

Walter Hess Collection
Adams County Historical Society

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Home Location: Rm 203, Rack 3, Shelf G

(Box 5) Rm 206, Rack 14, Shelf A for Box #5

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 Walter Hess Collection was acquired by the Adams County Historical Society in August of 2007 as a gift of The Eisenhower National Historical Site. 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

Walter Hess Collection, Adams County Historical Society, Gettysburg, PA.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Walter L. Hess (1895-1999) was a World War I veteran who lived in Adams County. He was one of the last surviving veterans of the Great War when he passed away at the age of 104. He is buried in Evergreen Cemetery.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection is made up of memorabilia and objects from World War I.

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series I: World War I Memorabilia/Objects

CONTAINER LISTING

Box #1

Contains inflatable pillow from WWI.

Box #2

Contains a WWI leather belt & cloth bag.

Box #3

Contains a WWI gas mask & rubber piece.

Box #4

Contains a WWI plaque, a photograph and a book titled "History of the 304th Engineer Regiment."

Box #5

Contains a WWI uniform and hat.