

**Donald F. Garretson Papers**  
**Adams County Historical Society**

**Accession No(s):** 4162

**Home Location:** Rm 203, Rack 3, Shelf D & E

**PREFACE**

The Adams County Historical Society was established to “foster interest in the history of Adams County and vicinity, conduct research, preserve records and objects, mark sites, and pursue such activities as may be related to the history of the community”. The Society’s collections are privately held, maintained, and made available to the public for research purposes at the discretion of the governing authority of the institution and its staff.

**INTRODUCTION**

The Donald F. Garretson Collection were acquired by the Adams County Historical Society in July of 1969 as a gift of Donald Garretson. The collection was processed by John Lustrea in September of 2013. The collection is housed in five boxes.

**ACCESS**

This collection is open for research, and viewing access to the materials is unrestricted. However, restrictions apply concerning the use, duplication, or publication of items. Please consult research room staff for specific information regarding the Society’s policies.

**PREFERRED CITATION**

Donald F. Garretson Collection, Adams County Historical Society, Gettysburg, PA.

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Donald F. Garretson was a resident of Aspers, PA in Adams County. There, among other things, he spent his time doing research for the Garretson family genealogy. He was also a recipient of the Garretson News.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection is comprised of the following: Correspondence, postcards, genealogy, letters and publications from the Garretson Society, marriage certificates, and other papers relating to the Garretson family.

**SERIES DESCRIPTIONS**

**Series 1 – Correspondence.**

This series consists of two packets of postcards, 1 packet of letters, several loose letters. Letters and postcards from late 1800s to 1923. Most are very difficult to read.

**Series 2 – Genealogy**

This series consists of mostly genealogy, some correspondence, and booklets of family history.

**Series 3 – Garretson Family Index Cards**

This series consists of 2 boxes of Garretson family index cards, alphabetically, and numerically.

**Series 4 – Photos**

This series consists of only a few photos of the Garretson Family.

**Series 5 – Miscellaneous Information.**

This series consists of fuel ration stamps, mileage ration coupons, letters, the Garretson Family genealogy, newspaper clippings, and general correspondence to and from the Garretson family.

**CONTAINER LISTING****Box #1**

1-1 = Postcards and letters.

1-2 = Miscellaneous information.

**Box #2**

1-1 = Correspondence, genealogy & photos.

1-2 = The Grist Family

1-3 = Lisle, the Printer

1-4 = The Garretson Society

1-5 = Electric Hose & Rubber Company

1-6 = Genealogy and other papers

**Box #3**

1-1 = Garretson Index Cards from A thru Garretson

1-2 = Garretson Index Cards from Gates to Z

**Box #4**

- 1-1 = Albert Cook Myers Family Genealogy
- 1-2 = Griest Family Genealogy
- 1-3 = Lisle, The Printer Genealogy
- 1-4 = The Garretson Society/Genealogy
- 1-5 = Newspaper clippings
- 1-6 = All other genealogy and correspondence about the Garretson Family

**Box #5**

- 1-1 = Genealogy, marriage certificates.
- 1-2 = Genealogy, letters and certificates.
- 1-3 = Genealogy and letters.
- 1-4 = Genealogy and letters.
- 1-5 = Genealogy and letters.
- 1-6 = The Garretson Newsletters.