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005 Private Plots and Surveys
006 John C. Hopkins Surveys
140 John C. Hopkins Working Papers
200 1801
210 1951
220 1909-1940
240 5.78 cf.
241 10 @ 0.47 boxes, 1 @ 1.08 box
261 Business records of John C. Hopkins, a Dover surveyor, who surveyed property throughout Kent County and neighboring parts of Sussex County, New Castle County, and Maryland.
270 Working papers are primarily plots of land surveyed by Hopkins, survey metes and bounds, calculations, research notes, and correspondence. Most of the plots are rough drawings showing the customer's property boundaries, the metes and bounds of the land, and may show street names, adjoining property owners, and the locations of streams and other bodies of water, mills, schools, and buildings. Some plots are hand-drawn copies taken from the Recorder of Deeds Plot Books or Orphans' Court Plot Books.

Many plots are accompanied by research notes taken from deed books or other sources. The metes and bounds from these older land records were used as reference for his current surveys. The deed book reference is usually given. Most correspondence relates to requests for Hopkins to survey property.

Other records of note include a broadside listing the motion pictures to be shown at the Dover Opera House, 1918; a certificate of electricity for Hopkins' house, 1908; a store inventory appraisal, 1909; a Grand Jury Report, 1936; plans of building lots in Lansdale and the Holmesburg section of Philadelphia, no date; field books/notebooks, 1877, 1879, 1911, 1914, 1926; plan of Glen Olden Park, Darby and Ridley Townships, Pennsylvania, 1889; school tax receipts, 1897, 1902; agreement relating to surveying the Kent-Sussex County boundary, 1897; report of the commissioners of Greenwood, 1901; administrator's sale broadside, 1910; specifications for the New Street sewer, Dover, ca. 1911; description of Caesar Rodney School District boundaries, 1919; inventory of the estate of Mary E. Bundick, 1921; certificate of seed analysis, 1922; invitation to cornerstone laying at new Dover school, 1923; Kent General Hospital operating statement, 1930; tax sale broadsides, 1932, 1935; and a Duval Tea House brochure, 1937, 1939.

It should be noted that Hopkins often used the backs of letters, vouchers, election ballots, and other paper to record his information. See also 9030-001-000 for additional large plots collected and drawn by Hopkins.

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329 WORK STATUS:
xxx other: input into database

330 Arranged chronologically by year, thereunder alphabetically by name of customer or property owner.
331 No index.
332 Handwriting.
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damage.

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900 When received, records were mostly in bundles by year.

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