

DuPont Company circa 1804 Eagle gunpowder label reproduction

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Summary Information

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| Repository | Hagley Museum and Library: Audiovisual Collections and Digital Initiatives Department |
| Creator | E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Company |
| Title | DuPont Company circa 1804 Eagle gunpowder label reproduction |
| Call number | 202 |
| Date | 1993 |
| Extent | 1 item |
| General Physical Description | 1 item (ephemera) : b&w ; 7 x 11.5 in. |
| Location | GL Box 1. |
| Language | English |
| Abstract | <p>E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Company is a chemical company more commonly referred to as the DuPont company. The company was established in 1802 by Pierre Samuel du Pont de Nemours and his son Éleuthère Irénée Pont the company began with the production of gunpowder. This item consists of two printed pieces: a Happy New Year 1993 greeting from Coley (P. Coleman) and Jake (James Coleman) du Pont and a reproduction of an Eagle gun powder label circa 1804.</p> |

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Scope and Contents

This item consists of two printed pieces: a Happy New Year 1993 greeting from Coley (P. Coleman) and Jake (James Coleman) du Pont and a reproduction of an Eagle gun powder label circa 1804. "This label reproduction is taken from one of the earliest known products of the DuPont powder mills near Wilmington, Delaware."

Administrative Information

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Access Restrictions

This collection is open for research.

Provenance

This item was given as a New Year's gift 1993 by P. Coleman and James Coleman du Pont. Hagley copies are No. 112 and 113 of a private edition of 500.

Controlled Access Headings

Form/Genre(s)

- Ephemera.

Subject(s)

- Eagles in art.
- Gunpowder industry--Equipment and supplies--History.
- Labels--History.