

William Penn Charter School Archives
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I. CORPORATION RECORDS

Books wrapped and standing on shelves.

Book of Registry of the Overseers..., 1711-1965. Package A.

Gives Succession of each member of the Corporation from one of the fifteen Overseers; also, the Treasurers of the Overseers...

Minutes of Overseers' Meetings (wrapped individually)

Vol. 1: 1712-1770 (photocopy with index of names of overseers and scholars laid in).

Vol. 2: 1771-1792 (original and photocopy).

Vol. 3: 1793-1813 (original and photocopy).

Vol. 4: 1814-1847 (original and photocopy).

Vol. 5: 1848-1891 (original and photocopy).

Vol. 6: 1892 (2/23)-1917 (original and photocopy).

Vol. 6-A: 1908 (4/30)-1911 (1/27). Rough Minutes.

Vol. 7: 1917 (3/13)-1931 (5/26).

Vol. 8: 1931 (5/27)-1942 (5/26).

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Vol. 10: 1952 (9/23)-1959 (5/26).

Vol. 11: 1959 (9/22)-1965 (5/25).

Vol. 12: 1965 (9/?)-1969 (11/?).

Minute Book of Overseers' Meetings, 1874-1912, plus smaller book, 1874-1895. Package B, Part 2.

Same minutes, Richard M. Jones's copy.

Minutes of Overseers' Meetings, 1912-1923.

Note in original finding aid: The Board of Overseers serving as a committee on the William Penn Charter School.

List of Teachers, 1719-1813, and of scholars, about the same period. Package C.

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Records and accounts, 1901-1932.

Account Books

1780-1785 Joshua Howell's Accounts as Treasurer. Package E1.

1783-1797 Joshua Howell's Accounts as Treasurer. Package E1.

1786-1797 Joshua Howell's Accounts as Treasurer. Package E1.

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1797-1798 Thomas Wistar's Accounts as Treasurer. Package E2.

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1951-1957 ---. Package E8.
1734-1750 Accounts relating to the Public School in Philadelphia.

Package E9.

1770-1782 "The Public School Book, began 1770."

John Reynell, Treas.; at back of book, 29 pages of receipts, 1770-1783, for payments made to teachers, workmen, etc., by Board.] Gift of Lawrence J. Morris, P.C. 1885.

Package E9.

1779-1796 Ground rents Accounts. Package E9.

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Package E9.

1789-1795 Receipt book, showing payments to teachers, workmen, etc.

Package E9.

1808-1829 Accounts of William Forrest's Legacy. Package E9.

1830-1852 Rent Roll, School Corporation. [Lists all ground rents owned by school.] Package E10.

1852-1875 Check book, with stubs showing payments by school. Package E10.

1862-1868 Register of the Distribution of the proceeds of the Charitable Legacies, etc., under the care of the "Overseers of the Public School..." [For additional records, ca. 1870-1911, see III. Corporation Papers, general, Box 4, entry B.] Package E11.

1866-1892 Accounts of disbursements under legacy of John Jones and others, first by John E. Carter, 1866-78, and then by Charles Hartshorne, 1879-92. Entitled, John E. Carter in Account with John Jones' Legacy, etc., to the School Corporation. Package E11.

1893-1926 Ledger, containing general accounts, expenses for apparatus, advertising, athletics, books and stationary, etc. Package E12.

1878-1924 Delinquent Accounts. Package E12.

Charles Robert's roll books, for day school, 1805-1816, and evening school, 1807-1812. Package F.

Penn Charter Literacy Society Roll Book, 1903-1933, and Minute Book, 1915-1933. Package G.

Applications for admissions on the Gratuitous Funds under the Care of the Overseers of the Public School, etc., 1844/6/28-1874/10/30. Package H.

Examinations for Admission, 1881-1926. Laid in records ca. 1917. Package I.

II. LEGAL PAPERS

Box 1

Original Inventory of the WPCS Archives. Typescript 1931.

Philadelphia Meeting (Monthly, Quarterly, and for Sufferings) Legal and Business Papers, 1685-1800. 1 folder. 5 items.

Ms. copies of School Charters: 1701, 1708, 1711. 1 folder.
Notebooks containing copies of the first and third charters as well.

Papers regarding School Land. 1 folder. 46 Items.
Northeast Corner, 4th St. and Market St., 1682-1761,
1912.

Meeting and School Grounds. 1 folder. 7 items.
2nd and High Sts. and Strawberry Alley, etc., 1693-ca.
1763. Including land grant William Penn to William Markham, Robert Turner and Samuel Carpenter 1689, 10/16 for lot on High St., Philadelphia. Signed by William Markham et al. On vellum with seal.

William Carter's Legacy, ca. 1683-1744. 1 folder. 14 items.
William Carter died in 1738. Will recorded in Philadelphia Co., in Will Book F101. See other papers regarding William Carter in 990 B-R.

List of Deeds, Legacies, etc., belonging to School, 1687-1768. 1 folder. 19 items plus photocopies of property records.
See also 990 B-R. 2 lists.

Lease, John Goodson and Thomas Griffith to Evan Owens, 1720. 1 folder. 1 item.

Papers re John Jones's Legacy, 1727-1839. 1 folder. 10 items.

Papers re Robert Wade's Annuity, 1753-1770. 1 folder. 5 items. Also filed in 990 B-R.

List of owners of lands from which annuity was drawn,
1753.
Deed Poll, William Parr to Peter Knight, March 1, 1765.
Deed, Peter Knight *et ux* to Henry Hale Graham, July 12,
1770.

Deed of Exchange, Henry Hale Graham to Israel Pemberton and other overseers, etc., December 27, 1770.

Separate finding aid for folder listing additional materials, materials follow.

Address to Assembly for Confirmation of School Charter, 1759. 1 folder. 2 items.

Box 2: Continuation of Papers re school lands.

Papers re George Dillwyn's Deed. 1 folder.

Papers re George Dillwyn's Deed, 1762. 9 items. William Dillwyn's promise to make a title to a lot on Sassafras St., when he became 21. 1764/2/21.

Lease, Overseers to Thomas Irwin, 1774. 1 folder. 5 items.

Papers re Aaron Ashbridge Legacy, 1776-1799. 1 folder. 17 items.

Excerpts from Early Wills and correspondence concerning them, ca. 1776-1816. 1 folder. 18 items.

Deborah Claypool's Legacy, 1776-1908. 1 folder. 4 items.

Anthony Benezet Legacy, 1784-1790. 1 folder. 9 items.

Papers re Oxley Lot (Mulberry [Arch] St.), 1784-1790. 1 folder. 4 items.

Lease, Thomas Penrose to the Overseers, 1786. 1 folder. 1 item.

Papers re school lot. 1 folder. 18 Items.

12th St., west side, below Market St., 1784-1874.

Miscellaneous folder included as well. 13 items. Also papers and correspondence re Alterations to School, 8 S. 12th St., 1879-1904. See also 990 B-R.

Papers re Hannah and John Pemberton's Legacy, 1813-1879. 1 folder.

Papers re Rebecca Wharton's Legacy, 1816. 1 folder. 7 items.

Box 3

Papers re School property in Germantown (Pinehurst), 1907-1908. 1 folder. 39 items.

Papers re Alice D. Jenness Legacy, 1933-1936. 1 folder. 70 items.

Promissory notes given by the Board, 1798-1810. 1 folder. 8 items.

Papers re law suit over City's right to tax School, 1851-1895. 1 folder. 19 items.

Copy of verdict I Case of the City of Philadelphia vs. Overseers of the Public School, 1889-1891. [Re: exemption of School from taxation.]

Papers re Ground Rent, 146/8 N. 3rd St., 1908-1909. 1 folder. 16 items.

Papers re Ground Rent, 341 Market St., 1908-1909. 1 folder. 5 items.

Papers re Ground Rent, 333 Market St., 1908. 1 folder. 6 items.

Ground Rents, miscellaneous, 1869-1880. 1 folder.

Acceptance of a Trust from Society for Improvement of Condition of Poor, 1808. 1 folder.

Minutes and Acknowledgement of Receipt.

Agency Agreement between Overseers and Provident Trust Co. of Philadelphia. 1951/8/31. 1 folder.

Also filed here: clarifying letter of 1951/11/ 30, to Provident Trust Co, from Alfred G. Scattergood, Treasurer of Overseers.

Legal papers. 1 folder.

Miscellaneous including promissory notes, 18th and 19th century; copies of minutes, trust agreements, acts, 19th century; act to allow release of land, 19th century. 11 items. Also filed here: printed copies of the 3 Charters; also printed extract from the charter of 1711 (6 p.).

Pamphlet published by J.B. Lippincott and Co., Philadelphia. [n.d.] 5 items. R.M. Jones's bound copy containing ms. notes and corrections.

Indentures. 1 folder.

Indenture of Samuel Bould, 1754, as apprentice teacher (already in collection).

Indenture of Phineas Jenkins, 1756 (already in collection).

Indenture of Samuel Eldridge, as apprentice teacher, Philadelphia, 1756/3/25. Printed by Benjamin Franklin.

Indenture of James Dickinson, as apprentice teacher, 1762/6/7.

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Papers regarding School Lands

No. 30 - Deed for High Street Lot. Thomas Lloyd's Executors to Samuel Carpenter, 1701/1/24.

No. 31 - Deed from Samuel Carpenter to the Public School of Philadelphia, 1702/4/24.

William Carter's Legacy, ca. 1683-1744. 1 folder. 14 Items.

William Carter died in 1738. Will recorded in Philadelphia Co., in Will Book F101.

Land Grant, William Penn to Thomas Harris, for lot on Chestnut St., 1684/5/31.

Deed, Thomas Harris to William Carter, 1701/2/20.

Grant of Rent Charges, John Guest et ux to Joseph Pidgeon, 1705/6/2/19.

Deed, Caleb Cash to William Carter, 1706/9/30.

Counterpart of Deed, William Carter to Daniel Gaunt, 1706/10/1.

Grant of Rents, William Carter to James Turfer (?), 1713/3/30.

Counterpart of Release, Joseph Richardson et ux to Bernard Eaglesfield, 1730/11/6.

Grant of Annuity, Francis Gandonet to William Carter, 1723/2/23.

Grant of Annuity, Caleb Ranstead et ux to William Carter, 1733/4/25.

Deed, Joseph Richardson et ux to William Carter, 1737/12/5.

Demise of Messuage and 2 lots in Philadelphia, for annual rent of 16 pounds, Overseers of Public School... to Owen Jones, 1749/3/27.

Ditto to Jacob Lewis, for 15.4 pounds, 1749/3/27.

Deed, Thomas Hallowell et ux to Christopher Marshall, 1756/3/29.

Land Grant, William Penn to William Carter, for lot of land in Philadelphia between Chestnut and Walnut Streets on 2nd. 1684/6/4. Signed by William Penn. On vellum with seal.

Deed from William Penn to Nicholas Walne, 1682/4/22, for 1000 acres of land and appurtenances in Pennsylvania.

Deed from William Penn to Thomas Droosdale [sic], 1688/10/24, for 1000 acres of land in Pennsylvania.

Copy of Petition of 8 friends of Deputy Governor Markham, for establishment of Free School in Philadelphia, 1697-8/12/10.

Also filed here: Typescript of Petition, plus copy of Robert Proud's "Notes on the first Rise, Design and Proscript of first page of copy; also typed notes about document of 1697, explaining that it was not a Charter.

Patent of Rebecca Steel for a lot of ground on Mulberry St., in Philadelphia City. 1747/8/3.

Recorded in Patent Book A, Vol. 13, p. 231, 1747/8/10.

Patent to Edward Shippen for 404 acres in Lancaster County. 1738/1/24.

Recorded in Book A, Vol. 1, p. 155, 1738/1/27.

1752 Deed from Samuel Preston Moore, Philadelphia physician, and wife, Hannah, to Benjamin Franklin, Philadelphia printer (this land had in 1720 been purchased by Richard Hill from Moore and Anthony Morris) for lot of land on High St. between 3rd and 4th Streets.

Signed by Benjamin Franklin and Justice John Mifflin. On vellum with wax seal.

Deed, Joseph Pennock et al to Joseph Pennock, for land on south-west corner of 12th and High [Market] Sts., 1787/6/16.

Release of Right, Levis Pennock to George and Isaac Pennock, 1795/6/27.

Partition of Lots (with photocopy) 1801/12/2.

Deed, John McOlvain and wife to William Sansom, 1809/5/23.

Deed, William Sansom and wife to John Biddle and others, 1809/6/2.

Legal papers re ownership, 1611-1812. 2 items.

Deed, John Biddle and others to Abraham L. Pennock, 1812/3/2.

Deed, Abraham L. Pennock and wife to Sarah Pennock and others, 1823/7/21.

Vertical Art Shelves

School Charter, 1711. Framed in Vertical Art Shelves.

A handwritten copy [n.d.] is filed in 990 B-R.

III. CORPORATION PAPERS, GENERAL, 1709-1915 (stored in boxes)

Box 4

Records of Charities, ca. 1870-1911. 1 folder. 37 items.

Report of Overseers Funds in 1874. Copies. 1 folder.

Overseers' Appointments, 1709-1878. 1 folder.

1709/8/5: Certificate of Appointment of two Overseers to succeed two deceased. (Thomas Masters and Nathan Stanbury, in place of John Jones and James Fox. Signed by 9 Overseers).

1712/10/8: Certificate of Appointment of William Hudson as Overseer, to replace Edward Shippen, deceased. [Signed by James Logan, Clerk].

1716-1717/11/30: Certificate of Appointment of David Lloyd as Overseer, to succeed Samuel Carpenter, deceased. [Signed by James Logan, Clerk.]

1719-20/1/22: Certificate of Appointment of William Carter as Overseer, to succeed Griffith Owen, deceased. [Signed by James Logan, Clerk.]

1742/8/11: Certificate of Appointment of Israel Pemberton, Jr., as Overseer, to replace Job Goodson, deceased. [Signed by Isaac Norris, Clerk. Poorly mended with Scotch tape.]

Overseers' Resignations, 1709-1878. 1 folder.

Treasurers' Reports, 1867-1879, 1908-1915, 1951, 1952, and 1992. 1 folder. 40 items.

Box 4a

Reports to Overseers by School Committee, ca. 1761-1915. 1 folder. 32 items.

Report to Overseers by School Committee, 1784/1/6.

Report to Overseers by School Committee, 1889, on new building added to School.

Recommendation to Overseers by School Committee, 1893/5/26, of a new financial plan for School.

Report to Overseers by School Committee, 1905/10/27.

Report to Overseers by School Committee, 1915/2/26, with statement by Headmaster, Richard M. Jones, appended.

There is also a lot of other miscellaneous stuff in this folder.

Reports to Overseers by School Inspectors, 1887 and 1899. 1 folder.

For additional reports, 1907 and n.d., see papers of Richard M. Jones.

Report to Overseers by Headmaster, Richard Mott Jones, 1875-1900. 1 folder.

These are statistical reports on the school's finances, numbers of students and their religious affiliations, teachers and salaries; also indicate growth and changes of the school. Two sets – duplicate set to 1885.

Box 5: Business Papers

Miscellaneous, ca. 1742-1934. 1 folder. 112 items.

Include proposals from teachers to Board and vice versa, 19 items concerning John Young Jr.'s debt to Overseers, 1780-1788, rent rolls, 1780-1794, business agreements, Overseers' budget, 1915-16, etc.

Letter from Anthony Benezet to Israel Pemberton, concerning Benezet's application for position as teacher in School. Germantown, 1742-3/11/24. Lists subjects in which he is qualified to teach.

Letter, ditto, 1742-3/11/26, accompanied by sample of Benezet's handwriting.

Letter to Overseers from John Wilson, 1769, resigning and protesting against teaching Latin to poor children. Also filed here: envelope with Edward Bettle's notes about letter, 1900/4/30.

Address to the Overseers (in Latin and English) by eight students, requesting a place to meet. Philadelphia, 1781/1/26.

Receipted bill for payment of ground rent, due from Reuben Harris to the Public School. 1789/6/15.

Petition to Overseers by students of the Mathematical School for a yard. Philadelphia, 1802/2/19. Also typewritten transcript.

Petition to Overseers by students of Mathematical and Latin Schools, asking for special school hours in summer, to avoid midday heat. Also typewritten transcript.

Letter to Overseers from Joshua Fisher and six other Friends, proposing erection of School near Pine Street. Philadelphia, 1772/6/10.

Excerpts from Minutes of Overseers, 1814, concerning building and organizing of School House on 12th St., next to Meeting.

Note from Jonathan Evans (1759-1839) to Daniel B. Smith, re admission policies of School [ca. 1825].

Letter to Overseers from John Greenleaf Whittier, recommending Richard M. Jones for position of Headmaster. Amesbury, 1874.

Report to School Committee by auditor of Headmaster's books, 1875-1881.

Notice to Teachers, from Daniel B. Smith, Clerk of Overseers, 1824/6/25, urging more neatness, religious instruction, etc. (2 copies).

Papers re gift from Overseers to Richard M. Jones, on 25th, Anniversary as Headmaster, 1900/2/2, plus his letter of thanks. 6 items.

Letters of George J. Walenta to Overseers, 1908-109. 2 items. (Already in Collection).

Letter to Asa S. Wing, Clerk of Overseers, from R.M. Jones, 1915/3/5, enclosing copy of his suggestions to Overseers for new School buildings and enlarging upon them. 2 items.

Letter, 1917/10/4, to Overseers from Frederick L. Smith, acting Headmaster, enclosing financial statement and forecast.

Letter to Overseers from Frederick L. Smith, 1918/4/29, outlining his plans for establishment of Junior School in Germantown, to feed into 12th Street Upper School. For all other papers on F.L. Smith, see Headmasters' papers, Box 13-F.

Tax receipts on School and other properties, 1858-1861. 1 folder. 19 items.

Bills, orders, vouchers, 1867/9/?-1875/1/16. [T. Wistar Brown, Treasurer.] 1 folder. 220 items.

Box 6: Building Accounts and TIAA

4th St. School (Forrest Lot), 1744. 1 folder. 9 items.

Sassafras St. School, 1763. 1 folder. 4 items.

Pine Street School, 1772-74. 1 folder. 38 items.

New Schoolhouse on Forrest lot, 4th St., 1810-11. 1 folder. 30 items.

Miscellaneous, 1745-1788. 1 folder. 61 items.

Papers re Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association Retirement Plan, 1929-1932. 1 folder. ca. 130 items.

Box 7: Teachers' Accounts

Anthony Benezet, ca. 1743-1782. 1 folder. 53 items.

Rebekah Birchall, 1751-1763. 1 folder. 14 items.

Ann Breintnall, 1773-1774. 1 folder. 2 items.

Isaac Briggs, 1781-1782. 1 folder. 1 item.

Dorcas Brown, 1784-1785. 1 folder. 3 items.

William Brown, 1783-1788. 1 folder. 7 items.

Benjamin Cathrall, 1785-1788. 1 folder. 6 items.

Mordecai Churchman, 1788. 1 folder. 1 item.

Elizabeth Clark, 1786. 1 folder. 1 item.

Joseph Clark, 1784. 1 folder. 1 item.

- James Dickinson, 1768.** 1 folder. 5 items.
- Sarah Dickinson, 1786-1788.** 1 folder. 6 items.
- William Dickinson, 1769-1776.** 1 folder. 8 items.
- Mary Donnelly, 1765.** 1 folder. 2 items.
- Fair Hill School, 1775-1797.** 1 folder. 10 items.
Wm. Preston, Benjamin Kite, Robert Rankin.
- Essex Flower, 1775-1781.** 1 folder. 5 items.
- James Gibbons, 1782-1783.** 1 folder. 3 items.
- Deborah Godfrey, 1756-1757.** 1 folder. 5 items.
- Mary Gosnold, 1765.** 1 folder. 1 item.
- Samuel Gummere, 1787-88.** 1 folder. 1 item.
- Gwynedd School, 1773-76.** 1 folder. 3 items.
- Jesse P. Haines, 1816.** 1 folder. 1 item.
- George Harris, 1786.** 1 folder. 4 items.
- Joseph Inskip, 1788.** 1 folder. 1 item.
- Elizabeth Ives, 1786-88.** 1 folder. 5 items.
- Israel Jacobs, 1783.** 1 folder. 1 item.
- Thomas Jacobs, 1786-87.** 1 folder. 3 items.
- Levis Janney (Merion School), 1773-88.** 1 folder. 2 items.
- Zachariah and Rebecca Jess, 1784-85.** 1 folder. 4 items.
- William Johnson, 1757.** 1 folder. 3 items.
- Rebecca Jones and Hannah Cathrall, 1764-83.** 1 folder. 19 items.
- Edward Kelly [usher?], 1755.** 1 folder. 1 item.
- Caleb and Mary Kimber, 1788.** 1 folder. 2 items.

Joseph King Jr., 1755. 1 folder. 1 item.

**Receipts to Joshua Howell, Treasurer of Overseers,
from William Brown, for payment to him and his wife, for “schooling poor
children.”** 1785/8/16 and 1785/9/20. 1 folder. 2 items.

Box 8: Teachers’ Accounts Continued

Sarah Lancaster, 1755-88. 1 folder. 14 items.

Jane Loftus, 1757-66. 1 folder. 18 items.

Mary McDonald, 1785-88. 1 folder. 5 items.

Elizabeth Mecom, 1788. 1 folder. 1 item.

Thomas Marshall, 1775. 1 folder. 1 item.

Mary Moss, 1765-74. 1 folder. 10 items.

Sarah Mott, 1766-68. 1 folder. 3 items.

Moles and Ann Patterson, 1761-69. 1 folder. 18 items.

Jeremiah Paul, 1784-88. 1 folder. 5 items.

Joseph Pemberton, 1760-66 and 1769. 1 folder. 15 items.

Rebecca Price, 1785. 1 folder. 1 item.

Robert Proud, 1762-85. 1 folder. 13 items.

Ann Rakestraw, 1776-84. 1 folder. 9 items.

Ann Redman, 1761. 1 folder. 1 item.

Rowland Richard, 1764. 1 folder. 1 item.

Alexander Seaton, 1752-63. 1 folder. 19 items.

Lydia Chirley, 1768. 1 folder. 1 item.

John Sitch, 1758-65. 1 folder. 8 items.

George Smith, 1777-81. 1 folder. 3 items.

Leonard Snowdon, 1738. 1 folder. 3 items.

Joseph Stiles, 1754-57. 1 folder. 6 items.

J. Story, 1774. 1 folder. 8 items.

Box 9: Teachers' Accounts Continued

Charles Thompson, 1756-59. 1 folder. 5 items.

Jonah Thompson, 1753-55. 1 folder. 10 items.

William Thorne, 1757-70. 1 folder. 19 items.

Ann Thorton, 1756-57. 1 folder. 3 items.

John Todd, 1764-88. 1 folder. 39 items.

Margaret Ward, 1759. 1 folder. 1 item.

William Waring, 1786-88. 1 folder. 2 items.

Jesse Waterman, 1784-86. 1 folder. 4 items.

Isaac Weaver, June 1784-86. 1 folder. 6 items.

Robert Willan, 1748-53. 1 folder. 9 items.

Sarah Williams, 1788. 1 folder. 2 items.

John Wilson, 1753-1754. 1 folder. 5 items.

Mary Wily, 1760-67. 1 folder. 8 items.

Mary Yarnall, 1769-74. 1 folder. 6 items.

Joseph Yerkes, 1776-89. 1 folder. 15 items.

Teachers' Accounts, January-June, 1868. 1 folder. 7 items.

Samuel Allen
Esther A. Ellis
Matilda P. Ellison
M.B. Fletcher
E.M. Huntington
Hannah Llewelyn

N.G. Macumber

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Agreement between John Hunt and John Fothergill and Robert Willan, 1747-8, for Willan to come to Pennsylvania and teach school in Philadelphia.

Prepared by Edward Bettle Jr. – about 1906.

Reproduction of typescript.

IV. OVERSEERS' CORRESPONDENCE

Box 10

Correspondence, ca. 1725-1799. 1 folder. 153 items.

Correspondence, 1800-1805. 1 folder. 37 items.

Box 11

Correspondence, 1806-ca.1917. 1 folder. 110 items.

Correspondence re moving school to Germantown, financial problems involved (falling enrollment, selling 12th St. property), etc., 1897-1922. 1 folder. 73 items.

Overseers' Correspondence re moving School to Germantown. Copy of Minutes from meeting of Overseers, 1908/10/30, at which letters from Henry W. Brown were read, requesting end to right-of-way from Penn Charter School grounds in Germantown to Midvale Ave. In with Edward Bettle Jr. letter.

Note: For additional material on moving of School to Germantown, see Papers of Richard Mott Jones, Boxes 13-A through E.

Correspondence re Miss Charlotte E. Anderson, 1924-26. 1 folder. 36 items.

Correspondence re Whereabouts of School Records, 1931-34 and 1969. 1 folder. 15 items.

Box 12

Correspondence (and Minutes) of committee to pick new Head Master, 1934. 1 folder. 129 items.

V. FACULTY CORRESPONDENCE

Boxes 13 A-E

A-E. Papers of Richard Mott Jones, 1874-1917. ca 1232 items. (1207 added, July 1970).

Papers include letters from him and to him from Overseers, faculty, and others; Inspectors' Reports, 1899, 1907, and n.d.; voluminous discussions by Edward Bettle Jr., 1903-1908, of plans for moving the School out of the City (letters are tied together by each year in the respective year's folder); Headmaster's notices to Staff, 1875-1917; other. Arranged chronologically by years and alphabetically by names within each year. For additional material on moving of School to Germantown, see Box 11 D, "Overseer's Correspondence."

Note: Letters from teachers and master to the Board of Overseers are filed under "Overseers' Business Papers." Letters from faculty to the Headmaster are filed under the following "Headmasters' Papers."

Box 13A

1874-1886. 1 folder.

Note re Students' Gazette.

Notices to Staff, 1877-1917. 1 folder.

1887-1889. 1 folder.

1891. 1 folder.

1892. 1 folder.

1893. 1 folder.

Box 13B

1894-1895. 1 folder.

1896. 1 folder.

1897. 1 folder.

1898. 1 folder.

1899. 1 folder.

Includes Inspector's Report.

Box 13C

1900. 1 folder. 139 items.

1901. 1 folder. 135 items.

Box 13D

1902. 1 folder. 137 items.

1903. 1 folder. 170 items.

Box 13E

1904. 1 folder. 88 items.

1905. 1 folder. 71 items.

1906. 1 folder. 55 items.

1907. 1 folder. 7 items.
Inspectors' Report.

1908. 1 folder. 1 item.

Correspondence between Faculty and Richard M. Jones, 1909-1913 and n.d.
1 folder. 4 items.

Box 13F

Correspondence of Frederick L. Smith, ca. 1892-1917, and correspondence concerning his lawsuit against the School, 1930-935. 2 folders. ca. 115 items.

The items are divided into 2 folders: F1a 1892-1917 and F1b 1930-1935. Mr. Smith was a teacher, 1892-1917, and Assistant Headmaster for a number of these years. He became Acting Headmaster at the death of Richard M. Jones, 1917, and served for one year, until the appointment of Richard M. Gummere. He remained on the Faculty until 1925, when he was asked to resign.

Papers, 1918-1934, of Richard M. Gummere, Headmaster. 1 folder. 17 items.
(July 1970).

Include Headmaster's notices to Staff, 1918-1924; survey of cost of living and teachers' salaries in City of Boston and in 14 leading private boys' schools in U.S. (1926?); two letters from Clinton A. Strong, teacher at W.P.C.S., 1930/1/20 and 1930/3/?, about salary increase; Correspondence, 1924-26, of masters and Headmaster, with State Rep., James A Walker, whose son was a pupil at the school.

Letter from Mass. Gov. Endicott Peabody to John F. Gummere, Headmaster of W.P.C.S. Boston, 1963/7/17. (July 1970). 1 folder.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS, LISTS, ETC.

Box 14

Lists of Overseers. 1 folder. 18 items.

See also 990 B-R: Large list, 1711-1915; List of Some Overseers, 1711-1920; Certificate for Overseers Chas. Evans (1920), William Evans (1835), William Evans (1867). Note: Book containing List of Teachers, 1719-1813, and List of Scholars, about same period. Wrapped and standing on shelf.

Lists of books in School libraries and requests for more, 1752-1852. 1 folder. 13 items.

Record of Text Books used in the Schools under the care of the "Overseers of the Public School founded by Charter in the Town and County of Philadelphia in Pennsylvania. 1852. 1 bound ms. book.

Surveys of Scholars, 1752-1786. Includes list of schools of friends in Philadelphia. 1 folder. 18 items.

Lists of Scholars

John D. Craig, 1804. 3 items.
John Coope, 1805. 1 item.
D. Ellise, 1813. 1 item.
Emmor Kimber, 1799. 1 item.
Enoch Lewis, 1799. 1 item.
William Lippincott, 1809. 1 item.
Jane Loftus, 1761. 1 item.
Nathaniel Platt, 1742. 1 item.
John Ramsey, 1789. 1 item.
J.W. Walter, 1805. 1 item.
Miscellaneous. 4 items.

Bills of Lading and Correspondence re Scientific Instruments bought in England for the School, and correspondence re scientific instruction in the School, 1786-1841. 1 folder. 27 items.

Appointment Forms (certificates) for Overseers.

5 copies. Stored in 990 B-R. 3 additional copies of the Rules for the Good Government...of the Scholars..., signed by Thomas Morris, Clerk, Philadelphia, 1795/12/10. (8 copies in all, printed).

Small ms. booklet: Extracts from Overseers' Minutes, 1712-55. 1 folder.
At back: Start of subscription list for School endowment fund.

Conduct Books. 3 items.

Rules for Scholars and Instructions for Teachers, 1748
and 1796.

Ms. booklet: Rules of Conduct for Youth in the Several Schools Under the Care of Friends. [Note on back suggests date of 1748.]

Advice to the Scholars..., 1796/2/11. Signed by Thomas Morris, Clerk, Philadelphia, 1795/12/10. (8 copies in all, printed).

See also 990 B-R: Rules for the Good Government...of the Scholars..., signed by Thomas Morris, Clerk. Philadelphia, 1795/12/10. 6 copies, printed.

Instructions to Latin and English Teachers.
Inter-Academic Athletic Association. Papers, 1890-1908. 1 folder. 20 items.

George Fox's handwriting. (Fragment; presented to W.P.C.S. by the Friends' Historical Association, 1953). 1 folder.

Ms. arithmetic exercise book.
91 p. Early 19 C. Paper made by Brandywine paper mills. (Plow watermark and J.G. & Co. watermark [J. Gilpin & Co.] Gift of Lawrence J. Morris, O.P.C., 1885).

Autograph of Daniel Webster and Picture and Autograph of John Quincy Adams. 1 folder.

Reunion memo of Friends School in Providence, R.I., with engraving of Moses Brown. 1900. 1 folder.

Report book of James P. Jones. 1898-9. 1 folder.

Anthony Benezet Papers.
A.D.S. by Anthony Benezet. 23rd or 12th mo. 1743-4. List of free scholars and departed scholars from his school. Also, indenture, signed by Anthony Benezet. 1754/2/21, apprenticing Samuel Bould to Benezet for three years.

Writing Samples. 1 folder. 8 items.

Box 14A

Folder containing minutes (1954-80) and other memorabilia of reunions of the class of 1918. 1 folder.

Papas and Middle States Visiting Comm. Report, 1993/1/?. Other items included as well. 1 folder.

Box 15: History of School. 114 items.

History of the Three Charters. 1 folder. 3 items.

Early History of the School, 1697-1756. 1 folder. 1 item.

The Students Gazette, 1777, 1778.

Ms. newspaper, published by the boys. 11 issues in acid free box and photocopies.

Vol. 1: 1-5, 7-8, 11-12, 14, 23, 20; Vol. 3: 25-27;
Vol. 6: 51-57, 59-60.

Miscellaneous. 1 folder.

Two old newspapers: Poulson's American Daily Advertiser, Tuesday morning, 1830/11/9; The Germantown Guide, Sat., 1925/11/7, containing account of visit to Penn Charter School.

Letter from William H. Morris to Grandmother, 1813/9/?, describing his School, Chestnut & 4th Sts.

Medal won by George Dudley Whitney, O.P.C., ex-1890, in Inter-Academic track meet, ca. 1887.

19 newspaper clippings; 16 other clippings and pamphlets.

Typed article: "Penn Charter Worthies of the Eighteenth Century."

Miscellaneous ms. notes. 10 items.

Overseers/Masters. 1 folder.

Notes on individual masters, 17-18 century. 35 items.

Historical Sketch of the Overseers..., by Edward Bettle, Jr., a paper prepared for and read at a Tea Meeting, 1908/2/24. (3 different typescripts, plus introductory speech made at same tea by Edward Bettle, Jr.)

Miscellaneous. 1 folder.

William Penn Charter School for Boys, No. 8 South 12th Street, Philadelphia. (Rough draft of a prospectus).

Clippings (7) pasted on 1 sheet, telling of fire in Whitman's store, next to the school, 1880/1/26.

List of Out-of-School Interests, with Advisory Staff for each.

Ms. form letter from Richard M. Jones, soliciting names of likely boys for the School. 1883/6/6.

Box 15A: History of School II. 1 folder.

3 ms. pages, describing grounds and buildings and commuting arrangements of hypothetical, suburban School. 1887/11/?.

List of Early Overseers.

Announcement, 1889/11/1, of Convention of Senior School, to nominate candidates for School Captain.

School Song. 1889/12/?.

Correspondence concerning memorial to Jacob P. Jones. 6

items, 1926/3/?.

Letter (carbon copy) to Richard S. Francis, from A.G. Scattergood, 1927/7/28, giving outline of additions and alterations, over the years, to School buildings on S. 12th Street.

Financial data prepared by A.G. Scattergood for submission to Overseers with proposals by Richard M. Gummere, Headmaster, for improvements to School. 1927/11/29.

Essay, plus rough draft, by R.M. Gummere, on the special quality of the Penn Charter School. 1929/3/13.

3 fragments on atmosphere and progressive education at WPCS. Ms. + Ts.

Pamphlet: Educational Institutions in the Religious Society of Friends, by Edward H. Magill. Chicago, 1893.

"Our Headmaster," essay on Richard Mott Jones, by Bernard Westerman.

Inventory of School furniture, 1901. 6 items.

Penn Charter's Opportunity, address by Charles L. McKeenan, P.C., 1893. Given at Penn Charter School, 1909/6/2.

Leaflet: "The 200th Anniversary of the Charter of the Penn Charter School, 1711-1911," plus soliciting letter sent to all Alumni; 3 other items, including program of events.

School Catalog, 1927-1928, R.M. Gummere's copy, with ms. notes of historical nature on cover and front leaves.

The WPCS. 1933-1934. Printed. Historical Sketch and other information.

Box 16: History of School III.

Miscellaneous. 1 folder.

Minutes and Memoranda re Monthly Meeting and Overseers of Public School. (Material for use in compiling a History of the School, sent to Richard M. Gummere by Virginia C. Jones, widow of Richard M. Jones, 1928/12/?).

Account of "Overseers to the Public School." Prepared by Edward Bettle Jr.

Diploma of John Falconer Sinclair, 1889. 1 folder.

William Penn Charter Chronicle: a history of the School from its inception to present days, by John F. Gummere, 1971. 1 folder.

Box 17: Pictures

Miscellaneous. 1 folder.

William Penn in Armor. (Engraving taken from painting of 1666). Also filed here: picture postcard, showing Penn's burial place at Jordans M.M., England.

Robert Proud, School Master at W.P.C.S., and Historian of

Pennsylvania.

Pictures of Overseers and correspondence concerning them:

Othniel Alsop. 2 items.
Henry Drinker. 2 items.
Charles Ellis. 1 item.
Thomas Evans. item.
Thomas C. James, M.D. 1 item.
James Logan. 3 items.
C.L. Nicholson. 1 item.
Elihu Pickering, 1 item.
Edward Randolph. 6 items.
[Thomas Scattergood?] 1 item.
David Scull. 2 items.
Edward L. Scull. 1 item.
Charles Thomson. 1 item.
Nicholas Waln. 1 item.
John M. Whitall. 2 items.
Charles Yarnall. 1 item.
Silhouette of Samuel Mickle Fox, 1763-1808.

Photographs of:

(a) The Charter of 1711; in plastic casing
(b) William Hudson's Certificate of Appointment
as Overseer, to succeed James Shippen, 1712/10/8. (Original in Box 4).

Photograph Album:

Gift of Robert Kroeger to Richard M. Jones, 1915 (acc. no. 3718)
Photos of football and baseball players and teams; other sports

Other objects are tied in groups in box.

Pictures of School Buildings, 4th Street and Chestnut, and
12th Street. 8 items.

Photographs of faculty and of student groups, undated
except for the Prima Class of 1885. 9 items.

Photographs of crews rowing. 5 item. [n.d.] not in a
folder.

Photograph of six athletic cups, presumably won by Penn
Charter Teams. 1 item [n.d.]

Stereopticon photos of Penn Charter Athletic events and
school life. In 3 bundles; 81 items.

H.T. Brown's athletic certificate, 1918.
Paper folder with other items not listed.

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Photograph of the impression of the obverse and reverse of “The Greater Provincial Seal of Pennsylvania,” attached to the School Charter of 1711. Original of 1711 Charter, also stored here.

Also manuscript copy of Charter of 1711.

VII. BOOKS: WRAPPED AND STANDING ON SHELVES

Note: Not all packages are in proper order, some are organized according to size.

Catalog of Children’s books, presented to School by Amelia Mott Gummere, 1922. Package 1.

Tiny Library for Tiny People, to teach them to read: Tiny Anecdotes. Philadelphia. [n.d.] Package 1.

The Little Field Daisy. N.Y., printed by Mahlon Day. [n.d.] Package 1.

Robinson Crusoe, by Daniel De Foe. N.Y. [n.d.] Package 1.

The Child’s First Book, or New Primer, by Goold Brown. [n.d.] Package 1.

A Mathematical Compendium..., 4th edition, by Sir Jonas Moore. London, 1705. With bookplate of Samuel Gummere and autographed by Gummere.

An Epistle of Tender Counsel to Parents, School-Masters and School-Mistresses; and Like-wise to the Youth, by Benjamin Holmes, 1749. Package 1.

Metamorphoseon, Bibri XV, by Ovid. London, 1751. Used by Charles Thomson (secretary of the Continental Congress) while Head Master of the William Penn Charter School, in 1757. (From the library of the late Gov. Samuel W. Pennypacker, acquired by W.P.C.S. in 1924. Package 5.

The New England Primer, Facsimile of book published circa 1785-1790. 20th Century Reprint, Ginn and Co. Package 1.

Latin Grammar, [circa 1800.] Has inscription dated 1802, in back. Package 1.

The Prize for Youthful Obedience, Part 1. London, 1801. Package 1.

Murray’s English Grammar, by Lindley Murray, 9th edition. N.Y., 1803. Package 1.

Toy-Book: ...Miss Patty Proud..., Philadelphia, printed by John Adams, 1806. Package 1.

A New Series of Prints, accompanied by Easy Lessons, containing a General Outline of Ancient History, by Mrs. Trimmer. 2 volumes, London 1803. Package 1.

The Daisy, or Cautionary Stories in Verse, London 1807.

Holy Bible, translated from the Greek by Charles Thomson. Philadelphia, 1808. 4 vols., printed by Jane Aitken. 3 of the volumes. Package 2.

Holy Bible, translated from the Septuagint by Charles Thomson. Philadelphia, 1808. Printed by Jane Aitken. One of the volumes. Package 1.

Means of Obtaining a Long and Healthy Life, by Lewis Cornaro, with Notes by Mason L. Weems, to which is added, *The Way To Wealth*, by Dr. Franklin. Philadelphia, 1809. Printed by Benjamin Johnson.

English Exercises, adapted to Murray's English Grammar..., by Lindley Murray, 15th edition. York, 1810. Package 2.

The History of the Prodigal Son. N.Y., 1813.

The Blind Child, or Anecdotes of the Wyndham Family..., by a Lady. Hartford, 1814. Printed by Hale and Hosmer. Package 2.

Practical Education, by Maria Edgeworth. 2 vols., 2nd Amer. ed. Providence and Boston, 1815. One volume is in package 2.

A Synopsis of the Four Evangelists: or, a Regular History of...Jesus Christ, by Charles Thomson. Philadelphia, 1815. Package 2.

The Two Wealthy Farmers..., Philadelphia, printed for Benjamin Johnson, 1813. Package 3.

Epitaphs and Elegies. New York, 1816. Printed by Samuel Wood and Sons. Package 3.

A Compendium of Religious Faith and Practice..., by Lindley Murray. N.Y., Samuel Wood and Sons, 1817. Package 3.

Poetic Tales for Children. N.Y., Samuel Wood, 1819. Package 3.

Pinnock's Catechisms: A Catechism of Natural History..., 6th edition, London, 1822. Package 3.

An Easy Grammar of Geography..., by Jacob Willetta. 10th edition, Poughkeepsie, 1823. Package 3.

The Little Deserter: or Holiday Sports. New Haven and Charleston, 1824.
Package 3.

The Institutes of English Grammar, Methodically Arranged..., by Goold Brown.
2nd edition, N.Y., Samuel Wood and Sons, 1825. Package 3.

Original Poems for Infant Minds, by James Taylor and Others. N.Y., Mahlon Day,
1826. Package 3.

A Sketch of My Friend's Family..., by Mrs. Marshall. Philadelphia, 1827. Package
3.

The Vicar's Garden: or, the Greek Medal, by an American Lady. 5th edition,
Philadelphia, 1827. Package 3.

Little Ellen, and Other Pleasing Poetic Tales, by A.L. of New Port, R.I. New
York, Mahlon Day, 1828. Package 3.

A Wreath of Forget-Me-Not..., translated from the original German, by M.
Yeardley. Philadelphia, Thomas Kite, 1829. Package 3.

The Tales of Peter Parley, about Europe. 3rd edition, Boston, 1830. By Samuel
Goodrich. Package 3.

*The Manners and Customs of the Jews, and Other Nations Mentioned in the
Bible.* London, 1830. Package 3.

Peter Parley's Method of Telling About Geography to Children. N.Y., Collins and
Hanney, 1830. Package 3.

The Christmas Pie, by Uncle Trim. Philadelphia, Nathan Kite, 1831. Package 3.

English Grammar made easy to the Teacher and Pupil. Originally compiled for
the use of Westtown Boarding School, Pennsylvania. By John Comly. Philadelphia, 1832.
Package 3.

Parley's Magazine No. 1, March 16, 1833. Philadelphia and Boston. Package 4.

The Epistle General of John. American Sunday-School Union. Philadelphia,
1832.

The One Hundred and Nineteenth Psalm. American Sunday-School Union.
Philadelphia, 1832. Package 4.

The Death-Bed of a Young Quaker. Boston, 1833. Package 4.

A Short Account of George Fox, prepared for Young Children. Philadelphia, Wm. Brown, 1833. Package 4.

A Catechism...of the Society of Friends..., Philadelphia, Nathan Kite, 1833. Package 4.

Scriptural Questions for the Use of Schools or Private Instruction. 2nd edition, Philadelphia, Wm. Brown, 1834. Package 4.

Elementary Exercises in Geography, for the Use of Schools, by Samuel R. Gummere. 8th edition, Philadelphia, 1834. Package 4.

The Teacher's Assistant; or, A System of Practical Arithmetic..., compiled by Stephen Pike. Philadelphia, 1836. Package 4.

My Little Hymn Book. Boston and Philadelphia, 1836. Package 4.

Parlour Magic. Philadelphia, 1838. Package 4.

Tourist's Pocket Map of the State of Virginia...Roads, etc., drawn by J.H. Young. Philadelphia, S. Augustus Mitchell, 1839. Package 4.

Peter Parley's Book of Poetry. For Children. N.Y., 1839. Package 4.

Hymns for Childhood on the Works of Nature and Other Subjects..., by Mrs. Felicia Hemans. Philadelphia, 1840. Package 4.

Questions for Bible Classes and Families. N.Y., 1853. Package 4.

Comly's Spelling and Reading Book..., by John Comly. Bonsal's Edition. Philadelphia, 1863. J.B. Lippincott. Package 4.

Aus dem Leben eines Taugenichts, by Joseph Freiherrn von Eichendorf. Leipzig, 1874. Package 4.

Laokoon, von C.E. Lessing. Leipzig, ca. 1876. Package 4.

The New England Primer Improved..., Albany, 1885. Package 4.

Hymns for First-Day Schools. Package 4.

Holy Bible of R.M. Jones. Inscribed by Richard Mott Jones stating it was presented to him by his father, Eli Jones when RMJ became headmaster (2/2/1875). Package 6.

William Penn Charter School Logs, 1882-83, 1883-84. Describes events, e.g. visits from parents, new students, etc.

Headmaster's Communications to the Staff, 1878-1910. From Headmaster Richard M. Jones.

VII. PUBLICATIONS: WRAPPED AND STANDING ON SHELF

The Penn Charter Magazine. 8 issues: Package 1.
Vol. II, no. 17, 1888/6/?; Vol. III, no. 18, 1888/10/?; Vol. III, no. 23, 1889/3/?; Vol. III, no. 26, 1889/6/?; Vol. IV, no. 30, 1890/1/?; Vol. XII, 1898/3/?; Vol. XVI, 1901/12/?.

Catalog of the William Penn Charter School. 27 issues: 1900-1946.

Constitution of the Alumni Association of the William Penn Charter School. Adopted, Sat., 1892/3/5. (Gift of C.N.B. Camac, 1933/10/23). Package 1.

Announcement of move of School from 12th St. to Germantown. Leaflet, issued by Richard M. Gummere and the Overseers, 1924/5/22. Package 1.

Appeal letter to Penn Charter Alumni, for funds to help with moving the School. Printed leaflet, 1924/12/1. Package 1.

Penn Charter Directory, 1964-1965. (Laid in: 3 supplementary items). Package 1.

Record of the Class of 1908 and 1971.

The Penn Charter Review, 1910. Package 1.

Catalogues of Graduates, 1875-1911 and 1875-1962, 1972. Package 2.

Penn Charter News, Vol. 1, no. 1, 1886/11/29; Vol. XIII, no. 2, 1954/1/?; Vol. 17, no. 2, Summer 1981.

Brochure for WPCS, ca. 1977.

1977 Penn Charter Appointment Calendar.

Penn Charter News. vol. 17, no. 2, Summer 1981.

VIII. THREE-DIMENSIONAL OBJECTS: IN SQUARE BOX ON SHELF

Sundial, 1666.

Given (through the Welcome Soc. of Pennsylvania) to Penn Charter by Chigwell School, which Wm. Penn attended.

Impression of the Great Seal of the Province of Pennsylvania, 1699, in red wax.

Stored in round metal box.

Bullet from squirrel gun.

Found on site of 8 S. 12th St., when the building was razed in 1925.

Coin (gold?) distributed by U.S. Mint at celebration of the Bicentennial of Pennsylvania, 1882/10/24.

Medal (silver finish) 4 cm. diameter, commemorating arrival of William Penn in America, 1682-1932.

Two medals (bronze) 4 cm. diameter, 1682-1932.

Two medals (bronze) 7 1/2 cm. diameter, 1682-1932.

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Award.

The All-Around Championship of the William Penn Charter School in the Track and Field Athletics for 1918 is won by...

Three drafts of 2nd Charter 1708 and Minutes of meeting 1709, concerning it (in James Logan's handwriting).

Lists of Legacies from Monthly Meeting minutes 1688-1704.

Photograph of William Penn Charter School Faculty [1968?].

Indenture in the amount of 7 pounds, 2 shillings+, of David Lloyd, 1688/10/12.

Petition for Incorporation of the School to Provincial Council, 1697 12/10.

IX. MICROFILMS STORED IN MICROFILM ROOM

Minutes of the Overseers:

Vol. 1-A, Armitt, John to Vol. 4, p. 279. 2 reels, 1 neg., 1 pos.

Vol. 4, p. 280, to Vol. 6, p. 528. 2 reels, 1 neg., 1 pos.

Vol. 7, 1917/3/13, to Vol. 8, certificate of audit, 1937/8/31. 2 reels, 1 neg., 1 pos.

Vol. 8, 1937/11/23, to Vol. 9, 1951/10/23, p. 752. 2
reels, 1 neg., 1 pos.

Vol. 9, 1951/10/23, p. 752, A Salary List, List of
Teachers and Scholars, 1719-1813 (to Scholar Zilley, Lydia, 6mo. 1802), and Register
(Treasurers). 3 reels.

Cumulative Record Cards.

Classes 1940-1953, 1956-1960, 1962-1965, and 1966.
11 reels, neg.

Additions (1975).

Cumulative Records: classes 1970-71, 1972-73. 2 reels,
neg.

X. OTHER ITEMS WRAPPED AND STANDING ON SHELF

Picture, framed, under glass, of Class of 1897 at Penn Charter School.