

## General

Location of original unknown

## Subseries 2B. Real Estate Records, 1765-1890, undated

### Scope and Contents

This subseries includes records related to the Library Company's ownership of real estate, rental properties, and ground-rent.

In some cases, the records in this subseries document a property's ownership before it was purchased by the Library Company.

Items of interest in this subseries include correspondence from architect Thomas Ustick Walter regarding his inspection of the Library Company's roof of its 5th and Library Street building (Box 10, Folder 69); an evaluation of Carpenter's Hall improvements made after the Library Company moved out of that space (Box 10, Folder 48); and pamphlets related to court proceedings for the Library Company v. Andrew J. Beaumont et al (Volumes 160 and 161), which centered on how land was valued for ground rents. Other documents related to this court case can be found in Record Group 2: Loganian Library. One copy of the decree of the court of nisi prius remains in the Library Company stacks at call # Yf 15276.O.3.

Photocopies of real estate records found in other repositories' collections are arranged at the end of this subseries by date of the original item.

Note that other records related to Library Company real estate may be found in Subseries 2A: Administrative Records, especially if the records relate to a building's interior finishes or space usage, document administrative discussions about raising money for and/or designing a new building, or are mingled with non-real-estate administrative records.

Real estate records related to the 1869 bequest from Dr. James Rush can be found in Subseries 2C: Rush Bequest. Other records related to Bucks County and other lands used to help fund the Loganian Library can be found in Record Group 2: Loganian Library.

| Title/Description                                                                                                                   | Instances                  |           |
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| Deed from William and Margaret Coats to Hannah Jenkins for property which later came to the Library Company (7438.F.1d), 1765-03-26 | box 10<br>(MSS00270)       | folder 26 |
| Chestnut Street lot memo evaluating rental price for tenant Jacob Hiltzenheimer (7438.F.9), 1779-08-09                              | box 10<br>(MSS00270)       | folder 27 |
| Agreement with American Philosophical Society for use of library's west room (7438.F.10), 1780-05-19                                | box 10<br>(MSS00270)       | folder 28 |
| Brief of title for real estate owned by the Library Company of Philadelphia (12489.F.38), 1782-1872                                 | volume 180<br>(12489.F.38) |           |

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| Rent notice from Carpenter's Company (7438.F.26), 1783-02-15 | box 10<br>(MSS00270) | folder 29 |
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