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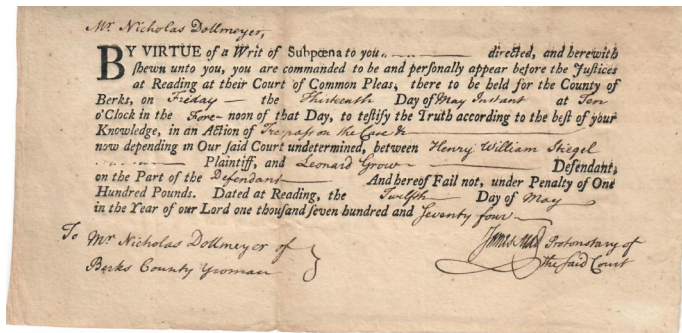


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## Financial Problems & Lawsuits

The document pictured below indicates what George Heiges told the writer of this article. Mr. Heiges, through his research as a historian, discovered that Henry William Stiegel was involved in quite a few lawsuits. Much of Mr. Heiges' knowledge came from his having permission to study the Stiegel related letters and documents in the possession of the Pennsylvania Historical Society in Philadelphia. This occurred when doing the research for his book **Henry William Stiegel and His Associates**.

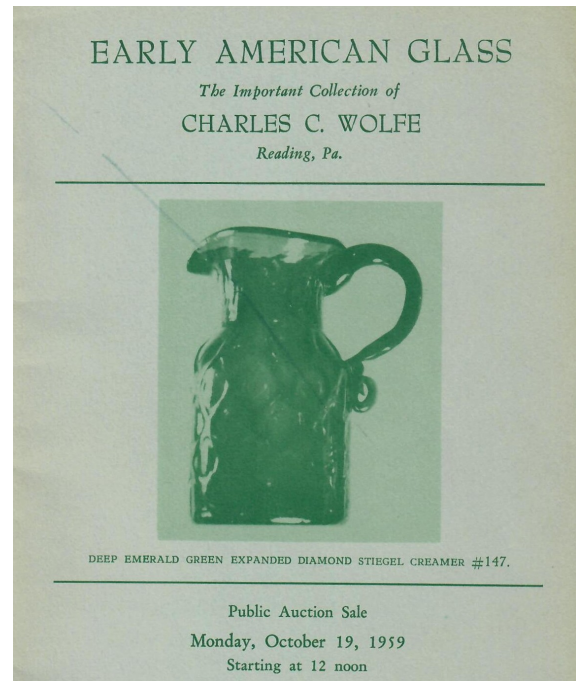


The above document offers an opportunity for someone in our organization to do research. Since the document was issued by the County of Berks, perhaps the Berks County Historical Society could shed some light on the court case. The research could perhaps provide an interesting and historically important story.

In the future, HMPF will have other documents available for research that will provide information on many phases of Manheim's early history. HMPF and its friends have already brought back a wealth of historical material to our library and museum.

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## Clarence C. Wolfe Collection



Emerald Green Creamer sold for \$1,550.00.

Mr. Wolfe's collection was catalogued and sold as **Early American Glass**. The auction contained 147 different items and some of them were classified as Stiegel-type items. Approximately 100 items in the auction would today be considered Stiegel-type.

### The auction catalogue listed:

- Clear glass copper wheel engraved pieces
- Clear glass items blown in pattern designs
- Many sapphire blue creamers, salts and bowls in diamond and ribbed patterns
- Several enameled pieces
- 14 Amethyst Stiegel-type bottles in different patterns

**The 147 items realized \$26,175.00**

## Have a Merry Christmas !

### FOREWORD

To many of the collectors of Stiegel Glass, the collection formed by Mr. Charles C. Wolfe is well known and appreciated. For the past three and one-half years a large portion of the collection was on exhibition at The Berks County Historical Society in Reading, Pa. Living as he has in Reading, the very center of the "Dutch" Country, Mr. Wolfe has had many opportunities to acquire his collection.

While many of the pieces were purchased locally, quite a few were at one time important items in well-known collections (Howe, Wood, Hostetter, Quigley, Reed, Loeb, etc.) In fact, several pieces have been treasured possessions of more than one famous collector and connoisseur of American Glass. Many also, were acquired through the late Mr. George S. McKearin, well known in the field of American glass, and co-author of "Two Hundred Years of American Blown Glass."

The outstanding feature of the collection is that it is unusually comprehensive. Many are unique, rare, and truly "Museum pieces". There are so many outstanding and important pieces, it is difficult to mention any one in particular for special comment. The green creamer of ogival pattern in proof condition is one of the finest examples of these rare creamers. The blue salt pattern molded in a diamond-daisy design is one of two or three known to exist. The miniature paneled vase in amethyst is one of six on record. There are 16 handsome specimens of the very desirable perfume flasks in varying shades of amethyst from light to dark, and from some of the smallest in size to the largest known. Outstanding among these is that exceedingly rare variant of the diamond-daisy in Intaglio of which four or five examples at most are known. The daisy in the hexagon pattern is equally outstanding, as are all of the other patterns represented.

This is one of the outstanding collections in the country, and one of the finest in Stiegel glass it has been my privilege to offer at public sale.



Cabinet display in Mr. Wolfe's home

The collection was sold at auction in 1959 for a total of \$26,175.00 and would today realize in excess of \$150,000.00. Sam Laidacker, a dealer in early American glass, from whom the auction catalogue and prices realized list was purchased, said one person (a dealer) at the sale bought six of the amethyst diamond daisy bottles, each costing around \$600.00. The dealer had all six bottles for sale for a few years, until he could sell them at a profit. Today, depending on their condition, they would each sell for an amount from \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00.

Mr. Wolfe's collection, while great, was apparently surpassed by Ida K. Hostetter's collection. The collection seen and mentioned in George Heiges' book **Henry William Stiegel and His Associates**. Mr. Heiges told the person doing this article that the picture of Ida's collection is only part of what she assembled. For some reason, she would not allow him to take more than the one picture seen in the next column.



Part of the Ida K. Hostetter Collection