

Preferred citation

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Processing note

During the appraisal of the collection, a number of boxes were found to be contaminated with mold, some beyond repair. Correspondence found in the papers from 1931 suggests that the Estate of Tench Coxe office in Drifton flooded during that year, with an outbreak of mold occurring soon afterward. It is believed that these moldy items came along with the collection when it arrived at HSP in 1968. In 1982, the collection was reviewed, resulting in the disposal of about thirty boxes. Some of these boxes were discarded due to the large quantity of mold they contained, while others, which included cancelled checks, receipts and other financial information, were sampled. A list of the boxes that were discarded in 1982 is included in the collection file.

Some of the mold-damaged materials were found to need professional conservation and therefore are not included in the processed collection. As they are treated, they will be integrated into the collection. The mold items that can be attended to at HSP will be incorporated into the collection as they are cleaned. During the processing of the collection, all rubber bands and metal fasteners were removed, with sixty-seven pounds of paper clips, staples and various types of metal fasteners removed from the Coxe Papers.