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Mary Kilhefner Papers, 1916-1958

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Scope and Content Note: This collection contains documents related to Mary Kilhefner, a resident of East Cocalico Township. The majority of these documents are financial in nature. A passbook records transactions in an early savings account. A decade of school tax receipts track tax rates in East Cocalico Township. As a stockholder in Lancaster Iron Works, Kilhefner received numerous items of correspondence regarding that company's operations, including its Depression-era bankruptcy and 1948 name change to Posey Iron Works. Other stock-related materials include an alleged case of fraud by an agent of National Capital Company and National Capital Memorial Park, Inc. Other materials include Ms. Kilhefner's will and invoices for coal, medical care, and Kilhefner's funeral.

Creator: Kilhefner, Mary, 1869-1957.

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People:

Adams, Harvey
Brubaker, A. R.
Burrows, C. H.
Gausch, J. W.
Heisey, Amos
Heisey, Richard B.
Kilhefner, John C.
Kilhefner, Mary Garman
Kissinger, Mabel
Leid, Henry H.
Lynch, Anna M. Martin
Lynch, Ross Barton
Martin, Joseph Weaver
Martin, Levi B.
Mitchell, L. A.
Musser, M. E.
Neidhart, Paul Wolfgang
Oberholtzer, Harry B.
Oberholtzer, Richard E.
Schlock, Adam G.
Smith, W. J. B.
Sweet, William H.
Wolf, S.

Subject Headings:

Letters
Receipts (Acknowledgments)
Stockholders
Stocks



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Search Terms:

Annual reports
Bonds
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Correspondence
DeWalt, Inc.
East Cocalico Twp.
Ephrata Hospital
Ephrata National Bank
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Lutheran and Reformed Church Cemetery
Manuscript groups
National Capital Company
National Capital Memorial Park, Inc.
Nazarene Church
Pamphlets
Philadelphia National Bank
Posey Iron Works
Probate records
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Reamstown Fire Company Ambulance Service
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Related Materials:

Processing History: This collection has been documented, preserved and managed according to professional museum and archives standards. The finding aid was updated using DACS conventions.



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Folder 1 Financial, Estate, and Property Papers

Folder 1, Insert 1 Ephrata National Bank

Passbook. Records transactions for Ephrata National Bank savings account held by Mary Kilhefner. 1916 to 1927.

Passbook cover. Cover for Ephrata National Bank passbook. 1916.

Folder 1, Insert 2 Lancaster County Tax Receipts

Set of tax receipts for Mary Kilhefner. Assessed in East Cocalico Township. Harvey Adams of Reamstown, tax collector. 31 May 1947 to 28 September 1957.

Folder 1, Insert 3 School Tax Notices

School tax notice. Harvey Adams, tax collector. Includes notice of places Adams will be sitting to receive taxes. 1 August 1956.

School tax notice. Harvey Adams, tax collector. Includes notice of places Adams will be sitting to receive taxes. 1 August 1957.

Folder 1, Insert 4 Receipts for Services

Invoice for purchase of painting supplies. Billhead of Ross B. Lynch, Ephrata. Payment attested by Anna M. Lynch. 11 November 1947.

Invoice for purchase of pea coal by Mary Kilhefner. Billhead of A. R. Brubaker, Denver. Payment attested by J. W. Gausch. 21 January 1948.

Invoice for purchase of coal by Mary Kilhefner. Billhead of Keystone Mill, Ephrata. Payment attested by "O. M." 15 November 1957.

Invoice for purchase of pea coal by Mary Kilhefner. Billhead of Keystone Mill, Ephrata. Payment attested by "J. B. R." 23 November 1957.

Invoice for transportation by ambulance from home to Ephrata Hospital on 21 December 1957. Billhead of Reamstown Fire Company Ambulance Service. Signed by Adam G. Schlock. 23 December 1957.

Invoice for casket, furnishings, and funeral service of Mary Kilhefner. Billhead of H. Good and Son, Reamstown. 31 December 1957.

Invoice for services rendered from 21 December to 28 December 1957. Issued to estate of Mary Kilhefner, care of John C. Kilhefner, Akron. Billhead of Paul Wolfgang Neidhardt, M.D., of Denver. 15 January 1958.

Invoice for auction advertisement and services. Issued to Amos Heisey of Denver, executor of Mary Kilhefner's estate. Billhead of Henry H. Leid, Denver. 1 March 1958.



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Folder 1, Insert 5 Letters Testamentary and Will

Letter Testamentary. Commits administration of Mary Kilhefner's estate to Amos Heisey per Kilhefner's will. Signed by J. W. Martin, Deputy Register of Wills. 9 January 1958. Last will and testament of Mary Kilhefner. Directs that bills arising from medical and funeral expenses be paid and an appropriate tombstone be erected. Bequeaths funds to the trustees of Hahnstown United Zion Church, the Nazarene Church in Ephrata, and the Lutheran and Reformed Church Cemetery in Reamstown. Appoints Amos Heisey as executor. Witnessed by Richard B. Heisey and Mabel Kissinger. (copy) 28 February 1953.

Certification that copy of will is true and correct. Signed by J. W. Martin. 9 January 1958.

Folder 1, Insert 6 Fire Insurance Policy and Condition of Sale Agreement

Fire insurance policy for estate of Mary Kilhefner. Policy for \$1500 held with Reamstown Mutual Fire Insurance Association at premium of \$3.50, expiring 13 July 1958. Signed by H. B. Oberholtzer and R. E. Oberholtzer. 13 January 1958.

Conditions of sale for two tracts of land formerly held by Mary Kilhefner's estate. Purchased by Levi B. Martin of Ephrata for \$2400. 19 March 1958.

Folder 2 Stock Scam and Cancelled Check

Folder 2, Insert 1 Stock Scam

Letter. C. H. Burrows, Post Office Inspector, to Mary Kilhefner. Discusses complaint made by Kilhefner against National Capital Company and National Capital Memorial Park, Inc. due to actions of sales representative, S. Wolf. Requests Kilhefner supply statement regarding interactions with Wolfe. 19 November 1938.

Letter. Mary Kilhefner to C. H. Burrows. Details meetings with S. Wolf. According to Kilhefner, over two visits, Wolf convinced her to not only give him worthless securities, which she was willing to dispose of, but also securities with some value—over \$1000 in total. Wolf claimed he would sell securities and invest in a Washington, D. C. cemetery. Subsequently, Wolf returned worthless securities, mailed two low-value checks, and sent a title to a portion of Memorial Park cemetery. 19 November 1938.

Folder 2, Insert 1 Cancelled Check

Check. National Capital Company of Washington, D.C. \$15.01 to Mary Kilhefner. Endorsed by L. A. Mitchell. 8 April 1938.



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Folder 3 Stocks

Folder 3, Insert 1 Lancaster Iron Works Annual Reports

Annual report to stockholders of Lancaster Iron Works, Inc. for year ending 31 December 1941. List of officers, directors, counsel, and auditors, letter from president, condensed balance sheet and statement of surplus, and list of products. 13 February 1942.

Annual report to stockholders and bondholders of Lancaster Iron Works, Inc. for year ending 31 December 1944. List of officers, directors, and counsel, letter from president, balance sheet and statement of surplus, and list of products. 16 April 1945.

Folder 3, Insert 2 Lancaster Iron Works Annual Report.

Annual report to stockholders of Lancaster Iron Works, Inc. for year ending 31 December 1935. List of officers, directors, counsel, and auditors, letter from president, condensed balance sheet and statement of surplus, and list of products. 19 February 1936.

Envelope. Lancaster Iron Works, Inc. to Mary Kilhefner. Postmarked, 25 February 1935

Folder 3, Insert 3 Posey Iron Works Annual Reports

Set of annual reports to stockholders of Posey Iron Works, Inc. Years ending 31 December 1948 to 31 December 1954. List of officers, directors, counsel, and auditors, letter from president, condensed balance sheet and statement, list of products, and announcements of annual shareholder meetings. 14 March 1949 to 14 March 1955.

Folder 3, Insert 4 Lancaster Iron Works Share Purchase Receipt and Bankruptcy Notice

Receipt for purchase by Mary Kilhefner of eighteen shares in Lancaster Iron Works, Inc. 3 January 1933.

Bankruptcy notice for Lancaster Iron Works. Proceedings under Section 77(b) of Bankruptcy Act. Issued by M. E. Musser, Lancaster. 6 November 1934.

Folder 3, Insert 5 Lancaster Iron Works

Letter. Lancaster Iron Works, Inc. to stockholders. Announces that shares of \$2 cumulative convertible preference stock now ready for exchange to class A common stock. Requests certificates of deposit for old stocks be brought or mailed to Philadelphia National Bank for exchange. 25 July 1933

Letter. Lancaster Iron Works, Inc. to stockholders and bondholders. Notification of special stockholders' meeting to approve proposed refinancing plan and take any necessary and appropriate action. Meeting to be held on 29 August 1945.

Postcard. George Birkins Company, New York, New York, to Mary Kilhefner. Informs Kilhefner that company has an inquiry to buy Lancaster Iron Works, Inc. Requests Kilhefner contact promptly if interested in selling her holdings. 28 November 1947.



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Folder 3, Insert 6 Lancaster Iron Works

Letter. W. H. Sweet of Lancaster Iron Works, Inc. to stockholders. Notification of annual stockholder meeting on 25 March 1948. 18 March 1948.

Form for appointment of proxy to represent stockholder at annual stockholder meeting. March 1948.

Letter. W. H. Sweet to shareholders. Notification of special shareholders' meeting to amend Lancaster Iron Works, Inc.'s articles of incorporation and change its name to Posey Iron Works, Inc. Meeting to be held on 7 June 1948. 24 May 1948.

Letter. W. J. B. Smith of Reynolds and Co., Lancaster, to Mary Kilhefner. Informs Kilhefner that firm is interested in purchasing Lancaster Iron Works stock. Asks for price at which she would be willing to dispose of her eighteen shares. 1 May 1948.

Letter. W. J. B. Smith to Mary Kilhefner. Offers to purchase Kilhefner's shares in Lancaster Iron Works at \$6 per share. 25 May 1948.

Letter. W. H. Sweet of Posey Iron Works, Inc. to stockholders. Informs of results of 7 June meeting, which approved Lancaster Iron Works, Inc. change of name to Posey Iron Works, Inc. Requests stock certificates be sent to office in order to affix new name. 27 July 1948.

Folder 3, Insert 7 Posey Iron Works

Letter. W. J. B. Smith to Mary Kilhefner. Inquires whether Kilhefner would be willing to sell shares in Posey Iron Works at rate of \$7 per share. 1 February 1949.

Envelope. Reynolds and Co. to Mary Kilhefner. Postmarked, 5 March 1949.

Letter. W. J. B. Smith to Mary Kilhefner. Offers to pay \$7 per share of Posey Iron Works stock in exchange for Kilhefner's purchase of twenty shares in DeWalt, Inc. at \$6.25 per share. Notes enclosure of financial statement for DeWalt, Inc.

Balance sheet for DeWalt, Inc., Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Lists assets, liabilities, reserve, and stock. 31 December 1948.

Postcard. George Birkins Company to Mary Kilhefner. Offers to purchase Posey Iron Works stock at various prices, from \$3 per share for Class B Common stock, to \$41 per share for Class A Preferred stock. Postmarked, 11 March 1949.

Letter. W. H. Sweet to stockholders. Notification of annual Posey Iron Works stockholders' meeting on 24 March 1949. Notes enclosure of financial statement prepared by Ernst and Ernst for period ending 31 December 1948. 12 March 1949.

Folder 3, Insert 7 Posey Iron Works

Letter. W. J. B. Smith to Mary Kilhefner. Advises Kilhefner that Posey Iron Works stocks are unlikely to produce dividends. Suggests reinvesting in stocks listed in enclosed pamphlet. Offers \$8 per share for Posey Iron Works stock. 31 January 1950.

Pamphlet. *Investment Facts about Common Stocks and Cash Dividends*. Produced by Reynolds and Co. Summarizes basic information on common stocks and dividends. Includes table of select high-yield stocks listed on the New York Stock Exchange. 14 October 1949.