

Acquisitions

NORMAN WISMER--Donor

The following massive collection of historical material includes over two centuries and many generations of family papers and published books and papers. Also, other objects made or used by family members for the past two hundred years were donated.

Account books:

Henrich Wismer's Account Book; first accounts are in German, covers store and tavern accounts for the years 1768 and 1769. The accounts in Henrich Wismer's hand begin in 1773.

Henrich Wismer's or Abraham Wismer's Account Book; accounts pertaining to weaving and sales of whiskey from 1794-1817.

Abraham Wismer's Weaving Account Book, 1813-1829; contains recipes, accounts, and hymns along with weaving patterns, distilling accounts.

Account Book, 1889-1897; account of butter sales.

Other Family Papers:

Daniel Wismer & Abraham Wismer Agreement, 1795; Abraham Wismer's Will (fragment); Jacob Wismer Estate Paper, 1796; Christian Lederach Bond, 1769; Christian Lederach Petition, 1770 and 1771; Christian Lederach Estate Inventory file receipt, 1771; Christian Lederach Estate Settlement; two Harvey Wismer notes, hymn, and Psalm 122; Letter to Henry Wismer, 1804; Henry Wismer Bond to Abraham Wismer, 1836; Abraham Wismer Note, 1841; Jacob & Margret Wismer Release, 1783; Felty Ruth Estate Settlement, 1788; Johannes Wismer Franconia Township Public Sale list, 1800, contains contents of Weaver's shop; Manuscript hymn, "Da Joseph sein Bruder Anseh....", eight stanzas, by Samuel Wismer; Refunding Bond for John Funk's children, 1819; 9 small money receipts for Ester Funk, 1828-1829; Abraham Wismer Will probated 1859; Isaac and Barbara Wismer Letter, 1839; Barbara Wismer Release, 1825; Jacob Ruth Agreement, Lancaster County, 1818; John S. Ruth Letter, 1890; Henry Wismer Letter, Sumner, Iowa, 1892; John Gross Release, 1846; Will of Catharine Wart, 1827; John Godshalk & Mary Godshalk Receipt, 1852; John Charles Estate Settlement, 1802; Elizabeth Hockman, 1820 Bond; Mary Freed Birth Record, May 7, 1764; Whiskey Receipt; Property Survey, 1799, Jacob Veritz; Estate Inventory of John Carl, 1801; Leather Pocket Book with brass heart clasp, signed Abraham Wismer. This last item is dated several times, the earliest date being 1819, and contains notes pertaining to his affairs. Also included in the collection of family papers is Abraham Wismer's Travel Diary and Recipe Book, 1846-1854.

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Books and Broadsides:

Collection of works printed by Christopher Sower, 1759-1769; The Way to Sabbath Rest, by Thomas Bromlye, 1759; A Discourse on Mistakes Concerning Religion, by Thomas Hartley, 1759; Christ's Spirit a Christians Strength, by William Dell, 1760; Observations on the In-slaving, Importing and Purchasing of Negros, by Anthony Benezet, 1760. Broadsides: "Ein Reformation's Lied," "Spiritual Song" by Richard \_\_\_\_\_ (bound into Henrich Wismer's Account Book), "Poetic Last Will of Fursten Diedrichs."

Other Books: New Testament, Philadelphia, 1826; Die Bibel, Philadelphia, 1829; Die Kleine geistliche Harfe, Doylestown, 1848; Das Neue Testament, Lancaster, 1844; Christliches Gemuths-Gesprach, Germantown, 1790; Die Kleine geistliche Harfe, Germantown, 1811, contains Abraham Wismer's bookplate; Eine Untersuchung uber die Ueberinstimmung des Krieges, Jonathan Dymond, Elkhart, Indiana, 1871; Reiner Krystall Strom, by Friederich Henrig Steinberg, 1784; Vonder Erfahrung in der Arzneykunst, by Ritter Zimmerman, Zurich, 1794; What is Wrong with the Movies, by Rice, 1938; Mennonite Church and Current Issues, by Kauffman, 1923; Mennonite Church and Modernism, by Horsch, 1924; Pilgrims in Paraguay, by Fretz, 1953; Lutheranism in Bucks County, 1734-1934 by A. S. Fisher, 1935; Plumsteadville Dairymen's Association, 1903-1906; Tools of the Nationmaker, by Mercer, Doylestown, 1897; Ambrosius Lobwasser's Psalm Book, n. d.

Almanacs:

Erklarung des Calenders, published by E. L. Walz, Reading; New Jersey and Pennsylvania Almanac, 1821, Doylestown; Almanac fragment, 1817, Quaker printer; The Family Almanac, 1916, 1918, 1919, 1922, 1925, 1929.

School Books:

The Fourth Reader, Philadelphia, 1883; The New American Arithmetic, Philadelphia, 1877; The Normal Union Arithmetic, Philadelphia, 1877; The Rhetorical Reader, New York, 1854; Mitchel's Primary Geography, Philadelphia, 1857; The Fifth Reader, Philadelphia, 1883.

Periodicals/Newspapers:

American Agriculturist, 1877 & 1878; The Educator, 1889; The Herald of Truth, 1889; Bucks County Intelligencer, 1861, 1876; section of Philadelphia Record; New York Weekly Witness, 1889; Gospel Herald, 1888.

Other Material:

Temperance literature, over 60 pieces; F. E. Myers & Bro. Advertising card; 2 copies of 1864 Confederate Government secret agent report, "A Leaf from History."

Tools:

Oak rope winder, hay gaff, hay bale spear, meat hook, barn hardware, miscellaneous hardware, balance, auger, holding log dog, ice tongs, pulley block, hay knife, meat hook, two farriers, gambrel, wagon brake handle, fireplace tongs, cultivating rake, cultivating hoe, wooden bucket, and farrier (hoof knife).

Other Items:

Corn husker wood; pine dovetailed chest with blue paint; candle box, circa 1800, decorated with tulips and geometric designs, rare, but in poor condition; coverlet in mint condition, diamond and star pattern in white, blue, red, and green; riding crop made from one-inch hickory limb, split into 16 sections that are interwoven to create whipping portion.