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Guide to the Charles J. Burggraf Johnstown Flood Collection

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Charles J. Burggraf Johnstown Flood Collection
Date:	1880-1989.
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1250
Creator:	Burggraf, Harold L. (Donor) Burggraf, Charles J., 1862-1928 (Creator)
Extent:	2.1 Cubic feet (2 boxes, 1 oversize folder)
Language:	English .
Digital Content:	Image(s): Charles J. Burggraf Johnstown Flood Collection

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Donated to the Archives Center in 2011 by Harold Burggraf, the great-nephew of Charles Burggraf.

Processing Information

Collection is unprocessed.

Preferred Citation

Charles J. Burggraf Johnstown Flood Collection, 1880-1989, Archives Center, National Museum of American History.

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Collection open for research on site by appointment. Unprotected photographs must be handled with gloves.

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Biographical / Historical

Photographer, Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Scope and Contents

Documents, photographs, scrapbooks and photograph albums, relating to Charles J. Burggraf, a photographer active in Johnstown, Pennsylvania at the time of the 1889 flood. Some documents, such as a will, deeds, a baptismal certificate, and similar things, predate the flood. Many of the photographs are studio portraits taken by Burggraf. A few photographs depict flood damage, and the albums and scrapbooks relate to the flood. Also included are 1989 newspapers commemorating the 100th anniversary.

Arrangement

1 series.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Disasters -- Pennsylvania
- Floods
- Floods -- Pennsylvania

Types of Materials:

- Deeds
- Newspapers
- Photographs -- 19th century
- Photographs -- Black-and-white negatives -- Glass -- 19th century
- Scrapbooks
- Wills

Places:

- Johnstown (Pa.)
- Pennsylvania