

entitled "Acte d'association d'une manufacture de Poudre de guerre et de chasse dans les Etats Unis d'Amérique", signed in Paris, 17 Vendémiaire An X [21 Apl 1801], and articles of agreement between Du Pont de Nemours, Père et Fils & Cie, E. I. du Pont, and Peter Bauduy, 25 Aug 1802; news clipping of the French government's decree concerning matters between Louis André Pichon and Victor du Pont, 1807; report of Jean Baptiste Orsèle to Pichon, concerning an expedition to Veracruz to recover French funds, undated; accounts with Raphael DuPlanty, 1805-08 (5 items); and records of sales, receipts, invoices, promissory notes, and bills of exchange.

(7) Business papers of Victor & Charles I. du Pont & Co., cloth manufacturers, near Wilmington, Del., c.1810-25 (32 items), including: two contracts for apprentices, 1820; bond of Victor and E. I. du Pont to Richard S. Smith and Francis Gurney Smith for \$25, 000, 1822; cost estimates for fabricating black cloth, undated (2 items); draft from Emmanuel, Maréchal de Grouchy, 1819; and accounts, bills, and receipts.

Series C: Papers of Gabrielle Josephine (de La Fite de Pelleport) du Pont (Madame Victor du Pont), 1801-34 (7 items), being her letters to: Charles I. du Pont, 1834; Eleuthère Irénée du Pont, 1801-17 (3 items, of which two are published in Life of E. I. du Pont, V, 325 and VI, 92); Sophie (Dalmas) du Pont (Madame E. I. du Pont), 1784 (published in Life of E. I. du Pont, III, 132). Also a letter of Raphael Du Planty to Madame Victor du Pont, 1809, and a letter of C[atherine] Cruger to an unidentified person mentioning Madame du Pont and a recent explosion at the Du Pont mills, undated [1818?].

GROUP 3 - PAPERS OF ELEUTHÈRE IRÉNÉE DU PONT (1771-1834) AND HIS WIFE, 1782-1838 (about 3, 000 items)

Chronology of Eleuthère Irénée du Pont

1771-1834

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| 1771 June 24 | - Born in Paris, the son of Pierre Samuel du Pont de Nemours and his wife, Nicole Charlotte Marie Louise Le Dée de Roccourt; christened two days later. His godfather, Turgot, suggested the name, in honor of liberty and peace. |
| 1774         | - Accompanied his parents to Poland.  |
| 1775-1778    | - Tutored at Bois-des-Fossés and in Paris. His teachers included the Abbé Philippe Nicolas Harmand and Jacques Peuchet.   |
| 1785 Mch     | - Wrote an account of gunpowder manufacture for his father; this was probably his first recorded interest in the subject.   |
| Aug 10       | - Entered the Collège Royal at Paris; readmitted on Dec 7, because of an illness of smallpox in the autumn.   |
| 1787 Nov 6   | - Accepted by this date as a student in the Régie des Poudres, the government agency for the manufacture of gunpowder, of which Lavoisier was a director. Du Pont remained a student, under government auspices, for two years.   |
| 1789 Mch 8   | - Accompanied his father to the Assemblée des Trois Ordres du Bailliage de Nemours.   |

- July 13 - Enrolled in the Garde Nationale.
- Autumn - Began an apprenticeship with Monsieur David, presumably in the manufacture of powder.
- 1790 Apl-Sept - Worked in the government powder mills at Essonnes, near Paris.
- 1791 June 8 - Du Pont de Nemours issued a prospectus for his printing business in Paris. This was later managed by E. I. du Pont and continued until 1799.
- 1791 Nov 26 - Marriage to Sophie Madeleine Dalmas (1775-1828), daughter of Jean François Dalmas and his wife, Sophie Marie Madeleine Gentil.
- 1792 Aug 10 - With his father and a small group in defending Louis XVI when the Tuileries was invaded by a mob.
- Sept 13 - Appointed, with Pierre Didot, by the Assemblée Legislative, to print assignats.
- Nov 13 - Du Pont press started to print the periodical, *Le Républicain universel* (later *Le Républicain français*).
- 1793 Mch-May - Du Pont press printed works for Lavoisier, the Académie des Sciences, and others.
- 1794 Aug - Du Pont continued to operate the press during his father's imprisonment.
- 1795-1798 - Administered the estate of Bois-des-Fossés and other family properties, upon the return of his father to public office.
- 1797 Apl 4 - Identified as a printer in his *carte de sûreté* issued on this date.
- Sept 5 - Arrested and held with his father in the prison of La Force, in Paris; while there the printing house was ransacked and the presses broken.
- 1799 Mch - Du Pont press published La Rochefoucauld-Liancourt's *Voyage dans les Etats-Unis d'Amérique fait en 1795, 1796 et 1797*, in 8 vols.
- May - Attended a course in botany at the Jardin des Plantes, having had a keen interest in the subject from earlier years.
- May 21 - Sale of the printing house in Paris by this date.
- Oct 2 - Du Pont and others of his family sailed from the Ile de Re for the United States, aboard the *American Eagle*, to establish themselves in business.
- 1800 Jan 3 - Landed at Newport, R. I., and remained some days before proceeding to their new abode at Bergen Point, N. J.
- Jan - Partner in the commission. house of Du Pont de Nemours, Père et Fils & Cie, with offices in New York.
- Conceived the idea of a gunpowder factory in America, as part of operations of their commercial venture, and to improve the state of family finances.
- Nov - Visited Philadelphia to investigate a factory site.
- 1801 Jan 5 - Sailed for France, accompanied by his brother, Victor, to obtain machinery and raise capital for the powder manufactory.
- Feb 2 - Arrived at Le Havre; proceeded to Paris on Feb 5.
- Mch-Apl - At Essonnes, where he ordered machinery and equipment for the new factory; much of this was made in this government factory, where Du Pont had formerly worked.

- 1801 Apl 21 - Act of association creating the firm of E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. signed in Paris; the firm was capitalized at \$36, 000, in 18 shares held by European and American investors. E. I. du Pont was authorized to administer and operate the business.
- May I - Sailed from Le Havre on the cartel ship Benjamin Franklin detained by the British in the English Channel and taken to Portsmouth where the ship remained for some days before clearing for the United States.
- July 14 - Arrived at Philadelphia; reached New York on July 20.
- July 16 - Arrival of Merino sheep at Philadelphia, imported by Du Pont. He was a leader in improving the quality of American wool, and imported the Merino ram, Don Pedro, in 1801.
- Sept - Received samples of government saltpetre (for which his father had negotiated in Washington in July); also visited Washington to investigate possible sites for his powder factory.
- Sep 24 - Arrived at Wilmington, Del., on his way to New York, to study possible sites for the factory.
- Oct-Nov - Visited parts of New Jersey and New York for possible site of the factory.
- Dec - His offer to purchase the powder mill of William Lane and Stephen Decatur, at Frankford, Pa., refused by the owners.
- 1802 Apl 27 - Agreement made for the purchase of property of Jacob Broom, on the Brandywine, a few miles from Wilmington, Del., as the site for the powder manufactory.
- May - Notice of dissolution of Du Pont de Nemours, Père et Fils & Cie, in New York; it held 12 of the shares in E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.
- June 21 - Deed of purchase by William Hamon from Jacob Broom, for the Brandywine site. Hamon, a naturalized Frenchman residing at Wilmington, Del., held the property for Du Pont; he is more fully identified as Guillaume François de Hamon, Marquis de Vanjoux, (1753-1816), who married a sister of Peter Bauduy, a French refugee from Santo Domingo, also a resident of Wilmington.
- July 18 - Du Pont moved his family from Bergen Point, N.J., to their new Homes on the Brandywine.
- Aug 25 - Agreement between Du Pont de Nemours, Père et Fils & Cie, of Paris, E. I. du Pont, and Peter Bauduy, whereby Bauduy would further operations of the new powder firm of E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. Pierre de Bauduy de Bellevue (c. 1769-1833) was a rich planter who had fled from Santo Domingo during the uprisings and settled in Wilmington, Del., where he soon Anglicized his name. Though grave difficulties ensued from Du Pont's association with him, he gave substantial assistance in the early years of the company's existence.
- Sep 4 - Bauduy acquired two shares in E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.
- Oct 28 - Became a correspondant étranger of the Société d'Agriculture et des Arts du Département de Seine et Oise (Versailles).
- 1803 spring - Moved into his new houses at Eleutherian Mills.

- July 20 - Wrote to President Jefferson, seeking government patronage for his new powder factory.
- 1804 Mch 1 - William Hamon transferred the Broom property to him.
- May 2 - Began to manufacture powder; the first recorded sale was on May 16.
- Nov 3 - Became a naturalized citizen of the United States.
- Nov 23 - President Jefferson informed him privately that the Army and Navy would use Du Pont powder.
- Nov 27 - Patent No. 590 issued to him for a machine to granulate powder.
- 1806 July - Visited Pittsburgh to seek a site for a factory, to be nearer western supply of saltpeter; this plan was later abandoned.
- 1807 Jan 16 - Membership in the American Philosophical Society.
- Nov 4 - Contract between Du Pont de Nemours, Père et Fils & Cie, of Paris, and Menestrier (as agent for Talleyrand, then Ministre des Relations Extérieures) for a loan of 100,000 francs by the minister; part of this was for the powder company in Delaware.
- 1808 Jan 8 - Powder of attorney to his father to sell his share in the Bois-des-Fossés estate in France. Membership in the Philadelphia Society for Promoting Agriculture.
- 1809 Dec 31 - Renewal of the act of association of E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.
- 1810 June 19 - Founding of Du Pont, Bauduy & Co., woolen manufacturers, with Victor du Pont, E. I. du Pont, Peter Bauduy, and Raphael Du Planty as partners.
- 1811 - Invested in the Kennett Turnpike Co. founded in 1811. Author of "Observations on sheep", published in Archives of useful knowledge (Philadelphia, 1811).
- 1812 June 16 - Publication of Villany detected, Du Pont's account of Thomas Ewell's attempt to pirate employees and techniques for his own factory at Bladensburg, Md.
- 1813 Apl - Formation of the Brandywine Mill Seat Co. by Du Pont and other Wilmington business leaders.
- May 15 - Warranted a captain of volunteers, South Brandywine Rangers (Delaware Militia).
- 1814 Jan 2 - Agreed to transfer to his stepsister, Madame Bureaux de Pusy, two shares of stock in E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. (representing interests held by her late husband through Du Pont de Nemours, Père et Fils & Cie.)
  - Director of the Farmers Bank of the State of Delaware; served until 1822, and again in 1826-27.
- June 21 - By this date Peter Bauduy was greatly dissatisfied with Du Pont's management of the company and appealed to European stockholders for his removal.
- Aug 14 - James Antoine Bidermann, son of Jacques Bidermann of Paris (an important shareholder in E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.) arrived from France to investigate company affairs and to report on the controversy between Bauduy and Du Pont.
- Dec - Bauduy's decision to retire from the company.

- 1815 Feb 15 - Bauduy sold his shares in the company to Du Pont.
- Feb 16 - Bidermann began service with the company, in the place formerly held by Bauduy. In 1816 he married Evelina, daughter of E. I. du Pont.
- Dec - Participated in a meeting of textile manufacturers at Wilmington to urge the passage of tariffs against British cloth; later active in petitioning Congress on the tariff question.
- 1816 Mch 16 - Bauduy filed suit against E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. in the Delaware Court of Chancery in an action to dissolve the firm; this was, the beginning of a protracted suit which was finally settled in Du Pont's favor.
- 1817 Jan 29 - Incorporation of the Brandywine Manufacturers' Sunday School, with Du Pont as a trustee.
- Apl 5 - Vice President of the Society of the State of Delaware for the Promotion of American Manufacturers, and member of its committee to survey the state's economy.
- Dec 16 - Talleyrand requested repayment of his loan made in 1807; this debt was not fully settled until 1829.
- 1818 Aug 19 - Madame Bureaux de Pusy advertised withdrawal of her shares from the company; this was followed by her suit against Du Pont in the Delaware courts.
- 1820 June 9 - Member of the Agricultural Society of New Castle County, Del.
- New York. - Delaware delegate and member of Board of Managers of the National Institution for the Promotion of Industry, organized in
- 1821 Sept 24 - Appointed by the American Philosophical Society to a commission to survey a route for a canal between the Delaware and Chesapeake Bays.
- 1822 Dec 31 - Director of the Bank of the United States; served 1823-25, 1827-29.
- 1823 Dec - Member of a Wilmington committee to collect funds for distressed Greeks.
- 1824 - Appealed to Henry Clay, Speaker of the House, for passage of a new tariff .
- 1825 June 24 - Welcomed La Fayette at Eleutherian Mills.
- June - Trustee of the New Castle County Poor House.
- 1826 Mch 1 - Member of a Wilmington committee to raise funds in Delaware for the aid of Jefferson.
- 1828 Jan - Testified before the House Committee of Manufactures, at Washington, on the production of wool and the manufacture of woolens.
- Oct - Unsuccessful candidate for election to the Delaware House of Representatives.
- Nov 27 - Death of his wife at Eleutherian Mills.
- 1829 June 9 - Du Pont's appeal from the Delaware Court of Chancery to the High Court of Errors and Appeals sustained in his suit with Bauduy.
- Sept 7 - Supported proposal of the Association of Working People of New Castle Co., Del., for free public education.

- 1830 Sept 25
  - One of the commissioners to divide New Castle County into school districts, under the law of 1829 which established the Delaware school system.
  - Membership in the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society.
- 1831 autumn
  - Sat for his portrait by Rembrandt Peale.
- Dec 12
  - Delegate to the National Republican Convention in Baltimore.
- 1832
  - An incorporator of the Wilmington Fire Insurance Co.
- 1834 Sept 19
  - Chairman of a committee appointed to aid blind children of Delaware, by collection of funds for the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind.
- Oct 31
  - Death in Philadelphia.

NOTE: For additional details concerning Du Pont's activity in E. I. du Pont Nemours & Co., see the Chronology for the company, pp. 576-579 of this Guide.

Children of Eleuthère Irénée du Pont and Sophie Madeleine Dalmas:

1. Victorine Elizabeth du Pont (1792-1861), married, 1813, Ferdinand Bauduy (1791-1814), son of Peter Bauduy.
2. Lucille du Pont, died in infancy, 1795.
3. Evelina Gabrielle du Pont (1796-1863), married, 1816, James Antoine Bidermann (1790-1865), son of Jacques Antoine Bidermann.
4. Alfred Victor Philadelphie du Pont (1798-1856), married, 1824, Margareta Elizabeth Lamot (1807-1898), daughter of Daniel Lamot.
5. Eleuthera du Pont (1806-1876), married, 1834, Thomas MacKie Smith, M.D. (1809-1852), son of Francis Gurney Smith.
6. Sophie Madeleine du Pont (1810-1888), married, 1833, Samuel Francis Du Pont, U.S.N. (1803-1865), son of Victor du Pont.
7. Henry du Pont (1812-1889), married, 1837, Louisa Gerhard (1816-1900), daughter of William Gerhard.
8. Alexis Irénée du Pont (1816-1857), married, 1836, Joanna Maria Smith (1815-1876), daughter of Francis Gurney Smith.

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