

Sheads Family Papers
Adams County Historical Society

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PREFACE

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INTRODUCTION

The Sheads Family Papers were acquired by the Adams County Historical Society in August 1998 from Rev. Frederick S. Weiser. The collection was processed by Chris Carter in June 2013. The collection is housed in one box.

The collection contains the genealogy of the Sheads family and articles on members of the family present during the Battle of Gettysburg. This collection offers research possibilities for those interested in the role of civilians during and after the Battle of Gettysburg, particularly the role civilians played in taking care of the wounded left behind after the two armies moved on.

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PREFERRED CITATION

Sheads Family Papers, Adams County Historical Society, Gettysburg, PA.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Elizabeth Stewart (1842-1922), was a nurse during the aftermath of the Battle of Gettysburg, caring for the wounded. While caring for the wounded, Henry F. Stewart, brother of one of the wounded men, visited and met Elizabeth, eventually marrying in 1867.

Carrie Sheads (1836-1884), was the daughter of Elias Sheads, who operated the Oak Ridge Academy situated along the Chambersburg Pike a half mile west of town. She would eventually work for the US Government in Washington DC.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection is made of one series: Genealogy, with articles containing the history of family members present during the Battle of Gettysburg. The main focus of this collection is the genealogy of the Sheads family.

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series I – Genealogy

This series consists of articles on, Elizabeth Stewart and Carrie Sheads, members of the Sheads' family tree, focusing on their role in the Battle of Gettysburg and its aftermath. Included are a list of eight generations of Sheads and the Peter Sheads/Salome Troxell family tree.

CONTAINER LISTING

Box #1

- 1-1 Sheads family history. Includes four articles: "Local Women Recall the Hectic Days of June/July 1863," by an unknown author. "The Care of the Wounded After the Battle of Gettysburg, July to November 1863," by an unknown author. "Carrie Sheads," from "Women of the War," by Frank Moore. "A Tour of the Battlefield of Gettysburg," by a GNMP NPS historian, Jacob M. Sheads. A list of eight generations of Sheads and the Peter Sheads/Salome Troxell family tree.