

Collection	HCHS Manuscript Collection	Status	Processed
Object ID	3.001.287	Accesssn/Loan	2015.061
Object Name	Manuscript	Source	Hiram E. Deats Bequest
Other Name		Catalog Date	12/01/2025
Other No	U118	Cataloged by	Riedeburg, Karen
Old No		Date	
Title	Deats Family Deed Collection	Year Range	1842-1911
Location	Archives Building: A: 24		
Description	A collection of deeds, mortgages, and wills relating to the Deats family in Hunterdon County, recorded by the Hunterdon County Clerk.		

Identity Statement & Context

Name of Creator	Reference Code	NJFLHI5380
Other Creators		
Creator Added Entry		
Dates of Creation	Administrative Biographical History	Hiram Deats (1810-1887) was an American businessman known for manufacturing agricultural equipment and stove castings. Deats became the first millionaire in Hunterdon County. Hiram Deats was the son of John and Ursilla Barton Deats. In his early years, Deats worked in the shoemaker's trade near Flemington. He began the manufacture of plows at Quakertown, NJ in 1831. added stoves in 1841, which business was transferred to Stockton in 1852. The same year he added a factory/foundry and the entire business was transferred from Quakertown to Stockton. In 1860, he began the manufacture of reapers and mowers. He formed a partnership with William Case in 1863, which became Deats, Case & Co., with partners Hiram Deats, Lemuel M. Deats, William J. Case, and Rutan Case. There is also indication he at one time had a partnership with Higgins trading as Deats and Higgins. Hiram Deats was either sole proprietor or senior partner for fifty years, from 1831 to 1

		<p>April 1881. Mr. Deats married Rebecca Higgins of Hillsborough, Somerset Co., on Nov. 10, 1838. They had 4 children, Jonathan H., Emley Ogden, Lemuel Madison, and Rebecca Julia. His first wife died in 1862, and Hiram Deats married Elmira Stevenson of La Salle Co., Illinois with whom he had one son, Hiram E. Deats in 1870.</p>
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<b>Dates of Accumulation</b>		<b>Archival History</b>
<b>Extent and Medium of The Unit of Description</b>	1 Box; .5 linear feet	<b>Event</b>
<b>Site</b>		
<b>Additional Sites</b>		

Structure & Conditions of Access

<b>Appraisal Destruction &amp; Scheduling Information</b>		<b>System of Arrangement</b>	Subject
<b>Accruals</b>		<b>Disposition date</b>	
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**Allied Materials & Description Control**

<b>Existence and Location of Originals</b>	<b>Related Units of Description in this Repository</b>	Collection 72: Hiram E. Deats Papers II
<b>Existence and Location of Copies</b>	<b>Associated Materials in other Repositories</b>	

**Archivist's Name**     Riedeburg, Karen

**Rules or  
Conventions**

**Archivist's Notes**

**Date(s) of  
Descriptions**

**Container List**

Location	Container	Folder	Title	Description	Date
A24	01	01	Deed: Cavalry Church to Protestant Episcopal Church	Grantor: James Adams, John Bush, Peter Haward, Adams C. Davis, David S. Lawler, Samuel Hill, Joseph Elton and George W. Risler, The Rector, Wardens, and Vestrymen of Cavalry Church, in Flemington, NJ, to Grantee: The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New Jersey, for \$225. For Calvary Church on 91/100ths of an acre, 5/9/1842.	1842
A24	01	02	Deed: Cavalry Church to State of NJ & Risling	Grantor: Peter Haward, John Bush, Adam C. Davis, David S. Lawler, Samuel Hill, Joseph Elton and William Clark, The Rector, Wardens, and Vestrymen of Cavalry Church, in Flemington, New Jersey, to Grantee: State of NJ and Davis N. Risling of Flemington, New Jersey, for \$226. For 91/100ths of an acre, 7/11/1843.	1843
A24	01	03	Deed: Lambertville Lot	Deed for lot in Lambertville NJ, for \$300, 6/20/1846.	1846
A24	01	04	Mortgage: Savcesey to Lambert	Lendor: William Savcesey and wife Margaret to Lendee: John Lambert and wife Jenny Lambert, for 2 payments, the first for \$350 and the second for \$175. For 160 acre estate of Ashley Lambert in Delaware Township, 5/1/1852.	1852
A24	01	05	Deed: Mount Hope Cemetery Association to Higgins	Grantor: Mount Hope Cemetery Association to Grantee: John T. Higgins, for \$7. For Burial Lot in Mount Hope Cemetery in Lambertville, 2/1/1854.	1854
A24	01	06	Deed: Hulsizer to Hunt, Stothoff, and Bost	Grantor: Edmund Y. Hulsizer of Township of Raritan to Grantee: Amos Hunt, George B. Stothoff, and Jos. P. Bost, Trustees of the School District of Township of Raritan Grove District #9, for \$38. For Land and Premises, 4/3/1854.	1854
A24	01	07	Mortgage/Deed: Deats to Huff	Lendor: Hiram Deats and wife Rebecca, to Lendee: Cornelius Huff, for: \$2500. For 3 lots of land equaling 93 Acres in Delaware Township, NJ, 3/31/1855.	1855
A24	01	08	Bond: Deats to Huff	Lendor: Hiram Deats to Lendee: Cornelius Huff, for \$5000, 4/1/1855.	1855
A24	01	09	Deed: Yard to Yard	Grantor: Theo C. Yard and Wife to Grantee: James Wilson Yard, for \$1257.50. For 20 acres and premises in Raritan Township, 4/1/1856.	1856
A24	01	10	Mortgage Deed: Deats to Landers	Mortgage Deed from Grantor: Hiram Deats to Grantee: David Landers, for: \$500. For 40 acres in Lebanon, Ohio, 2/16/1857.	1857
A24	01	11	Executors Deed: Hixon to Ewing	Executors Deed from Grantor: James Hixon to Grantee: James Ewing. For 72 and 25/100ths acres in Raritan Township, 4/1/1857.	1857
A24	01	12	Deed: Bonnell to Deats	Deed Grantor: Alexander V. Bonnell, and Catherine his wife, to Grantee: Hiram Deats, for: \$1000. For land and dwellings in Franklin Township, 1/5/1859.	1859
A24	01	13	Deed: Sharp & Coryell to Deats	Deed with Grantor: John Sharp, John Coryell who survives William Lilly and act as committee to sell to Grantee: Hiram Deats, for \$1200. For 91/100ths of acre in Flemington, 6/29/1859.	1859
A24	01	14	Indenture: Walsh to Deats	Grantor: John Walsh to Grantee: Hiram Deats, for \$5. For 17/100s of an acre in Franklin Township, NJ, 1860.	1860

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A24	01	15	Deed: H.E. Deats to Grantee: L.M. Deats	Grantor: Hiram Deats and wife to Grantee: Lemuel M. Deats, for: \$5000. For 10.85 acres and dwellings on land in Franklin Township, 3/13/1869.	1869
A24	01	16	Deed: Deats to Higgins	Deed: Grantor: Hiram Deats and wife to Grantee: Judiah Higgins, for: \$700. For 66 acres and premises in Delaware Township, 5/26/1870.	1870
A24	01	17	Deed: Van Fleet to Deats & Higgins	Grantor: Ann Van Fleet to Grantor: Hiram Deats & Judiah Higgins, on behalf of Raritan Township, for: \$700. For use as public access, to form a part of Broad Street, 5/26/1870.	1870
A24	01	18	Deed: Emery to Deats & Higgins	Deed: Grantor: William P. Emery and wife to Grantor: Hiram Deats & Judiah Higgins, on behalf of Raritan Township, for: \$600. For use as public access, to form a part of Broad Street, 5/26/1870.	1870
A24	01	19	Deed: Forker to Deats & Higgins	Grantor: John Forker and wife to Grantee: Hiram Deats & Judiah Higgins on behalf of Raritan Township, for: \$700. For public access, as part of Spring Street and Broad Street, 6/3/1870.	1870
A24	01	20	Indenture: Van Fleet to Deats and Higgins	Indenture: Grantor: John Van Fleet & wife Phoebe Ann to Grantee: Hiram Deats and Judiah Higgins on behalf of Township of Raritan, for \$1. For public access to form Spring Street, 6/3/1870.	1870
A24	01	21	Deed: Deats to Conover	Deed: Grantor: Hiram Deats to Grantee: A. Lambert Conover, for \$2250. For for 9/100ths of an acre for a wagon road in Clinton, 6/20/1871.	1871
A24	01	22	Indenture: Deats to Madison	From Grantor: Hiram Deats & Elmira, his wife, to Grantee: John S. Madison, for \$2550. For 11/100 of an acre for a wagon road in Clinton Township, 6/11/1871.	1871
A24	01	23	Indenture: Higgins to Deats	Indenture: Grantor: Judiah Higgins to Grantee: Hiram Deats, for \$3000. For open street access, 10/27/1876.	1876
A24	01	24	Indenture: Deats to Deats, Jr.	Indenture: Grantor: Hiram Deats & wife Elmira to Grantee: Hiram Deats, Jr., for \$7000. For 5 and 35/100ths acres in Delaware Township, 8/27/1877.	1877
A24	01	25	Deed: Nevius to Burd	Deed: Grantor: Peter I. Nevius to Grantee: Robert G. Burd. For 20 11/100ths acres in Raritan Township, 4/11/1881.	1881
A24	01	26	Executors Deed: Forker to Young	From Grantor: John Forker & Wilson Forker, on behalf of George Forker, to Grantee: Nathaniel Young, the highest bidder at public auction, for \$4900. For real estate in Flemington, 1/25/1883.	1883
A24	01	27	Deed: Deats to Fisher	Transcription of Deed from Grantor: Hiram Deats and Wife to Grantee: William Fisher, for \$275, 9/28/1883.	1883
A24	01	28	Bond & Warrant: Deats to Laning	Bond & Warrant with Grantor: Hiram Deats to Grantee: Emma E. Laning & M.B. Laning, for \$700, due April 1, 1887. For 2 lots in Unionville Center County, 4/2/1886.	1886
A24	01	29	Deed: Leatten to Deats	Deed from Grantor: William A. Leatten and wife, Anna Leatten to Grantee: Hiram Deats, for \$250. For 14/100ths of an acre in Raritan Township, 1/27/1887.	1887
A24	01	30	Surveyor's Lot Description and Deed from Deats to Higgins	Description of a lot on Broad Street in Flemington, NJ, belonging to Misses Higgins by Surveyor P.I. Craig. Deed from Grantor: Hiram Deats to Grantees: Sarah Higgins, Joanna Higgins, Elizabeth Higgins, Martha Higgins and Annie Higgins. For house and lot on Broad Street in Flemington, NJ, known as the parsonage house, November 1905.	1905
A24	01	31	Mortgage: Hoffmeir and Van Fleet to Faulkoff	From Grantor: Anne E. Hoffmeir and David Van Fleet, Executors for John E. Hoffmeir deceased, to Grantee: Theodore Y. Faulkoff, for \$20. For 8' 1 and 3/4" by 28' 11 1/2" lot in Raritan Township, 6/12/1888.	1888
A24	01	32	Last Will and Testament of Cynthia R. Clark	Last Will and Testament of Cynthia R. Clark, 8/22/1877. Executors: John B. Hopewell and John A. Bullock.	1877

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A24	01	33	Deed: H. Deats to H.L. Deats	Grantor: Elmira S. Deats and Hiram Deats Jr., executors of Hiram Deats deceased, to Grantee Hiram L. Deats, for: \$700. Raritan Township, 10/5/1891.	1891
A24	01	34	Mortgage: Lanning to Deats	Grantor M. B. Lanning and Emma E. Lanning to Grantee: Hiram Deats, for \$1400. For 120' by 60' lot, 4/2/1894.	1894
A24	01	35	Deed: Deats to Phillips	Deed from Grantor: Hiram Deats to Grantee: William Phillips, for \$200. For 3 9/10 Acre in Delaware Township, 8/3/1896.	1896
A24	01	36	Deed: Deats to McDonald	Deed from Grantor: Hiram Deats & Wife to Grantee: P.J. McDonald, for: \$700. For 2 Lots in Unionville, PA, 8/19/1897.	1897
A24	01	37	Deed: Schultz to Deats	Deed: Grantor: Margaret Schultz to Grantee: Hiram Deats, for \$1. For 3.45 Acres plus premises in Raritan Township, 3/26/1900.	1900
A24	01	38	Deed: Deats to Deats, Jr.	From Grantor: Hiram Deats and Wife to Grantee: Hiram Deats, Jr., for \$1. For 92/100ths of an acre in Franklin Township, 10/28/1904.	1904
A24	01	39	Deed: H. Deats to E. Deats	Deed from Grantor: Hiram Deats to Grantee: Emily Deats, for \$1. For 174/100ths of an Acre in Pittstown, NJ, 11/16/1904.	1904
A24	01	40	Board of Education School Bonds	Twelve canceled school bonds received of H.E. Deats, District Clerk of the Board of Education of Raritan Township, Hunterdon County, 4/19/1911.	1911

Appraisal

Minimum value	0.00	Maximum value	0.00
Valuation Date		Acquisition Value	0.00
General Appraisal Notes	Processing Priority: High		

Date	Appraiser	Reason	Min. Value	Max. Value	Description
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Condition

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Maintenance Notes			

Lexicon

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Object Name	Manuscript		
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Classification	Documentary Objects		

Sub-Classification

Primary

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Nomenclature 2 Legacy Information

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People, Subjects, Classification, Search Terms

People

Subjects

Deats, Hiram (1810-1887); Deats, Lemuel M.; Higgins, Judiah

Deeds; Wills; Mortgages; Indentures

Classification

Search Terms

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