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**Elizabeth Gold Collection
1832-1940**

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Title:	Elizabeth Gold Collection
Creator:	Elizabeth Gold
Dates:	1832-1940
Media:	Manuscript ledger books
Quantity:	1 cubic foot
Location:	Closed stacks

COLLECTION SUMMARY

This collection includes ledger books, a bar book, and a single entry bookkeeping ledger, dating from 1832 to 1882, and also from 1931 to 1940. All of the ledgers were presumably kept by the Albert family of Pennsylvania.

PROVENANCE OF THE COLLECTION

The collection was donated by Elizabeth A. Gold of Southampton, Pennsylvania in January 1984.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION

A ledger book assumed to have been kept by George Albert from 1832 to 1868 records purchases and number of days worked for credit on accounts, while George Albert's Bar Book No. 5 records purchases of alcohol, tobacco and food from 1832 to 1851. Edna Albert begins the ledger anew in 1932, recording her purchases until 1940.

Another ledger book records purchases of food and number of days worked for credit on accounts from 1841 to 1859, also presumably attributed to George Albert. Franklin Albert's single entry bookkeeping ledger records transactions made in 1847 and 1848.

Ledger books kept from 1859 to 1872 and from 1876 to 1882 record purchases and sawing of lumber, purchases of food and other household items, together with chores used as credit toward accounts. These books also are presumably attributed to the Albert family.

The final ledger book in the collection first covers expenses and credits from 1860 to 1878, then provides details of Edna Albert's personal and farm-related expenses from 1931 to 1937. A letter inside the book reveals that she lived in York Springs, Pennsylvania.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION

Series I: Manuscript Ledgers

RELATED MATERIALS

The following items in the Miscellanea Collection are also connected with the Albert family:

- Letter from Franklin Albert to George Albert, May 2, 1857. Provides a list of students at the normal school; description of school activities; organization of lyceum; description of religious activities on Sunday (Filing Cabinet 2, Drawer 1, Folder 7)
- Letter from John G. Albert to George Albert, February 24, 1863. Written from Suffolk, Virginia; describes how much he enjoys letters from home; current activities of [165th] regiment, [Pennsylvania Militia] (Filing Cabinet 2, Drawer 1, Folder 13)
- Letter from John G. Albert to George Albert, March 19, 1863. Written from Suffolk, Virginia; describes rations, current activities of [165th] regiment, [Pennsylvania Militia]; description of area; request for description of grain at home (Filing Cabinet 2, Drawer 1, Folder 14)
- Letter from John G. Albert to George Albert, April 29, 1863. Written from Suffolk, Virginia; describes current activities of [165th] regiment, [Pennsylvania Militia] (Filing Cabinet 2, Drawer 1, Folder 15)
- Letter from Homer G. White to Edna Albert, September 25, 1936. Payment from the estate of Isaiah W. Closson. (Filing Cabinet 2, Drawer 4, Folder 190)
- Franklin Albert's copy book (Filing Cabinet 2, Drawer 1, Folder 6)
- George Albert's copy book (Filing Cabinet 2, Drawer 1, Folder 8)
- George Albert's bill of indenture, also including a Christmas card, three specimens of hairwork, and a silhouette picture made by George Washington Neal for Franklin Addison Albert, March 2, 1829 (Filing Cabinet 2, Drawer 1, Folder 9)

- George Albert's diary (Filing Cabinet 2, Drawer 1, Folder 10)
- Hiram Albert's copy books, circa 1846 and 1849 (Filing Cabinet 2, Drawer 1, Folders 11 and 12)
- Inventory of John Albert's property, March 29, 1819 (Filing Cabinet 1, Drawer 2, Folder 5A)

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the box and folder numbers shown below.

Series I: Manuscript Ledgers

Box	Folder	Title	Date
1	1	Ledger book	1832-1868
1	2	Bar Book No. 5	1832-1940
1	3	Ledger book	1841-1859
1	4	Single Entry Bookkeeping	1847-1848
2	1	Ledger book	1859-1872
2	2	Ledger book	1872-1882
2	3	Ledger book	1860-1937