

John Lukens papers, 1760-1788
1760-1788
Mss.B.L968

American Philosophical Society
105 South Fifth Street
Philadelphia, PA, 19106
215-440-3400
manuscripts@amphilsoc.org

Table of Contents

Summary Information	3
Background note	4
Administrative Information	5
Indexing Terms	5
Other Descriptive Information	6
Collection Inventory	7
Papers.....	7

Summary Information

Repository	American Philosophical Society
Title	John Lukens papers, 1760-1788
Date [inclusive]	1760-1788
Call number	Mss.B.L968
Extent	12.0 Volume(s)
Extent	12 volumes, 106 p.; 4 items.
Location	LH-MV-C-14
Language	English
Container	1
Container	12
Abstract	There are several letters which concern Lukens' official position as Surveyor-general, but the bulk of the collection is the 12 small survey books (1760-1775, ca. 108 p.). There are surveys of Philadelphia, particularly near the State House, now Independence Square; for a vineyard plantation in the Northern Liberties (1769); and for lands in Lancaster and Berks Counties.

Background note

John Lukens was Surveyor-general of Pennsylvania and was elected to the American Philosophical Society in 1767.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

American Philosophical Society

Provenance

Acquisition Information

Purchased from Philadelphia Autograph Company (08-25-88; \$200.00) and accessioned, 1947.

Indexing Terms

Genre(s)

- Maps and Surveys
- Official Government Documents and Records
- Surveys (land).

Geographic Name(s)

- Berks County (Pa.)
- Independence National Historical Park (Philadelphia, Pa.)
- Lancaster County (Pa.)

Subject(s)

- Government Affairs
- Land speculation
- Pennsylvania History
- Surveying -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia.
- Surveying and Maps

Other Descriptive Information

The small survey books of John Lukens contain various land surveys that Lukens undertook throughout Pennsylvania. The Lukens family was a prominent surveying family with close ties to the proprietary government. The books do not contain any sketches, but are instead a listing of coordinates and features that can be used to demarcate land. Notably, there is little in the surveys about the Connecticut dispute, although items on the Lukens' involvement in that event can be found in other collections, such as the Eastwick Collection.

Collection Inventory

Lukens, John, 1720-1789	1760-1788
--------------------------------	------------------

Papers

D. 16 items.

Lukens, John, 1720-1789	1760
--------------------------------	------

Survey book

Lukens, John, 1720-1789	Sept., 1765
--------------------------------	-------------

Survey book

Lukens, John, 1720-1789	July, 1766
--------------------------------	------------

Survey book

Lukens, John, 1720-1789	1766
--------------------------------	------

Survey book

Lukens, John, 1720-1789	August, 1767
--------------------------------	--------------

Survey book

Lukens, John, 1720-1789	1767-1768
--------------------------------	-----------

Survey book

Lukens, John, 1720-1789	April, 1769
--------------------------------	-------------

Survey book

Lukens, John, 1720-1789	1773
--------------------------------	------

Survey book

Lukens, John, 1720-1789	October, 1774?
--------------------------------	----------------

Survey book

Lukens, John, 1720-1789	February, 1775
--------------------------------	----------------

Survey book

Papers

Lukens, John, 1720-1789 Survey book	n.d.	2.0 folders
Lukens, John, 1720-1789 Statement to the state of Pennsylvania; D. 3 leaves and add. Various sizes. Surveying charges.	Sept.-Dec., 1781	
Lukens, John, 1720-1789 Letter to the Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania; []A.L.S.with initials. 2p. Draft. (see Lukens papers.) Concerning taking fees as Surveyor General.	Nov., 1787	13-1/4x8-1/4
Pennsylvania. Supreme Executive Council Extract from the minutes, addressed to John Lukens; Philadelphia, A.D.S.: James Trimble for Charles Biddle. 1p.and add.,end. (see Lunkens papers.) Wishes to know if he claims any fees since he became a salaried officer (Surveyor General).	Nov. 26, 1787	13x8
Hamilton, James, Jr. Draught of survey of Northampton lot for Jonathan Dickinson Serjeant; A.D.S. 1p.and end.: "Ret.into the Secretary's Office...for John Lukens Esqr. Edw[ar]d Lynch." (see Luknes papers.)	May 21, 1788	13-1/2x8