



DuPont Company gunpowder advertising envelopes 1995.296

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Summary Information

Repository:	Audiovisual Collections
Creator:	E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Company
Title:	DuPont Company gunpowder advertising envelopes
ID:	1995.296
Date:	1902
Physical Description:	8 item(s)
General Physical Description:	8 envelopes : color ; 3.75 x 6.5 in. Envelopes originally mounted and framed. Items were removed from frame and mounts, but original mats have been retained and placed in oversize storage.
Physical Location:	GL Box 2. Drawer A-18.
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Company is a chemical company more commonly referred to as the DuPont company. The company was established in 1802 by Pierre Samuel du Pont de Nemours (1739-1817) and his son Eleuthere Irenee du Pont (1771-1834) the company began with the production of gunpowder. This small collection consists of eight letter-size gunpowder advertising envelopes, including Peters cartridges, DuPont smokeless powder, Laflin & Rand, and Hazard Powder Company.

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Historical Note

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Scope and Content

This small collection consists of eight letter-size gunpowder advertising envelopes, including Peters cartridges, DuPont smokeless powder, Laflin & Rand, and Hazard Powder Company. Illustrations show game birds, hunting dogs, cowboys and Indians, and trapshooting. All envelopes are addressed to Eugene E. du Pont at Harvard University; postmarks include Montchanin, Delaware; Wilmington, Delaware; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Boston, Massachusetts; and Charleston, South Carolina.

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Access Restriction

This collection is open for research.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Gunpowder industry
- Gunpowder, Smokeless
- Advertisements
- Hunting.

- Game and game-birds