BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Edward Shippen Burd was born in 1779, son of Edward Burd, who was an attorney from Reading, Pennsylvania. Edward Burd was appointed the prothonotary of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in 1778 and was reappointed in 1791. In 1785 Edward Burd joined the Philosophical Society, a group founded for the promotion of useful knowledge, along with such prominent individuals as James Madison and Joseph Priestley. In 1800 Edward Burd was appointed the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

Edward Shippen Burd became an attorney like his father and settled in Philadelphia, PA. He married Eliza Howard Simms, a woman who would became well-known as a folk artist of watercolor scene paintings in the 1840's.

This collection reflects the fact that Edward Shippen Burd was a very wealthy and prominent lawyer. He was heavily involved in real estate as well as other business ventures such as the Philadelphia Arcade and the Philadelphia Ice Company. At the time of his death on September 17, 1848, the Edward Shippen Burd Estate was valued at more than $560,000.

Edward Shippen Burd and his wife also pursued philanthropic interests, particularly through St. Stephen’s Church in Philadelphia, PA. Eliza Howard Burd was clearly very active in the church and in the community as well. Evidence of her generosity includes a $5000 bond to the Protestant Episcopal Hospital of Philadelphia and a bequest (Eliza Howard Burd died in 1860) of $100,000 to St. Stephen’s Church in order to open the Burd Orphan Asylum for daughters of Episcopal clergymen.
The Edward Shippen Burd Collection is housed in one document box and two oversized folders and is organized into three basic categories: Correspondence, Legal and Financial Documents, and Portraits. For the sake of clarity throughout the collection inventory, Edward Burd’s name will be spelled out while Edward Shippen Burd will be presented as E. S. Burd. Samuel and Anna Moyerman donated this collection of papers to Dickinson College in 1966.

The Correspondence section of this collection is arranged alphabetically according to the author of each letter, and then chronologically. The bulk of the correspondence are letters written to or by Edward Shippen Burd and primarily deal with his various professional and business endeavors.

The Legal and Financial Documents section of this collection is arranged alphabetically according to whom the papers concern, and then chronologically. This section contains various documents such as land deeds, leases, receipts, and survey maps. The bulk of these papers revolve around the estates of Edward Shippen Burd and Eliza Howard Simms Burd. Other philanthropic and business concerns of Edward Shippen Burd reflected in these documents are papers relating to the Philadelphia Arcade, the Philadelphia Ice Company, and St. Stephen’s Church in Philadelphia, PA.

The Portrait section of the collection includes one folder containing eight prints of a portrait of Edward Shippen Burd by an unknown artist. A print of a George Cadwalader portrait appears on the verso of the E. S. Burd images.

Two folders of oversized materials, designated OC 1999.10, contain various legal and financial documents of Edward Burd and Edward Shippen Burd, including deeds and indentures. The materials in these folders have been arranged chronologically.

COLLECTION INVENTORY

BOX 1 - MC 1999.10

CORRESPONDENCE

Folder 01) Bell, William
Letter to E. S. Burd - Sept. 29, 1827
Bonsall, John
Letter to E. S. Burd - Dec. 18, 1813
Letter to E. S. Burd - Apr. 8, 1830
Burd, Edward
Letter to Charles Smith - July 4, 1817

Folder 02) Burd, Edward Shippen
Letter to Mr. Dutilh - May 25, 1803
Letter to Mr. Sims - Jan. 15, 1823
Letter to James Lloyd - Mar. 11, 1828
Letter to James Lloyd - Mar. 12, 1828
Letter to Eli Kirk Price - Sept. 12, 1833
Letters relating to his European visit - 1841
Letter to Daniel W. Coxe - June 5, 1848
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CORRESPONDENCE (cont.)

Folder 03)  Burd, Eliza Howard (Mrs. E. S. Burd)
  Letter to C. F. Hagedorn - Oct. 21, 1852
  Cadwalader, Thomas
  Letter to E. S. Burd - Oct. 10, 1831
  Clark, John
  Letter to Edward Burd - Mar. 15, 1792
  Coxe, Daniel William
  Letter to E. S. Burd (reply on verso) - June 3, 1848
  Letter to E. S. Burd - June 4, 1848
  Letter to E. S. Burd - June 5, 1848

Folder 04)  Haydon, D. M.
  Letter to E. S. Burd - June 18, 1840
  Hollingsworth, Henry
  Letter to E. S. Burd - July 24, 1833
  Hollingsworth, Sally
  Letter to Mrs. E. S. Burd - Aug. 12, 1851
  Letter to Mrs. E. S. Burd - Oct. 29, 1851
  Letter to Mrs. E. S. Burd - Nov. 3, 1851
  Ingersoll, Joseph Reed
  Letter to C. F. Hagedorn - Jan. 26, 1850

Folder 05)  Lloyd, James
  Letter to E. S. Burd - undated
  Letter to E. S. Burd - Mar. 5, 1828
  Letter to E. S. Burd - Mar. 8, 1828
  Letter to E. S. Burd - Mar. 15, 1828
  Letter from J. Lloyd & E. S. Burd to Samuel Hains, Esq. - Mar. 15, 1828
  Letter from J. Lloyd & E. S. Burd to James Leslie - Mar. 15, 1828
  Nixon, Henry
  Letter to E. S. Burd - Nov. 28, 1827

Folder 06)  Ralston, Robert Jr.
  Letter to E. S. Burd - Apr. 8, 1828
  Read, Edward
  Letter to E. S. Burd - Jan. 1, 1820
  Rundle, George
  Letter to James Lloyd - Mar. 17, 1828
  Sparhawk, Thomas
  Letter to E. S. Burd - Feb. 24, 1820
  Willing, T. M.
  Letter to E. S. Burd - 1830
CORRESPONDENCE (cont.)

Folder 07) White, Bishop William
- Letter to E. S. Burd - Nov. 26, 1822
- Letter to E. S. Burd - Dec. 7, 1822
- Letter to E. S. Burd - Dec. 9, 1822
- Letter to E. S. Burd - Dec. 13, 1822
- Letter to E. S. Burd - May 1, 1823

LEGAL AND FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS

Folder 08) Burd, Edward
- Legal document from Supreme Court, Philadelphia - 1798
- Conveyances to Edward Burd commencing at 1800
- Financial material regarding Shippensburg – 1810
- Bill to William Wilson for surveying property – 1811
- Financial material regarding lands in Clearfield County (list of warrantees on verso) - 1814
- Agreement between lot owners and Edward Burd - Oct. 4, 1824
- Estimate of conversion of Edward Burd’s house - July 21, 1837

Folder 09) Burd, E. S.
- Canceled bond (1811) to Isaac W. Morris - Nov. 1, 1808
- Deed [fragment] between Peter Meyers and E. S. Burd - Mar. 10, 1813
- Lease to John Drummond - July 26, 1814
- Receipt for taxes in Clearfield County - 1816
- Bond to Robert Adams and Daniel W. Coxe - July 12, 1816

Folder 10) Burd, E. S.
- Lease with John Kneass - Jan. 15, 1820
- Authorization for attorney John Keating, Jr. - Jan. 1, 1823
- Copy of land survey of Bedford County - July 29, 1823

Folder 11) Burd, E. S.
- Assignment of mortgage to Charles Penrose - Dec. 12, 1826
- Bond of warrant of attorney to John Dunlap - Feb. 14, 1834
- Three bills for purchases of shares by Thomas Biddle and Company - Jan. 20, 1835; Jan. 22, 1835; July 14, 1838

Folder 12) Burd, E. S.
- Rental notices, leases, and a notice - 1839-48
- Bill incurred in Naples - Apr. 20, 1839
- Power of attorney signed by John Carroll Brent, Consul - Feb. 17, 1841
- Receipt from Stewart Steele - Apr. 16, 1844
- Account book for rent collection - c1845

Folder 13) Burd, E. S.
- Papers regarding William White’s claims on the Burd estate - 1823-49
- Inventory and appraisal of assets of the late E. S. Burd - 1848
- Papers relating to the settlement of the Burd estate - 1849-65

Folder 14) Burd, E. S.
- Ledger, “Settlement of the Edward Shippen Burd Estate, 1848-1870"
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LEGAL AND FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS (cont.)

Folder 15) Burd, Eliza Howard (Mrs. E. S. Burd)
- Receipts for collections made by Eli K Price – June-Aug. 1854
- Copy of a bond to the Protestant Episcopal Hospital of Philadelphia - Apr. 23, 1859
- Estate papers and letters regarding settlement of her estate - 1860-62

Folder 16) Cadwalader, Thomas
- Receipt to E. S. Burd regarding lumber shipment - Jan. 11, 1811

Crean, John
- Receipt to E. S. Burd regarding Phila. property - Jan. 16, 1804
- Acknowledgment of George Kreb’s promissory note - May 21, 1805

Cummiskey, James
- Documents regarding the exchange of lands with E. S. Burd - 1822-23
- Copy of bond and mortgage given to John Dunlap - April 5, 1822

Donaldson, John
- Note from E. S. Burd regarding a transfer of shares - May 19, 1807

Folder 17) Ingersoll, Joseph
- Acknowledgment of stocks owned by E. S. Burd - Jan. 3, 1829

Lloyd, James
- Rental agreement, by George Rundle for James Lloyd - Aug. 29, 1822

Lukens, John
- Map of land owned by Edward Burd in Clearfield County - 1785
- Map of land owned by Edward Burd in Northumberland County – 1809

Folder 18) Philadelphia Arcade
- Notice of manager’s meeting - Nov. 8, 1825
- Notice of manager’s meeting - Nov. 11, 1825
- Notice of a meeting - Nov. 11, 1825
- Letter from T. A. Browne regarding stock - Dec. 7, 1827

Philadelphia Ice Company
- Notice of a meeting of the stockholders - Oct. 21, 1834

Rawle, William Jr.
- Receipt to E. S. Burd for Tilghman v. Tilghman - Jan. 25, 1832

Steinhauser, Carl
- Authorization to C. F. Hagedorn, signed by U.S. Consul in Rome, Nicholas Brown - June 2, 1849
- Unsigned copy of agreement between Carl Steinhauser and E. S. Burd - Mar. 18, 1850
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LEGAL AND FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS (cont.)
Folder 19) St. Stephen’s Church, Philadelphia
   Papers relating to Burd monument at the church, the Burd Orphans Asylum, and other church affairs - 1850-1870
   Tilghman, William
   Papers relating to the Tilghman estate for which E. S. Burd was an executor - 1827-1835
   Warner, John
   Agreement regarding land - Jan. 1, 1808

PORTRAITS
Folder 20) Portraits
   Eight prints of an Edward Shippen Burd portrait - undated

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LEGAL AND FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS
Folder 01) Indenture assigning bonds and mortgages as security by E. S. Burd to Esther Waters - Sept. 20, 1813
   Power of attorney granted by Robert Jackson to E. S. Burd - 1822
   Assignment of bond and mortgage to George Emlen - 1823
   Mortgage of Samuel Rhoads Franklin to Reverend William White and E. S. Burd - Dec. 20, 1831
Folder 02) Deed from Edward Burd to Thomas Condie - May, 1802
   Deed from Edward Burd to William S. Smith - Dec. 19, 1809
   Patent for land to Edward Burd - May 23, 1810
   Patent for land to Edward Burd - May 24, 1810
   Deed to John Warner - 1811
   Deed to John H. Brinton - May 27. 1817
   Deeds from E. S. Burd executors to Joseph Harrison, Jr. - Nov. 25, 1854

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