

Meals – Snyder Family Collection

Adams County Historical Society

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PREFACE

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INTRODUCTION

The Meals – Snyder Family Collection was acquired by the Adams County Historical Society in July 2002 from Sara Mummert. The collection was processed by Chris Carter, May 2013. The collection is housed in two boxes.

The collection contains the papers of William L. Meals, secretary for the Memorial Day Committee, offering research possibilities on the Memorial Day parade in Gettysburg. Also included are Alice M. Snyder’s papers which focus on Gettysburg High School’s graduates and courses, offering possible avenues of research into education from 1888-1966.

ACCESS

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PREFERRED CITATION

Meals – Snyder Family Collection, Adams County Historical Society, Gettysburg, PA.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

William Louis Meals (1885-1950), attorney-at-law, was the secretary for the Memorial Day Committee for the Sons of Union Veterans in the 1930’s and 40’s.

Alice M. Snyder (1909-2001), a member of the faculty of Gettysburg High School, was the daughter of Jesse E. Snyder and Edna M. Snyder.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection is made up of one series: Miscellaneous correspondence, with items ranging from 1888-1978. The main focus of the collection is on papers concerning Gettysburg's Memorial Day Parade from 1928 to 1978. Contained in these papers is the history of the parade, detailing some of the traditions associated with the parade.

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series I – Miscellaneous Correspondence.

This series covers the entire span of the collection. The majority of the collection is correspondence concerning the Memorial Day Parade in Gettysburg, with many of the papers written by William L. Meals during his tenure as secretary of the committee planning the Memorial Day Parade in the 1920's and 30's. The correspondence incorporates most of the Memorial Day Parades from 1928-1978. Also included is miscellaneous correspondence and papers concerning Alice M. Snyder and her family, namely records on Gettysburg High School and its graduates, county tax assessments from 1953-57, and records from the post office secretary, Jesse E. Snyder.

CONTAINER LISTING

Box #1

- 1-1 Spangler's financial affairs, including passes to ride the Gettysburg Transit Company line, 1898 and 1899, a notice from C. Dougherty to Henry Spangler for the valuation of property for state taxes, and letters noting the use of Spangler's farm for the National Guard, 1902 and 1904.
- 1-2 List of owners of Gettysburg's Lot #20 from 1787-1966.
- 1-3 Memorial Day 1928, 1930 - 1931.
- 1-4 Memorial Day 1932.
- 1-5 Memorial Day 1933.
- 1-6 Memorial Day 1934-1935.
- 1-7 Memorial Day 1936.
- 1-8 Memorial Day 1937 – 1938.
- 1-9 Memorial Day 1939.
- 1-10 Memorial Day 1940 – 1941.
- 1-11 Memorial Day 1942 – 1943.

1-12 Memorial Day 1944.

1-13 Memorial Day 1945.

Box #2

2-1 Memorial Day 1946.

2-2 Memorial Day 1947.

2-3 Memorial Day 1948.

2-4 Memorial Day 1929, 51, 56-58, 77-78.

2-5 Miscellaneous Correspondence.

2-6 Records of men from Adams County in military service during World War II (1941-45).

2-7 Odd Fellows, Lodge 124 records, 1910-1944.

2-8 Patriotic Order Sons of America correspondence.

2-9 Class day oration "Possibilities" and commencement speech "Seaders" by R. C. Spangler to Gettysburg High School, June 1888. List of the 1966 graduates from Gettysburg High School, as well as a list of courses offered.

2-10 Sons of Union Veterans – Civil War correspondence, 1925-1963.

2-11 County Tax Assessments from 1953-1957 of Jesse E. Snyder.

2-12 U.S. Civil Service Commission– Post Office secretary Jesse E. Snyder, 1935-1948.

2-13 Victory Liberty Loan Committee correspondence, 1918-1943.