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Series 1. Administrative Files, 1879-1968 (Boxes 1-157)

The *Administrative Files* contain documents relative to the Estate of Tench Coxe and the manner in which it managed the affairs of the Coxe heirs and the Coxe Estate lands. There were nearly always two Estate Agents who conducted estate business on behalf of the heirs, one who was located at the Drifton office, while the other oversaw the Philadelphia office. Included in this series are the files of two of these Estate Agents, Wesley K. Woodbury and Daniel M. Coxe. It was their job to file monthly reports relative to the condition of the estate, with Subseries 5 containing a group of these reports, which date from 1950-1968. The Coxe properties were sold off piecemeal beginning in March 1962 with the formation of the Liquidating Trusts. The term "Trusts" was used because there were actually three different groups of Coxe heirs who

owned Estate of Tench Coxe lands. They include: the Estate of Tench Coxe Heirs, who owned the vast majority of the property (and for this reason, the 30,000 acres of Coxe lands are nearly always referred to collectively as the “Estate of Tench Coxe”), the Buck Mountain Heirs, who owned 14/15ths of the Buck Mountain lands and the Estate of Charles S. Coxe Heirs, who owned two tracts of land, the Robert Clark and George Calhoun Tracts. Subseries 9 documents the sale of the lands owned by these three groups, which occurred nearly 200 years after Tench Coxe purchases them. The remainder of the subseries’ in Series 1 further illustrates the responsibilities associated with managing a 30,000-acre estate, which for all intents and purposes was a business corporation whose stockholders were the Coxe heirs.

Subseries 1. Inter-Office Correspondence, 1934-1957 (Boxes 1-3)

Subseries 1 includes correspondence between the Drifton office of the Estate of Tench Coxe and the estate’s Philadelphia office. The files, which are arranged chronologically, relate to checks that were sent out to various Coxe heirs, general office matters, acknowledgments of deeds or leases, as well as other miscellaneous types of estate-related correspondence.

Subseries 2. Elliot A. Oberrender Files, 1882-1907 (Boxes 4 and 5)

Subseries 2 contains both personal and business files of E.A. Oberrender. Oberrender was Eckley B. Coxe’s personal secretary, and was also involved with the Coxe mining operations as well as Estate of Tench Coxe matters. Coxe family correspondence, contracts for roadwork in Carbon County, notary public appointment certificates, personal investment files and report cards of his children are examples of the types of files included in the subseries, which is arranged chronologically.

Subseries 3. Wesley K. Woodbury, Agent Files, 1879-1940 (Boxes 6-32)

This subseries includes the files of Wesley K. Woodbury, who served as Estate Agent at the Drifton office from 1921-1937. He was one of the few Estate Agents who was not a member of the Coxe family. For this reason, his papers provide a unique insight into how the Coxe lands were operated and administered. During his tenure, Woodbury dealt with many different aspects related to the management of the Coxe Estate. Divided into five sections, these files include: *Correspondence, 1911-1940*, *Coxe Family Files, 1879-1937*, *Land Papers, 1897-1937*, *Mining and Engineering Papers, 1900-1941* and *General Estate Files, 1890-1938*.

The correspondence files contain Woodbury’s interoffice and general correspondence files, both of which are arranged chronologically and date from 1911-1940. They include letters to the Philadelphia office, Coxe Brothers & Company, Incorporated, Henry B. Coxe and Daniel M. Coxe, both of whom were Estate Agents in the mid-20th century.

Sub-subseries B includes Coxe family papers, which contain correspondence, descent charts, estate papers and wills, all pertaining to various Coxe family members. These

were probably the papers Woodbury used to track all the Coxe heirs. For additional Coxe family materials, see Record Group III.

The *Land Papers* are arranged by subject and date from 1897-1937. They include: files pertaining to the history of the Coxe lands, county land taxes, items relative to the Drifton lands, various land tracts, right-of-way issues, Road Taxpayer's Association meeting minutes, as well as miscellaneous files. For other estate land files, see Series 2 of this record group.

The *Mining and Engineering Papers* concern mining operations on the Coxe lands, which were managed by Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc. during Woodbury's time as Estate Agent. There are two main sections to the sub-subseries, namely, the papers of W.P. Millington and operators' files. Millington was the mining engineer for the estate during Woodbury's tenure. His files contain monthly reports pertaining to mining activities on the Coxe lands, correspondence, bills and miscellaneous engineering papers. The operators' files include miscellaneous documents relative to the various operators who mined the Coxe properties. Both Millington's papers and the operator's files are arranged alphabetically, spanning the years 1900-1941. For other Estate of Tench Coxe mining and engineering files, see Series 3 of this record group.

Sub-subseries E contains organization papers, investment files and miscellaneous documents relative to the Coxe Estate. The estate organizational papers pertain to different plans for the management of the Coxe Estate. During the late 1920s and early 1930s, there were proposals to either incorporate the Estate of Tench Coxe or make it into a trusteeship. Neither of the plans was implemented and the estate stayed under the management of the Estate Agents. The investment files contain materials relative to investments made by estate on behalf of the heirs, while the miscellaneous files contain various legal documents, land papers, correspondence and news clippings that belonged to Woodbury. The investment files contain materials concerning investments made by the estate on behalf of the heirs, while the miscellaneous files include: various legal files, land papers, correspondence and newspaper clippings that belonged to Woodbury. The files are arranged by topic and span the years 1890-1938.

Subseries 4. Daniel M. Coxe, Agent Files, 1936-1965 (Boxes 33-107)

The following subseries is comprised of the working files of Daniel M. Coxe while he served as Agent to the Estate of Tench Coxe. It consists of two discrete sections: his general working file and materials pertaining to the final settlement with Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc.

The *General Estate File* spans a broad subject area, but has a particular emphasis on the usage of estate lands through a variety of sales, leases, deeds and permits. An inside look into the various business associations of the estate can be seen through large sections of correspondence dealing with the Jeddo-Highland Coal Company, the

Lehigh Valley Railroad Company and numerous other regional contractors. Information pertaining to the estate's relationship with the surrounding communities of Hazleton and Drifton is included among a wealth of material associated with the region's social and economic development. The arrangement of this section adheres to its original filing system while in the estate's Drifton office.

The files making up the *Final Settlement with Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc.* consist largely of correspondence and memorandums pertaining to the cancellation of the "1904 Lease" between the Estate of Tench Coxe and Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc. This lease gave Coxe Brothers exclusive operating rights on the estate's land, although for many years Coxe Brothers sub-leased the property to other mining enterprises. Poor management by a series of these sub-lessees brought about lower royalties for the estate and Coxe Brothers, and a greater sense of animosity between the two. The negotiations documented in this series illustrate the series of events that would ultimately lead to the dissolution of Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc. The material is arranged chronologically and spans the years 1941 to 1951.

Daniel Coxe's active involvement in the estate brought about vast changes for the Heirs of Tench Coxe. His role as Estate Agent is documented throughout this series, particularly Subseries 6, *Coxe Family Meetings* and Subseries 9, *Estate Liquidation Papers*.

Subseries 5. Manager's Reports, 1950-1968 (Boxes 108-111)

Quarterly reports of the Estate Agents to the Coxe heirs constitute Subseries 5. These reports updated the heirs on general estate matters, such as, land and real estate transactions, coal leases, mining statistics, etc. The reports, which are arranged chronologically, were made for the different Coxe Estate property groups, which included the Buck Mountain Properties, the Estate of Charles S. Coxe, the Estate of Tench Coxe, as well as the Liquidating Trust reports, which begin after the first quarter of 1962.

Subseries 6. Coxe Family Meetings, 1956-1968 (Boxes 112-114)

Subseries 6 contains files relative to meetings of the Coxe heirs. They were held periodically to discuss issues related to the Estate of Tench Coxe and the Coxe lands. After February 1962 they were held to keep the heirs updated on the liquidation of the estate. The meetings usually took place in Philadelphia, but a few were held at the Coxe Estate office in Drifton. The files are arranged chronologically by meeting date, and include: correspondence, meeting agendas, bills, guest lists and general meeting information.

Subseries 7. Employee Files, 1898-1968 (Boxes 115-116)

This series contains the human resources files of the Estate of Tench Coxe. The file is arranged chronologically with the bulk of material dating from 1950 to 1968. Consisting of time sheets, wage rates, payroll registers and benefit information, this

file is extremely useful in understanding the work force employed to run the Drifton office.

Subseries 8. Legislative Files, 1921-1963 (Boxes 117-130)

The *Anthracite Stripping Legislation* files constitute the first section of this subseries. They contain documents that relate to attempts to block the enactment of strip mining legislation in Pennsylvania. By the 1960s, stripping was the most widely used method of extracting anthracite coal. However, stripping left huge scars in the earth's surface, ravaging the ground and rendering it environmentally and physically unstable. For this reason, laws were proposed to regulate the practice of strip mining. The operators viewed the enactment of these laws as a death sentence for the anthracite industry. Underground mining was too costly, and if stripping operations were curtailed, it would cause many of the coal-mining firms to go out of business. Daniel M. Coxe was at the forefront of the fight against the proposed stripping legislation. He chaired committees who opposed the bills and also assisted in organizing the Anthracite Association of Pennsylvania, which was made up of coal operators interested in saving what was left of Pennsylvania's anthracite industry. Also included in these records are materials from a joint exhibit sponsored by the anthracite operators and the United Mine Workers of America (UMWA) at the Greater Hazleton Commercial and Industrial Exposition in 1961. The exhibit was put up with the hope of swaying public opinion in their favor. The materials date from 1921 to 1963, with the majority dating from 1961-1963.

The second section of Subseries 8 contains weekly, monthly and annual reports from the Production Control Plan for the Anthracite Industry's Anthracite Committee in Harrisburg. The reports contain commercial production, sales, and general anthracite industry data. The reports, which are statistical in nature, span the years 1949-1956, and document only the producers who subscribed to the Control Plan. Under the plan, each company was expected to produce a certain amount of coal for the week. The weekly quota would be compared to the amount actually produced, charting whether a company went over or under their allowance for the week. The *Anthracite Institute Bulletins*, which contain statistical reports and articles relative to the anthracite coal industry, which date from 1949-1956.

Subseries 9. Estate Liquidation Papers, 1957-1968 (Boxes 131-144)

Subseries 9 includes files related to the final liquidation of the Estate of Tench Coxe. By the early 1960s, the anthracite coal industry was in bad shape. The Estate Agents and heirs, realizing that it would never fully recover, decided to liquidate the estate's land holdings. Although they had been selling bits and pieces of land and real estate for years, beginning in March 1962 they began a full-scale liquidation of all estate lands. At this time the Estate of Tench Coxe Liquidating Trusts formed with the intent of selling the remaining lands. For additional land sale files, see Series 2, Subseries 3 of this record group.

Sub-subseries A contains liquidation-related correspondence, as well as files related to the formation of the Liquidating Trusts, both of which are arranged chronologically by topic and date from 1959-1967. As mentioned in the series description, there were actually three separate groups of Coxe heirs who owned estate lands. Therefore, a separate Liquidating Trust had to be created for the Estate of Tench Coxe Heirs, the Estate of Charles S. Coxe Heirs and the Owners of 14/15^{ths} of the Buck Mountain Property.

Financial papers relative to the liquidation comprise the second section of Subseries 9. The files, which span the years 1957-1968, are arranged alphabetically and include: audits of manager's accounts, expense accounts, balance sheets, receipts and other miscellaneous financial data. Box 136, which contains documents relative to the filing of income taxes of Coxe Estate heirs by the Estate of Tench Coxe, has been restricted. For additional estate financial materials, see Series 4 of this record group.

Items concerning to the final land sale of the Coxe Estate constitute Sub-subseries C. Butler Enterprises purchased the last 16,400 acres of land in the possession of the Estate of Tench Coxe, while the Pagnotti Coal Company purchased the culm and ash banks that were located on the Coxe lands. Deeds to Butler Enterprises, miscellaneous land papers related to the sale, as well as files concerning the sale of the banks to the Pagnotti Coal Company are included in the sub-subseries. The files are arranged alphabetically by topic, spanning the years 1960-1967.

Sub-subseries D contains agreements and powers of attorney to the various Coxe land ownership groups. The files, which date from 1962-1968, are arranged by group and include miscellaneous agreements and powers of attorney, as well as files relative to other families who had an interest in the Coxe lands. These additional family groups include the Ely Heirs, who owned the remaining 1/15 of the Buck Mountain Property, the Teuber Heirs, whose papers can be found in Record Group III, Series 3, Subseries 5, and the Kellogg Heirs, who had a stake in the Brobst-Irwin Tracts in Mahanoy Township, Schuylkill County.

Subseries 10. General Files, 1891-1968 (Boxes 145-157)

The *General Files* contain papers related to the administration of the Estate of Tench Coxe. They include three sections, namely, *Subject Files of the Estate's Philadelphia Office*, *Powers of Attorney* and *Miscellaneous Administrative Files*.

Sub-subseries A includes subject files of the Philadelphia office of the Estate of Tench Coxe. They are arranged alphabetically, and cover a wide variety of topics, such as banking, equipment, filing systems, insurance, political matters and taxes. They date from the years 1891-1968, with the bulk of the items dating from the 1940s and 1950s.

The second section contains powers of attorney from the various Coxe heirs, granting the Estate Agents the power to act in their behalf when making real estate

transactions, mining agreements, etc. They span the years 1906-1961 and provide a list of the different agents who administered the lands of the Coxe Estate.

Sub-subseries C contains miscellaneous administrative files, including a box that includes the last files used at the Drifton office of the Estate of Tench Coxe in 1968. Also included are lists of estate papers stored in various offices and vaults. The files in this section date from 1913-1968.

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Series 2. Land & Real Estate Files

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 - c. Ash & Culm Bank Correspondence, 1942-1964
2. Estate Land Acquisition Files, 1774-1888
3. Land Sales & Appraisals
 - a. Land Sale Files, 1793-1968
 - b. Financial Papers, 1879-1965
 - c. Deringer Heirs' Land Sale Files, 1940-1968
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4. Lease, Agreement & Title Papers, 1852-1966
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Series 2. Land & Real Estate Files, 1774-1968 (Boxes 158-316)

The papers in Series 2 chronicle the acquisition and use of the Coxe lands by the Estate of Tench Coxe. Tench Coxe was a land speculator who began acquiring properties in northeastern Pennsylvania in the 1790s. By the early 1820s he had acquired roughly 80,000 acres of land in what would become known as the Eastern Middle or Lehigh Field. Subseries 2 contains materials that pertain to these original land purchases. Also included are land sale documents, property tax files, maps and a plethora of other materials relating to all aspects of the Coxe lands as they were administered by the Estate of Tench Coxe. For additional Coxe Estate land and real estate documents, see the *Daniel M. Coxe Agent Files* and the *Estate Liquidation Papers*, both in Series 1 of this record group.

Subseries 1. Correspondence & General Files, 1792-1965 (Boxes 158-198)

The *Correspondence and General Files* contain three sections of material, all of which relate to a wide variety of topics associated with land, lease and real estate dealings of the Estate of Tench Coxe. For additional correspondence related to leases, agreements, or estate lands in general, see the *Lease, Agreement & Title Papers* of this series and Series 3, Subseries 1 of Record Group II.

Sub-subseries A includes correspondence and general files relative to all types of land issues and mining agreements concerning the lands owned by the Estate of Tench Coxe. Papers concerning lease agreements, land acquisition, land sales, mining issues, building and dwelling concerns, eviction notices, tenant files, Coxe company towns, land lessees and roads and highways are contained in this large section of materials. This would be a good starting point for anyone attempting to grasp the problems and difficulties the estate had in managing its huge 30,000-acre property. This section is an amalgamation of various land files, including the permanent office files from the Philadelphia office that pertained to land issues. The files are arranged alphabetically by topic and span nearly two hundred years, dating from 1792 through 1965.

The second section of Subseries 1 contains correspondence relative to ash and culm banks, as well as general correspondence concerning collieries and leases. Ash banks were piles of ash that were left as a result of burning anthracite coal for fuel, while culm banks were piles of refuse from the breakers that contained small pieces of anthracite coal. The ash was used for various purposes, while the small bits of coal reclaimed from the culm banks were sold as marketable coal. The files are arranged alphabetically by topic and span the years 1937-1960, with one file dating to 1898.

Additional correspondence related to ash and culm banks constitute Sub-subseries C. A number of the files pertain to royalty statements from various companies to the estate for coal mined from the banks. For other estate royalty files, see Series 4, Subseries 6 of this record group. A more recent estate file, the folders are arranged alphabetically by topic and date from 1942-1964.

Subseries 2. Estate Land Acquisition Files, 1774-1888 (Boxes 199-204)

This subseries contains land acquisition papers relative to the Estate of Tench Coxe, showing how and why the estate lands were purchased. A majority of the files date to the late 18th and early 19th centuries, when Tench Coxe was acquiring what would become the Coxe coal lands. The subseries is divided into two sections, namely, agreement and partnership papers. The agreement files include items relative to lands that were bought in group lots, while the partnership files contain documents relative to lands that were purchased with other persons or companies for speculative purposes or development. Both the agreements and partnerships are arranged alphabetically by property or partner name.

Subseries 3. Land Sales & Appraisals, 1793-1968 (Boxes 205-228)

Divided into four sections, the files that comprise Subseries 3 concern lands sold by the Estate of Tench Coxe. For additional land sale papers, see Series 1, Subseries 9 of this record group. Sub-subseries A contains general land sale files. These papers, which are arranged alphabetically by topic, deal with land and dwelling sales that took place both in the coal regions and in Philadelphia. The Philadelphia files relate to lots in the city that were owned by the Estate of Anna M. Coxe. The files include correspondence, lot descriptions, memorandums, tax notices and land sale

agreements. They date from 1793-1966, with the majority originating in the 1940s and 1950s.

Sub-subseries B contains various financial papers related to land sales. The documents pertain to capital gains and losses on land and building sales, receipts for land and timber sales of Franklin Coxe (son of Francis Sydney Coxe), as well as distribution sheets and receipts to estate heirs relative to land sales. The files date from 1948-1968, excepting the Franklin Coxe receipts, which date from 1879-1889. For other estate financial documents, see Series 4 of this record group.

Papers that chronicle the sale of land owned by the Deringer family constitute Sub-subseries C. The Deringer Heirs, as they were known, were not related to the Coxe family. They had an interest in five tracts of land at Deringer and Tomhicken, and carried a 7/18 interest in the land into the 20th century. Contained in the section are Deringer Heirs estate files, general land sale files that are arranged chronologically by topic and Deringer and Tomhicken property deeds to each Deringer Heir. The files date from 1940-1968. For additional Deringer files see the *Deringer Heirs' Royalty Files* in Series 4, Subseries 6, Record Group I, and Series 3, *Lease, Agreement & Title Permanent File*, Box 614, and Series 6, Subseries 6, *Deringer Heirs' Royalty Files*, both in Record Group II.

Appraisals and affidavits for various Coxe properties are included in Sub-subseries D. Before the Coxe Estate could sell a piece of land, the fair market value for the tract had to be determined. This was accomplished through the hiring of two independent appraisers, who would survey the tract and determine the fair market value of the land in question. The files are arranged alphabetically by property and span the years 1951-1965.

Subseries 4. Lease, Agreement & Title Papers, 1852-1966 (Boxes 229-262)

Subseries 4 contains agreements of every kind relative to the Estate of Tench Coxe. Most of the files are agreements and leases concerning land issues, including: bank leases, bridge reclamation agreements, clay leases, coal sale agreements, dragline permits, drainage agreements, equipment agreements, mine car removal permits, mining leases, right-of-way agreements and shale removal permits. Correspondence and general files relative to a specific lease or agreement are also included in a majority of the folders. A number of the mining leases are actually subleases from Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc. to other coal mining operators. After 1930, Coxe Brothers did not do much actual mining on the Coxe lands, instead subleasing the land to companies such as Jeddo-Highland Coal Company, who would in turn mine the property referred to in the lease. See Record Group II, Series 3, Subseries 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 for additional leases and agreements that involved Coxe Estate lands. The mining leases document the history of the coal operations on the Coxe Estate, with a few of these leases dating to the 1850s, before the formation of Coxe Brothers & Company. The files are arranged alphabetically by agreement type and then by

property. For additional clay and shale permits, see Subseries 6 of this series, Box 274.

Subseries 5. Heirs' Consents for Land Sales and Leases, 1914-1961 (Boxes 263-272)

Subseries 5 contains consents from the Estate of Tench Coxe Heirs for various leases, agreements and land sales. Whenever the estate wanted to lease land for mining or sell a plot of land, it first had to get the approval of the heirs. After an agreement was negotiated, an explanatory letter from the Estate Agents explaining the contract was sent to the heirs along with a consent form. If the heir approved of the transaction, he or she signed the form and returned it to one of the estate's offices. The files, which are arranged alphabetically by topic, contain these signed consents, as well as related correspondence.

Subseries 6. Alternative Land Usage Files, 1939-1965 (Boxes 273-277)

Subseries 6 documents the search for ways to utilize the Coxe lands that did not involve coal mining. By the 1950s, the anthracite coal industry was a shell of its former self. As coal deposits were being depleted and demand for anthracite was declining, the Coxe interests looked for alternative uses for their lands. The search for gas, oil, iron ore and uranium on Coxe lands is reflected in these files, which are arranged alphabetically by subject. Papers relative to the sale of materials such as clay, lumber and shale are also included.

Subseries 7. Planning and Zoning Files, 1949-1965 (Boxes 278-283)

This subseries contains papers related to the planning and zoning of property in Carbon, Luzerne and Schuylkill counties. The bulk of the materials pertain to Luzerne County, including municipalities in the county such as Hazleton City and Sugarloaf Township, with a few of the files concerning planning and zoning in Carbon and Schuylkill counties. Also included are a number of publications that cover regulations for the entire Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The majority of the papers in Subseries 7 document subdivision regulations that were enacted by the Luzerne County Planning Commission in the late 1950s through the early 1960s. Daniel Coxe and the Coxe Estate opposed the new subdivision regulations and joined with other large landowners in Luzerne County to form the "Committee for Certain Landowners in Luzerne County," to fight the new land laws. The files are arranged alphabetically by topic.

Subseries 8. Property Tax Files, 1793-1968 (Boxes 284-303)

The Estate of Tench Coxe *Property Tax Files* consist of three discrete sections, pertaining strictly to property taxes. These files remain distinct from other tax files, located in Record Group I, Series 4, due to the wealth of information provided about the acreage and value of the Coxe properties.

The first section of this subseries pertains to the tax assessments and valuations on estate property. These files are arranged alphabetically by the county or township issuing the assessment and span the years 1883-1962.

The next section of this subseries consists of tax bills, payment information and receipts. Due to the amount of property owned by the estate, paying taxes was a major undertaking. That task is well documented in this section, which is arranged chronologically in fourteen boxes, spanning the years 1793-1968, inclusive.

Finally, the *Miscellaneous Tax File*, consisting primarily of correspondence and annual reports of township auditors, gives an in-depth look into actions taken by the estate to minimize taxes. The four boxes that make up this section are arranged alphabetically by subject, with the last box devoted to the annual reports, minutes and correspondence of various Taxpayer Associations. These associations, such as the Road Taxpayers' Association of Banks, Foster and Hazle townships, were usually comprised of those paying the highest percentage of taxes in a given region and monitored the spending of taxes by township officials.

Subseries 9. Legal Files, 1854-1965 (Boxes 304-315)

This file contains the legal papers of the Estate of Tench Coxe and is comprised of three sections, each arranged alphabetically by topic. The *Land and Property Suits*, which comprise the first section, consist of numerous lawsuits brought about by and against the Estate of Tench Coxe. Although cases involving boundary disputes and drowning on estate land span as far back as 1874, the majority of this section deals with a case brought against the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company in 1954 for trespass on the James Steedman Tract, Hazleton City.

Water companies were frequently involved in lawsuits to obtain land through eminent domain. This often led to lengthy condemnation proceedings with the actual owners. Cases such as these are well documented in this section, some of which span as far back as 1892. The strength of this section, however, comes from the vast material pertaining to the case Estate of Tench Coxe vs. Hazleton City Authority, 1950-1965. Other companies mentioned in this section include the Blackwood Water Company, Delano Water Company, Diamond Water Company, Locust Mountain Water Company, and the Mahanoy City Water Company. Researchers interested in this topic may also want to refer to the legal files of the Wyoming Valley Water Supply Company, Record Group II, Series 5, Subseries 3.

The final section of this subseries pertains to lawsuits based on ownership in equity. Included with this file are the arbitration proceedings between the Estate of Tench Coxe and the Jeddo-Highland Coal Company, pertaining to the ownership of a portion of the Buck Mountain Property. The remaining boxes contain material pertaining to numerous lawsuits between the Estate of Tench Coxe and the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc. and the Jeddo-Highland Coal Company, each pertaining to ownership of certain ash and culm banks, 1930-1964.

Subseries 10. Property Maps, 1794-1961 (Box 316)

This subseries contains maps pertaining to lands in Pennsylvania and Virginia, with the majority depicting properties owned by the Estate of Tench Coxe. Most of the maps are oversized and date from the 19th century. They depict various land tracts, coal bearing lands, land surveys and village maps of properties located on the Coxe Estate. Also included are sets of maps and charts pertaining to various areas of Pennsylvania, which were produced during the Second Pennsylvania Geological Survey. Eckley B. Coxe was on the Board of Commissioners for the Survey and obtained copies of the maps and charts that were produced. Large, rolled up maps of these surveys are also contained in this subseries. These maps, which illustrate all four of the anthracite coalfields, were produced by piecing together various connected surveys on a linen backing. The results are very large maps, some of which reach the length of twenty-four feet. They present a clear layout of the four anthracite fields and include surface features, elevation, locations of coal beds, landowners and many other features. Correspondence relative to maps and surveys is also contained in the subseries. For additional property maps of the Coxe lands, see *Property Maps* in Series 3 and *Division Superintendent's Correspondence File* in Series 4, Subseries 1, both in Record Group II.

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Series 3. Mining & Engineering Files

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 - b. Subject File, 1950-1966
 - c. Coal Sale Tabulation Sheets, 1959-1961
2. Engineering Files
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 - b. James Archibald, Jr., Estate Consulting Engineer, Correspondence File, 1907-1913
 - c. F. Edgar Kudlich, Estate Engineering Files, 1920-1940

Series 3. Mining & Engineering Files, 1882-1967 (Boxes 317-332)

The estate *Mining and Engineering Files* contain a wealth of information pertaining to the exploration of coal and mining operations on estate land. While finding new coal seams was of particular interest to the estate, it was also concerned with maximizing the output from the mines already in operation. The estate employed numerous engineers over the years to achieve this maximum output, many of which are well documented by this series, particularly James Archibald Jr. and F. Edgar Kudlich. For additional estate mining and engineering files, see Series 1, Subseries 3, Sub-subseries D of this record group.

Subseries 1. Administrative Files, 1882-1966 (Boxes 317-321)

This subseries is comprised of three distinct sections, namely, the *General Correspondence Files*, the *Subject Files* and *Coal Sale Tabulation Sheets*. These files contain the correspondence and working files for the day-to-day operations of the Estate Engineer.

The *General Correspondence File* is arranged alphabetically by subject and consists of material related to the companies and collieries employed to mine and process coal from estate land. The file spans the years 1882-1961, with the bulk of the material concentrating on the years 1940-1950, and is primarily concerned with the business operations of the Jeddo-Highland Coal Company.

Comprised of miscellaneous brochures, newsletters and newspaper clippings, the *Subject File* provides a glimpse into the various events that shaped the estate's way of conducting business. Newsletters from the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical & Petroleum Engineers as well as Blue Cross/Blue Shield are just an example of the material in this section, which is arranged alphabetically by subject and covers the years 1950-1966.

Coal Sale Tabulation Sheets were forms used by the Estate Engineer to record the daily sale of coal mined from Estate land. The forms, contained exclusively in this section, record the weight, size and price per ton of the mined coal and were prepared

by the Black-Star Anthracite Company, 1959-1960, and the Yellow Flame Coal Company, 1960-1961.

Subseries 2. Engineering Files, 1907-1967 (Boxes 322-332)

The *General Engineering File* is the first section of this subseries. While encompassing numerous aspects of the engineering field, including extensive tonnage reports, it is primarily focused on the subject of bore-hole records. Drilling bore-holes was a technique used to test the geology of a given piece of land. This was a major concern of the estate as it was constantly searching for new veins of coal or any other mineral which could prove profitable.

Sub-subseries B contains the incoming correspondence files of James Archibald, Jr., who was a consulting engineer for the Estate of Tench Coxe. His files are broken up into two sets of years, 1907-1910 and 1911-1913, with the items arranged alphabetically by correspondent within those two divisions. The documents pertain to various leases made for Coxe Estate lands, mining operations on the property, letters requesting employment, as well as other engineering-related issues.

The papers of Estate Engineer, F. Edgar Kudlich, represent the final section of the *Engineering Files*. Although his exact dates of employment are unclear, his files span the years 1920-1942 and include information on numerous mining operations on estate land. It is important not to confuse F. Edgar Kudlich with his father Edgar Kudlich who was employed by Coxe Brothers & Company during the early years of the company.

Record Group I. Estate of Tench Coxe

Series 4. Financial Records

1. Accounting Files
 - a. Accounts of the Estate Agents, 1833-1962
 - b. Financial Statements & General Accounting Files, 1829-1966
 - c. Managerial Statements, 1950-1957
2. Banking Files
 - a. Canceled Checks, 1915-1916, 1957-1968
 - b. Checking Account Disbursements, 1962-1968
 - c. General Banking Files, 1957-1968
3. Bills
 - a. Bills Received, 1872-1905, 1950-1968
 - b. Bills Rendered, 1962-1968
4. Tax Files
 - a. Federal Income Tax Files, 1914-1969
 - b. Pennsylvania State Tax Files, 1931-1968
5. Receipts, 1926-1950
6. Royalty Files
 - a. Royalty Statements & Distribution Sheets from the Estate of Tench Coxe to the Heirs of Tench Coxe, 1892-1968
 - b. Royalty Distribution Sheets from the Estate of Tench Coxe to the Heirs of Charles S. Coxe, 1910-1951
 - c. Royalty Statements from the Estate of Tench Coxe to Joint Property Owners, 1950-1964
 - d. Royalty Distribution Sheets from the Estate of Eckley B. Coxe to the Heirs of Eckley B. Coxe, 1935-1939
 - e. Royalty Statements from Lessees to the Estate of Tench Coxe, 1940-1967
 - f. Deringer Heirs' Royalty Files, 1930-1967
 - g. Royalty Examination Reports on Jeddo-Highland Coal Company Accounts, 1950-1964
7. Coxe Relief Fund, 1907-1945

Series 4. Estate Financial Records, 1829-1968 (Boxes 333-453)

This series contains the financial papers of the Estate of Tench Coxe as they pertain to seven unique subseries, specifically, *Accounting Files, 1833-1966*, *Banking Files, 1915-1968*, *Bills, 1872-1968*, *Tax Files, 1914-1969*, *Receipts, 1926-1950*, *Royalty Files, 1882-1968* and *the Coxe Relief Fund, 1907-1945*. The bulk of material contained in the series covers the years 1950-1968. The records detail the activities and cost of running the estate's Drifton office, as well as providing insight into to the financial obligations of the estate to its heirs. For additional estate financial data, see Series 1, Subseries 9, Sub-subseries B, and Series 2, Subseries 3, Sub-subseries B, both in Record Group I.

Subseries 1. Accounting Files, 1829-1966 (Boxes 333-344)

Comprised of periodic Accounts of the Estate Agent and an assortment of financial statements, this subseries provides a detailed description of the financial situation of the Estate of Tench Coxe. The first section of this subseries contains the *Accounts of the Estate Agent*. These reports were prepared at irregular intervals, but are nearly inclusive for the years spanning 1833-1962. Information integrated into these reports includes debits, credits, income, receipts of coal royalties and distribution of income. In addition to the Accounts of the Estate of Tench Coxe, there are also limited Accounts for the Estates of Anna B. Coxe, Anna M. Coxe, Charles S Coxe and Eckley B. Coxe. The section is arranged chronologically within each of the aforementioned estates.

The *Financial Statements & General Accounting Files* consist of an assortment of financial related material of the Estate of Tench Coxe for the years 1829-1966. Included in this section are statements of assets, liabilities and reserve funds, statements of royalty earned and unearned, and a series of audits performed on the accounts of Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc. for the estate. This material is arranged alphabetically and chronologically within each subject.

Sub-subseries C contains *Managerial Statements* of the Estate Agents, which are arranged chronologically and span the years 1950-1957. These statements are monthly reconciliation sheets for net income relative to the Coxe Estate. They correlate with data found in Coxe Estate journals.

Subseries 2. Banking Files, 1915-1916, 1957-1968 (Boxes 345-352)

Comprised of an assortment of banking material, this subseries documents the various checking accounts maintained by the Estate of Tench Coxe. The first section consists of three boxes of canceled checks from various banks, namely, the Bank of North America, 1915-1916, the Citizens Bank of Freeland, 1962 and the Girard Trust Bank, 1957 and 1968. The latter of the three sets of checks were sampled from a span of eleven years.

Corresponding to the section described above, the *Checking Account Disbursement* file provides further information on the purpose for which each check was written. These disbursements were written from various accounts, namely, that of the Buck Mountain Owners, 1962-1968, the Estate of Tench Coxe, 1962-1967 and the Estate of Tench Coxe Real Estate Account, 1968.

The final section of this subseries is made up of the *General Banking Files*. Spanning the years 1957-1968 and arranged chronologically, this file contains an assortment of deposit tickets, interest payments and reconciliation of bank balances.

Subseries 3. Bills, 1872-1905, 1950-1968 (Boxes 353-368)

Subseries 3 is comprised of two discrete sections, being *Bills Received* and *Bills Rendered*, respectively. The *Bills Received* file is housed in fourteen archival boxes and spans the years 1872-1905 and 1950-1968. They are arranged alphabetically by the wide variety of businesses and individuals who sent the bills.

The second part of this subseries is made up of bills issued by the Estate of Tench Coxe. Unlike *Bills Received*, this section is arranged chronologically and spans the years 1962-1968.

Subseries 4. Taxes, 1914-1969 (Boxes 369-391)

This subseries contains all of the relevant tax issues, which do not directly pertain to land or property. It is comprised of two sections, namely, *Federal Income Tax Files*, 1914-1969 and the *Pennsylvania State Tax Files*, 1931-1968.

The *Federal Income Tax Files* are comprised of material related to the Buck Mountain Owners, the Estate of Charles S. Coxe and the Estate of Tench Coxe, respectively. This section is housed in twenty-one archival boxes and contains the financial statements used to compute each group's yearly income tax, along with the actual Income Tax Return. The last four boxes of this section are comprised of miscellaneous income tax material.

The *Pennsylvania State Tax Files* pertain to taxes on the state and local level. Arranged chronologically, this section includes material pertaining to State Unemployment Compensation, the Philadelphia Wage Tax and the Hazleton Area School District's Occupational Privilege and Earned Income Taxes.

Subseries 5. Receipts, 1926-1950 (Boxes 392-394)

This subseries contains the receipts received by the Estate of Tench Coxe between the years 1926-1950. Arranged chronologically in three boxes, this section provides yet another glimpse into the various expenses incurred while managing the estate office.

Subseries 6. Royalty Files, 1892-1968 (Boxes 395-450)

As the Estate of Tench Coxe was never directly involved in mining operations, it made its money by collecting coal royalties from those who leased and operated its property. Monthly royalty statements were issued to the estate from the various lessees, which contained the tonnage figures for that month, along with the computations and payments of royalty owed. The Estate Agent was then responsible for distributing this money to the heirs in proportion to their interest in the land. This was accomplished through monthly royalty distribution sheets, which recorded the amount paid to each heir. These statements and distribution sheets are included in the following section along with the royalty files of the Deringer Estate and royalty examination reports concerning the Jeddo-Highland Coal Company.

The royalty statement and distribution sheets used by the Estate are divided into five distinct sections in this subseries. These sections include: *Royalty Statement & Distribution Sheets from the Estate of Tench Coxe to the Heirs of Tench Coxe, 1892-1968*, *Royalty Distribution Sheets from the Estate of Tench Coxe to the Heirs of Charles S. Coxe, 1910-1951*, *Royalty Statements from the Estate of Tench Coxe to Joint Property Owners, 1950-1964*, *Royalty Distribution Sheets from the Estate of Eckley B. Coxe to the Heirs of Eckley B. Coxe, 1935-1939* and *Royalty Statements from Lessees to the Estate of Tench Coxe, 1940-1967*. Each of these sections is arranged chronologically with the exception of the latter, which is arranged alphabetically by the lessee's name. For additional estate royalty items, see Series 2, Subseries 1, Sub-subseries C of this record group.

The Estate of Tench Coxe's relationship with the Deringer Heirs, stems from a series of lawsuits between the two from 1874-1888. The case pertained to the ownership of 2,000 acres of land in Black Creek and Sugar Loaf Townships, Luzerne County. Henry Deringer, the celebrated inventor of the Deringer Pistol, originally purchased the property in 1826. Due to an error in the County Treasurer's office pertaining to tax payments, the land reverted to the County Commissioner's office, unknown to Deringer, who continued to pay taxes on the land till his death in 1868. Around 1872, Coxe Brothers and Company took possession of the property and began mining operations without knowing that the Deringer Heirs already had a claim. A civil suit of ejectment began soon afterwards with the Deringer Heirs as plaintiff. After fourteen years and numerous appeals a settlement was reached whereby the property was divided in two equal portions between the Deringer and Coxe Heirs. From that point all coal mined from this property required a split of royalties between the two families.

Sub-subseries F contains the royalty files of the Deringer Heirs, spanning the years 1930-1967. The files include royalty formula materials, royalty settlement documents, correspondence pertaining to royalty rates, as well as royalty payable items. The papers in this file were Estate of Tench Coxe files, which is why they are here and not with the other Deringer royalty materials in Record Group II, Series 6, Subseries 6, Sub-subseries D. Box 439 of this sub-subseries does contain Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc. files, which were kept here in the estate files because they were originally organized with the remainder of the materials in this section. For additional Deringer materials, see Series 2, Subseries 3, Sub-subseries C of this record group, and Series 3, Subseries 2, Box 614 and Series 6, Subseries 6, Sub-subseries A, both in Record Group II.

Also included in Subseries 6 are royalty examination reports pertaining to the accounts of the Jeddo-Highland Coal Company. Roger K. Nevius, an employee of John Heins & Company, Certified Public Accountants, conducted these examinations at the request of the Estate of Tench Coxe. The financial accounts for each individual property leased by the Jeddo-Highland Coal Company were closely scrutinized by the

accountant who then sent detailed reports to the estate. This section is comprised of the said reports, which are arranged chronologically between 1950-1964.

Subseries 7. Coxe Relief Fund, 1907-1945 (Boxes 451-453)

The Coxe Relief Fund was created by a resolution of the stockholders of Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc. on October 31, 1905. The resolution created a fund for the purpose of paying all of its outstanding expenses prior to the transfer of its stock to the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company. The fund also provided money for the relief of worthy employees of Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc. Of particular importance is the fact that this pension fund was created at a time when it was not at all common. The Coxe Relief Fund was maintained by members of the Estate of Trench Coxe, who made monthly contributions to the account. This subseries contains an assortment of account statements and receipts relative to this fund, and is arranged chronologically between the years 1907-1945.

Record Group I. Estate of Tench Coxe Bound Volumes

1. Cashbooks
 - a. General, 1850-1967
 - b. Buck Mountain Owners, 1940-1967
2. Journals
 - a. General, 1872-1886, 1943-1968
 - b. Real Estate, 1847-1968
 - c. Buck Mountain Owners, 1943-1967
3. Ledgers
 - a. E. Martyn & Company / E.B. Ely & Company, 1871-1876
 - b. General, 1879-1886
 - c. Buck Mountain Owners, 1942-1967
4. Letterbooks
 - a. General, 1904-1926
 - b. Coxe, Eckley B., 1867-1895
 - c. Kelshaw Thomas, 1909-1916
 - d. Millington, William P., 1919-1936
 - e. Oberrender, Elliot A., 1898-1925
 - f. Woodbury, Wesley K., 1924-1939
 - g. Indexes & Miscellaneous Letterbooks, 1870-1902
5. Miscellaneous, 1875-1967

Estate of Tench Coxe Bound Volumes, 1850-1967 (vols. 1-130)

The volumes of the Estate of Tench Coxe consist of five discrete sections, namely, *Cashbooks*, *Journals*, *Ledgers*, *Letterbooks* and *Miscellaneous Volumes*. The volumes of each of these sections are grouped alphabetically and arranged chronologically within each topic.

The *Estate of Tench Coxe Cashbooks*, housed exclusively in this section, record the daily flow of cash into and from the estate office. They are of invaluable importance in understanding the various financial situations of the estate and when used in conjunction with the estate journals and ledgers, give detailed descriptions of the estate's daily, monthly and yearly financial situations.

The letterbooks of Record Group I document a variety of business matters of the Estate of Tench Coxe, through the correspondence of its various employees. These volumes are grouped according to who wrote them and are further organized chronologically within authors. This was not the case, however, for a group of miscellaneous letterbooks and indexes, which, due to their damaged condition, are housed in an archival box at the end of this section.

The final section in Record Group I is an assortment of miscellaneous volumes. These include financial notebooks, coal tonnage ledgers, legal transcripts and payroll registers, all of which are arranged chronologically.

Record Group II. Coxe Mining Company Operations

Series 1. Administrative Files

1. Eckley B. Coxe, President's Correspondence File, 1870-1895
2. Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc., General Correspondence, 1905-1945
3. Permanent Office Files, 1864-1959
4. Subject Files, 1905-1950
5. Coal Sales, 1905-1955
6. Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc. Board of Directors', Stockholder & Trustee Meeting Files, 1913-1951
7. Treasurer's Files, 1923-1952
8. Insurance Files, 1931-1952

Series 1. Administrative Files, 1864-1959 (Boxes 454-548)

The first series of Record Group II is comprised of the administrative files of both Coxe Brothers and Company and Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc. Documenting the various aspects of managing these companies, this series is comprised of eight distinct subseries, spanning the years 1864 to 1959. These subseries also span a wide range of subject matter and are grouped into the following sections: *Eckley B. Coxe, President's Correspondence File, 1870-1895, Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc., General Correspondence, 1905-1945, Permanent Office Files, 1864-1959, Subject Files, 1905-1950, Coal Sales, 1906-1955, Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc. Board of Directors', Stockholder & Trustee Meeting Files, 1913-1951, Treasurer's Files, 1923-1952 and Insurance Files, 1931-1952.*

Subseries 1. Eckley B. Coxe, President's Correspondence File, 1870-1895 (Boxes 454-459)

Subseries 1 contains the correspondence file of Eckley B. Coxe as President of the various Coxe mining enterprises, which included Coxe Brothers and Company, the Cross Creek Coal Company, the Coxe Iron Manufacturing Company, the Delaware, Susquehanna & Schuylkill Railroad and Coxe Brothers and Company, Inc. Attention is drawn to the distinction between the companies of Coxe Brothers & Company, 1865-1900 and Coxe Brothers and Company, Inc., 1893-1900. The former being a partnership organized as a mining company and the latter a corporation organized as a selling agency.

The subseries is arranged alphabetically and spans a broad subject area, with the bulk of material relating to the partnership of Coxe Brothers and Company. Correspondents of this section include Ezra B. Ely, Ario Pardee and Arthur McClellan, who was Eckley B. Coxe's cousin and brother of the famed Civil War general George B. McClellan.

Subseries 2. Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc. General Correspondence File, 1905-1945 (Boxes 460-464)

The *Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc. General Correspondence File* contains correspondence pertaining to the day-to-day operations of the company while under control of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, 1905-1945. (The use of the “&” in the title Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc., indicates that this is the corporation which was organized as the Cross Creek Coal Company in 1882 and subsequently changed its name to Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc. in 1900. This is not to be confused with the selling agency of Coxe Brothers and Company, Inc., or the partnership of Coxe Brothers and Company). Arranged alphabetically, this section includes a large assemblage of letters from various companies with a particular emphasis on the Lehigh Valley Coal Company and the Wolf Collieries Company.

Subseries 3. Permanent Office Files, 1864-1959 (Boxes 465-470)

Subseries 3 contains materials that were significant enough to become part of a “permanent” file that was never archived or put into storage. Many different types of documents comprise the subseries, including various types of agreements, Workmen’s Compensation Bureau materials, patent licenses, bills of sale for coal barges, certificates of incorporation and various other important documents. The Coxe Brothers & Company co-partnership agreement of 1865 and the Cross Creek Coal Company charter of 1882 highlight the subseries. The files are arranged in a straight numerical run, with each item assigned a specific number, except for a few miscellaneous files that were placed at the beginning of the subseries. These miscellaneous files were put here for the reason that a number of them were actually titled “Front of File,” and were originally kept at the front by Coxe Brothers and Company. The numbering system, which runs from #1-202, was kept in place because of a card catalog that was included with the papers. The cards are organized alphabetically by subject or name and can be used to locate files within the subseries.

Subseries 4. Subject Files, 1905-1950 (Boxes 471-474)

Arranged alphabetically by subject, this subseries contains files on various topics pertinent to the anthracite coal industry. The strength of this subseries lies in the material associated with the American Institute of Mining & Metallurgical Engineers, the American Mining Congress, the Anthracite Emergency Committee, the Works Progress Administration and other such organizations directly related to the anthracite Industry.

Housed entirely within Box 474 is a scrapbook containing numerous newspaper clippings from the *Philadelphia Inquirer* and *Philadelphia Record*, among others. The clippings pertain primarily to a series of articles on bootleggers in the anthracite fields, and their plight to earn a living during the Depression years. There are also a series of clippings pertaining to the Mayor of Philadelphia, S. Davis Wilson, visiting the anthracite fields on a good-will tour. The scrapbook is intact, but is very fragile. Copies of the clippings have been made and are located with the scrapbook.

Subseries 5. Coal Sales, 1905-1908, 1929-1955 (Boxes 475-476)

This subseries contains correspondence and data pertaining to the sale of coal. The material, which spans the years 1905-1908, pertains solely to the coal sales of Pardee Brothers & Company, Inc., while the bulk of the subseries pertains to Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc, 1929-1955. The file is arranged chronologically and contains material specifically related to coal sale realizations and premiums.

Subseries 6. Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc. Board of Directors', Stockholder & Trustee Meeting Files, 1913-1951 (Boxes 477-483)

Subseries 6 contains meeting minutes and general files of Coxe Brothers' Board of Directors, Stockholders and Trustees. The Board meeting files span the years 1929-1951 and also include resolutions made by the Board from 1913-1936.

Correspondence, minutes, agendas, production and mining statistics, as well as accounting data are included. The Stockholders' materials are comprised of general data pertaining to specific meetings, which span the years 1925-1936. The Trustees' files contain reports from 1931-1933 and correspondence relative to the 1934 report. The files are arranged alphabetically by group and then chronologically within each group.

Subseries 7. Treasurer's Files, 1923-1952 (Boxes 484-546)

The *Treasurer's Files* comprise one of the largest subseries in the Coxe Family Mining Papers. These are the subject files of the Treasurer of Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc., and they contain a wealth of information relative to nearly all aspects of Coxe Brothers' operations. The items are arranged alphabetically by subject with many of the files pertaining to land and mining issues for specific Coxe Brothers' collieries. Included are files concerning coal sales, company houses, contributions to charitable organizations, insurance, labor laws, land taxes, royalty data, war bond receipts, as well as a number of other topics.

Subseries 8. Insurance Files, 1931-1952 (Boxes 547-548)

This subseries consists of fire and automobile insurance policies belonging to Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc. The file is arranged alphabetically by each policy's issuing company, with the bulk of the material dating from the 1930s.

Record Group II. Coxe Mining Company Operations

Series 2. Employee Files

1. Applicant's File, 1875-1937
2. Strike & Labor Issues, 1877-1903
3. Sophia Coxe's Christmas Festival, 1884-1898
4. Payroll Records, 1907-1954
5. Employee Grievances, Mining Accidents & Workmen's Compensation Files, 1919-1946

Series 2. Employee Files, 1875-1954 (Boxes 549-578)

This series pertains to the men and women who made up the work force for the various Coxe-owned mining companies. It is comprised of five distinct sub-series, namely, *Applicant's File, 1875-1937, Strike & Labor Issues, 1877-1903, the Sophia Coxe Christmas Festival, 1884-1898, Payroll Records, 1907-1954 and Employee Grievances, Mining Accidents & Workmen's Compensation, 1919-1946.*

Subseries 1. Applicant's File, 1875-1894 & 1931-1937 (Boxes 549-550)

The first of the two boxes in this subseries contain letters from perspective employees in search of employment with the firm of Coxe Brothers and Company as well as the Cross Creek Coal Company. This box is arranged alphabetically by the applicant's last name and spans the years 1875-1894. The second box contains the correspondence of the applicants to Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc., as well as an assortment of information pertaining to the work force already employed.

Subseries 2. Strike & Labor Issues, 1877-1903 (Boxes 551-564)

This subseries contains an assemblage of material associated with various types of labor unrest that plagued Coxe Brothers and the anthracite industry in general, between the years 1877-1903. The material in this subseries is arranged chronologically within eight distinct topics.

Coxe Brothers and Company did not sit idly during these years of strife, as Pinkerton Detectives were employed to spy on their employees and other labor agitators. These detectives sent detailed reports of their findings to Eckley B. Coxe between the years 1877-1890, some of which pertain to the murder of George K. Smith, a victim of the Molly Maguires. Other topics included in this section pertain to the use of Coal & Iron Police to protect company property and Eckley B. Coxe's testimony before a Congressional Investigating Committee in March 1888, pertaining to the labor unrest in the anthracite fields.

The Miners Strikes of 1887, 1897 and 1902 are well documented through eyewitness accounts, court transcripts and newspaper clippings, as are the Oneida and Weston Riots, which date from 1900-1903, and the Machinists Strike of 1901. These files are of invaluable importance to understanding the relationship between labor and capital in the anthracite fields.

The final topic contained in this subseries deals with miscellaneous labor issues and death threats to Coxe Brothers and Company's management. Within this section are an assortment of detailed accounts of labor unrest and threats, which will be of particular interest to scholars interested in the Molly Maguires. The Pennsylvania anthracite region saw numerous acts of violence during the latter half of the 19th century, in response to the harsh and sometimes unfair working conditions of the local mines. A secret organization known as the Molly Maguires quickly became the scapegoat for this violence. Although this group was far from the great evil conspiracy portrayed by the national press of the time, their style of retributive justice led to the deaths of sixteen mine officials in the region. "Coffin notices", like the six found in this subseries, acted as threats to those mine officials whom the Mollies felt were being unjust. Although very few of these threats were actually carried out, the strong language of the letters, along with the crude drawings of coffins, daggers and pistols sent a clear warning to whoever received them. The Molly Maguires existed and acted in secrecy throughout the region. There is virtually no surviving evidence pertaining to their membership or goals as an organization. These "coffin notices", along with the correspondence of District Attorney E.R. Siewers, who assisted in the prosecution of the Mollies, will coal region and labor historians a chance to view first hand accounts of this unique period in Pennsylvania history.

Subseries 3. Sophia Coxe Christmas Festival, 1884-1898 (Boxes 565-566)

Sophia Coxe, wife of Eckley B. Coxe, was known as the "Angel of the Anthracite Coal Fields". She acquired this nickname through her countless acts of charity for the people of the Lehigh Field. Sophia was a benefactor of numerous institutions and established several charitable trust funds, which continue to support institutions such as the MMI Preparatory School and Lehigh University into the twenty-first century. Sophia also hosted annual celebrations in Drifton on the 4th of July and Christmas Eve, the latter of which is documented in the papers of this subseries. Between 1877-1925, Sophia played Santa Claus to 2,000-4,000 children of the region. With the assistance of her personal secretary, she would buy an assortment of presents and candy, and create extensive gift-distribution lists so that the children would not receive the same present each year. Similar gifts were given to the children of St. James Episcopal Sunday School, the Children's Seashore Home in Atlantic City, as well as the residents of the Almshouse of the Middle Coal Field and patients of the State Hospital in Hazleton. This subseries traces the planning of these parties through assorted bills, receipts and gift distribution lists for the years 1884-1898.

Subseries 4. Payroll Records, 1907-1954 (Boxes 567-573)

The Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc. *Payroll Records* are comprised of three distinct types of records, each arranged chronologically. The first section spans the years 1921-1948, and contains Payroll Distribution Sheets. These forms list the names, occupations, wage rates, deductions and total amount due to various employees of Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc. The General Payroll Records contain miscellaneous information pertaining to the employees of Coxe Brothers and Company, Inc. Dating from 1931-1954, these files include wage assignments, overtime records and claims

of shortages in pay, to name a few. The final section of this subseries is Wage Rate and Schedules, 1907-1937. This section details the various wage rates for Coxe Brothers' employees, exclusively during the years leading up to World War II.

Subseries 5. Employee Grievances, Mining Accidents & Workmen's Compensation Files, 1919-1946 (Boxes 574-578)

This subseries documents the perils of working in the anthracite industry between 1919-1946. Each topic mentioned in the heading represents a discrete section of this subseries, which is arranged alphabetically by subject. The first section pertains to the various grievances of Coxe Brothers' employees, and contains material related to meetings between labor and management, as well as meetings with the Anthracite Board of Conciliation, which acted as an arbitrator between the two sides.

Mining accidents were an unfortunate fact of life in the anthracite industry and were a problem frequently addressed by both national and state organizations. Contained within this section are accident statistics from both the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc., which document the quantity and severity of various accidents throughout the 1920s and 1930s. There are also numerous mineral industry surveys pertaining to mining fatalities from 1940-1946.

The final three boxes of this subseries are comprised of Workmen's Compensation files. Although there is limited material relating to specific Workmen's Compensation cases, the majority of the material pertains to compensation accounts and payments by Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc. to injured employees. Those researchers interested in this topic will find additional information among the bound volumes at the end of this section.

Record Group II. Coxe Mining Company Operations

Series 3. Land & Real Estate Files

1. Correspondence & General Files, 1877-1956
2. Lease, Agreement & Title Permanent File, 1843-1950
3. Expired Agreements, 1874-1934
4. Secretary's Land & Agreement Files, 1882-1949
5. Building, Dwelling and Surface Agreements and Leases, 1885-1948
6. Miscellaneous Leases and Agreements, 1885-1951
7. Property Tax Files
 - a. Tax Assessments, 1889-1942
 - b. Tax Payments & Receipts, 1885-1950
 - c. Miscellaneous Property Tax Files, 1887-1942
8. Legal Files, 1889-1950
9. Property Maps

Series 3. Land & Real Estate Files, 1843-1951 (Boxes 579-653)

The *Land & Real Estate Files* document the ways that the Coxe coal companies utilized the Coxe Estate lands. The *Correspondence and General Files* consist of all types of land and agreement-related documents. Subseries 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 all pertain to various types of land-related agreements involving the Coxe Estate lands. These five subseries represent individual agreement files that were kept separate by the various coal companies while they were in use. For this reason, they have not been combined into one agreement file. Subseries 7 documents the taxation of the Coxe lands, Subseries 8 contains legal cases that pertain to land issues and Subseries 9 consists of property maps relative to the Coxe lands. Together these files illustrate the complexities involved with the administration of over 30,000 acres of real estate. For leases and agreements relative to the Estate of Tench Coxe, see Record Group I, Series 2, Subseries 4.

Subseries 1. Correspondence & General Files, 1877-1956 (Boxes 579-591)

Subseries 1 contains correspondence relative to all types of land files, including: mining leases, land leases, agreements, dwellings and other structures, taxes, parties interested in operating Coxe Brothers' collieries, standing water on Coxe lands and other topics related to general land issues. Some of the correspondence relates to leases found in the following subseries, while others concern leases that were proposed but never executed. The files are arranged alphabetically by topic, then chronologically within each topic. For additional correspondence files pertaining to Coxe Estate lands, see Record Group 1, Series 2, Subseries 1.

Subseries 2. Lease, Agreement & Title Permanent Files, 1843-1950 (Boxes 592-610)

This was the Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc. permanent office file for all types of leases and agreements, including road crossing agreements, right-of-way agreements, mining leases, land leases, wire attachment agreements, trackage rights and deeds. For this reason, any file from Subseries 3, 4, 5 or 6 that contained documents relative

to an agreement already included in Subseries 2 was placed with its corresponding file in this subseries. The items are arranged alphabetically by the property or properties to which each lease or agreement pertains. A majority of the files include correspondence or general files related to the specific lease or agreement. They were originally arranged by a property tract number assigned by Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc. with each item designated as either a *Lessee*, *Lessor*, or *Title* file. A list of the property tract numbers is contained in the subseries' second box. There was also a card catalog for the files, which has been kept in the collection and is now contained in the initial two boxes of the subseries. To facilitate easier research, it was decided to arrange the files by property and not by the system used in the card catalog. The subseries also contains releases from individuals whose property was damaged by colliery and mine waste. This "run-off," which was usually small particles of coal called "coal dirt," was deposited by creeks on the lands of various individuals who lived near Coxe Brothers' collieries. These "creek releases" date from 1883 to 1926.

Subseries 3. Expired Agreements, 1874-1934 (Boxes 611-612)

This subseries contains expired leases, agreements and contracts that pertain to land issues, but do not relate directly to coal mining. They are contracts that were originally numbered in a Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc. filing system that was titled "Old Contracts." However, no card catalog has been found for them and it seems not all of the original numbered files are in this group of materials. For this reason, they have been arranged either by the name of the company or individual who contracted with Coxe Brothers or by the type of files contained in the folder, such as "patent license." The files include: drainage tunnel enlargement contracts, electric pole rentals, stripping contracts, wire crossings and various other types of agreements. When a file was found to be a duplicate of or similar to a file that was included in Subseries 2, the contents of the file from this subseries was combined with the corresponding file in the *Lease, Agreement and Title Permanent Files*. A list of the files that were combined is included in the subseries. Unless otherwise noted, all the leases and agreements involve Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc.

Subseries 4. Secretary's Land & Agreement Files, 1882-1949 (Boxes 613-626)

This subseries contains the land and agreement files of the Secretary of Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc., along with a few miscellaneous files that do not relate directly to land issues. A wide variety of materials, such as arbitration awards, deed of gifts, drainage tunnel contracts, mining leases, notices, permits, right-of-way agreements, rock tunnel contracts and stripping contracts are included. The original arrangement of the files, which is a sequential numbering system, was kept intact. This numbering system and the contents of the subseries make it very similar to the *Permanent Office Files*, which are located in Series 1 of this record group. A card catalog, that is arranged alphabetically by subject, company name or colliery property, has been retained and can be used to locate files within the subseries. Also, the card catalog for the *Treasurer's Files*, which is contained in Series 1 of Record Group II, is cross-referenced with some of the files in this subseries. Likewise, some

of the files in this subseries are cross-referenced with the *Treasurer's Files*. When a file was found to be either a duplicate of or directly related to a folder in Subseries 2 of this series, the papers from this subseries were placed into the corresponding file in Subseries 2. A list of the files that were removed, along with their present location in Subseries 2, is included in the final box of this subseries. They begin in 1882, with most dating from 1929-1949.

Subseries 5. Building, Dwelling and Surface Leases and Agreements, 1885-1948 (Boxes 627-628)

Subseries 5 contains leases and agreements relative to buildings, dwellings and various other structures, such as electric poles. It also includes agreements related to surface tracts that were leased to individuals or groups for specific purposes, such as baseball fields or tennis courts. The file was originally titled "leases and agreements in a stationary cup-board upstairs," and a copy of the original index of the files is included in the subseries' first box. They were numbered originally but have been arranged alphabetically by the town or colliery to which they pertain. The files that are labeled "Originally in Accounting Department Files" are agreements that were at one time in another agreement file, presumably used by the Accounting Department of Coxe Brothers. There were only a few of these numbered files, and since they related to building or surface agreements, they were placed in this subseries. Unless otherwise noted, all the leases and agreements involve Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc.

Subseries 6. Miscellaneous Leases and Agreements, 1885-1951 (Boxes 629-631)

Subseries 6 contains miscellaneous mining, dwelling and surface leases and agreements, as well as correspondence related to these files. They have been gathered from various land files, and do not represent an original Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc. grouping. They were placed here because all the other lease and agreement files belonged to original Coxe Brothers' files, so there was no place for miscellaneous leases that did not belong to any of those filing systems. The items are arranged alphabetically by colliery, company, town name, building name or subject. Unless otherwise noted, Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc. constitutes one of the contracting parties in all the leases and agreements included in the subseries.

Subseries 7. Property Tax Files, 1885-1950 (Boxes 632-648)

The *Property Tax Files* of Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc. consist of three distinct sections, pertaining strictly to property taxes. The first section of this subseries documents the tax assessments, valuations and appeals on land operated by Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc. These files are arranged alphabetically by the county or township issuing the assessment and span the years 1890-1948, although the bulk of material dates from the 1930s.

The next section of Subseries 7 consists of tax bills, payment information and receipts. The material is arranged chronologically and is inclusive for the years 1885-1905 and 1928-1950. The final section consists of the *Miscellaneous Property Tax*

Files, which are comprised of assorted tax related correspondence and newspaper clippings. The material is arranged alphabetically by topic and spans the years 1890-1942.

Subseries 8. Legal Files, 1889-1950 (Boxes 649-651)

This subseries contains the legal files of Coxe Brothers and Company, as well as the other mining interests founded by the Coxe family. Some of the more interesting files in this subseries include the lawsuits of Coxe Brothers & Company vs. the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company before the Interstate Commerce Commission, 1889-1891, and the United States of America vs. the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company for violation of Federal Anti-Trust Laws, 1921-1931. There is also a series of files pertaining to drownings, which took place on Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc. property, and the lawsuits that followed. The material is arranged chronologically from 1889-1950, although the bulk of material spans the years 1921-1950. Legal files relative to the Jeddo Coal Company are included in Boxes 603 and 604 of the *Lease, Agreement & Title Permanent Files*.

Subseries 9. Property Maps (Boxes 652-653)

This subseries contains an assemblage of maps showing the property and improvements of Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc. Included in this subseries are topographical and zoning ordinance maps as well as maps of refuse banks, right-of-ways, mines and collieries. Arranged alphabetically by the type of map, this subseries should be used in conjunction with the wealth of land material located within this series. For additional property maps pertaining Coxe Brothers' lands, see Series 2, Subseries 10 in Record Group 1.

Record Group II. Coxe Mining Company Operations

Series 4. Engineering Files

1. Engineering Correspondence File
 - a. L.C. Smith, Superintendent's Correspondence File, 1895-1905
 - b. Division Superintendent's Correspondence File, 1918-1930
 - c. Engineer's Correspondence File, 1905-1929
 - d. Foreman's Correspondence File, 1918-1938
2. Delaware, Susquehanna & Schuylkill Railroad, General Files, 1890-1905
3. Contractor Work Forms, 1896-1939
4. General Engineering Files, 1877-1950

Series 4. Engineering Files, 1877-1950 (Boxes 654-727)

This series contains an assortment of engineering material related to the various Coxe mining enterprises. The strength of the series lies in the *Engineering Correspondence Files*, which documents the work of company superintendents, engineers and foreman. This series also contains the general files of the Delaware, Susquehanna & Schuylkill Railroad, which played a major role in Coxe Brothers' success.

Subseries 1. Engineering Correspondence Files, 1895-1938 (Boxes 654-672)

The *Engineering Correspondence Files* consist of four discrete sections, pertaining to various positions involved with engineering aspects of the company. The sections include: *L.C. Smith's Superintendent Files*, 1895-1905, the *Division Superintendent's File*, 1918-1930, the *Engineer's File*, 1905-1929 and the *Foreman's File*, 1918-1938. Each section contains a wealth of material related to the mining and colliery operations of Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc, and is extremely valuable when used in conjunction with the *Operation Files* of Series 5. Some files of particular interest include a run of correspondence between L.C. Smith and Elliot A. Oberrender as well as an extensive map file of the Division Superintendent, showing the location of buildings on Coxe Brothers' property. All of the above mentioned sections are arranged alphabetically by topic.

Subseries 2. Delaware, Susquehanna & Schuylkill Railroad, General Files, 1890-1905 (Boxes 673-675)

The Delaware, Susquehanna & Schuylkill Railroad (DS&S) was built between 1890-1891 in direct response to the unfair treatment of independent coal companies by the major railroads. The railroads, many of which owned and mined their own coal property, aspired to eliminate their competition in the coal yards by charging exorbitant fees to ship coal belonging to other companies to market. Although the DS&S would not directly ship the coal to market, it did link all of the Coxe collieries to independent connections with the Pennsylvania, New Jersey Central, Reading, and Lehigh systems, forcing each line to compete for the business of hauling Coxe coal. The DS&S secured Coxe Brothers and Company's position as the largest independent coal producer in Pennsylvania, by eliminating its dependence on any one railroad. Arranged alphabetically, the general files of the DS&S document its construction and

management from its creation till its eventual takeover by the Lehigh Valley Railroad in 1905.

It is also worth mentioning the files pertaining to Daniel Coxe, Superintendent of the DS&S Railroad and the frail but brilliant son of Alexander B. Coxe. His interest in locomotives began at a very young age. He designed several small 1/6th scaled locomotives before reaching the age of twenty. His fragile condition, however, prevented him from recovering from a railroad accident, and he died at the age of twenty-eight. The files pertaining to his work on the DS&S are among the few pieces of information in this collection relating to his tragic but inspirational life.

Subseries 3. Contractor Work Forms, 1896-1939 (Boxes 676-702)

This subseries is devoted exclusively to the work forms and agreements used by Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc. to employ outside contractors to complete various tasks at the colliery. The forms list the name of the contractor employed, as well as a description and cost of the work to be done. Arranged alphabetically, this file documents the immense amount of work that went into the successful operation of a mine.

Subseries 4. General Engineering Files, 1877-1950 (Boxes 703-727)

The *General Engineering Files* contain an abundance of information pertaining to nearly every aspect of engineering pertinent to anthracite mining. The first box of this subseries is devoted to Coxe Brothers and Company prior to the Lehigh Valley Railroad takeover in 1905, with the remaining twenty-four boxes pertaining to the years after the sale. Although this subseries covers a broad amount of subject matter, there is a considerable quantity of material pertaining to the anthracite industry and business affairs with the Jeddo-Highland Coal Company, Lehigh Valley Coal Company and Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, each of which is arranged alphabetically by subject.

Record Group II. Coxe Mining Company Operations

Series 5. Operation Files

1. Mining Operations
 - a. Pillar Mining Files, 1910-1948
 - b. Strip Mining Files, 1920-1940
 - c. Coal Car Reports, 1923-1940
2. Colliery Operation Files
 - a. Auditor of Operations' Files, 1905-1940
 - b. Breaker Tonnage Reports, 1906-1950
 - c. Operating Costs & Appropriations, 1915-1946
 - d. General Operation Files, 1925-1945
3. Wyoming Valley Water Supply Company Operation Files
 - a. Correspondence & General Operation Files, 1915-1936
 - b. Legal Files, 1912-1934

Series 5. Operation Files, 1905-1950 (Boxes 728-797)

The success of Pennsylvania's anthracite coal industry resulted, in no small part, from the intricate systems of mining and preparation that had developed over the course of many years. This series contains information directly related to such achievements. With Subseries 4 pertaining to the mining and preparation of anthracite coal, the *Operation Files* document the costs and strategies of running Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc's mines and collieries. Also contained in this section are the papers of the Wyoming Valley Water Supply Company, which was comprised of several regional water companies, including the Coxe-owned water companies at Drifton, Oneida, Tomhicken and Beaver Meadow.

Subseries 1. Mining Operations, 1910-1948 (Boxes 728-753)

This subseries is comprised of three discrete sections, namely, *Pillar Mining Files*, *Stripping Operation Files* and *Coal Car Reports*. Each section documents a particular aspect of anthracite mining and will be of invaluable use to researchers interested in mining techniques.

Room and pillar mining was and continues to be the most popular method of underground mining in the anthracite region. The technique requires rooms to be cut into a coal bed leaving a series of pillars, or columns of coal, to support the roof of the mine. As the mining operations advanced, a grid-like pattern of rooms and pillars was formed. This process would continue to the end of a coal bed or property line, at which time "pillar robbing" would commence. This dangerous practice involves mining coal from the pillars to a point in which the roof caves-in. The *Pillar Mining Files*, which comprise the first section of this subseries, document this mining technique through Pillar Mining Authorization Forms and Robbing Reports. Housed in twenty-one boxes, this material is arranged alphabetically by colliery and spans the years 1910-1948.

In cases where coal is close to the surface, strip-mining is often preferable to subsurface mining. Strip-mining is a basic mining technique that involves the removal of coal with giant shovels from the earth's surface. This method has numerous advantages over underground mining, including safer working conditions and the ability to remove greater quantities of coal at less cost. The downside to this method lies in its dramatic alteration of the original landscape, which accelerates erosion and introduces acidic water to nearby rivers and streams. This section contains files used by Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc. for numerous strip-mining operations. The material is arranged alphabetically by colliery and includes an assortment of maps and notes pertaining to proposed and active strip-mines between 1920-1940.

The final section of this subseries contains coal car reports, which document the number of coal cars hoisted from the mines. This material is housed in three oversized boxes, the first of which are daily reports, 1923-1936. The remainder consist of bi-monthly reports, 1935-1940. They are arranged alphabetically by colliery and then chronologically within each colliery.

Subseries 2. Colliery Operation Files, 1905-1950 (Boxes 754-790)

Subseries 2 contains the operating files of the various Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc. collieries. A colliery consists of an entire coal mining plant, including the mines, breakers, boiler house, machine shops, and any other building used in the preparation of anthracite coal. This subseries contains four discrete sections pertaining to such operations, including, the *Auditor of Operations' File*, *Breaker Tonnage Reports*, *Operating Costs & Appropriations* and *General Operation Files*.

The first section consists of the *Auditor of Operations' File*, which spans the years 1905-1940. Arranged alphabetically by colliery and company, this section contains statements of size, tonnage, royalty and railroad shipments from Coxe collieries, as well as miscellaneous correspondence from the accounting department.

Breaker Tonnage Reports comprise the second section of this subseries. Housed in seventeen archival boxes, this section documents the amount of coal produced from various breakers. The material is arranged alphabetically by colliery and company and spans the years 1906-1950, inclusive.

The next section of this subseries pertains to the operating costs of various collieries. This information is obtained from various purchasing department work forms for expenditures and appropriations. The material is arranged alphabetically by colliery and spans a period of twenty-five years, between 1915-1940.

Finally, the *General Operation Files* consist of an assortment of material associated with various aspects of colliery operations, including: operating statistics, production reports, and miscellaneous correspondence. The material spans the years 1925-1945 and is arranged alphabetically by colliery and company.

Subseries 3. Wyoming Valley Water Supply Company, 1912-1936 (Boxes 791-797)

The Wyoming Valley Water Supply Company (WVWS) was a corporation formed by the consolidation of numerous smaller water companies, which were owned by the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company. The company itself was owned entirely by the Lehigh Valley Railroad. The Coxe interests organized four water companies in the nineteenth century, namely, the Drifton, Oneida, Tomhicken and Beaver Meadow Water Companies. These companies were among the enterprises sold to the Lehigh Valley Railroad in 1905. By June 1910, these same water companies, along with many others, entered into a fifty-year lease with the WVWS, granting the latter use of all their property, privileges, franchises and equipment.

This subseries is comprised of two discrete sections, the first being the *Correspondence & General Operations File*, 1915-1936. This section contains two boxes of correspondence arranged alphabetically, along with one box of general operations files arranged chronologically.

The legal files of the WVWS, which date from 1912-1934, comprise Sub-subseries B. It contains an assortment of information pertaining to condemnation proceedings in various townships and court battles with the Public Service Commission. Additional information on the WVWS can be found in the volume # 337, "Wyoming Valley Water Supply Co. and Subsidiary Water Companies: Leases & Mortgages", located among the miscellaneous volumes of Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc.

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Series 6. Financial Records

1. General Correspondence File, 1907-1951
2. Accounting Files
 - a. Accounting Statements, 1895-1951
 - b. Income & Expense Accounts, 1905-1951
 - c. Balance Sheets, 1921-1949
 - d. Journal Entries & Working Papers, 1922-1951
3. Banking Files
 - a. Canceled Checks, 1919-1933
 - b. Checking Account Disbursements, 1934-1938
 - c. General Banking File, 1929-1952
4. Bills
 - a. Bills Rendered, 1929-1948
 - b. Bills Received, 1933-1950
5. Cash Reports & Statements, 1929-1950
6. Royalty Files
 - a. Deringer Heirs' Royalty File, 1889-1968
 - b. Royalty Statements from the Cross Creek Coal Company / Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc. to the Estate of Tench Coxe, 1898-1950
 - c. Royalty Statements from Coxe Brothers & Co., Inc. to the Estate of Eckley B. Coxe, 1906-1920
 - d. Royalty Statements & Distribution Sheets from Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc. to Lessors, 1929-1950
7. Tax Files, 1886-1898, 1929-1951

Series 6. Financial Records, 1886-1952 (Boxes 798-956)

This series contains the financial papers of Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc. as they pertain to seven unique subseries, specifically, *General Correspondence*, *Accounting Files*, *Banking Files*, *Bills*, *Cash Reports & Statements*, *Royalty Files* and *Tax Files*. Although the material spans a wide range of dates, the strength of the series is between 1929-1951. The records detail the activities and cost of nearly every aspect of Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc.'s operations.

Subseries 1. General Correspondence File, 1907-1951 (Box 798)

Subseries 1 consists of a variety of correspondence pertaining to the various financial issues faced by Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc. Although much of the material contained in this subseries can be used to supplement various parts of this series, other material such as that pertaining to bonds and stock dividends, are exclusive to this subseries. The topics are arranged alphabetically and span the years 1907-1951.

Subseries 2. Accounting Files, 1895-1951 (Boxes 799-819)

Comprised of four discrete sections, namely, *Accounting Statements, 1895-1951*, *Income & Expense Accounts, 1905-1951*, *Balance Sheets, 1921-1949* and *Journal Entries & Working Papers, 1922-1951*, this subseries provides a detailed account of Coxe Brothers and Company, Inc.'s financial situation through its entire existence.

The *Accounting Statements*, which make up the first section of this subseries, are comprised of two distinct sections, specifically, Accounting Statements and General Accounting Files. The former is arranged chronologically between 1929-1949 and consists of a variety of statements, such as royalties receivable, gross sales realization and tonnage, to name a few. Each category of statement seems to have been part of a single report, but appear in this section in groups of three to six folders per report. Each folder is organized to correspond with what would have been the original order of the report. This was accomplished using the report's index, photocopies of which are included in each folder. The letters that appear on each folder correspond to this index. The General Accounting Files complete this section with an assortment of material pertaining to various accounts, which include: store accounts, accounts receivable and comparative costs of production. This section is also arranged chronologically and spans the years 1895-1951.

The *Income & Expense Accounts* file documents the movement of funds into and from Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc. The first two boxes of this section contain detailed monthly statements of income from coal sales, royalties, rents receivable, interest receivable and miscellaneous earnings. The final box of this section contains Statements of Expenditures for the years 1932-1950, pertaining to work and improvement authorized by the Contractor's Work Forms, which are documented in Series 4, Subseries 3 of this record group.

The next section of this subseries is comprised of material related to the balance sheets prepared by Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc. The actual balance sheets are arranged chronologically within the first four boxes and provide detailed monthly statements of assets and liabilities for the years 1921-1945. They are followed by yearly analyses of balance sheet accounts, 1927-1949 and trial balance sheets, 1937-1949, with one box each respectively.

Journal Entries & Working Papers make up the final section of this subseries. These monthly forms were used as worksheets before information was entered into company journals. Each sheet documents the corresponding journal and page number in which the information was ultimately entered, providing researchers with a direct link between this section and Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc. Journals located at the end of this record group. The material is arranged chronologically and spans the years 1922-1951.

Subseries 3. Banking Files, 1919-1952 (Boxes 820-852)

Comprised of an assortment of banking materials, this series documents the various checking accounts maintained by Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc. The first section of this subseries contains canceled checks from various banks. These include the American Exchange National Bank, (1919, 1928 & 1931), the First National Bank of Nuremberg, Pennsylvania, 1932-1933 and the Markle Banking & Trust Company, 1932-1933. Those checks retained from the American Exchange National Bank Account represent a sample of checks from a span of twelve years that were originally contained in this collection. The seven boxes comprising this section are arranged alphabetically by the name of each bank.

Corresponding to the section described above, the *Checking Account Disbursement* file, which provides further information for each check. This section, however, is limited to the account held with the Markle Banking & Trust Company. The disbursements are arranged chronologically for the years 1934-1939 and 1942-1948.

The *General Banking Files* make up the final section of this subseries. Spanning the years 1929-1952 and arranged alphabetically, this file contains an assortment of checking account statements, reconciliation of bank balances and other miscellaneous material.

Subseries 4. Bills, 1929-1950 (Boxes 853-886)

This subseries is comprised of two discrete sections, namely, *Bills Rendered* and *Bills Received*. Both of these sections provide yet another glimpse into the intricate financial workings of Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc.

The *Bills Rendered* file refers to bills submitted by Coxe Brothers to various other people and companies. Housed in eleven archival boxes, this material is arranged chronologically for the years 1929-1937 and 1943-1949. Also included in this section are two boxes of bill remittance forms, which accompanied certain bills rendered by Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc. to Coxe owned collieries. These forms are arranged alphabetically according to the colliery that received the bill and span the years 1938-1940.

The *Bills Received* file contains an assortment of bills issued to Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc. The initial six boxes of the twenty-one that house this sub-subseries contain freight bills from the Lehigh Valley Railroad, spanning the years 1933-1934 and 1937-1940. The remaining fifteen boxes come from a variety of people and businesses and span the years 1933-1934 and 1937-1950. Each of the above named sections is arranged chronologically.

Subseries 5. Cash Reports & Statements, 1929-1950 (Boxes 887-890)

Subseries 5 shows the day-to-day operations of Coxe Brothers and Company, Inc.'s financial department through a variety of cash reports and statements, including: Treasurer's daily cash reports, daily reports of cash received and statements of rent collected. When used in conjunction with Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc. cashbooks, located at the end of this record group, this file provides a detailed picture of the movement of cash paid into the company. The material is arranged chronologically and spans the years 1929-1950.

Subseries 6. Royalty Files, 1889-1968 (Boxes 891-953)

Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc., as well as the Coxe enterprises which preceded it, made large sums of money as a result of mining coal which they did not own. This was accomplished by leasing the mining rights of various properties from the actual owner and paying royalties for the coal they mined. With these payments Coxe Brothers sent detailed statements of the amount and cost of the coal mined. These royalty statements comprise three of the four sections of this voluminous subseries, with the remaining section pertaining to royalty agreements worked out with the Deringer heirs.

As previously mentioned, the Estate of Tench Coxe's relationship with the Deringer Heirs, stems from a series of lawsuits between the two from 1874-1888. The case pertained to the ownership of 2,000 acres of land in Black Creek and Sugar Loaf Townships, Luzerne County. Henry Deringer, the celebrated inventor of the Deringer Pistol, originally purchased the property in 1826. Due to an error in the County Treasurer's office pertaining to tax payments, however, the land reverted to the County Commissioner's office unknown to Deringer who continued to pay taxes on the land till his death in 1868. Around 1872, Coxe Brothers and Company took possession of the property and began mining operations without knowing that the Deringer Heirs already had a claim. A civil suit of Ejectment began soon afterwards with the Deringer Heirs as Plaintiff. After fourteen years and numerous appeals, a settlement was reached whereby the property was divided in two equal portions between the Deringer and Coxe Heirs. From that date all coal mined from this property required the two families to share the royalties.

The *Deringer Heirs' Royalty Files* consist of numbered items that relate to the Deringer Heirs and royalty payments that were made to them. Also included in the files are estate documents for miscellaneous Deringer Heirs, Statements of Earnings and Formulas for Royalty Settlements dating from 1938-1950, miscellaneous leases and agreements relative to the estate and Coxe Brothers, as well as other miscellaneous financial items concerning royalties paid to the Deringer Heirs. This file is a Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc. file that ended up in the possession of the Estate, which is why it contains some Estate files from after 1950. Since these papers were originally a Coxe Brothers file, they were placed here and not with the items in *Deringer Heirs' Royalty Files* in Record Group I, Series 4. The files, which span the years 1889-1968, are arranged numerically by file number and chronologically for the

Statements of Earnings and Formulas for Royalty Settlements. For additional Deringer items, see Series 2, Subseries 3, Sub-subseries C and the *Deringer Heirs' Royalty Files* in Series 4, both in Record Group I, and the *Lease, Agreement & Title Permanent File*, Box 614, in this record group.

Although Coxe Brothers leased coal property from numerous companies and families, they leased, by far, the most land from the Estate of Tench Coxe. This section contains royalty statements from the Cross Creek Coal Company and Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc. to the Estate of Tench Coxe for the years 1898-1950. Arranged chronologically and housed in thirty-three archival boxes, this section fully documents the mining operations of Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc. on lands owned by the Estate of Tench Coxe.

The next section of Subseries 6 contains the royalty statements sent to the Estate of Eckley B. Coxe, 1906-1921. This estate owned the land known as Buck Mountain, which was considered a portion of the Eckley Property. This land was acquired by Eckley B. Coxe in 1885 and was transferred to his partners in the firm of Coxe Brothers & Company in 1893. With the exception of Ezra B. Ely, all of these partners were relatives of Eckley B. Coxe, making the invested interest among Coxe family members 14/15ths, which corresponds to their interest in the firm itself. This section contains royalty statements to the descendants of the 14/15ths owners of Buck Mountain. They are arranged chronologically within one archival box.

As mentioned earlier, Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc. did not exclusively obtain property from the Estate of Tench Coxe. They also leased land from the Black Creek Improvement Company, the Deringer Heirs, the John Beisel Heirs and the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, among others. Coxe Brothers prepared monthly reports documenting its mining activity along with royalty computations, for the purpose of keeping an exact record of royalties paid to all of their lessors. These monthly reports are contained exclusively in this section and are arranged chronologically from 1929-1950.

Subseries 7. Tax Files, 1886-1898, 1929-1951 (954-956)

Tax Files comprise the final subseries of Series 6. This is a general tax file, arranged chronologically in three archival boxes. Among the wealth of tax information contained in these boxes are Annual Information Returns and Capital Stock Tax Returns, as well as numerous statements pertaining to a Federal Income Tax Hearing in 1936.

Record Group II. Coxe Mining Company Operations Bound Volumes

1. Cashbooks, 1871-1947
2. Journals
 - a. Coxe Brothers and Company
 - i. Drifton, 1882-1898
 - ii. New York, 1882-1891
 - b. Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc.
 - i. Drifton, 1929-1951
 - ii. New York, 1894-1928
 - iii. Wilkes-Barre, 1910-1929
 - c. Cross Creek Coal Company, 1882-1902
3. Ledgers
 - a. Coxe Brothers and Company
 - i. Partnership, 1881-1900
 - ii. Drifton, 1871-1893
 - iii. New York, 1880-1893
 - b. Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc.
 - i. General, 1899-1905
 - ii. New York, 1894-1899
 - iii. Operating, 1919-1929
 - c. Cross Creek Coal Company, 1890-1898
4. Letterbooks
 - a. Coxe Brothers and Company
 - i. General, 1889-1891
 - ii. Coxe, Eckley B., 1881-1893
 - iii. Oberrender, Elliot A., 1889-1917
 - b. Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc., 1900-1917
 - c. Coxe Iron Manufacturing Company, 1894-1895
 - d. Cross Creek Coal Company, 1887-1900
 - e. Unbound Volumes, 1890-1902
 - f. Letterbook Indexes, 1890-1918
5. Royalty Books, 1913-1929
6. Traverse Books, 1883-1912
7. Workmen's Compensation Records, 1919-1937
8. Miscellaneous, 1905-1950

Coxe Mining Company Operations Bound Volumes, 1871-1951 (vols. 131-350)

The volumes of Record Group II are comprised of eight distinct sections, namely, *Cashbooks, 1871-1947, Journals, 1882-1929, Ledgers, 1871-1951, Letterbooks, 1881-1917, Royalty Books, 1913-1929, Traverse Books, 1883-1912, Workmen's Compensation Records, 1919-1937 and Miscellaneous Volumes, 1905-1950.*

The *Cashbooks* of Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc., like those of the estate, pertain to the daily cash flow of the company. They can be used individually to gain an understanding of the daily operations of Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc., or can be used with the journals and ledgers to gain a broad perspective of the financial situation of the company. The *Journals* and *Ledgers* of this section also pertain to the firm of Coxe Brothers & Company and The Cross Creek Coal Company.

The *Letterbooks* of this section come from numerous Coxe-owned companies, including, Coxe Brothers & Company, Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc., Coxe Iron & Manufacturing Company and the Cross Creek Coal Company. These books are arranged chronologically within each of the aforesaid companies. There are also miscellaneous letterbooks and indexes housed in two archival boxes at the end of this section. This was done to protect their already fragile condition.

The *Royalty Volumes* consist primarily of impressed royalty statements. This information is also contained in the *Royalty Files* of Record Group II in a much more legible state. Researchers may want to refer to the latter before viewing these volumes.

Traverse Books document the mining work completed at various collieries. The information may be technically advanced for those not familiar with coal mining or engineering, but will document the daily progress in the mines for those who are. The volumes are grouped by colliery name and then arranged chronologically.

The *Workmen's Compensation Records* contain an assortment of material, including, detailed accident reports and payment records. Used in conjunction with each other, these volumes show the dangers of working in the anthracite fields as well as the type of compensation received from each injury.

The *Miscellaneous Volumes* of this section include minute books, colliery production books, pillar mining authorizations and a wealth of other material associated with various aspects of Coxe Brothers & Company, Inc. Of particular interest is the book, "Leases & Mortgages, Wyoming Valley Water Supply Company from Subsidiary Water Companies", which compliments the files of the Wyoming Valley Water Supply Company in record group II, Series 5, Subseries 3.

Record Group III. Coxe Family Files

Series 1. Charles S. Coxe Papers

1. Correspondence, 1827-1875
2. General Files, 1844-1879
3. Estate of Charles S. Coxe, 1876-1899

Series 1. Charles S. Coxe Papers, 1827-1875 (Boxes 957-959)

Series 1 contains the files of Charles S. Coxe, who was the son of Tench Coxe and the father of Eckley B. Coxe. The majority of the materials in this series concern his business dealings relative to the Coxe coal lands. The *Estate of Charles S. Coxe* subseries documents preparations for his will, as well as the settlement of his estate.

Subseries 1. Correspondence, 1827-1875 (Box 957)

The correspondence files of Charles S. Coxe are located in Subseries 1. These files are arranged chronologically and include correspondence relative to land and general matters, as well as a file of correspondence with Franklin B. Gowen. A number of the documents deal with hardships incurred while he retained ownership of the Coxe properties through the mid-19th century. During this period the lands were not profitable, with Coxe paying land taxes on real estate that was not being fully utilized. He was determined to keep the lands, because he knew that one day the coal beneath them would make his family very wealthy.

Subseries 2. General Files, 1844-1879 (Box 958)

Subseries 2 contains general files of Charles B. Coxe, with all but one folder dating from the 1870s. Included is a copy of his will, an appraisal of his estate, various memorandums relative to the Estate of Tench Coxe and other miscellaneous files, all of which are arranged chronologically.

Subseries 3. Estate of Charles S. Coxe, 1876-1899 (Box 959)

Correspondence and general files relative to the Estate of Charles S. Coxe comprise Subseries 3. One file predates his death in 1879, an 1876 file that discusses payment of services pertaining to the preparation of his will. The rest of the files, which are arranged chronologically, include papers regarding the settlement of the estate, correspondence concerning opening the books of the estate, executors' correspondence and other miscellaneous estate files.

Record Group III. Coxe Family Files

Series 2. Eckley B. Coxe Papers

1. Personal Papers of Eckley B. Coxe
 - a. Eckley B. Coxe Private Correspondence, 1868-1895
 - b. Eckley B. Coxe Professional Correspondence, 1879-1895
 - c. Printed Materials, 1854-1896
 - d. *Weisbach's Mechanics* Files, 1867-1899
 - e. Hazleton State Hospital Files, 1890-1895
 - f. Miscellaneous Files, 1865-1895
2. Government & Political Papers of Eckley B. Coxe, 1840-1901
3. Financial Papers of Eckley B. Coxe
 - a. Eckley B. Coxe, Guardian of Eckley B. Coxe, Jr., 1851-1895
 - b. Bills & Receipts, 1869-1895
 - c. General Financial Files, 1861-1895
4. Estate of Eckley B. Coxe, 1881-1927

Series 2. Eckley B. Coxe Papers, 1854-1927 (Boxes 960-1,017)

The papers of Eckley B. Coxe comprise Series 2. These files show that he was involved in a number of pursuits in addition to overseeing his family's coal mining enterprises. He was an advocate for the health and safety of his workers, as is evidenced in his endorsement of the Hazleton State Hospital for miners (Subseries 1, Sub-subseries C). He was also one of the most well respected mining engineers of his day. In addition, Coxe served a term in the Pennsylvania Senate, was very active in the Democratic Party, joined numerous social and business organizations, was widely known for his philanthropy, had a keen interest in academic endeavors and took out numerous patents for inventions that he perfected at his laboratory in Drifton. For additional files pertaining to Eckley B. Coxe, see Series 2, Subseries 1, Sub-subseries A, Box 175 in Record Group I.

Subseries 1. Personal Papers of Eckley B. Coxe, 1854-1899 (Boxes 960-991)

The personal files of Eckley B. Coxe are contained in six different sections and together document the busy life of a man who wore many "hats."

Eckley B. Coxe's private correspondence comprises the first section of this subseries. The materials, which include incoming correspondence and one box of letter books that contain copies of outgoing letters, cover both business and personal matters and provide insight into the day-to-day life of an active individual. The files range from personal correspondence with Franklin B. Gowen to letters from various persons asking Coxe for money for a number of different reasons. Arranged alphabetically by correspondent, the materials date from 1868-1895.

Sub-subseries B contains correspondence relative to societies of which Eckley Coxe was a member. The files are organized alphabetically by society name and range in date from 1879-1895. Files pertaining to the Academy of Natural Sciences in

Philadelphia, the Drifton Industrial School, the Foundrymen's Association, the Mahogany Tree Dining Club, the Young Men's Democratic Battalion, as well as numerous other clubs and organizations, are included.

Printed materials constitute Sub-subseries C. Various types of items such as journals, newsletters, a passport for a trip to Europe and commissions for the Geological Survey of Pennsylvania are included. The section is arranged chronologically, covering the years 1854-1896.

Papers relative to Coxe's work on the translation of the book *Manual of the Mechanics of Engineering* comprise the next section. Julius Weisbach, Ph. D., was a German engineer who wrote a manual of theoretical mechanics. Coxe translated this 1,000-plus page book into English and wrote an introduction for the edition. The files contain correspondence and account data pertaining to the translation and its subsequent publishing by D. Van Nostrand, a publisher and book importer in New York City. They are arranged chronologically and date from 1867-1899.

Sub-subseries E contains files relating to the Hazleton State Hospital that was founded in 1891 to treat injured coal miners. Up to that point, there were hospitals in other mining districts of Pennsylvania that were built by the Commonwealth, but not in the Eastern Middle anthracite field. Coxe was always concerned about the well being of his workmen, so much so that he founded a hospital in Drifton in 1882 for the treatment of his injured employees. It was largely through Coxe's prodding that one was finally erected in Hazleton. Upon its organization, he was appointed a trustee of the hospital. The files relate to his involvement as a hospital trustee and date from 1890-1895. The final section of this subseries contains miscellaneous materials, including correspondence and newspaper clippings. It is arranged chronologically, spanning the years 1865-1895.

Subseries 2. Government and Political Papers of Eckley B. Coxe, 1840-1901 (Boxes 992-998)

This subseries chronicles the political endeavors of Eckley B. Coxe. He was a proud and outspoken Democrat at a time when most businessmen belonged to the Republican Party. These files contain a wide variety of materials related to politics, including: general files, correspondence, materials concerning his work on the Pennsylvania Coal Waste Commission, general legislative files that include papers which refer to attempts to create a new county out of southern Luzerne County and northeastern Schuylkill County, printed items including newspapers and clippings, and finally correspondence that documents Coxe's campaign for a seat in the Pennsylvania Senate in 1880. The files are arranged by topic, with the political correspondence organized alphabetically. The files that postdate his death refer to the attempted creation of the new county out of Schuylkill and Luzerne counties.

Subseries 3. Financial Papers of Eckley B. Coxe, 1851-1895 (Boxes 999-1,010)

Subseries 3 contains the financial files of Eckley B. Coxe. In addition to general bills and receipts, there are bills and receipts from societies that Coxe joined, as well as for those books that he purchased for his famous library at his office in Drifton.

Thousands of books and periodicals were housed there, constituting one of the most comprehensive private collections of mining and engineering materials in the nation. All the bills and receipts are arranged alphabetically by company, institution or individual.

Bank receipts, general financial files and investment materials maintained by Eckley B. Coxe as the Guardian of Eckley B. Coxe, Jr. are also included. All three types of papers are arranged chronologically. Eckley B. Coxe, Jr. was the son of Eckley's brother Charles Brinton Coxe. When Charles died in 1873, Coxe became the legal guardian of his three-year-old nephew. Coxe oversaw the accounts of his namesake until he came of age, and eventually made him a partner in the firm Coxe Brothers and Company. For additional files relative to Eckley B. Coxe, Jr., see Series 3, Subseries 3 of this record group.

Subseries 4. Estate of Eckley B. Coxe, 1881-1927 (Boxes 1,011-1,017)

The papers of the Estate of Eckley B. Coxe are contained in Subseries 4. When Coxe died in 1895 he left behind considerable assets, which included land, mining companies, houses and investments. These files document the disposition of his estate. The files include general estate-related correspondence, obituaries from various newspapers, bank deposit acknowledgements, vouchers and receipts, investment files and miscellaneous financial files. The subseries files are arranged by topic, with the general correspondence and investment files arranged alphabetically and the rest arranged chronologically. The files that precede Coxe's death refer to insurance policies that relate to his estate.

Record Group III. Coxe Family Files

Series 3. Coxe Family, General Files

1. Family Correspondence & General Files, 1796-1965
2. Family Estate Files, 1873-1968
3. Eckley B. Coxe, Jr. Files, 1876-1907
4. Estate of Anna B. Coxe, 1881-1905
5. Teuber Family Papers, 1938-1968

Series 3. Coxe Family, General Files, 1796-1968 (Boxes 1,018-1,031)

Series 3 contains documents that refer to various Coxe family members, persons who were related to the Coxes by marriage, as well as estates of members of the Coxe or related families. The “family business” created a great deal of wealth for the Coxe family, which in turn led to numerous financial files. Many are found in the following subseries. For additional Coxe family-related files, see Sub-subseries B of the *Wesley K. Woodbury Agent Files* in Record Group I.

Subseries 1. Family Correspondence and General Files, 1796-1965 (Boxes 1,018-1,021)

Subseries 1 contains various papers relative to the Coxe family. There are three different types of files, all of which are arranged alphabetically by family member. Correspondence and general files are first, followed by personal property tax forms and finally wills of various Coxe family members. Included in the correspondence and general files are documents such as investment files, cancelled checks, bills and deeds of trust. Most of the files in subseries date from the 1850s through the 1960s, but it includes one file from 1796 relative to a receipt of Tench Coxe.

Subseries 2. Family Estate Correspondence and General Files, 1873-1968 (Boxes 1,022 – 1,024)

This subseries includes miscellaneous correspondence and files pertaining to the estates of various Coxe family members, as well as families who intermarried with the Coxes. These files are arranged alphabetically, with the majority relating to financial issues associated with each particular estate. Correspondence concerning the collection of coal royalties and other monies associated with the business activities of the Estate of Tench Coxe make up the bulk of the files. There are also files pertaining to insurance policies, investments, and estate trusts. Most of the files date from the mid-20th century, with a few files ranging back to the late 1800s.

Subseries 3. Eckley B. Coxe, Jr. Files, 1876-1907 (Boxes 1,025-1,026)

The files of Eckley B. Coxe, Jr. are included in Subseries 3. They are arranged into two groups, namely, bills and receipts, which are arranged alphabetically and general files, which are arranged chronologically. A vast majority of the general files deal with financial matters pertaining to Coxe, Jr., but also included is correspondence with E.A. Oberrender, newspapers of the University of Pennsylvania and Lehigh University and correspondence concerning a house being built in Drifton. For

additional files concerning Eckley B. Coxe, Jr., see Series 2, Subseries 3, Sub-Subseries A of this record group.

Subseries 4. Estate of Anna B. Coxe Files, 1881-1905 (Boxes 1,027-1,028)

The *Estate of Anna B. Coxe Files* comprise this subseries, which is divided into two sections, namely, general financial files and receipts from the Pennsylvania Company for Insurances on Lives & Granting Annuities. Anna B. Coxe was the daughter of Charles S. Coxe and the twin of Rebecca Coxe. The general financial files include bills and receipts from various accounts, investment papers, income tax returns and various other financial materials. The files in both sections date from her death in 1884 through 1905, with two files prior to her death included in the general files. The two files prior to her death were originally included with her estate papers, which is why they have been kept in this subseries.

Subseries 5. Teuber Family Papers, 1938-1968 (Boxes 1,029-1,031)

Papers related to the Teuber interests comprise Subseries 5. The Teubers were related to the Coxe family through Brinton Coxe, the older brother of Eckley B. Coxe. Brinton's daughter Charlotte married Imre Teuber, and the couple eventually moved to Austria. They had two children, Emerica and Oskar. Their move to Austria complicated matters for the Estate of Tench Coxe, because whenever the Teubers were involved in any estate transaction, even agreeing to a lease, the Department of Justice's Office of Alien Property had to supervise the matter. For this reason Estate Agents tried constantly to find ways to rid themselves of this added paperwork, either by requesting the Teubers to sell their estate interest or petitioning the Department of Justice to streamline the process of reporting the Teubers' transactions. The papers in the subseries are arranged alphabetically and contain correspondence concerning the Teubers and their unusual position in the Estate of Tench Coxe, correspondence relative to the Teuber estates, translations of correspondence from Austrian to English and general account data. For additional Teuber materials, see Series 2, Subseries 1, Sub-subseries A, Box 184 and Series 2, Subseries 3, Sub-subseries A, Box 212, both in Record Group I.

Record Group III. Coxe Family Files Bound Volumes

1. Cashbooks
 - a. Anna B. Coxe, Estate of, 1884-1906
 - b. Anna Coxe Yarnall, Estate of, 1920-1930
 - c. Charles S. Coxe, Estate of, 1920-1967
 - d. Eckley B. Coxe, Estate of, 1895-1922
 - e. Edmund S. Coxe, Estate of 1861-1866
2. Ledger
 - a. Eckley B. Coxe, Estate of, 1906-1921
3. Letterbooks
 - a. Coxe, Alexander B., 1895-1897
 - b. Coxe, Charles E., 1906-1908
 - c. Coxe, Eckley B., 1870-1894
 - d. Coxe, Henry B., 1890-1900
 - e. Various Coxe Estates, 1884-1926
4. Miscellaneous

Coxe Family Bound Volumes, 1861-1967 (vols. 351-381)

The volumes of Record Group III consist of assorted personal material from various Coxe family members. Comprised of four distinct types of volumes, namely, *Cashbooks*, 1861-1930, *Ledgers*, 1906-1921, *Letterbooks*, 1870-1926 and *Miscellaneous Volumes*, this section provides a glimpse into the individual lives of the Coxe family members. There are also volumes pertaining to the estates of certain individuals, such as cashbooks, ledgers and a portion of the letterbooks. This material is significant in that it documents how the affairs of certain family members were continued by the remaining generations. There are many individual Coxe estates represented in this record group, however, the Estate of Tench Coxe remains its own entity in record group one.

Record Group IV. Glass Plate Negatives

Record Group IV contains glass plate negatives and prints made from the negatives. The creator of the glass plates is unknown, which is the reason they were given their own record group. The subject matter they cover is varied. They include portraits of unidentified families and children, groups of men who are assumed to be employees of various Coxe enterprises, buildings, as well as two photographs of floral arrangements from the funeral of Eckley B. Coxe. It is believed that the images were created in the 1890s, at various locations on or around the Coxe Estate lands. Two of the buildings are known to be located in Freeland, Pennsylvania, which is a borough bordering the town of Drifton. Glass Plate 4.5 was taken outside of the church Eckley and Sophia Coxe attended in Drifton. The glass plates themselves are covered by an access restriction.