

**Hiram E. Deats Collection of Photographic Images
(1851 – 1902)**

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DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY:

Creator:	Hiram E. Deats
Title:	Hiram E. Deats Collection of Photographic Images
Collection Number:	84
Dates of Process:	2010
Volume:	3.5 Linear feet in 7 containers
Restrictions:	None
Access:	During open library hours of the Society (12 PM to 4PM every Thursday; 10 AM to 4 PM every 2 nd and 4 th Saturday of each month; and by appointment)
Related Collections:	#34 Hiram E. Deats Papers #73 Hiram E. Deats Papers II
Abstract:	The collection contains early photographic images (daguerreotypes and glass plate negatives) dating from 1851 to 1902. They include images of people and places in Hunterdon County. Many are unidentified and are thought to be of the Deats family.
Biographical Notes:	<p>Hiram E. Deats was born in Stockton, NJ on May 20, 1870. With his family he moved to Pittstown in 1879 and because of poor health was educated by private tutors until he attended public school at the age of nine. He was considered academically gifted, far beyond his age. After moving to Flemington Junction with his family in 1884 he finished his elementary education at the Reading Academy. In 1888 he entered the Peddie Institute in Hightstown, NJ, and graduated with honors in 1892. He met his wife, Eva Taylor, while at Peddie, marrying on September 27, 1893. They had four children.</p> <p>For the remainder of his life he lived at his farm, ðMinneakoningö, where he became an active member of the County Board of Agriculture and various other organizations such as the local Grange and The Dairymenø</p>

Deats Photos

League. Because of his interest and involvement in agriculture he was appointed as a Cooperative Weather Observer by the US Weather Bureau in 1898, serving for over 50 years.

Hiram E. Deats became a prominent figure both locally and internationally. His interests ranged far and wide. He was heavily involved in the Genealogical Society of New Jersey and upon his death he bequeathed much of his research to the Hunterdon County Historical Society, where he served as librarian for 67 years until 1957. Internationally he garnered fame as a philatelist, and was enrolled on the "Roll of Distinguished Philatelists" by the Royal Philatelic Society. He had similar fame in the American Numismatic Society. He also published "The Jerseyman", which contained local genealogy and history. He also formed the largest and finest collection of bookplates in the world and joined the international Ex Libris Society in 1893. He played a key role in forming the Flemington Library Association, donating both money and land upon which the present Flemington Free Public Library is built. Other interests included natural science, archaeology and many other civic, fraternal and religious organizations in which he was involved.

He passed away on March 16, 1963 at the age of 93. In addition to his contributions to the Hunterdon County Historical Society, other collections can be found in the Special Collections at Rutgers University Archives, New Jersey Historical Society, the Smithsonian Institute, The American Philosophical Society, and the NJ Museum of Agriculture.

Scope and Content:

The Hiram E. Deats Collection of Photographic Images consists of: 32 daguerreotypes and 93 glass plate negatives.

Most consist of images of the Deats family, and also include images of other people and scenes of Hunterdon County.

Px Number	Folder Number	Box Number	Creator	Title	Date	Location	Physical Characteristics	Subject Keyword 1	Subject Keyword 2
Px6000	1	1	Unknown	John Higgins, bro. of Rebecca Deats	Undated		Daguerrotype in case; 2 images; Images faded; exhibiting mirroring and spotting	John Higgins	Rebecca Deats
Px6001	1	1	Unknown	Mother of John Higgins (bro. of Rebecca Deats)	Undated		Daguerrotype in case; 2 images Images faded; exhibiting mirroring and spotting	John Higgins	Rebecca Deats
Px6002	2	1	Unknown	Rhoda Deats, 1854	1854		Daguerrotype in case; image faded, exhibiting morroring and spotting	Rhoda Deats	
Px6003	3	1	Unknown	Hannah Willson, wife of John Stevenson (?)	1860?		Daguerrotype in case; image faded, cracked	Hannah Willson	John Stevenson
Px6004	4	1	Unknown		Undated		Daguerrotype in case; image dark, but clear		
Px6005	5	1	Unknown	Samuel Stevenson	1851-52 (?)		Daugerrotype in case; fairly clear, but t\exhibiting mirror imaging	Samuel Stevenson	
Px6006	6	1	Unknown	Jonathan Deats at right; Emley O. Deats at left	Undated		Daguerrotype in case; image faded, exhibiting mirror imaging and spotting	Jonathan Deats	Emley O. Deats
Px6007	7	1	Unknown	Emley O. Deats	Undated		Daguerrotype in case; image fairly clear, some mirroring	Emley O. Deats	
Px6008	8	1	Unknown	John Cook, m. Cornelia Hutchins; d. Amos	Undated		Daguerrotype in case; peeling, some mirroring	John Cook	Cornelia Hutchins
Px6009	9	2	Unknown	L. M. Deats	Undated		Daguerrotype in case; fading and some mirroring	L. M. Deats	
Px6010	10	2	Unknown	Emley O. Deats	Undated		Daguerrotype in case; fairly clear	Emley O. Deats	

Px6011	11	2	Unknown	R. Emley (?); L. Mat	Undated		Daguerrotype in case; 2 images; some spotting and mirroring	Emley Deats	Lemuel Deats
Px6012	11	2	Unknown	R. Emley; L. Mat (?)	Undated		Daguerrotype in case; 2 images; some spotting and mirroring	Emley Deats	Lemuel Deats
Px6013	12	2	Unknown	Edward B. Stevenson	1856-57) (?)		Daguerrotype in case; some mirroring	Edward B. Stevenson	
Px6014	13	2	Unknown	Peter C. Deats; Hiram Deats, Jr.	Undated		Daguerrotype in case; one image - 2 people	Peter C. Deats	Hiram Deats, Jr.
Px6015	14	2	Unknown	Selinda Downey of Pittstown, NJ	Undated		Daguerrotype in case; dark with some mirroring	Selinda Downey	
Px6016	15	2	Unknown	Susanna Kestar, wife of Joseph Stevenson	Undated		Daguerrotype in case; some mirroring	Susanna Kestar	Joseph Stevenson
Px6017	16	2	Unknown	Elmira Stevenson	June 28, 1860		Daguerrotype in case; some mirroring	Elmira Stevenson	
Px6018	17	3	Unknown	James Willson, bro. of Hannah Stevenson (1860?)	1860 (?)		Daguerrotype in case	James Willson	Hannah Stevenson
Px6019	18	3	Unknown	Julia R. Deats, abt. 15 years	Undated		Daguerrotype in case; some mirroring	Julia R. Deats	
Px6020	19	3	Unknown	Sidney Stevenson, wife of Joel Wilson of Rahway 1860 (?)	1860 (?)		Daguerrotype in case; mirroring	Sidney Stevenson	Joel Wilson
Px6021	20	3	Unknown	Julia R. Deats, abt. 10 years	Undated		Daguerrotype in case; mirroring and faded	Julia R. Deats	
Px6022	21	3	Unknown	Portrait of Unknown Man	Undated		Daguerrotype in case; 2 images		
Px6023	21	3	Unknown	Portrait of Unknown Woman	Undated		Daguerrotype in case; 2 images; mirroring		Unknown Man
Px6024	22	3	Unknown	Mrs. Hiram Deats and children: Julia Rebecca,	Undated		Daguerrotype in case; mirroring; case top detached	Mrs. Hiram Deats	Julia Rebeca

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Px6025	23	3	Unknown	Emley O. Deats	Undated		Daguerrotype in case; mirroring and spotting	Emly O. Deats	
Px6026	24	3	Unknown	Unknown Man	Undated		Daguerrotype in case; good image; case top detaching		
Px6027	25	3	Unknown	Mrs. J. S. Cramer	Undated		Daguerrotype in case; good image; case top detached	J. S. Cramer	
Px6028	26	4	Unknown	3 Unknown Men (2 standing; 1 sitting)	Undated		Daguerrotype in case; image cracked and peeling		
Px6029	27	4	Unknown	Unknown Man	Undated		Daguerrotype in case; some mirroring and spotting; case top detached		
Px6030	28	4	Unknown	Unknown Woman	Undated		Daguerrotype in case; top missing; spotting and fading		
Px6031	29	4	Unknown	Unknown Woman	Undated		Daguerrotype in case; top of case detached; image scratched		
Px6032	30	4	Unknown	Unknown Man Sitting on Bench in Wooded Park	Undated		Glass plate negative, stereoscope		
Px6033	31	4	Unknown	House of J. R. Fisher, View from S.E. Corner of Yard - Taken Mch. 12. 1898	March 12, 1898		Glass plate negative	J. R. Fisher	J. R. Fisher House
Px6034	32	4	Unknown	Brook in Glen Near Philip Eicks, North of New Germantown	Undated		Glass plate negative	Philip Eicks	New Germantown
Pz6035	33	4	Unknown	New Germantown from [torn] Kiles	Undated		Glass plate negative; image spotting	New Germantown	Kiles

Px6036	34	4	Unknown	New Germantown Looking Up Street on Post Office Side; Taken Mch. 12, 1898	March 12, 1898		Glass plate negative	New Germantown	
Px6037	35	4	Unknown	Scene of Houses, Church, etc. - New Germantown?	Undated		Glass plate negative	New Germantown?	
Px6038	36	4	Unknown	"Runkle Fisher - Picture Taken Aug. 20, 1898"	August 20, 1898		Glass plate negative	Runkle Fisher	
Px6039	37	4	Unknown	"Old Runkle Homestead. Plate II Picture taken Mch. 19 [torn]"	March 19 [torn]		Glass plate negative	Runkle	Old Runkle Homestead
Px6040	38	4	Unknown	New Germantown from John Miller's Hill	Undated		Glass plate negative	John Miller	New Germantown
Px6041	39	4	Unknown	New Germantown Schoolhouse	Undated		Glass plate negative	New Germantown Schoolhouse	
Px6042	40	4	Unknown	New Germantown Looking Down Street. Taken Jan. 1, 1898	January 1, 1898		Glass plate negative	New Germantown	
Px6043	41	4	Unknown	Lutheran Church at New Germantown. Taken Dec. 25, 1897	December 25, 1897		Glass plate negative	Lutheran Church	New Germantown
Px6044	42	4	Unknown	House of J. R. Fisher, view from N.E. corner of yard. Taken Mch. 12, 1898	March 12, 1898		Glass plate negative	J. R. Fisher	
Px6045	43	4	Unknown	Hall in John S. Miller's house, New Germantown.	September 4, 1898		Glass plate negative	John S. Miller	New Germantown

				Picture taken Sept. 4, 1898					
Px6046	44	4	Unknown	Parlor in John S. Miller's house, New Germantown. Picture taken Sept.4, 1898	September 4, 1898		Glass plate negative	John S. Miller	New Germantown
Px6047	45	4	Unknown	Portrait of Hiram Deats	Undated		Glass plate negative	Hiram Deats	
Px6048	46	4	Unknown	Portrait of Hiram Deats	Undated		Glass plate negative	Hiram Deats	
Px6049	47	4	Unknown	Picture of part of monument inscribed "Erected By the Citizens of Flemington as a Tribute to this Friend of the White Man"	Undated		Glass plate negative	Monument	
Px6050	48	4	Unknown	Portrait of Hiram Deats	Undated		Glass plate negative	Hiram Deats	
Px6051	49	5	Unknown	Picture of monument inscribed with "In Memory of the Delaware Indian Chief Tuccamirgan 1750"	Undated		Glass plate negative	Chief Tuccamirgan	
Px6052	50	5	Unknown	Picture of monument inscribed with "In Memory of the Delaware Indian Chief Tuccamirgan 1750"	Undated		Glass plate negative	Chief Tuccamirgan	
Px6053	51	5	Unknown	Close up of monument inscription "In Memory of the Delaware Indian Chief Tuccamirgan 1750"	Undated		Glass plate negative	Chief Tuccamirgan	
Px6054	52	5	Unknown	View of alley of pine trees with view of unid. Bldg. at end	Undated		Glass plate negative	Unknown Bldg.	

Px6055	53	5	Unknown	Hiram Deats posed sitting reading a book	Undated		Glass plate negative - stereoscopic	Hiram Deats	
Px6056	54	5	Unknown	Unidentified woman - formal portrait in profile	Undated		Glass plate negative	Portrait	
Px6057	55	5	Unknown	View under grape? Arbor with Hiram Deats? Posed standing	Undated		Glass plate negative	Hiram Deats?	
Px6058	56	5	Unknown	"New Germantown from Clark's on Town Hill. Picture taken Oct. 22, 1899	October 22, 1899		Glass plate negative	New Germantown	Clark's
Px6059	57	5	Unknown	Part of New Germantown from Clark's Hill. Picture Taken Sept. 4, 1899	September 4, 1899		Glass plate negative	New Germantown	Clark's Hill
Px6060	58	5	Unknown	New Germantown from lime kiln north of village. Picture taken Sept. 4, 1899	September 4, 1899		Glass plate negative	New Germantown	Lime Kiln
Px6061	59	5	Unknown	"Old Baltus Pickle mansion built probably about 1735-40. Front view. Picture taken April 6, 1902	April 6, 1902		Glass plate negative	Baltus Pickle	
Px6062	60	5	Unknown	"House on Church St., New Germantown, N.J. Oldest in the village where J. R. Fisher and his children were born. Taken Mch. 12, 1898	March 12, 1898		Glass plate negative	New Germantown	Church St.

Px6063	61	5	Unknown	"Old Baltus Pickel mansion built probably between 1735 and '40. Rear view. Picture taken April 6, 1902"	April 6, 1902		Glass plate negative	Baltus Pickel	Mansion
Px6064	62	5	Unknown	"Runkle Fisher. Picture Taken Aug. 20, 1899"	August 20, 1899		Glass plate negative	Runkle Fisher	
Px6065	63	5	Unknown	"Fisher family with Ben. Fisher in Aug. 1900"	August 1900		Glass plate negative	Fisher Family	Ben. Fisher
Px6066	64	5	Unknown	"Fisher family group, Ben Van Doren in Aug. 1900"	August 1900		Glass plate negative	Fisher Family	Ben Van Doren
Px6067	65	5	Unknown	"New Germantown from Peter Lane's Hill"	Undated		Glass plate negative	New Germantown	Peter Lane
Px6068	66	5	Unknown	"New Germantown looking up street on west side. Taken Mch. 12, 1898"	March 12, 1898		Glass plate negative	New Germantown	
Px6069	67	5	Unknown	"Lutheran Parsonage, New Germantown taken Jan. 1, 1898"	January 1, 1898		Glass plate negative	New Germantown	Lutheran Parsonage
Px6070	68	5	Unknown	"New Germantown looking up street taken Jan. 1, 1898"	January 1, 1898		Glass plate negative	New Germantown	
Px6071	69	5	Unknown	#7546	Undated		Glass plate negative	Portrait	
Px6072	70	5	Unknown	Three children with doll - posed	Undated		Glass plate negative	Portrait	
Px6073	71	5	Unknown	Female sitting with child; 1 child standing - posed	Undated		Glass plate negative	Portrait	

Px6074	72	5	Unknown	#7211 Female sitting holding baby; 1 girl standng - posed	Undated		Glass plate negative	Portrait	
Px6075	73	5	Unknown	#5436 Baby sitting in chair - posed	Undated		Glass plate negative	Portrait	
Px6076	74	5	Unknown	#7545 Three children - posed	Undated		Glass plate negative	Portrait	
Px6077	75	6	Unknown	#8533-?8468 Young woman in chair - posed	Undatad		Glass plate negative	Portrait	
Px6078	76	6	Unknown	#5840 Child sitting - posed			Glass plate negative	Portrait	
Px6079	77	6	Unknown	#5839 Child sitting - posed	Undated		Glass plate negative	Portrait	
Px6080	78	6	Unknown	#6615 Female child in profile - posed	Undated		Glass plate negative	Portrait	
Px6081	79	6	Unknown	#6616 Female child sitting in profile - posed	Undated		Glass plate negative	Portrait	
Px6082	80	6	Unknown	#8532 Young Female sitting in chair - posed			Glass plate negative	Portrait	
Px6083	81	6	Unknown	#7181 Young Female - posed portrait	Undated		Glass plate negative	Portrait	
Px6084	82	6	Unknown	#5664 Baby sitting - posed	Undated		Glass plate negative	Portrait	
Px6085	83	6	Unknown	Baby sitting - posed	Undated		Glass plate negative	Portrait	
Px6086	84	6	Unknown	#5665 Baby sitting - posed	Undated		Glass plate negative	Portrait	
Px6087	85	6	Unknown	Hiram Deats - posed portrait	Undated		Glass plate negative	Hiram Deats	
Px6088	86	6	Unknown	#3578 Hiram Deats - posed portrait	Undated		Glass plate negative	Hiram Deats	
Px6089	87	6	Unknown	#3084 Hiram Deats - posed portrait	Undated		Glass plate negative	Hiram Deats	
Px6090	88	6	Unknown	#5761 Hiram Deats - posed	Undated		Glass plate negative	Hiram Deats	

				portrait, wearing regalia of Lul Temple of Shriners					
Px6091	89	6	Unknown	#7597 Young girl in chair - posed	Undated		Glass plate negative	Portrait	
Px6092	90	6	Unknown	Baby posed in chair	Undated		Glass plate negative	Portrait	
Px6093	91	6	Unknown	#5162 Woman portrait in profile	Undated		Glass plate negative	Portrait	
Px6094	92	6	Unknown	#7219 Baby sitting in chair -posed	Undated		Glass plate negative	Portrait	
Px6095	93	6	Unknown	#7212 Baby sitting in chair - posed	Undated		Glass plate negative	Portrait	
Px6096	94	6	Unknown	#6623 Hiram Deats portrait	Undated		Glass plate negative	Hiram Deats	
Px6097	95	6	Unknown	#6625 Hiram Deats portrait	Undated		Glass plate negative	Hiram Deats	
Px6098	96	6	Unknown	#103 Hiram Deats house Mineakoning	Undated		Glass plate negative	Hiram Deats	Minneakonin g
Px6099	97	6	Unknown	Hiram Deats House Mineakoning	Undated		Glass plate negative	Hiram Deats	Minneakonin g
Px6100	98	6	Unknown	Picture of trees - partially obscured bldg. in backgrounds	Undated		Glass plate negative	Unknown Bldg.	
Px6101	99	6	Unknown	Hiram Deats' office, Deats Bldg., Main St., Flemington	Undated		Glass plate negative	Hiram Deats	Deats Building
Px6102	100	6	Unknown	Hiram Deats' office, Deats Bldg., Main St., Flemington	Undated		Glass plate negative	Hiram Deats	Deats Building
Px6103	101	6	Unknown	Hiram Deats' office, Deats Bldg., Main St., Flemington	Undated		Glass plate negative	Hiram Deats	Deats Building
Px6104	102	6	Unknown	Deats Family	Undated		Glass plate	Deats Family	Cemetery

				Cemetery Monument			negative		Monument
Px6105	103	6	Unknown	Unid. House interior room	Undated		Glass plate negative	Unidentified Room in House	
Px6106	104	7	Unknown	Unidentified water fall scene	Undated		Glass plate negative	Unidentified Water Fall	
Px6107	105	7	Unknown	Negative of picture - portrait of George Washington	Undated		Glass plate negative	George Washington	
Px6108	106	7	Unknown	Deats Cemetery Monument	Undated		Glass plate negative	Deats Cemetery Monument	
Px6109	107	7	Unknown	Deats Bldg., Main St., Flemington. Horse & buggy; 3 men standing	Undated		Glass plate negative	Deats Bldg.	
Px6110	108	7	Unknown	Hunterdon Co. Road Signs	Undated		Glass plate negative	Road Signs	
Px6111	109	7	Unknown	Outdoor scene - five unidentified individuals	Undated		Glass plate negative	Outdoor Scene	Unidentified Individuals
Px6112	110	7	Unknown	Picture of trees, bldgs., American flag, windmill	Undated		Glass plate negative	Picture of Trees & Bldgs.	
Px6113	111	7	Unknown	Hiram Deats in his office	Undated		Glass plate negative	Hiram Deats	
Px6114	112	7	Unknown	Hiram Deats in his office	Undated		Glass plate negative	Hiram Deats	
Px6115	113	7	Unknown	Deats Foundry at Pittstown, NJ	July 29, 1899		Glass plate negative	Deats Foundry	Pittstown
Px6116	114	7	Unknown	Deats Foundry at Pittstown, NJ	July 29, 1899		Glass plate negative	Deats Foundry	Pittstown
Px6117	115	7	Unknown	Hiram Deats Portait	Undated		Glass plate negative	Hiram Deats	
Px6118	116	7	Unknown	Trees with partially obscured	Undated		Glass plate negative	Unknown Bldg.	
Px6119	117	7	Unknown	Deats Foundry at Pittstown, NJ, July a29,	July 29, 1899		Glass plate negative	Deats Foundry	Pittstown

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Px6120	118	7	Unknown	Deats House Mineakoning	Undated		Glass plate negative	Minneakoning	
Px6121	119	7	Unknown	5732 Minneakoning - Deats Home	Undated		Glass plate negative	Minneakoning	
Px6122	120	7	Unknown	Minneakoning - Deats Home	Undated		Glass plate negative	Minneakoning	
Px6123	121	7	Unknown	Deats Gazebo at Minneakoning	Undated		Glass plate negative	Minneakoning	
Px6124	122	7	Unknown	#74 Marriage Certificate	26th of January 1843		Glass plate negative	Marriage Certificate	Gilbert Deats
Px6125	123	7	Unknown	#73 Baptismal Certificate	1812		Glass plate negative	Baptismal Certificate	Margreta Overdorf