

**The Filson Historical Society**

**Henry Whitestone, 1819-1893**

**Architectural Sketch and Account Books, 1856-1871**

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**Size of Collection:**

.33 cubic feet, or 10 volumes

**Location Number:**

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**Scope and Content Note:**

Collection is comprised of ten notebooks kept by Henry Whitestone between the years 1856-1871. Half of the notebooks contain sketches, details, measurements, and lists of supplies related to a variety of architectural projects in Louisville, KY. (Please note: not all sketches and measurements are directly identified to projects by Whitestone.) The remaining half of the notebooks serve as account books for specific projects. These account books reflect the receipt and disbursement of monies as well as payroll, contractors, and costs of supplies. Projects of note include the second Galt House, Thomas H. Hunt residence, House of Refuge, and the Merchants Bank of Kentucky. All architectural projects are located in Louisville, KY.

**Provenance Note:**

This collection was found in the basement of the Louisville Fiscal Court Building. Materials found with the collection indicate that it came from the Old Louisville Trust Building, office of the architectural firm D. X. Murphy & Bros., the firm which succeeded Henry Whitestone. In 1962, D. X. Murphy & Bros. changed their name to Luckett and Farley, Inc. and relocated to the Washington Building on 4th and Market Streets, but neglected to move the Whitestone notebooks to their new location. The collection was sent from the Fiscal Court Building to the Jefferson County Office of Historic Preservation and Archives and in April 1986 was donated to the Filson Historical Society.

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**Biographical Note:**

Henry Whitestone (1819–1893) was born in County Clare, Ireland. Whitestone worked as an architect in Ireland before he came to the United States in 1852. Upon arriving in the United States, he worked out of Cincinnati with noted hotel architect, Isaiah Rogers. Rogers and Whitestone opened offices in Louisville in the 1850s. Rogers continued to work primarily in Cincinnati while Whitestone worked out of Louisville. They were commissioned to design the expansion and redesign of the Louisville Hotel after it was badly damaged by a fire in 1853. The partnership dissolved in 1857 when Rogers took a position in Washington, D. C. Whitestone opened his own firm in Louisville. He worked on the enlargement of the first Galt House. He designed homes for some of Louisville's most affluent families. During the United States Civil War Whitestone was commissioned by the Union Army to build the commissary bakery in Jeffersonville, Indiana. Whitestone is best remembered for his work on the Galt House, located at First & Main Streets, which he completed in 1869, but should also be credited for his great variety of commercial, residential, public, and institutional designs throughout Louisville. Whitestone welcomed D. X. Murphy into his firm in 1874. Murphy took control of the firm when Whitestone retired in 1881. He later renamed the firm D. X. Murphy & Bro., Architects. Today, the firm operates under the name Lockett & Farley, Inc. Whitestone was married to Henrietta Sautelle Baker of Ireland. The couple had two daughters, Austine and Henrietta.

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**Container List**

- Volume 1: Thomas H. Hunt house, 2<sup>nd</sup> and Walnut Streets, Account Book, 1856-1858
- Volume 2: Sketch Book with notes, 1859
- Volume 3: Sketch Book, 1860-1864
- Volume 4: House of Refuge, Third Street, Account Book, 1860-1865
- Volume 5: Merchants Bank of Kentucky, 176 W. Main St., Account Book, 1865-1866
- Volume 6: "New Hotel," a.k.a. Galt House, Disbursement and Cash Account Book, 1866-1867
- Volume 7: Sketch Book containing lists of supplies, notes, and detailed measurements, 1867
- Volume 8: Sketch Book with details, measurements, and notes on various projects, 1868-1871
- Volume 9: Mr. Caldwell's stores, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street between Main and Market, Account Book, undated
- Volume 10: Book of measurements and calculations, unidentified, undated

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**Subject Headings**

Account books – Kentucky – Louisville  
Architects – Kentucky – Louisville  
Architecture – Designs and plans  
Banks - Kentucky – Louisville – Buildings, structures, etc.  
Building trades – Kentucky – Louisville  
Contractors – Kentucky – Louisville  
Galt House (Louisville, Ky.)  
Hotels – Designs and plans  
House of Refuge (Louisville, Ky.)  
Hunt, Thomas H., 1815-1884  
Merchants Bank of Kentucky (Louisville, Ky.)  
Whitestone, Henry, 1819-1893