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Hager Store Collection, 1774-1953

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People:

Arnold, Anna
Arnold, Frank W.
Cain, James M.
Cain, Kathryn
Conyngham, David H.
Dehaven, J. Harry
Demuth, Jacob
Diller, Isaac
Dowd, M. Jane
Dubbs, T. Wilson
Frey, Caroline
Frey, Jacob L.
Frosart, John
Gast, Emma L.
Gast, Henry
Graybill, Daniel
Hager, Anne Graham
Hager, Betty Rick
Hager, Charles F.
Hager, Christopher
Hager, Edward T.
Hager, Frances
Hager, Helen R.
Hager, John C.
Hager, John C., Jr.
Hager, John J.
Hager, Katherine
Hager, Margaret H.
Hager, Mary W.
Hager, Nathaniel E.
Hager, Redmond
Hager, Sarah Ellen
Hager, Susan B.
Hager, William H.
Hager, William H., Jr.
Hamilton, Margaret
Hartman, Annie M.
Hartman, George H.
Herr, Alice
Herr, C. S.
Herr, Magdalena
Herr, Rudolph
Hull, William
Keller, H.
Landis, Jacob
Lefevre, Mrs.
Miller, Charles
Randolph, Grace Lee
Randolph, John H.
Randolph, Margaret H.
Reigart, E. L.
Roy, Sue
Slaymaker, Henry
Stark, Martin N.
Steinman, George Michael
Stewart, Charles
Weber, George
Wentz, Jacob H.
Zimmerman, Mary Regina Malone
Zimmerman, Simon Ralph



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Invoices
Lancaster Agricultural Fair Association
Lancaster Free Press Weekly
Lancaster New Era
Letters

Maps
N. Trotter and Company
Newsletters
Newspaper clippings
Pennsylvania Railroad
Philadelphia Electric Company
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Quarter Century Club
Receipts
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Stores
Stores, Retail
Taxes
UGI Corporation
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Related Materials:

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Folder 1 Anniversary Booklets

"Hager & Bro., Lancaster, PA: 80th Anniversary, 1827-1907." *Gift of S. M. Sener.*

"Ninety Links in the Chain of Years." No date.

"Then and Now at Hager's," by M. Jane Dowd. No date. (2 copies)

Folder 2 "Biography of William H. Hager," (1867-1947). No date. *Gift of Rev. Robert C. Batchelder.*

Folder 3

Insert 1 Reprint of advertisement, *Lancaster Free Press Weekly*. 29 September 1823. *Gift of Rev. Robert C. Batchelder.*

Insert 2 Invoice to Jacob Landis from Hager & Brothers for clothing and fabric. 17 May 1860.

Folder 4 Newsletter, "Store Chat." 1926-1942. *Gift of Rev. Robert C. Batchelder.*

Folder 5 "Store Chat." 1943-1951. *Gift of Rev. Robert C. Batchelder.*

Folder 6 "Store Chat." 1952-1960. *Gift of Rev. Robert C. Batchelder.*

Folder 7 *Jane's Christmas Tree*. Published in Kansas City, Missouri by Frank T. Riley Publishing Co., 1912. The last page is an advertisement for "Wondertown," the toy store in the basement of Hager & Bro.

Folder 8 146th Anniversary

Program and menu for 146th anniversary dinner. Lists officers and directors and members of the Quarter Century Club. 19 April 1967. (2 copies)

Flyer for the Sports Car Rally sales contest listing team members with corresponding store department. [1967].

Lyrics to "In My Merry Oldsmobile." [1967].

"Hager & Bro. Song Sheet." No date. (2 copies)

Folder 9 "Christmas Carols." Printed by Hager and Bro., Inc., Lancaster's Centennial Christmas Store. No date. *Gift of Goyenelle R. Duschl, January 2008.*



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Folder 10 Invoices and Receipts

Insert 1 C. Hager received payment from William Hull for hosiery. 3 January 1823.
(glued to cardboard)

Insert 2 Invoice to Jacob Demuth for fabric and notions. 5 July 1827.

Invoice to Henry Slaymaker for [fabric]. Billhead of Hager and Bros. 27 August 1858.
(both invoices glued to cardboard)

Insert 3 Photostatic copy of an invoice to N. [Trotter] & Co. 9 December 1829.

Insert 4 Receipt to C. S. Herr for payment in full. 30 April 1881.

Receipt to Alice Herr for payment in full. 2 April 1883.

Payment received from Mrs. Lefevre for blinds, fixtures, and wall paper. Billhead of Hager & Bros. 1 March 1870.

Payment received from Miss Alice Herr for fabric and notions. Billhead of Hager & Bro. 22 April 1880.

Insert 5 Invoice to Miss Sue Roy for corset, fabric, and household goods. Billhead of Hager & Bro. (glued to cardboard) 19 May 1915.

Folder 11 Newspaper Articles about Hager

Item 1 *The Express (Lititz)* 13 May 1910, "Hager Bro. to Erect a Handsome Store Building."

Item 2 *Lancaster New Era* 20 April 1929, "Hager Store Observes Anniversary."

Item 3 2 articles about Fulton Theatre, 31 March 1952

Article 1 "Domino Playhouse Backs Suggestion to Observe Fulton Theatre Centenary."

Article 2 "Fulton in Almost Continuous Use in First Decade" – notes history of Fulton, and contributions of Christopher Hager.

Folder 12 Hager Invoices

Insert 1 Invoices for Daniel Graybill on Hager Bros. letterhead. 1866.

Insert 2 Blank sales slips. No date.

Folder 13 Letter from Hager and newspaper article

Item 1 Letter from Hager offering his condolences to a friend for the death of a family member. 1860.

Item 2 Newspaper clipping about Moscow banning anniversary celebrations. No date.

Folder 14 Hager Store Advertisements

Insert 1 Dry Goods and Clothes Store advertisement. No date.

Insert 2 Anniversary Sale Ads

Item 1 100th Anniversary sale ad. 1921.

Item 2 105th Anniversary sale ad. 1926.

Insert 3 Newspaper Advertisements for Hager Store items. 1872-1878.

Insert 4 Hager Store Ad, Men's Clothing. No date.

Insert 5 Postcard. No date.



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Folder 15 Hager Store Booklets and Catalogs

Item 1 Booklet "On and off the Foot" – a guide to proper stockings and socks. 1891.

Item 2 Christmas Catalog. 1949.

Item 3 Sunny Lee Fashions, Pamphlet on Dress Guides for Girls. 1952.

Item 4 Mail Order Catalog, Fall and Winter 1894.

Folder 16 Postcard to the Hagers, written by Karen. No date.

Folder 17 Hager Store Images

Insert 1 Pictures of the men in the Hager family. 1921.

Insert 2 Posters and letter about the Hager Store. 1923.

Item 1 Letter regarding the printing of Hager Store posters.

Item 2 Poster of Hager Store

Insert 3 Pictures of a Conestoga Wagon delivering goods to the Hager Store. 1885.

Insert 4 Pictures of Hager Store Front. No date.

Folder 18 Hager Store "Then and Now," A booklet about Hager Store history. No date.

Folder 19 Lancaster County Industry History, a booklet about Lancaster History and Lancaster Businesses which contains a description of Hager Store. No date.

Folder 20 "Store Chat" 1945, the Hager Store newsletter.

Folder 21 Business Historical Society Bulletin, contains a brief article about the Hager Store. 1940.

Folder 22 "After 25 Years" 1921-1946, a booklet about the Drapers' Chamber of Trade in the United Kingdom which William Hager attended. No date.

Folder 23 Real Estate Agreement, a document of real estate agreement between William Hager and Lancaster City. 1950.

Folder 24 Wills and Testament and Financials of William Hager

Item 1 William H. Hager, First and Partial Account. April Term 1947.

Item 2 Estate of William H. Hager, Second and Partial Account. April Term 1947.

Items 3 and 4 Trustees' First Account, Estate of William H. Hager (2 Copies). April Term 1947.

Item 5 Inventory, Estate of William H. Hager. April Term 1947.

Item 6 Release of Mary W. Hager to family members. April Term 1947.

Item 7 Last Will and Testament of William H. Hager. April Term 1947.

Items 8 and 9 First and partial account document (2 Copies). April Term 1947.

Item 10 Tax Appraisalment of Hager's Business. April Term 1947.

Item 11 Account approval. April Term 1947.



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Folder 25 Bonds

Insert 1 Lists of Bonds. 1947-1948. ThreedDocuments listing the bonds of the W. H. Hager estate.

Insert 2 A cancelled bond of William H. Hager. 1898.

Folder 26 Insurance Trust. 1949. A Document about the Insurance of Hager and Bro. Inc.

Folder 27 Hager Store Appraisal Letter

Item 1 Letter about the approximated value of Hager Property. 8 Sept. 1947.

Item 2 Response to Charles Miller (Hager's Lawyer) about appraisals. 30 Sept. 1947.

Folder 28 Stocks

Insert 1 Dept. of Revenue. Letters to William H. Hager from the Dept of Revenue about his stocks, contains notices about stock transfers to the: Hamilton Watch Company, PA Railroad Co., Lancaster Agricultural Fair Association, Philadelphia Electric Company, and United Gas Improvement Company. 19 Sept. 1947.

Insert 2 Letter about Gas Improvement Company Stock. 1 Oct 1948.

Insert 3 Empty Envelope. 1948.

Insert 4 Letters about different Stock Purchases, 7-12 March and 4 April, 1951.

Insert 5 Empty Envelope. 1951.

Insert 6 Stock Receipts. 1951.

Insert 7 Personal, Handwritten Stock Notes. No date.

Folder 29 Notice about Land Deeds, Handwritten, notice about E. T. Hager's receiving of 2 deeds. 1953.

Folder 30 Map for a land deed. Hand drawn map about a land purchase for John C. Hager. 1892.

Folder 31 Land Patents

Item 1 Land Patent for David H. Conyngham, for land called Johnstown by Lahawanack Creek in Luzerne County. 28 December 1774

Item 2 Land Patent for David H. Conyngham, for land called Hermitage on either side of Hoopeny Creek near the county of Northumberland. 15 June 1774.

Item 3 Land Patent for David Conyngham for land called Mount Equity in the county of Northumberland. 4 May 1796.

Item 4 Land Patent for Charles Stewart for land called Lebanon in the county of Northumberland. 10 October 1789.

Item 5 Land Patent for Charles Stewart for land called Reading in the county of Northumberland. 7 October 1789.



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Folder 32 Deeds

Item 1 Deed between John and Margaret Hager, Charles and Anna Hager, and Lancaster County for Property at West King and Market Streets, Market Street and Market Street. 1872.

Item 2 Deed between John C. and Margaret Hager, Jacob and Caroline Frey, for property of the South side of Lancaster and West Caroline Street. 1874.

Item 3 Indenture between John C. and Margaret Hager, and John and Caroline Frey for property in the south side of Lancaster and Columbia Turnpike between West End Avenue and Crystal Street. 1877.

Item 4 Indenture between Jacob and Caroline Grey and John C. Hager for property on the west side of Caroline Street and Columbia Turnpike. 1874.

Item 5 Indenture between Jacob and Caroline Frey and John C. Hager for property on the North side of Second Street between Coral and Ruby Streets. 1886.

Item 6 Indenture between John C. and Margaret Hager and William Hager for property of a new brick dwelling house on land in Lancaster Township. 1892.

Folder 33 Deeds

Item 1 Deed between Jacob L. Frey and Isaac Diller, and George M. Steinman with the last will and testament of Jacob Frey for property of South Side of Lancaster and Columbia Turnpike Road. 1871.

Item 2 Indenture between George H. Hartman and his wife Annie M. Hartman and John C. Hager for property in the south western side of Lancaster and Columbia Turnpike road south of land of E.L. Reigart, west of land of Margaret Hamilton and North land of John Frosart. 1874.

Item 3 Indenture between Henry Gast and his wife Emma L. Gast and George H. Hartman of property at the south west side of Lancaster and Turnpike Road. 1874.

Item 4 Indenture between Rudolph Herr and wife Magdalena Herr and George M. Steinman for property at the south side of Lancaster and Columbia Turnpike, West and north of land of John C. Hager.

Item 5 Indenture between George M. Steinman and John C. Hager for property in the southwest side of Lancaster and Columbia turnpike road, south of land of Jacob Frey. 1875.

Item 6 Indenture between John C. Hager Jr. and Frank W. Arnold for property between the north side of Columbia Avenue bordering the estate of John C. Hager to the North.



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Folder 34 Hager Family Deeds

Item 1 Indenture between Margaret H. Hager and William H. Hager, empowering his wife Margaret to be the sole Executrix of his estate, also give property to William H. Hager partly in the city and Township Lancaster on the east side of West End Avenue and bordering the lands of Margaret Hager. Also land in East Columbia, west of Hempfield Township and in the borough of Quarryville. 1903.

Item 2 Indenture between Frank W. and Anna Arnold and Charles Hager for property on the north side of Columbia Avenue between President and Race Avenue. 1906.

Item 3 Indenture between Charles F. Hager and his wife Susan B. Hager and William Hager for land on the north of Columbia Avenue between President and Race Avenue, boarded by John C. Hager's Estate and Frank W. Arnold's Estate. 1906.

Item 4 Indenture between Martin N. Stark and John J. Hager for property on the North side of Columbia Avenue between President and Race Avenue, bordered by land of John C. Hager Jr. and land of H. Keller and Charles F. Hager to Martin Stark. 1907.

Item 5 Indenture between Margaret H. Hager as executor for John C. Hager and with William H. Hager for property in Lancaster City along the south side of Columbia Avenue bordering property of William H. Hager and John C. Hager's estate. 1908.

Item 6 Indenture between S.R. Zimmerman and Mary M. Zimmerman, his wife, and Katherine and Sarah Ellen Hager for land on South East part of West End Avenue and Northeast side of West Walnut, bounded by Jacob H. Wentz property and J. Harry Dehaven. 1909.

Item 7 Indenture between William H. Hager and wife Mary W. Hager for property at the south east line of West End Avenue and northeast of West Walnut Street. 1911.

Item 8 Indenture between Katherine Hager and Sarah Ellen Hager, for property along the south east line of West End Avenue and Northeast line of West Walnut street, borders lot of Jacob H. Werntz on northeast and T. Wilson Dubbs on the southeast. 1911.

Folder 35 Deeds

Item 1 Deed between Hamilton Watch Company and Sarah Ellen Hager for property along the West side of President Avenue along land of George Weber. 1925.

Item 2 Deed between Margaret H. Randolph and Katherine Hager, Sarah Ellen Hager and John C. Hager for property along the south side of Columbia Avenue, between President Avenue and School Lane, in Lancaster Twp.. 1930.

Item 3 Deed between James M. Cain and Kathryn Cain and Sarah E. Hager for property on the north Side of Elm street in Lancaster Twp. 1933.

Item 4 Deed between William H. Hager and Mary W. Hager, his wife, and Katherine, Sarah Ellen, and John C. Hager for property on the south side of Columbia Pike, known as "The Maples. 1936.

Item 5 Deed between John H. Randolph and Grace Lee Randolph, his wife, and William H. Hager, for property on the West Side of President Avenue and the north side of Elm Street in Lancaster Twp. 1946.



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Item 6 Deed, between Edward T. Hager and William H. Hager Jr., Anne Graham Hager, Nathaniel E. Hager and Helen R. Hager, John C. Hager, Betty Rick Hager, and Redmond Hager and Frances Hager, and John H. Randolph and Grace Lee Randolph for property known as “the Maples” No. 1126 Columbia Avenue in Lancaster Twp. 1946.

Item 7 Deed between William H. Hager, Mary W. Hager, William H. Hager Jr. and Anne Graham Hager, his wife, and Nathaniel E. Hager and Helen Hager, and John C. Hager and Betty Rick Hager, and Redmond C. Hager and Frances H. Hager, and John H. Randolph and Grace Lee Randolph, for property along the northeast corner of Columbia Avenue and School Lane, in Lancaster Twp. 1946.

Folder 36 Mutual Release, a settlement of the business partnership between the family members of Hager and Bro. 1897.

Folder 37 Advertisement for the Hager Piano Store. Exclusive agents in Lancaster County for Heppes pianos, Pianola pianos, and Victor-Victrolas. Fifth floor of Hager & Bro. Department Store. Reverse is a print of a Miesse photograph of a Conestoga Wagon and team of horses, “The Hager Store received merchandise in Conestoga Wagons ninety years ago.” Circa 1917.

Framed Document

“Sincere greetings to Hager and Brother in honor of their Ninetieth Anniversary” from the employees of Hager Store, Lancaster. Signed by all employees. [1917] *Gift of Dr. Margaret Hager and the Frances H. Hager Revocable Trust, August 2009.*