



**Archives Center & Research Library
Finding Aid**

**HSH Collection on the Stoy Family, 1809-circa 1986 (bulk 1842-1880)
Collection #2016-008**

ABSTRACT:

The Stoy family is best known for running a nineteenth-century wharf and general store near what is today Grove Street and the Cooper River in Haddonfield, as well as a saw mill and flax mill west of today's Crystal Lake Avenue in Haddon Township. This artificial collection includes estate papers for James Stoy (1796-1842) and his father Philip Stoy (1771-1852), as well as other family members. Other items of interest include a pencil sketch of the Stoy farmhouse on Cooper's Creek in 1860, and reminiscences of a 1945 interview with Walter Stoy (1862-1955).

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION:

Collection #: 2016-008

Collection title: HSH Collection on the Stoy Family

Creators: Stoy family, Jacob L. Rowand

Type of collection: family

Date of materials - earliest: 1809

Date of materials - latest: circa 1986

Bulk dates: 1842-1880

Number of boxes: 1 archival box and 1 flat file

Extent: 0.4 linear feet

Provenance: This is an artificial collection created by the Historical Society circa 1986 to consolidate Stoy-related items. The Walter Stoy interview was a gift of Mrs. Jesse G. Haydock Sr. (accession #1977-151) and the pencil drawing of the Stoy farmhouse was a gift of Ella C. Stoy (accession #1924-049). The Susanna Stoy estate papers and some of the James and Philip Stoy estate papers were separated from the Rowand Family Papers (collection #1914-002). The origins of the other estate-related documents are unclear, but it is possible that they were originally donated to the Historical Society by Mrs. J. Lewis Rowand in the 1920s (collection #1914-002). Jacob L. Rowand served as an executor of the estates of James, Philip and other Stoy family members, and that collection includes the papers of other estates Rowand administered.

Any restrictions on access? No restrictions

Language(s): English

Related collections:

- * Historical Society of Haddonfield, Deeds for Property at the Point Where Samuel Kepler Matlack Had a Blacksmith Shop, small accession 1913-001-1066 FF.
- * Historical Society of Haddonfield, Hinchman family papers, collection #2016-006.
- * Historical Society of Haddonfield, Rowand family papers, collection #1914-002.
- * Historical Society of Haddonfield, Survey of Stoy property in Haddon Township, October 13, 1813, by John Clement, small accession 1973-189-010 FF.

Other internal notes: Previously cataloged as 1976-167 and later as 1914-003-1501 to -2000.

Finding aid author: Lydia Mackey and Dana Dorman

Date finding aid created: 09/11/2019

SUBJECTS / ACCESS POINTS:

Geographic names

Haddon Township (N.J.)
 Haddonfield (N.J.)
 Stoy’s Landing (N.J.)

Source?

lcsH
 lcsH
 local

Names

Rowand, Jacob L., 1799-1880
 Stoy, Susanna, 1807-1877
 Stoy, James R., 1796-1842
 Stoy, Philip, 1771-1852
 Stoy, Samuel R., 1826-1879

Source?

local
 local
 local
 local
 local

BIOGRAPHICAL / HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

The Stoy family is best known for running a nineteenth-century wharf and general store near what is today Grove Street and the Cooper River in Haddonfield, as well as a saw mill and flax mill west of today’s Crystal Lake Avenue in Haddon Township.

Experts disagree on whether Philip Stoy (1771-1852) was born in New Jersey, but he appeared in Newton Township records by 1793. He married Catharine Rodgers (or Clutch/Klutch) around 1795, and they had seven children: James R. Stoy (1796-1842), Sarah Ann Stoy Horner Braddock (circa 1801-1850), Daniel R. Stoy (circa 1803-1860), Maria(h) Stoy Burroughs (1806-1888), Joseph C. Stoy (circa 1809-1881), Ann Stoy Bates (circa 1813-1880) and Samuel R. Stoy (circa 1814-1879).

Philip was in the lumber business, and in 1814 agreed to rent space for a wharf with Joseph Burrough from Joseph Hinchman, who owned a landing on what was known then as Cooper’s Creek at today’s Grove Street.

Stoy's eldest son James operated a saw mill west of today's Crystal Lake Avenue, and by 1815, James was also renting both the landing and a general store from Hinchman at the same spot where his father had the wharf. From the wharf and landing, the Stoy family could ship wood via Cooper's Creek to the Delaware River and Camden, Philadelphia, or beyond.

Their landing became one of the main commercial centers of the region during the first half of the nineteenth century. Therefore, it is no surprise that what had previously been known as Collins' Landing (after Francis Collins) and then Hinchman's Landing became known as Stoy's Landing. Likewise, the road from Haddonfield to the landing, which had been known as "Hinchman's Landing Road," became "Stoy's Landing Road" before it was renamed Grove Street in the nineteenth century.

Philip Stoy's home is believed to have been built near today's Garden State Park in Cherry Hill, while James built a home on the hill above today's Coles Mill Road, facing the creek. He later sold that house to his brother Samuel R. Stoy. (That house was demolished by a real estate developer after 1943, when this section of Haddon Township was transferred to Haddonfield.)

In 1828, James purchased the 150-acre "Crystal Lake Plantation," which included the land surrounding Crystal Lake, and the family moved to what is known today as the "Stoy House" at 330 Westmont Avenue, Haddon Township. James married Margaret Clutch circa 1816 and they had seven children: Charles Stoy (1818-1905), John Stoy (circa 1823-1905), Sarah Ann Stoy Stafford (1821-1894), Margaret Stoy (born circa 1825), Elizabeth/Eliza Stoy Willis (circa 1829-after 1880), James Stoy (1831-1890), and Aaron Stoy (1833-1894).

In addition to the store, wharf, landing, and sawmill, the Stoy family also operated a flax mill on the east side of Crystal Lake before 1895.

Susanna Fish Stoy (1807-1877) was the wife of another son of Philip Stoy: Daniel R. Stoy (circa 1803-1860). She and Daniel married circa 1830, and in the 1850 U.S. census, Daniel is listed as a farmer in Newton Township. However, he also owned land with his brother James in both Philadelphia and Waterford Township, at least, so he may have also been involved in the family lumber business.

Bibliography

Farr, William. *Waterways of Camden County: A Historical Gazetteer*. Camden, NJ: Camden County Historical Society, 2002.

Haddon Township Historical Society. "Haddon Township Historical Photographs: The Stoy House and Stoy Family," 2005.

Raible, Dennis G. *Down a Country Lane*. Camden, NJ: Camden County Historical Society, 1999.

Stoy, Robert. "Stoy Family of New Jersey,"

http://www.robertstoy.com/stoy_newjersey/index_stoynewjersey.htm (accessed September 9, 2019).

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

This collection contains primarily receipts, legal records, and other estate papers of James, Philip, Susanna and other Stoy family members, with a handful of other miscellaneous documents related to the family. The folders are arranged alphabetically by folder title.

Many of the estate papers relate to James Stoy, who died intestate in 1842. His brother Joseph C. Stoy and Jacob L. Rowand served as executors, as they would for Philip Stoy. (Rowand also served as executor of Susanna Fish Stoy's and Samuel Stoy's estates.)

Among the items of interest in the collection is a James Stoy vendue book dated March 18, 1839 (folder 1). It records a lengthy list of household and business goods sold, from seeds to horses, furniture, wagons, wood, and much more. It is unclear what prompted this sale, but the list of buyers provides insights into area residents (and likely family connections) at that time.

The vendue book from James' estate is dated October 13, 1842 (see folder 4) and includes information about several sloops built at Cooper's Creek between 1835-1842. This vendue book also includes a broadside pasted inside about the sale and clippings advertising sales of his various properties. The estate settlements are also found here.

Philip's estate papers are primarily found in folders 7-8, while Samuel Stoy Sr.'s estate papers are primarily found in folder 9. Susanna Stoy's estate papers are in folder 16.

Other Stoy estate papers that were previously kept with Jacob L. Rowand's papers can be found in folders 14, 15, and 16. Notable items here include an 1809 document (in folder 14) that describes the letters patent granted to Elisabeth Stoy "for a new and useful improvement invented by her late husband, William Stoy, being for a medicine to prevent or cure the effects of the bite of a mad dog."

Folder 11 contains miscellaneous research and other notes about the Stoy family, their genealogy, and their time in Haddonfield and Philadelphia. Some of these notes appear to be from HSH volunteer Joseph Hartel, while others may date back to Mr. and/or Mrs. Jesse Haydock.

A pencil drawing of a Stoy farmhouse can be found in folder 12. A handwritten note with the drawing reads, "This is my homestead home built in 1836 by my grandfather Phillip Stoy for my farther [sic] Joseph Stoy – my father + mother were married and went there to live."

Folder 13 contains a photocopy of a typescript reminiscence of an interview between Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Haydock and Walter Stoy (1862-1955) in 1945. It is unclear when the Haydocks wrote this reminiscence, but it appears that handwritten notes from the conversation are included in folder 11.

CONTAINER LIST / INVENTORY:

Estate papers, 1822-1840	Box 1	Folder 1
Estate papers, 1841	Box 1	Folder 2
Estate papers, Jan.-Sept. 1842	Box 1	Folder 3
Estate papers, Oct.-Dec. 1842	Box 1	Folder 4
Estate papers, 1843	Box 1	Folder 5
Estate papers, 1844-1849	Box 1	Folder 6

Estate papers, 1850-1852	Box 1	Folder 7
Estate papers, 1853	Box 1	Folder 8
Estate papers, 1854-1880	Box 1	Folder 9
Estate papers, undated	Box 1	Folder 10
Miscellaneous research and notes on Stoy family, circa 1940s-1980s	Box 1	Folder 11
Pencil drawing of Stoy farmhouse on Cooper River, 1860	Box 1	Folder 12
Reminiscence of Walter Stoy interview in 1945	Box 1	Folder 13
Stoy, James and Stoy, Philip estate papers from Jacob L. Rowand, 1809-1849	Box 1	Folder 14
Stoy, James deed, 1828	--	Flat File 1
Stoy, James estate ledger from Jacob L. Rowand, 1842-1845	Box 1	Folder 15
Stoy, Susanna estate papers from Jacob L. Rowand, 1872-1879	Box 1	Folder 16