

Iverson Family photographs

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Summary Information

Repository	Chester County History Center
Creator	unknown
Title	Iverson Family photographs
Date [bulk]	1870s-1919, undated
Date [inclusive]	circa 1860-1952, undated
Extent	.2 linear feet
Location note	Chester County History Center Photo Archives
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Language of Materials note	eng
Abstract	The Iverson Family photographs mostly date from the 1870s-1919 and measure .2 linear feet. The photographs feature four generations of the Iverson Family of Oxford, PA in addition to other individuals, both identified and unidentified.

Preferred Citation note

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Historical Note

Brief Ivison Family Tree:

The Ivison Family in this collection begins with Samuel Ivison, Sr. (1821-1895). Samuel had at least two sisters, Anna E. Ivison Johnson (married to H. Winfield Johnson) and Mrs. James R. McDowell, and a brother, Dr. John Ivison (married to Lenora Brodhead Ivison).

Samuel Ivison, Sr. was married to Rebecca Henderson (d.1883) and together they had five children, including Samuel Ivison, Jr. (1851-1905). The identities of the four others are not known at the time of writing.

Samuel Ivison, Jr. (of Oxford, PA) married Margaretta Sharpless Ivison (1853-1880) in 1875 and they had two children together before her death. Margaretta Sharpless Ivison is the daughter of Joel Sharpless (b.1810). Samuel and Margaretta's daughter Marion S. Ivison Armstrong (b. 1879), married Robert Vandiver Armstrong. Their Son, John Morton Ivison (1877-1928), Married Florence Letitia Townsend Ivison (1876-1922) in 1900. Florence was the daughter of Thomas Townsend (1852-1939) and Elizabeth Dance Townsend. J. Morton and Florence Ivison had a daughter, Elizabeth Townsend Ivison, who married Harry Wisotsky, Jr. in 1923.

After Margaretta Ivison's death, Samuel Ivison, Jr. married Mary Gibson Ivison in 1885. Together, they had two children, Josephine C. Ivison (1888-1960) and Josiah Howard Ivison (1889-1963).

Biographical information:

Samuel Ivison, Sr. was a resident of Delaware County and the Kensington neighborhood of Philadelphia.

Samuel Ivison, Jr. was born in Philadelphia and moved to Delaware County as a child, where his family worked as farmers. After marrying Margaretta Sharpless Ivison, Samuel, Jr. became a country store keeper in New Garden before moving to Lincoln University. There, he continued with the store business until he purchased interest in Josiah Cope & Co.'s fertilizer business. He moved to Oxford to be closer to the business and became one of Oxford's notable businessmen. He was also a leader of the Oxford Republican Party and was elected to be the Recorder of Deeds of Chester County.

John Morton Ivison was a businessman in Oxford, PA. He went to the George School in Newtown, Bucks County, but ran away after being expelled in 1893. When the family heard from him months after his departure, J. Morton was working as a clerk in a wholesale house in Boston. At some point, J. Morton made his way back to Oxford, PA, where he ultimately owned a hardware store.

Josiah Howard Ivison served in the US Army with the Ambulance Company, Fourth Division, in France during World War I. He later had a career as a designer and decorator in Oxford, PA.

Other:

Little is known about the Eave, Mombauer, Renney, Rudolph, or Davis families, or about their connection to the Ivison family. The Mombauers, whose first names are Yohan (possibly), Maria, Anna, and Lisa, were German.

Scope and Contents note

The Ivison Family photographs mostly date from the 1870s-1919 and measure .2 linear feet. The photographs feature four generations of the Ivison Family of Oxford, PA in addition to other individuals, both identified and unidentified.

The collection came to CCHC with no original order. Because of this, the photographs were arranged by family name, then by generation, then alphabetically.

Folders 1-2 include the first generation present of the Ivison Family, Anna E. Ivison Johnson, Lenora Brodhead Ivison, and Samuel Ivison, Sr.

Folders 4-5 represent the next generation includes Samuel Ivison, Jr. and his first wife, Margaretta Sharpless Ivison.

Folders 6-9 include Samuel Jr. and Margaretta's son, J. Morton Ivison, his wife, Florence Townsend Ivison, their daughter, Elizabeth Townsend Ivison Wisotsky, and Florence's parents, Thomas and Elizabeth Townsend.

Folder 10 contains photographs of Mary Gibson Ivison, Samuel Ivison, Jr.'s second wife. Folder 11 represents their child, Josiah Howard Ivison.

Folder 12 contains a leather photo wallet with portraits of Lenora (Lillie) Brodhead, James R. MacDowell, John Ivison, M.D., Samuel Ivison, Sr., Anna E. Ivison Johnson, Margaretta Sharpless Ivison, H. Winfield Johnson, and Mary Gibson Ivison.

Folders 13-17 contain portraits of Maggie Eaves, the Mombauer Family, Sarah Renney, Sally Rudolph, Mary Davis, and unidentified portraits.

Arrangement note

This collection is arranged by family name, starting with the Ivisons, as they are the primary subject of this collection. The Ivisons are then arranged alphabetically by generation. With this, siblings Anna E. Ivison Johnson, Lenora Brodhead Ivison (sister-in-law), and Samuel Ivison, Sr. come first.

Then come Samuel Ivison, Jr., his first wife Margaretta Sharpless Ivison, and their son, John Morton Ivison. After John Morton Ivison is his wife, Florence Townsend Ivison, their daughter, Elizabeth Townsend Ivison Wisotsky, and Florence Townsend Ivison's parents, Thomas and Elizabeth Townsend.

After the descendants of Samuel Ivison, Jr. and Margaretta Sharpless Ivison comes Mary Gibson Ivison, Samuel's second wife, and their son, Josiah Howard Ivison.

Finally, there is a leather photo wallet with portraits of the Ivison family.

Then, in alphabetical order, are photos of Maggie Eaves, the Mombauer family, Sarah Renney, and Sally Rudolph and Mary Davis.

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Administrative Information

The Ivison Family photographs were gifted to the Chester County History Center in 1998 and, as a result, there is no signed deed of gift. Furthermore, the number of photographs present did not match the number of photographs in the original inventory at the time of processing.

Controlled Access Headings

Ivison, Samuel, Sr., 1821-1895

Ivison, Samuel, Jr., 1851-1905

Ivison, Margaretta Sharpless, 1853-1880

Johnson, Anna E. Ivison

Ivison, John

Ivison, Lenora Brodhead

Armstrong, Marion S. Ivison, b. 1879

Ivison, J. Morton (John Morton), 1877-1928

Ivison, Florence Letitia Townsend, 1876-1922

Townsend, Thomas, 1852-1939

Townsend, Elizabeth Dance

Wisotsky, Elizabeth Townsend Ivison

Ivison, Mary Gibson

Ivison, Josiah Howard, 1889-1963

World War, 1914-1918

Genealogy

Portraits

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements note

Collection Inventory

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date	# of items
1	1	Anna E. Ivison Johnson	1870s-1880s	1
1	2	Lenora Brodhead Ivison	1870s-1880s	1
1	3	Samuel Ivison, Sr.	Circa 1860	1
1	4	Samuel Ivison, Jr.	1880s-1890s	1
1	5	Margaretta Sharpless Ivison	Before 1880	1

1	6	John Morton Ivison (young adulthood and university)	1877, 1897-1898	6
1	7	John Morton Ivison and Florence Townsend Ivison	Circa 1900	8
1	8	Elizabeth Townsend Ivison Wisotsky	1910, circa 1905-1907	4
1	9	Thomas and Elizabeth Townsend	1890, 1893, circa 1870	3
1	10	Mary Gibson Ivison	Circa 1885	3
1	11	Josiah Howard Ivison	1917- 1919, 1950	2
1	12	Ivison Family portraits (leather photo wallet)	1870s- 1880s	1
1	13	Maggie Eaves	undated	3
1	14	Mombauer Family (Maria, Anna, and Lisa)	1919	5
1	15	Sarah Renney	1890s, undated	2
1	16	Sally Rudolph and Mary Davis	1880s	1
1	17	Unidentified portraits	1904, 1952, undated	23