

Inventory of Papers from John Geist, Sr. (1804-1866) and John Geist, Jr. (1829-1916) *

Introduction: All of these documents were received by John Gingrich Geist, Great Grandson of John Geist, Jr., from the family of his first cousin, Marianne Geist Charles, sometime in the 1980's. They were all folded multiple times or rolled and squeezed into a paper carton about the size of a shoe box. The three large Indentures (items 29, 30 and 31) were treated by an Art Conservator, Hanna Szczepanowska, in 1997.

It is clear that John Geist, Jr. (Great Grandfather of John Gingrich Geist and Marianne Geist Charles) was a careful and conscientious preserver of family and business records, both those relating to the life and death of his father, John Geist, Sr., and those from his own life span. There is no available evidence that his children continued that practice and, to date, no similar records have been uncovered from succeeding generations.

Documents Relating to John Geist, Sr.

1. Document establishing Guardianship for Emma Geist (December 9, 1838-September 7, 1875), minor daughter of John Geist, Sr., with Philip Geist (believed to be his brother), dated April 1, 1857. Philip Geist was later succeeded as Guardian by David O. Shirk.
2. Last Will and Testament of John Geist, Sr. (July 29, 1804-May 21, 1866) of Manheim Township. Recorded June 4, 1866. Executor: his son, John Geist, Jr. (September 4, 1829-July 16, 1916). Beneficiaries: sons Daniel (married to Mary Kreider and Mary E. Dauber), and John, Jr. (married to Charlotte Harnish), and daughters Emma (never married) and Susanna (married to Henry E. Rudy).
3. Letters from Daniel Geist to his brother John Geist, Jr. serving as Executor for the estate of their father, John Geist, Sr., in which he confirms receipt of his inheritance. (see #2)
4. Account of Executor, John Geist, Jr., for estate of John Geist, Sr. Inventory of goods and expenses related to settlement of estate of John Geist, Sr., filed June 2, 1866. Signed by Justice of the Peace July 14, 1867. Also includes small scraps of paper serving as receipts for many of the expenses associated with the death and burial of John Geist, Sr. (see #2)
5. Inventory of goods and chattel of John Geist, Sr. by his Executor, John Geist, Jr., dated June 2, 1866. This inventory later became the item listed in #4 above.
6. Record of all goods and chattels of John Geist, Sr. sold at his death, dated October 2, 1866. (Related to # 2, #4 and # 5 above).

Documents Relating to John Geist, Jr.

7. Last Will and Testament of Emma Geist (December 9, 1838-September 7, 1875), unmarried, of Upper Leacock Township. Recorded September 25, 1875. Executor: John Geist, Jr., her brother. Beneficiaries: $\frac{1}{4}$ - John Geist, Jr., $\frac{1}{4}$ - Martha Geist (sister, married to Abraham Kurtz), $\frac{1}{4}$ - Daniel (brother), $\frac{1}{4}$ - children (Amos Rudy and Mary Rudy) of sister Susanna Rebecca [deceased] married to Henry Rudy.
8. Account of Executor, John Geist, Jr., for estate of Emma Geist, his sister, showing the portion of her estate bequeathed to her nephew, Amos Rudy, son of her sister Susanna Rebecca Geist, married to Henry E. Rudy. Recorded February 15, 1882. (see #7 above)

9. Release by beneficiary, Amos Rudy of Warwick Township, to the estate of Emma Geist dated April 24, 1882. Amos had reached age of maturity and received the \$479.06 as determined by the Executor of Emma Geist's estate, John Geist, Jr. (see #7 above).
10. Release by beneficiary, Mary Rudy of Warwick Township, to the estate of Emma Geist dated April 14, 1882. Mary had reached age of maturity and received the \$514.20 as determined by the Executor of Emma Geist's estate, John Geist, Jr. (see #7 above)
11. Request of Peter Bard and Mohler Bard, minor sons of Susan Bard late of Manheim Township, to have John Geist, Jr. serve as their Guardian, filed June 20, 1896 and approved by the Orphans Court of Lancaster County that same day.
12. Statement by Lancaster Trust Company, dated May 16, 1896, of funds due Peter Bard and Mohler Bard from the estate of their previous Guardian, F. P. Bard (apparently a relative other than their natural father).
13. Final account by John Geist, Jr. of funds in his care as Guardian for Mohler Bard as of April 1, 1896.
14. Order from Orphans Court of Lancaster County, dated July 9, 1902, for John Geist, Jr., Guardian for Mohler Bard to pay funds held in his name.
15. Release to John Geist, Jr. from Mohler Bard for receipt of funds held in his name.
16. Final account by John Geist, Jr. of funds in his care as Guardian for Peter Bard as of March 1, 1899.
17. Release to John Geist, Jr. from Peter Bard for receipt of funds held in his name.
18. Record of loan taken by John Geist, Jr. from Jane Kinzer of Lancaster, dated March 31, 1883
19. Purchases by John Geist, Jr. from Lancaster merchants, from 1860-1896.
20. Checks issued by John Geist, Jr., 1867-1870.
21. Deed of sale of two parcels of land owned by Sarah Carpenter Reed, spouse of John K. Reed, West Earl Township, deceased, to John Geist, Jr. and Jacob Baer, September 15, 1882.
22. Deed covering release of heirs (Eliza R. Bard Rauck and Jacob Rauck) of Emanuel Bard, Sr. (who died intestate, July 13, 1849) to John Geist, Jr., April 26, 1884.
23. Deed covering release of heir (Emanuel Bard) of Emanuel Bard, Sr. (who died intestate July 13, 1849) to John Geist, Jr., April 22, 1884. Recorded in Record Book F, Volume 12, Page 274, April 22, 1884.
24. Deeds covering release of heir (B. F. Bard) of Emanuel Bard, Sr. (who died intestate, July 13, 1849) to John Geist, Jr., May 5, 1884. Recorded in Record Book F, Volume 12, Page 276, May 5, 1884.

Other Documents

25. Indenture, under which George Kaproth, Earl Township, donated land to a group of donors (serving as Trustees) for a school house in Earl Township, dated August 6, 1832. **Donated Lancaster History, 6/12/17.**
26. Notice of Sherriff's sale of property of George Reed to Levi Carpenter, West Earl Township, January 11, 1845.
27. Order to Sherriff to collect on judgment against Rudy Frankhausen, Executor for Mary R. Bard, against Emanuel Bard, dated April 3, 1884.
28. Indenture, under which John K. Reed, West Earl Township, purchased land from Christian Wenger, dated February 2, 1850.
29. Indenture dated March 31, 1847. Appears to record sale of 20 acres for \$2,920 to John K. Reed, West Earl Township, by William Carpenter, Administrator for estate of Levi Carpenter, deceased.

30. Indenture dated April 1, 1850. Appears to record sale of 58 acres, 25 perches (part of larger tract of 97 acres, 72 perches) for \$3,780.16 to John K. Reed, West Earl Township, by George Carothers and his wife, Amelia, West Earl Township. (See #21 above for what appears to be the next sale of these two parcels to John Geist, Jr. and Jacob Baer).
31. Indenture dated May 18, 1837. Appears to record sale by Christian Carpenter, Executor for estate of Jacob Kafroth, deceased, of land in Earl Township.

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