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005 Small Manuscripts Collection
006 Canfield Collection
140 Maps
200 1763
210 1918
220 1892-1918
240 0.3 cf.
241 1 @ .49 box, 1 @ 0.23 box, 1 @ 0.1 map folder
261 Primarily a collection of maps of Delaware and New Castle County collected by Charles W. Canfield in the early 20th century.
270 Charles W. Canfield, the son of Charles B. Canfield and Mary Canfield, was born in 1856 in Connecticut and died September 9th, 1934 in Wilmington. He attended Yale University and matriculated in 1878 with a degree in literature. Charles W. Canfield lived in New York City where he occasionally wrote for local newspapers and served as Vice President of Empire Monument Company (ca. 1910). He moved to Wilmington in the early 20th century and briefly worked for the Delaware Public Archives Commission in Wilmington (ca. 1927-1928). Letters from this time suggest that he also contributed to an ad campaign for Wilmington Trust around 1924.

This collection contains maps of various sizes located in three different folders. Maps housed in the 10" folder included two versions of a "Plan for the Borough of Wilmington" (1772) which shows the city from Old King's Road in the west to the Brandywine Marsh in the east. Northern and southern borders of the city are the Brandywine and Christina Creeks, respectively. A plot of Edward Tatnall's Nurseries (no date) is found here as is "A Plan of the Situation and Improvements of Willingtown In the County of New Castle" (1736) which shows a small grid of Wilmington with Orange, Walnut, High and Water Streets as boundaries. "A Map of the Original Settlements on the Delaware" is included in this collection (no date, though the settlements are noted with dates) as are two additional maps of Wilmington, one noting sewage plans (1892) and one detailing the grid of the city from Old King's Road to Buttonwool.

Oversized maps found in this collection include two maps commissioned by the Hotel DuPont. The first is a detour map instructing motorists on avoiding "rough" roads between Wilmington and Elkton, MD, and the second outlines detours regarding construction on Philadelphia Pike between the DuPont Building and the Pennsylvania border (no dates). Additionally, this folder contains a map of the city engraved for Costa's City Directory which shows the city east from the Delaware River to Green Hill in the west and between Thirty-Second Street in the north and the New Castle Hundred line in the south (1894). Finally, a map titled "Pocket Map of Maryland and Delaware," which was issued by Own J. Hession of Lancaster Ave. in Wilmington, is located in this collection.

Maps located in a map folder include another map from the Hotel DuPont to Elkton, created by H.L. Maier and commissioned by the hotel and Capitol Tour Association (ca 1918). "A Map of the City of Wilmington" published and printed by John T Mullins, Inc, Orange St., Wilmington is found among these maps, as are two large maps of Wilmington created in 1904 by the Kaufmann Map Col. Company.

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329 WORK STATUS:

- needs sorting
- needs unfolding
- needs foldering/reboxing
- other:

ARCHIVIST:

- review for identification/needs further identification
- needs processing
- determine origin/purpose
- other:

CONDITION:

- totally disorganized
- order not apparent
- origin questionable
- other:

330 Arranged chronologically.

331 No index.

332 Printed.

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360 Good - poor condition. Acid, dirt, storage damage.

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390 Maps entered into ACM.

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