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Name: **Burd, Edward Shippen** (1779-1848) **MC 1999.10**

Material: Family Papers (1792-1870)

Volume: 0.5 linear feet (1 Document Box and 2 Oversized Folders)

Donation: Gift of Samuel and Anna Moyerman, 1966

Usage: These materials have been donated without restrictions on usage.

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 become 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.

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

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 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 the Building Committee of the Washington Benevolent Society of Pennsylvania - Aug. 14, 1813
 - 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

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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