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File 1: Black Rock Tunnel, Phoenixville

1 b & w photograph, mounted, "Black Rock Tunnel at north end of Phoenixville on Reading Railroad. Squire Howell is shown in the picture." Attached caption card reads, "Black Rock Tunnel at the north end of Phoenixville on the Reading Railroad. Squire Charles Howell is shown at the right. Presented by the estate of Charles H. Howell, May 1940."

File 2: Bridge St. House, Phoenixville

1 b & w photograph of front of Bridge St. House, Phoenixville
 1 b & w photograph of back of Bridge St. House, Phoenixville
 1 sketch of a plan of Bridge St. House, on stationary from "General Business Office" of Chas. H. Howell and Chas. H. Howell, Jr.

File 3: Bridges—Mont Clare Bridge, Phoenixville

1 b & w photograph, mounted, of the Mont Clare Bridge, Phoenixville
 1 b & w photograph, mounted on thin cardboard with other photos, of "Toll House" at "Mont Clare Bridge, July 9, 1916"
 4 b & w photographs, mounted on thin cardboard with other photos, of "Mont Clare Bridge, July 9, 1916"
 1 b & w photograph, mounted on think cardboard with other photos, of 2 men standing at "Mont Clare Bridge, July 9, 1916"
 1 b & w newspaper photograph of 3 men repairing the Mont Clare Bridge, *The Daily Republican*, 9/17/1947
 1 b & w newspaper photograph of "the underpass at the Reading Railroad station...here is shown the dirt road which led to the Mont Clare bridge," *The Daily Republican*, 3/30/1948
 6 b & w newspaper photographs of destroyed Mont Clare Bridge, with article "Water Endangered Temporary Bridge," *The Daily Republican*, 7/2/1949
 1 newspaper article concerning the Mont Clare Bridge, *The Daily Republican*, 5/23/1955

File 4: Buzzard, Abe

6 newspaper articles, photocopied, concerning Abe Buzzard, 1882, 1884, 1887, 1891, 1924, 1926
 2 b & w newspaper photographs, photocopied, of Abe Buzzard
 1 b & w photograph, photocopied, of Abe Buzzard

File 5: Chester Hospital Ambulance

1 b & w photograph, mounted, of the Chester Hospital Ambulance, a horse-drawn carriage

File 6: Elkins, Max—January 1906—Murder Case

1 b & w photograph of “Max Elkins, murdered, Dayton St.”—see: MS 76337
1 portion of an envelope, mailed from “E. J. Reilly, Phila. Press” to “Charles H. Howell, Magistrate,” contained photos at one time

File 7: Howell, Charles H., Justice of the Peace; Phoenixville

1 b & w photograph, mounted, of “Birthplace of C. H. Howell, Railroad St., Phoenix.,” “End, left side house, Aug 9th, 1850, my first home, where I was born,” “Photo taken Nov. 15, 1919”
1 b & w photograph, mounted, of “Charles H. Howell, William H. Dobson, and Charles H. Howell, Jr.” “Snow, April 1st, ’24, Front of Office (218 Church St.), April 3rd, 1924, 2 P.M., Clear and cold. 30 degrees, A.M.; Esq. Howell, Billy Dobson, son of Captain John Dobson, and Charles Howell.”
1 b & w photograph of “Charles H. Howell in his office in Phoenixville, 1924”
1 b & w photograph of Charles H. Howell and family
1 b & w photograph of “Family of Squire Howell...Taken July 4, 1910,” “Howell handled real estate, fire insurance, naturalization papers, steamship and money orders. Held the elected office of Justice of the Peace for 50 years”
1 b & w photograph of Howell family group standing outside C. H. Howell’s office
1 b & w photograph of Charles H. Howell and seven other men, which include “John S. Williams, [George?] Scott, [Ed’L?] Meier, and Amos G. Gotwals,” on Church St. in Phoenixville
1 sketch of a plant, by Chas. H. Howell

File 8: John Morgan House, Corner of Gay and Church Sts., Phoenixville

1 b & w photograph, mounted, of “The John Morgan residence, Corner of Gay and Church Streets, South-west, Phoenixville, Pa. The government started to remove said residence and the Charles Leidy buildings next [?] west. On Thursday June 14th, 1923. Location- New P.O. Building”

File 9: Keeley Cigar Manufactory, Phoenixville

1 cabinet card of “Shop in which Albetis Keeley manufactured and sold cigars, Bridge Street, Phoenixville, below Phoenix Hotel. Mr. Keeley and son are shone standing in the doorway.”

File 10: Map of Phoenixville

1 b & w photograph of a map of Phoenixville, 1874

File 11: Military—1st Penna. Reserves, Co. G.

1 albumen photograph of “First Pennsylvania Reserves, under John R. Dobson. Co. G., Phoenixville”

File 12: Military—Battery “C,” Phoenixville

1 b & w photograph of “Battery ‘C,’ Phoenixville,” 3 out of 4 men identified, “Lieut. Marion Bean, Lieut. Wm. Fulmer, and Capt. John Denithorne”

File 13: Military—Penna. National Guard, Phoenixville

1 b & w photograph of “Co. D. 11th Reg’t. P. N. G. [6th Reg. Phoenixville], 28th Division on way to camp, World War, 1917. Taken at Main & Bridge streets, Phoenixville.”

File 14: Order of Independent Americans, Phoenixville

1 b & w photograph of a collage of portraits of members of “Wayne Council No. 46, Order of Independent Americans”

File 15: Page, Earl H.

1 b & w photograph of “Oct. 2nd, 1922, P. & R.—Freight Yard, Phoenixville, Pa.; Earl H. Page”

File 16: People, Phoenixville

1 b & w photograph of “Wm. Devereux, Co. I. 26th P.V.V.; Corpl. Co F. 99th Penna. Vol.”

1 b & w photograph, mounted, of “Joseph Hendricks, William Foster, Munyon— [Ecock’s?] dog, Hotel Columbia, Phoenix.”

1 b & w photograph on mount, “Joseph Skorup, Church St., Phoenixville” photo by Sharp’s Studio, Trenton, NJ.

1 b & w photograph, “Alonzo Shunk”, [1900s]

1 albumen cabinet card, C. H. Howell and Matthew Butt on Charleston Ave. now Brigde St., Phoenixville, about 1890? [The two men are shown sitting in a horse-drawn buggy.]

File 17: Phoenix Hose, Hook & Ladder Co., Phoenixville

- 6 b & w photographs of “Trained Horses—Duke and Harry, of the Phoenix H. H. & L. Co., No. 1” doing various tricks
- 1 certificate of “Phoenix Hose, Hook & Ladder Company, No. 1.,” certifying “Charles H. Howell was elected a Contributing Member of The Phoenix Hose, Hook & Ladder Company, No. 1,” Aug. 9th 1886

File 18: Phoenix Military Band

- 1 cyanotype?, mounted, of the Phoenix Military Band’s bandwagon, from “L. B. Vanderslice, Feb. 1912”
- 1 albumen card-mounted photograph of the Phoenix Military Band at “Lookout Mt., Tenn. 2,000 feet above the city of Chattanooga. Taken Oct. 25th, ’93. Date of battle—“Nov. 24th 1863”
- 1 printing-out-paper photograph, mounted, of “June 5, 1897—50th Anniv. P. M. Band, Reeves Park”
- 1 printing-out-paper photograph, mounted, of Phoenix Military Band posing in front of “First Presbyterian Church,” in 1897. Band members identified on back.
- 1 b & w photograph, mounted, of Phoenix Military Band, “Taken in front of Office, #218 Church St. Phoenixville, Pa. July 5th, 1910, about 9:30 A.M.” Band members identified on back.
- 1 b & w photograph, mounted, of Phoenix Military Band in bandwagon, “9:30 A.M., July 5th, 1910, #218 Church St. Phoenixville, Pa.”

File 19: Phoenix Military Band—Individual Portraits of Members

- 1 albumen oval card-mounted photograph of “Robert B. Williamson. Born Nov. 30th 1823. Died Sept. 19th 1900.” “Through the intercession of C. H. Howell—this photo was presented to the P. M. Band, on Monday Sept. 3rd, 1900 by Robert B. Williamson. This was a good picture of Robert back in the Fifties. Was taken in a Gallery which stood on the site now occupied by Masonic Hall. The period was about 1856. The Band met at this at Mansion House. This was the first complete uniform. Robert played at this time 1st Tenor, had previously blown a slide Trombone.”
- 2 cabinet cards of “Lewis B. Vanderslice, (Leader and Director), E^b Cornet”
- 2 cabinet cards of “Joseph Hallman, 5th B^b Clarionette”
- 2 cabinet cards of “John G. Moses, (Leader from 1855 to 1875), E^b Cornet”
- 2 cabinet cards of “Joseph P. Holt, Cymbals”
- 1 cabinet card of “Edwin L. Moulder, 2^d B^b Clarionette”
- 1 cabinet card of “George Moulder, Solo B^b Clarionette”
- 1 cabinet card of “Harry G. Nichols, Snare Drum”
- 1 cabinet card of “Isaac P. Renshaw, B^b Bass”
- 1 cabinet card of “J. Wesler Thomson, 3rd B^b Clarionette”
- 1 cabinet card of “Horace F. Vanderslice, Solo B^b Cornet”
- 1 cabinet card of “John A. Wood, 1st B^b Cornet”
- 1 cabinet card of “Nathan R. Yarnall, Solo E^b Alto”

File 19: Phoenix Military Band—Individual Portraits of Members (continued)

- 1 cabinet card of “John A. Yost”
- 1 small albumen photograph, card-mounted, of young man with clarinet
- 1 cabinet card of “Charles H. Howell, Baritone”
- 1 cabinet card of “Hugh Kennedy, 2nd E^b Alto”
- 1 cabinet card of “Samuel Meeser, 2nd E^b Cornet”
- 1 cabinet card of “Wm. F. Rhoades, Bass Drum”
- 1 cabinet card of “David Schall, Norristown, of Mont. Fire Co., friend of P. M. B.”
- 1 cabinet card of “Frederick H. Stiteler, E^b Tuba”
- 1 cabinet card of “James W. Taylor, Piccolo”
- 1 cabinet card of “Harry Hallman, 1st B^b Clarionette, taken in the early 1880’s”
- 1 cabinet card of “Oliver F. Hallman, E^b Clarionette”
- 1 cabinet card of “James P. Holt, 2nd B^b Trombone”
- 1 cabinet card of “Alonzo W. Epright, Snare Drum”
- 1 cabinet card of “Frank Epright, played small drum in P. M. B., Phoenixville”
- 1 cabinet card of “Isaac T. Epright, 1st B^b Trombone”
- 1 cabinet card of “James W. Epright, 1st E^b Alto”
- 1 cabinet card of “John W. Bell, 4th B^b Clarionette”
- 1 cabinet card of “Wm. R. Brooke, E^b Cornet”
- 1 cabinet card of “Oram W. Brownback, 1st B^b Tenor”
- 1 cabinet card of “Richard Carr, 2nd B^b Tenor”
- 1 cabinet card of “Prof. John P. Rowbotham, b. England 1822, d. 1892,” “Born Liverpool England during year 1822. Came to this country aged 16, 1838. Served in Mexican War and U. S. Navy during Civil War. Died June 17, 1892 in Phila. aged 70 years. At residence of his only child Mrs. Abram H. Smith. No. 1817 North 22nd Street, Philadelphia, Pa. Photo presented to Band by Mrs. Abram H. Smith, June 4th 1897”
- 1 cabinet card of “Phillip Meeser (?)”

File 20: Phoenix Military Band Trip to Seven Pines

- 2 albumen photographs, mounted, of “Montgomery Fireman—Phoenixville Band, Seven Pines, Oct. 2nd, 1891,” in front of a house
- 3 albumen photographs, mounted, of “Montgomery Fireman—Phoenixville Band, Seven Pines, Oct. 2nd, 1891” surrounding a monument
- 1 albumen photograph, mounted, of “Veterans, Seven Pines, Oct. 2nd, 1891,” two men shaking hands in front of monument

File 21: Phoenixville Flood, 1933

- 1 b & w photograph of “Port Providence, PA, Aug. 1933”
- 1 b & w photograph of “Mont Clare, PA, Aug. 1933”
- 1 b & w photograph of “Moore Hall Dam, Aug. 1933”
- 2 b & w photographs of “Phoenix Iron Co., Phoenixville, Aug. 1933”
- 1 b & w photograph of “Clay Street, Phoenixville, PA, Aug. 1933”

File 22: Richard's Cotton Mill, Phoenixville

2 b & w photographs of Richard's Cotton Mill, Phoenixville, "Richard's Cotton Mill. Charles S. Smith and Edward Garrigues, purchased water right from George Thompson, to use water from 'The Phoenix Canal,' and built the mill in years 1828-29. Then built Cotton Row, in 1829-30. George N. Richards purchased the property in 1842."

File 23: Unknown Man, Killed in railroad accident, March 27, 1913

1 b & w photograph of "Unknown white man. Died March 27, 1913. See page."
1 photocopy of 2 pages from a diary. Page 91 of diary, "Accident on R. R. Thursday morning, March 27, 1913. South of Schwenksville, Montg. Co. Pa. Unknown white man, walking on Perkiomen R. R. Struck by Engine #696. 10:30 A.M. Brought to Phoenixville Hospital 12:15 noon, unconscious. Died same day 5:45 P.M."
Page 92 of diary, sketch of unknown man, "Sketch taken Apr. 15, '13 5 P.M. Buried Apr. 16, '13" MS 76335