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005 Small Manuscript Collection
006 Wilson Lee Cannon Collection
140 Personal and Family Papers
143 1817-1905
200 1861
210 1930
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240 0.01 cubic feet
241 1 folder, shared box
261 Records relating to personal life and family of Wilson Lee Cannon of Dover, Delaware and
270 File heading include legal documentation (1887-1901); probate of a family member (1896); annual dinner invitations and programs from the Delaware Society of New York (1890-1907); statement of rents (1908-1909) letters of in-memoriam (1885-1930); handwritten draft of a General Assembly Resolution affirming the State of Delaware to remain in the Union (1861); a fraternity club minute book, Phi Rho Sigma (1881-1885) and autograph book (1877-1878).

Wilson L. Cannon became a very successful business man. He was apprenticed at an early age as a ship builder in the Leipsic area. He began own ship building business and later became a very successful land owner. He was among the original founders and became the first director of the First National Bank. He spent twenty years as a Commissioner for the Kent County schools. He was a member of the State Legislature. In 1861, he cast the final the deciding vote that affirmed the State of Delaware to remain in the Union. Mr. Cannon would later donate his ship building property in Leipsic to a congregation would erected the Methodist Episcopal Church in that town. Wilson L. Cannon is the father of Annie Jump Cannon, who became a noted American astronomer. He moved to Dover and built the house now at 34 South State Street.

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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:

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331 None.

332 Handwritten; printed

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360 Acidic; torn and chipped edges; documents affixed to very acidic pages;
brittle

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420 Found among unworked papers. Copy of a within accession letter.

Material donated by a Robert B. Cannon of Long Island, New York in
1971.

430 The 1861 Legislative resolution was encased in a glass frame and was
removed. Some of the accumulated event programs for the Delaware
Society of New York, were torn and removed from the scrap book pages
they were affixed. Some programs are still in the scrap book series
(RG 9200.C22.001). The autograph book very few entries.

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