

Milford Glass Plate Negatives

[1870-1910]

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DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY:

Title: Milford Glass Plate Negatives

Collection Number: 99

Date of Process: 2011

Volume: .5 linear feet in one container

Related Collection: None

Restrictions: None

Access: During open library hours of the Society (12 PM to 4 PM every Thursday; 10 AM to 4 PM every 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month; and by appointment.)

Collection Notes: This collection is a variety of glass plate negatives, photographs, and postcards from the Milford, NJ area. Many of these images were created using the Wet Collodion Glass Plate Negative method which was common during the late 1800s and early 1900s. The other types of images that are present are photographs and postcards. Some photographs were taken by an individual while others were featured on postcards. One of these images is from Flemington, NJ. All images are monochromatic in nature; the photographer is unknown. However, the images were each given a title, often written directly onto the plate.

ABSTRACT/SCOPE AND CONTENT:

This collection is comprised of one series of photographic images in 18 folders. Most of the images in the collection are in the form of glass plate negatives. Many images illustrate the natural beauty of the Milford, NJ area while others depict buildings and infrastructure that were significant in the town's growth and development. An image of historical significance shows three-time Presidential Candidate William Jennings Bryan and a group of his supporters holding a small rally in the town from a caboose railcar. These images illustrate the historical development of the town and the way in which it exists in contemporary times. It is interesting to note both the similarities and the differences between the buildings as depicted in the nineteenth century and how they exist today.

CONTAINER LIST

Box/Folder	Contents
1.1	PX 6280. Milford, NJ Church. Collodion glass plate negative depicts the Presbyterian Church of Milford.
1.2	PX 6281. Milford, NJ Tollgate. A collodion glass plate negative shows the tollgate that used that used to greet travelers when crossing the bridge. [Toll gate on the NJ Side – looking towards mountains on Pennsylvania side of the Delaware]. The bridge is covered, dating the image prior to 1903.
1.3	PX 6282. Milford, NJ Bridge At. Collodion glass plate negative showing the tollgate along with the covered bridge in the distance. [See note above]
1.4	PX 6283. Milford, NJ – The Maples. Collodion glass plate negative illustrating the natural beauty of the area with a row of maple trees with the Delaware River in the background.
1.5	PX 6284. Milford, NJ – A Jeffries, Propr. Collodion glass plate negative showing The Gibson House which was originally the home of Thomas Lowrey later became a hotel for travelers.
1.6	PX 6285. Milford, NJ – Bridge. Collodion glass plate negative depicts the full length of the covered bridge over the Delaware River to Pennsylvania.
1.7	PX 6286. When Bryan was at Milford, NJ. Collodion glass plate negative showing William Jennings Bryan speaking in front of a group of supporters. Image is taken close to Bryan and the crowd. Bryan is standing on the caboose of the train and many people are standing on the ground listening to his speech.
1.8	PX 6287. St. Thomas Church Alexandria. Collodion glass plate negative showing the St. Thomas Church in Alexandria Township, NJ (just outside of Milford, NJ).
1.9	PX 6288. Milford, NJ – Thomas Mill Rear. Collodion glass plate negative showing the back of the Thomas Mill from across the Delaware River.
1.10	PX 6289. Milford, NJ – Riverside. Collodion glass plate negative showing a beautiful row of trees along the train tracks that ran into the town.
1.11	PX 6290. Milford, NJ – “Riverside” (The Lowrey House). Collodion glass plate negative taken from the riverbank toward the train tracks and Lowrey House (later became The Gibson House).
1.12	PX 6291. Milford, NJ – Bridge of Quequa Creek. Collodion glass plate negative showing the creek with a small bridge going over it. Image taken from creek bottom.

- 1.13 **PX 6292. Milford, NJ – View from Mt. Pisgah. Collodion glass plate negative taken from the mountain showing the natural beauty of the Delaware River Valley.**
- 1.14 **PX 6293. Milford, NJ – Bryan at Milford, NJ. October 23, 1908. Collodion glass plate negative taken showing the entire crowd standing at the back of the train as Bryan is on the caboose speaking.**
- 1.15 **PX 6294. The Presbyterian Church and Soldiers Monument. A black and white image showing the Civil War Soldiers Monument along with the large Flemington Presbyterian Church in the background.**
- 1.16 **PX 6295. Washington Rocks – Washington from East Rocks. A black and white image taken atop the mountain overlooking the valley. A man along the cliff as well admiring the view.**
- 1.17 **PX 6296. Stewart House – Landsdown, NJ. A black and white image showing the homes from the right side.**
- 1.18 **A series of postcards showing different sites around the Milford area. Note how the bridge over the Delaware has changed over time. It appears as if a couple of these postcards were replicated from the Collodion glass plate negative image.**