

## **Jesse & Alice Snyder Collection**

### **Adams County Historical Society**

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#### **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 Jesse & Alice Snyder Collection was acquired by the Adams County Historical Society in 2001 as a gift from Sara Mummert. It was processed by Julian Weiss in 2013.

It would be useful in researching any of the many organizations listed within for any point in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, especially the Independent Order of Odd Fellows or Knights of Malta. There are also many documents pertaining to the Republican Party, the Post Office, and politics in general in Adams County.

#### **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**

Jesse & Alice Snyder Collection, Adams County Historical Society, Gettysburg, PA.

#### **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Jesse E. Snyder (1/9/1881-1/27/1965) moved to Gettysburg in 1902. There he worked as a clerk at the Post Office for over four decades and joined in many different organizations. These organizations included the Independent Order of the Odd Fellows, the United National Association of Post Office Clerks, the Sons of Union Veterans, the Knights of Malta, the Patriotic Order Sons of America, the Gettysburg Building and Loan Association, and others. He also was elected as a borough councilman and served two terms. His daughter, Alice May Snyder (9/30/1909-5/17/2001) graduated from Gettysburg College in 1931 and earned her

Master's Degree in English from the University of Pennsylvania. After that, she taught in many schools in the area and worked in her free time in organizations such as Friends of the Library and Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection is comprised of a ledger, two stamps, several books of by-laws and constitutions of organizations, dozens of letters from titled officials concerning organizational business, and dozens of papers, solicitations, flyers, and invitations pertaining to business of things such as memorials and event committees with dates ranging from 1900 to 1992.

## **SERIES DESCRIPTIONS**

### **Series I – Ledger Books**

Ledger for the Knights of Malta, 1932 through 1951.

### **Series II – Stamps**

Two wooden ink stamps for the International Order of Odd Fellows, no date.

### **Series III – Correspondence; by-laws of various organizations**

By-laws of: Patriotic Order Sons of America, Knights of Malta, Sons of Union Veterans, Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF), Ladies of Grand Army of Republic, and Woodmen of the World between 1900 and 1938. Also many papers pertaining to IOOF (1919-1947), and a handful to other organizations.

### **Series IV – Knights of Malta; Republican committee**

Papers concerning Knights of Malta, Republican Committee, Friends of the Library, AC Almshouse, Free Masons, ACHS, Gettysburg Area Health Care Foundation, AC Office of Aging, Lincoln Fellowship, and IOOF between 1900 and 1992.

### **Series V – Loans, Civil War, sample ballots**

Papers concerning Sons of Union Veterans, Congress and its PA representation, PA general election, Gettysburg Building and Loan, Knights of Malta, Gettysburg town services, and the Patriotic Order Sons of America between 1922 and 1976.

### **Series VI – Post office, school reunion, War Department letters**

Papers concerning Mud College, ACHS, Civil War Round Table, War letters, letters from congressmen and other titled officials, the post office, and other topics between 1917 and 1975.

## **CONTAINER LISTING**

### **Box #1**

- 1-1 Ledger book for Knights of Malta, #602 dated November 23, 1932, through April 11, 1951, including lists of officers, events of meetings, organization account records. Page 152 has a full list of the Knights of Malta from Gettysburg and surrounding area. Page 190 has a letter discussing amendment and billing changes from the Grand Committee on Laws with signatures from the leaders of 1939.

- 1-2 Two rubber stamps with wooden handles for the IOOF Gettysburg lodge number 124 located at the First National Bank building.

*Folder "1-2: Correspondence, by-laws of various organizations"*

- 1-3 By-law Books for: Sons of Veterans, 1903; Washington Camp Number 726 (Cashtown, PA) of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, ca. 1907, 1911, 1936; General Meade Commandery Number 602, Knights of Malta, Gettysburg, 1922; Sons of Union Veterans camp 112, Gettysburg, 1938; IOOF Gettys Lodge number 124, 1921; Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic Gettysburg Circle number 138, 1900, 1935; Woodmen of the World, Gettysburg Camp 669, 1928; IOOF Mary Gettys Rebekah Lodge Gettysburg showing that Edna Snyder was admitted in 1921.
- 1-4 Independent Order of the Odd Fellows (IOOF): Two cards calling together a memorial for deceased brothers; Letter from Grand Lodge of PA giving instructions for Annual Report, 1919; Annual report of Gettys lodge 124, 1946; Two certificates noting that Jesse Snyder was elected representative for Home for Orphans of Odd Fellows of PA in 1943 and 1945; Four pink certificates certifying Jesse Snyder's representation at Grand Lodge in 1928, 1930, 1942, 1947; IOOF Secret Society Books advertising different secr. soc. Tools; Program for Banquet observing Thomas Wildey's birthday, 1936 with songs; Letter from W. E. Preston Haas to J. Snyder asking for assistance in winning the IOOF Grand Warden election, 1944; Certificate of Identification to IOOF Grand Lodge and Rebekah assembly in Williamsport, 1930; Letter from John Curtis of Philadelphia to brothers of IOOF advertising OF's badges; Letter from Grand Master of PA to IOOF brothers about succession, 1930; Brochure for IOOF Grand PA Lodge convention at Gettysburg in 1926 with J. Snyder as chairman.
- 1-5 Map showing location of traffic signs in 1928. From the borough line on Carlisle street to Connecticut and West Middle street intersection to Borough line on Baltimore Street and Steinwehr Avenue, to bridge on York Street and 1320 feet down Hanover Street by P. S. Orner.
- 1-6 Financial report of the Gettysburg Building and Loan Association, 1959.
- 1-7 Copy of treasurer's report of Patriotic Order Sons of America, 1963 with Paul Snyder treasurer.
- 1-8 Letter from Frank Shannon to J. Snyder replying to inquiry of Decoration of Chivalry for Ladies, 1925. Also costs of different decorations of chivalry with gold, diamonds, silver.
- 1-9 Edits to Grand Army of the Republic or Sons of Union Veteran's preamble.
- 1-10 Letter from Robert E. Daugherty to J. Snyder thanking him for get well card, 1943 with envelope.

*Folder "1-3: Knights of Malta, Republican Committee"*

- 1-11 Republican Committee: dinner meeting invitation, 1973; solicitation of funds letter, 1992
- 1-12 Lincoln Fellowship Newsletter, 1990
- 1-13 Gettysburg Area Health Care Foundation, 1992
- 1-14 The Profile, newsletter for Gettysburg Hospital staff, 1992
- 1-15 Adams County Office for Aging, Inc. letter to Ms. Snyder, 1990
- 1-16 Letter from Marylen S. to Alice Snyder for tours of Adams County Historical Society, 1989
- 1-17 Friends of the Library letter, Adams County Public Library ca. 1973.
- 1-18 Sample ballots for Republican Primary, 1937

- 1-19 Two Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Free Masons blank certificate, ca. 1920s
- 1-20 Two names lists, one untitled, 1950-1963, and IOOF, ca. 1942.
- 1-21 Two blank Adams County Almshouse note pages, ca. 1900-1910.
- 1-22 Letter from Arthur W. Warman to Elias J. Sterner about Knights of Malta in Gettysburg surrendering charter due to lack of funds and membership, 1951.
- 1-23 Four blank Knights of Malta certificates

*Folder "1-4: Loans, Civil War, Sample Letters"*

- 1-24 Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War: Department of PA order number 4, 1961; Order 2, 1941
- 1-25 Letter to Rep. Franklin Menges from C. C. Williams about copy of letter to Jesse Snyder, 1929.
- 1-26 Letter to Jesse Snyder from Franklin Menges, 1929
- 1-27 Two letters from Harry L. Haines to Jesse Snyder, 1934
- 1-28 Copy of Congressional Record, Address by Senator Joseph F. Guffey, 1939.
- 1-29 Large sample ballot for 1928 Pennsylvania General election
- 1-30 Small sample ballot for 1938 Pennsylvania General Election
- 1-31 Two Knights of Malta receipts on pink paper, 1950-1951.
- 1-32 Bond in Ohio Casualty Insurance company
- 1-33 Letter from Mary E. Foltz to Alice M. Snyder, solicitation for vote for Senate seat, 1975
- 1-34 Letter from Clark S. Smith soliciting vote for state legislature, 1976
- 1-35 Letter from Grand Army of the Republic soliciting funds for GAR building and blank donation slip
- 1-36 Book: Guaranteed Loans for Veterans, Address by Horace Russel, ca. 1944.
- 1-37 Gettysburg Building and Loan Association: Annual Report, 1939, J. Snyder Vice President; financial statement, 1930; by-laws, 1940; Financial statement, 1944, 1959, 1961
- 1-38 Blank assessment bill for Gettysburg street maintenance
- 1-39 Letter, solicitation from Gettysburg fire company, 1922
- 1-40 Letters and programs soliciting for Cathy Cowan, state senate
- 1-41 Two letters and envelope from Cumberland Valley Savings and Loan association to Alice, 1972
- 1-42 Letter: Leonard Wood League acceptance of Jesse E. Snyder
- 1-43 Letter to Jesse E. Snyder from member of IOOF about health condition
- 1-44 Receipt from Hotel Gettysburg, 1956 for Memorial Day Committee
- 1-45 Certificate: Large and decorative certifying Jesse E. Snyder as district president of Patriotic Order Sons of America for Bendersville, Gettysburg and Arendtsville.

*Folder "1-5: Post Office, School Reunion, War Dep't Letters"*

- 1-46 Three invitations to "Mud College" reunion, 1939
- 1-47 Nine memos from ACHS to members, 1970-1973
- 1-48 Civil War Round Table meeting dates, 1975
- 1-49 Adams County Republican Club certification card for Jesse Snyder, 1939
- 1-50 Marriage invitation to wedding of Ellen Kate and Rev. Paul Reid Pontius
- 1-51 Letters to Jesse Snyder from: Private Walter Dunbar, 1942; Pvt. James W. Gilbert, 1942; Postmaster General James A. Farley, 1939; Senator James J. Davis, 1939; Samuel S.

- Lewis, Lt. Governor of PA, 1939; Rep. Harry L. Haines, 1939; Sen. Joseph F. Guffey, 1939
- 1-52 Gettysburg Lincoln Stamp Club or J. E. Snyder Account Book
  - 1-53 Empty envelope from Friends of the Library to Alice Snyder, 1974
  - 1-54 Letter from \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1-55 Letter from Archival Director MacPherson, State library and Museum in Harrisburg to Alice, 1943
  - 1-56 Also letters: 1925 from Chief Clerk of Railway; 1934 from National Association of Post Office Clerks Officers; Two 1934 from Post Office Clerks Editor and President to Jesse, 1934; to William F. Gibbons, 1918; M. R. Farmer, President to Jesse 1935, including full report 1934-1935, and report of delegate to Nat. Convention; 1935 M. L. Farmer to Jesse, Chair of Convention Committee and copy of letter to William V. Davis; solicitation from H. A. Thomson 1954
  - 1-57 Copy of fund appropriation act for Post Office, 1917, Public-No. 169-64<sup>th</sup> Congress – H. R. 10484
  - 1-58 Adams County Council of Republican Women: 1993 Schedule of Events; newsletter 1993
  - 1-59 Adams County Office for Aging solicitation booklet, 1993
  - 1-60 Members list of United National Association of Post Office Clerks, Pennsylvania
  - 1-61 Letter from Senator David A. Reed to Jesse Snyder, 1932
  - 1-62 List of Gettysburg citizens, addresses, names, political affiliation, 1974