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## Collection Overview

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<b>Title:</b>	Girard Estate Records
<b>Date:</b>	1790-1964
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.1011
<b>Source:</b>	National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Work and Industry (Collector)
<b>Creator:</b>	Lehigh Valley Coal Company Lehigh Valley Railroad Company Millington, W.P. Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company Wagner, E.C.
<b>Extent:</b>	5 Cubic feet (16 boxes, 1 map-folder)
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Collected for the Museum for the Division of Extractive Industries, now the Division of Work and Industry.

### Ownership and Custodial History

Transferred to the Archives Center from the Division of Work and Industry in 2007.

### Related Materials

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Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company Records (NMAH.AC.0282)

### Processing Information

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## Biographical / Historical

In 1830, Stephen Girard, a merchant, financier, and philanthropist, purchased 67 tracts of land in Pennsylvania that had been held by trustees of the first Bank of the United States. A large portion of the land passed into the Girard Trusts, bequeathed by Girard to the city of Philadelphia. Beginning in 1862, leases for the mining of coal on these lands were granted by the Estate.

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## Scope and Contents

Records include voluminous correspondence, much of it to or from W.P. Millington, Secretary of the Estate; with the Lehigh Valley Coal Company and Lehigh Valley Railroad Company; and with the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company. Also reports, including annual reports, reports by the Mining Engineer, and reports on visits by trustees; applications for permits; leases, including the lease for the City of Philadelphia as trustee under the will of Stephen Girard to Lehigh Valley Coal Company, 1884-1899; deeds; original agreements regarding the land, 1785 and 1793; licenses to mine coal; photographs, including photographs taken as part of surveys; blueprints; maps; patents; and daily journals for the years 1872, 1873, and 1879, kept by E.C. Wagner, Assistant Superintendent for the Girard Estate, detailing such things as inspections, meetings, etc.

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## Arrangement

The collection is divided into six series.

Series 1: Girard Estate General Background Materials, 1794-1955 Series 2: Leases, Agreements and Deeds, 1794-1928 Series 3: Court Cases and Legal Materials, 1790-1928 Series 4: Reports, 1830-1964 Series 5: W. Parkes Millington's Files (Correspondence), 1830-1953 Series 6: Photographs, 1861-1913

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Subjects:

- Coal mines and mining
- Mining -- Pennsylvania

### Types of Materials:

- Application forms
- Blueprints
- Correspondence
- Deeds
- Journals (accounts)
- Land titles
- Maps

Patents  
Photographs -- 1850-1900  
Photographs -- 20th century  
Reports

Names:

National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Work and Industry

Places:

Pennsylvania -- Anthracite coal industry

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**Scope and Contents:** This series consists primarily of typescript incoming and outgoing correspondence of W. Parkes Millington, mining engineer and agent for the Girard Estate. The correspondence covers a variety of subjects such as railroad track removal, excavation projects, contract and agreement negotiations, samples and testing of anthracite, repairs of roads in townships, shipments and local sales of coal. Many of the files also contain maps detailing specific land tracts being mined. Specific information about leases for the Girard Estate are found in the City of Philadelphia Trustee/Girard Estate correspondence files.

The Anthracite Institute--a research and statistical organization maintained by the coal industry--includes general memos to its members (coal companies) about federal wages and laws, copies of *Anthracite News* and reports.

The Locust Coal Company correspondence includes an employee bulletin *Our bread and Butter* which details production statistics, employee payroll and how many men are in service.

The Schuylkill-Northumberland Taxpayers Association which was conceived and sponsored by the major coal companies includes minutes of the meetings, treasurers reports detailing expenditures and funds, and taxes levied on various townships. W. Parkes Millington was secretary of the association.

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