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Title Jacob Snider Papers

Approximate inclusive dates 1840-73

Date of receipt Feb. 26, 1934

Received from Mrs. Irving McKesson
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Volume on arrival 2 boxes

Number of boxes (after reboxing) 3 FB

Condition Very good. Drawings & some documents need flattening. *Newspaper clippings need to be copied.*

Restrictions none

Description

Jacob Snider (1811-1866), inventor. Snider lived in Philadelphia, Pa., where he was known as an inventor of artillery, notably the "Snider rifle". The "Snider rifle" was the center of a long dispute between Jacob Snider, jr. and the British government because Snider claimed he was not compensated fully for it. According to newspaper reports, the "Snider rifle", a breech-loader replaced the British "Enfield" musket. Newspaper articles also state, ^{that} he died in poverty, never having received his just claim. At the time of his death, 1866, Snider was survived by his wife Angelina and several sons.

One of his sons, John Vaughan Snider (b? - d?) was also an inventor of artillery and possibly other objects. He continued the suit on behalf of his father with the British government. Several letters from Hamilton Fish (1808-93), discuss how the British gratuity are to be divided among John Snider jr. heirs, but for what is not known. However, a letter d. 1873, Jan. 23, George McKay to John V. Snider states that the Snider or Snider suit" is tangled and that McKay will do all that he can if granted power of attorney. Power of Attorney was granted to George S. McKay d. 1873. No other additional information is supplied beyond this.

The papers 1840-1872, consists of letters, documents, maps, drawings, photographs and printed material. The papers are divided between Jacob Snider and his son John Vaughan Snider. Jacob Snider papers include letters to tracts of land in Montgomery, Georgia.

Special Formats ☒ Photographs ☐ Maps ☐ Audio Tapes ☐ Films ☒ Graphics *(cont next page)*
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☐ Other (list) _____

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| Artillery | Maps |
| Drawings | Photographs |
| Patents | Rifles |
| Patent suits | United States History--1840-73 |
| Photographs | Snider rifle |
| Fish, Hamilton | |

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1840-42: letters from George Cadwalader to George & Isaac Hartman, relative to the title land in the Warren Tract"; accompanied by a map of Benton township, Columbia county, Pa. Oct. 11, 1863: memo of agreement made between R & W Astor of Birmingham, England, Jacob Snider & John Murray re: the delivery of breech loading carbines. 1864: Specification, etc. of John Snider jr. for "Improvements in breech loading ordance & projectiles (copy)."; 1866, Oct. 25. Death Certificate for John Snider; letter of administration granted to his wife Angelina.

John Vaughan Snider papers include: 1867, power of attorney granted to John Vaughan Snider by his brothers. 1868, Sept. 28. Deed of compromise between Richard Brown Roden of the 1st part, John V. Snider (et al) re the patents for the construction of breech loading fire-arms. 1870: papers re his patent on a combined holder and drip cath^{er}. Printed material and photograpsh of rifles complete the papers.

JACOB SNIDER PAPERS

Box 1

- f. 1. 1840-42: letter from T.C. Cadwalader to David Hartman & letters from George Cadwalder to George & Isaac Hartman relative to the title land in the "Warren Tract".
- includes map Beulah Township, Columbia, Pa.
2. 1856-62: North American Land Company & Jacob Snider title to lands in Montgomery Ga., as the heir of John Vaughan.
3. 1859, Mar - Oct. letters [incl:]
May 10. extract from letter patents descriptive to J. Rupertus improvement in automatic primers for fire-arms.
-accompanied by drawing

Oct. 12. memorandum of agreement made between H.A. Bronx of London & Jacob Snider, jr. of Philadelphia in relation to patent for the "Water-proof cartridge" of Capt. Montagu Hayes, R.N.
4. 1860-63 Jul. letters & documents. incl: stone-sawing invention.
5. 1863, Sept. 14. contract with Joseph Boneat for a pump.
-accompanied by a water color drawing
6. Sept-Oct. letters & documents
-includes: Oct. 11. memo of agreement made between R & W Astor of Birmingham, England, Jacob Snider & John Murray re: the delivery of breech loading carbines.
7. 1864, Sept. 2. letter. Henry Alex re his breech-loading system.
-accompanied by 2 ambrotypes of the rifle
8. 1864--- Specification, etc. of John Snider jr. for "Improvements in breech loading ordnance & projectiles (copy)
9. 1865, Jan. 4. rough draft for "Provisional Specification" to cover Snider's latest improvements in small arms to be entitled "Inventor of Improvements in Fire-Arms & Ammunition for the same (letterpress copy & original part)
10. 1865-66, corres., etc.
11. 1866, Oct. 25. Death Certificate for John Snider. letter of administration granted to his wife Angelina.
12. drawing - part of gun barrel (ink on paper)

Box 2

- f. 1. John Vaughan Snider
letters; documents 1866-67, June 7.
2. 1867, June 8. John V. Snider vs. Richard Brown, etc. Suit in Chancery. Bill of Complaint.
June 8 & 11. Power of attorney granted to John Vaughan Snider by his brothers.
3. Jul. letters
4. Oct. 15. assignment by A.S., administrator of the estate of John Snider to John V. Snider (son) of her rights re: an improvement in breechloading fire arms.
5. Oct.-1868, June. letters & documents
7. 1868, Sept. 28. Deed of compromise between Richard Brown Roden of the 1st part, John V. Snider [et al] re the patents for the construction of breech loading fire arms.
8. 1868-69 letters, documents

Box 3

- f. 1. 1870, Feb. papers re his patent on a combined holder & drip catcher.
2. 1873 letters., documents
3. Printed Material
-19th cen legal forms printed in Philadelphia
-clippings from British newspapers relative to the Snider gun
4. -miscellaneous