Philosophical
Society, Defendants in Error
Health and Mortality of Convicts, 1849
A Review of the Recent Trial of Mrs. Elizabeth G. Wharton on the Charge of
Poisoning General W.S. Ketchum, 1840
Shippen, et al., vs. Eli K. Price and Jos. B. Townsend, Executors of Edward Shipp
Burd, dec'd, 1861

Position of Eli K. Price on the Liquor Question, defined by facts, 1854
The Glacial Epochs, by Eli K. Price, 1854
Some Objections to the Proposed Constitution, by E.K.P., 1873
Biographical Memoir of the Late Eli K. Price by J.T. Rothrock, 1886
Proceedings of the Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Philadelphia,
Presentation of a silver medal to Hon. Eli K. Price, 1879
James J. Barclay, 90th Birthday celebration, an address by E.K.P., 1884
Court proceedings of the dismissal of A.J. Pleasonton, EKP counsel

**Fairmount Park Commission
Memorial Hall, Fairmount Park
Philadelphia, PA; 685-0047**

Andrea Gottschalk was most helpful in retrieving information about Washington Square Park. Their "Washington Square Folder" contains mostly typescript histories of the square which offer no significant new leads. However, the flat file of their map collection houses a number of maps and plans of the square (see list, page 38a), and some original Centennial plans. The engineering department has two plans of Washington Square, rendered in 1983.

Maps/Plans

- MAP. Photocopy. From Smedley's Atlas of Philadelphia, 1862. [FPC: Washington Square Folder]
- PLAN. "Washington Square: Incorporating Recommendations of the Art Jury." July 1913. 26"x26". Blue print. Roll contains 6 copies, 1 copy contains notes in colored pencil. [FPC: Drawings formerly in Memorial Hall basement, temporary numbers 98A-F]
- PLAN. "Plan of Washington Square." January 15, 1913. Carl B. Zilenziger, City Architect. 26"x26". Blue print. "Traced from blue print made by sur. and reg. third dist., Sept. 18, 1894." Roll contains 4 copies. [FPC: Drawings formerly in Memorial Hall basement, temporary number 95]
- PLAN. "Preliminary Plan." Oct. 14, 1913. Olmsted Bros. L.S. Architects. 28"x33". Paper with linen back. Brownline copy with watercolor and pencil notes. [FPC: Drawings formerly in Memorial Hall basement, temporary number 92]
- PLAN. "Preliminary Plan, Washington Square." April 4, 1913. Olmsted Bros. L.S. Architects. 28"x33". Paper. Brownline. Shows paths and trees. [FPC: Drawings formerly in Memorial Hall basement, temporary number 83]
- MAP. "Aerial Survey of Washington Square." Fairmount Park Commission. March 13, 1983. Topographic Data Consultants, Inc., Berlin, NJ [FPC: Engineering Dept.]
 - scale 1" = 30'
 - approx. 3'x4'
 - aerial photo of park, showing pedestrians, benches, trees, adjacent buildings, parked cars, etc.
- MAP. "Washington Square, Plan of Park." Fairmount Park Commission. 1983. Topographic Data Consultants, Inc., Berlin, NJ [FPC: Engineering Dept.]
 - scale 1" = 30'
 - image size 8 1/2" x 11"
 - shows: trees, footpaths, catch basins, manholes, hydrants, light poles, fences, walls, sidewalk, security wall, water display, maintenance building, Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers, etc.
 - bounded by Walnut Street and Washington Square South, 6th Street and Washington Square West
- PLAN. Photocopy. May, 1987. Plan at Monument, limits of proposed wrought iron fence [FPC: Washington Square Folder]

- PLAN. Photocopy. Eternal Flame Fence, side elevation. n.d. [FPC: Washington Square Folder]

Manuscript Material

- MANUSCRIPT. n.d. (ca. 1980s) Copies of signage and small diagram of placement of Mayor Dilworth flag. [FPC: Washington Square Folder]
- LETTER. July 14, 1983. Thomas Foglietta, Congressman, to Frederic Mann, President Fairmount Park Commission
 - Re: National Park Service jurisdiction over Washington Square
 - also attached is copy of bill H.R. 2768 - inclusion of Washington Square area within Independence National Historic Park [FPC: Washington Square Folder]
- LETTERS. Feb., 1985 - May, 1985 between William Dorwart, Sons of the American Revolution, and J.C. McIlhenny, Park Historian
 - Re: SAR Magazine article about Memorial of Unknown Soldiers, authorization to print article, permission to use photographs of the Memorial [FPC: Washington Square Folder]
- MEMO. June 12, 1987 from William E. Mifflin
 - Re: prohibition of vehicles within Washington Square Park [FPC: Washington Square Folder]
- MEMO. Nov. 23, 1987 from Barry Bessler
 - Re: Washington Square Park as part of Independence National Historic Park
 - also attached are copies of bills H.R. 3145, S. 1513, and H.R. 2768 [FPC: Washington Square Folder]
- LETTER. June 26, 1990. William E. Mifflin to Anna Marie Marshall, President, Washington Square Association
 - Re: Thank you for WSA's \$20,000 donation toward Park improvements [FPC: Washington Square Folder]
- LETTER. Martha Aikens, Superintendent of US Dept. of Interiors, National Park Service, to William Mifflin. April 21, 1997. Re: Thomas A.J. Crist and Daniel G. Roberts, An Archeological Investigation of Washington Square, 1996. [FPC: Washington Square Folder]

Images

- PHOTOGRAPH. Black and white. 8"x10". J. Martino, photographer. Memorial of the Unknown Soldiers with unidentified man in uniform. Nov. 9, 1961. [FPC: Washington Square Photograph Folder]
- PHOTOGRAPH. Black and white. 8"x10". J. Martino, photographer. Memorial of the Unknown Soldiers with unidentified man in uniform, close-up. Nov. 9, 1961. [FPC: Washington Square Photograph Folder]
- PHOTOGRAPH. Black and white. 8"x10". J. Martino, photographer. Memorial of the Unknown Soldiers with unidentified man in uniform, close-up. Nov. 9, 1961. [FPC: Washington Square Photograph Folder]

- PHOTOGRAPH. Color, approx. 3"x4". n.d., ca. mid-1960s. Fountain in use. [FPC: Washington Square Photograph Folder]
- PHOTOGRAPH. Color, approx. 3"x4". n.d., ca. mid-1960s. Memorial of Unknown Soldiers. [FPC: Washington Square Photograph Folder]
- PHOTOGRAPH. Black and white, 8"x10". J. McIlhenny, photographer. Close-up of Memorial of the Unknown Soldiers. March 18, 1985. [FPC: Washington Square Photograph Folder]
- PHOTOGRAPH. Black and white, 8"x10". J. McIlhenny, photographer. Another view, close-up of Memorial of the Unknown Soldiers. March 18, 1985. [FPC: Washington Square Photograph Folder]
- DRAWINGS. [Copied by Roy Broadbent, Summer 1997]. See attached list. [FPC]

Printed Materials: Books

- BOOK. Frey, Carroll. Philadelphia's Washington Square. Philadelphia: The Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company, 1952. [LCP: ref Uy8 7633.Q; FPC: Washington Square Folder]
 - brief history with illustrations; information on Walnut Street Prison
- TYPESCRIPT. "History of Washington Square"
 - General history, including: "The attempt to improve it [in the early 1800s] seems to have succeeded, for a committee of the Horticultural Society said of it after an inspection in 1831, that 'The whole is beautifully kept and well illuminated at night with reflecting lamps until ten o'clock, all showing the correct and liberal spirit of our city'." [FPC: Washington Square Folder]
- TYPESCRIPT. History of Washington Square
 - General history, including this summary of the 1956 archeological findings: "Through accounts written during the Revolution Colonel Campbell was able to get a very accurate description of the graves. The burial pits were 30' by 20' and were dug along Walnut Street near Seventh [Street]. The pits were filled with coffins placed one on top of the other. Colonel Campbell and his party opened up a shaft about 8' by 4' and at a depth of 6' they found what was undoubtedly one of these burial pits." [FPC: Washington Square Folder]
- TYPESCRIPT. "National Register Thematic Group Nomination" n.d.
 - Includes brief sections on "Geographical Data"; "Description"; "Significance" (including the University of Pennsylvania's 1805 attempt to build on it, 1870s attempt to build City Hall there [according to Mark Lloyd, Archivist at the UPenn Archives, there is no record of this; Washington Square Park may have been one of a number of possible locations UPenn was considering for building]) [FPC: Washington Square Folder]

Fairmount Park Commission

Washington Square Flat File - WS

This is an updated inventory as of 4/25/1997 of drawings located in the WS flat file folder

* indicates plans not accounted for

Preliminary planting plan	blue print	11/28/1913
Plan underground toilets - Washington Square	coated linen	no date
(2) Plan for grading & paving part of 7th - repairing Walnut & part of Washington Square	blue lines	8/8/1947
Coffin added (May 22, 1957) Lettering on Sarcophagus	blue line	3/8/1957
Plan showing proposed water pipe to be placed in Washington Square	blue print	1934
Revisions of suggested street & walkway lighting E1	blue line	1954
Plan showing lights in Washington Square	photo copy	4/1933
Irrigation as built Washington Square	blue line	5/15/1976
(2) Plan of lights, hydrants, & manholes in Washington Square	blue lines	10/21/1958
Plan of guard chain & posts around sarcophagus #25	blue line	9/16/1957
Detail of scrolls on memorial Washington Square #3	blue line	10/16/1956
Plan of sarcophagus at Washington Square #4	blue line	10/19/1956
Lettering on memorial Washington Square #7	blue line	3/8/1957
Plan benches & bronze lily pad in Washington Square #5	blue line	10/19/1956
Washington Square Bicentennial project - cover sheet	mylar	
Location map Washington Square	mylar copy	1975
Plan revising lines & grades of city plan 308 vic. Spruce & 7th p-24-249	blue line	6/20/1966
Sewer plan (39-3)	blue print	no date
Plan vic. Washington Square (28-C)	blue print	3/1963
Mechanical- memorial at Washington Square	blue line	10/19/1956
 * Outline plan Washington Square		1973
Plan of Washington Square Guard House - HABS Drawing	copy	1988
Washington Square - Topo	copy	3/13/83

Free Library of Philadelphia

Logan Square

Philadelphia, PA

Map Collection: 686-5397; Print and Picture Dept.: 686-5405; Social History Dept.: 686-5396

The Free Library has a few very important collections. The Map Department houses a number of Washington Square plans and maps from the eighteenth century to the present day. In addition, the Atlases of Philadelphia, beginning in the 1860s, all show Washington Square within the larger context of entire city region. The Social History Department has file folders on Washington Square and related topics. These contain mostly newspaper clippings and photographs from the 1920s to the present. Finally, the Print and Picture Department itself has a number of things on Washington Square. They have both circulating and non-circulating images (meaning, new/common and old/rare) of the square in all media, from lithographs to photographs. They also have image indexes that correspond with "Philadelphiana" scrapbooks, most notably the Castner and Kennedy scrapbooks. These indexes provide references to the appropriate reel numbers of microfilm.

Maps/Plans

- MAP. 1797 Map of Philadelphia (Reprinted by Sam'l. Smedley, May 30, 1881). John Hills, Surveyor and Drafter. [FLP: Map Department]
 - lists Washington Square as "Burying Grounds" plot #48
 - edged in trees with one central tree
 - "Plan of the City of Philadelphia"
 - photo-lithograph 1881 by Thos. Hunter, Philadelphia
 - scale 600' = 1"
- MAP. Ernest Hexamer and William Locher. Maps of the City of Philadelphia, Vol. I, 1860 [FLP: Map Department]
 - Washington Square bounded by Walnut and Locust Streets, 6th and 7th Streets
 - shows general plan and trees
 - scale 60' = 1"
- MAP. Walter S. MacCormac. Atlas of Philadelphia, Vol. I. Philadelphia: G.H. Jones & Co., 1874. [FLP: Map Department]
 - Washington Square bounded by Walnut and Locust Streets, 6th Street and West Washington Square
 - shows fire plugs/hydrants, general plan, Washington Monument in center. "Corner Stone laid 1833"
 - scale 80' = 1"
- MAP. George W. and Walter S. Bromley. Atlas of City of Philadelphia, Central Business Property, Vol. II. Phila: G.W. Bromley and Co., 1896. [FLP: Map Department]
 - Washington Square showing Soldier's Monument in center of Square
 - scale 50' = 1"
- MAP. Ernest Hexamer and Son. Insurance Maps of the City of Philadelphia, Vol. I. Phila: Ernest Hexamer & Son, 1897 [FLP: Map Department]
 - Washington Square bounded by Walnut and Locust Streets, 6th Street and Washington Street

- general plan and "Soldiers Monument" in center, fireplugs, 1 frame building, 1 brick or stone building
- scale 50' = 1"
- MAP. Franklin's 100% "Intra City" Business Property Atlas of Philadelphia. Phila: Franklin Survey Co., 1939 [FLP: Map Department]
 - Washington Square bounded by Walnut Street and S. Washington Square, 6th Street and W. Washington Square
 - general plan marking 2 monuments (1 to center of west boundary, 1 in NE corner), brick building, frame building
- MAPS. Land Use Maps: 1942, 1962 [FLP: Map Department]
- MAP. Washington Square. City of Philadelphia. Fairmount Park Commission. Blue print. Oct. 21, 1958. Designed by N.R.L. Drawn by J. Lawton [FLP: Map Department]
 - scale 1" = 30' - 0"
 - approx. 24" x 30"
 - bounded by Walnut Street and S. Washington Square, 6th Street and W. Washington Square
 - indicates locations of: drinking fountain, hose outlets, guard boxes, fountain, pump pit, flag poles, monument, DAR plaque, manholes, general plan
- MAPS. Aerial Views of Philadelphia Center City, incl. Washington Square: 1930, 1945, 1965, and every five years after through 1995 [FLP: Map Department]
- MAP. "Aerial Survey of Washington Square." Fairmount Park Commission. March 13, 1983. Topographic Data Consultants, Inc., Berlin, NJ [FLP: Map Department]
 - photocopy of original map in Engineering Dept. of FPC
 - scale 1" = 30'
 - approx. 3'x4'
 - aerial photo of park, showing pedestrians, benches, trees, adjacent buildings, parked cars, etc.
- MAP. "Washington Square, Plan of Park." Fairmount Park Commission. (n.d., but ca. 1983). Topographic Data Consultants, Inc., Berlin, NJ [FLP: Map Department]
 - photocopy of original map in Engineering Dept. of FPC
 - scale 1" = 30'
 - image size 8 1/2" x 11"
 - shows: trees, footpaths, catch basins, manholes, hydrants, light poles, fences, walls, sidewalk, security wall, water display, maintenance building, Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers, etc.
 - bounded by Walnut Street and Washington Square South, 6th Street and Washington Square West

Images

- IMAGE. [FLP: Kennedy prints, microfilm. vol. 1, p. 41, print #46]
 - "S.W. Corner of Walnut St. and Washington Square, residence of Mr. Josiah Randall in 1836, demolished in 1868." (n.d.)
 - sketched by Kennedy.

- LITHOGRAPHS. Views from Independence Square. Ca. 1850. Each approx. 8.5"x19" [FLP: Print and Picture Dept., Non-Circulating Collection, Childe Panoramas]
 - "South View"; "East View"; "West View"; "North View"
- WATERCOLOR. [no artist] March 14, 1868. [FLP: Castner Scrapbooks on microfilm. Reel 4, vol. 31, p. 13]: Southwest corner Washington Square and Walnut Street -- shows building entrance; trolley; pedestrians
- PHOTOGRAPHS. n.d. [ca. 1900s-1910s] [FLP: Castner Scrapbooks on microfilm. Reel 4, vol. 31, p. 1]: 1.) Northwest corner, 6th and Walnut Streets; 2.) West side, 6th Street at Walnut Street; 3.) North side Walnut Street at 6th Street: all images feature buildings -- brick row houses and pedestrians
- ILLUSTRATION. Frank Taylor reproduction (n.d.) [from a book on the history of Philadelphia] [FLP: Castner Scrapbooks on microfilm. Reel 4, vol. 31, p. 54]: "Southwest from Washington Square": "Business -- notably, the publishing business -- has closed in upon old Washington square, even round about its once retired southwest corner. It has swept away the prim Orange st. meeting-house, but there yet remain the stately First Presbyterian Church and a group of still attractive residences of real architectural worth. . . ." [explication of what happened to properties along south side of Washington Square]
- ILLUSTRATION. Frank Taylor, reproduction [no date] [FLP: Castner Scrapbooks on microfilm. Reel 4, vol. 33, p. 27]: Southwest corner, Walnut and 7th Streets, showing buildings, pedestrians, part of Washington Square wrought iron fence; text describes local buildings, residences
- PRINT. "Sixth Street, south from Walnut St. along Washington Square, as it looked between 1837 and 1913." Black and white, approx. 3.25"x6" n.d. [FLP: Print and Picture Dept., Circulating Collection]
 - showing pedestrians, trolley car, and Union Casualty Insurance Building
- PHOTOGRAPHIC REPRODUCTION. "Southwest from Washington Square." Frank Taylor, illus. ca. 1900, 7 1/2" x 10" [FLP: Print and Picture Dept., Non-Circulating Collection]
- PHOTOGRAPHIC REPRODUCTION. "Southwest from Washington Square." Frank Taylor, illus. ca. 1900. Black and white glossy, 10.5"x13.25" [FLP: Print and Picture Dept., Non-Circulating Collection]
- PHOTOGRAPH. "Washington Square after the March storm and sleet - 1902. Children among the broken limbs." Black and white, approx. 3"x3.75" [FLP: Print and Picture Dept., Non-Circulating Collection]
 - possibly looking South; branches and limbs fallen from trees, lying on ground
- PHOTOGRAPH. "Washington Square looking into Independence Square. State House [illegible word]. After sleet storm, March 1902." Black and white, approx. 3"x4" [FLP: Print and Picture Dept., Non-Circulating Collection]
 - photo showing tree limbs and branches on ground; Independence Hall in background
 - building at SW corner of 6th and Walnut Streets with "For Sale" sign.

- PHOTOGRAPH. In Washington Square. Ca. 1904. Black and white, approx. 7"x9.5"
 - bum on bench, policeman with nightstick looks on: "COME ON, NOW! GET UP AND MOVE ON!" [FLP: Print and Picture Dept., Non-Circulating Collection]
 - later published in the Evening Bulletin, April 30, 1934 [clipping on back of photo]
- PHOTOGRAPH. Curtis Building and Penn Mutual Building, seen from Washington Square, looking towards the State House. 1916. Black and white, approx. 6" x 8" [FLP: Print and Picture Dept., Circulating Collection]
 - 2d Annual Exhibition, T-Square Club
- PHOTOGRAPHS. Aerial views of Washington Square. Black and white, 14.75"x18.5". Aero Service Corp. [FLP: Print and Picture Dept., Non-Circulating Collection, Aerial views]
 - 1919 Washington Square: showing park from NE corner and surrounding buildings and city; Square appears with pedestrians and trees [vol. 1, neg. #1420]
 - Aug. 11, 1927: Independence Square with view of NE Corner of Washington Square [vol. 5, neg. #7635]
 - Sept. 18, 1931: "New Construction Work in the Vicinity of Independence and Washington Squares" [vol. 12, neg. #P-281]
 - May 12, 1940: "Washington Square, Delaware River Bridge in Background"; view from SW, showing a bushy Washington Square [vol. 15, neg. #20919]
 - Sept. 1, 1945: "Independence Square" view from NE; bit of Washington Square seen behind Penn Mutual Fund Building [vol. 16, neg. #24052]
- PHOTOGRAPH. Washington Square view north from 7th Street. n.d., ca. 1920s. Black and white glossy, 8"x10" [FLP: Print and Picture Dept., Non-Circulating Collection]
 - shows southern entrance to park, pedestrians, classic auto
- PRINT. Frank H. Taylor. Looking SW from Washington Square, showing First Presbyterian Church and the Orange St. Friends' Meeting House on the site of the present Farm Journal Building. Independence Square Neighborhood, 1926, approx. 3 1/2" x 6" [FLP: Print and Picture Dept., Circulating Collection]
- PHOTOGRAPH. South Side of Washington Square, looking toward brick apartments, SW corner. Black and White, approx. 3" x 3.25" Philadelphia Inquirer, 1941 [FLP: Print and Picture Dept., Circulating Collection]
- PHOTOGRAPH. From balcony at 700 S. Washington Square, of artist Inez Renninger sketching, approx. 6"x4" Philadelphia Inquirer, 1941 [FLP: Print and Picture Dept., Circulating Collection]
- PHOTOGRAPH. Looking NE from center of Washington Square toward 6th and Walnut Streets. Philadelphia Inquirer 1941, approx. 7"x9" [FLP: Print and Picture Dept., Circulating Collection]
 - photo shows people sitting on benches, talking
 - "A favorite gathering place for residents of the neighborhood."

- PHOTOGRAPH. Washington Square Ginkgo trees. Philadelphia Inquirer 1941, approx. 6"x3.75"
[FLP: Print and Picture Dept., Circulating Collection]
 - "Johanna Schneider, artist, of E. Washington Square, examines one of them."
- PHOTOGRAPH. "In Washington Square Today." Philadelphia Inquirer ca. 1941, approx. 5.25"x3.5".
Copyright Jos. N. Pearce [FLP: Print and Picture Dept., Circulating Collection]
 - photo showing foliage and cabin-like structure in Square
- PHOTOGRAPH. Veteran's Day Memorial Service at Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Nov. 11, 1960.
By Pasky. Black and white [FLP: Print and Picture Dept., Circulating Collection]
 - laying wreaths, trumpeter at tomb
 - people in photo: Joseph Goldstein, dept. commander JWV; Mrs. Dorothy Lipton, county pres. JWV; Ellis Zeitz, county commander, JWV; David Berger, city solicitor; Blowing taps in foreground: patrolman Benjamin Kevitch.
- PHOTOGRAPH. Washington Square looking NE towards Independence Hall, corner of Penn Mutual Building in Sight. Black and white, 8 1/2" x 11", n.d. [FLP: Print and Picture Dept., Circulating Collection]
- ILLUSTRATION. Washington Square in Winter. Color illustration for contemporary calendar page; looking toward Penn Mutual Building [FLP: Print and Picture Dept., Circulating Collection]

Printed Material: Books

- BOOKLET. Of Washington Square (Publisher's Square). Philadelphia: Privately Printed, 1912.
[FLP: Castner Scrapbooks on microfilm. Reel 1, vol. 7, p. 57]
 - general history of Washington Square, development of publishing houses that encircle it
- PAMPHLET. "Pennsylvania Hospital Day Salutes Washington Square." June 3, 1959
 - sponsored by Women's Auxiliary of Pennsylvania Hospital [FLP: Clipping File, Washington Square, Social History Dept.]

Printed Material: Articles

- EVENING BULLETIN. May 10, 1922. "Where Fashionable Philadelphia Once Held Forth." [FLP: Clipping File, Washington Square, Social History Dept.]
 - Frank Taylor illustration; mostly view of Penn Mutual Building
- PUBLIC LEDGER. Nov. 29, 1931. "Old Map Reveals Plans for Square." [FLP: Clipping File, Washington Square, Social History Dept.]
 - re: map found among Monsieur Mackau's papers
 - "The map, in ink and watercolors, gives a detailed plan of the square as originally laid out in 1818 by George Bridport. . . ."
- EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER. Sept. 11, 1940. Joseph Jackson, "Our Town - Trees in Washington Square." [FLP: Clipping File, Washington Square, Social History Dept.]
 - brief history of square, noting that the once exotic array of trees is no longer there
- PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER. 1941. [FLP: Castner Scrapbooks on microfilm. Reel 5, vol. 41, p. 50-3]: "Washington Square": 1.) pedestrians among trees/gathering place for neighbors and

residents; 2.) from balcony at 700 S. Washington Square, Inez Renninger; 3.) "On the South side of the Square, colonial buildings with fanlight doorways, wrought iron rails and marble steps. . . ."; 4.) 80 ginkgo trees; 5.) artist: "1941 Academy Memorial prize winner, Albert B. Serwazi works in his studio on South Washington Square"; 6.) artist: "Etchings and watercolors are the specialty of Arnold Anderson, shown in his studio on South Washington Square"; 7.) "Lawyer Allen B. Clement and his son, Robert, work in Washington Square offices"; 8.) "The Square has long been a popular working centre for art students as well as established artists. Joan Slaska. . . poses for members of a sketch class, . . on East Washington Square."

- EVENING BULLETIN. Dec. 9, 1947. Will Coffee, "Rhymes and Ripples in Washington Square." [FLP: Clipping File, Washington Square, Social History Dept.]:
 - poem and sketch of Washington Square; sentimental verse
- EVENING BULLETIN. Feb. 25, 1949. "History of the City's Oldest House." [FLP: Castner Scrapbooks on microfilm. Reel 2, vol. 18, p. 33]: Question: "Was Washington Square ever the site of private homes? (J.C.) No, the squares donated by William Penn for public use, the first city parks in America, were never under private ownership. Southeast Square, at 7th and Walnut [Streets], later known as Washington Square, was used as a potter's field from 1706 to about 1794. Not only strangers who died in the city but also hundreds of Continental soldiers and British prisoners of the Revolution were buried there. The place was enclosed and landscaped in 1816 but the fences were removed 1883-84."
- BULLETIN. Aug. 5, 1956. "Remains of Revolutionary Soldier Hunted in Washington Square for a Memorial." [FLP: Clipping File, Washington Square, Social History Dept.]:
 - photo of sketch of proposed memorial
 - archaeological excavations; design of memorial
- PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER. Aug. 5, 1956. "Revolutionary War Memorial in Washington Square Will Honor Unknown Heroes Slain in 1[770s?]." [FLP: Clipping File, Washington Square, Social History Dept.]:
 - go-ahead for memorial; inscription on stone
- EVENING BULLETIN. June 26, 1957. "Gates to Dedicate Memorial to Revolution Soldiers Here." [FLP: Clipping File, Washington Square, Social History Dept.]:
 - re: dedication ceremony of Tomb of Unknown Soldier
- BULLETIN. June 29, 1957. "Unknown Hero of Revolution Is Honored Here." [FLP: Clipping File, Washington Square, Social History Dept.]:
 - with photos of Secretary of Navy Thos. Gates giving dedication speech
- PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER. November 12, 1957. Ceremonies for wreath laying at Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. [FLP: Clipping File, Washington Square, Social History Dept.]
- EVENING BULLETIN. Dec. 1, 1960. Daniel O'Leary, "Washington Square Apartments to be Started Next Month." [FLP: Clipping File, Washington Square, Social History Dept.]:
 - construction of Hopkinson House

- PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER. Feb. 21, 1961. "\$50 Million Washington Square Project to Start in April." [FLP: Clipping File, Washington Square, Social History Dept.]:
 - redevelopment of historic homes
- PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER. April 22, 1961. "First Step Taken to Redevelop Washington Square West Side." [FLP: Clipping File, Washington Square, Social History Dept.]:
 - with map showing area, surrounding important landmarks
- EVENING BULLETIN. Sept. 23, 1961. "City Approves Face-Lift Plan for 285 Acres. Washington Square Redevelopment is Redefined." [FLP: Clipping File, Washington Square, Social History Dept.]
- PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER. Sept. 23, 1961. "Washington Square Area Plan Given Approval of City Commission." [FLP: Clipping File, Washington Square, Social History Dept.]:
 - rehabilitation especially to build high-rises
- WELCOMAT. July 27, 1977. Cinnie Morgan and Martin Hirsch, "Redevelopment is Major Concern of Area Groups." [FLP: Clipping File, Washington Square, Social History Dept.; ATH: WSA Papers, box 2 folder 4]:
 - section on Washington Square; description of Washington Square Association, and its mission
 - photo of Eugene Wey sitting on bench in square
- PUBLIC LEDGER. July 8, 1980. Public Ledger [FLP: Castner Scrapbooks on microfilm. Reel 5, vol. 44, p. 53]: "Local Affairs -- Matters Related to the Five Public Squares."; on original history of Washington Square
- PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER. Nov. 26, 1991. Joseph Slobodzian, "Washington Square to go Federal: Will Join Independence Park within 10 Years." [FLP: Clipping File, Washington Square, Social History Dept.]:
 - re: agreement between local and federal government to turn over Square to National Park Service
- PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER. July 4, 1993. Sally Downey, "Hallowed, honored, historic, it's home." [FLP: Clipping File, Washington Square, Social History Dept.]:
 - brief history of square; present description of Washington Square West neighborhood
- PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER. Nov. 14, 1996. Mark Davis, "Square's Path to Renewal Advances." [FLP: Clipping File, Washington Square, Social History Dept.]:
 - photo of eternal flame burning; plan to restore walkways
- UNIDENTIFIED CLIPPING. [no source; no date] [FLP: Castner Scrapbooks on microfilm. Reel 4, vol. 31, p. 58]: re: "Ludwig Building which stood on the north side of Walnut street above 6th Street, before the erection of the present Curtis building. . ."
- UNIDENTIFIED CLIPPING. [no source; no date] "Washington Square: Legal Talent Nurtured on Rim of Historic Square" [FLP: Clipping File, Washington Square, Social History Dept.]:
 - change from surrounding buildings housing "the most eminent members of the bar" in the 19th century

- features 3 biographical sketches: James Campbell, Post-Master General for Pres. Pierce; Wayne MacVeagh, Attorney General for Pres. Garfield; Benjamin Harris Brewster, Attorney General for Pres. Arthur
- UNIDENTIFIED CLIPPINGS. [FLP: Castner Scrapbooks on microfilm. Reel 4, vol. 32, p. 6]: 1.) Buildings of the Curtis Publishing Co., Walnut Street at 6th Street [from Walnut St. Business Association; no date]; 2.) Northwest corner 6th and Walnut Streets: "The Old-fashioned buildings which had to make way for the Curtis Building" [sign: Cigars J.L. Kelly]; 3.) Northeast corner 7th and Walnut Streets: "These also gave way to the Curtis Building" [sign: Pawson & Nicholson, Bookbinders]
- UNIDENTIFIED CLIPPING. "Statue for Washington Grays." [no source, no date] [FLP: Castner Scrapbooks on microfilm. Reel 2, vol. 15, p. 52]
 - "The monument in Washington Square, which is to be ornamented with a bronze figure of a typical member of the Washington Grays in their old uniform, has not been without its vicissitudes. Originally the granite shaft on a modest pedestal occupied the middle of Girard avenue on the east side of Broad street. It was erected in 1782 [sic]. About ten years ago, the market sheds in Girard avenue having been removed and the trolley company desiring to draw together its tracks, succeeded in having the monument, which is a memorial to the organization's members and officers who fell in the Civil War, removed.
 - Washington Square was selected for several reasons, among them because it was on the west side of the square that the organization was mustered in at the outbreak of the Civil War, and from which time dates its change of character. The old monument was re-erected on a new base, because its old foundation was too low for its new position. It is not generally known that the monument occupies approximately the position of the corner-stone of the Washington Monument, which was laid with imposing ceremonies in the year 1833, the marble for the purpose having been dressed in the great Washington Centennial parade the year before. This corner-stone was a gift from the marble cutters of Philadelphia, and it was believed that before [-] enough money would be su[-] carry the project to completion. But nothing further in the matter seems to have been done, and nothing but the corner-stone remains."

Haverford College
Quaker and Special Collections
Haverford, PA; (610) 896-1161

Haverford Special Collections contains an extensive collection of George Vaux papers, organized in a finding aid called "The Vaux Collection of Correspondence and Documents, 1659-1914." A thorough search through this finding aid, which describes the contents of individual manuscripts, found no sources related to Vaux's involvement with Washington Square.

Historical Society of Pennsylvania
1300 Locust St.
Philadelphia, PA; 732-6200

The HSP is closed for research due to renovations. They tentatively plan to reopen around July, 1999. A cursory look at their card catalogue during phase I of this project revealed no manuscript material directly related to Washington Square. A search on the database Archives USA, however, showed that HSP has holdings for the Fairmount Park Commission located in their Albert Monroe Greenfield Collection. When HSP reopens to researchers, this collection should be consulted to determine the scope and content of papers related to Washington Square.

Library Company of Philadelphia

1314 Locust

Philadelphia, PA; 546-2465

The Library Company of Philadelphia's most useful materials for Washington Square are its Philadelphia-related scrapbooks originally compiled by Poulson. Photocopies of these found in the Reading Room are indexed and provide a number of nineteenth-century newspaper articles on Washington Square. In addition, they have a number of complete or near-complete runs of Philadelphia newspapers from the eighteenth through the mid-nineteenth century. A possible way to get more material on Washington Square is to browse these papers on or around certain important dates in the square's history. The Library Company also has an extensive collection of travel literature and histories of Philadelphia, which might contain accounts of visitors to Washington Square. Their Print Department had nothing on Washington Square specifically, but a researcher in the future could browse their card catalogue by street address for related images.

Maps/Plans

- MAP. [LCP: *Am 1892 Smi 8442.F] John Jay Smith papers, manuscript version, volume 3 [n.p.]
 - hand-drawn plot plan, approx. 5" x 7", Chestnut to Walnut Streets, 6th to 7th Streets; area south of Walnut Street listed as "Strangers Burial."

Images

- STEREOGRAPH. "Drinking Fountain, Washington Square," ca. 1869, published by the Philadelphia Fountain Society. [LCP: P.9644.29, Print Department].

Printed Material: Books

- BOOK. Bowen, Daniel. A History of Philadelphia. Philadelphia: Daniel Bowen, 1839. [LCP: Am 1839 Bow 76434.O]
 - (pp. 186-7): "WASHINGTON SQUARE, Lies immediately Southwest of INDEPENDENCE SQUARE, having Sixth Street on its east side, and Walnut Street on its north side. This Square is entirely surrounded with a tall iron-railing, resting on heavy blocks of granite, and has principal entrances at each corner, through heavy iron gates, supported by blocks of marble. The Square can also be entered, by small gates on either of its four sides: It was at one time formerly, a sacred depository of the dead, and is now, one of the most ornamental spots in the City;--its walks, trees, shrubbery, &c. all preserved in high order, cannot fail to produce a most agreeable impression, especially in the summer and autumn. In the centre of this square, the foundation of a MONUMENT, in honor of the "FATHER of his COUNTRY" was laid, on the 22d of February, 1833. This important structure should not, be suffered to languish, especially as Funds have already been secured, to commence the Monument. Philadelphia, in which, WASHINGTON lived so many years, an ornament to the City, and whose principal acts, constituting him the first man, of all times, were here performed, and should never rest, until an enduring Monument of her gratitude, is erected."
- BOOK. Frey, Carroll. Philadelphia's Washington Square. Philadelphia: The Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company, 1952. [LCP: ref Uy8 7633.Q; FPC: Washington Square Folder]
 - brief history with illustrations; information on Walnut Street Prison

- BOOK. The Independence Square Neighborhood. Philadelphia: The Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company, 1926. [LCP: ref Uy8.43296.O]
 - one chapter on Washington Square; information on contemporary plantings, including ginkgo; description of public houses

Printed Material: Articles

- POULSON'S AMERICAN DAILY ADVERTISER. Jan. 19, 1828. [LCP: Poulson's Scrapbooks of Phila. History, vol. IV p. 7]
 - "'Potter's Field' (now Washington square) was surrounded by a post and rail fence, where, in the midst of the 'silent dead,' stood a willow Tree and a vault wall."
- UNIDENTIFIED CLIPPING. May 22, 1847. [LCP: Poulson's Scrapbooks of Phila. History, vol. II p. 36]
 - "A Revery in Ancient Potter's Field": "The beautiful pleasure ground in Philadelphia known as the Washington Square, was in former times the public burial place, or potter's field. I have been told that after a heavy storm of rain, bones were sometimes seen protruding from the ground."
 - article contains poem of 26 stanzas about burials in Washington Square, and the spirits that might still live there
- PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER [?]. Ca. 1849. [LCP: Poulson's Scrapbooks of Phila. History, vol. 6 pp. 4-5]
 - "Philadelphia: sights from a Steeple, No. III: Washington Square"
 - long article featuring description of square in spring and summer, its use as an 18th century African gathering place, and Revolutionary events, including its 1777 conversion to a public grave: "'The sexton told me,' said John Adams in a letter dated April 13, 1777, 'that upwards of two thousand soldiers had been buried there, and by the appearance of the graves and trenches, it is most probable to me that he speaks within bounds'."
 - in 1793 opened as Potter's Field because of yellow fever (mentions that Charles Brockden Brown's Arthur Mervyn has a "vivid description" of it)
 - in 1836, the iron railing enclosure cost \$38,201.00
 - in the 18th century, Potter's Field was leased to Joshua Carpenter for use as a pasture
- POULSON'S AMERICAN DAILY ADVERTISER. May 18, 1851. [LCP: Poulson's Scrapbooks of Phila. History, vol. 11 p. 19]
 - "Beautiful Trees -- Six of a rare variety of shade-trees known as Rowan, or European mountain ash, have recently been planted in the Washington Square, and from their bearing a white blossom in clusters, already attract the notice of visitors. They renew their blossoms every month until September, when they give place to red berries. The trees in question were brought from Saratoga by David Paul Brown, Esq., who presented them to the Committee on City Property, and by their direction they were distributed among the various squares. Washington Square has a rich variety of trees both exotics and natives."
- UNIDENTIFIED CLIPPING. Ca. 1856. [LCP: Poulson's Scrapbooks of Phila. History, vol. 2 p. 87] [publ. in another paper, but "for Christian Observer,"]: "Reminiscences of Philadelphia" regarding "striking transformation" of Potter's Field: "The Potter's Field of our boyhood, a desolate, dreary spot, beneath whose soil, thousands of men have been hidden from the gaze of men, and the beautiful Washington Square, the delightful promenade of the aged and the young,

from every part of the city. None can begin to realize the contrast, save those who saw the dismal original, and who knew its early history."

- SUNDAY DISPATCH. Oct. 30, 1859. [LCP: Poulson's Scrapbooks of Phila. History, vol. VIII p. 7]
 - "Recollections of the Past," Frank Colliger: "Potter's Field, now Washington Square, was [--]en like a neglected common, surrounded by a dilapidated fence, and divided by Seventh Street; the western portion was used as a receptacle for cobble-stones, and other city materials. The ravine divided, diagonally, a portion of the [--]stern part, and drained the surrounding ground through an arch on Sixth street to the common [se]wer, which passed under the prison yard and also drained that establishment. The horse market, by John M. Irwin, was held on Locust street, at the rear of Potter's Field."
- DAILY NEWS. April 29, 1865. [LCP: Poulson's Scrapbooks of Phila. History, vol. VIII p. 33]
 - "Recollections of the Past," Frank Colliger: "Washington Square -- This now beautiful place for promenade, and the amusement and merry gambols of children, was originally an uneven-surfaced lot of ground, owned by the city corporation under the 'Patent' of William Penn, to be forever kept open for the uses and purposes it is now enjoyed. At first this square was rented out as a pasture lot; but in the course of time it became a cemetery or 'Potter's Field,' and thousands of bodies were buried there, especially during the prevalence of that terrible pestilence, the yellow fever, which prevailed throughout the city in the summer and autumn of the year 1793, when the ravages of the disease were so rapid and sweeping as to destroy the lives of upwards of four thousand people, and preclude separate graves and customary ceremonies of internment, and hence the victims of the plague were promiscuously entombed in deep trenches. The central part of the square was then occupied by a brick wall enclosure, about 20' square, in the area which were several tombless graves."

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Olmsted Associates were hired to design improvements for Washington Square in the early-twentieth century. Coxey Toogood has photocopied the correspondence relating to this (obtained from the Library of Congress, microroll #228). In addition, Linda Genovese from the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site has provided descriptions of plans in their collection in Massachusetts (see photocopies, pages 52a-52g). She seems to have provided information on everything they have, but if future correspondence is necessary, the original job number was #3825.



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April 23, 1998

Olmsted Job #3825 Washington Square
Philadelphia City Plan Commission
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Wendy A. Woloson
Independent Researcher
504 Woodland Terrace
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Dear Wendy:

In response to your request of April 15, the archives staff have searched the historic landscape design records of the Olmsted firm for information relating to Olmsted Job #3825 Washington Square, Philadelphia City Plan Commission in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

To date, 6 plans and drawings dated 1913 and 1 file folder of planting lists for Job #3825 are included in the Olmsted Archives. There is no evidence of photographs for this job. Enclosed is a copy of the plans inventory for your information. Further research will need to be conducted by the researcher to determine if additional relevant materials are included in the collection. Also, please contact me for copyright information should reference to Olmsted Archives source material be considered for publication.

The bulk of the Olmsted firm's correspondence predating 1950 was donated by the Olmsted firm to the Manuscripts Division of the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. Enclosed is a brief description of the Olmsted Papers and Olmsted Associates Records at LC. LC records indicate there is 1 file folder of correspondence dated 1913 for Job #3825 in the Olmsted Associates Records, Series B. LC records indicate there is additional correspondence for Job #3825 included in the file for Job #3325 John D. McIlhenny in Germantown, Pennsylvania. The Manuscript Division will provide copies on request. The telephone number is (202) 707-5387. Microfilm reels are also available through interlibrary loan.

The correspondence between the Olmsted firm and the client is often critical in clarifying the design intent and the extent of work which was carried out by the firm. Based on past experience, many researchers have found the correspondence invaluable in terms of explaining the nature of the firm's work.

Enclosed is an Olmsted Archives Access Policy for you to review.

Researchers need to submit requests for appointments in writing. If you need further assistance, please feel free to contact me at (617) 566-1689 x231. On behalf of the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site, it has been a pleasure to assist you with your research.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda C. Genovese".

Linda C. Genovese
Supervisory Archivist

Enclosures: Olmsted Archives Access Policy
Olmsted NHS Brochure
LC Guide to Olmsted Papers
Plans inventory for Job #3825

GUIDE to the Olmsted Papers and Records at the Library of Congress

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The Frederick Law Olmsted Papers and the Olmsted Associates Records are located in the Reading Room of the Manuscript Division in the Madison Building, Library of Congress. This newest Library of Congress building is at the southeast corner of the intersection of First Street SE and Independence Avenue.

Frederick Law Olmsted Papers (60 microfilm reels). The papers have been microfilmed, and the Library of Congress has prepared a guide to them entitled, "Frederick Law Olmsted: A Register of his Papers in the Library of Congress" which is available in the Manuscript Reading Room. The papers span the years 1777 to 1952 and are divided roughly into four categories: Correspondence, which is arranged chronologically (reels 1-23); Subject, which is arranged topically by type of landscape design project (reels 24-41); Speeches and Writings (reels 41-47); and Miscellany (reels 48-51). Reels 52-60, containing material added to the collection since it was first deposited, have financial records (1855-1903), correspondence relating to Central Park, Louisville parks, Mount Royal, Niagara Falls Reservation, and the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893, as well as miscellaneous documents and writings. Individual reels of the Papers, or the full set, may be purchased from the Library of Congress or ordered on interlibrary loan.

The Frederick Law Olmsted Papers editing project has prepared computerized correspondence lists which also serve as guides to the Olmsted papers. The lists include all post-1865 letters to and from Olmsted as well as third-party letters. The lists contain the following information: sender; recipient; date of the letter; landscape design project with which it deals (by job number); repository; location (if the letter is located in the Olmsted papers, the reel and frame numbers are included); and a letter code if Olmsted signed the letter in the name of the firm. The lists can be sorted and searched by any of the above fields.

Olmsted Associates Records. A register to the Olmsted Associates Records similar to that provided for the Olmsted papers can also be consulted in the Manuscript Reading Room. The Olmsted Associates Records span the years 1870 to 1950 and are the records of the Olmsted landscape architectural firm. They include correspondence, letterbooks, memoranda, reports, plans, specifications, lists, clippings, and other related material. The records are divided into eight series.

Series A: The Letterbooks, 1884-99 (76 Volumes). The letterbooks are bound copies of letters sent, chronologically arranged, and fully indexed by name of recipient. They contain business letters, cost estimates, planting procedures and instructions, and various requests for information.

Some personal correspondence is occasionally found in the business material. From 1900 on, outgoing letters are filed in the B series job files. The ink has faded so badly in volumes 22 through 29 (June 1892 to Sept. 1893) that they are virtually illegible. The indexes in the volumes have been microfilmed, and are on two reels, shelf number MSS. 18,274. They can be purchased, or ordered from the Library of Congress on interlibrary loan.

The Olmsted Papers editorial project has compiled a computerized list of all correspondence in the A series through August 22, 1895 (volume 41). This list gives the correspondent's name and the numbers of A series volumes with letters to that person. There is a separate entry for each design project about which the firm wrote a correspondent. The list may be sorted and searched alphabetically or by job number, producing either a listing for all the jobs with which a correspondent was involved, or an alphabetical listing of all correspondents for a particular job in the letterpress volumes. The researcher can then take this list of volumes and use the microfilmed indexes of the letterpress volumes to locate the page numbers for letters to a given correspondent.

Series B: Job Files, 1871-1950 (523 Containers). The job files are arranged by job number and may range in size from one folder to over two hundred. The folders are stored in containers numbered B1-B523. Correspondence and other material for each job is arranged in rough chronological order. These files contain letters received and (after 1899) sent, as well as information about landscape designs and work arrangements, as well as notes, diagrams, and other printed matter.

There are two sets of indexes available for the job files. The first is a set of job books which serves as a numerical index. It includes all jobs undertaken by the firm for which job numbers were created, as well as jobs in which the firm was interested, created a job number, but did not perform any work. This list consists of photocopies and is located in container B1. The second index is a microfilm copy (shelf number MSS. 15,316) of the firm's index cards for the job file and lists the jobs undertaken by the firm alphabetically, geographically, and by category. These microfilm indexes are all incomplete to some extent, and vary in completeness. The alphabetical index--reels 1 through 6--is the most complete; the geographical index, on reel 7, is nearly as complete, while the index arranged by category of work is incomplete and unreliable.

In the Manuscript Reading Room there are also two oversize volumes that are a copy of the master job book at the Olmsted National Historic Site in Brookline. These volumes list the projects undertaken by the firm, by job number. (A number of projects done by Frederick Law Olmsted, Sr. did not receive job numbers, but have now been assigned numbers by the editors of the Olmsted Papers.)

For anyone seeking information about any of the firm's landscape design projects, series A and B would probably be the most useful.

Series C: General Correspondence, 1884-95 (4 containers). The correspondence in this series is largely routine in nature. It contains work requests and comments about park and estate development.

Series D: Special Correspondence, 1874-99 (4 containers). Most of the correspondence in this series relates to the landscaping of the World's Columbian Exposition. In addition, five letterbooks contain material relating to the US Capitol Grounds dated 1874-91.

Series E: Business Records, 1868-1950 (19 containers). This series contains reports of visits to job sites as well as quarterly and monthly reports, nursery orders, journals, ledgers. The material is arranged by type of record.

Series F: Scrapbooks and Albums, 1893-1917 (13 containers). This series contains bound newspaper clippings arranged by subject with a loose chronological arrangement within each volume. It also contains photograph albums.

Series G: Miscellany, 1890-1950 (2 containers). This series contains miscellaneous letters, letter fragments, resolutions, and deeds that are arranged by type of material or by subject.

Series H: Family Papers, 1868-1903 (9 containers). This series contains journals, account books, letterbooks, and family and personal letters. The material is grouped by type of material, with each group having either a complete chronological arrangement, or a combination alphabetical-chronological arrangement.

--Prepared by Charles E. Beveridge
F.L.O. Papers Project

Reprint from National Association for Olmsted Parks, News Update,
April-May, 1985.



RE-CATALOGING INVENTORY

Initials: *JC* Inventory Date: Nov 1993

Job: Washington Square

Location: Philadelphia, PA

No PI/PIA cards:
 All cards matched:
 Job #: 3825
 Sheet: 1 of 1

Job/Plan #	Title	PI/PIA	Date	Size	Box	Medium/Support	Notes	Draftsman
	The following plans were rolled together in a "Washington Square Philadelphia PA" Plan # A-1542/TP. Wrapper is Plan #17 from job in Washington, DC. See pg 4 - same that job of further info							
[3825]-1	Washington Square [orig] - Notes by PG Feb 11 1913 [r] - Washington Square Philadelphia PA / Block Plan [PI] - Scale 30' [orig]	Topo	15 Jan 1913 [orig] 11 Feb 1913 [r] 17 Jun 1913 [v] acid 5 Mar 1913 [PI]	26 1/4 x 26 3/4 B	5177	Blueprint, 11" x 17" P	- Care B. Zenger / City Archt / Room 825 City Hall - How acid brought by P.G. [PI] - [where for notes on p17g]	PG [r]
[3825]-5	- Washington Square Plan showing surrounding properties [and] suggestion for rearrangement of walks in Washington Square Philadelphia PA [r] - [No Scale given]	A.E	11 Feb 1913 [r] found 5 Jun 1913 [see above] [PI]	14 1/4 x 11 3/4 A	"	g 1/p	- Harry [illeg] / 214 W. Washington Sq [r] - [crossed out] suggested by [r] 5 [r] PI - found on vared table June 3/13 [PI]	-
3825-6	- Washington Square Philadelphia PA Plan showing location of Parks and Monument site, as suggested by Art July [r] - Scale 20' = 1" [r]	Prep	21 Jun 1913 [r]	40 1/2 x 33 C	"	g 4/p	- OSLA [r] - Drawn by A. Chandler Manning [PI]	-
[3825]-Z1	- Washington Square Philadelphia PA Changes proposed by Art July / July 1913 shown in red [r] - [No scale given]	-	July 1913 [r]	29 1/4 x 25 B	"	g 1/p	- [maybe study done about OS form that was used to make OS plan #6 above, definitely a connection to ...]	-

Please ... Frederick ...



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OLMSTED ARCHIVES ACCESS POLICY

The surviving records of the Olmsted firm are held primarily at the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site and at the Library of Congress. Originally together in Brookline, these collections complement each other and are often best studied in tandem. The records document approximately 5,000 jobs conducted by the firm, beginning with the work of Frederick Law Olmsted, Senior in the 1860s and followed by that of his sons and successors until 1980.

The Archives of the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site include an estimated 150,000 landscape architectural plans and drawings, 70,000 sheets of planting lists, 60,000 photographic prints, 30,000 photographic negatives, 12,000 lithographs, financial records, job correspondence, records and reports, and models relating to over 5,000 individual jobs which date from the 1860s to 1980. There are also study collections on urban design, landscape architecture, and the fine arts in general, and a reference collection of maps and atlases. The Library of Congress holds the bulk of the firm's correspondence (see enclosure). The archival collection represents a rare continuity of work by a single professional office and reflects the history of the development of landscape architecture and environmental design in the United States.

We are currently in the process of a long-term inventory and paper conservation program which will gradually improve access to the full collection. Because processing of the collection has not been completed and many items are fragile, it may take the archives varying amounts of time to retrieve and prepare documents for research use. In some circumstances, items may require extensive inventorying and conservation treatment before they are accessible. Within the limitations stated above, we will make every effort possible to prepare materials requested for research use.

Scheduling Research Appointments

Requests for research appointments need to be submitted in writing, and we encourage you to do so as early as possible. Please direct your research requests to the Archivist, Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site, 99 Warren Street, Brookline, Massachusetts 02146. Requests should provide the researcher's professional or academic affiliation, the scope and purpose of research, Olmsted job number, if known, client name at the time of the firm's activity, project location, and any variants or additional information that can be provided would be most helpful.

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Penn Mutual Archives

Philadelphia, PA

George Koch is the contact person for the Penn Mutual Archives, and can be reached on Thursdays at (215) 956-7777. Discussions with him over the telephone revealed that many of the Penn Mutual materials related to the corporate history generally and to Washington Square specifically were destroyed in a fire. What remains is housed at the Atheneum. Koch is continuing to check the miscellaneous archives not housed at the Atheneum. As of May, 1999, he found the following items, and will continue to provide lists of newly accessible materials if and as they surface.

Manuscript Material

- MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE. ca. 1980s, 1990s. Correspondence regarding fundraising efforts for the Square.

Articles, Clippings

- ARTICLES. From the Penn Mutual newsletter, Comradeship, regarding reopening of the Square.
 - June, 1957: cover story about the rededication, including photos
 - July/August, 1957: "Colorful Ceremony of Washington Square."

Miscellaneous Material

- TYPESCRIPT. "Copy, Washington Square Patent for Use as a Potter's Field." No date.
 - 3 pages of typescript.

Pennsylvania Horticultural Society**20th & Arch****Philadelphia, PA; 988-8772**

It is unclear where the archives for the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society are located, if indeed they exist at all. The manuscript catalogue at the PHS contained no entries for Washington Square, or for any of the prominent people who were involved with its development. Another researcher might have better luck by trying more names, and by consulting the librarians once again, who themselves are not in agreement about the scope of their manuscript collection -- it is still possible that materials might be there but for some reason inaccessible. They also have only a few Annual Reports for The City Parks Association (listed below). Other issues of these might contain articles about Washington Square.

Maps/Plans

- MAP. 1822. "Map of Washington Square." Planting Plan. [William Rush?] [PHS: on display in Library]
 - diagram of trees planted, labeled, and lists corresponding to types of plants
 - all hand drawn, colored, and lettered

Printed Material: Books

- BOOK. Rivinus, Marion Martin. Philadelphia Squares. Philadelphia: International Printing Co., 1958. ("A Paper Read Before the Hostess Committee of the Franklin Institute.") [PHS: Stacks]
 - Description of 18th century Southeast Square: "It is not very attractive, as it is a Potter's Field to which have been added the bodies of Revolutionary soldiers and even Acadians, and victims of the Yellow fever, buried in ditch-like graves. Some negroes and freemen, in their colorful costumes, are doing a Calypso in the center of the Square. Fortunately as it is not a Fair Day when they gather here in the thousands, we have the place pretty much to ourselves" (pp. 3-4).
 - description of Square and its transformation through time continues on subsequent pages
- ANNUAL REPORTS. The City Parks Association of Philadelphia.
 - listing of Washington Square Park and acreage: Ward 5, 6.9 acres: 1917, p. 31; 1922, p. 82; 1925, p. 58; 1926, p. 118; 1927-8, p. 87; 1928, p. 17. Also 1928, list of parks under jurisdiction of Fairmount Park Commission as of June 1, 1928. [PHS: Special Collections]

Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution
The Racquet Club, Suite 27
215 South 16th Street
Philadelphia, PA; 545-1888

Mark Frazier Lloyd, President of the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution, indicated that the PSSR is an organization distinct from the Sons of the Revolution, which has no direct relationship with Washington Square. The PSSR, however, has been involved with ceremonies both at Independence Hall and Washington Square. Lloyd states in e-mail correspondence that "The Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution. . . was deeply involved in the founding of the INHP in the 1940s. The Sons have also, since about 1969, held an annual patriotic ceremony every July Fourth on Independence Square. The Sons have held a ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier for only about a decade."

The PSSR has few archives sources on site. According to Martha Taylor, Office Manager of the PSSR, documents predating 1994 are located at the Pierce Leahey Archives in Sharon Hill, PA, and therefore inaccessible. Consulting these documents may clarify the PSSR's involvement with Washington Square, although the PSSR's complete holdings of their annual proceedings provides a great deal of information about the ceremonies held at Washington Square and Independence Hall.

Documents

- FILE. "Washington Square Association"
 - misc. correspondence, newspaper clippings: 1991, 1993, 1994 regarding wreath-laying ceremony; Washington Square's inclusion with Independence Hall (1991); proposed resolution of 1991 to incorporate Washington Square into INHP
- FILE. "Independence Hall Preservation Fund"
 - misc. correspondence: 1995, 1996, 1998

Annual Proceedings of the Society (PSSR has 1916/1917, 1921 - present)

- nothing in Proceedings about Washington Square until 1969/1970 issue
- 1969/1970: "This Society will do its part in kindling the slow burning fires of patriotism this coming Fourth of July. Your Board of Managers at a recent meeting resolved that this year the Rededication Ceremony, which is held annually at Independence Hall on July 4th, will be sponsored by this society." (p. 35)
- 1970/1971: mention of last year's rededication ceremonies. organizers
- 1971/1972: "Plans are now being made for the 1971 celebration. You are all invited to Independence Hall on Sunday, July 4th at 1:30 P.M." (p. 33)
- 1972/1973: rededication program, entitled "Operation Patriotism"; includes contents of speech, participants, etc.
- 1973/1974: includes report of "Operation Patriotism," and July 4 rededication at Independence Hall
- 1974/1975, 1975: mention of July 4th observance at Independence Hall
- 1976: mention of July 4th observance at Independence Hall and remarks at ceremony

- 1977: bell ringing ceremony and speech at Independence Hall
- 1978-1986: July 4th Address at Independence Hall
- 1987: July 4th Address at Independence Hall; "Resolution to Incorporate Washington Square in INHP" proposed by the board of managers (p. 49)
- 1988, 1989, 1991: July 4th Address at Independence Hall
- 1992-1994: July 4th Address at Independence Hall; Wreath Laying Ceremony at Washington Square
- 1995: July 4th Address at Independence Hall
- 1996: July 4th Address at Independence Hall; no Wreath Laying Ceremony speech included, but Proceedings stated that it happened
- 1997: July 4th Address at Independence Hall

Images

PHOTOGRAPHS. Color photographs of recent PSSR ceremonies at Independence Hall and Washington Square. Photographs are organized by year, but not labeled as to participants.

Swarthmore College
Friends Historical Library
500 College Avenue
Swarthmore, PA; 328-8496

The Friends Historical Library contains manuscript material related to hundreds of Quaker families. The card catalogue was consulted for documents related to the Quakers involved with Washington Square, particularly George Vaux and Eli K. Price. There were no relevant Vaux papers and the Price papers were from the collection of the elder Price, not the one who was with the Fairmount Park Commission.

Winterthur Museum and Library
Manuscript Collection
Winterthur, DE; (302) 888-4600

Winterthur's Edwin Brumbaugh Collection contains a number of drawings, maps, plans, and studies related to the renovation of Washington Square proposed by the architect in the late 1950s. These items provide intricate details of the designs for the Memorial to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier as well as information about other aspects of Washington Square. (See pages 62a-62c for list of items in the collection.)

Architectural Drawings

- BLUEPRINT. "Lamp and Post." 9/13/1954; 24" x 36" [WRM: folder R-8a]
 - elevations, plans, details, sections of lamp and post design
- BLUEPRINT. "Key Plan, Drawing No. 5." Walls and Piers at Washington Square, 4/13/1954 [WRM: folder X-22]
 - scale 1" = 30'
- BLUEPRINT. "Plans, Sections, and Elevations, Drawing No. 1." Memorial and Fountain, no date [WRM: folder X-22]
 - scale 1/8" = 1'
- BLUEPRINT. "Details of Pool, Revised Drawing No. 6." Memorial and Fountain, 1/21/1957 [WRM: folder X-22]
 - scale 3/8" = 1'
 - "plan thru pool," "section thru pool"
- BLUEPRINT. "Memorial, Drawing No. 2." Memorial and Fountain, no date [WRM: folder X-22]
 - scale 3/8" = 1'
 - with indications of rods, beams, concrete
- BLUEPRINT. "Details of Pool, Drawing No. 6." Memorial and Fountain, 10/19/1956 [WRM: folder X-22]
 - scale 3/8" = 1' (2 copies)
- BLUEPRINT. "Memorial, Drawing No. 2." Memorial and Fountain, 10/19/1956 [WRM: folder X-22]
 - scale 3/8" = 1'
 - structural plans
- BLUEPRINT. "Plan Showing Proposed Improvements." 6/22/1953, revised 10/21/1953, by Thomas W. Sears, Landscape Architect [WRM: folder X-22]
 - scale 1" = 30'
 - showing placement and types of trees, wall suggestions, possible sites of Memorial, central Washington statue
 - bounded by Walnut Street, 6th Street, South Washington Square, West Washington Square
 - includes side streets, bordering buildings

- BLUEPRINT. "Planting Suggestions for the Vicinity of the Memorial to Unknown Soldiers." 3/7/1956, by Thomas W. Sears, Landscape Architect [WRM: folder X-22]
 - scale 1/8" = 1'
 - includes cost estimate, shows some trees, evergreen hedges, caveat that some trees might need to be replaced
- BLUEPRINT. "Suggested Street and Walkway Lighting, Revisions." 7/22/1954 [WRM: folder X-22]
 - scale 1" = 30'
 - shows standard lights and underground wiring
- BLUEPRINT. "Lamp and Post, Drawing No. 7." Walls and Piers, 9/13/1954 [WRM: folder X-22]
 - scale 3/4" = 1'
 - details of lamp, elevation
- BLUEPRINT. Vickery Stone Co., Upper Darby, PA, 2/15/1957 [WRM: folder X-45a]
 - limestone, sandstone studies for Memorial (no scale)
- BLUEPRINT. "Lamp and Post, Drawing No. 7." Preliminary Print, Walls and Piers, 9/13/1954 [WRM: folder X-45a]
 - scale 3/4" = 1'
- BLUEPRINT. "Memorial Fountain." Newman Bros., Inc., Cincinnati for J.S. Cornell, 12/3/1957 [WRM: folder X-45a]
 - no scale
 - details of wall fastenings, cinch anchors
- BLUEPRINT. "Lighting suggestion, George Washington Statue." Voight Co., no date [WRM: folder X-45a]
 - actual size
- BLUEPRINT. "Floodlighting for Washington Statue." PECO, 7/26/1957 [WRM: folder X-45a]
 - scale 1/4" = 1'
- BLUEPRINT. "Memorial at Washington Square." American Steel Engineering Co., Philadelphia, for J.S. Cornell, 2/11/1957 [WRM: folder X-45a]
 - no scale
- BLUEPRINT. "Memorial Fountain." Newman Brothers, Inc., Cincinnati, for J.S. Cornell, revised 12/23/1957 [WRM: folder X-45a]
- BLUEPRINT. "Memorial Fountain." Newman Brothers, Inc., Cincinnati, for J.S. Cornell, with first revisions, approved 12/10/1957 [WRM: folder X-45a]
- BLUEPRINT. "Lettering on Memorial. Drawing No. 7." Memorial and Fountain, 3/8/1957 [WRM: folder J-2]
 - scale 1 1/2" = 1'
 - drawing of George Washington; placement of text, inscription for Memorial

- BLUEPRINTS. Duplicates of plans, layouts, details of Washington Square, and office copies with hand-written notes, 1956-1957 [WRM: folder G-9a]
- ORIGINAL PENCIL DRAWINGS ON VELLUM; many same as parchment tracings, below [WRM: folder G-9a]
 - "Memorial, Drawing No. 2." 10/19/1956
 - scale $3/8" = 1'$
 - "Detail of Scrolls on Memorial, Drawing No. 3." 10/19/1956
 - full size
 - "Sarcophagus, Drawing No. 4." 10/19/1956
 - full size
 - "Benches and Bronze Lily Pad, Drawing No. 5." 10/19/1956
 - scale $3" = 1'$
 - "Details of Pool, Drawing No. 6." 10/19/1956
 - scale $3/8" = 1'$
 - "Details of Pool, Drawing No. 6 'revised'." 1/21/1957
 - scale $3/8" = 1'$
 - "Lettering on Memorial, Drawing No. 7." 3/8/1957
 - scale $1\ 1/2" = 1'$
 - "Coffin Added, Lettering on Sarcophagus, Drawing No. 8." 3/8/1957, coffin added 3/22/1957
 - scale, coffin $1\ 1/2" = 1'$; lettering full size
 - "Lettering, Drawing Nos. 9-24." 4/12/1957
 - full size
 - "Guard Chain and Posts Around Sarcophagus, Drawing No. 25." 9/16/1957
 - scale $3/8" = 1'$, $1/2$ full size, full size
 - "Lettering on Base of Statue, Drawing No. 26." 2/20/1959
 - full size, "IN MEMORY OF JOHN MC ILHENNY"
 - "Plaque, Drawing No. 27." 4/14/1959
 - scale $1/8" = 1'$, full size
 - "Flagpole Plaques, Drawing No. 28." 12/21/1961
 - full size
 - "Mechanical and Electrical, Drawing No. ME-1." 10/19/1956
 - various scales
 - revisions made 1/21/1957 and listed
- MISC. ORIGINAL PENCIL DRAWINGS ON PARCHMENT: STUDIES AND SKETCHES; all ca. 1954-1956 [WRM: folder X-22], including:
 - Memorial inscription
 - design of column
 - sidewalks
 - flags
 - lamp post, Independence Square
 - various studies of Memorial
 - lamps
 - topographical survey
 - various plans and elevations
 - survey map, scale $1" = 30'$, 8/17/1956, showing intersections of sidewalks

- Bore Hole Record, J.S. Cornell & Son, Inc. (Philadelphia), 9/24/1956
- studies for fountain with lilies
- miscellaneous typeface studies, rubbings
- PLAN PROFILE PLAT. Of perimeter of Washington Square. No date. [WRM: bundle R-2]
 - showing footways, curbs
- RUBBING. Letters from Memorial inscription, 28 3/4" x 44 7/8", no date
- SURVEYS. [WRM: Collection 34, Box 8]
 - folder of Independence Square and Christ Church details of walls and posts

Manuscript Material

- OFFICE RECORDS. G. Edwin Brumbaugh. [WRM: Collection 34, Box 50]
 - folders relating to Washington Square and Memorial Fountain/Fairmount Park Art Association Account
 - includes correspondence (1954-1960); maps and plans; Art Commission 45th Annual Report (1954) with photographs of new brick wall for Washington Square; invoices; expenses; building certificates and permits; agreements between Brumbaugh and contractors; Philadelphia city reports for Square improvements; misc. newspaper articles re: Washington Square; copy of 1956 site excavation by J. Duncan Campbell, USAR; copy of "Standards for Rehabilitation of Existing Buildings, Washington Square East" by Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia, 1959.
- OFFICE RECORDS. G. Edwin Brumbaugh. [WRM: Collection 34, Box 70]
 - folders including correspondence re: flagpoles (1961, 1962); to Landscape Architect Thomas Sears (1957); Memorial Project to Art Commission (1957); to Contractor J.S. Cornell & Son (1953, 1954)
- OFFICE RECORDS. G. Edwin Brumbaugh. [WRM: Collection 34, Box 50]
 - folder re: flagpole plaques, light fixtures (1961, 1962)
- SPECIFICATIONS. [WRM: Collection 34, Box 5]
 - folders: "Specifications for Memorial and Fountain at Washington Square" 10/19/1956; "Specifications for Walls and Piers at Washington Square" 4/12/1954.

Images

- NEGATIVE OF DRAWING. "Study of Memorial to Unknown Soldiers of the Continental Army." [WRM: folder X-2]
 - no date; approx. 5" x 10"
- PHOTOGRAPHIC REPRODUCTION OF DRAWING. "Study of the Entrance at Northeast Corner, Washington Square." [WRM: folder X-2]
 - no date; approx. 10" x 13"
- PHOTOGRAPHIC REPRODUCTION OF DRAWING. "Study of the Entrance at Northeast Corner, Washington Square." [WRM: Box M-19]
 - no date; approx. 14" x 18"

- PHOTOGRAPHIC REPRODUCTION OF DRAWING. "Study of Post Lanterns, Washington Square." [WRM: Box M-19]
 - no date; approx. 13" x 17"
- PHOTOGRAPHIC REPRODUCTION OF DRAWING. "Plan of Memorial to Unknown Soldiers, Washington Square." [WRM: folder]
 - no date; scale 1 1/2" = 20'; image 11" x 17"
- PHOTOGRAPHIC REPRODUCTION OF BLUEPRINT. "Plan of Memorial to Unknown Soldiers, Washington Square." [WRM: folder X-2]
 - no date; scale 1/8" = 1'; negative image approx. 14" x 16 1/2"
 - showing paved circle, battle flags of 13 colonies, tomb, paths, lamp posts, etc.
- PHOTOGRAPHIC REPRODUCTION OF BLUEPRINT. "Plan of Memorial to Unknown Soldiers, Washington Square." [WRM: folder X-2]
 - same as above, positive image (3 copies)
- PHOTOGRAPHIC REPRODUCTION OF DRAWING. "Study of Memorial to Unknown Soldiers of Continental Army, Washington Square." [WRM: folder X-2]
 - no date; approx. 11" x 22" (2 copies)
 - showing flag, memorial, human figure, lamp
- PRINT OF DRAWING. Inscription on Memorial. ca. 6/1957 [WRM: folder G-9a]
 - made to correct "UNKOWN" to "UNKNOWN"
- RENDERED STUDIES. Photographic reproductions of renderings. No dates. [WRM: Collection 34, Box 2]
 - "Study of Memorial to Unknown Soldiers of the Continental Army." approx. 5 1/2" x 9"
 - Memorial with fountain
 - "Study of Memorial to Unknown Soldiers of the Continental Army." approx. 5 1/2" x 9"
 - Memorial without fountain
 - "Plan of Memorial to Unknown Soldiers of the Continental Army." approx. 8 1/2" x 6" (2 copies)
 - Study of Entrance at Northeast Corner." approx. 7" x 9"
 - also 3 black and white copies located in Collection 34, Box 8
 - lamps in Washington Square. approx. 7 1/2" x 7"

EC#	SERIES	FOLD._/_DRAW.	LOCATION	DATE	SHELF_LOC	COMMENTS
1	Drawings	Washington Square	Philadelphia (Pa.)		J-2, J-6, X-2, X-2 2, X-45, R-2, R-8a , G-9a Box 106	X-1a, M-19
2	Office records	Washington Square & Second St. Market report by GEB	Philadelphia (Pa.)	1965		Reports.
3	Office records	448-Washington Square, Memorial & Fountain: Planning Comm., Malcolm Adam, Ch.	Philadelphia (Pa.)	1956-58	Box 50 (legal)	Corresp.
4	Office records	448-Washington Square, Memorial & Fountain: J.S. Cornell & Son, Contractor	Philadelphia (Pa.)	1957-59	Box 50 (legal)	Corresp.
5	Office records	430-Washington Square: Architects notes (2 folders)	Philadelphia (Pa.)	1954-59	Box 50 (legal)	Notes, plans, corresp., photos.
6	Office records	430-Washington Square, Fairmount Park Art Assn, et.al.	Philadelphia (Pa.)	1953-60	Box 50 (legal)	Corresp., plans.
7	Office records	430-Washington Square: Pending	Philadelphia (Pa.)	1956-59	Box 50 (legal)	Corresp., accounts.
8	Office records	430-Washington Square: Accounts	Philadelphia (Pa.)	1954-57	Box 50 (legal)	Accounts.

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9	Office records	448-Washington Square, Memorial & Fountain: Specifications	Philadelphia (Pa.)	1956-57	Box 50 (legal)	Specs.
10	Office records	448-Washington Square, Memorial & Fountain: Accounts	Philadelphia (Pa.)	1957-60	Box 50 (legal)	Accounts.
11	Office records	430-Washington Square: Specifications	Philadelphia (Pa.)	1954	Box 70 (legal)	Specs.
12	Office records	Washington Square - H.A. Batten	Philadelphia (Pa.)	1956-58	Box 70 (legal)	Corresp.
13	Office records	430-Washington Square: Contractor, J.S. Cornell & Son	Philadelphia (Pa.)	1953-54	Box 70 (legal)	Corresp.
14	Office records	430-Washington Square: Landscape Architect, Thos. Sears	Philadelphia (Pa.)	1953-57	Box 70 (legal)	Corresp., plans.
15	Office records	Washington Square - Flag Poles	Philadelphia (Pa.)	1961-62	Box 70 (legal)	Accounts.
16	Office records	430-Washington Square: Art Commission, City of Philadelphia	Philadelphia (Pa.)	1956-57	Box 70 (legal)	Corresp.

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17	Office records	Washington Square	Philadelphia (Pa.)	1962	Box 88	Brochure.
18	Photos & negs.	Washington Square	Phila. (Pa.)		Box 10	
19	Photos & negs.	Washington Square	Phila. (Pa.)		Box 8	
20	Rendered studies; AIA Documents	Washington Square	Philadelphia (Pa.)		Box 2, Folder W	
21	Specifications	Specifications: Memorial & Fountain for Washington Square	Philadelphia (Pa.)	1956	Box 5	Specs.
22	Specifications	Specifications: Walls & Piers, Washington Square	Philadelphia (Pa.)	1954	Box 5	Specs.
23	Surveys	Washington Square	Philadelphia (Pa.)	ca. 1952	Box 8	Drawings & photos.

Miscellaneous Newspaper Articles

The following articles were obtained using CD-ROM indexes at the University of Pennsylvania. Washington Square was referred to by a number of things; therefore, it is necessary to use various search terms to find relevant articles: South East, Southeast, Potters, Strangers, Burial, Burying, etc.

PENNSYLVANIA GAZETTE

- semi-weekly mention of city burial grounds (until early 1733), including "Strangers Burying Grounds"; some list statistics of number of people buried per week; other issues merely mention that people were buried, but do not break it down by individual cemetery

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Dec. 16, 1729	0	0
Dec. 23, 1729	1	1
Jan. 6, 1730	1	0
Jan. 13, 1730	0	1
Feb. 3, 1730	0	1
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March 13, 1730	*	*
March 19, 1730	*	*
Apr. 2, 1730	*	*
Apr. 16, 1730	*	*
Apr. 30, 1730	*	*
May 7, 1730	*	*
May 14, 1730	*	*
May 21, 1730	*	*
May 28, 1730	*	*
June 11, 1730	*	*
July 2, 1730	*	*
July 16, 1730	*	*
July 23, 1730	*	*
July 30, 1730	*	*
Aug. 6, 1730	*	*
Aug. 13, 1730	*	*
Aug. 27, 1730	*	*
Sept. 3, 1730	*	*
Sept. 10, 1730	*	*
Sept. 17, 1730	*	*
Sept. 24, 1730	*	*
Oct. 15, 1730	2	2
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Nov. 19, 1730	*	*

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Feb. 9, 1731	*		*
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July 22, 1731	*		*
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Oct. 28, 1731	*		*
Nov. 4, 1731 *		*	
Nov. 11, 1731 *		*	
Nov. 18, 1731 *		*	
Nov. 27, 1731 *		*	
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Dec. 21, 1731 *		*	
Dec. 28, 1731 0		0	
Jan. 4, 1732	*		*
Jan. 11, 1732	*		*
Jan. 18, 1732	1		2
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Sept. 12, 1732	*	
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Jan. 25, 1733	*	*
Feb. 1, 1733	*	*
Feb. 8, 1733	*	*
Feb. 15, 1733	*	*
Feb. 22, 1733	*	*
Sept. 3, 1741	41	31 (total buried from June 1 - Sept. 1, 1741)

* Mention of Strangers Burying Ground. but no individual statistics provided.

- PENNSYLVANIA GAZETTE Nov. 12, 1741:

"On Saturday last John Bullock was executed here according to Sentence, for the Murder of his Wife. He was privately, tho' decently, bury'd, by his Friends, the same Evening, in the Strangers Burying Ground."

- PENNSYLVANIA GAZETTE March 31, 1763; Nov. 16, 1769; Dec. 14, 1769; Nov. 14, 1771; Dec. 2, 1772; Feb. 23, 1774:

"Level of Seventh Street, From High Street to Strangers Burying Ground, Eighteen Feet."

- PENNSYLVANIA GAZETTE Sept. 26, 1765 re: public lectures on medicine and anatomy:

It has given Dr. Shippen much Pain to hear, that notwithstanding all the Caution and Care he has taken, to preserve the utmost Decency in opening and dissecting dead Bodies, which he had persevered in, chiefly from the Motive of being useful to Mankind, some evil minded Persons, whither wantonly or maliciously, have reported to his Disadvantage, that he has taken up some Persons who were buried in the Church Burying Ground, which has distressed the Minds of some of his worthy Fellow Citizens. ---- The Doctor, with much Pleasure, improves This Opportunity to declare, that the Report is absolutely false; and to assure them, that the Bodies he dissected, were either of Persons who had willfully murdered themselves, or were publicly executed, except now and then one from the Potters Field, whose Death was owing to some particular Disease; and that he never had one Body from the Church, or any other private Burial Place.

- PENNSYLVANIA GAZETTE May 8, 1766:

The public are hereby informed, that the public Burial Ground of this City, known by the Name of the Potters Field, and which was heretofore under the care of Mr. Jacob Shoemaker, sen., is now under the care of the Subscriber, living in Spruce street, between Fourth and Fifth streets, where all Sorts of Joyners Work is done, and a Hearse and all Things necessary for Funerals provided by JOSEPH CARPENTER.

- PENNSYLVANIA PACKET Oct. 6, 1778:

TO THE PUBLIC. IMPRUDENTLY giving my personal attendance as one of the mourners when the body of James Molesworth was removed from the Potter's Field to the Quaker's burial ground, at the time the British army possessed this city, arose not from any party matter, nor particular respect for said Molesworth, but solely to gratify the earnest desire of a young woman nearly allied in kindred, which after much persuasion for many months that he might remain in said Potter's field, could not prevail with her. Therefore being considered as one of the principals in the said removal, and desirous of satisfying the minds of all concerned, do make this public declaration and condemnation of the measure; desiring that my fellow citizens may receive this as a full compensation for the aforesaid fault; and assure them that the body of said Molesworth, on the seventh of September last in the morning, was removed from the Quakers burial ground to the Potter's Field, where it formerly lay. -- Tho. Harrison

N.B. The above publication should have appeared sooner, had not some obstructions in obtaining a certificate from the proper persons who saw the body removed, prevented it.

Any persons having any doubts concerning the above facts, for further information are desired to call at Isaiah Bell's, who will shew them the grave where Molesworth lay, it being left open for that purpose.

- NILES REGISTER vol. 28, May 21, 1825, p. 178: "The several squares in this city [Phil.] are hereafter to be known by the following names -- Logan, Rittenhouse, Penn, Franklin, Washington, and Independence."

Miscellaneous Sources

Databases

More and more computer-accessible databases contain citations for historical items and collections. Many of these were consulted, with some being more fruitful than others.

- ARCHIVES USA (<http://archives.chadwyck.com/>). Similar to NUCMC, this subscription database lists archival sources from around the country and can be searched by keywords, proper names, and subjects. Searches performed on the terms "Washington Square," "George Vaux," and "Eli Price" located the collection at Dickinson College (see page 41).

- THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS AMERICAN MEMORY, HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS FOR THE NATIONAL DIGITAL LIBRARY (<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/amhome.html>). This database, containing visual images, is searchable using a variety of search terms from broad subjects to individual names to geographical areas. A search on Washington Square found many sources related to New York City's Washington Square, and the following images of Philadelphia's Washington Square:

- "Washington Square Area Study, Sixth, Seventh, Walnut and Locust Streets, Philadelphia, PA."

No date [post-1933]

- 9 black and white photos, 1 photo caption page
- call number HABS, PA, 51-PHILA, 603-
- Historic American Buildings Survey Collection, Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs

- THE MAKING OF AMERICA (<http://www.umd.umich.edu/moa/>). The Making of America consists of thousands of American books and periodicals dating from about 1800 through 1925. The pages of these texts, which include travel literature, advice manuals, works of fiction, and other writings that reflect American culture of the time, are scanned into the database and are searchable by individual word, so that specific words and search terms can be located within large volumes of writing. A search on Washington Square using the terms "Washington Square," "Potter's Field," and "Southeast Square" came up with the following citations:

- Blair, Mrs. C.P. "Prospicio." The Ladies' Repository Feb. 1860, p. 101: John King, English Methodist, came to America from London in 1769. "He offered himself to the Church for license, but it hesitated. However, he determined to preach, and made an appointment in the Potter's Field, now Washington Square."

- McCabe, James Dabney. The Illustrated History of the Centennial Exhibition. Philadelphia, 1876.

- (p. 66): "Independence Square lies on the north side of Walnut street, between Fifth and Sixth [Streets]; and diagonally opposite, at the corner of Sixth, is Washington Square, both of which have been already described. This is a region of lawyers' and real estate agents' offices; a number of insurance office are also located here. On the corner of Walnut street and West Washington square is the handsome bank building of the *Philadelphia Savings Fund Society*, the first savings bank established in America."

- (p. 98): "Immediately opposite the southern entrance to Washington Square is The First Presbyterian Church."

- Philadelphia and Its Environs. Philadelphia: J.B. Lippincott, 1873.

- (p. 4): "Washington Square was once a 'Potter's Field.' Many soldiers, victims of the smallpox and camp fever, were buried here during the Revolution. The ground under the waving trees and springing grass, where the birds sing and the children play, is literally 'full of dead men's bones,' but the grass is no less green, the sunshine no less bright, on that account, and the dead sleep none the less peacefully, for the life above them."

- (pp. 36-7): "Outside the railing of this [Washington] square, on a line with Seventh Street, is a stone fountain surmounted by an eagle standing on a globe, which is noteworthy as being the first of those benevolent structures in providing which the Philadelphia Fountain Society has already earned the gratitude of thousands of thirsty men and suffering beasts."

- Thorpe, T. B. "Bessie Black; or, The Undertaker's Courtship." Appleton's Journal August 7, 1869: 580-84.

- (p. 581): "His [Mr. Hollowshell's, an undertaker] father had charge of Potter's-field, and he took such pride in his duties, that he resolutely dug a new grave for each pauper, where his predecessors used one grave for a dozen recipients. When the Potter's-field was finally abandoned as a burying-place, the ancient keeper as a favor was permitted by the city authorities to live in the old house among his tenants, where he quietly and pleasantly passed the latter days of his life. When the city authorities decided, however, to turn Potter's-field into Washington Square, they ordered that the remains of the paupers should be removed. This piece of vandalism the venerable grave-digger resented, and in his vexation -- died."

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