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Thomas Tucker and Tucker family papers

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Thomas Tucker and Tucker family papers
<b>Date:</b>	1823-1877
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.tuckthom
<b>Creator:</b>	Tucker, Thomas
<b>Extent:</b>	2 Items (partial microfilm reels)
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Lent for microfilming, 1954, by the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

### Location of Originals

Originals in the Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

### Available Formats

35mm microfilm reels P16 (fr. 738-865) & P17 (fr. 1-86) available for use at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

### Restrictions

The Archives of American art does not own the original papers. Use is limited to the microfilm copy.

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## Biographical / Historical

Porcelain designers and manufactures; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Benjamin Tucker was a merchant who imported plain china. His son, William Ellis Tucker, painted it. In 1828, William and his brother, Thomas, began their own porcelain manufacturing company. In 1832, they were joined by Judge Hamphill, an established Philadelphia manufacturer. The business closed in 1838.

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## Scope and Contents

Thomas Tucker's pattern books, 1832-1838, including designs, receipts for colors and porcelain; price books, 1826-1846; 20th century clippings; letters from descendants; and letterbooks of Benjamin Tucker, 1823-1831, relating to the manufacture of porcelain by his son, William Ellis Tucker.

## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

### Subjects:

Decorative arts  
Porcelain -- 19th century -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia  
Porcelain industry -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia

### Names:

Tucker, William Ellis, d. 1832

### Occupations:

Ceramicists -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia  
Manufacturers -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia