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005 Small Manuscripts Collection
006 Burton Papers
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261 This collection contains Governor William Burton's correspondence (1845-1862) who served as Delaware's governor during part of the Civil War and correspondence to and from Daniel Burton (1902-1913), a collections agent for the Internal Revenue Service in the early twentieth century.
270 Sussex County native Dr. William Burton was a physician, a Kent County sheriff and a governor of Delaware. Burton's term as governor (January 1859 to January 1863) coincided with the early days of the Civil War. This collection of correspondence highlights the governmental politics of the early days of the Civil War, as Delaware sought to assert itself early in the conflict. There are a number of letters addressing a dispute between the governments in Washington and Delaware regarding the rights of the Union army to public arms held by Delaware (1861). There are also a number of letters to and from Judge Edward Wooten (1850-1862) regarding state and legal matters.

An indenture dated September 5, 1845 is included in this collection. This document describes a lease agreement between William Burton and Mease Smith for a farm in Virginia.

This collection also contains ephemera including newspaper clippings, likenesses of William Burton and Theodore Roosevelt, a folder marking the death of Ann Burton, a poster protesting the censure of Samuel Townsend, notes and addresses.

Also included in this collection is typed correspondence for Daniel Burton (1902-1913) who worked as a deputy collector for the Internal Revenue Service in Baltimore, MD. His letters are work-related, primarily discussing procedure and collection progress.

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330 Arranged chronologically within folders
331 No index
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360 Fair - poor condition. Acid, dirt, storage damage.
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