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Title William David Lewis, 1792-1881
Papers.

Approximate inclusive dates 1818-79

Date of receipt unknown

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Volume on arrival

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Condition Good. Large oversize items need flattening

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Description

William David Lewis (1792-1881) was a merchant and banker, born in Christiana, New Castle County Delaware. He went to Russia, 1818-24, to be in the employ of his brother John D. and during his time there he became fluent in Russian. Lewis returned to the United States, 1824, and married Sarah Claypoole of Philadelphia. Residing in Philadelphia he became an importer and commission merchant. Lewis was Cashier of Girard Bank, 1832-42, in Philadelphia and financed a number of Pennsylvania railroads. He died 1881 on his estate Florence, New Jersey.

The collection consists of Personal Correspondence 1818-79;n.d., mainly of invitations to various events and a Diary 1840 Journal of the trial trip of "The Eureka". Other correspondence, 1836-44, re: Stonington Railroad and correspondence re: other railroad systems, 1829-64;n.d. This period covers when Lewis was Cashier of the Girard Bank of Philadelphia. The rest of the collection consists of Financial Papers re railroads 8131-62; Legal Papers re railroads 1841; Charts of the New York, Providence & Boston railroads 1841; Weekly Return of Transportation over the New York, Providence & Boston railroads 1840-42; Printed Material, Graphics and Maps.

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1. Banks and Banking - United States
2. Diaries 1840
3. Merchants--Pennsylvania (Phila.)
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WILLIAM DAVID LEWIS PAPERS

- Box 1. Personal Correspondence 1818-79;n.d.
Diary 1840 - "Journal of the Trial Trip of the Eureka from New York
to Stonington"
- Box 2. Correspondence re: Stonington Railroad 1836-40 Sept.
- Box 3. 1840 Oct. - 1842
- Box 4. 1843 - 1844
Correspondence re: other railroad systems 1829-60
- Box 5. 1861-64;n.d.
Financial Papers re railroads 1831-62
Legal Papers re railroads 1831-60
Charts of the New York, Providence & Boston railroads 1841
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