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Dr. Herbert Beck Collection, 1939-1955

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Biographical and Historical Note: Dr. Herbert Huebener Beck was born 15 November 1870 in Lititz. He was a locally renowned educator, author, and sportsman. He was head of the Chemistry Department at Franklin and Marshall College and a member of Lititz Moravian Church. He died 22 December 1960.

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People:

Beck, Herbert Huebener

Hill, Ed

King, George A.

Sharp, B. L.

Taylor, F. A.

Subject Headings:

Ornithology

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Folder 1 Drawing of Dr. Beck's front door, possibly for use in a holiday greeting card. Drawing by F. A. Taylor. No date.

Folder 2 Correspondence relating to Dr. Beck's surprise 80th birthday party held by the Pirates Club at the Hamilton Club in Lancaster, 14 November 1955. Includes responses from those who could not attend, one telegram, and a photograph of gifts spread out on a dining table. Photograph was developed December 1955, measures 3 in. x 3 in.

Folder 3 Photographs of various birds, taxidermied and live

Insert 1 Photograph of wild geese near Little Bohemia River (or Creek), Maryland, 2 April 1939. Possibly taken by Ed Hill. Written on back: "To Dr. Herbert H. Beck, In remembrance of 'Wing Sights' near the Little Bohemia River 4/2/39, Ed Hill". 7 x 9.75 inches.

Insert 2 Photograph of Canadian Geese at Assateague Island, Virginia, May 1939. Written on back: "To Dr. Herbert H. Beck: In tribute to our mutual regard for Canada Geese, Ed Hill" and "Assateague island, off Virginia, May 1939". 7 x 10 inches.

Insert 3 Photograph of geese at Carpenter's Farm, 2 April 1939. Written on back: "To Dr. herber Beck, In memory of April 2, 1939 at Carpenter's Farm, Ed Hill". 7 x 9.75 inches.

Insert 4 Photograph of geese at Green Bay, Wisconsin, April 1943. Stamped on back: "Press Gazette Photo" and "The Rt. Rev. Clement Hoyler, D.D., 521 Fourth Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin". 8 x 10 inches.

Insert 5 Photograph of wild turkeys at Pine Grove Furnace, Cumberland County, PA, 1949. Written on back: "Photo by Staley, Pine Grove Furnace 1949, wild turkeys". 8 x 10 inches.

Insert 6 Photograph of eggs of a passenger pigeon, *Ectopistes Migratorius*, c. 1945. The name Geo. A. King is written on the back. 4 x 6 inches.

Insert 7 Photograph of unidentified bird egg, c. 1945. The name Geo. A. King is written on the back. 4.25 x 6 inches.

Insert 8 Photograph of taxidermied ruffed grouses, c. 1945. The name Geo. A. King is written on the back. 6 x 8 inches.

Insert 9 Photograph of a pair of taxidermied owls, c. 1945. The name Geo. A. King is written on the back. 4.25 x 4.75 inches.

Insert 10 Photograph of snow geese in flight. Written on back: "Flight of the Snow Geese" and "To Dr. Herbert H. Beck, in perpetuation of a mutual interest, Ed Hill". No date. 7.25 x 9.75 inches.

Insert 11 Photograph of taxidermied birds, possibly passenger pigeons, c. 1945. The name Geo. A. King is written on back. 8 x 10 inches.

Insert 12 Photograph of unidentified taxidermied bird, c. 1945. The name Geo. A. King is written on the back. 8 x 10 inches.



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Insert 13 Real photo post card of a bird sent to Dr. Beck from B. L. Sharp, 24 April 1942. Written on back: 'Dear Mr. Beck, The Lititz Bird Club will have Mr. Ed Hill give a illustrated lecture in the Lititz High School. Tues. nite April 28th, at 8:15. No admission. Hoping you can attend. B. L. Sharp.' 3.5 x 5 inches.

Insert 14 Photograph of taxidermied Bald Eagle, c. 1945. The name Geo. A. King is written on back. 8 x 10 inches.

Folder 4 Newspaper clipping from the Daily Intelligencer, 15 November 1955, regarding Dr. Beck's 80th birthday party at the Hamilton Club. Also includes a photocopy of the article.

Folder 5 Passport for Herbert Beck, 24 May 1904. With enveloped addressed to Herbert Beck, YWCA, Lancaster. *Gift of Linda Stienstra, 24 May 1904. Transferred from Document Collection, Box 33, Folder 6, Item 2, 14 April 2022. (2 items, 2 pages to scan)*