

Herr, Neff and Kauffman Family (Manor Twp.) Papers, 1791-1956

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Scope and Content Note: This collection contains mostly deeds and releases for property in Manor Township between the Herr, Kauffman, and Neff families. The dates for the deeds and releases are 1791-1792, 1804-1808, and 1841-1865. It seems that there are three main properties that all of the documents are mentioning within Manor Township. There are also nine bonds between Tobias H. Herr and Henry Herr Sr. that were all made in 1864. There are two Cyrus Neff's mentioned in this collection, Cyrus Neff and Cyrus L. Neff. One of the documents is Cyrus Neff's Certificate of Election for the Lancaster County Auditor in 1887. The documents pertaining to Cyrus L. Neff are his policy with the Pennsylvania Threshermen & Farmers' Mutual Casualty Insurance Company in the early 1920's. Towards the end of the collection there are two newspapers from 1929 and 1947, pertaining to the Herr family farm and house as well as what seems to be instructions on how to make animal feed.

Creator: Huber, Ethel M.

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Biographical and Historical Note:

John Herr came to Pennsylvania in 1710 with four of his five sons. His oldest son, Abraham Herr came with his father in 1710, and was the only one to settle west of the Conestoga River in Manor Township.

Francis Neff came to America from Switzerland in the early 1700's. One of his sons, Henry Neff, was the first to live in Manor Township. One of Henry Neff's four sons, Henry Neff Jr., was the only child that stayed at the homestead in Manor Township. He and his wife, Susannah Neff, had a son named Benjamin Neff who, in turn, married Anna Hostetter, daughter of Ulrich Hostetter and had two sons, Cyrus and Benjamin H. Neff. Cyrus Neff attended common schools till he was 18 years old then farmed for 11 years, after which he taught in schools for three terms. He was very active in the school board for six years and then was elected as Lancaster County Auditor in 1887. He



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married Kate Lehman, a daughter of Reverend Benjamin Lehman, of Manor Township, and together they had eight children. Cyrus died in 1890 at the age of thirty-eight years.

The donor, Ethel Huber, is related to the Neff and the Herr families on her mother's side and may be a descendant of Abraham Herr, the brother of Christian Herr.

Source of Acquisition: Gift of Ethel M. and Glen Huber, in memory of Cyrus L. Neff, 1 October 2013.

Accruals: No further accruals are expected.

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Subject Headings:

Huber, Ethel M.

Neff family. (LHo-LOC sh 85090620)

Herr family. (LHo-LOC sh 90002398)

Kauffman family. (LHo-LOC sh 85071758)

Deeds. (LHo-LOC sh 85036372)

Bonds. (LHo-LOC sh 85015509)

Insurance policies. (LHo-LOC sh 85067069)

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Folder 1 Deed between Christian and Magdalen Hershey of Manor Township and John Kaufman, Abraham Kaufman and John Witmer of Manor Township for 179 acres 33 perches in Manor Township. 16 April 1791. Recorded Book NN Page 512 on 18 February 1792. (1 item, 1 page)

Folder 2 Deed from Abraham and Ester Kaufman of Baltimore County, Maryland and John and Barbara Witmer of Manor Township to John Kaufman of Manor Township for 179 acres 33 perches that was originally owned by Rudolph and Ann Herr. 23 July 1791. Recorded Book AA vol. 2 Page 107 on 3 September 1791. (1 item, 1 page)

Folder 3 Land draft for the heirs of John Kaufman: Jacob Hochstetter, Abraham Witmer, John Witmer, Jacob Witmer, and Abraham Herr for 132 1/4 acres in Manor Township. Surveyed on the 6 December 1804. Document is in three pieces (1 item, 1 page)

Folder 4 Deed Poll or Release stating that Abraham Herr and Abraham Miller of Manor Township were appointed by the Orphans Court to be guardians of the late John Kaufman of Manor Township, estates until his seven children become of age and that his widow, Ann Kaufman, will not lose the estates. One estate was in Manor Township for 132 acres and 1/4 of an acre. The second was in Martic Township for 9 acres and 109 perches. 17 January [1804]. Recorded Book R. vol. 3. Page 442 on 8 April 1805. *Document is torn at the fold and very fragile.* (1 item, 6 pages)

Folder 5 Deed between John Kaufman of Manor Township and Jacob Strickler of Hempfield Township for 21 acres 114 perches in Manor Township. 20 January 1808. Recorded Book W vol. 3 Page 541 on 7 September 1808. (1 item, 1 page)

Folder 6 Five Releases

Release between the deceased Abraham Hertzler to his widow Barbara Hertzler of Manor Township. Stating that Barbara Hertzler can keep the 120 acres in Manor Township. 6 April 1841. Recorded Book W vol. 6. Page 386 on 5 May 1841. (1 item, 2 pages)

Release from Magdalena Witmer daughter of John Kaufman of Lancaster County to her son Eli Witmer to collect her estates in York County and Lancaster County. 1 March 1845. (1 item, 1 page)

Release between Magdalena Witmer of York County, the widow of David Witmer, and Abraham Hertzler for 123 acres and 14 perches in Lancaster County. 4 April 1845. Recorded Book B vol. 7 Page 23 on 5 April 1845. (1 item, 2 pages)



Release from Jacob B. Garber of West Hempfield Township, who is committee for Rudolph Kaufman, and Elizabeth Sweeny of Columbia to Abraham Hertzler for 123 acres and 14 perches in Manor Township. 1 April 1845. Recorded Book B vol. 7 page 24 on 5 April 1845. (1 item, 2 pages)

Release between Abraham and Mary Hertzler of Monroe Township and Tobias H. Herr of Manor Township for 114 acres and 71 perches in Manor Township. 4 February 1865. Recorded Book M vol. 9 Page 145 on 5 August 1865. (1 item, 2 pages)

Folder 7 Release from Ann (Kauffman) Barr and Esther (Kauffman) Huston, the daughters of John Kauffman, to Abraham Hertzler of Lancaster County for property. 27 March 1845. Recorded Book B. vol. 7 Page 22 on 5 April 1845. (1 item, 2 pages)

Folder 8 Deed of Conveyance between Abraham and Mary Hertzler of Manor Township and Harry Herr of Manor Township for 114 acres and 71 perches in Manor Township. 18 March 1852. Recorded Book Y vol. 7 Page 111 on 11 May 1852. (1 item, 2 pages)

Folder 9 Deed from Henry Herr Sr. and Catharine Herr of Manor Township to Tobias H. Herr, their son, of Manor Township for 114 acres and 71 perches in Manor Township. 1 April 1864. Recorded Book G vol. 9 Page 467 on 9 February 1865. (1 item, 2 pages)

Folder 10 Nine Bonds: Numbers 1, 3-9, 11

All nine bonds are between Tobias H. Herr of Manor Township and Henry Herr Sr. of Manor Township issued on 1 April 1864. (9 item, 18 pages)

Folder 11 Certificate of Election for Cyrus Neff being elected County Auditor for Lancaster County on 10 November 1887. *Please use photocopy, do not use original.* (1 item, 1 page)

Folder 12 The First-Columbia National Bank bond interest table in 1923. (1 item, 2 pages)

Folder 13 Nine items pertaining to the Pennsylvania Threshermen & Farmers' Mutual Casualty Insurance Company

Two "Employer's Report of Accident to Employee" forms for Pennsylvania Threshermen & Farmers' Mutual Casualty Insurance Company in 1924. (2 items, 2 pages)



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A recite from Pennsylvania Threshermen & Farmers' Mutual Casualty Insurance Company to Cyrus L. Neff of Lancaster County for signing for a workmen's compensation policy. Issued 1 January 1924. (3 items, 5 pages)

A letter from Pennsylvania Threshermen & Farmers' Mutual Casualty Insurance Company explaining paperwork for compensation against employee accidents. (1 item, 1 page)

A blank "Report and Bill of Attending Physician" form from Pennsylvania Threshermen & Farmers' Mutual Casualty Insurance Company and a notice for employees on compensation through their employer. (2 items, 2 pages)

A blank notice stating that the employer does not pay compensation for injuries or death. 1923. (1 item, 1 page)

An envelope with "Penna. Threshermen & Farmers' Mutual Casualty Insurance Company" on front. (1 item, 1 page)

An envelope to Mr. Cyrus L. Neff of Lancaster County from Pennsylvania Threshermen & Farmers' Mutual Casualty Insurance Company. 5 March 192(?). (1 item, 1 page)

Folder 14 Three items pertaining to Cyrus L. Neff

A receipt from Edgar M. Kauffman, Dr. Painter and Paper Hanger to Mr. Cyrus Neff. 25 April 1924. (1 item, 1 page)

An envelope from Edward Neff of San Bernardino, California to Cyrus L. Neff of Lancaster County. 22 May 192[_]. (1 item, 1 page)

Postcard, that came in envelope from Edward Neff to Cyrus L. Neff. (1 item, 2 pages)

Folder 15 Two newspapers

The Garden Spot Farm News issued 18 October 1947 with an article titled "F. R. Herr Farm In Same Family Since 1710". (1 item, 2 pages)

The Sunday News issued 7 April 1929 with an article titled "Seniority of County's Oldest House is Challenged". (1 item, 4 pages)

Folder 16 Deed from Cyrus L. and Annie K. Neff of Manor Township to Charles G. and M. Elizabeth Randler of Manor Township for 114 acres and 71 perches in Manor Township. 29 March 1956. Recorded Book S vol. 44 Page 317 on 29 March 1956. (1 item, 4 pages)

Folder 17 Possibly instructions for mixing animal feed. The document shows amounts and ingredients. (1 item, 1 page)

