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Description

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History | Social History | United States History

Comments

To see the publication created from this research, check out the first issue of the [Gettysburg History Series](#), which was later published as a book, *Yonder Beautiful and Stately College Edifice: A History of Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania*.



**Guide to the
Glatfelter Collection of Pennsylvania Hall
Research**



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(1 box, .20 cubic foot)

Inclusive Dates: October 1965- February 1971

Bulk Dates: July 1970-October 1970

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Provenance

Gift from Charles H. Glatfelter class of 1946

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Collection History

“The purpose of this account is to tell the story of Pennsylvania Hall, or Old Dorm, the earliest building to be erected on the campus of Gettysburg College.... The account is prompted by the fact that, after 131 years of use, first in a major way and then almost entirely, as a dormitory; the building underwent a complete interior renovation in 1969-1970 and was converted into an administrative center.” Thus begins Dr. Charles Glatfelter’s history of Pennsylvania Hall. The renovation of the building and the writing of its history were inexorably linked with the dedication of the building and the publication of the history both occurring in October 1970. Dr. C. Arnold Hanson, President of Gettysburg College 1961-1977 asked Dr. Glatfelter, Chairman of the College’s History Department and former Dean of the College, to write the history of the building as the first work in a planned Gettysburg College History Series. Professor Glatfelter believes that his efforts to research the history of this building led eventually to the establishment of the Gettysburg College Archives, housed in the Special Collection section of the College’s Library. For a fuller biography for Dr. Glatfelter see the finding aid for MS-059: The Papers of Charles Glatfelter (Class of 1946).

Scope and Content Notes

The collection consists primarily of correspondence from and to Dr. Charles H. Glatfelter during the summer and fall of 1970 documenting his attempts to gain important information in preparation for a History of Pennsylvania Hall. The collection is arranged chronologically with the bulk dating from July through October 1970. The correspondence reveals research efforts in the following areas:

- John Cresson Trautwein, building architect
- Tradition of flying the U.S. flag from the cupola in both day and night
- Calvin Blythe, first President of the College Board of Trustees
- Henry Winemiller, building contractor
- Correspondence between General O.O. Howard and Professor Michael Jacobs regarding the use of the building during the Gettysburg battle
- Restoration planning and completion
- Book publication issues

Folders

1-1 Copy of the Finding Aid

1-2 Report "Upon Historical and Practical Aspects Restoration of Pennsylvania Hall" by G. Edwin Brumbaugh F.A.I.A.; October 1965; rept 12pp

1-3 Letter from Charles Glatfelter to Colleagues soliciting support for the project to restore Pennsylvania Hall; April 15, 1967; TLS 1p.

1-4 List of items regarding the early history of Gettysburg College removed from the College's Safe Deposit Box at the Gettysburg National Bank; November 13, 1967; DS 1p.

1-5 Glatfelter Correspondence July 1970

Copy of a letter from Charles Glatfelter to Whitney Smith, Director of the Flag Research Center regarding the flying of the American flag at a particular location both day and night; July 17, 1970; 1p.

Copy of a letter from Charles Glatfelter to George W. Corner, American Philosophical Society requesting any information regarding John Trautwine, architect for Pennsylvania Hall; July 25, 1970; 1p.

Letter from George W. Corner reporting no information available at the American Philosophical Society on the work of John Trautwine as an architect; July 28, 1970; TLS 1p.

Letter from Dr. Whitney Smith regarding the custom of flying the flag both day and night and including a list of resources available through the Flag Research Center; July 29, 1970; TLS 1p.

Copy of a letter from Charles Glatfelter to The Library of Congress General Reference and Bibliography Division requesting information regarding a report prepared through the Library of Congress listing places where the American flag is flown both day and night; July 30, 1970; 1p.

Copy of a letter from Charles Glatfelter to Cumberland County Historical Society and Hamilton Library Association requesting information about a Carlisle, PA church designed by John C. Trautwine; July 30, 1970; 1p.

1-6 Glatfelter Correspondence August 1 1970 to August 15, 1970

Response from the Library of Congress providing a copy of a report and subsequent updates listing places where the U.S. Flag is flown day and night; August 3, 1970; D 3pp.

Letter from Mrs. James Hertzler, Asst Librarian, Hamilton Library Association providing information about the Carlisle church designed by John C. Trautwine and announcing that photographs are available; August 7, 1970; TLS 1p.

- Copy of a letter from Charles Glatfelter to Robert D. Hanson, son of Henry W.A. Hanson, President of Gettysburg College (1923-1952) asking if he recalls any discussion within his family about the flying of the American flag above Pennsylvania Hall both day and night; August 7, 1970; 1p.
- Copy of a letter from Charles Glatfelter to Dr. F. William Sunderman, class of 1919 and member of the college board of trustees asking for any remembrances about the flying of the flag at Pennsylvania Hall; August 10, 1970; 1p.
- Letter from Robert D. Hanson sending regrets about having no recollections regarding the flag over Pennsylvania Hall; August 11, 1970; TLS 1p.
- Copy of a letter from Charles Glatfelter to Dauphin County Historical Society requesting information about Calvin Blythe, first president of the College Board of Trustees; August 11, 1970; 1p.
- Copy of a letter from Charles Glatfelter to Alumni Office, Washington and Jefferson College requesting information about possible graduates Calvin Blythe and David Gilbert; August 15, 1970; 1p.
- Copy of a letter from Charles Glatfelter to Mrs. James Hertzler, Asst. Librarian, Cumberland County Historical Society acknowledging her help with providing information about the church designed by John Trautwine and requesting copies of the available photograph of the church; August 15, 1970; 1p.

1-7 Glatfelter Correspondence August 17, 1970 to August 31, 1970

- Letter from Miss Lillian W. Wilson, Asst. Curator, The Historical Society of Dauphin County responding to his request for information regarding Calvin Blythe; August 17, 1970; TLS 1p.
- Letter from Miss Nancy Miller, Secretary to William Sunderman informing him that Dr. Sunderman is on vacation and therefore will be delayed in responding to his question; August 18, 1970; TLS 1p.
- Response from Washington and Jefferson College with information about David Gilbert, a student at Jefferson College 1825-1828, Gettysburg physician and secretary to the Pennsylvania Hall building committee; August 18, 1970; D 2pp.
- Copy of a letter from Charles Glatfelter to the Bucks County Historical Society Library requesting information about a building designed by John C. Trautwine at Bristol College; August 18, 1970; 1p.
- Copy of a letter from Charles Glatfelter to the Alumni Office, Dickinson College, requesting information about Calvin Blythe, a possible graduate of that institution; August 20, 1970, 1p.
- Response from Mrs. James Hertzler, Cumberland County Historical Society, providing a photograph of the old Second Presbyterian Church in Carlisle and a Xerox copy of a page about the church from a book on the Presbyterian Churches of Carlisle; August 21, 1970; D 1p. and photo.
- Copy of a letter from Charles Glatfelter to Franklin Institute, Philadelphia requesting information about John C. Trautwine; August 21, 1970; 1p.

- Copy of a letter from Charles Glatfelter to John D. Kilbourne, Director, Historical Society of Philadelphia, requesting information about John C. Trautwine a Philadelphia engineer; August 21, 1970; 1p.
- Letter from Cora B. Decker, Librarian, Bucks County Historical Society announcing that three pictures of Bristol College are available; August 24, 1970; TLS 1p.
- Letter from Walter A.R. Pertuch, Librarian Emeritus of The Franklin Institute, providing an obituary for John C. Trautwine; August 27, 1970; TLS 1p. D 7pp.
- List of recommended pictures for the History of Pennsylvania Hall; August 1970

1-8 Glatfelter Correspondence September 1970

- Copy of a letter from Charles Glatfelter to Frank A. Kister, class of 1931 asking if the flag on Pennsylvania Hall flew both night and day when he was a student at the college; September 1, 1970; 1p.
- Letter from Charles Coleman Sellers, Dickinson College, providing biographic information on Calvin Blythe, a 1812 graduate of Dickinson College; September 2, 1970; TLS 1p.
- Letter from Frank A. Kister responding that he has no knowledge regarding the flying of the flag on "old Dorm"; September 3, 1970; ALS 1p.
- Draft notes for the history of Pennsylvania Hall manuscript and reaction notes from two draft readers; September 4, 1970; 9p.
- Copy of a letter from Charles Glatfelter to Bowdoin College Library requesting information about correspondence between General O.O. Howard, commander of the 12th Union Corps at the Battle of Gettysburg and M. Jacobs, professor at Pennsylvania College at the time of the battle; September 5, 1970; 1p.
- Letter from Cora B. Decker, Librarian Bucks County Historical Society providing three pictures of the Bristol College building designed by John C. Trautwine; September 9, 1970; TLS 1p. 3 photographs
- Copy of a letter from Charles Glatfelter to Cora B. Decker, Bucks County Historical Society, asking for the sources of the photographs that she kindly provided; September 12, 1970; 1p.
- Letter from Richard B. Reed, Special Collections Bowdoin College, providing Xerox copies of letters from General Howard to Professor Jacobs; September 17, 1970; TLS 1p. (Xerox copies of these letters not with this collection.)
- Letter from Cora B. Decker, Bucks County Historical Society, providing source information for the Bristol College photographs; September 21, 1970; TLS 1p.
- Letter from Mrs. T.H. Krebs Benchoff, Regent, Franklin County Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, providing information regarding Henry Winemiller, builder of Pennsylvania Hall; September 24, 1970; ALS 1p.

Copy of a letter from Charles Glatfelter to Mrs. T.H. Benchoff thanking her for the information that she provided on Henry Winemiller; September 29, 1970; 1p.

1-9 Glatfelter Correspondence October 1970 to February 1971

Letter from John C. Kilbourne, Curator, The Historical Society of Pennsylvania identifying references to John C. Trautwine in the Society's collection and providing a Xerox copy of his portrait; October 7, 1970; TLS 1p. and Xerox references 2pp.

Copy of a letter from Charles Glatfelter to G. Edwin Brumbaugh expressing appreciation for the role that Mr. Brumbaugh's 1965 report played in the success of the Pennsylvania Hall restoration project and the history volume about the building; October 28, 1970; 1p.

List from Lillian Smoke, Librarian, identifying the historic documents and memorabilia included in an exhibit at the time of the dedication of the restored Pennsylvania Hall; October 29, 1970; D 3pp.

Letter from G. Edwin Brumbaugh to Charles Glatfelter thanking him for the copy of his dedication speech and expressing pleasure at attending the Pennsylvania Hall dedication ceremony and viewing the fine exhibit of documents and memorabilia associated with the building; October 30, 1970; TLS 1p.

Copy of a letter from Charles Glatfelter to Walter A.R. Pertuch, Librarian Emeritus, The Franklin Institute, thanking him for the history of the institute and the 1883 obituary for John Cresson Trautwine; November 10, 1970; 1p.

Copy of a listing unsigned but presumed to be from Charles Glatfelter identifying agencies that should receive a free copy of the history of Pennsylvania Hall; November 16, 1970; 1p.

Copy of a letter from Willard G. Books to Mr. Mel Hoffman, Harry Hoffman & Sons Printing, expressing displeasure with some printing errors in the Pennsylvania Hall history book and disputing a printing charge; December 4, 1970; 2pp.

Note from Mrs. M. Valentine Miller, relative to the third President of Gettysburg College, to Charles Glatfelter expressing her appreciation for the writing of the history of Pennsylvania Hall; February, 1972; ALS 4pp.

Copy of a letter from Charles Glatfelter to Mrs. M. Valentine Miller thanking her for the kind note; February 5, 1971; 1p.

1-10 Research material on John C. Trautwine

Copy of an article in the *Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians*, Fall 1958, Volume XVII, No. 3, regarding the design of Pennsylvania Hall by John C. Trautwine

Copy of an article on the Panama Railroad engineered by John C. Trautwine in *Harper's New Monthly Magazine*, January 1859, Vol. XVIII

Biography of John Cresson Trautwine from the Philadelphia Architects and Buildings website

1-11 Articles about the rededication of Pennsylvania Hall including the program from the Rededication Ceremony

1-12 Articles about the publication of the Glatfelter History of Pennsylvania Hall

1-13 Development Office packet used in the campaign to raise the money for the restoration of Pennsylvania Hall as an administrative building

For more information about the Glatfelter Collection of Pennsylvania Hall Research see:

MS – 059 Papers of Charles H. Glatfelter

RG 2.0.10 Office of the President: Carl Arnold Hanson: Box 38, Folders 3-7

VFM 379 Pennsylvania Hall Rededication, minutes of the planning committee for the rededication ceremony, October 24, 1970

Yonder Beautiful and Stately College Edifice: A History of Pennsylvania Hall (Old Dorm) Gettysburg College by Charles H. Glatfelter found in the Special Collections Reading Room

Scrapbook – PA Hall Restoration & Rededication List of Donors