

John & Catharine Carey Collection
Adams County Historical Society

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Home Location: Room 203, Rack 2, Shelf 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 John & Catharine Carey Collection was acquired by the Adams County Historical Society in 2008 from Adrian Clawson. The collection was processed by Chris Carter, July 2013. The collection is housed in one box.

The collection contains family records from the John Carey family, a man who served in the 165th Pennsylvania during the Civil War. The collection offers research possibilities for those interested in widow’s pension records following the Civil War.

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

John & Catharine Carey Collection, Adams County Historical Society, Gettysburg, PA.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

John Carey (1825-1889) served as a private in Company I of the 165th Pennsylvania Regiment. He was mustered into service in Adams County on November 6, 1862 and was mustered out with his company July 28, 1863.

Catharine Carey (1828-1906) married John Carey in 1848.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection is comprised of one series: Civil War Family Records, dating from 1863 to 1960. The focus of the collection is on the John Carey family, with John Carey serving in Company I of the 165th Pennsylvania, and his wife Catharine Carey receiving a widow's pension following his death in 1889. Also included is an account written in 1960 by their granddaughter of her family's actions during the Battle of Gettysburg.

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series I – Civil War Family Records

This series covers the entire span of the collection, ranging from 1863 to 1960. The series consists of John Carey's discharge papers for John Carey, documents relating to Catharine Carey's widow's pension, and Gertrude Carey's account of her family's actions during the Battle of Gettysburg.

CONTAINER LISTING

Box #1

- 1-1 = John Carey discharge papers, July 28, 1863.
- 1-2 = Catharine Carey's widow's pension certificate, July 18, 1890.
- 1-3 = Widow's pension voucher, April to July 1906.
- 1-4 = Certificate of Issue and Fees for Widow's pension, November 16, 1891.
- 1-5 = Civilian Account of Gettysburg & Civil War, January 1960.
- 1-6 = Letter, Gertrude Carey to Mrs. Hershey regarding Civilian Account of Civil War, July 28, 1960.