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## **C. G. Herr Collection, 1867-1875**

**Object ID: MG0381**

1 box    7 folders    .25 cubic ft.

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Scope and Content Note: The C. G. Herr Collection contains correspondence to Christian G. Herr. Most of the letters are related to his tobacco business. Although cigar brands and tobacco cuts are mentioned, most of the correspondence is about payments, orders, and samples.

Creator: Herr, Christian G., 1839-1902.

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### Biographical and Historical Note:

Christian G. Herr (1839-1902) was the son of Daniel Herr and Susan Margaretta Hornberger, and a descendant of Rev. Hans Herr.

A tobacconist in Lancaster, he began as a clerk in the 1850s and soon owned a store. By 1877, he had a tobacco warehouse in the city and was manufacturing cigars with his business partners. His business was located at 45-47 N. Market Street for the majority of years, but he also had locations on N. Queen Street and N. Christian Street. C. G. Herr ordered from and shipped to tobacconists in Lancaster County, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and New York. At the turn of the twentieth century, he was a manager at Julius Vetterline & Co.

Christian married Emma Miller circa 1860. They had two sons: William M. (b. 1863) and Charles C. (b. 1868). The family resided at 224 W. Orange Street. Emma is listed in the 1880 census as having consumption. She passed away in 1881 and is buried in Woodward Hill Cemetery. Charles was involved in the tobacco business in 1900; William was a physician, married to Lizzie with one daughter.



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People:

Herr, Christian G.

Subject Headings:

Business records

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Cigars

Letters

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## **Folder 1 1873-1875**

**Insert 1** Letter from brother, Daniel H. Herr repaying a financial debt. Letterhead of Howe Sewing Machines. Reading. With envelope. 11 December 1873.

Letter from brother, Daniel H. Herr regarding a debt. Reading. With envelope. 2 February 1874.

**Insert 2** Notice from William Lewis requesting payment for a Lancaster fire department purchase. Letterhead of The Gutta Percha and Rubber Manufacturing Co. New York. With envelopes. 21 April 1875.

## **Folder 2 1867**

**Insert 1** Flier announcing the change of name from Holl, Kirkpatrick & Whiteman to Holl, Kirkpatrick & Co. Philadelphia. With envelope. No date.

**Insert 2** Receipt from Lewis Bremer's Sons on their stationery. Philadelphia. 26 April 1867.

## **Folder 3 1870**

**Insert 1** Letter from Bucknor, McCammon & Co. regarding payment on their stationery. Philadelphia. 11 July 1870.

**Insert 2** Letter from Pretzfeld Bros. transmitting payment and requesting cigar sample, on their stationery. With envelope. Pittsburgh. 23 August 1870.

**Insert 3** Order for cigars from D. B. Polen of Gibson House. With envelope. Driftwood, Pennsylvania. 31 August 1870.

**Insert 4** Order for cigars from Pretzfeld Bros. on their stationery. With envelope. Pittsburgh. 2 September 1870.

**Insert 5** Flier from the Ten Eyck Segar Machine Co. regarding a new cigar machine. With envelope. New York. October 1870.

**Insert 6** Announcement from Lewis Bremer's Sons regarding a visit and soliciting an order. With envelope. Philadelphia. 2 December 1870.

## **Folder 4 1871**

**Insert 1** "Notice to Shipper" from the Adams Express Company. With envelope. 14 February 1871.

**Insert 2** Order for cigars from [E. Wormser & Co.]. With envelope. Pittsburgh. 20 April 1871.

**Insert 3** Announcement from Lewis Bremer's Sons regarding a visit and soliciting an order. With envelope. Philadelphia. 28 April 1871.

**Insert 4** Letter from Holl, Kirkpatrick & Whiteman soliciting an order. With envelope. Philadelphia. 9 May 1871.

**Insert 5** Letter from R. E. Smith, Jr. transmitting payment and expressing dissatisfaction with paying for the order before receiving it, on his stationery. With envelope. Coatesville. 22 May 1871.



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**Insert 6** Letter from Theo of Lewis Bremer's Sons transmitting an invoice and a sample, on their stationery. With envelope. Philadelphia. 18 July 1871.

**Insert 7** Order for Lancaster snuff, possibly Demuth, from R. E. Smith, Jr. on his stationery. With envelope. Coatesville. 17 October 1871.

**Insert 8** Letter from Lewis Bremer's Sons itemizing samples sent, on their stationery. With envelope. Philadelphia. 28 October 1871.

**Insert 9** Letter from John Douglass regarding a shipment. With envelope. Philadelphia. 30 October 1871.

Invoice on billhead of John Douglass. Philadelphia. 31 October 1871.

**Insert 10** Letter from Wilkens & Klier stating receipt of samples and offering samples to C. G. Herr. With envelope. Baltimore. 13 December 1871.

## **Folder 5** 1872

**Insert 1** Announcement from J. Eby of John Reinhold regarding visit and soliciting an order. With envelope. Philadelphia. 9 January 1872.

**Insert 2** Letter from Hiss & Chandler soliciting an order for Bagleys May Flower tobacco, on their stationery. With envelope. Philadelphia. 16 January 1872.

**Insert 3** Order for Royal Arms cigars from Pretzfeld Bros. on their stationery. With envelope. Pittsburgh. 23 March 1872.

**Insert 4** Flier announcing the change of name from Robb & McConkey to A. J. McConkey. With envelope and trade card. 30 March 1872.

**Insert 5** Letter from T. C. Kintzing soliciting Herr's business for the local tobacco growers. Letterhead of Lock Haven Boot & Shoe Manufacturing Company. With envelope. Lock Haven. 10 April 1872.

**Insert 6** Letter from Pretzfeld Bros. requesting invoice and another shipment of Royal Arms cigars, on their stationery. With envelope. Pittsburgh. 21 September 1872.

**Insert 7** Letter from S. G. Brosey regarding payment. With envelope. Manheim. 25 September 1872.

Contract for C. G. Herr in Lancaster to ship one case of tobacco to S. G. Brosey in Manheim via the Philadelphia & Reading Rail Road Co. 4 September 1872.

**Insert 8** Letter from Schlichter & Townsend transmitting payment and ordering Royal Arms cigars. Letterhead of the Commercial Hotel. With envelope. Philadelphia. 11 October 1872.

**Insert 9** Letter from Pretzfeld Bros. ordering Royal Arms cigars and soliciting an order for Connecticut cigars, on their stationery. With envelope. Pittsburgh. 16 October 1872.

**Insert 10** Order for Royal Arms cigars from Schlichter & Townsend. Letterhead of the Commercial Hotel. With envelope. Philadelphia. 26 November 1872.

**Insert 11** Letter from Chas. E. Spier & Co. requesting return of cigars to be used as models for cigar moulds, on their stationery. With envelope. New York. 14 December 1872.



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## **Folder 6 1873**

**Insert 1** Letter from Pretzfeld Bros. transmitting payment and ordering Royal Arms cigars, on their stationery. With envelope. Pittsburgh. 10 January 1873.

**Insert 2** Letter from Holl, Kirkpatrick & Co. asking for opinion on Ohio samples, on their stationery. With envelope. Philadelphia. 17 January 1873.

**Insert 3** Letter from Lewis Bremer's Sons regarding payment, on their stationery. With envelope. Philadelphia. 24 January 1873.

**Insert 4** Letter from Pretzfeld Bros. regarding Royal Arms cigars, on their stationery. With envelope. Pittsburgh. 5 August 1873.

**Insert 5** Order for cigar moulds from Jacob Wolf on his stationery. With envelope. West Earl. 9 September 1873.

**Insert 6** Order for cigars from J. M. Hahn. With envelope. Manheim. 22 October 1873.

**Insert 7** Invoice from S. Michaelis & Co. With envelope. New York. 2 December 1873.

## **Folder 7 1874**

**Insert 1** Letter from Lewis Bremer's Sons regarding a visit, on their stationery. Philadelphia. 3 April 1874.

**Insert 2** Letter from Lobenstein & Gans regarding payment. With envelope. New York. 23 December 1874.

**Insert 3** Notice from Lewis Bremer's Sons regarding a visit and soliciting an order. With envelope. Philadelphia. 5 February 1875.

**Insert 4** Invoice from Lewis Bremer's Sons. With envelope. Philadelphia. [October] 1875.