

## **Thaddeus Stevens Collection, 1812 – present**

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**Part 1** Papers of Thaddeus Stevens

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Series II Speeches and Resolutions

Series III Legal Arguments and Legal and Business Papers

Series IV Congressional Committee Minutes

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Stevens, Thaddeus

Smith, Lydia Hamilton

Subject Headings:

Letters

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George M. Steinman Papers (MG0184\_Part01; MG0184\_Part02)

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## **Folder 1**

**Insert 1** "Stevens, Thaddeus. Statesman." Biographical information. No date. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

**Insert 2** "Thaddeus Stevens and School History," from the Thaddeus Stevens Trade School Yearbook. Lancaster. 1955. Biographical information regarding Stevens' involvement with education. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

## **Folder 2 Correspondence**

**Folder 2, Insert 1** Letter from Thaddeus Stevens to Christian Haldeman as a recommendation for employment of J. Shank. Harrisburg. 30 May 1839. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

**Insert 2** Letter from Thaddeus Stevens to Thomas H. Burrowes proposing an improvement bill in Harrisburg. 12 May 1840. Depositions of witnesses to be taken at the home of George Heckert on June 12 between 9am and 5pm by a Justice of the Peace. 2 June 1841. (1 item, 6 pages to scan)

**Insert 3** Letter from Thaddeus Stevens to Smith, Maclay, et al. responding to a previous letter, accepting an invitation to New Berlin on 16 September [1840] and announcing the Erie Convention will be held September 10. 15 August 1840. (1 item, 4 pages to scan)

**Insert 4** Photostatic copy of letter from Abraham Lincoln to Thaddeus Stevens asking for the honest opinion of a Pennsylvania politician regarding the Pennsylvania vote for governor and president. Lincoln asks Stevens to send his response to Springfield, Illinois. Washington, D.C. 3 September 1848. (1 item, 2 pages to scan) **scan inhouse**

**Insert 5** Letter from Thaddeus Stevens stating that he did not receive his evening letters on the 24th, he will go to Kennett Square and lodge in Downingtown. He asks for no provisions and states that he must leave in time for Morgan's corner. Lancaster. 26 October 1848. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

**Insert 6** Letter from Amos Ellmaker to Thaddeus Stevens with plans to reconcile the North and South by extending the Missouri Compromise to the Pacific. The letter contains suggestions and observations about slaveholders, slavery and the western states. Lancaster. 16 July 1850. (1 item, 4 pages to scan)

**Insert 7** Letter from Thaddeus Stevens to Johnston accepting an invitation and mentioning lecture attendance. 29 July 1854. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

**Insert 8** Letter from Thaddeus Stevens to Ed. McPherson regarding Peter Martin, a firm anti-slavery man who is opposed to the Kansas outrage and favors the restoration of the Missouri Compromise. Lancaster. With transcription. 22 September 1855. (2 items, 4 pages to scan)

**Insert 9** Letter from Thaddeus Stevens to Judge [ ] regarding a case that will probably be continued by the November court. With transcription of letter. 24 October 1857. *Gift of Margaret Gooble*. (2 items, 4 pages to scan)

**Insert 10** Letter from Thaddeus Stevens to Thomas E. Franklin with the opinion that the army move should not be made until the departments are prepared. Washington, D.C. 11 December 1859. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

### **Folder 3** Correspondence

**Folder 3, Insert 1** Letter from Thaddeus Stevens to unknown recipient stating that he has seen Mr. [ ] and Mr. Haldeman and proposes a paper book. Harrisburg. 25 April 1860. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

**Insert 2** Letter from Thaddeus Stevens to Thomas E. Franklin reporting that he finished the paper book and asks Franklin to go to the Supreme Court to let his cases go until the end of his term as, if he goes to Chicago, the length of his absence is uncertain. Washington, D.C. 7 August 1860. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

**Insert 3** Photostatic copy of a letter from Thaddeus Stevens stating that he had expected to be back sooner but had a touch of rheumatism; mentions that humiliations go on and states that Buchanan is a traitor. Caledonia. 19 December 1860. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

**Insert 4** Letter of recommendation from Thaddeus Stevens for L. Hortman who was seeking employment. Lancaster. 18 April 1861. (1 item, 4 pages to scan)

**Insert 5** Letter of recommendation from Thaddeus Stevens to Hon. William B. Thomas for J. J. Cochran who was seeking employment with Judge Hibsman and H. A. Zooks. Lancaster. With transcription. 24 April 1861. (2 items, 6 pages to scan)

**Insert 6** Photocopy of letter from Levi S. Reist to Thaddeus Stevens regarding a friend who was drafted into the military and pleading for his discharge by asking Stevens to speak to the governor. Lancaster. 15 December 1862. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)  
Photocopy of Thaddeus Stevens' request to Gov. Curtin to "Do something for this man if possible," regarding Levi S. Reist. Washington. 19 December 1862. (1 item, 4 pages to scan)

**Insert 7** Letter from Thaddeus Stevens to O. J. Dickey stating that he will attend to the clothing, equipment, etc., he has heard nothing of the battle and is anxious to hear good news. Harrisburg. 2 June 1863. *Gift of Mrs. Joan Keller, 19 December 2008.* (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

**Insert 8** Letter from Thaddeus Stevens to Col. O. J. Dickey regarding troop movement with Meade's and Lee's armies, Harrisburg, Gettysburg and Vicksburg. Harrisburg. 7 July 1863. *Gift of Mrs. Joan Keller, 19 December 2008.* (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

**Insert 9** Photostatic copy of letter from Thaddeus Stevens to Col. Stevens regarding [Caledonia]. Thaddeus received the first communication from his manager that [the Confederates] were led on Tuesday to where the teams were and took all of the horses and mules and even crippled some horses. They took 4,000 pounds of bacon, molasses, contents of the store, \$1,000 worth of corn from the mills and other grain, and \$4,000 worth of bar iron. On Friday, they burned the furnace, sawmill, two forges and another mill. They kept the office and store room that night and burned them on Saturday. Damage was worse than Thaddeus expected and he doesn't know what the poor families will do; he must provide for their relief. Lancaster. 11 July 1863. (1 item, 4 pages to scan)

#### **Folder 4** Correspondence and Petition

**Insert 1** Photostatic copy of letter from Thaddeus Stevens to John A. Karson regarding a pending bill that will increase the tax on whiskey. Washington, D.C. 25 January 1864. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

**Insert 2** Letter from Thaddeus Stevens to Ms. [O.] Moore and Ms. H. Martin regarding assistance in employment at the Treasury Department and advising that no respectable lady should work there. Washington, D.C. 28 May 1864. *Gift of Mrs. Lulu M. Kant.* (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

**Insert 3** Letter from Thaddeus Stevens to [Edwin M. Stanton] requesting the appointment of Capt. Mercer to the Veteran Reserve Corps. Washington, D.C. March 1865. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

**Insert 4** Letter from Judge Clement Biddle Penrose to Nathaniel Ellmaker regarding court costs and settlement in the Grubb v. Grubb case. Philadelphia. 16 January 1866. (1 item, 4 pages to scan)

**Insert 5** Letter from Thaddeus Stevens to Nathaniel Ellmaker advising that Gov. Hamilton of Texas may be able to give him the information. With envelope. 26 November 1866. *Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Rohrer, 1 February 1972.* (2 items, 4 pages to scan)

**Insert 6** Letter from Thaddeus Stevens to Mrs. Julia Erb. Lancaster. 8 September 1867. *Gift of Mazie V. Blessington, 5 April 1946.* (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

**Insert 7** Letter from Frank Leslie's Publishing House to Thaddeus Stevens enclosing a proof impression of Stevens' portrait which Leslie proposes to publish in a series of portraits of leaders of public opinion and requesting a resume of public affairs. Letterhead of Frank Leslie's Publishing House. New York, New York. 28 November 1866. (1 item, 4 pages to scan)

**Insert 8** Letter from Monsieur Ludovic Le'Chaut to Thaddeus Stevens stating that he had devised plans and inventions to aid the Union Navy during the Civil War and that he read in the newspaper that an admiral used one of his ideas to break through a rebel stronghold. He wrote to President Lincoln but does not know if the letter was received by him. He did not like President Johnson, a Southern Democrat, and chose to write to Stevens due to his Republican ways and his loyalty to democracy. Le Havre, France. With envelope. 5 December 1866. (2 items, 10 pages to scan)

**Insert 9** Letter from Thaddeus Stevens to Capt. E. McMillen announcing an appointment for a clerkship with Edward McPherson, Clerk of the House of Representatives. With transcription and envelope. 6 December 1866. (3 items, 6 pages to scan)

**Insert 10** Petition asking Thaddeus Stevens if he will consent to be a Republican candidate for the Office of United States Senator. Prepared by A. E. Roberts. 33 signatures. No date. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

**Insert 11** Letter from Thaddeus Stevens to A. E. Roberts to decline the request to run for the U.S. Senate seat. The office "is not to be declined...But it has always been my opinion that no man should make himself a candidate for it..." 19 July 1866. (1 item, 4 pages to scan)

## **Folder 5a** Threats from the KKK

Photostatic copy of a threat letter from the KKK to Thaddeus Stevens. No date. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

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Photostatic copy of envelope addressed to Thaddeus Stevens in Washington, D.C from New Orleans. No date. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

## **Folder 5b** Correspondence

**Folder 5b, Insert 1** Letter from Thaddeus Stevens stating that he will watch out for the recipient and sending his compliments to the recipient's wife and daughter. Letterhead of the Fortieth Congress, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 5 July 1868. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

**Folder 5b, Insert 2** Letter from Thaddeus Stevens to Dr. Isaac McKinny with a description of land, surrounding land and timber in Plymouth, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. Stevens mentions the railroad connections between Scranton, Erie, Elmira, and Philadelphia. With envelope. Washington, D.C. May 4. (2 items, 6 pages to scan)

**Folder 5b, Insert 3** Letter from E. McPherson to George Alfred Townsend reporting that in 1855 he had asked Stevens about the trustworthiness of Peter Martin to the anti-slavery cause and received a reply which he enclosed. (The enclosure is no longer with the letter.) With transcription. Gettysburg. 23 October 1893. (2 items, 6 pages to scan)

**Folder 5b, Insert 4** Photostatic copy of a bill to abolish the slave trade in the District of Columbia. No date. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

**Folder 6** Letter to Ladies of Treasury Department thanking them for a gold-headed cane and letter which he found on his table in appreciation for his efforts in raising their salaries. He expressed his gratitude and gave reasons for declining the gift and acknowledged that the ladies are equally capable and hardworking as any of the men. With envelope. Washington, D.C. 3 September 1866. (2 items, 6 pages to scan)

## **Folder 7** Documents related to home, bridge, finances

**Folder 7, Insert 1** Title search for property of George Kleiss that Stevens owned on S. Queen Street, Lancaster. John Ehler, Sheriff, to Thaddeus Stevens. Sheriff's Deed, 27 April 1843. Stevens paid \$4,000 for two 2-story brick houses, brick brew house, brick shop, blacksmith shop and stable, water pump and other improvements. No date. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

**Folder 7, Insert 2** Draft of articles of agreement for the construction of a bridge over the Susquehanna River at Harrisburg, with specifications. September 1812. *Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Rohrer, 1 February 1972.* (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

**Folder 7, Insert 3** Postcard of the mountains, Peacham, Vermont, from [Elsie Singmaster Lewars] to Mrs. Charles Coleman in Lancaster with a message about visiting "Stevens country". 6 September 1944. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

These items are on one sheet with a note from Elsie Singmaster Lewars:

Transcription of letter from Thaddeus Stevens to Col. Blanchard stating that he had to return to Pennsylvania for business and regretted that he was not able to meet with the Juvenile Society. If they raise \$150 for the society's library, he will add another \$50. Lancaster. J. O. Cowles, secretary. Barnet, Vermont. 17 October 1854.

Transcription of letter from Thaddeus Stevens to Col. Blanchard which enclosed Stevens' \$50 subscription to the Peacham Juvenile Library Society and offering advice to the Peacham Academy. J. O. Cowles, secretary. Lancaster. 11 November 1854.

Handwritten note from Lewars regarding Stevens' travel to Vermont after the death of his mother, Sarah Stevens, on 5 October 1854.

*Gift of Elsie Singmaster Lewars, February 1945. (3 items, 2 pages to scan)*

**Folder 7, Insert 4** Order for payment to Joseph C. Snyder by Thaddeus Stevens, president of the Lancaster L. L. Association. D. G. Eshleman was the treasurer and George W. Kline was the secretary. 1 January 1858. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

Order for payment to Jacob B. Amwake by Thaddeus Stevens, president of the Lancaster L. L. Association. D. G. Eshleman was the treasurer. 28 September 1858. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

Order for payment to Sprenger & Westhaeffer by Thaddeus Stevens, president of the Lancaster L. L. Association. D. G. Eshleman was the treasurer and George W. Kline was the secretary. 2 October 1858. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

**Folder 7, Insert 5** Thaddeus Stevens received payment from [Evan] Green Committee. 24 January 1848. On backing with the below receipt.

Thaddeus Stevens received payment from D. Miller. 23 March 1854. On backing with the above receipt. (2 items, 3 pages to scan)

**Folder 8** Sale of the Lancaster Union & Tribune Printing Establishment

**Insert 1** Inventory and receipt of stock at the time of sale of the Lancaster Union & Tribune Printing Establishment. 27 November 1851. (1 item, 4 pages to scan)

**Insert 2** Articles of agreement of sale of the Lancaster Union & Tribune Printing Establishment. Signed by Thaddeus Stevens, John Landes, E. C. Reigart, Robert H. Long, George Brubaker, Benjamin Herr and Thomas E. Franklin. 20 November 1851. (1 item, 4 pages to scan)



**Insert 3** Document of David Longenecker rights and ownership of the press to Thaddeus Stevens, et al. 24 January 1852. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

## **Folder 9** Speeches and Court Case

**Folder 9, Insert 1** "Speech of Hon. T. Thaddeus Stevens, of Pennsylvania, in the House of Representatives, June 11, 1852, on the Public Lands—the Tariff." The speech addresses the House on the matter of several land bills with the question of the right and policy of government to dispose of public lands. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 11 June 1852. (1 item, 8 pages to scan)

**Folder 9, Insert 2** "In the Supreme Court of Penna., for the Middle District, May Term, 1856." Real estate of John N. Lane, deceased, was argued over by various family members. Thaddeus Stevens, William B. Fordney and Thomas E. Franklin, attorneys involved. No conclusion. 1856. (1 item, 12 pages to scan)

**Folder 9, Insert 3** "Speech of Hon. Thaddeus Stevens of Pennsylvania in the House of Representatives, February 13, 1867." Consideration of the bill to provide for the more effectual government of the insurrectionary states. He felt that Congress had done nothing for the people of the South, who were hurt severely by the Civil War and Reconstruction. The bill is proposed to protect the loyal men from anarchy and murder. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 13 February 1867. (1 item, 4 pages to scan)

**Folder 9, Insert 4** "Speech of Hon. T. Stevens, of Pennsylvania, delivered in the House of Representatives, March 19, 1867, on the Bill (H.R. No. 20) Relative to Damages to Loyal Men, and for Other Purposes." He proposed the punishment of traitors by confiscating their property and to increase the pension of wounded soldiers. He cited reasons that the rebels deserved a severe punishment. The politics of peace, in Stevens view, are identified, as well as allowing the ten rebel states to re-enter the Union. He suggested impeaching President Johnson. Published by the Republican Congressional Executive Committee. 19 March 1867. (1 item, 8 pages to scan)

## **Folder 10** Will (see Folder 11 for digital image)

**Folder 10, Insert 1** Photocopy of the last will and testament of Thaddeus Stevens. Handwritten by Stevens. Signed by Thaddeus Stevens, Edward Reilly and Christopher Daisz. 30 July 1867.

Photocopy of codicil of will, prepared by [O. J. Dickey], executor of codicil. 11 November 1867.

Photocopy of letters testamentary granted to Anthony E. Roberts, O. J. Dickey and Edward McPherson. 1 September 1868.

**Folder 10, Insert 2** Photocopy of a rough draft regarding the execution of Stevens' estate. No date. (1 item, 8 pages to scan)

**Folder 10, Insert 3** Photocopy of the last will and testament and codicil of Thaddeus Stevens, as filed with the Lancaster County Register of Wills. 28 December 1868. (1 item, 20 pages to scan)

**Folder 11** Thaddeus Stevens' will. *Restricted Access—Do Not Use Originals* (1 item, 40 pages to scan)

**Folder 12** Estate inventory for Thaddeus Stevens. November 1868 and 22 December 1870. Received by Register of Wills on 4 January 1871. (1 item, 8 pages to scan)

**Folder 13** "Funeral Obsequies of Hon. Thaddeus Stevens." [August 1868] (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

**Folder 14** Letters regarding Thaddeus Stevens

**Folder 14, Insert 1** Letter from E. W. McPherson to the Executive Republican Congressional Committee expressing concern that the book is not progressing and that he would like a report from them. Washington, D.C. 8 August 1884. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

Letter from E. W. McPherson to the Executive Republican Congressional Committee with a correction for chapter 36. Washington, D.C. 23 July 1886. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

**Folder 14, Insert 2** Letter from E. M. Gallaudet of the National Deaf-Mute College to W. W. Griest stating that Stevens always had an interest in the growth of the institution when he was chairman of the Committee on Appropriations and that Stevens' successor had an "unfriendly attitude." 16 September 1884. *Gift of Rebecca Griest, 1943.* (1 item, 4 pages to scan)

**Folder 14, Insert 3** Photostatic copy of letter from Charles H. Barr, book seller and stationer, to Hon. B. F. Prescott reporting that the only portrait of Stevens in oil was at

the Union League Club in Philadelphia. Lancaster. 18 December 1886. (1 item, 4 pages to scan)

**Folder 14, Insert 4** Letter from George Powell, York School of Business, to Lottie Bausman at the [Lancaster County Historical Society] with reminiscences of Stevens and Buchanan and inquiring about a portrait of Stevens. York. 21 February 1917. (1 item, 4 pages to scan)

**Folder 14, Insert 5** Letter from Mathiott Crockett, University of Vermont, to H. C. Thorban replying to a request for information about Stevens' college days. 4 March 1931. (1 item, 4 pages to scan) *Gift of H. Clifton Thorban, 3 October 1947. Check name—Perhaps Walter Hill Crockett?*

#### **Folder 15** Programs

**Insert 1** Program for the Dedication of Restoration of Stack of Caledonia Furnace and Memorial Tablet to Thaddeus Stevens, The Friend of the Mountaineer Children of Pennsylvania. Caledonia Park. 30 July 1927. (1 item, 8 pages to scan)

**Insert 2** Official program, "Thad Stevens, we are coming!" Memorial service at Shreiner-Concord Cemetery. 4 August 1934. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

#### **Folder 16** Lydia Smith Letters

**Insert 1** Letter from Lydia Smith in Washington, D.C. to Mrs. McKiny. Discusses McKiny's return to her home, Smith's boarders, death of mutual friend, and possible change of residence. Washington. May [year unspecified] (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

**Insert 2** Letter from Lydia Smith to Mrs. McKiny. Discusses McKiny's recent wedding and forwards greetings from friends. Washington. 3 May 1868. (1 item, 4 pages to scan)

#### **Folder 17** Major Thaddeus Stevens, Jr.

##### **Folder 17, Insert 1** Military History of Thaddeus Stevens, Jr.

Book excerpts. "Military History of Thaddeus Stevens, Jr.," comprised of several excerpted sections of *History of Pennsylvania Volunteers*, Samuel Bates. Accounts of units in which Stevens served, including 122<sup>nd</sup> Pennsylvania, a regular infantry unit, and the 50<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania, an emergency militia unit formed during the Gettysburg campaign. Typewritten copy. (1 item, 10 pages to scan) [By Elsie Singmaster Lewars.] *Gift of Dr. Herbert H. Beck, 3 October 1947.*

**Folder 17, Insert 2** Article. "Major Thaddeus Stevens." Brief biography of Thaddeus Stevens, Jr., including professional and military career and description of his funeral services. Undated. (1 item, 4 pages to scan) [By Elsie Singmaster Lewars.] *Gift of Dr. Herbert H. Beck, 3 October 1947.*

**Folder 17, Insert 3** Letter from Thaddeus Stevens, Jr. to Provost Marshals' Office, Lancaster. Certification of mustering at Lancaster into United States military service for the duration of one year. 29 December 1864. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

**Folder 18** The Story of Cid and the Deer Tail

Note. E. S. Lewars, Gettysburg. Discusses enclosed story involving Thaddeus Stevens' deer hunting in the Gettysburg area, which casts Stevens in a positive light. Letterhead of Mrs. E. S. Lewars. 17 May 1944. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

Transcription of newspaper article. "The Old Commoner," in *The Star and Sentinel*, Gettysburg, PA. Laudatory story of hunting incident involving Stevens, in which he is willing to surrender an entire deer carcass for the sake of acquiring its tail as a customary trophy. 7 July 1874. (1 item, 12 pages to scan) *Gift of Elsie Singmaster, 10 November 1944.*

**Folder 19** Letters and Articles about Stevens' Cane. *Gift of Rebecca W. Griest.*

**Folder 19, Insert 1** Letters Regarding Thaddeus Stevens' Cane, from E. R. Moore

Letter. [Unknown] to E. P. [sic] Moore, Northwestern Elevator Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Response to attached letter. Thanks Moore and his cousin for relating the history of Thaddeus Stevens' cane, as well as that of Moore's father, who presented it to Stevens. 10 February 1914. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

Letter. E. R. Moore to unidentified cousin. Discusses recent interest in Stevens' cane due to its acquisition by Congressman Griest. Describes Moore's father, E. L. Moore, and the circumstances that led Moore to present a cane to Stevens. 19 January 1914. (1 item, 8 pages to scan)

**Folder 19, Insert 2** Letters and articles from John Edmund Rutherford to W. W. Griest

Letter. John Edmund Rutherford, Harrisburg, to W. W. Griest, Lancaster. Discusses enclosed newspaper clipping as well as E. L. Moore's career, contacts with Thaddeus Stevens, and connections to Rutherford. 26 December 1913. (1 item, 4 pages to scan)

Letter. John Edmund Rutherford to W. W. Griest. Thanks Griest for letter of 5 January and its enclosed newspaper clipping, as well as invitation to visit Griest's office and see Stevens' cane. 6 January 1914. (1 item, 4 pages to scan)

Sheet of newspaper clippings. Descriptions of E. L. Moore, reproducing and summarizing contents of Rutherford's 26 December 1913 letter to Griest. (photocopy) 1914. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

**Folder 19, Insert 3** Letters between Rev. C. H. Forney and W. W. Griest

Letter from Rev. C. H. Forney, Harrisburg, to W. W. Griest. Discusses E. L. Moore's career Forney's relationship with him. Makes note of a cane presented to Forney by Moore, which Forney carried at Stevens' funeral. With photocopy of transcription. 30 December 1913. (2 items, 2 pages to scan)

Letter from Rev. C. H. Forney, Harrisburg, to W. W. Griest. Discusses E. L. Moore's career Forney's relationship with him. Makes note of a cane presented to Forney by Moore, which Forney carried at Stevens' funeral. Transcription of letter in Folder 19, Insert 3. 30 December 1913. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

Letter. W. W. Griest to Rev. C. H. Forney. Thanks Forney for letter, possible similarities between canes, and enclosed newspaper clipping. 3 January 1914. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

Newspaper article and transcription. "Give Stevens' Cane to Griest," discusses Stevens' cane and Griest's receipt of it. Photocopy. 25 December 1913. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

**Folder 20** Published Biographical Information and Correspondence

**Folder 20, Insert 1** Booklet. *Thaddeus Stevens: A Letter Written to the Daily New Era, Lancaster, PA, by Hon. Charles I. Landis, President Judge of the Second Judicial District of Pennsylvania*, Lancaster, PA: Press of the New Era Printing Company, 1916. Landis' letter includes biography of Stevens, responding to claims made by Thomas Dixon, Jr. in "The Clansman" and "The Birth of a Nation." Annotations, cover, "Prof Herbert H. Beck" and "Complements of Charles I. Landis." (1 item, 16 pages to scan)

**Folder 20, Insert 2** Letter from John H. Landis to Linn L. Reist, Portland, Oregon. Anecdotes and biographical information regarding Thaddeus Stevens, prepared in preparation for proposed observance of anniversary of Stevens' birth. Letterhead of John H. Landis, publisher, *The Millersville Herald*. Photocopy. 10 March 1916. (1 item, 10 pages to scan)

**Folder 20, Insert 3** "Thaddeus Stevens." An address delivered by J. Hay Brown at the dedication of the Boys' High School, Lancaster. Discusses Stevens' life and career in the context of public education. 26 September 1918. (1 item, 52 pages to scan)

**Folder 20, Insert 4** "Thaddeus Stevens: Champion of Freedom," *Historic Pennsylvania Leaflet*, no. 7, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. Biography of Stevens and discussion of his political career. 1957. (1 item, 4 pages to scan)

**Folder 20, Insert 5** "Thaddeus Stevens to be Honored: Will Be Inducted into Penna. Hall of Fame." Newspaper article regarding Stevens' induction, as well as the

Pennsylvania Hall of Fame in general and past inductees. Photocopy. 7 November 1974. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

"Remarks by John Ward Willson Loose on the Installation of the Hon. Thaddeus Stevens in the Pennsylvania Hall of Fame." Discusses Stevens' life and work. Photocopy. 16 November 1974. (1 item, 6 pages to scan)

**Folder 20, Insert 6** "Old Thad Stevens: One of the Strongest Men of the Nation," by Hans L. Trefousse. *American History Illustrated*, vol. 16, no. 8. Biographical history of Stevens from birth to 1860. December 1981. (1 item, 8 pages to scan)

**Folder 20, Insert 7** "Old Thad Stevens," by Hans L. Trefousse. *American History Illustrated*, vol. 16, no. 9. Biographical history of Stevens from 1861 through his death. January 1982. (1 item, 10 pages to scan)

**Folder 21** Correspondence *Gift of Mrs. Joan Keller, 19 December 2008*

**Insert 1** Order to pay. Thaddeus Stevens to Mark Connell. Orders payment of debt and five percent commission. Undated. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

**Insert 2** Letter from Thaddeus Stevens, Jr. to Col. C. J. Dickey, informing Dickey of the military service and present disposition of "Bob." Stevens promises to "see always" to Bob and forward any items to him. 11 February 1863. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

**Insert 3** Letter from Thaddeus Stevens to G. H. Harris, Esq. regarding land in Luzerne County. Notes brevity of stay at Lancaster and lack of relevant papers. Informs Harris that Stevens is authorized to recover Harris' interest in Rope and Shrawden lands. Discusses planned trip to Wilkes-Barre. 25 May 1865. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

**Folder 22** Fragment of letter from Thaddeus Stevens to [Mr. Roberts]. Fragment includes last two lines—"You know the writer; once canal commissioner under Gov. Ritner," as well as Stevens' signature. [1850]. (1 item, 2 pages to scan) *Gift of the School District of Lancaster, 1 September 1989.*

Accompanying letter from Jane T. Pelland, School District of Lancaster, to Robert Case, Lancaster County Library requesting the Lancaster County Library's board of directors' consideration regarding the fate of several original documents containing Thaddeus Stevens' handwriting. Discusses possibility of placing them on display at the Carter and MacRae Elementary School. 1 September 1989. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

**Folder 23** Images

Print. Image of marker of Thaddeus' Stevens home from 1843 to his death. Marker placed by Lancaster County Historical Society. Notes on reverse describe the location. No date. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

Print. Copy of Jacob Eichholtz's portrait of Thaddeus Stevens. No date. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

Engraving. Portrait of Thaddeus Stevens, with reproduced signature. Engraving by G. E. Perine and Co., New York. No date. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

Engraving. Portrait of Thaddeus Stevens, with reproduced signature. Slightly larger than above, with additional line, "Representative from Pennsylvania." Engraving by G. E. Perine and Co., New York. No date. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

Engraving. Portrait of Thaddeus Stevens. Caption, "Thaddeus Stevens Ch. Com. Ways & Means H. R." No date. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

Engraving. Portrait of Thaddeus Stevens. No date. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

Letter from [A]. C. H. Barr and Mrs. E. S. Lewars to the Lancaster County Historical Society. Apparent transcription information from the Dartmouth College archives. Discusses portraits of Thaddeus Stevens, including previously sent engraving. No date. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

Print. Copy of Jacob Eichholtz's portrait of Thaddeus Stevens. Reverse stamped, "Property of Lancaster County Historical Society. Poor condition; many cracks and creases. No date. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

#### **Folder 24 Stevens Bicentennial**

Letter from Alex B. Munro, Thaddeus Stevens Trade School Alumni Foundation, to Jack Loose, Lancaster County Historical Society. Thanks Loose for participation in Thaddeus Stevens' bicentennial celebration. 1992. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

Postcard. View of Thaddeus Stevens Industrial School. Published by King Novelty Co., Lancaster. No date. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

Postcard. Portrait of Thaddeus Stevens. Published by the Stevens Trade School Bicentennial Committee. 1992. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

Brochure. Invitation to Thaddeus Stevens' 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party, held on 4 April 1992. Includes brief histories of Thaddeus Stevens and Thaddeus Stevens State School of Technology, as well as schedule of events. 1992. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

Brochure. Advertises conference, "The Legacy of Thaddeus Stevens," held at Hotel Brunswick on 30 and 31 October 1992. Includes list of speakers and preregistration form. 1992. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

## **Folder 25** Manuscripts

**Insert 1** Promissory note. Thaddeus Stevens and G[ \_\_\_\_ ] deElroy promise to pay \$150 plus interest to bearer of note twelve months from date issued. On reverse: note indicating receipt of interest for one year. 27 October 1848. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

**Insert 2** Articles of agreement between Harrisburg Bank and Thaddeus Stevens. Settles debts and issues of property sales between Stevens and the bank. 3 January 1844. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

**Insert 3** Agreement. Settles debt of Mrs. Bachman with real estate and Lancaster Bank stock. Thaddeus Stevens among representatives of Lancaster Bank. Date is illegible. (1 item, 4 pages to scan)

**Insert 4** Notice of evidence. Evidence to be filed in case of Abraham Minnich v. Benjamin Minnich & William Wamley, administrators of Michael Minnich, decedent. Submitted by Thaddeus Stevens as attorney for defendants. 12 February 1856. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

**Insert 5** Articles of agreement between Thaddeus Stevens and John F. Caven. Stevens agrees to sell land in Luzerne County to Caven, and Caven agrees to sell Stevens stock in the Leavenworth, Pawnee, and Western Railroad Company in Kansas. 17 July 1862. (1 item, 4 pages to scan)

Transcription of the 17 July 1862 articles of agreement between Thaddeus Stevens and John F. Caven. Stevens agrees to sell land in Luzerne County to Caven, and Caven agrees to sell Stevens stock in the Leavenworth, Pawnee, and Western Railroad Company in Kansas. No date for the transcription. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

**Folder 26** Invoice presented to the City of Lancaster for the tolling of bells for the funeral of Thaddeus Stevens. Bells tolled at First German Reformed Church, Lutheran Church (Duke Street), St. Paul's German Reformed Church, St. James Episcopal Church, St. John Episcopal Church, St. Joseph Reformed Church, Washington Fire Company. 26 August 1868. Approved on 25 September 1868 and paid. *Gift of Clarke Hess, 7 October 2013.* (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

**Folder 27** Note from Thaddeus Stevens to Hon. John Strahm in Washington, D.C. regarding business with land in Potter County. 1846. *Gift of Clarke Hess, 5 March 2014.* (1 item, 4 pages to scan)



**Folder 28** Photocopies of three letters to Nathaniel Burt, Jr. from Thaddeus Stevens regarding civil court case with Watson McAnnally. *Provided by the Salisbury Twp. Historical Society, from the Burt Family Papers (Waterloo Farm), 28 June 2018.* (3 items, 6 pages to scan)

Letter regarding date of trial and proof of rental agreement needed. 17 [January] 1846.

Transcription notes for 17 [January] 1846 letter.

Letter regarding a witness. 26 [February] 1846.

Transcription notes for 26 [February] 1846 letter.

Letter advising Mr. Burt that he should settle out of court. 8 August 1846.

Transcription notes for 8 August 1846 letter.

**Folder 29** Letter from Thaddeus Stevens to Col. Reah Frazer, attorney for the accountants of the estate of [G. Winters], regarding an upcoming meeting to review the accounts of the estate. 2 January 1846. *Gift of Daniel B. Strickler, Jr., 9 March 1999. Transferred from the Document Collection, Box 27, Folder 7.* (1999.MG0115F29)

**Folder 30** Account book from Thaddeus Stevens' Caledonia Iron Works, kept by Henry Tuckey. 1849-1853. *Purchased from Martin J. Donnelly Auctions, 29 September 2020.* (2020.MG0115F30)

**Folder 31** Letter to R. E. Shearer, Collector, from John M. Kline. Attorney for the estate of Thaddeus Stevens.

**Folder 32** Appeals from the Orphans' Court of Lancaster County for the estate of Thaddeus Stevens, deceased. January Term 1894.

**Folder 33** *Lancaster Law Review.* 26 November 1894.

**Folder 34** Appeal from the Orphans' Court of Lancaster County for the estate of Thaddeus Stevens, deceased. Appeals of Thaddeus J. B. Stevens and others, heirs-at-law of Thaddeus Stevens, deceased. January Term 1894.

**Folder 35** Appeal of The Lancaster Trust Company, trustee under the will of the late Thaddeus Stevens, deceased, from the decree of the Orphans' Court of Lancaster County. Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, Eastern District. January Term 1901, no. 72. Printed in Lancaster by Rider & Snyder, Printers, 1901.

**Folder 36** Printed letter to the people of Lancaster County from Thaddeus Stevens. 30 September 1862.

## **Oversized Box 1**

**Oversized Folder 1** Thaddeus Stevens: "The Old Commoner" limited edition print no. 13/1000, purchased by the Gettysburg Hotel, 15 March 2002. Printed in collaboration with Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology and S&G Printing and presented by Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster. Produced from the original copper plate by an engraver known only as Rea which was commissioned in 1898 by J. P. McCaskey to commemorate Thaddeus Stevens as his friend, mentor and defender of free public education. J. P. McCaskey distributed about 25,000 copies of the print throughout the state. The copper plate was donated to HPT in July 2001. *Gift of Patrick McCaskey, 2022.*

## **Oversized Box 2**

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**Oversized Box 3** *Autographs of the Delegates to the Pennsylvania Convention to Revise the Constitution, 1837.* This roster of Pennsylvania politicians present at the convention includes the signature of Thaddeus Stevens. He signed into the convention as a representative from Adams County and ultimately refused to sign the constitution due to a clause that guaranteed the disenfranchisement of African Americans. "Caldwell Kepple Biddle" is printed on the title page. 1837-1838. *Purchased from Schlib Antiquarian, August 2022. Accession #2022.028.*