

Goschenhoppen Historians manuscript volumes 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 manuscript volumes collection
Call number	12
Date [inclusive]	1789-1968
Extent	8 linear feet
Language	English
Abstract	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.

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

The bulk of the Goschenhoppen Historians manuscript volumes collection is comprised of account books of various businesses, most based in Montgomery County, although some materials come from Lehigh, Berks, or Lancaster County, or from New Jersey. There are other types of manuscript volumes, including minute books, registers, and personal papers and business records. Items of particular interest include: a doctor's patient account books, 1832-1876; Knights of the Golden Eagle minute books, 1900-1941; Frederick Township school board records, 1936-1952; hotel registers, 1911-1930; cigar-making records, 1885-1894; militia records, 1848-1853; an orphan's account book, 1840-1880; and a list of post offices and railroad routes, 1932.

An inventory of the volumes listing creator, subject (i.e. type of business or record type), dates, location, and language, is available on-site. A name index of Line Lexington Insurance Company records, 1842-1854, is also available on-site.

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Access Restrictions

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

Immediate Source of Acquisition Note

Items collected by the Goschenhoppen Historians, 1963-2011.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Knights of the Golden Eagle.

Geographic Name(s)

- Berks County (Pa.)
- Lancaster County (Pa.)
- Lehigh County (Pa.)
- Montgomery County (Pa.)
- Pennsylvania Dutch Country (Pa.)

Subject(s)

- Cigar industry
- Hotels
- Insurance companies
- Physicians
- Schools