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## Abstract

The Smith family papers contain materials compiled and authored by John Jay Smith as well as several of his descendants. John Jay Smith (1798-1881) was librarian of the Library Company of Philadelphia from 1829 to 1851 and founder of Laurel Hill Cemetery. As a member of an influential Quaker family, Smith was the descendant of several prominent early Philadelphians including James Logan and Richard Hill. Much of the collection consists of deeds and other land transactions as well as correspondence and diaries originating with these ancestors. Smith's own papers document his wide range of interests as well as his personal and professional relationships through correspondence, financial records, and memorabilia. The collection also contains materials originating from the families of two of Smith's sons: Lloyd Pearsall Smith (1822-1886) and Horace John Smith (1832-1906). This collection is particularly rich in documenting the history of two prominent Philadelphia institutions, the Library Company and Laurel Hill Cemetery. Additionally, materials from early Smith family ancestors which document early Philadelphia landownership and the Quaker community may be of particular interest to researchers. This collection may also be of interest for its numerous diaries and albums containing original illustrations, botanical specimens, and other ephemera.

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## BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

John Jay Smith (1798-1881) was librarian of the Library Company of Philadelphia from 1829 to 1851 and a member of a prominent Philadelphia Quaker family. Smith is also noted as the founder and promoter of Laurel Hill Cemetery as well as one of the original organizers of the Athenian Institute. Among his many scholarly pursuits, Smith was also a keen genealogist, collecting family materials going back several generations to the founding of the colony.

John Jay's paternal grandmother was Hannah Logan, daughter of James Logan who served as William Penn's colonial secretary and later as mayor of Philadelphia, chief justice of the colony, and acting governor in Penn's absence. Logan was also an influential member of Benjamin Franklin's "junto" and was chosen to select the first 43 books for the Library Company of Philadelphia. Logan's own extensive personal library, at one time one of the three largest private libraries in colonial America, was later absorbed into the Library Company. John Jay saw himself as the hereditary steward of this collection, caring for and building upon his great-grandfather's legacy.

John Jay's maternal grandmother was born Margaret Hill and it was through her that he inherited and collected materials pertaining to her father, Richard Hill, brother, Henry Hill, and brother-in-law, physician Samuel Preston Moore (who was married to Margaret's sister, Hannah). Richard Hill owned extensive lands in the colony and operated a wine and commission business in Madeira, Portugal. Henry Hill and his other brothers-in-law, Robert Bisset and Thomas Lamar, took over the business upon his father's death.

John Jay's grandfather was John Smith (1722-1771), a member of a Quaker family of Burlington, New Jersey. He came to Philadelphia in 1743 where he soon became a successful merchant in trade with the West Indies and London. During his residence in the city, he was active in civic affairs and served in the Pennsylvania Assembly, 1750-1752. In 1756 he retired to the family residence in Burlington. John Jay's father, who was also named John Smith (1761-1803), was orphaned at a fairly young age and raised by family friend Grace Buchanan. As an adult, he managed the family trade business as well as administering various properties in the Philadelphia region. John Jr. married Gulielma Maria Morris in 1784 and together they had seven children, five of whom lived to adulthood. He died of consumption when his son John Jay was only five.

John Jay Smith first entered into business in 1818 with Solomon Temple as a wholesale drug merchant. The partnership ended in 1821, and after some further small efforts in commercial ventures, Smith focused on the scholarly and literary fields. He married Rachel C. Pearsall from Flushing, New York in 1821. Together they had seven children, only four of whom lived to adulthood. He published the *Pennsylvania Gazette* from 1827 to 1829, edited *Waldie's Circulating Library* from 1832 to 1845 as well as *Horticulturist* from 1855 to 1860, in addition to a variety of other literary, historical, and horticultural periodicals and books. Smith was elected librarian of the Library Company in 1829. His administration saw the number of volumes at that institution more than double but also witnessed the only fire in the Library Company's history. The few books that were totally lost were covered by insurance while 1,403 volumes had to be rebound. Smith retired after nearly two decades in 1851 and was succeeded by his son Lloyd.

Smith was also an organizer and treasurer of the Athenian Institute, a local group that arranged a series of public lectures. In 1850, Smith led an unsuccessful effort to bring portions of the London Exposition of Art and Industry to the United States. After the death of his young daughter in 1835, he became horrified by the overcrowded and unsanitary conditions of Philadelphia's burial grounds and subsequently founded and promoted Laurel Hill Cemetery. Through this project, Smith developed an avid interest in landscape gardening. He died aged eighty-three at his home Ivy Lodge in Germantown, Philadelphia.

John Jay's daughter, Elizabeth Pearsall Smith (1825-1914), never married but led an active life as a prominent member of the Quaker community in Philadelphia and Germantown, in addition to preserving and editing many of her father's works and papers.

Lloyd Pearsall Smith (1822-1886), John Jay's eldest son, succeeded him as librarian of the Library Company in 1852. During the Civil War he joined the Germantown Volunteers when General Robert E. Lee invaded Pennsylvania, leaving his retired father in charge of the library for a time. Lloyd's tenure as librarian saw the expansion of the organization with two additional facilities (mostly funded by the estate of Dr. James Rush, son of Benjamin Rush) as well as the first female librarian hired by the company. Lloyd was one of the founding members of the American Library Association and an early proponent of librarianship as a career. He maintained friendships and correspondence with several notable Philadelphians of his day, especially the author Anne Hampton Brewster. Lloyd was also responsible for the Library Company's

extensive pamphlet holdings, donating 400 volumes in 1885. Nearly the same amount were sold to the company for 300 dollars by his widow after his death in 1886.

Horace John Smith (1832-1906), John Jay's youngest son, was a man with irregular careers. During the Civil War, he was a member of the U.S. Christian Commission. He was a partner in a China business through the 1860's and in the following decade he was a general manager and treasurer of West Laurel Hill Cemetery. Much of his time was spent traveling in the American West and Europe. In 1857, he married Margaret Longstreth and together they had four children. In later years, Horace and his wife settled in England. He died in 1906.

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## SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

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## Conditions Governing Access note

Collection is open for research.

## Immediate Source of Acquisition note

This collection was gifted to the Library Company of Philadelphia in three separate acquisitions: First by Elizabeth Pearsall Smith, Robert Pearsall Smith, Horace John Smith, and Lloyd Pearsall Smith in 1882, secondly by Elizabeth Pearsall Smith at an unknown date and thirdly by Arnold C. Satterthwait in 1945.

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## RELATED MATERIALS

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### Related Archival Materials note

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- Moore, Samuel Preston, 1710-1785
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- Quakers--Pennsylvania--Philadelphia--Social life and customs.
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### **Subseries a. Correspondence 1681-1822**

#### **Scope and Contents note**

This subseries consists of letters to and from John Jay Smith's ancestors, including his father, John Smith, and grandparents, John Smith and Hannah Logan Smith, as well as great-grandfather, James Logan. Also of note are letters from influential Quaker Robert Barclay and Deputy Governor William Markham. Most of the letters in this subseries concern either religion or business, but there is also some personal family correspondence. The subseries is arranged chronologically.

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### **I b. Legal and financial materials 1681-1805**

#### **Scope and Contents note**

This subseries largely consists of indentures, deeds, leases, quitclaims, and other land transactions involving several generations of Smith family members and relations. A smaller but still significant portion of this subseries consists of the business and financial records kept by John Jay Smith's grandfather, John Smith. The materials found here illustrate how the Smith family and their relations were prominent land owners, going back to the very beginnings of the colony. The subseries is arranged chronologically.

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Joane Dixon lease indenture from William Penn for 500 acres in Pennsylvania (Yi2.7414.F2) 1681 September 26-27	2	10
Thomas Pagitt indenture for lease of 500 acres in Pennsylvania from William Penn (Yi2.7414.F3) 1681 October 11	2	11
Samuel Barker lease indenture for 1000 acres in Pennsylvania from William Penn (Yi2.7414.F4) 1682 November 21-22	2	12
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Patent issued to William Harmer (Yi2.7414.F7) 1686 February 26	2	15
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Daniel and Margaret Mearharty deed to Richard Halliwell (Yi2.7414.F9) 1689 November 11	2	17

Thomas Wollaston and Thomas Jenner sale of land to William Bolding (Yi2.7414.F10) 1698 October 20	2	18
Jeremiah Powell and Thomas Jenner sale to William Bolding (Yi2.7414.F11) 1698 October 20	2	19
Richard Rhodes deed to John Vachan [?] for 60 acres (Yi2.7414.F13) 1703 September 22	2	20
John Streiper deed (Yi2.7414.F14) 1705 June 24	2	21
Thomas Paschall deed to James Poulter (Yi2.7414.F15) 1705 June 26	2	22
Richard Halliwell deed to James Poulter (Yi2.7414.F16) 1707 June 12	2	23
Charles Mutell and others deed to Solomon Gandonett and others, and copy (Yi2.7414.F17) 1707 November 4	2	24
Edward Bolton deed to Henry Ward (Yi2.7414.F20) 1708 October 11	2	25
Andrew and John Haney deed to Thomas Eldridge (Yi2.7414.F21) 1709 February 10	3	1
Andrew Sandel and wife deed to Moses Cocks (Yi2.7414.F22) 1709 March 9	3	2
Ellin Roberts deed to Thomas Miller (Yi2.7414.F23) 1710 December 20	3	3
Nicholas Moore deed to William Trent (Yi2.7414.F24) 1711 May 2	3	4
Moses Cocks deed to Hugh Lowdon (Yi2.7414.F4) 1714 May 31	3	5
Benjamin Shurmer patent (Yi2.7415.F5) 1714 October 15	3	6
Hugh Lowdon lease and deed to John Bird (Yi2.7415.F9) 1716 March 20-21	3	7
Dying words of William Haig, Mary Haig, and Joseph Glaister (Yi2.7415.F15) 1718 November 6, 13, 31	3	8

Bridget Boulding re-lease to William Boulding and Joseph Elgar (Yi2.7415.F20) 1726 September 4	3	9
William Boulding deed to Joseph and Mary Elgar (Yi2.7415.F21) 1726 November 30	3	10
Thomas and William Palmer lease and re-lease to Lloyd Zachary (Yi2.7415.F22) 1726 June 16-17	3	11
James Lewis lease and re-lease to Samuel Preston (Yi2.7415.F23) 1727 April 30 and Mar 1	3	12
Alexander Gandonett et al quitclaim indenture to Francis Gandonett and sons (Yi2.7416.F3) 1730 March 28	3	13
Samuel and Mary Johnson deed to John Shippard (Yi2.7416.F5) 1731 February 18	3	14
Francis Gandonett deed to Mary Gandonett (Yi2.7416.F6) 1732 January 15	3	15
Samuel and Margaret Preston deed to Alexander Woodrop (Yi2.7416.F7) 1739 June 27	3	16
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John Smith invoice book 1743-1746		18
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Joseph and Hannah Whaerton re-lease to Alexander Parker (Yi2.7417.F4) 1748 November 15	3	17
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The heirs of Samuel Spencer, son of James Spencer deed to Joseph Fox (Yi2.7417.F7) 1750 July 9	3	18

		<b>VOLUME</b>
John Smith invoice book 1751-1753		20
John Smith wastebook 1752-1754		21
John Smith journal 1753-1756		22
John Smith ledger 1753-1756		23
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Strawberry Hill Plantation account of sales (Yi2.7418.F14) 1769 March 20	3	23
Samuel Bullas, John and Ann Heathcoat deed to Peter Vickers, Joseph Thomas, Thomas Dyer, and Peter and Ann Vickers deed to Richard Wells (Yi2.7418.F15) 1765 September 28, 1769 August 25	3	24
Copy of James Logan's will and William Logan "Catalogue of my books" (Yi2.7417.F5) 1768 June, undated	3	25
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Cold Spring Club account book (Yi2.7419.F16) 1797 June- September	3	32
Copy of indenture, 1681 Penn and Bacon (Yi2.7419.F20) 1802 February 25	4	1
Copy of indenture, 1713 Shattick and Pauling (Yi2.7419.F22) 1802 February 25	4	2
Copy of indenture, 1718 Bacon to Morrey and Budd (Yi2.7419.F21) 1802 February 25	4	3
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### **I c. Diaries and albums 1738-1810**

#### **Scope and Contents note**

This series consists of diaries, commonplace books, and other writings and memorabilia penned by early Smith family members, but especially those of John Jay Smith's grandfather, John Smith. Included among these materials is a diary kept by John Smith's sister, Hannah Smith Cox. A fair portion of this subseries consists of John Smith's

writings about prominent Quakers and other religious figures. The subseries is arranged chronologically.

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List of Public Friends and bibliography of "books and pages where Public Friends are mentioned" (Yi2.7418.F2) undated	4	10

**I d. Hill family materials 1681-1811****Scope and Contents note**

This subseries consists of material originating with John Jay Smith's maternal grandmother's family, the Hills. Family members prominently featured in this subseries include John Jay's great-grandfather, Richard Hill, and great uncles Henry Hill and Samuel Preston Moore (married to Hannah Hill). A number of the deeds and other indentures in this subseries are signed by William Penn. The majority of the materials are land transactions which attest to the Hill family's great wealth and influence in the early days of Philadelphia. The series is arranged chronologically.

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James Hill land indenture from William Penn for 500 acres in Pennsylvania (Yi2.7414.F1) 1681 July 26	4	11
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William Boulding indenture to Richard Hill (Yi2.7414.F19) 1708 March 11	4	13
Nicholas Moore deed to Richard Hill (Yi2.7414.F25) 1711 May 9	4	14
Richard Hill of Bristol deed to Richard Hill of Philadelphia and 13 related papers (Yi2.7415.F1) 1712 March 7	4	15
Nicholas Moore lease indenture to Richard Hill (Yi2.7415.F2) 1713 March 30	4	16
James Hill deed to James Moore (copy) (Yi2.7415.F3) 1714 February 1	4	17
Thomas Eldridge lease to Richard Hill (Yi2.7415.F6) 1715 October 8	4	18
Benjamin Soames lease and deed to Richard Hill (Yi2.7415.F7) 1715 December 30-31	4	19
Richard Hill Sheriff's deed to Peter Evans, signed by Owen Roberts (Yi2.7415.F8) 1716 March 6	4	20

Richard Dunckley deed to Richard Hill (Yi2.7415.F10) 1716 May 16	4	21
John Bird lease and re-lease to Richard Hill (Yi2.7415.F11) 1716 May 28-29	4	22
Theodorus and Mary Lord deed and lease to Richard Hill (Yi2.7415.F12) 1716 December 6-7	4	23
Richard Hill deeds to William Robins (Yi2.7415.F13) 1717 June 21	5	1
Leonard Streiper et al deed to James Logan, duplicate copies, and Leonard and John Streiper deed to Richard Hill (Yi2.7415.F19) 1718, 1725, 1760	5	2
Sapionro [?] Harris deeds to William Robins (Yi2.7415.F14) 1717 August 6-7	5	3
Andrew Robeson deed to Thomas Rutter (Yi2.7415.F16) 1717 June 24	5	4
Richard Hill deed to William Richards (Yi2.7417.F1) 1720 October 1 and 1745 March 30	5	5
William Betridge deed to Richard Hill and note (Yi2.7415.F17) 1723 September 10 and December 8	5	6
Richard Hill deed to William Walton (Yi2.7415.F18) 1726 March 6	5	7
Richard Hill deed copy of original 1698 July 19 (Yi2.7414.F12) 1726 July 9	5	8
Davis Powell lease and re-lease to Richard Hill and note (Yi2.7415.F24) 1728 July 2-3, 1789	5	9
George Palmer and Richard Hill deed to Lloyd Zachary (Yi2.7416.F) 1728 October 1	5	10
Lloyd Zachary lease and re-lease to Richard Hill (Yi2.7416.F2) 1728 October 29-30	5	11
Anthony and Phebe Morris lease and re-lease to Samuel Preston (Yi2.7416.F4) 1730 December 9-10	5	12
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Richard Hill, Samuel Preston Moore, and Hannah Moore deed counterpart to John Coats (Yi2.7416.F12) 1743 November 16	5	17
Leases between William Allen and Richard Hill (Yi2.7416.F13) 1743 November 25-28	5	18
Samuel Preston Moore and Hannah Moore indenture of assignment to Charles Norris (Yi2.7416.F14) 1744 March 18	5	19
Samuel Preston Moore and Hannah Moore deeds to Charles Norris (Yi2.7416.F15) 1744 March 18	5	20
Charles Norris deed and indenture of assignment to Samuel Preston Moore (Yi2.7416.F16) 1744 March 19	5	21
Richard Hill, Jr., Samuel Preston Moore, and Hannah Moore counterpart of a deed of annuity to Daniel Dawson (Yi2.7416.F17) 1744 October 20	6	1
Indenture of Covenants between Samuel Preston Moore and Hannah Moore and Israel Pemberton and Reese Meredith (Yi2.7417.F2) 1745 May 14	6	2
Thomas White deed and defeasance to Richard Hill and Samuel Preston Moore, Richard Hill and Samuel Preston Moore cancelled deed to Thomas White (Yi2.7417.F3) 1745 October 12	6	3
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## Series II. John Jay Smith papers 1808-circa 1900

### II a. General correspondence 1822-1879

#### Scope and Contents note

This subseries contains correspondence both to and from John Jay Smith on a variety of subjects, speaking to his wide range of interests, including but not limited to genealogy, horticulture and landscaping, printing, and publishing.

Notably, this subseries holds seventeen letters to John Jay Smith from Andrew Jackson Downing (1815-1852), the noted architect, landscape designer, and editor of the *Horticulturist*. Downing drowned in the Hudson River on July 18, 1852, and after his death, his brother Charles, wife Caroline, and business partner Calvert Vaux (1824-1895) wrote reminiscences of Downing for Marshall P. Wilder. Also filed with this material is a letter from Asa Gray to Wilder about Downing.

Three folders in this subseries document the involvement that Smith had with George A. Shyrock (1799-1867) to manufacture paper from common straw. There are twenty-seven letters from Shyrock, many written from his Hollywell Mill, near Chambersburg, PA. The third folder holds a draft of a partnership agreement between the two men, which is written in Smith's hand, and an essay, possibly a preface to an unidentified book which was printed on straw paper.

This subseries also contains seven letters each from collectors William Buell Sprague and Israel Keech Tefft.

This subseries is arranged alphabetically by correspondent with miscellaneous correspondents arranged chronologically at the end of the subseries.

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**subseries note**

This subseries consists of letters and correspondence to and from members of John Jay Smith's immediate family and extended family, especially his Pearsall in-laws. Of particular interest may be John Jay and Rachel Pearsall's early courtship letters. This subseries is arranged in approximate alphabetical order by correspondent.

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## II c. American Exhibition 1850-1852

### Scope and Contents note

This subseries holds correspondence and memorabilia relating to John Jay Smith's failed project to bring a version of London's Great Exhibition of 1851 to the United States. According to Smith's *Recollections*, when the Great Exhibition of the Works of Industry of All Nations was announced in 1849, he began to immediately think that it, or parts of it, should be brought to the United States. Smith went to Washington to meet with the president and other officials, and there received contacts with diplomats abroad. When early promises of financial support from the New York firm of Grinnell, Minturn & Co. fell through, Smith gained assistance from Philadelphia merchants Myers, Claghorn & Co. He made a goodwill trip to England and Europe, meeting with heads of state and various dignitaries, and receiving pledges of support for the New York exposition. Smith's partner in arrangements was William B. Draper (1804-1885), a wealthy New York-based dry goods merchant and textile importer with offices in Paris. When Draper's proposed funding fell through, Smith gave up his plans to bring the exposition to the U.S.

Many of the folders hold single letters from correspondents, and six have Smith's copies of his own outgoing letters. A few relationships have more extensive documentation, most notably Smith's partner in the endeavor, William Draper. His file contains seventy letters to Smith and two in return, spanning the years 1850 and 1851. Myers, Claghorn & Company's file has five letters from the firm to Smith, three from Smith to the firm, and three agreements between the two. Another one of the larger files is that of Robert Bowne Minturn (1805-1866), the New York shipping magnate whose firm was to fund Smith's project; it holds fifteen letters from him and three from Smith. Hamilton Fish (1808-1893) was the governor of New York State during the period, and his file has

three letters to and three from Smith. The subseries has a folder of letters from unidentified correspondents, including one each in English and French, two in German, and one in an unidentified script.

This subseries also contains a variety of other materials related to the project, including three passports issued to Smith, one each from the United States, England, and France; the latter two functioned as visas for Smith's travel in their countries.

The final folder holds the cover of a contemporary album that once held some of the material in the subseries. It was already partially disassembled prior to 2005, and was completely disassembled when the collection was processed in 2006.

This subseries is arranged alphabetically by correspondent followed by miscellaneous correspondents and memorabilia.

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R.G. Fairbanks 1851 February 13	10	19
Theodore Sedgwick Fay 1850	10	20
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Johann Gottfried Flugel 1851 February 3	10	22
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#### **II d. Athenian Institute 1837-1842**

**Scope and Contents note**

This subseries contains correspondence and other materials related to the foundation and administration of the Athenian Institute or Association. This organization was founded by John Jay Smith and several friends for the purpose of organizing weekly lectures on a variety of topics, mostly dealing with the classics. The subseries is arranged alphabetically by subject file and correspondent.

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## **II e. Laurel Hill Cemetary and Library Company of Philadelphia 1829-1885**

### **Scope and Contents note**

The Laurel Hill Cemetary and Library Company of Philadelphia subseries contains correspondence to John Jay Smith and well as his son Lloyd Pearsall Smith and is arranged by correspondent. The materials concerning Laurel Hill are at the beginning of the subseries. Notable are fifteen letters from John Thomson who was the nephew of Charles Thomson (1729-1824), secretary to the Continental Congress, concerning the moving of his uncle's body from Harriton, the family estate in Bryn Mawr, to Laurel Hill in 1838. Additional letters discussing the project can be found in the folder for John Fanning Watson, including letters from John Thomson to Watson which Watson forwarded to Smith. The materials concerning the Library Company of Philadelphia compose the second portion of the subseries.

	<b>BOX</b>	<b>FOLDER</b>
Laurel Hill 1885	11	48
Frederick Brown 1849-1851	11	49
Nathan Dunn 1843 April 1	11	50
Green-wood Cemetary 1869 March 13	11	51
John Norris 1838 November 6	11	52
George Pond 1838	11	53

John Thomson 1838-1839	11	54
John Fanning Watson 1838	11	55
J.P. Morris, Towne and Co. 1862 February 11	11	56
Woodlawn Cemetary 1875 January 27	11	57
Newspaper clipping 1872	11	58
Miscellaneous notes undated	11	59
Managers of Laurel Hill undated	11	60
Library Company of Philadelphia 1829, 1833, 1835, 1840, 1885	11	61
Miscellaneous correspondence 1885	11	62
Publishers 1885	11	63
Book dealers 1885	11	64
Organizations, authors, and governments 1885	11	65
Horace Binney 1840	11	66
McAllister 1885	11	67
Miscellaneous 1844-1847	11	68
Lorin Blodget 1885	11	69
Henry C. Cameron 1885	11	70
Duncan and Gaines 1885	11	71
Wilber D. Eames 1885	11	72
Montgomery D. Evans 1885, undated	11	73
Metropolitan Museum of Art 1885	11	74

William John Potts 1885	11	75
Miscellaneous notes 1885, undated	11	76
Lyman C. Draper 1837	11	77
Maria Logan 1837	11	78
Titian R. Peale 1845	11	79
A.D. Bache 1840-1841	11	80
Richard Pearsall Smith 1874	11	81

## **II f. Genealogy circa 1846-circa 1860s**

### **Scope and Contents note**

This subseries is relatively small but contains materials compiled and written by John Jay Smith regarding several branches of his own family tree. These materials may be of particular interest to those interested in the history of genealogy as a discipline and well as those researching their own genealogy. The subseries is arranged chronologically.

		<b>VOLUME</b>
Hill family history and genealogy circa 1846		50
John Jay Smith family notes circa 1860s		51
	<b>BOX</b>	<b>FOLDER</b>
Assorted historical notes undated	11	82
		<b>VOLUME</b>
<i>A Family History</i> by John Jay Smith undated		52
		<b>OVERSIZE</b>
Hill family tree undated		1
		<b>VOLUME</b>
"Index of Names in the History of New Jersey" undated		53

## **II g. Business and financial materials 1808-1881**

### **Scope and Contents note**

This subseries contains business and financial documents created by or concerning John Jay Smith. These materials include various account books, ledgers, daybooks, and receipts, particularly regarding John Jay's brief career as a druggist. This subseries is arranged chronologically.

	<b>BOX</b>	<b>FOLDER</b>
Letters and notes regarding the estate of James Logan, including William Allinson letters of guardianship for John, Morris, and Rachel Smith 1808	12	1
Accounts of William Allison on behalf of Rachel, John, and Morris Smith 1808-1822	12	2
Assorted real estate records 1809	12	3
		<b>VOLUME</b>
Temple and Smith druggists daybook 1818-1820		54
Temple and Smith invoice book 1818-1821		55
Temple and Smith ledger 1818-1822		56
Temple and Smith letterbook 1818-1822		57
	<b>BOX</b>	<b>FOLDER</b>
Assorted legal documents 1819	12	5
Temple and Smith assorted accounts 1819-1821, undated	12	6
Bond and warrant between John Jay Smith and Gulielma Smith 1820, 1823	12	7
John Jay Smith assorted accounts 1820-1822	12	8
		<b>VOLUME</b>
John Smith accounts with Temple and Smith 1822-1823		58
	<b>BOX</b>	<b>FOLDER</b>
Aquilla Jones's passport 1823 December 17	12	4
Joseph Woods, Charles W. and Ernst Werner Siemens printing contract with John Jay Smith 1844-1845	12	9
Insurance coverage policy for foreign travel 1845 March 31	12	10
Agreement with T.U. Walter 1846	12	11

Assorted receipts to and from John Jay Smith 1850, 1859, 1874, 1878, undated	12	12
Charity paid to Thomas Lloyd 1860 March 30	12	13
		<b>VOLUME</b>
Wright, Smith, and Pearsall receiptbook 1860-1865		59
	<b>BOX</b>	<b>FOLDER</b>
Inventory and appraisal of John Jay Smith 1881	12	14
Committee for cheap periodical undated	12	15

## II h. Diaries, albums, and memorabilia 1765-1900s

### Scope and Contents note

This subseries consists of diaries, albums, and other memorabilia compiled or written by John Jay Smith and members of his immediate family. This subseries is particularly rich in graphic materials, containing pressed botanical specimens, original illustrations and paintings, clippings, and ephemera. Also of particular interest may be John Jay's diaries and other narrative accounts documenting his journey to the Ohio Valley and Midwest as well as excursions in the Philadelphia area. This subseries is arranged chronologically.

	<b>BOX</b>	<b>FOLDER</b>
Assorted notes, poems, legal documents, drafts of "The Museum" journal, and other materials 1765, 1836, 1839, 1879, 1880, 1897, undated	12	16
Assorted Smith family memorabilia and ephemera 1794, 1821, 1843, 1848, 1850s, 1860, 1864, 1870s, undated	12	17
John Quincy Adams letter to Shelton Jones, with autobiographical details 1809 April 17	12	18
Assorted notes, legal documents, and poems 1813-1819, undated	12	19
		<b>VOLUME</b>
John Jay Smith diary of western trip 1818		60
Rachel Pearsall Smith sentiment album 1820s-1840s		61
	<b>BOX</b>	<b>FOLDER</b>
Testimony of Norwich monthly meetings re: Priscilla 1821 November 22	12	20

Zaccheus Collins Lecture in Mineralogy admission tickets and receipt to John Jay Smith 1822-1823	12	21
		<b>VOLUME</b>
John Jay Smith reminiscences and Smith and Pearsall bank records 1826		62
	<b>BOX</b>	<b>FOLDER</b>
Subscription list for Pennsylvania Gazette 1828	12	22
Assorted stanzas and essays 1820s, undated	12	23
		<b>VOLUME</b>
Albanus Smith scrapbook 1836-1838		63
" <i>Index Rerum</i> or Index of Subjects" by Reverend John Todd, compiled by Albanus Smith and Lloyd Smith 1837-1838		64
Elizabeth Pearsall Smith sentiment album 1838-1847, 1860-1870s		65
	<b>BOX</b>	<b>FOLDER</b>
Invitation list 1839	12	24
John Jay Smith "May Day Excursion" and "North American" op-ed clipping 1840, 1850	12	25
		<b>VOLUME</b>
John Jay Smith pressed plants album 1845		66
Rachel Pearsall Smith "In Memoriam" album 1860		67
Elizabeth Pearsall Smith Bible class minutes 1871-1877		68
Elizabeth Pearsall Smith Bible class lesson notes 1872, 1880, undated		69
Elizabeth Pearsall Smith Bible class lesson notes 1872-1875		70
Elizabeth Pearsall Smith Bible class minutes 1877-1881		71
	<b>BOX</b>	<b>FOLDER</b>
John Jay Smith profile in "Progress" in honor of 80th Birthday 1879 January 4	7	23

	<b>VOLUME</b>
Elizabeth Pearsall Smith poetry album 1880s-1900s	72
	<b>BOX</b>
	<b>FOLDER</b>
John Jay Smith assorted notes undated	12
	<b>VOLUME</b>
John Jay Smith copybook of John Smith's letters and journals, 1740s and 1770s undated	73
	<b>BOX</b>
	<b>FOLDER</b>
Notes by John McAllister, Jr. undated	12
	27
Notes on a visit to Chester undated	12
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### **Series III. Lloyd Pearsall Smith papers 1859-1886**

#### **Scope and Contents note**

This series holds correspondence from colleagues and friends; some of his correspondence relating to his positions with the Library Company of Philadelphia and Laurel Hill Cemetery are filed in Subseries IIe. Correspondents in this series include Lizzie Blake, who illustrated her three letters with pencil drawings. There is one letter from James A. Bliss, a charlatan spiritualist medium who was incarcerated under charges of conspiracy to defraud the public and for adultery for his relationship with his partner Christina Bliss, who was not his wife. In his ten-page letter to Smith, Bliss indicates that he had received financial support from his friend Smith, and had been "the means in the spirit world to give you hundreds of tests of its reality." One of the three letters from W. Stainton Moses (1839-1892), a British spiritualist, mentions Bliss and his trial, as does that from Henry Steel Olcott (1832-1907). There are six letters from library patrons Laura and Lucy Hooper that discuss books, but the bulk of the series is the 111 letters to Smith from author and journalist Anne Hampton Brewster (1819-1892). Spanning 1860 to 1867, and mostly written from her home in Bridgeton, NJ, they provide great detail about the books she was reading (which were regularly shipped to her from the Library Company) and her thoughts on the Civil War, daily life, and local matters. Additional war letters are filed at the end of the series: two from Lloyd Smith to his wife Hannah, written from Chambersburg and Hagerstown while he was serving in the army, one from Hannah to him, and a two-day military pass for Lloyd Smith "& a lady" to cross bridges in Washington, DC. This series is arranged alphabetically by correspondent, with folders of miscellaneous correspondence at the front.

	<b>BOX</b>	<b>FOLDER</b>
Other correspondents 1860s, undated	12	29

Various correspondence and receipts 1885-1886	12	30
Lizzie Blake 1860-1865	12	31
James A. Bliss 1877 October 11	12	32
Anne H. Brewster 1860-1863	12	33-36
Anne H. Brewster 1864-67, undated	13	1-5
D.L. Colson 1862	13	6
Henry D. Gilpin 1859	13	7
Laura Hooper and Lucy Hooper 1860, undated	13	8
John Morley 1878 December 18	13	9
William Stainton Moses 1877, undated	13	10
Henry S. Olcott 1877 November 10	13	11
Hannah Jones Smith 1861-1862, undated	13	12
Rebecca D. Smith 1861 August 2	13	13

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#### **Series IV. Horace John Smith papers 1824-1941 (Bulk, 1850-1910)**

##### **IV a. Correspondence 1848-1941 (Bulk, 1848-1900)**

###### **Scope and Contents note**

This subseries contains both personal and professional correspondence originating with Horace John Smith and members of his immediate family, as well as his Longstreth in-laws. The subseries is arranged alphabetically by correspondent, with miscellaneous materials at the end.

	<b>BOX</b>	<b>FOLDER</b>
Robert Applegarth 1903	13	15
Rachel Barrett 1883 June 6	13	16

B.M. Boyer to Horace John Smith 1871	13	17
James Constable to Horace John Smith 1871	13	18
Elizabeth A. Duck to Horace John Smith 1883 June 2	13	19
Earthenware Dealers' Board of Trade to Horace John Smith 1857 June 11	13	20
William Logan Fisher to Horace John Smith 1850 December 15	13	21
Income tax returns 1865-1868	13	22
Robert Johnston to Horace John Smith 1873 October 8	13	23
G.B. Lloyd to Horace John Smith 1895 September 11	13	24
Howard Lloyd to Horace John Smith 1895 September 2	13	25
C.H. Longstreth to Horace John Smith 1878 March 29	13	26
C.H. Longstreth 1874 February 6	13	27
Margaret Smith Matino Oberamergau trip 1934	13	28
William Mellor 1899 September	13	29
Helen Morton to Horace John Smith 1896 November 2	13	30
P.W. Pearsall to Horace John Smith 1901 November 2	13	31
Granville Penn 1852 June 21	13	32
Arnold C. Satterthwait from Thomas F. Drake 1941 October 3	13	33
J.C. Sidney to Horace John Smith 1873 October 25	13	34
Albanus Longstreth Smith to and from various 1915, 1917, 1937-1938	13	35
Albanus Longstreth Smith to Horace John and Margaret	13	36

Longstreth Smith undated

Elizabeth Pearsall Smith to Margaret Longstreth  
Smith undated 13 37

Letters to and from Horace John Smith 1848, 1853, 1856-  
1857, 1863-1867, undated 13 38

Letters from Horace John Smith to his wife and  
others 1859-1865 13 39

Letters to and from Horace John Smith, especially  
regarding West Laurel Hill Cemetary and the Centennial  
International Exhibition 1870s, 1892, undated 13 40

Letters to and from Horace John Smith, especially to  
family 1870s, 1898, 1900-1902, undated 13 41

John Jay Smith to Horace John Smith 1850, 1870-1871,  
undated 13 42

Lloyd Pearsall Smith to Horace John Smith 1884, undated 13 43

Margaret Longstreth Smith to Albanus Longstreth  
Smith 1900, undated 13 44

Richard Morris Smith to Horace John Smith 1894-1895 13 45

Horace John Smith to Rachel Pearsall Smith 1858 March 4 13 46

Robert Pearsall Smith to Horace John Smith undated 13 47

Wilson Longstreth Smith to Horace John Smith undated 13 48

Thompson Westcott to Horace John Smith 1884 November  
10 13 49

Phoebe Wright 1895-1896 13 50

Invoices for outfitting house of Margaret Longstreth and  
Horace John Smith 1857 July-December 13 51

**VOLUME**

Scrapbook of letters to and from Horace John Smith and Margaret  
Longstreth Smith and others 1888-1902 74

**IV b. Diaries, albums, and memorabilia 1824-1941 (Bulk, 1824-1878)**  
**Scope and Contents note**

This subseries contains diaries, albums, and other memorabilia compiled by Horace John Smith and his immediate and extended family. Of particular interest may be the European grand tour diary of Albanus Longstreth Smith (Horace John's son), documenting the itinerary of this rite of passage for many upper and upper-middle class boys of the era. This subseries contains another portion of the rich graphic materials found in this collection, including botanical specimens, illustrations, clippings, and other ephemera. The subseries is arranged chronologically.

		<b>VOLUME</b>
Mary Bringhurst sentiment album 1824-1833, 1857		75
	<b>BOX</b>	<b>FOLDER</b>
Assorted letters, notes, cards, legal documents, and seaweed pressings 1827-1828, 1865, 1874, 1879, 1902, 1926, 1939, undated	14	1
		<b>VOLUME</b>
William W. Longstreth daybook and notebook 1841-1845		76
	<b>BOX</b>	<b>FOLDER</b>
Assorted clippings, tickets, pamphlets, and other ephemera, especially regarding the United States Centennial 1857, 1870s, undated	14	2
		<b>VOLUME</b>
Horace John Smith account book and farm activity diary 1869-1871		77
	<b>BOX</b>	<b>FOLDER</b>
Horace J. Smith assorted business and financial papers 1860s, 1873, 1877, 1892, undated	13	14
		<b>VOLUME</b>
Horace John Smith account book 1871-1879		78
Albanus Longstreth Smith European grand tour diary 1874-1875		79
Horace John Smith clippings scrapbook 1880-1893		80
Horace John Smith clippings scrapbook (materials loose) circa 1870s-1880s		
		<b>VOLUME</b>
Emma B. Mellor poetry album 1878		82

	<b>BOX</b>	<b>FOLDER</b>
Arnold C. Satterthwait statement regarding his refusal to register for military service 1941 November 26	14	3

#### **IV c. Genealogy 1836-1932 (Bulk, 1850-1903)**

##### **Scope and Contents note**

This subseries consists of genealogical material composed of notes, family trees, narratives, and letters, mostly compiled by Horace John Smith. The material is grouped according to family name into subject files. These subject files are arranged alphabetically.

	<b>BOX</b>	<b>FOLDER</b>
Bowne family note undated	14	4
Bringhurst family tress and letter from W.H. Bringhurst 1873, 1879, undated	14	5
Brooks family note and silhouette portraits of John Brooks undated	14	6
Budd family tree undated	14	7
Bullock family tree and letter from Rachel Collins 1877, undated	14	8
Head family notes and clippings 1908, undated	14	9
Hughes-Allinson family tree undated	14	10
Lloyd family notes and letters to Horace John Smith 1883, undated	14	11
Logan family notes, biographical account of Hannah Logan Smith (copy), James Logan's parentage (copy), and history of Stenton by Robert Morris Smith undated	14	12
Longstreth family tree, notes and William Longstreth pamphlet 1923, undated	14	13
Mellor family notes undated	14	14
Pearsall family tree, notes, and assorted letters, especially Randall Davies 1894-1895, undated	14	15
Preston-Moore family notes undated	14	16

Shinn family tree, notes and narrative by Isaac D. Harbert 1898-1899, undated	14	17
Shinn, Bancroft, and Mellor family notes, Budd family tree 1884, 1914, undated	14	18
Smith family trees and notes 1890, 1917, 1932, undated	14	19
Stacy, Ely, and Revell family trees, notes, and letters from Daniel B. Ely 1905-1906, undated	14	20
Assorted notes by Horace John Smith and others, including Elizabeth Pearsall Smith 1836, 1871, 1886, 1890s, 1901, 1905, 1928, 1930, undated	14	21
Smith family obituaries and funeral notices 1842, 1881, 1901, 1906, 1928	14	22
Assorted letters and notes regarding Smith family heraldry 1861, 1894-1895, 1899, 1905, undated	14	23

**VOLUME**

*The Burlington Smiths: a Family History* by R. Morris Smith 1877 83

**BOX****FOLDER**

"The Burlington Smiths" with annotations by [Albanus Longstreth Smith] 1877	14	24
Bancroft family notes 1899, undated	14	25
Horace John Smith biographical profile and photograph 1903	14	26

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