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 140 Prints and Engravings Collection
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 240 9.38 cubic feet
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 261 The Prints and Engravings Collection includes a wide variety of formats from pen and ink to woodcuts, from lithographs to watercolors. The subject matter of the prints and engravings is even more diverse. One can find anything from a decorative discharge certificate from the Civil War to images of men fishing in the Delaware Bay for their livelihoods.
 270 The collection is divided into the following subjects: agriculture, Delaware artists, education, flora and fauna, government, hunting and fishing, portraits, recreation, state symbols, towns, transportation, war, and World's Fairs. The agricultural prints and engravings include images of pickers collecting peaches and images used by Samuel Townsend to sell produce from his orchards in Townsend, Delaware. One work featured in the Delaware artists category is by Robert Shaw, depicting two children walking in a forest. A beautiful watercolor of a school building is included under education.

The works of flora and fauna are generally of flowers and birds. One interesting piece is a 1964 reproduction of Robert Furber's "Twelve Months of Flowers 1730," these twelve prints were originally used to advertise his seed catalogues. All of the government prints and engravings depict the infamous whipping-post and pillory. All of the images are from the last four decades of the 19th century and include discussion of how Delaware was the last state to give up the barbaric ritual. Some published illustrations are included, but interestingly all of the images take place before a whipping has occurred. The hunting and fishing prints and engravings include images of duck hunting and fishing in the Delaware Bay.

The portraits collection includes a wide range of figures, not all from Delaware. Some are national figures like Andrew Jackson and Ulysses S. Grant. One print commemorates the landing of William Penn on the shores of Delaware in 1682. Another pictures Lord Delaware, Thomas West. Lap-pa-win-soe, a Delaware chief, is presented in his traditional dress. The most important work in the collection is a black and white sketch (circa 1802) by Denis A. Volozan of his portrait of George Washington that is now on display in the Old State House.

"A Newsboys' Picnic" from recreation depicts a young boy's day visit to Wilmington. It is noteworthy for its racist depiction of African-Americans. The state symbols include images of the state's flag, bird, and tree. The towns prints and engravings depict various buildings and streetscapes from Delaware organized according to their town or city. The works on transportation all include images of ships on the Delaware River and Bay. One interesting image shows the damage after the Great Blizzard in Lewes Harbor, 1888.

The war prints and engravings are organized by American military conflicts, the majority being from the Civil War. Many are records of service or decorative discharges. Others are images of battles. The World's Fair category

contains images of the Delaware Buildings from the Centennial International Exhibition (Philadelphia, 1876) and the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, 1893. The non-Delaware prints and engravings are primarily works of art that are not specifically linked to Delaware or can not be integrated into other categories.

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WORK STATUS

needs sorting
 needs unfolding
 needs foldering/reboxing
 other: _____

CONDITION:

totally disorganized
 order not apparent
 origin questionable
 other: _____

ARCHIVIST:

review for identification/
further determination
 processing
 determine origin/purpose
 other:

FILM:

for security
 destroy original
 other:

330 Arranged alphabetically by subject.

331 No index.

332 Handwritten, printed.

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360 Poor-good condition. Water, acid, storage, dirt damage.

390 In-house database.

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