

Goschenhoppen Historians document and ephemera collection

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Goschenhoppen Historians, Inc.

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Summary Information

Repository	Goschenhoppen Historians, Inc.
Creator	Goschenhoppen Historians, Inc..
Title	Goschenhoppen Historians document and ephemera collection
Call number	11
Date [inclusive]	1758-1992
Extent	2 linear feet
General Physical Description note	1 drawer, 1 box, numerous framed and display items
Language	English
Abstract	<p>Goschenhoppen, one of the oldest continuously existing Pennsylvania German communities in America, is a geographic region in Montgomery County. The Goschenhoppen Historians document and ephemera collection, 1758-1992, documents local history and is rich in genealogical data. It includes receipts and accounts, indentures, vital records, correspondence, and other original documents; ephemera, such as advertisements, pamphlets, broadsides, and sheet music, are also in the collection. Fine examples of Fraktur are of special interest.</p>

Biography/History

"Goschenhoppen is one of the oldest continuously existing Pennsylvania German communities in America. This geographic region occupies a small corner of southeastern Pennsylvania in Montgomery County. The Goschenhoppen Historians Inc., was founded in 1964 in order to preserve the folk culture of this area's earliest immigrant settlers, known as the Pennsylvania Dutch."

Bibliography:

Goschenhoppen Historians. "Home Page." Accessed December 16, 2011. <http://www.goschenhoppen.org/>

Scope and Contents

This collection includes miscellaneous manuscript documents and ephemera. The ephemera includes advertisements, pamphlets, broadsides, sheet music, etc., organized in alphabetical order by subject. Receipts and accounts, indentures, vital records, correspondence, and other original documents are also in the collection. Of special interest are Fraktur (Pennsylvania German birth and marriage certificates beautifully illuminated with decorative motifs) on display throughout the building.

Administrative Information

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Sponsor

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Access Restrictions

Contact Goschenhoppen Historians, Inc. for information about accessing this collection.

Immediate Source of Acquisition Note

Materials collected by the Goschenhoppen Historians.

Controlled Access Headings

Geographic Name(s)

- Green Lane (Pa.)
- Montgomery County (Pa.)
- Pennsylvania Dutch Country (Pa.)
- Perkiomen (Pa. : Township)

Subject(s)

- Fraktur art--Pennsylvania--Pennsylvania Dutch Country
- Genealogy
- Local history
- Pennsylvania Dutch