Looking east on Market Street from Church St., West Chester, PA, ca. 1895.
Photo by J. Max Mueller
History

Biographical note on J. Max Mueller

Max Mueller was a young man with a musical pedigree and a surplus of talent when he crossed the Atlantic in the summer of 1859. His father was a renowned musician in their native Germany but Mueller left behind the security of home for the streets of New York. He arrived there homeless in September of 1859.1 Mueller quickly found work with a jeweler in Trenton who then transferred him to Philadelphia.2

His story and America’s history soon intertwined when the Civil War broke out. Mueller enlisted for two years service as a Private in the 29th New York Volunteers. The New York 29th was an overwhelmingly German regiment organized by Baron Adolph von Steinwehr. Mueller’s company, Company K, consisted mostly of Philadelphia recruits.3 After a year and a half of service Mueller transferred to the 73rd Pennsylvania Volunteers (Company D). He served the 73rd as a Second and a First Lieutenant.4

After the war, Mueller wasted no time in employing his musical skills. He settled in West Chester where he became a Professor of Music at the West Chester Academy for Young Men and Boys.5 He also soon established himself in his new home as a private teacher of both vocal and instrumental music. Mueller was himself an accomplished vocalist, instrumentalist, composer, and conductor. He composed over 40 works, organized concerts in West Chester, and played the organ and conducted the choir at the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church on South High Street in West Chester.6
The affection in which his neighbors held him was not the extent of his fame. In 1879 he accepted the conductorship of the Saengerbund of Washington D.C. Mueller made a quick impression in his new nation’s capital (he had become a citizen in 1868). On November 19, 1879 he conducted the singing of his own “Hymnus” at the dedication of the grand equestrian statue of General Thomas (the Rock of Chickamauga) in Washington. He served as both organist and chorister at the prestigious St John’s Episcopal Church opposite the White House on Lafayette Square.7

Despite his success in Washington D.C., Mueller returned, in 1881, to West Chester and his teaching vocation. But his departure did not prevent Georgetown University from awarding Mueller a doctorate in Music the following year. Back in familiar surroundings, Mueller continued to cultivate the musical culture of West Chester. But this is just the surface of the story of Max Mueller. When Mueller died in 1913, Henry S. Gillingham (editor of West Chester’s Village Record) remembered that his friend had “a rugged honesty about him that a man could not help admiring.” When a friend “got under his shell of reserve he found a most interesting personality.”8

Mueller was indeed much more than a musician. The dedication and artistry that he brought to his music also flowed into his photography. Mueller had 5000 photographs in his possession when he died.9 He was a serious amateur; he experimented with new equipment10 and he joined the innovative Postal Photographic Club (The PPC albums form the majority of this collection).

His skill was not hampered by the use of only one eye (he lost sight in one eye after a bout of smallpox during his Civil War service) and the photographic community admired his skill and artistic sensibility. The Photographic Times and American Photographer described his street scene of West Chester (Box 1 File 10 #34b) as “equal to this gentlemen’s usual fine work.”11

His photography illustrates his love of the outdoor life. Although Mueller resided in the Borough of West Chester, he seemed to delight in the rural and the idyllic. Mueller was a keen angler and his collection abounds with tranquil images of the Brandywine Creek. This whimsical creativity is also reflected in his music. His musical bibliography includes titles such as “Fairy’s Footsteps,” “A Maiden’s Dream,” and “May Time.” But his photographs were never casually taken; they are a record of a craftsman’s care. Perhaps not surprising from a man who would take to the river with a rod and fly he made and tackle he produced.12 The photographs Max Mueller left behind allow us to do what only his friends, such as Henry Gillingham could; get beneath his shell of reserve and find a most interesting personality.

Biographical Timeline note:

1842 – Born in Altenburg (about 30 miles south of Leipzig); at the time part of the Saxon duchy of Sachsen-Altenburg and now in the German federal state of Thuringia.
1859 (Sept) – Arrived in the United States for the first time (New York).
1861 (May) – Enlisted in the 29th New York Volunteers, Company K.
1862 (Dec) – Transferred (effective Jan 1, 1863) to the 73rd Pennsylvania Volunteers, Company D as Second Lieutenant.
1863 (Sept) – Promoted to First Lieutenant.
1864 (Feb) – Received honorable discharge on account of disability.
1866 (June) – Organized a public concert at Horticultural Hall in West Chester at which he performed a tenor solo that he composed.
1868 (Jan) – Became a citizen of the United States.
1870 (Sept) – Married Martha J. Wilder of Rome, NY at Bingham House in Philadelphia.13
1872 (Jan) – Martha Mueller died aged 32.
1875 (June) – Moved from his rooms above the post office to a house in the northeast of the Borough (former residence of Mr. Robert Otto).14
1879 (Oct) – Left West Chester for Washington D.C. to take up the conductorship of that city’s Sängerbund (choral society).
1879 (Nov) – Conducted the performance of the Hymnus he composed (words by Herbert A. Preston) at the unveiling of the statue of General Thomas in Washington D.C.
1881 (April) – Returned to West Chester and took up residence at the corner of Dean and Darlington (143 West Dean Street).
1882 (July) – Received a Doctorate in Music from Georgetown University.
1892/93 – Moved to 318 West Fayette Street.15
1913 (April) – Died at his home after “a protracted illness.”16 He was survived by his second wife Carrie Mueller (we do not know the date of their marriage, but they were married by the time Max Mueller moved to Washington in 1879).

Collection Scope and Content note:
The photographs in the first two boxes of this collection are mainly Mueller’s submissions to the Postal Photographic Club’s (PPC) monthly albums between March 1889 and November 1891.17 Each photographer in the club sent their contributions to a secretary (during this period it was Mueller) who compiled them into an album. The album then traveled from member to member by mail. The photographs are still on the grey card of the album pages and the collection does occasionally include other club members’ work (sometimes on the back of a Mueller picture).

The third box contains an assortment of Mueller photographs. Most of the prints only bear Mueller’s handwritten title and notes. Others, particularly the card photographs in File 1, have been annotated by secondary owners. The photographs that are dated range from 1886 through to 1891.

Mueller’s photographs in this collection are all of the local area; mainly Chester County. He captured scenes that range from a rural cider mill and a village smithy to a busy street in downtown West Chester. Local historians may be particularly interested in images of the borough such as the digging of the foundations of the Courthouse Annex in 1891 (Box 2 File 19/20 #94). But there are many scenes of broad historical interest including the action shots of an 1888 baseball game between the Brandywine Baseball Club and Kensington (Box 2 File 19/20 #769&770).
Selected Search Terms

Corporate
Brandywine Baseball Club (West Chester, Pa.)
Brandywine Creek (Chester County, Pa.)
Chester County Poor House (Chester County, Pa.)
Church of the Holy Trinity, (West Chester, Pa.)
Edison Illumination Company (West Chester, Pa.)
G.A.R., Grand Army of the Republic
Postal Photographic Club
Spence’s Restaurant, (West Chester, Pa.)

Topics
Banks (West Chester, Pa.)
Baseball
Bowling
Cattle
Churches --Chester County, (Pa.)
Courthouses --Chester County, (Pa.)
Covered Bridges --Chester County, (Pa.)
Dwellings --Chester County, (Pa.)
Elephants
Farms --Chester County, (Pa.)
Farming --Chester County, (Pa.)
Friends Meeting Houses --West Chester, (Pa.)
Horticulture – West Chester, (Pa.)
Parades – West Chester, (Pa.)
Power plants – West Chester, (Pa.)
Rivers
Schools – West Chester, (Pa.)
Ships
Streets – West Chester, (Pa.)
Tennis
Trees

Geographic
East Bradford Township, (Pa.)
West Chester, (Pa.)
West Goshen Township, (Pa.)

Forms
Photoprints – albumen prints – 1880-1889
Photoprints – albumen prints – 1890-1899

Personal Contributors:
Chase, Philip S., photographer
Demerest, photographer
Dulk, photographer
Mueller, J. Max, photographer
Spaulding, photographer
Walmsley, William H., photographer

Arrangement

The photographs were found in the collection as individual mounted photographs cut out of an album. The photo archivist then put the photographs into their original order by using the dates and numbers inscribed on them.

The inventory is divided by box and file (or album). Each photograph is recorded with a number that corresponds with the number written on the original. Following the number is the original title of the photograph and/or a description of its subject. If the entire title is in square brackets then we do not know the original title. When the original title is brief or uninformative we have added further detail in square brackets.

After the title and/or description is the name of the photographer (if on the original). Some photographs appear more than once in the collection. We have cross-referenced duplicates and similar scenes in brackets.

Series Descriptions

Box 1 Files 1-4 – These files contain a small number of photographs that appeared in PPC albums from March through June 1889. There is one complete picture from another photographer in File 4.

Box 1 File 6 – These are photographs from assorted PPC albums of 1889. There are a number of fragments of photographs on the backs of the Mueller photographs. Also a complete shot of Jessup’s mill by Walmsley that also appears in Box 1 File 17.

Box 1 Files 10-13 – These photographs have been rudely cut from the pages of PPC albums of 1890 and even the Mueller photographs are often cropped from their original dimensions. The non-Mueller pictures in these files include a picture of the brand new USS Yorktown which had been commissioned only the year before in 1889.

Box 1 Files 15-18 – These fragments of the 1891 PPC album contain some interesting works, especially Mueller’s portrait of the Daily Local News editor that he superimposed onto an image of the newspaper. Again, a number of non-Mueller photographs are in these files.

Box 2 Files 5, 7, 8, 9, & 14 – The majority of these photographs, cut out of PPC albums from December 1889 through October 1891, are not Mueller’s. There are some beautiful
portraits including a woman with a baby in swaddling clothes and three intriguing studies of an umbrella mender.

**Box 2 Files 19 & 20** – There is a larger proportion of photos of the Borough of West Chester in Files 19 and 20. These files include images of the old schools on South High Street and Adams Street, Holy Trinity Church, and an aerial shot looking north-east from Gay Street.

**Box 3 File 1** – This file contains card photographs. Some of them are Mueller photographs that are elsewhere in the collection. Many of the cards are stamped "Dr. J. Max Mueller, West Chester, Pa." on the back and/or blindstamped with an “M” on the front right corner. Photographs that are unique to this file include the dramatic aftermath of the explosion at the Edison Illumination Company (Walnut and Chestnut Streets in West Chester) in December 1887.

**Box 3 Files 2-4** – The only shot in the collection of Max Mueller is in File 2 (#1).

**Box 3 Album 1 and Album 2** – These photographs appear to be from Mueller’s personal album. Each photograph is on card and neatly cropped (In Album 1 there is one photograph on each side of the card and in Album 2 there are two photographs on each side). Both albums’ scenes are almost entirely local country views.

**Box 3 Album 3** – Mueller recorded specific details of every photograph he took in this album. He shot these images between March 17 and August 4 1886. They are mainly riverside scenes but also include some fascinating shots of the GAR parade in West Chester on Decoration Day (Memorial Day). The details in the inventory that are not in square brackets are Mueller’s comments and usually record the following information in this order: Title of photograph; camera or lens type; aperture; exposure; time; date; light condition.

**Access and Use**

**Access Restrictions**  
Due to the fragile nature of the original prints, patrons are urged to use the digital images for reference purposes. Original prints may be viewed by request and under the supervision of the photo archivist.

**Acquisition Information**  
Found in Collection.

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Related Material
Photographic Times, Vol. 20 (June 12, 1886).
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**Box 1**

**PH37/Box 1/File 1** (Postal Photographic Club)

[Still life platinum print of Postal Photographic Club memorabilia: Constitution, reviews, dues notices, form letters, envelopes, photos.]

**PH37/Box 1/File 2** (Album 3) March 1889

23. What shall I say? [H. Harrison – Writing a letter] -- Suplee [Cut in half and middle-section missing; top section on the back of #24 and bottom section on the back of #25]
24. On the Brandywine [Creek] -- Mueller
25. Chester Creek -- Mueller
28. On the Brandywine [Creek] [Covered bridge] – Mueller
30. Ridley Creek [Iron and stone bridge] – Mueller
33. Brandywine Hills [Houses, farm buildings and a covered bridge] – Mueller

**PH37/Box 1/File 3** (Album 4) April 1889

9. [Rocky Creek] -- Mueller
12. […]on Chester Creek – Mueller (Incomplete)
16. An old Sawmill -- Mueller
18. The Village Smithy [J. Arment wheelwright and coachmaker, Chadds Ford] -- Mueller (CCHS#614) [see review of this album published in Photographic Times, Vol 19, April 19, 1889 pg. 193]

**PH37/Box 1/File 4** (Album 6) June 1889

73. Barnum's Parade [Circus parade; elephants; infront of Chester County Courthouse; High and Market Streets, West Chester] – Mueller (CCHS Copy neg #673 Fistrovich negative #231)
75. Tennis Ground [Women tennis players in the foreground] -- Demarest

**PH37/Box 1/File 6** Albums 1889

13. […]the Brandywine [Creek] – Mueller
15. [O]ld sawmill – Ror[…] (Damaged; top half of picture missing; on the back of #13)
18. [Dec]oration Day [Parade, High and Market Streets, West Chester] --Mueller (see also Box 3 Album 3 #s 496 and 497)
26. Old Dam on Brandywine [Creek] [Horse and open carriage] -- Mueller
29. [Sagers’ Bridge now Lenape; covered bridge] – Mueller
31. Old Forge [Forge in ruins] -- Mueller [partial photo on verso, stone arch bridge over small river]
32. [“]No More from Yours Truly” [Jenny Meldrum feeding chickens] -- Mueller (See also
33. [“]Jenny took a drink.” -- Mueller [Jenny/Jennie/Jane Meldrum scooping a cup of water in the Spillway at the back of Meldrum's Mill. Meldrum’s Mill was operated by John and Hannah Meldrum who emigrated from England. Jennie Meldrum married a Mr. John De Angele King of West Pikeland in West Chester in 1895. She died in Wildwood, New Jersey in 1923. (Sources: Local 12/6/1917; Local 12/10/1917; Local 3/8/1888 Local, 2/15/1895; Local 1/22/1923)] (See also Box 2 File 20 # 899)
35. […]on the road to the Brandywine? [Ninety degree turn on a country road; snow scene] -- Mueller
35. [“]Noontide” [Springton Forge] -- Mueller
53. The Brandywine [Creek] [Jessup’s Mills] -- Walmsley (See also Box 1 File 17 # 74)
65. Ditto -- [Two girls looking over the fence at a girl with a pug dog] Ditto
67. on Chester Creek -- Mueller
68. Washington's Headquarters, Valley Forge -- Mueller

PH37/Box 1/File 10 Album July 1890

32. Along the Brandywine [Creek] [children swimming] -- Mueller
33. Along the Brandywine [Creek] [cattle & footbridge] -- Mueller
34. Summer Cottages -- Spaulding (Damaged, cut in half)

PH37/Box 1/File 11 Albums 1890

[3?]. On the road to the Brandywine
4. Group of trees on the Brandywine [Creek]. -- Walmsley
[?]. [title obscured, forest scene] -- [Prentiss?]
7. [“]Autumn Idyll“ on the Brandywine [Creek] -- Walmsley
   [numbers 4 & 7 above were mentioned in a review published in Photographic Times, Vol 20, December 19, 1890.]
[10?]. [Unidentified scene on the back of # 4]
[?]. [title obscured, snow scene]
30. Portrait [Rebecca Hemphill] -- Mueller
33. [Brandywine [Creek] Views from Cope's Bridge [Frame building in foreground; Sheep in the field and farm buildings in background] -- Mueller
34[a]. [“]Along the Brandywine [Creek]” [horse and sheep] -- Mueller
34[b]. Street Scene [Church and Market Streets, West Chester; looking north] – Mueller
   [Visible are Village Record building; Darlington Bros. Grocers horse and buggy]
35[a]. [A] bit of the Brandywine – Mueller (Damaged; bottom section only)
35[b]. [title obscured, dog] -- Prentiss (damaged; cut in half)
38. [...][ley Brook Bridge, P&U.R.R., White Mts. – Netherwood (back of #40a)
40[a]. [County] Court House, West Chester, Pa. -- Mueller (CCHS#297)
40[b]. Portrait [Rev. John Bolton; rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester]
40[c]. […] the Brandywine [Creek] -- Mueller
48. On Chester Creek [Stone Bridge] -- Mueller
50. Foot Bridge, Pocopson Creek -- Mueller
53. On Chester Creek -- Mueller
55. [B]ridge [Stone bridge over a creek] - Pulsford
54. Obelisk, Central Park, N.Y. – Demarest (Damaged; bottom half only)
[?]. [On the road to the Brandywine -- Mueller]
67. On the Brandywine [Creek] near Shaw's Bridge -- Mueller
68. Ridley Creek near Media -- Mueller
69. Ridley Creek near Valley Green -- Mueller
70. [title obscured, cathedral] -- Cole (damaged, cut)
73. Rifled Gun on the [USS] Yorktown [war ship] -- Spaulding
74. The Dolphin [yacht] -- Spaulding

PH37/Box 1/File 12 January 1891

   (CCHS#588)
50[a]. [Copy of a glass ambrotype. Group of lawyers including Joseph B. Wilson. See W.W.
   MacElree, Side Lights on the Bench and Bar of Chester County, West Chester Pa.,
   1918. pg.288] – Mueller (See also Box 3 File 1 #24)
50[b]. Chester Creek -- Mueller

PH37/Box 1/File 13 June 1891

5. The Brandywine [Creek] in winter -- W. H. Walmsley
23. "Snowed in" [House on a bend in the road in the snow] -- E. S. Needles
24. Breezy Day at the Shore – Spauldi[ng]

PH37/Box 1/File 15 October 1891

47. […]to Brandywine -- Mueller [road with sheds in distance]
   [damaged photo on verso of Niagara Falls]

PH37/Box 1/File 16 November 1891

43. “Valley Forge” -- Mueller
46. Fairway to organ loft, Radnor [St. David's Church, Easttown Township] -- Walmsley
51. [St.] David's Church, Radnor [Stone church with cemetery in front] -- Walmsley

PH37/Box 1/File 17 Albums 1891
40. [“Three of a kind” [3 boys on the lawn of Jerome B. Gray, North Church Street, West Chester] -- Mueller
41. [“]Deserted Schoolhouse” [Old Bradford School at ? Farm, East Bradford Township] -- Mueller
49. Deborah's Rock – Brandywine [Creek] -- Mueller
57. [O]ld homestead -- Mueller
60. On the Brandywine [Creek] -- W. H. Walmsley
61. On Valley Creek -- Mueller
62. [title obscured, plank house] -- Briggs (Damaged; cut in half)
63. Tobacco Barn in North Carolina -- [Briggs] (Damaged; cut in half)
64. Hampton Roads -- Briggs
66. [...]the Brandywine [Creek] -- Mueller
67. [First of two] portraits of two French Franciscan sisters. Their order nurses the sick -- Chase (Only bottom right hand corner of photograph)
68. Sister Marie Madeline [see above] -- [Chase] (Only bottom left hand corner of photograph)
72. Trunk of Live Oak, Florida [with three elderly men seated on the ground] -- Biddle
74. On the Brandywine [Creek] at Jessup's Mills -- W. H. Walmsley

PH37/Box 1/File 18 Miscellaneous, n.d.

38. On the Brandywine [Creek] -- Mueller
39. On the Brandywine [Creek] -- Mueller
40. [C]ooling drink [Woman, girl, and boy in the woods with the girl taking a drink from a cup] -- Dulk
41[a]. [Man and dog on country road]
41[b]. [C]amp in Maine – Netherwood
42. [Deborah]h’s Rock – Brandywine [Creek] -- Mueller
43[a]. Testing a pumper [fire company spraying water on church roof]
43[b] The Brandywine [Creek] -- Mueller
67. A New England Village [Lofty view of small mill town with iron bridge across the river] -- Netherwood
69. Mill race on the Brandywine [Creek] -- W. H. Walmsley [Blue print on cyanotype]
314. West Branch of Brandywine [Creek]
[Unnumbered 1]. [Women gathering hay, children asleep]
[Unnumbered 2]. [Unidentified carriage wheel factory]
[Unnumbered 3]. [Meldrum’s Cider Mill – formerly Cope’s Tilt Mill, East Bradford Township] (See Box 1 File 6 # 30)
[Unnumbered 4]. [Small boat on a river with street in the background]
Box 2

PH37 Box 2/File 5 (Album 12) December 1889

18. [...] tugs on the Hudson -- Prentiss

PH37/Box 2/File 7 (Album No. 1) January 1890

34. Portrait [Florence Wilson and Lilly Hemphill] -- Mueller
35. "A Spanish Lady going to Church" -- Le Breton

PH37/Box 2/File 8 March 1890

26. [...Pa. [Waterfall] -- J.M. Walmsley (damaged; top left and bottom sections only)
27. Garfield Statue, Washington, D.C. (damaged; top left and bottom sections only)
29. Roadside study [Bridge over Taylor's Run near Caleb Cope's; looking east] -- Mueller
30. A Quaker Schoolhouse [West Chester Friends School, North High Street, West Chester] -- Mueller
31. The Oldest Bank in Chester County, Pa [First National Bank of Chester County, High Street between Walnut and Gay Streets, West Chester] -- Mueller (See also File 19 Box 2 # 758)
32. “In the forest” Pike Co. Pa [Waterfall] -- J.M. Walmsley
34. A West Chester Engine House [First West Chester Fire Company, Church Street, West Chester] -- Mueller (See also File 19 Box 2 #s 755 & 756)
35. “Out from Flume,” White Mts. [Rocky creek bed in the mountains] -- Prentiss
44. Old Man of the Mountains Franconia Notch [White Mountains, New Hampshire] -- Prentiss

PH37/Box 2/File 9 June 1890

9. “Near Doe Run” Penna [Hollow in the foreground by a country road; two women in the distance] -- Philips
20. [...]g the Brandywine [Woman picking berries by a country road] -- Philips
22. “[… r]ough voyage.” [Cargo boat with snapped mast docked by a wharf building]
29. Umbrella Mender No. 1 [Portrait; holding closed umbrella] -- Chase
30. Umbrella Mender No. 2 [Portrait; holding extended umbrella] -- Chase
31. Umbrella Mender No. 3 [Portrait; holding hat and closed umbrella] -- Chase
32. Woman and Italian baby in swaddling clothes [Portrait] -- Chase
42. First attempts at portraits [Young woman] -- Dulk
43. First attempts at portraits [Elderly man] -- Dulk
44. First attempts at portraits [Young woman] -- Dulk
45. From the Porte-Cochere [View through a carriage porch window of man with three bulls] -- Philips
45a. Parade [GAR parade on West Market Street, West Chester; soldiers on horseback; parked buggies] -- Mueller
45b. Parade [GAR parade on West Market Street, West Chester; marching band] -- Mueller
45c. Parade [GAR parade on West Market Street, West Chester; drummers followed by infantry] -- Mueller
45d. Parade [GAR parade on West Market Street, West Chester; drummers followed by infantry] -- Mueller
45e. Parade [GAR parade on West Market Street, West Chester; infantry] -- Mueller
45f. Parade [GAR parade on West Market Street, West Chester; marching band] -- Mueller
45g. Parade [GAR parade on West Market Street, West Chester; artillery carriages] -- Mueller
45h. Parade [GAR parade on West Market Street, West Chester] -- Mueller (See Box 3 File 1 # 11&12)
46. House in Nantucket [Massachusetts; Little girl standing in front of small frame houses] -- Sharp
47. “Lion” [copy from a woodcut] -- Sharp
48. Street in ‘Sconset Nantucket -- Sharp
49. Shell (Capulus hungaricus) -- Sharp
50. A Corner in the Woods -- Le Breton
51. [Swollen creek] -- Le Breton

PH37/Box 2 File 19 Postal Photographic Club Historical Album
[all views by J. Max Mueller, West Chester]

91. [Jas. Spence's Restaurant, East Gay Street, North side between High and Walnut Streets, West Chester] copy negative #1168
93. [Jas. Spence's Restaurant & Eagle Hotel, East Gay Street, West Chester] CCHS copy negative #407
94. [Digging foundations of the Courthouse Annex, West Chester, 1891] CCHS copy negative #675
95. [Pasture with cattle beside a stream]
752. [Houses on North Church Street from Biddle Street, West Chester] (See also Box 3 File 1 # 10)
754. [Berry-pickers genre scene]
755. [First West Chester Fire Company, Church Street between Walnut and Gay Streets, West Chester] CCHS copy negative #432
756. [First West Chester Fire Company, detail of building]

1 The letters a-h on photograph number 45 are from the original photo album.
757. [Courthouse and Assembly building, West Chester, before 1891 Annex; cover over Hickman Fountain for winter] CCHS copy negative #435.
758. [First National Bank of Chester County, High Street between Market and Gay Streets, West Chester] (See also Box 2 File 18 #31)
759. [Corner of High and Market Streets looking south from Assembly building. Visible are the Turk's Head Hotel, William F. Haverstick's Photo Gallery at 3 South High Street, Hickman Fountain]
760. [Bird's-eye-view of West Chester probably taken from roof of Assembly building, looking north-east from Gay Street to East Chestnut Street, East of High Street. Visible are Walnut St. at right, roof of Green Tree Hotel in left foreground, and smoke stacks of Edison Illumination Company]
761. [Landscape study, Brandywine Creek?]
762. [Covered Bridge, Sheeder-Hall Bridge, East Vincent Township]
763. [William Everhart's Mansion, West Miner Street, West Chester]
764. [William Everhart's Mansion, West Miner Street, West Chester]
765. [Adams Street School, West Chester, ca. 1891]
766. [Looking north on Church Street from Market Street. Visible is WC Williams Upholsterer horse and buggy] (see also Box 1 File 11 # 34[b])
767. [Looking north on Church Street from Market Street] CCHS copy negative #613 (See also Box 1 File 11 # 34[b]; Box 3 File 1 # 9)
768. [West Market Street looking east toward High Street, West Chester. Turk's Head Hotel visible at center. Horse and carriage coming into view on the left in front of J.K. Hartman Drugs. Before 1891.] CCHS copy negative #420.
769. [Baseball game, Brandywine Baseball Club vs. Kensington, April 18, 1888. Kensington player at the plate in front of Brandywine catcher C. Thompson (sources: description written on the back of a card of this picture in Box 3 File 1 # 6; Daily Local News, 4/19/1888)]
770. [Baseball game, Brandywine Baseball Club vs. Kensington, April 18, 1888. Brandywine pitcher Mcmahon winding-up and First-basemen Brooke holding-on a Kensington base-runner (sources: description written on the back of a card of this picture in Box 3 File 1 # 7; Daily Local News, 4/19/1888)]
771. [Small bridge over creek, n.p.]
794. [Outdoor bowling alley, possibly Brandywine Picnic Park, Birmingham Township] (Page cut, partial landscape on back)

PH37/Box 2/File 20 Postal Photographic Club Historical Album

858. [Sugar's Bridge; Covered Bridge]
859. [Deborah's Rock; east branch of Brandywine River; East Bradford Township]
860. [Deborah's Rock]
861. [Deborah's Rock]
895. [Jenny Meldrum feeding chickens] (See Box 1 File 6 # 32)
896. [Jenny Meldrum feeding chickens]
897. [Road and barn west of Grubb's Mill; bridge over Valley Creek; East Bradford Township]
898. [unidentified lane in the spring]
899. [Jenny Meldrum takes a drink at spillway in back of Meldrum's Mill, East Bradford Township] (See Box 1 File 6 # 33)
906. [Home of Thomas Conquest on Sunset (Hollow) Road, East Bradford Township]
908. [unidentified pasture with cattle and stream] (photo crossed out with pencil)
943. [Goshen Baptist Meeting House, West Goshen township] (See Box 3 File 1 # 20)
945. [Man repairing carriage at J. Davis Ashbridge's Blacksmith and Wheelwright Shops, West Goshen Township opposite Goshen Baptist Meeting House] (See also Box 3 File 4)
957. Timber Wheels [lumber wagon and cow grazing beside stream]
958. [Painter's Bridge at Pocopson circa 1890]
958[a]. [Pasture with cattle beside a stream]
959. [Country roads]
969. [High Street School, South High Street, West Chester] CCHS copy negative #413
970. [Church of the Holy Trinity, Corner of South High and Union Streets, West Chester; looking north]
971. [Church of the Holy Trinity; looking south]
972. [Church of the Holy Trinity; looking south] CCHS copy negative #419
979. [Creek with rapids]
980. [Creek and ruined mill]
981. [Cope's Bridge and Edge T. Cope's Machine Shop, East Bradford Township, Creek Road and Strasburg Road]
982. [Brandywine Creek? with horse and cart on the road, pasture with sheep in the background]
983. [Road south of Grubb's mill; East Bradford Township]
984. [Grubb's mill from south side; East Bradford Township]
985. Chester Valley from Bradford Hills [Bird’s eye view; East Bradford Township]
986. Bradford Hills [Residence]

Box 3

Card photographs PH 37 Box 3 File 1

Some cards are identified with the stamp: "Dr. J. Max Mueller, West Chester, Pa." others are blindstamped "M".

1. [Interior view of Church of the Holy Trinity, S. High St., West Chester] On buff cardstock, blindstamped, lengthy description of church architectural history on back written by Jacob A Winterstein the church rector in 1946.


5. [On verso] July 1891 Working on the Street Railway on High Street at Gay Street in the Boro. of West Chester. A. M. Holding. [Green Tree Inn visible in background.] On gilt cardstock, blindstamped and stamped. [The Daily Local reported in 1891 that a team of Italians worked on the Lenape branch of the West Chester Street Railway. The Street Railway took in the principal streets of the Borough and connected with the Lenape station on the Wilmington and Northern Railroad (Sources: Daily Local News, 7/10/1891; 7/13/1891; 7/20/1891; 7/22/1891; 7/23/1891; 7/27/1891).] (See also Box 3 File 3 #1)

6. [On verso by Mrs E. Dallett Hemphill] Opening game of the season of 1888. Brandywine v.s. Kensingtons, 11 innings 7 to 7. McMahon, p. Brooke, 1b. -- Mueller. On gilt cardstock, blindstamped and stamped. ["Copies of the pictures taken by Professor Max Mueller while the game was in progress on Wednesday are to be seen about town. There are two of them. One represents McMahon with hand drawn back to deliver the ball, while the gigantic form of Brooke with a base runner just leaving the base are to be seen at first base. Manager Taylor is seen in the background leaning against the fence. The other shows a batter of the Kensingtons in the act of striking the ball. The pictures are very clear and were taken by the instantaneous process.” Daily Local News 4/27/1888] (See also Box 3 File 1 # 7; Box 2 File 19 # 769)

7. [On verso by Mrs E. Dallett Hemphill] Opening game of the season of 1888. Brandywine v.s. Kensingtons, 11 innings 7 to 7. Thompson, C. [Thompson is the Brandywine team’s catcher behind the plate] – Mueller. On gilt cardstock, blindstamped and stamped. (See also Box 3 File 1 # 6; Box 2 File 19 # 769)

8. [Stage setting for "Box of Monkies" at Library Hall, Jan.9, 1891; Fontgarth Hall(?); West Miner Street, West Chester] On gilt cardstock, blindstamped and stamped. Donor: Mrs. Aimee Lane.

9. [Looking North on Church St from Market, West Chester] On buff cardstock, blindstamped and stamped. Donor: Edith Jackson. (See also Box 1 File 11 # 34[b]; Box 2 File 19 # 766)

10. [Church Street, North of Biddle Street, West Chester] On buff cardstock, stamped. Donor: Edith Jackson. (See also Box 2 File 19 #752)


12. [On verso] Joseph W. Hawley as aide in uniform of Civil War in parade in West Chester Pa. [GAR Parade] On buff cardstock, blindstamped. Donor: Catherine Griffith Leeke. (See also Box 2 File 14 # 45)

13. [Unidentified scene of springhouse beside a road with fences and trees] On buff cardstock, blindstamped.


15. [Deborah’s Rock on Brandywine Creek] on gilt cardstock, blindstamped.


17. [On verso] State road in front of Edwin James’. [South Creek Road (Route 842), East Bradford Township; landscape in winter] On gilt cardstock, blindstamped, and stamped.


24. [A legal discussion; five men in discussion around a table] On gilt cardstock, blindstamped. [This picture is copied from an original ambrotype taken by Nathan Parker. Pictured are: Nimrod Strickland, George W. Pearce, Judge Joseph Wilson, Judge Joseph Hemphill, William Williamson.] (See also Box 1 File 12 #50[a])

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1. [Laborers working on the West Chester Street Railway on High Street at Gay Street, before the Green Tree Hotel, West Chester, 1891.] CCHS Negative #1737. (See also Box 3 File 1 #5)

2. [Copy photograph of the painting, "The Last Cartridge" by De Neuville.]

3. [People walking through the snow on North New Street, West Chester.]

4. [Children and man sledding down North New Street, West Chester.]

5. [Children sledding down North New Street, West Chester.]

6. [Cattle grazing, n.p.]

7. [Back view of Ziba Pyle House, NE corner of Church and Gay Streets, West Chester.]

8. [First train into West Chester, 1858. Original photo by Nathan Parker.]

9. [Unidentified man carrying a bucket past outbuilding, n.p.; stone house on the ridge]

10. [Ziba Pyle House, NE corner Church & Gay Streets, West Chester; Buggy infront of Finegan Fine Groceries on the SE corner] (see Box 3 Album 3 # 494)
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[3 views of Olaf Stromberg’s House on South High Street, West Chester; Daily Local News building and Public Library to the right] Blindstamped.

1 view J. Davis Ashbridge's Blacksmith and Wheelwright Shops, West Goshen Twp., Chester County. Donor: Mr. R. Walter Cheyney, April 1940. Blindstamped. (See also Box 2 File 20 # 945)

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202. Strode's Dam near West Chester Pa [East Bradford Township]
203. [unidentified man with one arm driving horse and buggy]
212. View from Sugar's Bridge, Brandywine [Creek]. [West Bradford Township]
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223. Cattle grazing - Dr. Price's Farm [Dr. Jacob Price’s property, East Bradford Township, see 1883 Breou map]
224. Strode's Mill - near West Chester [East Bradford Township]
225. Valley Creek, near Valley Forge
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228. View on Road to Strode's Mill. [Birmingham Road, East Bradford Township]
229. View on Road passing Strode's Dam. [Creek Road, East Bradford Township]
230. View on Sconneltown Road. [East Bradford Township CCHS # 496]
231. James' Farm. [Possibly John James’ farm, East Bradford Township, see 1883 Breou map. Visible is three-storey stone house]
232. Below Cope's Bridge, Brandywine [Creek]. [East branch of the Brandywine River, East Bradford Township]
233. View on the Brandywine [Creek] from Cope's Bridge north.
250. Road view from Cope's Bridge towards Downingtown. [Brandywine Creek Road?]
251. View on Ridley Creek near Media, Penna. [Delaware County]
266. View on Ridley Creek near Media
267. View on Road to Westtown [Westtown Township]
270. View on Road to Westtown [barn, cattle, and Chester Creek]
271. View on Road to Westtown [Chester creek]
272. View on Road to Westtown [knarled tree]
273. View on Road to Westtown [trees and stonewall in foreground; two buildings and wooded area in background]
274. View on Road to Westtown [landscape with rock formation]
275. View on Road to Westtown [landscape with barn and hay rake in foreground]
277. [Anglers and rowing boat at the edge of a body of water.]
276. [Fountain at Marshall Square Park, West Chester.]

[Brandywine views, 1880s] PH37 Box 3 Album 2

[Please note that this group of photos is much faded and in poor condition.]

246. Brandywine [Creek], west of Jeffries’ Bridge [winter, east branch of the Brandywine River, East Bradford Township]
247. Brandywine [Creek] east of Jeffries’ Bridge [snow-scene]
248. Brandywine [Creek] east of Jeffries Bridge [snow-scene]
249. Road between Jeffries’ and Cope's Bridge [snow-scene, East Bradford Township]
250. Deborah's Rock. [snow-scene; east branch of the Brandywine; East Bradford Township]
251. Landscape north of Cope's Bridge [snow-scene; view of Abiah Taylor house, stone barn, and fields, East Bradford Twp.]
252. Road from West Chester to Cope's Bridge [winter, Strasburg Rd. Rt.162, East Bradford Township]
253. Cope's Bridge [snow-scene, east branch of the Brandywine River, East Bradford Township]
274. Olaf Stromberg's House, West Chester, Pa. [First block of South High Street]
275. Olaf Stromberg's House, West Chester, Pa. [First block of South High Street. Daily Local News building and Public Library to the right]
276. Rear of Olaf Stromberg's House, West Chester, Pa.
277. Altorfer's House, West Chester, Pa. [Patton Avenue near East Biddle Street. Man and woman standing in front of the house]
278. Old Lime Kilns near Poor House. [Newlin Township. Large wooden carriage and boy in the foreground.]
279. Chester County Poor House. [West Bradford Township]
290. Brandywine [Creek] opposite Poor House. [West branch of the Brandywine River, Newlin Township]
291. Eachus Dam near West Chester, Pa.
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293. Hemphill's Station [Westtown Township, see 1883 Breou map]
294. Rocks near Hemphill's Station [Westtown Township]
295. Old Water Gate near Hemphill's Station [Stone fence and house in background in Westtown Township]
318. On the road to Brandywine.
319. Brandywine [Creek] opposite Roberts Meadow. [Capt. Charles W. Roberts’ property, East Bradford Township, east branch of the Brandywine River]
320. Roberts' Fish House.
321. Brandywine [Creek] opposite Roberts Meadow.
326. Rapids of Brandywine [Creek] near Sager's Mill. [Main stem of the Brandywine River, Pocopson Township]
327. Brandywine [Creek] from Painters Bridge. [Main stem of the Brandywine River, between Birmingham & Pocopson Townships on Street Road, Route 926]
328. View of Cheyney Station P. & W R.R. [Thornbury Township, Delaware County]
329. Entrance to Mrs. George Brinton Residence [ Thornbury Township, Chester County]
338. [Unidentified railroad bend. Stone above tracks, man on horse]
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340. Dam Breast, Sager's Island.
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370. Etty's Cider Mill, Ridley Creek. [Willistown Township]
371. Bridge across Ridley Creek. [Willistown Township. Stone twin-tunneled bridge next to Etty’s Cider Mill]
372. Meadows near Etty's Mill. [Ducks and cattle in the meadow, Willistown Township]
373. Meadow near Etty's Mill. [Willistown Township]

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442. Above Cope's Dam on the Brandywine [Creek]. Suter 3B, f/31, 1 Sec. 11.30 a.m., March 17th, Bright.
443. Meadow on Brandywine [Creek] near Sugar's Bridge. W.A. Euruscope Back Lense, f/40, 1 Sec. 12.20 a.m. March 17, [18]86, Bright. [Visible are farm buildings in the distance, east branch of the Brandywine River between East & West Bradford Townships]
444. Scott's Island on the Brandywine [Creek]. W.A. Euruscope Back Lense, f/40, 1½ Sec. 12.35 p.m. March 17, [18]86, Bright. [Man in rowboat at island. East branch of the Brandywine River between East & West Bradford Townships]
445. Alfred Grubb's Homestead on Valley Creek. W.A. Euruscope Back Lense, f/40, 2 Sec. 1.30 p.m. March 17, [18]86, Bright. [East Bradford Township, see Breou 1883 map]
446. Valley Creek near Grubb's Mill, Suter 3B, Front Lense, f/221 ??? Shutter slow, 2.00 p.m. March 17, [18]86 Bright. [East Bradford Township]
450. Chester Creek at Milltown. W.A. Euruscope, f/40, 5 Sec. 11.45 a.m. 4/7 [18]86, Cloudy. [Men sawing logs, West Goshen Township]
451. Electric Light Station, West Chester, Pa. W.A. Euruscope, f/40, 15 Min. 9.35 a.m. 4/10 [18]86, Sunny, Negat Broken. [Interior, view of generator, NW corner Walnut & Chestnut Streets]
452. Electric Light Station, West Chester, Pa. Suter 4B, f/32, 10 Min. 10.04 a.m. 4/10 [18]86, Sunny. [Interior, close-up view of generator]
453. Deserted. [Dilapidated shack in wooded area] Suter 4B, f/64 1 Sec. 2.50 p.m. 4/10 [18]86, Cloudy.
454. [Untitled, Girl sitting on a wooden fence by a creek] Suter 4B, f/16 Steinheil Shutter slow, 2.40 p.m. 2/14 [19]86, Bright.
455. Shaw's Bridge on Brandywine [Creek]. W.A. Euruscope f/40, ½ Sec. 2.30 p.m. 4/14 [18]86, Cloudy. [Covered Bridge on the East Branch of the Brandywine River, between East Bradford & Pocopson Townships]
456. Brandywine [Creek] at Little's Meadow. Suter 4B, f/64, 1 Sec. 3.15 p.m. 4/14 [18]86, Bright. [Brandywine Creek Road, East Bradford Township, see Breou 1883 map. Junction of east & west branch of Brandywine Creek]
457. Brandywine [Creek] at Shaw's Meadow. Suter 4B, f/64, 1 Sec. 3.30 p.m. 4/14 [18]86, Bright. [East Bradford Township, junction of east & west branch of Brandywine Creek]
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462. Falls on Ridley Creek. Suter 4B, f/64,1 Sec. 2.50 p.m. 4/24, [18]86, Cloudy. [Large barn in background]
466. Church Street - West Chester, Pa. W.A. Euruscope f/40, ½ Sec. 11.00 a.m. 5/29, 1886, Sunny. [Corner of Church and Market Streets. Photograph was presumably taken from the Ziba Pyle house (see Box 3 File 3 # 10). On the left side of the picture is the SE corner of Church and Gay Streets with the F. S. Hickman printing office above James Finegan Fine Groceries. On the right of the picture is the M.R. Travilla Dry Goods Store (See Breou 1883 Map)]
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502. Near the mouth of West Branch [of the Brandywine Creek]. Suter 4, B, f.64, 2 Seconds, 4.45 p.m. July 3rd [18]86 Sunny. [Pocopson and East Bradford Townships]


512. On Neshaminy Creek, Bucks Co. Pa. Suter 4.B., f/64 2 Seconds, 4.00 p.m. Aug 4th [18]86, Bright. (xerox only, original in Spruance Library, Bucks County Historical Society 87-07021-002)

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524. Old Ford across Brandywine [Creek] above Smiths' Bridge. W.A. Euryoscope, f/40, 3 Sec, 1.05 p.m., Aug 30th, [18]86, Sunny. [Elam, Delaware]

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528. On the Brandywine [Creek] below Sagers', Suter 4 B., f/64, 2 Seconds, 3.30 p.m. Sept 3rd [18]86, Sunny. [Pocopson Township] CCHS#622


530. Waiting to be milked [Cattle standing in creek]. Suter 4 B. f/8, Instantaneous, Steinheil Shutter Medium Speed, 4.10 p.m. Sept 3, [18]86.

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Swimming – Brandywine Creek
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Theatrical Productions – West Chester, “Box of Monkies”  
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