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THE DAVID BRINTON PHOTO COLLECTION

INVENTORY & INDEX



Spring Hope Farm, E. Fallowfield Twp., PA, 1900.

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Summary Information

Title: The David Brinton Collection

Call Number: PH 18

Creators: David & Charles Brinton

Collection Dates: [1892-1917]

Extent: 91 dry plate negatives; 91 silver gelatin photoprints; 9 glass photo transparencies

Language: The collection is in English.

Repository:

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History

Background note:

The majority of the photographs were taken by David Brinton, 1864 -1945, son of Joseph Brinton and his first wife, Mary Howland¹. Charles Brinton, 1876-1848² was his half-brother, the son of Joseph Brinton and his second wife Anna M. Howland (sister of Mary Howland). Charles spent his life at Spring Hope Farm as a farmer and manufacturer of paper bags.

David Brinton was born at Ercildoun and educated at Westtown School³. Not taking to the life on the farm, Brinton assumed the management of his father's creamery, grist & saw mill. Over the years a grocery store and coal yard were added to the business. Brinton also became the local Justice of the Peace.

He became the postmaster at the newly established post office of Timicula in 1890⁴. The post office was located in the Spring Hope Creamery and Mill, E. Fallowfield Twp., PA on the line of the Pomeroy & Newark Railroad. Due to the difficulty people had in spelling and pronouncing the Indian name Timicula, the name was changed to Glen Rose in 1912. David Brinton continued as postmaster until 1922, when he was succeeded by his sister, Jane Brinton.

In 1901, David Brinton Married Eleanor Peet Fisher and the couple raised four children: Sarah, Mary, Arthur and William⁵. David Brinton moved to West Chester in 1920 to take over the

¹ Schoonover, Janetta Wright, *The Brinton Genealogy*. (Trenton, NJ: MacCrellish & Quigley Co., 1924), p 324-5.

² Daily Local News, West Chester, PA 21 August 1948

³ Daily Local News, West Chester, PA 23 September 1945

⁴ Daily Local News, West Chester, PA, 21 July 1944

⁵ Schoonover, Janetta Wright, *The Brinton Genealogy*, p.503-4.

management of the Feed Store of Thomas Haines & Co. He later became the steward the Chester County Hospital. Ill health forced his retirement. He passed away in 1945. A lifelong Friend, he was active in the Chestnut Street (orthodox) Meeting in West Chester.

Collection Scope and Content note:

A collection of views of the family of Joseph Brinton (1828-1917) and their Farm, Spring Hope in E. Fallowfield Township, PA. Includes views of Charles Brinton's paper bag factory, E. Fallowfield Twp. / corn 17 ½ feet high, post mortem portrait of Joseph Brinton, family groups, and winter scenes.

Selected Search Terms

Corporate

Brinton's Bridge
Glenmoore Railroad Station
Timicula Railroad Station

Topics

Corn
Covered Bridges -- Pennsylvania
Dead people
Dwellings – Pennsylvania, Coatesville
Dwellings – Pennsylvania, E. Fallowfield Twp.
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Dwellings – Parkesburg
Farms – Pennsylvania, E. Fallowfield Twp.
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Rowboats
Silos – Pennsylvania, E. Fallowfield Twp.
Sleds & sleighs
Teachers
Weddings
Winter

Geographic

Coatesville, Pa.
E. Fallowfield Township, Pa.
Lancaster County, Pa.
Parkesburg, Pa.
Timicula, Pa.

Forms

Dry plate negatives, 1890-1910

Personal Contributors

Brinton, David, photographer

Brinton, Charles, photographer

Arrangement

The photo archivist imposed a numbering system on the negatives since they were received with no discernable order. The information for the negative inventory was transcribed from the original negative envelopes.

Access and Use**Access Restrictions**

None. Reference prints are available for viewing by researchers.

Acquisition Information

The family of David Brinton donated the collection of glass plate negatives. The negatives were contacted printed by volunteer Mary Painter in CCHS darkroom in 2008.

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References

Schoonover, Janetta Wright. *The Brinton Genealogy*. Trenton, NJ: MacCrellish & Quigley Co., 1924, p. 324-325 & p. 503-4.

Related Material

See library ephemera collection for the following:

Receipts, business cards, can labels, etc.: **E. Fallowfield Business Houses – Brinton**

See library Letters collection:

David Brinton letters 1893-1895 to James Henry Tucker, Mass. **LTR 10552-10561**

David Brinton letter, 1894 concerning a horse. **LTR 23409**

See library Manuscript collection for the following;

Spring Hope Mills, Day books, 1883-1912 **MS76778-76784**

Spring Hope Mill, Ledger 1890-1897 **MS 76845**

Spring Hope Mill, Ledger 1898-1920 **MS 76785- 76787**

Spring Hope Creamery, 1890-1900 **MS76788- 76788**

See library Township boxes collection - **E. Fallowfield Township Business Houses Boxes** for the following business account books:

Anne Brinton Day Book, 1891-1915

Charles Brinton Paper Bag Factory Order Books, E. Fallowfield Twp. 1905-1909

Charles Brinton Paper Bag Factory Order Books, E. Fallowfield Twp., 1906-1916

David Brinton Store Accounts 1886-1920

David Brinton Day Book, 1882-1883

J. Edward Brinton, 2 ledgers 1902-1910.

Spring Hope Mills, E. Fallowfield Twp., 1906-1911

Spring Hope Pickle Works, E. Fallowfield Twp., 1908-1909

See library Township boxes collection - **E. Fallowfield Township Public Offices** for David Brinton, Justice of the Peace docket

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3. Ercildoun Farm, first Chester County farm of Joseph Brinton, E. Fallowfield Twp. taken 1892.
4. Moses Brinton – house at Lampeter, Lancaster, PA 1892.
5. Ressler's Dam, Lancaster Co., PA, 1892.
6. Ressler's Dam, Lancaster Co., PA, 1892. [Positive on glass]
7. Parvin Place, 1892, Alice Lentz, Charles Brinton, Mabel Hopkins. Parkesburg. [Positive on glass]
8. Parvin Place, Parkesburg. [Positive on glass]
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23. Elma Brinton of Glenmore [sic]. Taken 2/18/1900.
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28. Parvin Place – new stable. Parkesburg. Taken 12/29/1900.
29. Brinton family group at Timicula, E. Fallowfield Twp. L to R: Charles, Jane, Moses (later Robert), Elma, Edward, Anna (Mother) and William Brinton.
30. Brinton family at Timicula, E. Fallowfield Twp. 12/28/1900. L to R. Back row standing: Lizzie & James Smith, Guilielma Smith (?), Mable Hopkins, Moses Brinton, ____, Josephine Nolan, ____, ____, ____, William Smith, Ed W. B., Elma B., David B. On porch at back: ____, ____, ____, ____. In front: Lillie, Wm., Henry Brinton, ____, __.
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56. Charles Brinton of Glenmore ca. 1904.
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58. Corn 17 ½ ft. tall – D. Brinton, A. Shoot & W. Carroll. Spring Hope – E. Fallowfield Twp. 9/23/1905. Field above dam.
59. Spring Hope, E. Fallowfield Twp. Dam Taken 7/1/1906.
60. Brinton Bridge across Brandywine Creek. 5/27/1908 by Charles Brinton (?) [Thompson #2072.]
61. Spring Hope – E. Fallowfield Twp. Seeds – snap Dam – looking south 10/17/1909. [CN: Seeds was the manufacturer of dry photographic plates – snap may refer to a “snapshot” or faster shutter speed.]
62. Spring Hope – E. Fallowfield Twp. Bag factory of Charles Brinton. Seeds – Flashlight – large stop 11/22/1909. [CN: Seeds was a photographic plate manufacturer and Flashlight means that artificial light was added by using flash powder.]
63. Spring Hope – E. Fallowfield Twp. Paper bag factory of Charles Brinton.
64. Spring Hope - E. Fallowfield Twp. Paper bag factory of Charles Brinton. Seeds large stop 45” 12/5/1909 Taken by C. Brinton. [CN: Seeds was a photographic plate manufacturer, the photographer notes that a large stop was used.]
65. Spring Hope – E. Fallowfield Twp. Seeds – snap. Lower yard with Joseph Brinton [on sled] 12/28/1909.
66. Spring Hope – E. Fallowfield Twp. View from west toward Mansion. [snow] inscribed: Seeds – snap 12/28/1909 C.B. [CN: Seeds was the manufacturer of dry photographic plates – snap may refer to a “snapshot” or faster shutter speed. C.B. is probably Charles Brinton]
67. Spring Hope – E. Fallowfield Twp. Plate inscribed: Seeds Snap 12/29/1909 CB [CN: This glass plate negative was manufactured by the Seeds Co., it was taken as a “snapshot” with fast shutter speed by “CB” probably Charles Brinton.]
68. Joseph Brinton, corpse d. 1917 [laid out in room of house].
69. Joseph Brinton, corpse d. 1917. [laid out in room of house].
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73. View N. E. from the mansion, E. Fallowfield Twp. Negative inscribed: 7/28/1913 #8 I. Sun 1913 P2.

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