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Washington centennial, 1889, and the Johnstown flood, 1889.  
Introduction**

Scrapbook containing pamphlets and single newspaper issues covering the centennial of George Washington's presidential inauguration, and the Johnstown, Penn. flood of 1889.

Range of collection dates: 1881?-1910?

Size: 1 volume (87 pieces)

Language: English

Provenance: Frederic Vinton.

Restrictions: Unknown.

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## **Scope Note**

The pamphlets and single newspaper issues are contemporary accounts which cover the centennial celebrations of George Washington's presidential inauguration, and the Johnstown, Penn. flood of 1889.

## **Arrangement**

Materials on the Washington centennial celebration are bound in first; then materials on the Johnstown flood; each section is organized chronologically.

## **Centennial materials:**

The centennial celebration of George Washington's inauguration as the first President of the United States took place in 1889 (from April 29th to May 1st). Considered the first national holiday in the U.S., various societies held parades and "inaugural balls" to honor the former president. The newspaper issues here primarily cover New Jersey, New York and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

- 1 Washington centenary celebrated in New-York April 29, 30-May 1, 1889
- 2 Programme: What everybody wants to know about the great centennial,  
          compliments of Guaranty Mutual Accident Association, New York
- 3 The Independent, April 25, 1889, v. 41 no. 2108, New York
- 4 Saturday Evening Spectator, April 27, 1889, v. 10 no. 40, Minneapolis
- 5 Daily State Gazette, April 29, 1889, v. 38 no. 101, Trenton, New Jersey
- 6 Daily State Gazette, April 30, 1889, v. 38 no. 102, Trenton, New Jersey
- 7 The Evening Post, April 30, 1889, v. 88, New York
- 8 The Press, April 30, 1889, v. 31, Philadelphia
- 9 New York Tribune, April 30, 1889, v. 49 no. 15, 507, New York
- 10 The World (Evening Edition), April 30, 1889, New York
- 11 The Sun, May 1, 1889, v. 56 no. 243, New York
- 12 New York Tribune, May 1, 1889, v. 49 no. 15, 508, New York

- 13 The World (New Jersey Edition), May 1, 1889, v. 29 no. 10, 116, New York
- 14 The Press, May 1, 1889, v. 31, Philadelphia
- 15 The Press, May 2, 1889, v. 31, Philadelphia
- 16 Hightstown Gazette, May 2, 1889, v. 14 no. 5, whole no. 2277, Hightstown, New Jersey
- 17 Hightstown Independent, May 2, 1889, v. 13 no. 47, Hightstown, New Jersey
- 18 Monmouth Democrat., May 2, 1889, v. 56 no. 18, whole no. 2,869, Freehold, New Jersey
- 19 Toledo Weekly Blade, May 2, 1889, v. 57 no. 19, Toledo, Ohio
- 20 The Irish World and American Industrial Liberator, May 4, 1889, 19<sup>th</sup> year, no. 975, New York
- 21 The Independent, May 9, 1889, v. 41 no. 2110, New York

**Johnstown flood materials:**

In 1839 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania built a dam on the South Fork of the Little Conemaugh lake, to be used in times of drought for the canal basin in Johnstown. It sat above Johnstown, in the mountains, at the top of the valley. The dam was completed in 1853, creating Lake Conemaugh, but then the dam was not maintained, as the railroads had made the canal system obsolete. Repairs were made in 1879-1881, when it was acquired by the South Fork Fishing and Hunting Club, a group of wealthy industrialists who built summer resort homes on the lake.

On May 31, 1889, during one of the worst storms of the later nineteenth century, the water level rose so rapidly that it overwhelmed the dam. Efforts were made to telegraph down to Johnstown, but the dam broke, despite efforts to shore it up. The water swept thru Johnstown, killing more than 2,000 townspeople and destroying the homes and industries in the valley.

- 22 New York Tribune, June 1, 1889, v. 49 no. 15, 539, New York
- 23 The Press, June 1, 1889, v. 31, Philadelphia
- 24 The Evening Star, June 1, 1889, v. 74 no. 13042, Washington, D. C.
- 25 The Press, June 2, 1889, v. 31, Philadelphia
- 26 The Cincinnati Commercial Gazette, June 2, 1889, v. 48 no. 230 (Cincinnati Commercial), v. 117 no. 153 (Cincinnati Daily Gazette), Cincinnati
- 27 The New York Times, June 2, 1889, v. 38 no. 11781, New York

28 New York Tribune, June 3, 1889, v. 49 no. 15541, New York  
 29 The Press, June 3, 1889, v. 31, Philadelphia  
 30 The Evening Star, June 3, 1889, v. 74, no. 13043, Washington, D. C.  
 31 The Sun, June 3, 1889, v. 56 no. 276, New York  
 32 The New York Times, June 3, 1889, v. 38 no. 11782, New York  
 33 The Cincinnati Commercial Gazette, June 3, 1889, v. 48 no. 231 (The Cincinnati  
     Commercial), v. 118 no. 154 (Cincinnati Daily Gazette), Cincinnati  
 34 The Times, June 3, 1889, no. 5008, Philadelphia  
 35 The Sun, June 4, 1889, v. 56 no. 277, New York  
 36 Public Ledger, June 4, 1889, v. 107 no. 62, Philadelphia  
 37 The New York Times, June 4, 1889, v. 38 no. 11783, New York  
 38 The Cincinnati Commercial Gazette, June 4, 1889, v. 48 no. 232 (The Cincinnati  
     Commercial), v. 117 no. 155 (Cincinnati Daily Gazette), Cincinnati  
 39 The Evening Star, June 4, 1889, v. 74 no. 13044, Washington, D. C.  
 40 The Times, June 4, 1889, no. 5009, Philadelphia  
 41 The Philadelphia Press, June 4, 1889, Philadelphia  
 42 New-York Tribune, June 4, 1889, v. 49, no. 15542, New-York  
 43 The Press, June 5, 1889, v. 31, Philadelphia  
 44 The Cincinnati Commercial Gazette, June 5, 1889, v. 48., no. 233 (The Cincinnati  
     Commercial), v. 117, no. 150 (Cincinnati Daily Gazette), Cincinnati  
 45 The Evening Star, June 5, 1889, v. 74, no. 13045, Washington, D.C.  
 46 The World, June 5, 1889 v. 29, no. 10151, New York  
 47 New-York Tribune, June 5, 1889, v. 49, no. 15543, New-York  
 48 The Independent, June 6, 1889, v. 41, no. 2114, New York  
 49 The Press, June 6, 1889, v. 31, Philadelphia  
 50 The World (Everything Edition), June 6, 1889, New York  
 51 New-York Tribune, June 6, 1889, v. 49, no. 15544, New-York  
 52 New-York Tribune, June 7, 1889, v. 49, no. 15545, New York  
 53 The Daily Graphic, June 7, 1889, v. 49, no. 5039, New York  
 54 The Evening Post, June 7, 1889, v. 88, New York  
 55 Public Ledger, June 7, 1889, v. 107, no. 65, Philadelphia  
 56 Princeton Press, June 8, 1889, v. 58, no. 23, Princeton  
 57 The Sun, June 8, 1889, v. 56, no. 21, New York  
 58 New York Herald (Triple Sheet), June 8, 1889, New York  
 59 The New-York Times, June 8, 1889, v. 38, no. 11787, New-York  
 60 The Philadelphia Inquirer, June 8, 1889, v. 120, no. 135, Philadelphia  
 61 The Press, June 8, 1889, v. 31, Philadelphia  
 62 Public Ledger, June 8, 1889, v. 107, no. 66, Philadelphia  
 63 New-York Tribune, June 8, 1889, v. 49, no. 15546, New-York  
 64 The Daily Graphic, June 10, 1889, v. 49, no. 1541, New York  
 65 The Press, June 10, 1889, v. 31, Philadelphia  
 66 The Philadelphia Inquirer, June 10, 1889, v. 120, no. 136, Philadelphia  
 67 The Sun, June 10, 1889, v. 61, no. 23, New York  
 68 The Daily Graphic, June 11, 1889, v. 49, no. 5042, New York  
 69 The Sun, June 11, 1889, v. 56, no. 24, New York  
 70 The New York Herald (Triple Sheet), June 11, 1889, no. 19286, New York

- 71 Herald-And-Presbyter, June 12, 1889, v. 59, no. 20, Cincinnati
- 72 The Philadelphia Inquirer, June 12, 1889, v. 128, no. 138, Philadelphia
- 73 The Press, June 13, 1889, v. 31, Philadelphia
- 74 The Philadelphia Inquirer, June 14, 1889, v. 120, no. 140, Philadelphia
- 75 The Press, June 14, 1889, v. 31, Philadelphia
- 76 The Philadelphia Inquirer, June 15, 1889, v. 120, no. 141, Philadelphia
- 77 The Press, June 18, 1889, v. 31, Philadelphia
- 78 The Press, June 20, 1889, v. 31, Philadelphia
- 79 The Independent, June 20, 1889, v. 41, no. 2116, New York
- 80 The Press, June 21, 1889, v. 31, Philadelphia
- 81 The Press, June 22, 1889, v. 31, Philadelphia
- 82 The Press, June 24, 1889, v. 31, Philadelphia
- 83 The Press, June 25, 1889, v. 31, Philadelphia
- 84 The Press (Pages 9 and 10), June 26, 1889, Philadelphia
- 85 The Evening Post, June 26, 1889, v. 88, New York
- 86 The Press, June 26, 1889, v. 31, Philadelphia
- 87 The Press, June 27, 1889, v. 31, Philadelphia
- 88 The Press, June 28, 1889, v. 31, Philadelphia