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Abstract
This collection, compiled mostly by Edwin D. Buckman of Philadelphia, contains genealogical records pertaining to the Buckman family of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and many related families, such as the Blakers, Burgess, and Hestons. The majority of the material consists of handwritten notes which trace the family from its roots in England and Edward Buckman (1623-1670), a Quaker of Sussex County. The Buckmans eventually settled near Newtown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, approximately thirty miles north of Philadelphia. This collection consists of forty-seven volumes, all in modern library bindings. The volumes' contents vary from histories of the Buckmans to papers on related families to abstracts of minutes from Friends' meetings. There are also notes and charts on the Buckman family by generation, newspaper clippings, and a few family papers such as deeds and correspondence. A few of the volumes contain indexes of other volumes.

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Biographical/Historical note
The Buckman family was one of the earliest British families to settle in Pennsylvania. In 1682, Joan Bagham Buckman, widow of Edward Buckman of Sussex County, England, set sail with several other family members on William Penn's Welcome from England to America. While at sea, smallpox broke out on the ship and many passengers died, including the widow Buckman and at least
two of her children. The Buckmans who survived the journey to Pennsylvania were William Buckman (circa 1650-1716), his wife Sarah and four of their children, and William’s sister Ruth Buckman (circa 1659-1716).

Prior to their journey, the Buckmans had purchased property in Newtown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, from William Penn. In 1683, William and his family made their way to Newtown to claim their land. William worked mostly as a carpenter and became a member of the Middletown Friends Meeting. After his first wife died in 1690, he married Elizabeth Wilson (1682-circa 1731). Together they had four children.

Also in 1683, Penn granted Ruth Buckman land in nearby Fallsington, Pennsylvania; though by the late 1680s, she was living in Burlington County, New Jersey, with her new husband Richard Harrison (circa 1664-circa 1742). The couple went on to have several children.

Edwin Dawson Buckman (1823-1891) descended from William Buckman. He received his M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1848, married Rebecca Lowner (Lownes) that same year, and worked as a doctor in Philadelphia. He spent much of the latter part of his life compiling the history and genealogy of the Buckman family. At one point he announced his intentions to publish a book on the family, although it is unclear if the book was ever published. However, some of his findings were published in the Doylestown Democrat in the early 1880s.

The E. D. Buckman genealogical collection on the Buckman and allied families consists of forty-seven volumes that together present a comprehensive family history representing the first through ninth generations. The volumes' original order and call numbers have been retained, though their order is somewhat chaotic (e.g. the index to Gen Bu1:3 [Volume 3] is in Gen Bu1:18 [Volume 18]).

While the Buckman family is the one most prominently featured, several volumes are devoted to allied families including the Atkinsons, Ashtons, Burgesses, Blakers, Hestons, Harrisons, Paxons, Martindales, Janneys, Coopers, Hibbs, and Tomlinsons, among others. Several volumes also contain similar accounts of the history of the Buckman family, the "final" versions of which are published in newspaper clipping in Gen Bu1:15 (Volume 15). Other volumes contain correspondence to E. D Buckman and copies of abstracts, minutes, and vital records from Friends' meetings. In the first six volumes of the collection, family members are arranged by number. Starting with the
earliest generations (the Widow Buckman, is number 1; her children are numbers 2, 3, 4, and so on), these numbers of used to track individuals throughout these volumes. The family numbers reappear in throughout the volumes, especially in Volumes 13 and 14 where individuals are listed alphabetically, and the family number indexes (Volumes 30 and 33).

Further descriptions of some of the volumes can be found in the inventory below.

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Conditions Governing Access note
The collection is open for research.

Processing Information note
All the volumes in the Buckman collection are currently in conservation. Until further notice, please talk to an HSP librarian if you need access to this collection.

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RELATED MATERIALS

Related Archival Materials note
At the Historical Society of Pennsylvania:
The following papers can be accessed using the call number FC Bu:

Buckman family of Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

Buckman family of the County of Sussex, England and Pennsylvania.
Miscellaneous data concerning the family of William Buckman of Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

The family of Spencer W. Buckman and his wife Sarah Ann Buckman (1812-1891) of Morris County, New Jersey.


The following is a sample of Buckman-related collections at HSP. Others can be found through our online catalog (OPAC).

- Line of ancestry of Williamson Buckman, 689 to 1926. (Gen Bu18:1)
- Buckman, Penquite, Hilborn, Fell, Heston, Hallowell, Spencer, Williamson and allied families. (Gen 18:2)
- Short biographies of individuals who served as president of the Buckman Reunion organized in 1912. (Gen Bu16:2)
- Family charts regarding related families of Buckman, Shawn, Heston, Martindale and others. (Gen Ma4:7)
- Biles, De Normandie, Buckman and Dilworth of Bucks County, Pennsylvania: an unfinished study (Fc Bi)
- Family charts regarding related families of Comly, Beale, Buckman, Stackhouse, Harding, Twining, Goslin and others. (Gen Ma4:1)

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CONTROLLED ACCESS HEADINGS

**Subject(s)**

- Buckman family.
- Genealogy & local history.
- Genealogy--Archival resources--Pennsylvania.
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**Controlled Access Headings**

**Family Name(s)**
- Allen family.
- Beans family.
- Betts family.
- Fell family.
- Knowles family.
- Moon family.
- Palmer family

**Geographic Name(s)**
- Bucks County (Pa.)--Church records.

**Subject(s)**
- Church records--Pennsylvania--Bucks County.

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**Controlled Access Headings**

**Family Name(s)**
- Paxson family.

**Subject(s)**
- Soldiers.

Random index to Volume 10 (Gen Bu 1:10) (undated)

Genealogical history of the Buckman family, first through sixth generations (undated)

Abstracts from the minutes and other records of the Buckingham Monthly Meeting of Friends in Bucks County, Pa. (1885)

**Controlled Access Headings**

**Geographic Name(s)**
- Bucks County (Pa.)--Church records.

**Subject(s)**
- Church records--Pennsylvania--Bucks County.
- Quakers--Pennsylvania--Bucks County--Church records.
Abstracts of the certificates of removal, marriages, births, and death occurring among the members belonging to the Quarterly Meeting of Friends in Bucks County from 1680 to 1702 (undated)

**Controlled Access Headings**

**Geographic Name(s)**
- Bucks County (Pa.)--Church records.

**Subject(s)**
- Church records--Pennsylvania--Bucks County.
- Quakers--Pennsylvania--Bucks County--Church records.

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Family names G to S, numbers 992 to 2376 (undated)

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Family names S to Z, numbers 2377 to 3158; family numbers 3159 to 3419 (undated)

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Genealogical history of the Buckman family (1880-1883)

**Scope and Contents note**

This book contains clippings of E. D. Buckman's "Genealogical History of the Buckman Family." His findings on the family were published in the *Doylestown Democrat* and possibly other newspapers that are not identified, starting in 1881. Scattered among Buckman's clippings are others on family marriages and deaths, related families and town, and unrelated stories and poems. The clippings cover most of the book's pages, except for several
pages at the back revealing that the book was once used as a
doctor's log of patients' conditions and treatments.

Personal history of members of the Buckman family and
genealogical register (undated)

Daybook of James Buckman and Sons, White Hall Boarding School;
and index of marriages (1847-1848, undated)

Index to Volume 3 (Gen Bu1:3) (undated)

E. D. Buckman correspondence (1853-1885) (Bulk, 1882-1885)

**Scope and Contents note**
The volume mostly contains letters sent to E. D. Buckman from
family members concerning family history. Together they present
one way used by Buckman to gather information on the family.
There is an occasional letter or two from Buckman, but the vast
majority is incoming correspondence. Some individuals provided
detailed genealogical lists along with their correspondence. All the
letters are tipped onto the volume's pages and are in roughly
chronological order dating from 1853 to 1885.
E. D. Buckman correspondence, including information on allied families: Higgins, Kinsey, Paist, Harrison, Skelton, and others (1885-circa 1889)

Scope and Contents note
This volume continues the letters sent to E. D. Buckman during his search for information about the Buckman family's history. Interspersed among letters from family members dating from 1885 to about 1889 would appear to be some of Buckman's own compilations of notes on various family lines.

Controlled Access Headings
Family Name(s)
- Harrison family.
- Higgins family.
- Kinsey family.
- Paist family.
- Skelton family.

Allied families of Armitage, Atkinson, Ashton, Alexander, Austin, Baker, Taylor, Wiggins, Burgess, and others (undated)

General note
Among the highlights in this volume are individual drawings of the Taylor family tree that are tipped onto pages at the beginning of the book. This tree also contains branches for many other families. This volume also contains many of Buckman's notes, as well as a couple of outgoing letters.

Controlled Access Headings
Family Name(s)
- Alexander family.
- Armitage family.
- Ashton family.
• Atkins family.
• Austin family.
• Baker family.
• Burgess family.
• Hough family.
• Taylor family.
• Wiggins family.

Genealogical data and charts on allied families; preceded by maps and information on the history of Bristol Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania (undated)

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Geographic Name(s)

• Bucks County (Pa.)--Maps.

Subject(s)

• Maps--Pennsylvania--Bucks County.

Genealogy of the fourth branch of the Buckman family consisting of descendants of Joseph Buckman (undated)

Genealogy of the third branch of the Buckman family in the third generation consisting of descendants of John Buckman and Eleanor his wife (undated)
Genealogy of the fifth branch of the Buckman family in the third generation consisting of the descendants of Thomas Buckman and Priscilla Bunting his wife (undated)

Controlled Access Headings
Family Name(s)

- Bunting family.

Genealogical history of that branch of the Buckman family descended from Ruth Buckman and her marriage with Peter Blaker (undated)

Controlled Access Headings
Family Name(s)

- Blaker family.

Genealogical history of the Heston branch of the Buckman family--copied from the work of Thomas Warner (undated)

Controlled Access Headings
Family Name(s)

- Heston family.

Personal Name(s)

- Warner, Thomas.
Genealogy and history of the Paxson family, with notes on the Heston family (undated)

**Controlled Access Headings**

**Family Name(s)**

- Heston family.
- Paxson family.

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Heston and allied families (undated)

**Controlled Access Headings**

**Family Name(s)**

- Heston family.

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Family number index to Volume 34 (Gen Bu 1:34) (undated)

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Newspapers clippings, including a short biography of Phineas Pemberton; the Shewell family; marriages of Buckingham, Bucks County, Pa.; the Pownell family; and the Tomlinson family of Byberry (1855-circa 1882)

**Scope and Contents note**
Clippings take up most of the first half of the book. Most cover the history of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, though a few discuss health issues and other topics. The clippings are followed by a list of marriages, which is then followed by registers pertaining to allied families.

**Controlled Access Headings**

**Family Name(s)**
- Pemberton family.
- Tomlinson family.

**Geographic Name(s)**
- Bucks County (Pa.)
- Bucks County (Pa.)--Church records.

**Subject(s)**
- Families--Pennsylvania--Bucks County.

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**The Martindale family (undated)**

**Controlled Access Headings**

**Family Name(s)**
- Martindale family.

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**Family number index to Volume 27 (Gen Bu1:27) (undated)**
Genealogy of the Buckman family of the fourth and fifth generation with allied families of Strawn, Heston, and others (circa 1850)

**Controlled Access Headings**

**Family Name(s)**

- Heston family.
- Strawn family.

Genealogy of Sarah Buckman and her descendants; includes allied families of Lancaster, Taylor, Jones, Conrad, Dunnett, Foulke, Jenkins, Thomas, and others (1882)

**Controlled Access Headings**

**Family Name(s)**

- Conrad family.
- Dunnett family.
- Faulk family.
The Burgess family of Bucks County; and allied families Burroughs, Cadwallader, Canby, and Paxson; and genealogical accounts of Mary Buckman and John Carver (undated)

Controlled Access Headings
Family Name(s)

- Burgess family--Pennsylvania--Bucks County.

Cooper, Cowgill, Harding, Harvey, Hibbs, Knights, Inskeep, and other families (undated)

Janney genealogy from the pioneer Thomas Janney (undated)

Kinsey, Linton, Lippincott, and Paist(e) families (undated)
Ancestry of the Palmer family of Pennsylvania; also, allied families of Penquiste, Scarborough, Stackhouse, Taylor, and others (undated)

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