



## **E. Paul du Pont collection of Hagley Yard and du Pont family photographs 1975.250**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Audiovisual Collections
<b>Creator:</b>	Du Pont, E. Paul (Eleuthère Paul), 1887-1950
<b>Creator - pht:</b>	Gentieu, Pierre A., 1842-1930
<b>Title:</b>	E. Paul du Pont collection of Hagley Yard and du Pont family photographs
<b>ID:</b>	1975.250
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1882-1906
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.25 Linear Foot
<b>General Physical Description:</b>	40 photographic prints : b&w ; 8 x 10 in. or smaller. 3 photographic prints : cyanotypes ; 4 x 5 in. 1 negative : glass, b&w ; 4 x 5 in. and 5 items (postcards) : color.
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
<b>Abstract:</b>	E. Paul du Pont (1887-1950) established Du Pont Motors, Inc., a manufacturing company of luxury automobiles, in 1919 in Wilmington, Delaware. He worked for a short time at the family business, E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Company which manufactured gunpowder. He was one of ten children of Francis Gurney du Pont (1850-1904) and Eliza Wigfa Simons du Pont (1849-1919). This small collection contains photographs of DuPont powder yards; family photographs; home exteriors; and postcard views of Longwood Gardens.

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## Biographical Note

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E. Paul du Pont (1887-1950) established Du Pont Motors, Inc., a manufacturing company of luxury automobiles, in 1919 in Wilmington, Delaware. He was the son of Francis Gurney du Pont (1850-1904) and Eliza Wigfa Simons du Pont (1849-1919). He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1909 and worked for the family business, E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Company for a short period of time. E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Company is a chemical company more commonly referred to as the DuPont company. The company began with the production of gunpowder. E. Paul du Pont Then became chief engineer of Ball Grain Explosives Co. which manufactured fuses, before founding his automobile company.

Francis Gurney du Pont (1850-1904), son of Alexis Irénée du Pont (1816-1857) and Joanna Maria Smith du Pont (1815-1876) graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1870. In 1871 he began his career with the DuPont Company as an operator of graining mills. In 1874 he became a junior partner of the firm and later served in the highly important capacity of general manager, and as vice president, until his retirement in 1902. In 1888 he supervised the building of the blasting powder mills at Mooar, Iowa. At Carney's Point, New Jersey, he superintended the plant which produced smokeless powder for the manufacture of smokeless shotgun powder (Patent No. 503, 583).

Francis Gurney du Pont and Eliza Wigfa Simons du Pont married in 1871. The couple had ten children. E. Paul du Pont was the second to youngest child.

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## Scope and Content

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This collection consists of twenty-one photographs of the Hagley powder yards, fourteen of which are attributed to Pierre Gentieu (1842-1930), an artist, photographer, and an employee of the DuPont Company for thirty-four years.

There is also one photograph of smokeless powder manufacturing equipment at Carney's Point, New Jersey.

In addition, the collection contains seventeen photographs of various du Pont family members and houses, including E. Paul du Pont's brother Alexis Felix du Pont (1879-1948), their father and other sibilings, and the Jacob Broom House which was the residence of Francis G. du Pont, also known as the Hagley House.

Finally, there are five color postcards of Longwood Gardens and six photographs of an unidentified mining operation.

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## Administrative Information

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## Access Restrictions

This collection is open for research.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Du Pont family -- Homes and haunts
- Powder mills
- Gunpowder industry
- Gunpowder, Smokeless
- Du Pont, Francis Gurney, 1850-1904
- Du Pont family
- E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Company. Carney's Point Works
- E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Company. Hagley Yard
- Du Pont, A. Felix (Alexis Felix), 1879-1948

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## Collection Inventory

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### Pierre Gentieu photographs

#### Scope and Contents

This series contains photographs of the Hagley powder yards which are attributed to Pierre Gentieu (1842-1930), an artist, photographer, and an employee of the DuPont Company for thirty-four years.

Title/Description	Instances	
Hagley Yard, steam plant under construction, 1884 March 15	box 1	folder 1
Hagley Yard, interior of steam plant, 1885 February 10	box 1	folder 2
Hagley Yard, boxcar, crane and powder press, 1888 June 1	box 1	folder 3
Hagley Yard, lower graining mill, undated	box 1	folder 4
Hagley Yard, hydraulic elevator, undated	box 1	folder 5
Hagley Yard, glazing barrel, undated	box 1	folder 6
Repairing Hagley Dam, 1884 September 19	box 1	folder 7

Hagley Yard, Old Hagley Office and Rumford Dawes House, P. Gentieu in road, 1883	box 1	folder 8
Hagley Yard, blacksmith shop, undated	box 1	folder 9
Packing house car, undated	box 1	folder 10
Moses Campbell in front of glazing barrel, undated	box 1	folder 11
Glazing barrel with Moses Campbell and Anthony Dougherty, undated	box 1	folder 12
Hagley Yard, lower graining mill and railroad car, undated	box 1	folder 13
Lower Yard, after rolling mills explosion, 1889 July 6	box 1	folder 14

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## Hagley photographs

### Scope and Contents

This series contains photographs of the Hagley powder yards and one photograph of smokeless powder manufacturing equipment at Carney's Point, New Jersey.

Title/Description	Instances	
"Prony brake used in E.I. du Pont Lower Yard," designed by E. Paul du Pont, 1906	box 1	folder 15
"Dam in Brandywine, E.I. du Pont Powder Mills, Near Wilmington, Del." (Hagley Dam), undated	box 1	folder 16
Holly Island, Brandywine, undated	box 1	folder 17
"Cartridge from entrenchments of Spanish at Santiago showing wooden block in place of powder with dented primer showing misfire", undated	box 1	folder 18
"Old Eagle glazing mill, built about 1830, E.I. du Pont & Co. Black Powder plant, Near Wilmington, Del.", undated	box 1	folder 19
"Receivers and poachers, Shotgun powder house, E.I. du Pont & Co. Smokeless powder plant, Carneys Point, New Jersey", undated	box 1	folder 20
Unidentified object, undated	box 1	folder 21

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## du Pont family and houses photographs

## Scope and Contents

This series contains seventeen photographs of various du Pont family members and houses, including E. Paul du Pont's brother Alexis Felix du Pont (1879-1948), their father and other sibilings, and the Jacob Broom House which was the residence of Francis G. du Pont, also known as the Hagley House.

Title/Description	Instances	
Waterwheel built by Alexis Felix du Pont , 1893	box 1	folder 22
Alexis Felix du Pont standing behind his waterwheel, 1893	box 1	folder 23
Images of pages from the diary of Alexis Felix du Pont describing the building of the waterwheel, diary entries are dated 1893 June 28, 29 and July 6, 7, 10, and 12. , 1893	box 1	folder 24-29
Jacob Broom House (also known as "Hagley"), residence of Francis Gurney du Pont, undated	box 1	folder 30
Chickens, undated	box 1	folder 31
Children of Francis Gurney du Pont including Irene and Eleuthere and dogs, Beppo and Tippto, undated	box 1	folder 32
Francis Gurey du Pont and family, circa 1881	box 1	folder 33-34
Four unidentified children with toys, possibly Francis Gurney du Pont's children, 1885 January	box 1	folder 35
Hagley House, front, undated	box 1	folder 36
Hagley House, back, undated	box 1	folder 37
Unidentified foundtain and garden, undated	box 1	folder 38

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## Miscellaneous photographs

### Scope and Contents

There are five color postcards of Longwood Gardens and six photographs of an unidentified mining operation.

Title/Description	Instances	
Views of Longwood Gardens, undated	box 1	folder 39-43
Unidentified mining operation, undated	box 1	folder 44-49

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