

Mary Boyer Estate 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 Mary Boyer Estate Collection was acquired by the Adams County Historical Society in 2002 from a gift of Carolyn C. Lower. It was processed by Julian Newton Weiss in 2013. There is additionally a Mary Boyer Collection of physical objects (knives, spoons, cradles, etc.) under the accession # 2002.062.

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

Mary Boyer Estate Collection, Adams County Historical Society, Gettysburg, PA.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Mary Lucile Boyer (6/13/1897-2/21/2002) died at the age of 104 in Gettysburg Lutheran Retirement Village and is buried at the Greenmount Cemetery. Born in Arendtsville, she was the daughter of the late William W. and Elizabeth Lott Boyer. She was a 1917 graduate of Gettysburg High School and a 1921 graduate of Wilson College. She taught in a number of local public schools and later taught math and history in Linden Hall Private School in Lititz and Caslaier Private School in Devon. She was a former bookkeeper, treasurer, and co-owner of Boyer Nurseries and Orchards, Inc. She was a member of the Pennsylvania Farmers Association; Adams County Fruit Growers Association; the Trilogy Club; and was the oldest living member of the Adams County Historical Society.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection is made up of books, magazines, and cemetery documents.

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series 1 – Books and Tombstone Documents

This series consists of twenty items, fourteen being books (1865-1950) on various topics including business records, minutes, song books, a Dickens book, and magazines, and also six receipts paid between 1876 and 1904 for tuition, a grave marker, and other miscellaneous items.

Series 2 – Books/Magazines

This series contains several issues of the following magazines: “Harper’s New Monthly Magazine”, “Arthur’s Home Magazine”, “Godey’s Lady’s Book”, “St. Nicolas books”, “The Farmers & Mechanics Almanack”, “The Century Magazine”, and the Dickens novel *Dombey and Son*.

CONTAINER LISTING

Box #1

- 1-1 Receipt book/account book, beginning with 1925 through 1950.
- 1-2 Book – *Discourse – in Commemoration of the Glorious Reformation of the 16th Century*, written by S.S. Schmucker, D.D., (New York: Gould and Newman, 1838), with “George Boyer 1838” inscribed on inside front cover.
- 1-3 Book, *Scribner’s Enlarged Lumber and Log Book*, J.M. Scribner, A.M., (New York: S.E. Fisher, 1921), belonged to W.W. Boyer, January 20, 1921. .
- 1-4 Receipt book, ledger, and directory from W.W. Boyer, dated 1931-1933, he kept track of all the produce and other items he sold.
- 1-5 Arithmetic book for Lizzie Lott’s use in school, dated June 27, 1877.
- 1-6 Account book for Kenter von Kanter from 1804 to 1827. Also several pages of numbers starting in 1798 through 1846, and then from 1815 through 1847.
- 1-7 Time book(logbook) of hours, E. McKendrich’s, (maybe) fruit picking, 1930.
- 1-8 Book, small, *Bounty Tax for 1865 to 1866*.
- 1-9 Book titled *Little Dorrit*, by Charles Dickens (Philadelphia: T.B. Peterson and Brothers, ca. 1867), with the signature of H. J. Staher [?].
- 1-10 Music book titled *The Wreath: for Schools, Institutes, Academies, Seminaries, etc.*, by J.W. Yoder & H. J. Taylor (Philadelphia: Hall-Mack Co., 1920).
- 1-11 Book, “The Century Illustrated Monthly Magazine” January, 1885, Volume 29, No. 3 (New York: The Century Company / London: F. Warne and Company).

- 1-12 Book titled *Chatterbox*, (Boston: Dana Estes and Company, 1907).
- 1-13 Music book titled *The Sentinel* by C.E. Leslie, (Chicago: The Chicago Music Company, 1885).
- 1-14 Minutes of the Franklin Bell Telephone Company from August 27, 1912, through January 17, 1949.
- 1-15 Receipt for \$25.00 from Lizzie Lott, dated Aril 8, 1896.
- 1-16 Receipt dated April 8, 1896, from Lizzie Lott of \$15.00.
- 1-17 Bill for tuition not paid in 1886, settled in 1893.
- 1-18 Receipt to J.W. Garlach, Dr, Funeral Director & Furniture Dealer, to Mr. C . Lott, dated March 9, 1904, for furniture purchased.
- 1-19 Document from the Treasury Office of PA on receiving \$192.80 on the purchase money and interest on the purchase of 120 acres and 149 perches of land surveyed on February 18, 1744, paid on March 25, 1876.
- 1-20 Receipt to Wm. N. Miller for the tombstone of Miss Lizzie Lott, dated May 6, 1893.

Box #2

- 2-1 Two editions of Harper’s Monthly Magazine, (November 1858 – Volume 27 – Number 102), (November 1875 – Volume 51 – Number 306).
- 2-2 Nine editions of Arthur’s Home Magazine, March 1867 (Volume 29), November 1867 (Volume 30), February 1868 (Volume 31), Two Copies of June 1868 (Volume 31), July 1868 (Volume 32), June 1869 (Volume 33), October 1869 (Volume 34), November 1869 (Volume 34—17).
- 2-3 Seven editions of “St. Nicholas” books issued in April 1878 (Volume 5 – Number 6), June 1878 (Volume 5 – Number 8), January 1879 (Volume 6 – Number 3), June 1879 (Volume 6 – Number 8), July 1879 (Volume 6 – Number 9), February 1880 (Volume 7 – Number 4), June 1913 (Volume 40 – Number 8).
- 2-4 Book *Dombey and Son*, Charles Dickens, (Philadelphia: Peterson and Brothers, 1867) signed by H. J. Staher [?].
- 2-5 Book, *The Farmers and Mechanics Almanack, for the year of our Lord 1844*, (Philadelphia: Mentz and Rovoudt, 1843).
- 2-6 Book, *The Ladies’ Repository, devoted to Literature & Religion*, May 1862, Volume 22, number 5, edited by Reverend D. W. Clark, D. D.
- 2-7 Book, *The Century Magazine*, Volume 32, Number 5, September, 1886, including “Jackson’s Attack upon the Eleventh Corps.”
- 2-8 Seven editions of *Godey’s Lady’s Book*, November 1868 (Volume 32), two copies of February 1869 (Volume 78, Number 464), April 1869 (Volume 78, Number 466), May 1869 (Volume 78, Number 467), November 1869 (Volume 79, Number 473), December 1869 (Volume 79, Number 474).