Finding Aid for the PEROT FAMILY PAPERS, 1684-1939

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RESTRICTIONS

No restrictions

RELATED MATERIALS

For a booklet on the Perots, see A Historical Sketch of the Oldest Business House in America: the Francis Perot's Sons Malting Co. Philadelphia, [n.y.]

ABSTRACT

A history across several generations of Quaker brewers beginning with Anthony Morris in the 17th century. As well, there is genealogical and biographical information on the Perot, Marshall, Morris, Gomey, Siter, Powell and Wilcox families.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Anthony Morris (1654-1721) came to America with William Penn in 1682, settling first in Burlington and later in Philadelphia. In 1687, he purchased a lot at Front Street below Walnut where he erected a brewery. Subsequent generations continued in the business.

Francis Perot (1796-1885) was apprenticed in 1812 to the 5th and 6th generations of Morries (Thomas and Joseph). In 1818, Perot started his own brewery and malt house on Vine Street between 3rd and 4th Streets, bringing other family members into the business and marrying Elizabeth Morris. The Morries turned their business over to Francis Perot. T. Morris Perot and Elliston Perot represent the 7th and 8th generations in the business -- an unbroken line of descent in the business.

SUBJECT HEADINGS

Morris, Anthony, 1654-1721
Perot, Francis, 1796-1885
Gomey family
Marshall family
Morris family
Perot family
Powell family
Sansom
Siter family
Wilcox family

Brewing industry -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia -- History

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION

An aggregation of primarily genealogical and biographical information on the Perot, Marshall, Morris, Gomey, Siter, Powell, Sansom and Wilcox families, the collection includes deeds, 1684-1881, in boxes 1 and 5; Gomey family wills, testaments and Perot family history and materials specifically about Francis Perot, 1796-1885, T. Morris Perot, 1828-1902, T. Morris Perot, Jr., 1872-1945 and T. Morris Perot III in box 2; genealogical and family histories of the Siter, Perot and Sansom families and Francis Perot's Sons Malting Co. in box 3; data on the Marshall, Powell, Wilcox and Morris families in box 4; and miscellaneous information in box 5.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Box I: Deeds and Wills:

Humphrey South, 1684

Joseph Antiobus and William Pawlett, 1719

William Carter's will, 1722

George McCall and Anthony Morris, 1737

Anthony Morris Jr. and Stephen Armitt, 1741

Mr. Hudson & daughters to Anthony Morris, March 7, 1744
Mr. Hudson & daughters to Anthony Morris, March 8, 1744
William Shippen and wife to Peter Schwarts, April 24, 1760
Wm. Shippen and wife to John and Peter Chevalier, Dec. 10, 1760
Margaret Jekyll to John Baynton, 1761
Peter Schwarts & wife to John Brown, 1763
John Brown to George Knerr?, 1764
John Chevalier and others to John Zeller, 1771
Thomas Willing & wife to Margaret Willing, 1774
John Zeller & wife to William von Phul, 1774
Margaret Willing to George Morgan, 1774
George Bullock to Dr. John Morgan, 1775
George Morgan to William von Phul
Dr. John Morgan to William von Phul, 1783
Joseph Cowperthwait to William von Phull, 1787
John Baker to Thomas Fisher, 1800
William Logan Fisher & Albanus C. Logan, 1818
Samuel Blair to Elliston Perot, 1818
Isaac Roberdeau & wife to Elliston Perot, 1818
Samuel Blair & Hester Ogilbe, 1824
Sansom Perot to Francis & William Sansom Perot, 1836
Thomas Morris to Patrick Jorgan, 1836
Francis Perot & wife to Wm. Sansom Perot, 1841
William S. Perot & wife to Francis Perot, 1841
Martha Hare to Francis & William Perot, 1843
Samuel B. Ogilbe & others to Francis Perot and others, 1850
William Sansom Perot & wife to Francis Perot, 1867
Joseph Perot et al & Francis Perot, 1881

**Box 2: Gomey, Perot and Sansom**

**Folder 1: Ca. 20 items**

Typed transcriptions of wills of the Gomey family (T. Morris Jr. married a Gummey), 16th - 19th centuries. (also spelled Gombe, Gummey, Gumme, Gommey, Gomey etc.).

**Folder 2: Testaments of Sansom & Perot. 2 typed copies.**

**Folder 3: Perot Family History**

Some highlights include:

- Various genealogical entries for family members. 7 items
- Photographs & note about property of Elliston and John Perot
- Copy of brief of title of property on Girard Ave.
- Genealogical data on Anthony Morris
- Perot estate plans

**Folder 4: Perot Family**

Some highlights include:

- Power of attorney for J. Sansom Perot
- Copy of advertisement for Mary Perot, brewer, 1785
- Information on relatives of Perot still in Bermuda,
- Information on Perots/Perrot(t) in England
Letter re contribution to Association Against Prohibition Amendment by T. Morris Perot, Jr., 1928.

Folder 5: Francis Perot, 1796-1885

Some highlights include:

- Genealogical data including folder, notes, letters [re coat of arms]
- A remedy for chills
- An advertisement for Perot's Porter & Ale
- A memo of agreement made between J. Cooper and T. Morris Perot & Edward Ogden in form of Francis Perot's Sons, 1876.
- Enumeration of portion of Sansom Perot's estate to Francis Perot, 1841
- Stock owned by malt house
- Two letters re Francis Perot's property, 1855 & 1857

Folder 6: T. Morris Perot, 1828-1902

Some highlights include:

- Copy of marriage certificate of T.M.P. and Rebecca Siter, 1858
- Typed obituaries for T.M.P. and R. Siter
- Information on T.M.P.
- Information and letters re field ambulance T.M.P. invented and on medal received. 7 items.
- Information on 4th Street property, site of T.M.P.'s drug business begun in 1851
- Letters re Perot family. 1869- (3 items)
- A.L.S. by T.M.P. to John Logan. N.Y., 1897 [re Santo Domingo property]
- T.M.P.'s certificates of membership in Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Spring Garden Institute, Franklin Institute
- Rough draft of letter conferring M.D. degree on women (T.M.P.'s hand?) [n.d.]
Typed copy of advertisement for T.M.P.'s drug business, 1853.

Autograph album of Rebecca Siter, 1820, with beautiful engravings.

Folder 7: T. Morris Perot, Jr., 1872-1945 and T. Morris Perot III

Some highlights include:

A.L.S. of T. Morris Perot, Jr. to mother, June 22, 1910 [re trip to West Virginia property]

Photographs of T. Morris Perot III family. Ca. 20 items

**Box 3: Siter, Sansom and Perot Families**

Folder 1: Genealogical information on the Siter, Sansom and Perot families

Some highlights include:

18th century seals of James Perot and a letter regarding them


Typed extracts from the diary (1758-1788) of Hannah Callender Sansom, 1737-1801.

Folder 2: Genealogical information on families relating to Perot including:

Some highlights include:

Picture of Cherry Street in Philadelphia, mansion of Thomas Morris with history on verso

List of the "Guardians of the Poor" for Philadelphia, Thomas Morris a member.


Post card of Old Spread Eagle Tavern owned by Adam Siter

Letter to T.M. Perot with copy of coat-of-arms from the vice president of the Huguenot Society of America, C. DuPuy. 1897

Fire insurance policy for brew house property, 1829.
Letter from Sara Hallowell to her cousin, T.M. Perot. Moret, France, Oct. 5, 1915 [reporting a little on war activities]

Letters concerning request for patent numbers of inventions of T.M. Perot for his field ambulance and drug store, 1916 (2 items).

Typed extract from Ann Warder's diary re Elliston Perot's wedding. 1787

Information on the Marshall drug store

Glass negative of Mahlen-Stacey coat of arms and information re

Folder 3: Siter Family

Some highlights include:

Information on the Siter family, especially Adam Siter, 1805-1889

Correspondence of Rebecca Siter Perot and her mother, Charlotte Cleaver Siter, 1867-1874. [impressions while traveling]

Typed copies of letters and other information regarding marriage of Charlotte Cleaver and Adam Siter, 1827.

Folder 4: Edward Siter

Biographical data and news photo of building where Edward Siter was in business

List of managers and secretary of Commercial Exchange, Edward Siter, manager, 1865, 1870-1871

Folder 5: Francis Perot's Sons Malting Co.

Some highlights include:

Information on the malt house begun in 1687, typed transcript and article

Memo diary of Francis Perot, 1873-1879

Various articles and notes on breweries in Philadelphia, especially Perot

Malsters' agreement between Francis Perot's Sons Malting Co. and Henry Grimes, 1902.

Folder 6: Business letters of Francis Perot's Sons Malting Co., ca. 1874-1909 (ca. 10 items).
**Box 4: Marshall, Powell, Wilcox and Morris Families**

**Folder 1: Marshall Family:**

Some highlights include:

- Christopher Marshall's diary, 1796. 2 items and 3 typed copies of extracts.
- Typed copy of letter from Christopher Marshall to children, 1778.
- Genealogical data re Christopher Marshall (1709-1797) and his son, Charles Marshall (1744-1825)
- Information on Free Quakers of which Christopher Marshall was trustee
- History of the name of Marshall
- Receipts signed by Charles Marshall, 1791
- Typed copies of notices which appeared in the Pennsylvania Packet and other papers referring to Quakers, sale of land, business, humane society involving Christopher and Charles Marshall
- Genealogical line of Marshall to Perot
- List of members of the Penna. Prison Society, 1787, including Charles Marshall

**Folder 2: Marshall Family:**

Some highlights include:

- Genealogical data
- Letter, 1939, and photos re Marshall house to Morris
Folder 3: Powell-Wilcox-Morris Family Genealogy

Folder 4: Morris Family:

Some highlights include:

- Biographical data for Thomas Morris, ca. 1800-1827.
- Biographical data on Morris and Powell families
- Authorization of the Northern Soup Society, T. M. Perot, treasurer, to receive legacy left in a will, 1898.
- Copy of Anthony Morris seal
- Morris family genealogies

1920 calendar depicting original Anthony Morris brewery

*These listings account for only the more important items contained in the collection rather than complete itemization.

Box 5: Miscellaneous

Folder 1: Miscellaneous Deeds:

11 deeds, spanning the period 1815-1850, transferring a piece of land on Mulberry and 11th Street in Philadelphia from family to family, including Francis Perot in 1847.

Folder 2: Miscellaneous

Some highlights include:

- Agreement of "cestui que trust" for trustees of Francis Perot estate, Par La Ville, re improvement of land. 1887.
- Resolution of appreciation for work done by T. Morris Perot as President of the Mercantile Library, 1869.

Folder 3: Miscellaneous
Photographs of painting of Archbishop Sancroft and 7 other bishops


MATERIALS REMOVED

Set of 12 hand painted photographs of Yellowstone National Park by F. Jay Haynes and 1 by W.E. Hook Co. of Colorado Springs. To 812 B-R.

Clippings and other ephemera. To PG.

Books or other items. To the Quaker Collection.

"Our Daily Fare", serial from 1850's. To main library.