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PROVENANCE

Gift of Ann M. Weygandt, granddaughter of Cornelius Nolen Weygandt. Seven additional diaries and memorandum books, dating from 1848 to 1862, were purchased in 2004 to complete the collection.

ARRANGEMENT

The diaries of Cornelius Nolen Weygandt are chronologically arranged. Correspondence, ephemera, memoranda, and clippings, which were originally kept folded within the pages of the diaries, are now kept in separate file folders which follow their respective diaries.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Cornelius Nolen Weygandt was born in Philadelphia in 1832, the son of Thomas Jefferson Weygandt and Sophie Makins Helmbold Weygandt. He attended Central High School in Philadelphia and graduated in 1848. He continued his studies independently, focusing his attention

on the classics, and pursued these interests throughout his life. In addition to reading the classics, Cornelius N. Weygandt was actively interested in art, theater, history, and genealogy.

Weygandt went directly from Central High School to his career in banking. He began as a clerk at the Western Bank, located on the south side of Chestnut Street just west of Fourth Street, in the heart of Philadelphia's nineteenth-century financial district. The Western Bank was chartered by the state in 1832 and by 1861 had a capital of \$500,000. In 1863 Weygandt was appointed Cashier, a position roughly equivalent to chief financial officer in a modern corporation. On February 3, 1865, the Western Bank was chartered as the Western National Bank under the National Bank Act. In 1878 he was elected Vice President of the bank, and in 1887, he succeeded John Patterson as President. Weygandt served as president for twenty years, until his death in 1907 at age seventy-five.

Weygandt married Lucy Elmaker Thomas. Their children included Lucy Weygandt, Sophie Weygandt, and Cornelius Weygandt (1871-1957).

SCOPE AND CONTENT

On Oct. 3, 1849 Cornelius N. Weygandt wrote: "Last night I formed the resolution of keeping a journal, in which to insert such incidents of my daily life, as I might deem worthy of notice. I have made the same resolution before this time but have been too lazy to carry out my designs. I began a journal about this time last year but soon neglected it, not having kept it more than six months. In this one I hope however to be more successful, and I think that I shall at least be able to finish this book of reminiscences. Time will show the value of my resolutions. ..." Cornelius showed resolve for five days making his last entry for 1849 on October 7. He began again in 1852 with shorter entries into small pocket diaries. These diaries give details on the daily routines of his life. This includes information on what time he rose from bed, accounts of weather, books read, family, friends, social visits, his courting of Lucy Thomas, and reports of entertainment such as plays and operas attended.

Beginning in 1878, the year Weygandt was appointed Vice President of the bank, his diaries are no longer the small pocket diaries, but larger octavo diaries with lengthier daily entries -- more closely aligned to his original efforts of 1849. These diaries contain not only information on the daily routines, entertainments, and books, but also information on investments, banking, economic

history, as well as an abundance of social history with commentary of Philadelphia society and local scandal. His diaries continue in this vein for the remainder of his life.

Typically Weygandt would collect correspondence, ephemera, and clippings (kept folded within the diaries) which would highlight activities each year. Banking, art, and theater were the main topics of interest, but local politics and sensational news stories also found their way into the creases of the volumes.

Additionally there is a small series of letters, 1845-1852, from W.W. Cottingham of Easton to Cornelius Weygandt. Cottingham was a close personal friend of Weygandt who was closely acquainted with Weygandt's extended family in Easton. His letters cover many topics including Cornelius' independent pursuit of study in the classics; family life; Cottingham's student life at Princeton Theological Seminary; his first sermon; his broken engagement to Caroline Deshler of Easton which was a result largely due to rumors that he was paying attention to a certain Sophie Weygandt of Philadelphia; request for books from Cornelius in Philadelphia; and Cottingham's teaching career.

CONTROLLED ACCESS HEADINGS

Corporate Name(s)

- Princeton Theological Seminary.
- Western Bank (Philadelphia, Pa.).
- Western National Bank (Philadelphia, Pa.).

Genre(s)

- Diaries.

Geographic Name(s)

- Pennsylvania--Social life and customs
- Philadelphia (Pa.)--Social life and customs--19th century.

Personal Name(s)

- Bechtel, Johannes, 1690-1777
- Bechtel, Maria Appolonia Marrett, 1691-1778
- Cottingham, W. W.
- Weygandt, Ann.
- Weygandt, Catherine Nowlane.
- Weygandt, Cornelius Nolen, 1904-
- Weygandt, Cornelius Nowlane, 1770-1806
- Weygandt, Cornelius, 1713-1799
- Weygandt, Cornelius, 1871-1957
- Weygandt, George Herrman.
- Weygandt, Jacob, 1742-1828
- Weygandt, Jacob, 1789-1861
- Weygandt, John Balthasar.
- Weygandt, Lucy Elmaker Thomas, 1837-1907
- Weygandt, Mary Agneta Bechtel, 1719-1789
- Weygandt, Ottelia Dimler.
- Weygandt, Sara Matlack.
- Weygandt, Sophie Makins Helmbold.
- Weygandt, Susan Grunmayer.
- Weygandt, Thomas Jefferson, 1800-1874

Subject(s)

- Banks and banking--Pennsylvania--Philadelphia.

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INVENTORY

CORRESPONDENCE	Box	Folder
W.W. Cottingham 1845 1849	1	1
W.W. Cottingham 24 January 1850-8 April 1850	1	2
W.W. Cottingham 1 June 1850-16 December 1850	1	3
W.W. Cottingham 1851-1852	1	4
DIARIES	Box	Folder
1848: 15 October 1848-27 April 1848	1	5
1849: 3 October 1849-8 October 1849	1	6
1852: 1852	1	7
1852: Memoranda, Clippings 1852	1	8
1853: 21 September 1853-2 December 1853	1	9
1854: 1854	1	10
1855: 1855	1	11
1856 (1): 1 January 1856-12 May 1856 18 August 1856-22 August 1856	1	12
1856 (2): 13 May 1856-20 September 1856	1	13
1856 (3): 21 September 1856-10 February 1856	1	14

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1857 (1): 22 February 1857-14 June 1857	1	15
1857 (2): 15 June 1857-18 September 1857	1	16
1857 (3): 19 September 1857-23 November 1857	1	17
1857: Scrapbook 1857	1	18
1857: Loose clippings from Scrapbook 1857-1864	1	19
1857: Letter 21 July 1858	1	20
1859: 1859	1	21
1860: 1 January 1860-12 November 1860	1	22
1861: 1861	1	23
1862: 1 January 1862-1 September 1862	1	24
1863: 13 January 1863-9 May 1863	1	25
1863: Pocket Diary 24 January 1863-31 December 1863	1	26
1864: 1864	1	27
1864: Letter August 1864	1	28
1864: Circular letter 18 November 1864	1	29
1865: 1 January 1865-15 May 1865 24 October 1865-10 December 1865	1	30
1866: 1 January 1866-31 January 1866 9 December 1866-31 December 1866	1	31
1868: 1868	1	32
1871: Clippings 1870-1871	1	33
1871: Letter 1871	1	34
1871: 1 January 1871-20 November 1871	1	35
1871: Memoranda, Ephemera, Clippings 1873	1	36
1874: 1 January 1874-2 June 1874	1	37

1875: Clippings 1875	1	38
1875: 1 January 1875-31 May 1875	2	1
1875: Performance Program 1875	2	2
1876: Diary and Clippings [July 26-Dec 31] 1 January 1876-14 February 1876 29 May 1876-28 June 1876	2	3
1878: 1878	2	4
1878: Diary Memoranda, Ephemera 1878	2	5
1878: Clippings 1878	2	6
1879: 1879	2	7
1879: Correspondence, Ephemera, Clippings 1879	2	8
1880: 1880	2	9
1880: Correspondence, Ephemera 1880	2	10
1880: Clippings, 1880	2	11
1881: 1881	2	12
1881: Memoranda, Correspondence, Ephemera 1881	2	13
1881: Clippings 1881	2	14
1882 (1): 1882	2	15
1882 (2): 31 August 1882-19 September 1882	2	16
1882: Clippings 1882	2	17
1883: 1883	2	18
1883: Clippings 1883	2	19
1884 (1): 1884	2	20
1884 (2): 11 September 1884-30 September 1884	2	21
1884: Correspondence, Ephemera 1884	2	22
1884: Clippings 1884	2	23

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1885 (1): 1885	2	24
1885 (2): 2 September 1885-25 September 1885	2	25
1885: Addenda 1885-1904	3	1
1885: Clippings	3	2
1886 (1): 1 January 1886-29 March 1886	3	3
1887 (2): 30 March 1886-18 July 1886	3	4
1886 (3): 19 July 1886-1 November 1886	3	5
1886 (4): 2 November 1886-30 January 1887	3	6
1886: Correspondence, Memoranda 1886	3	7
1886: Clippings (1) 1 January 1886-29 March 1886	3	8
1886: Clippings (2) 30 March 1886-18 July 1886	3	9
1886: Clippings (3) 19 July 1886-1 November 1886	3	10
1886: Clippings (4) 2 November 1886-30 January 1887	3	11
1887 (1): 31 January 1887-7 October 1887	3	12
1887 (2): 8 October 1887-11 June 1888	3	13
1887: Ephemera 1887	3	14
1887: Clippings 1887	3	15
1888: 20 June 1888-28 February 1888	3	16
1888: Clippings 1888	3	17
1889: 4 March 1889-31 December 1889	3	18
1889: Correspondence, Ephemera 1889	3	19
1889: Clippings 1889	3	20
1890: 1890	4	1
1890: Clippings 1890	4	2

1891: 1891	4	3
1891: Clippings 1891	4	4
1892 (1): 1892	4	5
1892 (2): 8 September 1892-24 September 1892	4	6
1892: Clippings 1892	4	7
1893: 1893	4	8
1892: Clippings 1893	4	9
1894: 1894	4	10
1894: Clippings 1894	4	11
1895 (1): 1895	5	1
1895 (2): 11 September 1895-23 September 1895	5	2
1895: Memoranda 1895	5	3
1895: Clippings 1895	5	4
1896: 1896	5	5
1896: Correspondence, Ephemera 1896	5	6
1896: Clippings 1896	5	7
1897: 1897	5	8
1897: Correspondence, Ephemera 1897	5	9
1897: Clippings 1897	5	10
1898 (1): 1 January 1898-6 March 1898	5	11
1898 (2): 16 September 1898-4 November 1898	5	12
1898 (3): 5 November 1898-31 December 1898	5	13
1898: Correspondence, Ephemera 1898	5	14
1898: Clippings 1898	5	15

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1899: 1899	5	16
1899: Addenda 25 May 1899-31 December 1899	5	17
1899: Ephemera 1899	5	18
1899: Clippings 1899	5	19
1900: 1900	6	1
1900: Addenda 1900-1902	6	2
1900: Correspondence, Ephemera 1900	6	3
1900: Clippings 1900	6	4
1901: 1901	6	5
1901: Correspondence, Ephemera 1901	6	6
1901: Clippings 1901	6	7
1902: 1902	6	8
1902: Addenda 31 May 1902-31 December 1902	6	9
1902: Correspondence, Ephemera 1902	6	10
1902: Clippings 1902	6	11
1903 (1): 1 January 1903-10 July 1903	6	12
1903 (2): 10 July 1903-31 December 1903	6	13
1903: Correspondence, Memoranda 1903	6	14
1903: Clippings 1903	6	15
1904 (1): 1904	6	16
1904 (2): 8 July 1904-29 August 1904	6	17
1904: Ephemera, Memoranda 1904	6	18
1904: Clippings 1904	6	19
1905 (1): 1905	6	20

1905 (2): 6 July 1905-11 September 1905	6	21
1905: Clippings 1905	6	22
1906: 1906	6	23
1906: Clippings 1906	6	24
1907: 1 January 1907-16 February 1907	6	25
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Photographs c. 1894	6	26
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Manuscript by Cornelius N. Weygandt on The Improvement of the Mind, c. 1894	6	28
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Private ledger 1867-1871	7	2
Income tax 1867-1871	7	3
Account book [1873] 1872	7	4
Account book 1873	7	5
Account book [1879] 1873	7	6
Account book 1878	7	7
Pressed leaves 1869	7	8
Clipping, Obituary Cornelius Nolen Weygandt 2004	7	9
Scrapbook c. 1900	7	10
Central High School Certificates 1848-1849	OS 1	