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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Gardens
Title:	Bedman Brothers Company records
Date:	1859 - 1984
Identifier:	AAG.BED
Creator:	Bedman, John (Owner) Bedman, James (Owner) Bedman, William (Founder) Bedman, Joseph (Owner) Bedman, Frank (Owner) Bedman, Charles (Owner) Bedman Brothers Rahway, New Jersey. Thorburn, James (Investor) Bedman Brothers William Bedman Seed Company (Rahway, New Jersey)
Extent:	8.5 Cubic feet
Language:	English .
Summary:	The Bedman Brothers Company Records collection focuses primarily on the business and financial transactions of Bedman Brothers seed company of Rahway, New Jersey, and includes accounting ledgers, purchase orders, price lists, miscellaneous business and family correspondence, and various brochures, pamphlets and leaflets related to horticultural topics. Other holdings in the collection include World War II ration stamps and two scrapbooks, one of which contains many late nineteenth and early twentieth century chromo-lithographed trade cards (primarily from the sewing, clothing, and floral industries). The other scrapbook holds news clippings from the Civil War period. Separated materials include seed gathering equipment used by field workers.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated to the Smithsonian Office of Horticulture (later Horticulture Services Division) in 1984 by Gladys and Florence Whitehead, great-granddaughters of William Bedman.

Separated Materials

Assorted nursery and trade catalogs and price lists from the Bedman Brothers records were transferred to the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History Library, Horticulture Trade Catalogs Collection.

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Historical

The William Bedman Seed Company of Rahway, New Jersey was established in 1843 by William Bedman with the support of James Thorburn, a Manhattan seed purveyor. The firm, later called Bedman Brothers, was principally a wholesale mail order seed company that sold to consumer-end seed houses such as Vicks, W. Atlee Burpee, and George J. Ball. Bedman Brothers became known for its production of salvias (sage), including the development of 'Bonfire' or Clara Bedman sage variety. The company continued after William Bedman's tenure under the leadership of his sons Charles, James and John. The business ended after the death of Joseph Bedman, William's grandson, in 1962.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Flowers
- Horticulture
- Mail-order business
- Salvia
- Seed industry and trade
- Seeds -- Processing -- Equipment and supplies

Types of Materials:

- Account books -- 19th century
- Account books -- 20th century
- Administrative records
- Artifacts
- Brochures
- Clippings
- Correspondence
- Leaflets

Ledgers (account books)
Negatives
Pamphlets
Photographs
Price lists
Purchase orders
Scrapbooks

Names:

Bedman Brothers

Container Listing

Series 1: Business Records

5 Boxes (Boxes 1, 3, 4, 5, 6)

1.1: Financial/Legal

Scope and Contents: See Box 7 for sheets originally from ledgers in Boxes 3, 4, or 6.

Box 1, Folder 4	Receipts: Star Pump and Cooler Corp., 1951
Box 1, Folder 4	Contracts: New York Telephone Company, circa 1935-1960
Box 1, Folder 4	Checks : Rahway National Bank, 1915
Box 1, Folder 4	Account Entries: Stumpp & Walter , circas 1950s
Box 1, Folder 5	Check Stubs: Peter Henderson, circa 1940-1960
Box 3	Check Stubs: Stumpp & Walter Co., 1945 (1945 Ledger)
Box 3	Check Stubs: Mandeville & King Co., 1945 (1945 Ledger)
Box 3	Order Forms: Bedman Brothers, circa 1940s (1946 Ledger)
Box 3	Payment Note: Peter Henderson & Co., 1946 (1946 Ledger)
Box 4	Payment Note: Peter Henderson & Co., 1944 (1944 Ledger)
Box 6	Contract: Peter Henderson/Charles Bedman, circa 1894 (circa 1887-1897 Ledger)

1.2: Ledgers

Scope and Contents: Account Books of financial transactions and purchase orders. Loose papers that had been tipped in to the ledgers (postcards, newspaper clippings, etc.) were removed and placed in Box 7 for preservation purposes.

Box 3	1945 Ledger, 1945
Box 3	1946 Ledger, 1946

Box 4	circa 1866-1870 Ledger, circa 1866-1870
Box 4	circa 1894-1904 Ledger, circa 1894-1904
Box 4	1944 Ledger, 1944
Box 4	1952 Ledger, 1952
Box 4	1953 Ledger , 1953
Box 5	circa 1859-1885 Ledger, circa 1859-1885
Box 5	circa 1867-1878 Ledger , circa 1867-1878
Box 5	circa 1877-1883 Ledger, circa 1877-1883
Box 6	circa 1867-1879 Ledger, circa 1867-1879
Box 6	circa 1867-1894 Ledger, circa 1867-1894
Box 6	circa 1887-1897 Ledger, circa 1887-1897

1.3: Memoranda/Notes

Scope and Contents: See Box 7 for sheets originally from ledgers in Boxes 3 or 5

Box 1, Folder 4	Growing Note, circa 1943
Box 1, Folder 4	Chas. Bedman, 1897
Box 3	William H Macfarlane & Co., 1946 (1945 Ledger)
Box 5	"Memorandum on Where the Different Varieties of Portulacas Grew in 1876", 1876 (circa 1859-1885 Ledger)
Box 5	"List of Seeds on Hand at this Date, Nov. 15, 1876", 1876 November 15 (circa 1867-1878 Ledger)

1.4: Price Lists

Scope and Contents: See Box 7 for sheets originally from ledgers in Boxes 3 or 5

Box 1, Folder 1	Bedman Brothers, 1926, 1954
Box 1, Folder 1	Natale & Domenico Annunziata, 1949

Box 1, Folder 1	Bedman Brothers, 1938
Box 1, Folder 1	Peninsula Nurseries, 1961 - 1962
Box 1, Folder 2	Eltweed Pomeroy, 1917
Box 1, Folder 4	Charles Bedman, 1897
Box 1, Folder 4	Bedman Brothers, 1922, 1930, 1935, 1943
Box 1, Folder 5	Charles Bedman, 1879
Box 1, Folder 5	August Rölker & Sons, 1879
Box 3	Bedman Brothers, 1944 - 1945 (1946 Ledger)
Box 5	John Bedman, circa 1880s (circa 1859-1885 Ledger)

1.5: Purchase Orders

Scope and Contents: See Box 7 for sheets originally from ledgers in Boxes 3, 4, 5, or 6.

Box 1, Folder 1	F.W. Bolgiano & Co., 1962 2 purchase orders
Box 1, Folder 1	U.S. Naval Academy, 1945
Box 1, Folder 4	A.C. Kendel's Seed Store, 1919
Box 1, Folder 4	Burnett Bros, 1959
Box 1, Folder 4	F.W. Bolgiano & Co., 1958
Box 1, Folder 4	Fertl-Soil Co., 1946
Box 1, Folder 4	Fred C. Gloeckner & Co., 1957
Box 1, Folder 4	Henry A. Dreer, 1921
Box 1, Folder 4	J.M. Thorburn & Co., 1902, 1877, 1880, 1874, 1875, 1873 1 purchase order from each year listed, and 2 purchase orders from 1875
Box 1, Folder 4	J.W. Jung Seed Co., 1950
Box 1, Folder 4	Robert Buist Co., 1959

Box 1, Folder 4	Stumpp & Walter Co., 1951 2 purchase orders
Box 1, Folder 4	Superior Bulb Co. Ltd., 1950
Box 1, Folder 4	W.E. Marshall & Co., 1930
Box 1, Folder 4	W.W. Barnard Co., 1921
Box 1, Folder 4	Peter Henderson & Co., 1874, 1875, 1873, circa 1870s, 1877, 1950 2 purchase orders from 1874
Box 1, Folder 5	Peter Henderson & Co., 1874, 1877, 1873, 1950, circa 1870s, 1875 2 purchase orders from 1874
Box 1, Folder 5	B.K. Bliss & Sons, 1868, 1875
Box 1, Folder 5	C.L. Allen & Co., 1871
Box 1, Folder 5	Henderson & Fleming, 1869
Box 1, Folder 5	John U. Kamerle, 1868
Box 1, Folder 5	Washburn & Co., 1874, 1873, 1868
Box 1, Folder 5	W.H. Carson, 1880
Box 3	A.H. Hummert Seed Co., 1945 (1945 Ledger)
Box 3	Alec Henderson Inc., 1946 (1946 Ledger)
Box 3	Alexander Forbes & Co., 1945 2 purchase orders (1945 Ledger)
Box 3	Alexander Forbes & Co., 1946, 1947 (1946 Ledger)
Box 3	American Bulb Co., 1945 2 purchase orders 2 purchase orders (1945 Ledger)
Box 3	American Bulb Co., 1946 (1946 Ledger)
Box 3	Andrew R. Kennedy, Inc., 1947

(1946 Ledger)

Box 3	Beckert Seed & Bulb Co. , 1947 (1946 Ledger)
Box 3	Burgess Seed & Plant Co. , 1946 (1945 Ledger)
Box 3	Burnett Bros , 1946 (1946 Ledger)
Box 3	Burnett Bros , 1945 (1945 Ledger)
Box 3	Crossman Seed Co., 1946, 1945 (1945 Ledger)
Box 3	Crossman Seed Co., 1946 (1946 Ledger)
Box 3	Depuy & Ferguson, Ltd. , 1945 2 purchase orders (1945 Ledger)
Box 3	Dominion Seed House , 1946 (1945 Ledger)
Box 3	F.W. Bolgiano & Co., 1945 2 purchase orders (1945 Ledger)
Box 3	F.W. Bolgiano & Co. , 1947 3 purchase orders (1946 Ledger)
Box 3	Flowerfield Bulb Farm , 1946, 1945 (1945 Ledger)
Box 3	Flowerfield Bulb Farm , 1946 (1946 Ledger)
Box 3	Frank S. Platt Co. , 1947 (1946 Ledger)
Box 3	Fred C. Gloeckner & Co. , 1945-1946 (1945 Ledger)
Box 3	Fred C. Gloeckner & Co. , 1946

	2 purchase orders (1946 Ledger)
Box 3	Frederick W. Eberle , 1946 (1946 Ledger)
Box 3	Frederick W. Eberle , 1945, 1946 2 purchase orders from 1945 and 1946. (1945 Ledger)
Box 3	George J. Ball Inc. , 1946 (1946 Ledger)
Box 3	George J. Ball Inc. , 1946 3 purchase orders (1945 Ledger)
Box 3	Germania Seed Co. , 1946 5 purchase orders (1945 Ledger)
Box 3	Germania Seed Co., 1947, 1946 (1946 Ledger)
Box 3	Harnden's Seed Store, 1947 (1946 Ledger)
Box 3	Hart & Vick, 1946 2 purchase orders (1945 Ledger)
Box 3	Holmes Seed Co. , 1945, 1946 2 purchase orders from 1945 and 3 purchase orders from 1946 (1945 Ledger)
Box 3	Holmes Seed Co. , 1946, 1947 (1946 Ledger)
Box 3	Isbell Seed Co. , 1947 (1946 Ledger)
Box 3	John A Bruce Seed Co. , 1946 2 purchase orders (1945 Ledger)
Box 3	John A Bruce Seed Co. , 1947, 1946 (1946 Ledger)
Box 3	Joseph Breck & Sons , 1945

	(1945 Ledger)
Box 3	Joseph Breck & Sons , 1946 (1946 Ledger)
Box 3	Kenneth McDonald & Sons, Ltd. , 1947 (1946 Ledger)
Box 3	L.L. Olds Seed Co. , 1945 (1945 Ledger)
Box 3	L.L. Olds Seed Co., 1947 (1946 Ledger)
Box 3	Mandeville & King Co. , 1945 (1945 Ledger)
Box 3	Max Schiling Seeds & Bulbs, 1945 2 purchase orders (1945 Ledger)
Box 3	Max Schiling Seeds & Bulbs , 1946 (1946 Ledger)
Box 3	Mr. Smith , 1944, circa 1946 (1946 Ledger)
Box 3	Perry's Seed Co. , 1945 (1945 Ledger)
Box 3	Perry's Seed Co. , 1946 2 purchase orders (1946 Ledger)
Box 3	Peter Henderson & Co., 1945 (1946 Ledger)
Box 3	Peter Henderson & Co. , 1946 2 purchase orders (1946 Ledger)
Box 3	Porter-Walton Co. , 1946 (1946 Ledger)
Box 3	Porter-Walton Co. , 1945 (1945 Ledger)
Box 3	St. Louis Seed Co. , 1947

	3 purchase orders (1946 Ledger)
Box 3	Steele, Briggs Seed Co. , 1945 2 purchase orders (1945 Ledger)
Box 3	Steele, Briggs Seed Co. , 1946, 1945 (1946 Ledger)
Box 3	Stumpp & Walter Co. , 1945 (1945 Ledger)
Box 3	Stumpp & Walter Co. , 1946 2 purchase orders (1946 Ledger)
Box 3	Superior Bulb Co. , 1945 (1945 Ledger)
Box 3	Superior Bulb Co. , 1947, 1946 (1946 Ledger)
Box 3	Templin-Bradley Co. , 1945 (1945 Ledger)
Box 3	Templin-Bradley Co. , 1946 (1946 Ledger)
Box 3	The Tregunno Seed Co. , 1945 2 purchase orders (1945 Ledger)
Box 3	Tregunno Seed Co. , 1946 (1946 Ledger)
Box 3	Vaughn's Seed Store, 1945, 1946 2 purchase orders from 1946 (1945 Ledger)
Box 3	Vaughn's Seed Store , 1946 (1946 Ledger)
Box 3	W. Atlee Burpee , 1945 2 purchase orders (1945 Ledger)
Box 3	W.E. Marshall & Co. , 1945 (1945 Ledger)
Box 3	Walter S. Schell, Inc. , 1945

	(1945 Ledger)
Box 3	Walter S. Schell, Inc., 1946 (1946 Ledger)
Box 3	William M. Hunt & Co., 1945 (1945 Ledger)
Box 3	Wilson's Seeds , 1945 (1945 Ledger)
Box 3	William M. Hunt & Co. , 1947, 1946 (1946 Ledger)
Box 4	Alec Henderson , 1944 (1944 Ledger)
Box 4	American Bulb Co. , 1944 2 purchase orders (1944 Ledger)
Box 4	American Bulb Co. , 1953 (1952 Ledger)
Box 4	American Bulb Co. , 1953 2 purchase orders (1953 Ledger)
Box 4	Bowling Proprietors Association of America, Inc. , circa 1950s (1952 Ledger)
Box 4	Buist's Garden Seeds , 1954 (1953 Ledger)
Box 4	F.W. Bolgiano & Co. , 1953, 1952 (1952 Ledger)
Box 4	F.W. Bolgiano & Co. , 1953, 1954 2 purchase orders from 1953, 2 purchase orders from 1954 (1952 Ledger)
Box 4	Fred C. Gloeckner , 1944, 1945 2 purchase orders from 1944 (1952 Ledger)
Box 4	Fred C. Gloeckner & Co. , 1952 (1953 Ledger)
Box 4	Fred C. Gloeckner & Co. , 1952

	2 purchase orders (1952 Ledger)
Box 4	George J. Ball, Inc. , 1952, 1953 2 purchase orders from 1952 (1952 Ledger)
Box 4	George J. Ball, Inc. , 1953 2 purchase orders (1953 Ledger)
Box 4	Holmes Seed Co. , 1952, 1953 2 purchase orders from 1952 (1952 Ledger)
Box 4	Holmes Seed Co. , 1953 2 purchase orders (1953 Ledger)
Box 4	Joseph Breck & Sons, 1952 (1952 Ledger)
Box 4	Joseph Breck & Sons, 1954, 1953 2 purchase orders from 1953, 3 purchase orders from 1954 (1953 Location)
Box 4	Max Schling Seeds & Bulbs , 1944 (1944 Ledger)
Box 4	Perry's Seed Co. , 1945 (1944 Ledger)
Box 4	Peter Henderson & Co. , 1944 (1944 Ledger)
Box 4	Peter Henderson, Stumpp & Walter Co. , 1952 (1952 Ledger)
Box 4	Porter-Walton Co. , 1953, 1954 (1953 Ledger)
Box 4	Porter-Walton Co. , 1952 (1952 Ledger)
Box 4	St. Louis Seed Co. , 1952 (1952 Ledger)
Box 4	Stumpp & Walter Co. , 1944 (1944 Ledger)
Box 4	Superior Bulb Co. , 1952

	(1952 Ledger)
Box 4	Superior Bulb Co. , 1953 (1953 Ledger)
Box 4	Thomas J. Grey Co. , 1944 (1944 Ledger)
Box 4	Tregunno Seeds, Ltd. , 1952 (1952 Ledger)
Box 4	Tregunno Seeds, Ltd. , 1953 (1953 Ledger)
Box 4	Vaughn's Seed Store, 1944 (1944 Ledger)
Box 4	W. Atlee Burpee Co. , 1954 (1953 Ledger)
Box 4	Walter S. Schell, Inc. , 1944 (1944 Ledger)
Box 4	Watkins Seeds Ltd. , 1952 (1952 Location)
Box 4	Wilbur Baumann , 1944 (1944 Ledger)
Box 5	August Rölker , 1897 (circa 1859-1885 Ledger)
Box 5	Beach Son & Co. , 1878 (circa 1867-1878 Ledger)
Box 5	Bedman Bros., 1880 (circa 1877-1883 Ledger)
Box 5	Charles Bedman, 1893, 1884 (circa 1859-1885 Ledger)
Box 5	Charles Mays , 1895 (circa 1867-1878 Ledger)
Box 5	F.E. McAllister, 1890 (circa 1859-1885 Ledger)
Box 5	J.M. Thorburn , 1891, 1885, 1880, 1881, 1883, 1882, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1872, 1875

	6 purchase orders from 1868, 2 purchase orders from 1870, two purchase orders from 1872, two purchase orders from 1881 (circa 1887-1897 Ledger)
Box 5	John Marsh , 1892 (circa 1859-1885 Ledger)
Box 6	Wm. Bedman Sr. , 1872 (circa 1859-1885 Ledger)
Box 6	August Rolker & Sons , circa 1890s, 1893 (circa 1887-1897 Ledger)
Box 6	Henry A. Dreer , 1894 (circa 1867-1894 Ledger)
Box 6	Price & Knickerbocker , 1883 (circa 1867-1894 Ledger)

1.6: Envelopes

Scope and Contents: See Box 7 for sheets originally from ledgers in Boxes 3, 4, or 5

Box 1, Folder 5	Chas. Bedman, circa 1860s
Box 1, Folder 5	Taber and Whitman, circa 1900
Box 1, Folder 5	New Jersey Network, circa 1980s
Box 1, Folder 9	Superior Bulb Co., 1946
Box 1, Folder 9	George J. Ball, 1946
Box 1, Folder 9	Sluis Brothers, Ltd., 1952, 1956
Box 1, Folder 9	Carmine Faraone Menella, 1953, 1958
Box 1, Folder 9	Fred C. Gloeckner and Co., 1946
Box 1, Folder 9	Brecks, 1946
Box 1, Folder 9	St. Louis Seed Co. , 1948
Box 3	Thomas Grey Co. , 1947, 1945 (1945 Ledger)
Box 3	Beckert Seed & Bulb Co. , 1947

	(1946 Ledger)
Box 3	Isbell Seed Store , 1947 (1946 Ledger)
Box 3	Fertl-Soil Co. , 1946 (1946 Ledger)
Box 3	A.H. Hummert Seed Co. , 1945 (1946 Ledger)
Box 4	Thomas Grey Co. , 1944 (1946 Ledger)
Box 5	Peter Henderson & Co., circa 1870-1890 (circa 1859-1885 Ledger)

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Series 2: Correspondence

3 Boxes (Boxes 1, 3, 4)

2.1: Business/Farm Related

Scope and Contents: See Box 7 for sheets originally from ledgers in Boxes 3 or 4.

Box 1, Folder 1	Pearson, N.K. , 1945
Box 1, Folder 2	Pomeroy, Eltweed, 1918
Box 1, Folder 5	Henry A. Dreer, 1882
Box 1, Folder 8	Sproul, J.F., 1935
Box 3	Crossman Seed Co., 1946 (1945 Ledger)
Box 3	William H. Macfarlane & Co., 1946 (1945 Ledger)
Box 4	Plant Seed Co., 1911 (circa 1894-1904 Ledger)
Box 4	Alexander Forbes & Co., 1952 (1953 Ledger)
Box 4	Deposit Seed Co. , 1911 (1894-1904 Ledger)

2.2: Family/Personal

Scope and Contents: See Box 7 for sheets originally from ledgers in Box 4

Box 1, Folder 6	Bedman, Henry, 1901, 1900, 1899
Box 1, Folder 6	Bedman, Mary, 1898
Box 1, Folder 6	Bedman, Harriet, 1899, 1900
Box 1, Folder 6	"Rahway, N.J." postcard, circa 1900
Box 1, Folder 6	Whitehead, Erma, 1900, 1899, 1901
Box 4	Baumann, Wilbur, 1944

(1944 Ledger)

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Series 3: Images

1 Boxe (Box 1)

Box 1, Folder 3 Photographs (9) [of Salvia plants?], circa 1920-1940

Box 1, Folder 3 Photo Negatives (7) [of Salvia plants?], circa 1920-1940

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Series 4: Publications

3 Boxes (Boxes 1, 4, 5)

4.1: Brochures/Leaflets

Box 1, Folder 1	Marugg Company Scythes, circa 1890-1920
Box 1, Folder 2	"Better Farming", circa 1900-1920
Box 1, Folder 2	"Lime: For Agricultural Uses", circa 1900-1920
Box 1, Folder 2	"Jones Climax", circa 1917
Box 1, Folder 8	"Cawston Ostrich Farm", circa 1900-1930
Box 1, Folder 8	"Cleveland's Last Message", circa 1908
Box 1, Folder 8	"Palmistry", 1924
Box 1, Folder 8	"File Philosophy", 1954
Box 1, Folder 8	"Luther Burbank-How Does He Do It?", circa 1930-1950
Box 1, Folder 8	"Charcoal for Improving Soil in Greenhouses, Nurseries, Gardens, Lawns, etc.", circa 1900
Box 1, Folder 9	"Hubam Clover-What, Where, Why?", circa 1920
Box 1, Folder 9	"The Proper Care of Lawns", circa 1914
Box 1, Folder 9	Rules of Etiquette, circa 1900-1920
Box 1, Folder 9	"More Wheat", 1919
Box 1, Folder 9	"Sulphate of Ammonia", circa 1912
Box 1, Folder 9	"Honey: Nature's Finest Product", circa 1950s
Box 1, Folder 9	"A Victory Gardener's Handbook on Insects and Diseases", 1944

4.2: Bulletins

Box 1, Folder 8	First Presbyterian Church, 1983
Box 1, Folder 9	"Beecause", 1935

4.3: Documents

Box 1, Folder 1	"Seed Merchants and Florists who Purchased Seeds from the Bedman Family", 1983
Box 1, Folder 1	History of the Bedman Bros., 1981
Box 1, Folder 1	History of the Bedman Seed Farm (condensed) , 1981
Box 4	Seed Company letter heads, circa 1900-1910 (circa 1894-1904 Ledger)

4.4: Magazines

Box 1, Folder 10	Zaadbelagen, 1962
Box 1, Folder 10	Zaadbelagen, 1964

4.5: Newspaper and Catalog Clippings

Scope and Contents: See Box 7 for sheets originally from ledger in Box 5

Box 1, Folder 1	"Clara Bedman to be 91 on Tuesday", 1950
Box 1, Folder 1	"Trees With Large Balls", 1939
Box 1, Folder 1	"The Fragrant Star Magnolia", 1939
Box 1, Folder 1	"Verbenas", 1939
Box 1, Folder 1	Moore Seed Co. Catalogue, circa 1890-1930
Box 1, Folder 8	Seed Catalogue Clippings (listing Salvias), circa 1890-1920
Box 5	The Sun, 1878 (circa 1859-1885 Ledger)
Box 5	"Posed at Teddy Jr., Got Meals Free", circa 1905 (circa 1867-1878 Ledger)
Box 5	"Twenty Rutgers Sophs Suspended for Hazing", circa 1900 (circa 1867-1878 Ledger)
Box 5	"Snake Eater Just Dotes on Poison", circa 1900

(circa 1867-1878 Ledger)

4.6: Pamphlets

Scope and Contents: See Box 7 for sheets originally from ledger in Box 4

Box 1, Folder 6	"In Living Memory" (re: funeral service for Joseph Bedman), 1962
Box 1, Folder 8	"Information for Business Men", circa 1880-1910
Box 1, Folder 8	Annual Report of Fish and Game Commissioners (New Jersey), 1914
Box 1, Folder 8	"General Planting Instructions", circa 1890-1920
Box 1, Folder 8	"Instruction Book for Transplanting and Managing Fruits and Ornamental Trees, Shrubs, Vines, and Flowers", 1908
Box 1, Folder 9	"Take-All and Flag Smut", 1919
Box 1, Folder 9	"A Brief Study of Field Experiments on Availability of Nitrogenous Fertilizers", circa 1912
Box 1, Folder 10	"Successful Potato Growing", 1918
Box 1, Folder 10	"Your Vegetable Garden", circa 1910s
Box 1, Folder 10	"Apple Growing in the United States", circa 1920
Box 4	"Will You Help Improve the Roads of your State?", circa 1904 (circa 1894-1904 Ledger)

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Series 5: Scrapbooks

2 Boxes (Boxes 2, 3)

Box 2

Trade Card Album

[Image\(s\): Trade Card Album: circa 1900](#)

Notes: Scrapbook of small color lithograph advertising trade cards with primarily floral imagery used to promote domestic goods and services from various companies selling such products as threads, sewing machines, seeds, clothes, and medicines. A few trade cards reflect negative stereotypes prevalent during the Victorian period.

Topic: advertising -- United States -- Pictorial works
Victoriana
Cats
Christmas
Flowers
Fruit
Herbal medicine

Genre/Form: Trade cards
Advertisements -- 19th century

Box 3

Civil War Newspaper clippings (Chas. Bedman), circa 1860s

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Series 6: Artifacts and Ephemera

6 Boxes (Boxes 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9)

Scope and Contents: See Box 7 for sheets originally from ledger in Box 5

Box 1, Folder 2	Chromo-Lithograph of Tree, circa 1900-1930
Box 1, Folder 7	World War II ration stamps, circa 1942-1946
	<p>War Ration Book Two, circa 1942</p> <p>Notes: During World War II, every family in America was issued ration books to ensure fair distribution of foods in short supply. The books contained stamps for rationed goods like sugar, meat, cooking oil, and canned foods. Victory gardens helped to supplement these items with fresh vegetables.</p> <p>Genre/Form: Ration books</p>
Box 1, Folder 8	Seed Packets, Bedman Brothers, circa 1870s
Box 2	Calendar: "Reminiscence", 1984
Box 4	Wallet (Owned by Frank Whitehead), circa 1906
Box 5	Poem: "Many Little Blessings", circa 1880s (circa 1859-1885 Ledger)
Box 5	Change of Address Notification, J.M. Thorburn and Co., circa 1877 (circa 1859-1885 Ledger)
Box 5	Seed Packets. Chas. Bedman, circa 1870-1900 (circa 1859-1885 Ledger)
Box 8	Seed Gathering Bags, circa 1935-1950
Box 8	Cloth Sign/Banner: "Go to Bedman's", circa 1920-1960
Box 9	Seed Gathering Bags, circa 1935-1950
Box 9	Seed Strainers, circa 1920-1960

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