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ECONOMIC HISTORY IN THE PHILADELPHIA REGION

GUIDE TO MANUSCRIPTS AND PRINT RESOURCES FOR RESEARCH Written by Cathy Matson & Wendy Woloson

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Overview

The Chester County Historical Society houses a museum and library focusing on the history of Chester County. The library is geared toward genealogical research, and is often used in conjunction with complementary manuscript materials found at the Chester County Archives. Because of Chester County's long history and the existence of many important manuscript materials, this collection particularly illuminates the daily activities of farmers and small-scale entrepreneurs living on the outskirts of the larger city of Philadelphia. Researchers interested in the commercial and cultural relationships between urban centers and their surrounding rural areas can find much of that material, as it relates to Philadelphia especially, here. Many of these residents left their papers and ledgers, which can be found in this repository.

The Collections

Because it specializes in genealogical research, the Library's strengths remain in materials relating to Chester County's history. Manuscript materials, strongest in the 18th and 19th centuries, include account books, letters, and diaries. An extensive collection of secondary materials also supports genealogical research, including family and county histories and an extensive collection of newspaper clippings. The Library also has over 80,000 graphic images; while some date before 1850, most of these are from 1870 and later.

The majority of the collections are not remotely accessible (some ledgers are included in OCLC), but various in-house finding aids do exist. A card catalogue, arranged by township, name of person, and genre of collection (e.g., "letters," "account books"), provides primary access. While family collections were once split up and arranged by genre, researchers can still reconstitute this material by following the card catalogue cross-references. (If researching a specific enterprise or person, knowing the name of the township is crucial, as that is a key organizing principle here.)

Significant collections

- **newspaper clippings:** The Library houses over 150 file cabinet drawers filled with newspaper clippings dating back to 1810. Until very recently, volunteers clipped articles and advertisements in local newspapers, pasted them to cardboard backings, and filed them according to subject matter. The clippings are arranged in two sections:

- people, filed alphabetically
- township name, subdivided according to subject

Researchers should look under each township name for subjects including "business houses" and "industries," in addition to specific the names of specific people and enterprises. For areas overlapping townships, there is also a "county clippings" section which should be consulted by subject as well. This is an invaluable resource providing documentation that does not readily exist elsewhere.

- **account books:** The Library's most significant economy-related collection includes over 3,000 account books dating from the 18th century. They are accessed via the card catalogue, under "account books," and cross filed under township name and name of proprietor. Some are also listed in OCLC; consult the Librarian for direction about further access points. Organization by township at first may seem awkward, but does indicate concentrations of certain kinds of business activity in certain areas.

Finding aids: Besides the card catalogue, the account books are accessible via a survey of agricultural and horticultural account books compiled by the Librarian. A more comprehensive list can be found by looking at in-house "cataloguing worksheets" prepared for each account book in preparation for its entry into the OCLC database. The worksheets, which fill four bankers' boxes, are organized by township name and separated between pre- and post-1850 works. These cataloguing worksheets also indicate related material in other collections (i.e., if personal papers exist in other collections); and some have become research files in their own right, containing a wealth of information including copies of wills, obituaries, family histories, and business advertisements.

The account books contain all manner of records, from banking transactions to laborers' accounts. They are especially strong in recording the economic lives of day laborers, small craftsmen, indentures, genealogies of family-wide entrepreneurial activities, and women's involvement with business, as widows taking over their husbands' businesses or farmwives selling eggs, produce, or their domestic skills on the side. Because farmers' accounts are ubiquitous for this area and well represented in the collection, they are not enumerated in this survey (as they are readily accessible). Highlighted here are the account books of petty entrepreneurs. Researchers should cross-check names in the card file to see if other supporting manuscript material exists.

highlights (but by no means comprehensive):

- East Bradford township

- Jonathan Buffinton, gristmill (1756-64)
- Mathias T. Foy, cabinetmaker, ledger (1812-16)
- Abiah Taylor, hatter and farmer, ledger and daybook (1795-1853)
- James Baily, storekeeper, ledger (1808-45)
- Benjamin Sharpless, accounts of women workers (1837-49)
- Joshua Sharpless, carpenter, account books (1807-60)

- Joseph Coope/Cope, malster account books/ledgers (of his and son of same name) (1756-96; 1790-1814; 1805-13; 1798-1813; 1824-44)

- Lydia Carter, farmwoman, daybook (1840-51) [also a copy of her will in the file]
- William Davis, carpenter, accounts (1795-1801)
- Joel Hagerty, shoemaker, ledger (1838-52)
- East Bradford Township Supervisors, ledger (1740-1858)

- West Bradford township

- Hannah Wilson, prop. of fulling mill after death of husband, accounts of fulling, dyeing, carding, daybook (1821-3)

- Hannah Loller, tailor, daybook (1842-3)
- George Pyle, daguerreotypist, farmer, ledgers and daybooks (12 vols: 1838-83)
- Andrew Wilson, carder, fuller, dyer, ledger (1818-23) [Andrew died in 1821]
- Joseph Hawley, ran sawmill, ledger (1819-49)
- Solomon Harlan, tanner and farmer, ledger (1786-1828)
- Daniel Temple, fuller and dyer, ledgers and daybooks (10 vols.: 1821-81)

- John Carpenter, farmer who also ran a cider and whiskey still and grist and sawmill, ledger/daybook (1762-94)

- Chester County Poor House, ledger (1807-49)
- West Bradford township accounts (1740-99) incl. Supervisors, Overseers of the Poor/poor taxes
- Joseph Leonard, wheelwright, ledger (1783-94)
- John Buffington, shoemaker, ledger (1771-2; 1771-3)
- James B. Woodward, saddler and harnessmaker, ledger (1836-8)

- Dr. Moses Marshall, physician, daybook; loose accounts; ledger; account books (1836-7; 1843-69; 1855-71; 1829-31); [probably Dr. MM], sawmill business, daybook (1802-05); daybook pages - farm diary (1810-12): "these farm diary/accounts appear to have been kept by Moses Marshall's eldest daughter Sarah (b. 1798) who would have been about 12 years old in 1810; farming account book (1801; 1824-30)

- Jonathan I. Woodward, laborer (masonry, shoe repair), account book (1834-79): "It is my lot in life to by poor, as you may see. . .")

- Hannah Woodward [wife of Jonathan], farmer, sold eggs and butter and fruit [petty entrepreneur herself], account book (1846-50)

- Joshua Pugh and Caleb Pugh, ran limestone quarry, ledger (1858-60)

- George W. Hawley, sawmill, ledger (1849-59)

- Joseph and John Hawley, sawmill, ledgers; account book; loose accounts (1807-14; 1817-33; 1815-33; 1815-45; 1818-48; 1818-24; 1803-18, 1820-31, 1839-) [lots of detail here]

- Townsend Lamborn, maltster, ledger/daybook (1834-47)
- Samuel Worth, storekeeper, ledger/daybook (1770-75)
- Thomas Baldwin, storekeeper, ledgers; daybooks (1824-5, 1833-8; 1841-7; 1842-54)

- Ph[o?]ebe Buffington, [accounts with family members] account book (1746-1852 [PB d. 1769]) [see also Buffington collection, West Caln twp]

- Francis Carpenter, hatmaker and storekeeper, ledgers and daybook (1815-32)

- Moses Carpenter, hatmaker and storekeeper [w/father], ledgers and daybooks (1832-69)
- William Loller, shoemaker and tinsmith, ledgers and daybooks (1838-91)

- Thomas M. Reese, farmer, account books and memorandum books (1833-68) [contain entries for washing and sewing accounts, cream and butter most likely of wife Jane C.]

- Joel C. Bailey, storekeeper, brickmaker, farmer, ledgers and daybooks (1825-68)
- James Marshall, storekeeper, ledger/daybook (1768-87)
- Milton Keech, hotelkeeper, daybook of Marshalton Hotel (1839-47)
- John Romans, plumber, ledger (1849-50)

- East Caln Township

- Joseph M. Downing, Laurel Paper Mill, ledger and daybook (1828-9, 1835-58, 1877-8)
- Joseph M. Downing, grist mill, ledgers (1812-23, 1817-22, 1819-21, 1832-4) [same as above]
- Warwick Miller, storekeeper, ledger (1773-6)
- William Pim, accounts of the Poor, East Caln (1735-57)
- Hunt Downing, accounts of the Phila. and Lancaster Stage, daybook (1792-98)
- East Caln Township Supervisors, ledger and daybook (1823-1902)
- Joseph Hoopes, tanner, ledger (1810-31)

- West Caln Township

- Peter Buffington, gristmill, sawmill, store, brewhouse, ledgers and daybooks (6 vol. 1751-65)
 - part of Buffington collection: 12 account books of John, Peter, Jonathan Buffington dating 1751-65

- incl. personal account/receipt books, tavern journals (1757-9), daybooks (1758-62): "The Buffington family had ventured into store keeping, milling and tavern keeping during the time span 1754-70." [see: Gilbert Cope's "Some Annals of the Buffington Family" by Gilbert Cope, *Proceedings of the Chester County Historical Society*, Feb. 20, 1902]

Coatesville Township

- Rebecca Webb Lukens, misc. household and business expenses, account book; memorandum book (1839-43; 1838-48) [operated ironworks after death of husband]

- Isaac C. Preston, storekeeper, account book of store stock (1831-8)

- Coventry Township

- [unidentified] store accounts, daybook (1789-91)
- Julia Ann Rossiter, seamstress and tailor of men's clothing, household accounts, daybook (1840-2)
- Holland Guest, blacksmith, ledgers (1835-42)
- South Coventry Township
- Jesse Hawley, tanner, ledgers, daybooks (10 vols. 1834-72) [incl. saddler accounts, shoemaking, misc.

farming accounts]

- Jacob Diffenderfer, storekeeper, ledgers (1847-53)
- George Chrisman, gristmill and ironworks, ledger (1832-48)

- Samuel Shafer, accounts of Coventry Forge Store, daybooks; ledger (1813-32; 1813-18) [also include flax seed accounts]

- John B. Chrisman, cashier Chrisman Bro. & Co, ironworks, receipt book; daybook/ledger; cashbook (1849-53; 1850-3; 1854-5)

- Nathan Michener, physician, ledger and daybooks (1842-55)
- Easttown Township
- Amos Rambo, blacksmith, daybook/ledger (1813-15)
- East Fallowfield Township
- Thomas T. Strode, storekeeper, ledger (1841-5)
- John Worth, gristmill, ledger and daybook (1789-61)
- Thomas Worth, gristmill, ledger (1794-1818) [son of John]
- Aaron Baker, farmer, ledger and daybooks (1818-47) [accounts for 1840-7 kept by widow Sarah]
- Thomas Martin, grist and sawmill, ledger (1836-79)
- George McFarland, butcher, ledger (1830)
- Thomas S. Young, paper mill, ledger (1851-62)
- John S. McWilliams, storekeeper, daybook (1827-30)
- Goshen Twp.
- Hoopes & Hall, masons, workmans time book (1811-19)
- Benjamin Clark, tailor, ledger (1784-8)
- Goshen Twp. Supervisors, accounts of Overseers of the Poor, ledger, 1718-1870)
- John Singles, carpenter, ledger (1817-41)
- Amos Darlington, cabinetmaker, ledger (1796-1848)
- John Sharples, gristmill, ledger (1790-1823)
- East Goshen Twp.
- Jesse Esbin, chairmaker, ledger (1824-69)
- Enos Thomas, cabinetmaker, ledger (1791-1804, 1806)
- Joseph Eldridge, weaver, ledger/daybook; ledgers (1786-1804; 1803-10, 1812-16)
- Walter Hibberd, tanner and schoolteacher, daybook (1828-31)

- George Garrett, sawmill, ledger (1809-36)
- Honey Brook Twp.
- HBT Supervisors, ledger (1789-1889)
- John Beright, storekeeper, daybook (1806-7)
- Andrew Stanley, wool carder, daybook (1829-40)
- Matthew Buchanan, tailor, ledgers (1848-80)
- Daniel Benner, laborer, ledger (1829-60)
- Amos Griffith, wheelwright, ledger (1809-13)
- Kennett Twp.
- Carlton Passmore, farmer and schoolmasater, vendue sale book (1810); ledger (1807-28)
- Mathias T. Hewes, butcher, ledger (1845-67)
- Thomas Agnew, wheelwright and farmer, ledger (1804-68)
- Walter Nethery, shoemaker and farmer, ledger/daybook (1804-27)

- Kennett Square

- William Way Jr., carpenter, ledgers; daybooks (1821-51; 1824-9, 1833-9)
- Walter Townsend, blacksmith and farmer, ledger (1818-39)
- Joseph Taylor, general store, account book; daybook (1821-8; 1825-6)
- John Taylor, general store, ledger; daybook (1806-8; 1806-7)
- Elizabeth T. Dixon, daybook/ledger (1847)
- Levis W. Hoopes, store accounts, ledger (1834-6)

London Grove Twp.

- George W. Lefever, store accounts, ledger (1831-43)
- Timothy Kirk, wheelwright, account books (1821-40)
- Alexander Adams, storekeeper [and accounts of liquor sales], daybook (1809-14)
- Walker & Adams, store accounts, ledger (1803-8)
- George Passmore, gristmill, ledgers; account book (1772-1805; 1776-84)
- Joseph Walton, sawmill, daybook (1834-5)
- Robert Wilson, tanner, ledgers and daybooks (21 vols.: 1805-63)
- East Marlborough Twp.
- Richard Buffington, accounts of store, ledger (1827-34)

- George McFarlan, carpenter and pump-maker, ledger (1797-1845)
- Reuben Pusey, laborer, accounts of, ledger (1836-8)
- [unidentified], accounts of limestone sales, workmen's accounts, ledger (1831-2)
- Joshua Pennock, tailor and school teacher, ledger; farmer's accounts ledger (1778-1835; 1815-38)
- Jacob Lamborn, farmer and storekeeper, daybook (1827-47)
- Moses Mendenhall, blacksmith, ledgers (1805-8, 1813-25, 1834-44)
- Joseph Wickersham, blacksmith, ledger (1809-12)
- Martha Reed, storekeeper, daybook (1824-6)

- West Marlborough Twp.

- Richard Barnard, storekeeper, ledgers and daybooks (1821-33)
- Isaac Pyle, storekeeper, ledger; daybook (1839-54; 1849-50)
- David Walton, storekeeper and farmer, ledgers and daybooks (15 vols.: 1819-73)
- [unidentified], shoemaker, ledger (1829-33)

- Magdalen Pyle, store passbooks; daybooks (1844-52; 1848-9, 1858-60) [payments made with butter and eggs, also incl. accounts of Lydia Green, working for MP]

- [unidentified], store accounts, daybook (1825-6)
- Jonathan Webb, forges, daybooks (1799-1802)
- Davis Horne, farmer, limestone quarrying, daybooks (6 vols. 1823-49)
- Abraham Pennock, farmer and tanner, daybooks; ledger; receipt book (1782-97, 1794-9; 1794; 1817)
- David Brown, farm laborer accounts, ledger (1842)
- Sarah Leonard, farmer, ledger (1830-42)
- East Nantmeal Twp.
- Jacob Hause, storekeeper, ledgers, daybooks, cash books (30 vols. 1822-94)
- Benjamin Franklin James, gristmill, ledger (1837-45)
- Lt. Col. Thomas Bull, vendue sale book (1837)
- West Nantmeal Twp.
- John J. Edwards, mason, ledger (1828-33)
- John B. Chrisman, iron forge, ledgers (4 vols. 1845-88)
- George Irwin, tailor, ledger/daybook (1755-6/1772-5)
- New Garden Twp.
- Joseph Engle, shoemaker, ledger (1831-41)

- Alexander Anderson, wheelwright, ledger (1829-30)
- New London Twp.
- James Gottier, shoemaker, daybook/ledger (1847-56)
- Newlin Twp.
- Mordecai Hayes Jr., hauler of goods, ledger (1803-43)

- John D. Worth, storekeeper and lumberyard, ledgers, cash books, accounts of stock and suppliers, daybooks (43 vols.: 1845-92)

- Hugh E. Steele, ironworks, daybook (1848-51) [Laurel Ironworks]
- Richard Milleson, storekeeper, daybook (1823-5)

- East Nottingham Twp.

- William Wherry, tanner, daybook and ledgers (1822-45) [some accounts for Wherry alone, others for Wherry & Crooks]

- John Wiley, millwright, ledgers (1808-20)
- Benjamin Mason, cabinetmaker, ledger (1834-85)
- John Day, tanner, ledger (1761-78) [with accounts of a millwright, Jesse Wood, 1802-21]
- West Nottingham Twp.
- [unidentified], store accounts, daybook (1802-3)

- Upper Oxford Twp.

- Hezekiah Linton, limestone, account books (1822-7, 1841-3)
- Joseph Kent, textile mfg. (fulling, carding, weaving), daybooks, ledgers (6 vols. 1832-65)
- Penn Twp.
- David Mackey, blacksmith, ledger (1826-37)
- William Hughes, store account book, daybook (1847-8)
- Samuel Harvey, store account book, daybook (1808-9)
- Pennsbury Twp.
- George Kitchen, shoemaker, ledgers (1841-6, 1848-73)
- Ephraim Bailey, blacksmith, ledger (1823-9)
- Pikeland Twp.
- Clemens Rentgen, rollingmill (Pikeland Works accounts), daybook/ledger (1807-32, 1807-13)
- West Pikeland Twp.
- R.S. Harley, accounts of store, ledgers, account books, detailed lists (19 vols. 1847-84)

- James Wilson Griffith, shoemaker, ledger/daybooks (1838-54)
- Ebenezer Griffith, carpenter, ledger (1817-21)
- Schuylkill Twp.
- Enoch Walker, gristmill, daybook (1808-19)
- Abel Fitzwater, accounts of store, daybooks; ledger (1828-31; 1829-33)
- Amos Rapp, blacksmith, ledger (1846-50)
- Thornbury
- John Marshall, wheelwright/cattleman, ledgers (1792-1802/1802-1850)
- William Maison, wheelwright, ledger (1849-59)
- William Cheyney, accounts of store, ledger (1836-54)

- Tredyffrin Twp.

- George Rickabaugh, drover, account books (7 vols. 1844-53)
- Benjamin Rapp, saddler and harnessmaker, ledgers; daybooks (8 vols. 1831-55; 1835-70)
- Hillborn Darlington, physician, ledgers (1846-60)

- Uwchlan Twp.

- Mary Ann Forge Ledgers (32 ledgers, 1801-67, from the Forge and Dowlin family: "Many of the ledgers are account books of the forge and the company store, recording credit for work and debits for items purchased or the cost of boarding and/or meals. These records, written by the clerk, were kept on an annual basis, indexed in alphabetical order by the individual surnames on the accounts. Several of the books were daily records of purchases and payments at the company store and office. . . There were also miscellaneous accounts that included some farming, boarding, iron made and sold and personal Dowlin family records. The earliest date on existing ledgers was 1801, when John Dowlin purchased the forge. The latest entry in any of the surviving books was 1867, the year that William Dowlin died. Any subsequent records for Mary Ann Forge were left in the forge offices when the business closed."

- Jesse Jones, accounts of store, misc. accounts; daybooks; ledger (1762-95; 4 vols. 1788-1826; 1788-1801)

- Peter Smedley, cooper, ledger (1813-31)
- John Bound, shinglemaker, ledger (1797-1813)
- Samuel McDaniel, accounts of store, ledger (1794-1814)
- Christian Forgeus, shoemaker, ledger (1835-53)
- John K. Wells, accounts of store, daybook (1831-4)
- Cadwalader Jones, accounts of store, daybook (1749-93)

- Vincent Twp.

- Joseph and John Jones, accounts of farm laborers, ledger (1771-4)
- Joseph Jones, blacksmith, daybook (1848-50)

- East Vincent Twp.

- Frederick Sheeder, sawmill, ledger (1832-61)

- West Vincent Twp.

- Frederick Sheeder Jr., stagecoach driver, accounts (1831-40)
- Jacob Hause, accounts of a store, ledgers, daybooks (5 vols. 1807-63)
- Warwick Twp.
- Francis & Keen, storekeepers, daybooks, ledgers (45 vols.: 1848-1902)
- Michael Davis, farmer, workmen's time book, daybooks (1847-68)

- Rev. Levi Bull, accounts of workmen's time, account books, bank books, time books; daybook; farming ledger (15 vols. 1824-59; 1789-92; 1796-1835)

- Thomas K. Bull, farmer (57 vols.: account books 1834-89: w/stores 28 vols. 1840-89; farm & personal exp. 18 vols. 1834-87; w/butcher 4 vols. 1876-88; legal 7 vols. 1852-88)

- Warwick Furnace, accounts ledger (1765-6)

- West Chester Twp.

- William Kinnard, storekeeper, ledger and daybooks (1796-1800)
- James Powell, carpenter, ledger (1816-53)
- William P. Townsend, storekeeper, daybook (1841-2)
- David Haines, carpenter, ledger (1804-28) [note that it's detailed]
- Dr. Isaac Thomas, physician, household and personal expense book (1843-52)

- David Townsend, account book with Hannah and Peggy Winterbottom (milliners); receipt book; ledger (1839-49; 1836-51; 1839)

- Joseph Pearce, tavern and storekeeper, day book (1811-16)
- John Brinton, bank account book with Bank of Chester Co. (1836-44)
- Ingram & Jefferis, bank account book with Bank of Chester Co. (1838-40)
- Chalkley Jefferis, bank account book with Bank of Chester Co. (1828-35)
- Dr. William Darlington, physician, ledgers (1804-8, 1812-15)
- William W. Jefferis, receipt book [incl. for building a house, treasurer of fire co., curator of Chester Co. Cabinet of Natural Sciences] (1845-62)
- (James) Sloan Brooke, blacksmith and carriagemaker, daybook (1843-8)
- William Otley, bricklayer, ledger (1846-55)
- Gulielma M. Townsend, daybook [school supplies] (1834-43)
- National Bank of Chester County, records and accounts [incl. daybooks, ledgers, receipt books, various other account books as well as minute books for 1814-39 and a letter book for 1817-24] 25 vols.: "Types of

accounts also include: notes issued (1814-20), checks and discounted notes (1814-75), receipts for wages of bank employees (1814-70), bank stock and dividends (1814-72), bank statements (1815-33), bad debts (1816-1902), building a new bank (1835-7), and receipts for money sent to Ireland by Chester County residents (1856-7). The Bank of Chester County was formed in 1814. In 1864 the bank organized under US laws and became the National Bank of Chester County."

- John W. Townsend, storekeeper, daybook (1819, 1836-55)
- Amos Darlington, cabinetmaker, ledgers (1819-36, 1824-52)
- Samuel Sharpless, bank book with Bank of Chester County (1835-53)
- Oliver T. Jefferis, cattleman, 5 vols. account books of cattle and sheep sales (1842-73)
- Dr. Wilmer Worthington & John Marshall, account book of lumber sales (1831-2)
- Mansion House Hotel and Jonathan T. Marshall, storekeeper, account book (1847-8, 1851-3)
- William Everhart, storekeeper, daybook (1849)
- John Hall and Edward Graves, storekeepers, daybook (1819-21)
- Ezra Haines, ran private bank, E.D. Haines & Co., receipt book (1841-83)
- Anne Pim, [sister of George Pim, flour and feed dealer] receipt book (1830-57)
- Joseph Hemphill Jr. lawyer, daybook; receipt books (1829-39; 1832-53)

- Lewis Iddings/Worthington & Marshall/John Marshall, pharmacy, daybooks/prescription books (1833-71) [15 daybooks, 2 cash books, 2 letter books, 2 stock books of the drug and hardware business]

- John R. Peirce, currier, ledger (1832-61)
- Thomas Ogden, cabinetmaker, ledger (1831-9)
- David Meconkey, banker/money lender, ledger (1833-66)
- Robert E. Monahan, lawyer, daybook (1845-53)
- James Powell, carpenter, ledger (1816-23)
- Samuel M. Painter, book and stationery storekeeper, ledger (1832-42)
- John Graves, stocking weaver, ledger and daybook (1792-1831)
- West Fallowfield Twp.
- James Thompson, grist and saw mill, ledger (1795-1811)
- Gibbons Gray, wagonmaker and wheelwright, ledgers and daybooks (1807-37)
- West Fallowfield Twp. Supervisors, ledger and daybook (1765-1803)
- Westtown Twp.
- William H. Taylor, storekeeper, ledger (1821-5, 1832-40)
- Aaron James, fish seller, account book of fish sales [incl. those who fished for him] (April-May 1820)
- Willistown Twp.

- Thomas C. Garrett, lumberyard, ledger (1838-41)
- Mordecai Thomas, spinner and weaver, account book (1815-17)
- Thomas Tucker, storekeeper, ledgers (1801-05, 06-10)
- William Garrett, papermill ledger (1848-58)

- East Whiteland Twp.

- Cromwell Pearce, account book with the Bank of Chester County (1817-52, 1863)
- Robert Todd, spinning wheel maker, account book (1796-99)

- West Whiteland Twp.

- Richard Thomas, col. in Rev. War, 3 vols. ledger and memorandum books (1776-92) for expenses of various Chester Co. companies during the Rev., incl. accounts for wages and firearms, road surveying.

- West Whiteland Twp. Supervisors, ledger of twp. accounts (1765-1940)
- Gideon Malin, blacksmith, ledger (1794-1803)
- George Boyer, tavernkeeper, daybook (1824-34)

- Adams County, PA

- John W. and Alfred A. Wierman, grist and sawmill, ledger (1855-7)
- John Trimmer, gristmill, ledger (1846-8)
- Hungtington and Highland Kilns, accounts of lime sales, daybook; ledger (1853-8; 1853-60)

- Berks Cty., PA

- [attributed to either] Samuel Umsted or James Wells, cabinetmaking [also incl. farming and dressmaking], daybook; account book (1801-30, 1824-46; 1804-31)

- Benjamin Franklin James, gristmill [Warwick Mills], ledger/daybooks (1848-74)
- Jacob Lightfoot, builder, ledger (1798-1801)
- John Sheffer, gristmill, ledger (1789-98)
- Martha Lewis, farmer and stocking maker, ledgers (4 vols.: 1827-36)
- Daniel I. Bruner, physician, ledgers and daybook (1830-9, 1843-9, 1848-50)
- Samuel Bell, storekeeper, daybook (1793-1803)
- Chester Cty.
- Chester Co. Treasurer, account book (1788-9)
- Chester Co. "Discount accounts," account book (1785-9)
- Chester Co. "Accounts of British Depredations in 1777, account book/register (1782)
- Benjamin Jones, tanner, ledger (1797-1821)

- Aquila Lamborn, carpenter, ledger (1805-48)
- Caleb Mercer, carpenter, daybook (1822-48)
- James Truman, miller, ledger (1793-1800)
- Samuel Wilson, mason, ledger and daybooks (1782-1821)
- Nelson Buffington, saddler and harness maker, ledgers (1840-74)
- Jesse K. Cooper, storekeeper/lumberyard/warehouse, ledgers and daybooks (23 vols.: 1835-62)
- Joseph Paxson, storekeeper, daybook (1813-4)

- Edward Darlington, farmer, account books (1786-1803) ["includes labor accounts (primarily with women workers)"]

- Amos Brinton, farmer and miller, ledgers (1775-1823)
- Charles Dilworth, accounts of a laborer, ledger (1804-9)
- James B. Guthrie, storekeeper, ledger (1816-34)
- George L. Moore, undertaker, account book and index (1805-72)
- William Ramsey, shoemaker, ledger (1822-7)
- John H. Jackson, carpenter, account books (14 vols.: 1848-1902)
- Joseph Booth, wheelwright, daybook (1831-41)
- John Fulton, atter, ledger (1792-1824)
- Delaware Cty.
- Amos Lukens, cabinetmaker, daybook (1804-16)
- Jeremiah McIlvain, tanner, ledger (1790-1803)
- Howard Harper, shoemaker, daybook (1827-35)
- Isaac Smedley, cabinetmaker and undertaker, daybooks (1801-44)
- Thomas Smedley, cabinetmaker, ledger (1765-84)
- William Smedley, farmer and carpenter, ledger (1751-1825)
- Dr. John Price Lewis, physician, daybook (1826-8)
- John McIlvain, sawmill, ledger (1796-1811)
- John Edwards, slitting mill, ledgers, daybooks (1814-19, 1816-21, 1850-82)
- John Henderson, tavernkeeper, account book (1836-41)
- William Brooks, wheelwright, ledger (1843-9)
- Nathan Edwards, account with Bank of Delaware County, bank book (1815-21)
- Daniel Sharpless, farmer and sawmill, daybook (1738-52)

- John Morton, merchant/importer, ledger (1763-8)
- Sally R. Howell, accounts of personal expenses, daybook (1848-9)
- William Cheyney, accounts of boarders, account book (1797-9)
- Cornelia Cheyney, household expenses, account book/daybooks (5 vols.: 1844-9)
- [unidentified], shoemaker, ledger (1809-16)
- Dr. Benjamin Rush Erwin, physician, daybook/ledger (1828-36)
- Thomas Marshall, tanner, ledger and daybooks (1787-1813)
- Samuel Harrison, schoolmaster and storekeeper, daybook; ledger (1791-2; 1836-9)
- Samuel Trimble, hatter and storekeeper, ledger and daybook (1771-1810)
- Lancaster Cty.
- James Webb Jr., tavernkeeper, ledger (1756-83)
- Peter Buffington, tavern and storekeeper, daybook; ledgers (1759; 1757-9)
- Jonathan Webb, Pine Grove Forge, ledger (1789-98)
- William P. Thompson, stage company/Reeside, Slaymaker & Co., account book (1831-5)
- Moses Brinton, farmer and "loan office," account book (1774-98)
- Montgomery Cty.
- George Thompson, Edward Garrigues Jr., cotton factory, ledger (1826, 1829-35)
- Henry Dismant, blacksmith, ledger (1798)
- Robert McClintock, storekeeper, ledgers (1796-1809)

- Philadelphia Cty.

- Frederick Sheeder, tailor, ledger/daybook (1797-1806)
- Israel Whelen, merchant/Whelen & Miller, account book (1797-8)
- William and Issac Warner, coopers, ledger (1747-92)
- John Parker, tavernkeeper, fur trader, memorandum book; account book (1693-1796 [?]; 1700-52)
- Edward Harvey, hat seller, receipt book (1816-27)
- Isaac W. Pennock, tanner, daybook; ledger (May-Dec. 1828; 1828)
- Dr. Isaiah Matlack, physician, ledger/daybook (1843-7)
- Pusey, grist and sawmill, ledger (1812-16)
- Rachel Peirce, schoolmistress, daybook (1821-9)
- Mary Smith, boarding house, accounts of boarders, personal expenses, daybooks; receipt book (1836-62; 1827-81)

- Samuel Williamson, silversmith, daybook; ledger/"shopbook" (1803-6; 1807-13)
- Michael Gunkel, grocer, receipt books (1786-8, 1791-5)
- Jesse Williamson, lumberyard, daybook (1773)
- Dr. John Leonard Fichter, physician, ledger (1795-7) [Germantown, written in German]
- John Bartholomew, sugar refiner and merchant, receipt book (1791-1802)
- Arthur Howell, tanner, daybook (1796-1811)

- York Cty.

- David Griest, fuller, daybooks (1788-95, 1797-1810, 1810-25, 1813-19, 1816-18, 1818-37, 1819-21, 1821-7, 1827-37 1834-9, 1840-71, 1841-54) [appear to be parallel series of daybooks and ledgers]

- George McMillan, farmer, ledger (1769-1802)
- New Castle Cty., DE
- William Aldred, dyer, ledger (1808-95)
- John Gardner, tavernkeeper, receipt book (1838-59)

- Maryland

- William Hoopes, tanner, ledger (1795-8)
- William Carter, storekeeper and potter, ledger (1820-31)
- New Jersey

- George Chrisman Jr., Chrisman Ironworks, daybook (1854-5, 1860-2, 1865-7, 1870) ["very detailed accounts"]

- Ireland

- William Pim, dyer, dyers bookw/accounts [w/recipes and fabric swatches] (1711-13)

- unknown twp./misc./mysteries/etc.

- J.P. McWilliams (East Fallowfield Twp.), storekeeper, stock inventory and daybook (1834-6)
- [unidentified] (West Bradford Twp.), Romansville store, account book (1837-45)
- James H. Robison (Honey Brook), store accounts, ledgers (1806-66)
- [unidentified] tanner's account book (1790-5)
- Thomas Rand Larkin, laborer [?], ledger (1808-25)
- John Y. Irwin, farm laborer, ledger/daybook (1849-50)
- Webster family, accounts of boarding and meals, account book (1837-40)
- William Temple, saddler, ledger/daybook (1774-1858)
- Isaac Skelton, carpenter, account book (1822-8)

- [unidentified], tavern, daybook (1772-3)
- [unidentified], forge, ledger (1795-1839)
- Commercial Bank of Pennsylvania, accounts, bank book (1814-20)
- Lewis Verdries, storekeeper, ledger (1837-9)
- Thomas Wood, laborer, workmen's time book (1858-9)
- Charles Reed, sawmill, account book/ledger (1832-41)
- Elizabeth Williams, milliner, account book (1816-7)
- John Crossan, blacksmith, daybook (1837-42)
- Henry Hipple, shoemaker, ledger (1830-45)
- William Rambo, butcher, ledger (1838)

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