

**Smith-Houston-Morris-Ogden
Family papers, 1659-1985
1659-1985**

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Summary Information

Repository	American Philosophical Society
Creator	Smith, Eleanor Houston
Creator	Smith, L.M.C.
Title	Smith-Houston-Morris-Ogden Family papers, 1659-1985
Date [inclusive]	1659-1985
Extent	350.0 Linear feet
Extent	350 linear feet.
Location	LH-SB-6-3; LH-B-25-1,5 (OS); LH-SB-Black Case-19 (OS. Series 19, 43-45, 57, 62, 69, 73, 81); LH-SB-XOS Case 1-10 (XOS Maps); LH-SB-XOS Case 2-3 (XOS Deeds)
Language	English
Container	350
Abstract	<p>The Smith-Houston-Morris-Ogden Family Papers document the history of the Houston, Smith, Ogden, Morris and allied families, beginning in the late 17th century, and continuing through to near the end of the 20th. Among the many treasures in this vast collection are the papers of Pennsylvania Railroad executive Henry Howard Houston (1820-1895), his son, Samuel Frederick Houston (1866-1952), and of Pennsylvania attorney and treasury official, William Meredith (1752-1816). Although the collection contains a great deal of interest with respect to land speculation, commerce, and trade emanating from Philadelphia, the bulk of the Smith Family Papers consists of personal and family correspondence and other</p>

papers. Among the largest and most interesting bodies of papers are those of L.M.C. Smith and Eleanor Houston Smith, daughter of Samuel F. Smith. These document the family's progressive attitudes regarding and resource conservation, historic preservation, and their social activism.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

American Philosophical Society

Provenance

Acquisition Information

Gift of the children of Eleanor Houston Smith and Lawrence M.C. Smith, 1992.

Indexing Terms

Genre(s)

- Business Records and Accounts
- Correspondence.
- Diplomatic Material
- Family Correspondence
- Miscellaneous
- Political Correspondence

Geographic Name(s)

- Philadelphia (Pa.) -- Commerce.

Subject(s)

- Business and Skilled Trades
- Colony and State Specific History
- Diplomatic History
- Early National Politics
- International Affairs

- Land and Speculation
- Land speculation
- Pennsylvania History
- Philadelphia History
- Surveying and Maps
- Trade

Other Descriptive Information

The Smith-Houston-Morris-Ogden Collection is the APS's largest collection. It has a vast array of materials from early America. The APS has on file a 303-page survey of the collection that scholars may want to consult before beginning their research. In general, the collection contains information on business, politics, family and social life, Philadelphia history, land expansion, and estates. A good part Morris portion of the collection comes from Gouverneur Morris and his wife. The bulk of this material begins with his time as an emissary to France during the early republic and continues to his death. There is also a fairly extensive collection of his wife's correspondence, most of which follows Gouverneur's death. Her letters touch on issues relating to his estate and to other affairs. It includes discussions of slavery in Virginia and contains correspondence from members of the extended Jefferson family. The Ogden's were surveyors and land speculators in the late colonial and early national period. This portion of the collection contains discussion of land, business, politics, and family matters. A significant amount of these papers focus on the operations of a grist mill in New York. There are papers from numerous other prominent families, such as the Clemsons, Morgans, and Lewises, who were related through marriage.

Graphics

Collection Inventory

Graphics

Ludlow Ogden Smith	ca. 1920	1.0 Photograph(s)
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Ludlow Ogden Smith , ca. 1920

[\[http://cdm.amphilsoc.org/u/?socscihum,91\]](http://cdm.amphilsoc.org/u/?socscihum,91)

Ludlow Ogden Smith in Navy uniform	ca. 1919	1.0 Photograph(s)
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Ludlow Ogden Smith in Navy uniform. , ca. 1919

[\[http://cdm.amphilsoc.org/u/?socscihum,92\]](http://cdm.amphilsoc.org/u/?socscihum,92)

Ludlow Ogden Smith, 3/4 portrait	ca. 1919	1.0 Photograph(s)
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Ludlow Ogden Smith, 3/4 portrait. , ca. 1919

[\[http://cdm.amphilsoc.org/u/?socscihum,93\]](http://cdm.amphilsoc.org/u/?socscihum,93)

Elizabeth Baker Clemson, miniature portrait	n. d.	1.0 Item(s)
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Elizabeth Baker Clemson, miniature portrait. , n. d.

[\[http://cdm.amphilsoc.org/u/?portraits,219\]](http://cdm.amphilsoc.org/u/?portraits,219)

Susan Ogden Roebuck, carte de visite	n. d.	1.0 Item(s)
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Susan Ogden Roebuck, carte de visite. , n. d.

[\[http://cdm.amphilsoc.org/u/?socscihum,96\]](http://cdm.amphilsoc.org/u/?socscihum,96)

I. S. Ogden, August 1864, Milwaukee, Wisconsin	1864 August	1.0 Item(s)
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I. S. Ogden, August 1864, Milwaukee. , 1864 August

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View of Druim Moir gardens

Coll. 76;
Box: 13.F.2B
Druim Moir
gardens photo
album.

View of Druim Moir gardens.

[\[http://cdm.amphilsoc.org/u/?socscihum,105\]](http://cdm.amphilsoc.org/u/?socscihum,105)

View of children posed around Druim Moir
fountain

Coll. 76;
Box: 13.F.2B
Druim Moir
gardens
photoalbum.

View of children posed around Druim Moir fountain.

[\[http://cdm.amphilsoc.org/u/?socscihum,104\]](http://cdm.amphilsoc.org/u/?socscihum,104)

Series 1: Bonnell Family Papers

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1751-1904

**0.25 Linear
feet**

Series 2: Boude Family Papers

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1910-1982

4.0 items

Series 3: Bringhurst Family Papers

Series 3: Bringhurst Family Papers

1910-1982

2.0 folders

Series 4: Brown Family Papers

Series 4: Brown Family Papers

1906-1951

**0.25 Linear
feet**

Series 5: Chambers Family Papers

Series 5: Chambers Family Papers

1932-1965

7.0 folders

Series 6: Clarkson Family Papers

Series 6: Clarkson Family Papers	(Bulk, 1950-1959) 1802;	2.0 folders
	1950's	

Series 7: Cotton Family Papers

Series 7: Cotton Family Papers

1910-1982

2.0 folders

Series 8: Henry Howard Houston Papers

Series 8: Henry Howard Houston Papers 1850's-1900

Series 9: Sallie Sherrerd Bonnell Houston Papers

**Series 9: Sallie Sherrerd Bonnell Houston
Papers**

**2.0 Linear
feet**

Series 10: Henry Howard Houston and Sallie S. B. ...

**Series 10: Henry Howard Houston and
Sallie S. B. Houston Family Papers**

**0.25 Linear
feet**

Series 11: Henry Howard Houston Estate Papers (c....

Series 11: Henry Howard Houston Estate	(Bulk, 1895-1969)	17.0 Linear
Papers (c. 1880's 1985, bulk 1895 1960's; ca. 1880's-1985		feet
17 linear feet)		

Series 12: Henry Howard Houston, Jr. Papers

**Series 12: Henry Howard Houston, Jr.
Papers**

30.0 items

Series 13: Samuel Frederic Houston Papers

Series 13: Samuel Frederic Houston Papers	(Bulk, 1890-1959)	9.25 Linear
	1873-1980's	feet

Series 14: Edith Atlee Corlies Houston Papers

**Series 14: Edith Atlee Corlies Houston
Papers**

1887-1895

**0.25 Linear
feet**

Series 15: Charlotte Harding Shepherd Houston Pap...

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Houston Papers**

1884-1948

**3.75 Linear
feet**

Series 16: Samuel Frederic and Charlotte H. S. Ho...

**Series 16: Samuel Frederic and Charlotte H.
S. Houston Family Papers**

Series 17: Henry Howard Houston, II Papers (c. 5 ...

**Series 17: Henry Howard Houston, II
Papers (c. 5 linear feet; 1910 1981, bulk
1910-1930's)**

1904-1981

**5.0 Linear
feet**

Series 18: Samuel Frederic and Charlotte H. S. Ho...

Series 18: Samuel Frederic and Charlotte H. 1888-1970
S. Houston, Papers of Other Children

5.0

Series 19: Houston Family Papers

Series 19: Houston Family Papers

1693-1980

**1.0 Linear
feet**

Series 20: Kenner Family Papers

Series 20: Kenner Family Papers

1840's-1980's

**1.0 Linear
feet**

Series 21: Mifflin Family Papers

Series 21: Mifflin Family Papers

1870's-1980's

**0.5 Linear
feet**

Series 22: Minor Family Papers

Series 22: Minor Family Papers

1940-1985

**0.5 Linear
feet**

Series 23: Pike-Hooke-Gove Families Papers

Series 23: Pike-Hooke-Gove Families Papers 1659-1972

**0.25 Linear
feet**

Series 24: Shepherd-Harding Family Papers

Series 24: Shepherd-Harding Family Papers 1700s-1982

0.5

Lithograph

Series 25: Strickler Papers

Series 25: Strickler Papers

1880's-1982

**0.25 Linear
feet**

Series 26: Woodward Family Papers

Series 26: Woodward Family Papers

1920-1986

**0.25 Linear
feet**
