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005 Private Photograph Collections  
006 Frank R. Zebley Photograph Collections  
140 Along the Brandywine Photograph Collection  
143 1883-1960  
200 1908  
210 1948  
220 1930-1940  
240 1.58 cf  
241 9 albums in 2 @ 0.38 boxes and photocopies from negatives without prints in 1 @ 0.19 box. Negatives in 3 @ 0.19 boxes.  
261 Frank R. Zebley, Wilmington building contractor, State Representative (1935-1941), and Speaker of the House (1939-1941), photographed the Brandywine Creek and the nearby landmarks along its length. The photos were used to illustrate his book *Along the Brandywine* which he published in 1940.  
27X The book and photographs in this collection track the source of the Brandywine Creek in the Welsh Mountains of Pennsylvania to its confluence with the Christiana and Delaware Rivers. Only a small fraction of the photographs taken as part of this project were actually used as illustrations in the book, yet for nearly every landmark mentioned in the text there is an accompanying photograph. These unpublished views of the Brandywine comprise the bulk of this collection. In addition to views of the creek itself, the subjects of these photos include covered bridges (most of which have been replaced by modern concrete and/or steel structures), dams, nearby houses, mills, forges, and factories. Especially notable images include the du Pont powder mills, mills and bridges in Wilmington, the Delaware Art Museum, and views of buildings and houses along the river as it winds its way through Wilmington.

The majority of these photographs were taken between 1930 and 1940, however Zebley added supplemental photographs, taken as early as 1908 and as late as 1948, to the collection. The 1908-1909 photos are of particular interest. These show the Brandywine near Wilmington prior to and during the construction of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad stone arch bridge.

Most of the collection is contained in nine photo albums. There is some duplication of images between the albums. A number of negatives without prints have been scanned and photocopies made from the digital images.

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330 Arranged numerically by photo number. Generally the prints are arranged geographically, starting at the northern end with the various branches of the Brandywine and moving south.  
331 No index  
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350 Digital copies on DPA website.  
360 Fair condition. nitrate negatives  
390 In-house database.  
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900 All images were scanned in 2012, 1347 images.  
990 August 12, 1998  
995 April 1, 2010; April 4, 2012; July 14, 2015;  
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