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To Letters of Four Mennonite Families Of the
" Franconia Conference Area "

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The letters indexed below come from four families in the Franconia Mennonite Conference Area: one set from Berks County, Pa. in the north-western corner, and the other three from near the eastern end in Bucks County, Pa. The Abraham S. Gehman (1849-1905) family lived at Bally in Berks County, Pa. Minister John Gross's (1814-1903) family lived in Plumstead Township, Bucks County, Pa. as did schoolteacher poet William Gross (1839-1913) of the Gross family homestead near Fountainville. John F. Landis (1839-1906) also a schoolteacher - farmer, whose diary has been transcribed by the Historical Library lived nearby, at Griens' Corner. The William Gross and Landis letters are Archived at the Christopher Dock Mennonite High School, while the John Gross and Gehman letters remain in private hands.

ABRAHAM S. GEHMAN LETTERS:

B.

1. Becker - A. B.
Mountridge, Kansas
1901 1 letter
2. Beidler - John A. & Maryann
Schelley, Bucks, County, Pa.
1899 1 letter

E.

3. Eck - Adam
Alvaretta, Oklahoma
1894-1901 4 letters
4. Epp = Peter & Katharine
Henderson, York County- Nebr.
1894-1897 7 letters

G.

5. Gehman - David L.
Doylestown, Pa.
1901 1 letter
6. Schmidt - Jacob & Anna
Loretta, South Dakota
1901 1 letter
7. Stauffer - Isaac
Bergey, Montgomery Co., Pa.
1899 1 letter
8. Stauffer - J. G.
Quakertown, Bucks Co., Pa.
1899 2 letters

Minister John Gross Letters

A.

9. Atkinson - John
Harleysville, Pa.
Norristown, Pa.
1898-1901 2 letters
10. Atkinson - Joseph W.
Harleysville, Pa.
1895 1 letter

B.

11. Bauman - Sam & Lydia
River Styx. Medina Co., Ohio
1897 1 letter
12. Bergey - M. B.
Hatfield, Pa.
1880 3 receipts
13. Berkey - Barbara
River Styx, Ohio
1879-1881 3 letters
14. Berkey - Caroline
Blake, Medina Co., Ohio
1900-1901 2 letters
15. Berkey - Leah
River Styx, Medina Co., Ohio
1880 1 letter
16. Bogly - Anna & Josua
Lattasburg, Ohio
1901 1 letter
17. Brown - F. W. Lawyer
Wakarusa, Ind.
1900 1 letter
18. Brubacker - Abraham & Leah
Washingtonville, Ohio
1896-1901 11 letters
19. Bucher - Jonas W.
Clay-Lancaster, Co., Pa.
1877-1879 2 letters

20. Burkey - M. G.
Rock Port, Mo.
1879 1 letter
21. Buskey - C. & Mary
Landisville, N. J.
1879 2 letters

C.

22. Cadwallader - T.
Doylestown, Pa.
1895 1 letter
23. Collins - M. V. & Kate
Perkasie, Pa.
1879 1 letter

D.

24. Dettwiler - Rev. C. W.
Brutus, Mich.
1894 1 letter
25. Dirks - Anna
Plumbstadt, Bucks Co., Pa.
1878 3 letters
26. Dirks - Anna
_____ Kansas
_____ 3 letters

E.

27. Egly - Jacob
Norristown State Hospital
Norristown, Pa.
1899 1 letter

F.

28. Fiesel - Henry D.
Lansdale, Pa.
1881 1 letter
29. Fry - Anna
Jordan, Ontario
1895 - 1901 4 letters
30. Fry - David
South Cayuga _____
1864 1 letter

G.

31. Gehman - Mary & Samuel
Plumbstead - Bucks Co., Pa.
1882 2 letters

Minister John Gross LettersG. Continued

32. Godshalk - Samuel
Bedminister, Pa.
1879- 1 letter
33. Good - Isaac & Fanny
River Styx, Medina Co., Ohio
1880 1 letter
34. Good - Isaac L.
Blake, Medina Co., Ohio
1897 1 letter
35. Gross - A. C.
Asylum for the Insane
Norristown, Pa.
1894-1899 6 letters
36. Gross - Abraham
Plumbstead, Pa.
1879 3 letters
37. Gross - Abram & Sarah
Plumbstead Pa.
1879 1 letter
38. Gross - David & Margaratha
Lattasburg, Ohio
1876-1880 7 letters
39. Gross - Jacob & Mary
Fountainville Pa.
1882 1 letter
40. Gross - Jane A.
Kirksville, Mo.
1900 1 letter
41. Gross - Joseph M.
Philadelphia, Pa.
1902 1 letter
42. Gross - Mahlon
Landisville, N. J.
1895-1900 14 letters
43. Gross - Margaretha & Catharina
Lattasburg, Ohio
1881 1 letter
44. Gross - Sarah
Reading, Berks Co., Pa.
1882 2 letters
45. Guth - David
Warkasusa, Elkhart Co., Ind.
1861 1 letter

H.

46. Hess - John H.
Litiz, Pa.
1879-1880 2 letters
47. Hunsberger - Sarah
Warkasusa, Ind.
Dutton, Michigan
1898 - 1902 5 letters

I.

48. Imhoff - Peter
Lattasburg, Wayne Co., Ohio
1 letter

J.

49. Jahntzen - Heinrich
Canton, Kansas
1885-1886 4 letters
50. Jantz - Benjamin P.
Pontiac, Kansas
1894 1 letter
51. Jantz - B. P.
Lahoma, Okla.
Meno. Okla.
1895 - 1902 8 letters
52. Jantzen - Benj. & Heinrich
Kansas
1885 1 letter
53. Johnson - Ben. F.
Eldorado, Kansas
1893 1 letter

K.

54. King - John
174 Reg. P. M.
Camp near Newborn, N. C.
1863 1 letter
55. Kratz - Samuel
Acme, Ohio
Seville, Ohio
1893-1902 12 letters
56. Kulp - George B.
Keota, Iowa
1879 1 letter

Minister John Gross Letters

L.

57. Landis - Abraham
 Ontario
 1892-1893 2 letters

58. Landis - J. & C.
 Warkarusa, Ind.
 1879 1 letter

59. Landis - Joseph
 Warkarusa, Ind.
 1897-1901 4 letters

60. Leatherman - Esther & Daniel
 Seville, Ohio
 1879 1 letter

61. Leatherman - Hannah
 Guilford, Ohio
 1864 1 letter

62. Leatherman - John
 1864 1 letter

63. Leatherman - Joseph O.
 Seville, Ohio
 1879 1 letter

64. Lederman - Maria
 Guilford, Medina Co., Ohio
 1881 1 letter

65. Loux - Charles
 Landisville, Atlantic Co., N.J.
 1881-1882 3 letters

66. Low - Gottfried
 Franisville, Woodford Co., Ill.
 1858 1 letter

M.

67. Meyer - Joseph L.
 Jordan, Ontario, Canada
 1881 1 letter

68. Miller - Daniel & Mary
 Columbiana, Ohio
 1881-1882 2 letters

69. Moyer - Mary A.
 Cedar Falls, Iowa
 1880-1887 3 letters

70. Myers - Jacob K.
 1880 1 letter

N.

71. Nash - Joseph & Mary
 Campden, Ontario, Canada
 1877-1898 6 letters

72. Newcomer - David & Esther
 Wakarusa, Ind.
 1861-1881 20 letters

73. Newcomer - Esther
 Wakarusa, Ind.
 1892-1899 16 letters

74. Newcomer - J. H.
 Madison Twp. St. Joseph Co. Ind.
 1879-1896 3 letters

75. Nold - Jacob & Chatharine
 Columbiana Ohio
 1862 1 letter

O.

76. Overholt - Mary
 Dutton
 1902 2 letters

77. Overholt - Mary Emma
 Telford, Pa.
 1901 1 letter

78. Overholt - Sarah
 Hammond, Mich.
 1877 - 1880 7 letters

P.

79. Patzkowski - John
 Hillsboro, Kansas
 1885 1 letter

80. Printz - William
 Lansdale, Pa.
 1883 1 letter

Minister John Gross Letters

R.

81. Reed - Aaron & Lena
Wakarusa, Ind.
1897-1901 13 letters
82. Rickert - Abraham & Mary Ann
Ohio
1897-1901 6 letters

93. Smith - Ephriam
Philadelphia, Pa.
1894 1 letter
94. Stear - Noah K.
Dublin, Pa.
1900 1 letter

S.

83. Scott - Eliza
Philadelphia Pa.
1882 1 letter
84. Schaum - Christian
Wakarusa, Ind.
1895-1902 7 letters

T.

95. Troxel - Peter
Blacklyville, Wayne Co., Ohio
Reedsville, Wayne Co., Ohio
1880-1886 8 letters

W.

85. Schaum - George & Barbara
Chester Twp., Wayne Co., Ohio
1860 1 letter
86. Schaum - George & Barbara &
E. L. Schaum
Lattasburg, Wayne Co., Ohio
1880-1886 4 letters
87. Schaum - George & E. L.
Lattasburg, Wayne Co., Ohio
1884-1890 2 letters

96. Weaver - Jacob L.
Washingtonville, Mahoning Co.,
Ohio
1897 1 letter
97. Wismer - Joseph
Gardenville, Pa.
1900 1 letter
98. Wismer - Philip & Wife
Canada West, Jordan, Ontario
1864-1880 2 letters

88. Schaum - Joseph & Barbara
Wakarusa, Ind.
1897 1 letter
89. Shaum - Mike & Lizzy
Wooster, Ohio
1902 1 letter
90. Shelly - Jac.
Buckingham Pa.
1883 1 letter

99. Worthington - A. T.
Bridge Point 1 letter
100. Worthington - Anna J.
Richboro, Pa.
1894-1901 6 letters
101. Worthington - Wm. R.
Richboro, Pa.
1897 1 letter

91. Shenk - Andrew
Oronago, Mo.
1897 1 letter
92. Sine - George
Landisville, N. J.
1880-1892 4 letters

Y.

102. Yoder - Henry
Quakertown, Pa.
1895 1 letter
103. 1875 1 letter

Minister John Gross Letters

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| <p>104. <u>Hammond</u>
1875 1 letter</p> <p>105. <u>Chicago, Ill.</u>
1879 1 letter</p> <p>106. <u>Philadelphia, Pa.</u>
1898 1 letter</p> | <p>107. Tax record
1863</p> <p>108. Visitors, Records & Deaths
1876-1878</p> <p>109. Unsigned Spiritual Poetry
1875-1877</p> <p>110. Misc. Materials.</p> |
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WILLIAM GROSS LETTERS

- | <u>A.</u> | <u>C.</u> |
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| <p>111. Albright - Mary
Campden, Ontario
1879 - 1902 2 letters</p> | <p>118. Clemens - Abram S. & Rachel
Waterloo, Ontario
1848 1 letter</p> |
| <p><u>B.</u></p> <p>112. Bergey - Amanda
Doylestown, Pa.
1898-1900 2 letters</p> | <p>119. Coffman - John S.
Elkhart, Indiana
1899 1 letter
Disagreement on Anointing</p> |
| <p>113. Berki - Stephen
River Styx, Medina Co., Ohio
1885 1 letter</p> | <p>120. Detweiler - Elsie
Octavia, Nebraska
1898 - 1899 2 letters</p> |
| <p>114. Bogly - Joshua
Lattasburgh, Wayne Co., Ohio
1886-1898 2 letters</p> | <p>121. Detweiler - Emma
no address
1886 1 letter</p> |
| <p>115. Braun - John
Plumsteadville, Bucks Co., Pa.
1888 1 letter</p> | <p>122. Detweiler - Henry & Magdalena
Sterling & Penrose Ill.
1862 - 1903 10 letters</p> |
| <p>116. Brunk - George & Mary
Broadway, Va.
1875 1 letter</p> | <p>123. Detweiler - J. B.
Octavia, Nebraska
1898 1 letter</p> |
| <p>117. Buzzard - Herman
Lower Mt. Bethel Twp.
Northampton Co., Pa.
1865 -1888 2 letters</p> | |

122. Sept. 14, 1862
Civil War Letter

William Gross Letters

E.

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| <p>124. Eby - Tobias & Susanna
Pandora, Ohio
1898 1 letter</p> | <p>136. Godshalk - Samuel
Plumbstead, Bucks Co., Pa.
1885 1 letter</p> |
| <p>125. Elkinton - Joseph (Quaker)
Philadelphia, Pa.
1898 - 1905 8 letters</p> | <p>137. Good - Daniel H. & Wife
Dale Enterprise, Va.
1877 - 1880 2 letters</p> |
| <p>126. Epp - Peter
Henderson, Nebraska
1901 1 letter</p> | <p>138. Good - Isaac L.
Blake & Seville, Medina Co., Ohio
1898 - 1902 2 letters</p> |

F.

- | | |
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| <p>127. Fly - Samuel G.
Howertown _____
1881 1 letter</p> | <p>139. Gross - Abram G.
Plumbstead & Fountainville
Bucks Co., Pa.
1865 - 1902 7 letters</p> |
| <p>128. Fretz - Samuel
Vineland, Ontario
1898 1 letter</p> | <p>140. Gross - Harvey G.
Fountainville, Bucks Co., Pa.
1901 - 1902 2 letters</p> |
| | <p>141. Gross - John A.
Fountainville, Pa.
1897 1 letter</p> |

G.

- | | |
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| <p>129. Gayman - Christian & Esther
Markham, Ontario
1888 1 letter</p> | <p>142. Gross - Joseph M.
Millersville State Normal School
Millersville, Pa.
1887 1 letter</p> |
| <p>130. Gehman - David & Hannah
Doylestown, Pa.
1897 1 letter</p> | <p>143. Gross - Lydia M.
Ayr, Nebraska
Perkasie Pa,
Campden, Ontario
Jordan, Ontario
1894 - 1901 4 letters</p> |
| <p>131. Geil - J. W.
Broadway, Va.
1912 1 letter</p> | <p>144. Gross - Sallie
Fountainville, Pa.
1889 - 1899 2 letters</p> |
| <p>132. Geil - Samuel
Doylestown, Pa.

1 letter</p> | <p>145. Gross - Samuel & Lydia
Plumbstead, Bucks Co., Pa.
Canada West
Jordon, Ontario
1865 - 1893 8 letters</p> |
| <p>133. Godshalk - Abram
Mohns' Store Berks Co., Pa.
1900 - 1902 2 letters</p> | <p>146. Gross - Sarah
Reading Heights Health Resort
Reading, Pa.
1882 - 1883 3 letters</p> |
| <p>134. Godshalk - Elizabeth
Plumbstead, Bucks Co., Pa.
1859 1 letter</p> | |
| <p>135. Godshalk - Sallie G.
Doylestown, Pa.
1878-1899 3 letters</p> | |

WILLIAM GROSS LETTERS

G. continued

147. Gross - William G. Jr
~~Ayer, Nebraska~~
~~Chatham Center, Ohio~~
~~Berkshire, Pa.~~
 Doylestown, Pa.
~~1885~~ - 1927 4 letters
148. Gross - William Sr. & Anna
 In this group are letters that
 Gross wrote while away on visits
 to the folks at home and to
 others of his acquaintances.
 September 14, 1862 to Henry
 Detwieler
 (Civil War Information)
 June 4, 1875 from Rockingham
 Co., Va.
 June 14, 1875 Rockingham Co., Va.
 June 8, 1875 Plumbstead, Pa.
 August 8, ~~1885~~ Ayr, Adams Co.,
 1880 Nebraska
 January 27, 1879 to Joseph Nash &
 Wife
 August 22, 1891 Rockingham, Co., Va.
 November 19, 1895 Dekota,
 Stevenson, Co., Ill
 August 14, 1897 Suspension Bridge
 Niagara Falls
 August 28, 1897 Campden, Ontario
 September 24, 1897 Haysville, Ont.
 September 30, 1897 Juniata
 Adams Co. Nebraska
 October 31, 1897 Henderson
 York Co., Nebraska
 November 19, 1897
 December 22, 1901 Broadway, Va.
 January 27, 1902 Harrisonburg, Va.
 July 30, 1902 Dotton, Michigain
 No date -to Daniel H. Good
 Rockingham Co., Va.

H.

149. Hahn - Jacob
 Mohea, Warwick Co., Va.
 1902-1909 2 letters
150. Heatwole - A. P.
 Short, Augusta Co., Va.
 1903 1 letter

H.

151. Heatwole - G. D.
 Rushville, Rockingham Co., Va/
 1875 1 letter
152. Heatwole - Jacob A.
 Harrisonburg, Va.
 1903 1 letter
153. Heatwole - Joseph F. & Fannie
 Rushville, Va.
 Harrisonburg, Va.
 Dayton, Va.
 1891-1902 4 letters
154. Hershey - Magdalena
 Ladd, Augusta Co., Va.
 1902 1 letter
155. Histand - A. O.
 Doylestown, Pa.
 1899 1 letter
156. Histand - Daniel
 Doylestown, Pa.
 1922 1 letter
157. Hoover - Samuel R.
 Markham, Ontario
 1899 1 letter
158. House of Refuge
 Philadelphia, Pa.
 1879 1 letter

K.

159. Kulp - isaac L.
 La Junta, Colorado
 1908-1912 2 letters

L.

160. Lapp - Daniel G.
 Juniata Nebraska
 1895 2 letters
161. Lapp - George & Sarah
 Juniata, Nebraska
 Parnell, Iowa
 Canton, Kansas
 Dhamtari C.P. India
 1892-1908 10 letters

WILLIAM GROSS LETTERS

L. Continued

162. Lapp - Mahlon C. & Sarah
 Alantic Ocean
 Dhamtari C. P. India
 Red Sea
 1901-1908 12 letters
 14 photos of India Sceens
163. Lapp - Samuel & Sarah
 Juniata, Nebraska
 1879-1897 14 letters
 some undated
164. Lapp - Samuel & Sarah
 Ayr, Nebraska
 1888-1902 6 letters
 Some undated & pages missing
165. Lapp - Samuel & Sarah
 South English, Iowa
 1904-1913 6 letters
166. Leatherman - Abraham & Mary
 Guilford, Medina Co., Ohio
 1863 1 letter
167. Ledderman - Jakob
 1866 1 letter

M.

168. Martin - J. H. & M. S.
 Waynesboro, Va.
 1909 1 letter
169. Meyer - Abraham A.
 Bedminister, Bucks Co., Pa.
 1874 2 letters
170. Meyer - Cornelius & Anna
 Fountainville, Bucks Co., Pa.
 1877 3 letters
171. Meyer - Daniel & Rebecca
 Jordon, Ontario
 1868 1 letter
172. Meyer - Tilman & Maria
 Jordon, Canada West
 1865 1 letter
173. Moyer - Barbara N.
 Clinton Canada
 1867 1 letter

M.

174. Moyer - Lizzie U.
 Jordon, Ontario
 1900 1 letter
175. Moyer - Mary
 St. Cathrines Ontario
 Cedar Falls, Iowa
 1865 - 1882 3 letters
176. Moyer S. N.
 Dunnville Canada
 1898 1 letter
177. Myers - Isaac & Susanna
 Lattasburg Ohio
 1876 1 letter

N.

178. Nash - Joseph & Mary
 Campden Ontario
 St. Anns Ontario
 1868-1895 8 letters

O.

179. Overholt - J. M.
 Telford, Pa.
 1901 2 letters
180. Overholt - Saloma
 Hastings, Nebraska
 1884-1885 3 letters

P.

181. Peters - Isaac & Anna
 Henderson, York Co., Neb.
 1901-1903 3 letters

WILLIAM GROSS LETTERS

R.

182. Ransom - J. John
Central Hotel, York, Pa.
1895 1 letter
183. Ressler - Levi A.
Nappanee, Ind.
1896 1 letter
184. Rhodes - Frederick & Magdalene
Mt. Clinton, Va.
Rushville, Va.
1877-1891 3 letters
185. Rickert - Abraham & Mary Ann
River Styx, Ohio
1896 1 letter

186. Rosenberger - Mary G.
Chalfont, Pa.
1896-1913 20 letters

S.

187. Schiffler - Albrech & Mari
Roseland, Adams Co., Neb.
1899-1907 4 letters
188. Shaddinger - Kate
Sunday Evening 1 letter
189. Shank - E. C.
Waynesboro, Va.
1903 1 letter

190. Shank - Martin B.
Elida, Allen Co., Ohio
1895 1 letter

191. Shenk - Daniel & Rachel
Dale Enterprise, Va. There
trying the healing Virtures of
the Sulphur water of Union
Springs
Elida, Ohio
1875-1895 8 letters

192. Shoemaker - J. S.
DaKota, Ill.
1898 1 letter

S.

193. Smith - Robert L.
Rich Mountain, West Virginia
1908 1 letter
194. Suter - Emanuel & Elizabeth
Harrisonburg, Va.
1876-1882 3 letters

T.

195. Troyer - J. C. & Sarah
Wooster Ohio
1898 1 letter

W.

196. Wall - Cornelius M.
Henderson York Co., Neb
1898 1 letter
197. Wenger - A. D.
Millersville Pa.
1903 1 letter
198. _____ Margaret
Harrisonburg, Va.
1903 1 letter

199. Poems by William Gross

JOHN LANDIS FAMILY LETTERS

B.

200. Bathing - Wesley
Glenn Mills
1868 1 letter

201. Belts - Gerge P. M.D.
Philadelphia, Pa.
1864 1 letter

F.

202. Funk - A. K.
Elkhart, Indiana
1876-1878 2 letters

203. Funk - Anna
Elkhart, Indiana
1873-1905 12 letters

G.

204. Geil - Samuel
Monroe, Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan
1863 Land Agreement
Samuel Geil - Landlord
Jacob Fillman - Tenant
1855-1864 3 letters

K.

205. Kratz - H. M.
New Galena, Bucks Co., Pa.
1867 1 letter

L.

206. Landis - Ada — *This folder moved to Hist. Mss. 1-29, F. H. 16*
Elkhart, Indiana
Philadelphia, Pa. *Ada M. Landis Papers*
1893-1920 5 letters

207. Landis - Annie M.
Doylestown, Pa.
1867-1871 2 letters

208. Landis - Annie Maria
Carversville Hygenic Home
no address
1863 2 letters

L.

209. Landis - Blanche Mc.
McCulloch Mills, Juniata Co. Pa.
Fayetteville, Franklin Co., Pa.
1913-1940 4 letters

210. Landis - Dorothy K.
Bethlehem, Pa.
1956 1 letter

211. Landis - Eugene S.
Base # 1 Hospital
Camp Meade, Md.
1918 7 letters

212. Landis - Fannie
1891-1906 4 letters

213. Landis - George W.
McCulloch Mills, Juniata Co., Pa.
Forrean Coak, Mexico
School Report Cards 1899-1906
1907-1920 2 letters

214. Landis - John F.
Letters both written by Landis
and received
North Wales Institute, North
Wales Pa.
Dansville Sanitarium N. J.
Dublin Pa.
Doylestown, Pa.
Ridge, Pa.
1862-1882 7 letters

215. Landis - Joseph H.
State Normal School, Millersville
Pa.
McCullocks Mills, Juniata Co., Pa.
1871-1907 11 letters

216. Landis - Mary
Elkhart, Indiana
1875-1879 11 letters

JOHN LANDIS FAMILY LETTERS

M.

217. McCulloch - Maggie
Dublin, Pa.
1913-1914 3 letters
218. Musselman Library
Bluffton College
1956 1 letter

W.

220. Ray
102-106 Warren St.
New York City, N. Y.
1909-1912
221. Miscellaneous Materials
Will of Rudolph Landes -1801
Land Drafts - 1832-1835
~~Reward of Merit Card - 1859~~
Landis Family Record

W.

219. Warner - George
Concordville Seminary
Records of Teachers & Students
of Concordville Seminary -1868
1867-1868 2 letters

ADDITIONAL LETTERS OF ABRAHAM S. GEHMAN FAMILY

A.

222. Ammon - William S.
Reading, Pa.
1899 1 letter

G.

227. Good - Noah & Nancy
Bowmansville, Pa.
1899-1905 3 letters

B.

223. Bergey - Lizzie
York Harbor, Maine
1900 1 letter

228. Good - William
Bowmansville, Pa.
1897 1 letter

H.

224. Bowman - Sallie
Bowmansville, Pa.
1905 1 letter

229. Hunsberger - Mrs. Cathrine
Barkeyville, Pa.
1905 2 letters

E.

225. Eck - Adam
Alvaritha, Okla.
1901 1 letter

L.

230. Lapp - H. W. & Lydia
Salina, Kansas
1900 1 letter

G.

226. Gehman - David L.
Doylestown, Pa.
1901 1 letter

231. Lapp - John G. M.D.
Kansas City, Mo.
1901 2 letters

232. Latshaw - John & Wife
Barkeyville, Pa.
1899-1900 3 letters

ADDITIONAL LETTERS OF ABRAHAM S. GEHMAN FAMILY

L.

233. Lauver - Joseph
Evendale, Junita Co., Pa.
1906 1 letter

O.

234. Opperman - Harry
Montgomery Co, Prison
Norristown, Pa.
1902 1 letter

W.

235. Weisz - I. M.
Zelienople Pa.
1899 2 letters
236. Weisz - G. B.
Leroy, Medina Co., Ohio
1902 2 letters
237. Weisz - George
Junction City, Kansas
1902 1 letter
238. Westenberger - Mrs. Martha
Lebanon, Pa.
1906 1 letter

Z.

239. Zeigler - H. M.
Zelienople, Butler Co., Pa.
1899-1904 6 letters

Misc. Materials from the Gehman Family

240. Letter from:
John & Maria Gehmen
Upper Hanover, Pa.
to.
Daniel & Catharina Moyer
Henry & Esther Boyer
Harmony, Pa.
August 25, 1856
241. List of Bapisms
1845-1847
Hereford Congregation
242. Sunday School Problems
Hereford Congregation
1899
243. Forms for Mennonite Services
Marriages - Baptisms, etc.

Total number of persons writing letters	235
Total number of letters in collection	657

Letters arranged in alphabetical order by Mrs. Willis Lederach
Lederach, Pa.

Letters arranged in page sequence by Mr. Allen Keyser
Harleysville, Pa.
and
Wilmer Reinford
Creamery, Pa.

Typed by
Margaret Reinford

1. The Bible riddle of the wonderful Prophet.
 He is not Noah nor Noah's son, nor a Levite, nor John the Baptist, not yet the wondering Jew, for he was with Noah in the ark. The scriptures make mention of him, particularly in St. John, St. Luke, St. Mark, so that we may believe he is not an imposter. He knows no parents. He never lay upon his mother's breast; his beard is such as no man ever wore; he goes barefooted and bare legged like a grave old friar. He wears no hat in summer or winter but often appears with a crown upon his head. His coat is neither knit nor spun, nor hair, silk, linen or woolen, bark, nor sheepskin, yet it abounds with a variety of colors and fits close to the skin. He is wonderfully temperate; he never drinks anything but cold water; he would rather take his dinner in a farmer's barn than in a king's palace. He is very wakeful. He sleeps not in bed but sits on a singular kind of chair with his clothes on. He was alive at the crucifixion, nearly all the world hears him. He once preached a short sermon which convinced man of his sin and caused him to weep bitterly. He never was married yet he has favourites whom he loves dearly, for if he has but one morsel of meat he divided it among them; though he never rides on horseback he is in some respects equipped as horsemen are. He is an advocate of early rising though he never retires to bed. His prophecies are so true that the moment you hear his voice you may know what is approaching. Now who is this prophet and what did he foretell?"
2. Letter to Samuel and Sarah Lapp from Abraham and Mary Leatherman from Guilford, Medina, Ohio, March 1863. General living conditions. Mostly letter not legible. "My son Jacob was drafted and paid \$205 of his earnings to get clear. There is much talk of another draft. I would rather see my children carried to their graves as to see them forced into the war, but I hope the Lord, our God, may have mercy on us all."
3. Bedminster, the 29th of December, 1874. Addressed to Wm. and Anna Gross Written in German. Religious matter. No name of writer,
4. Letter to cousins William and Anna Gross from Joseph and Mary Nash, dated Campden, Apr. 13, 1881. All religious matter, except end of letter
 "Last week my wife's sister, Fanny Albright, died. She was 75 yr. 3 mo. old. Jacob Hausser also died, he was 77 years old."
5. Letter in German, dated Plumstead township, Feb. 10, 1867, addressed to Wm. and Anna Gross from Samuel and Lydia Gross. Religious.
6. Letter dated Mar. 26, 1888, Bangor, Pa., from Herman Buzzard and wife to William and Samuel Gross and their wives and families. "Jonas has been sick. The doctor was here 48 times. Alfred was sick four weeks with typhoid fever. My sister, Mary, Daniel Riemer's wife, was buried two weeks ago. She had a stroke of palsy. She was buried at Centerville. We had an awful snow storm two weeks ago, snow banks as high as my head."
7. Letter dated Mar. 19, 1883, from "Our Beautiful Home", a health resort at Reading, from Sarah Gross to Anna and Wm. Gross. Sarah was there for treatment and was hoping to come home soon. Several lines in German at end of letter.
8. Rushville, Rockingham Co., Va., Dec. 4, 1891, from Frederick A. Rhodes and w. Sarah to Wm. and Anna Gross. "Tell brother John Gross to write me. I had my home with him when I was in Penna. last. They were so kind to me. My best regards to brother Godsahel, your father-in-law. We have many good apples, only 20 cents a bushel for the nicest."
9. Letter dated Nov. 7, 1897, addressed to "dear Uncle" written at Dublin. No names. Religious.

10. Letter dated Ayr, Nebraska, June 25, 1889, from Wm. G. Gross addressed "dear brother Abraham". "We will start for Illinois on the 21st, if the money reaches us in time Address care Henry Detweiler, Penrose, Whiteside County, Ill."
11. Letter written by Mary G. Rosenberger, no names or dates.
12. Letter in German addressed to Wm. Gross and family, dated Henderson, York Cl., Nebraska, Dec. 19, 1898, from Cornelius M. Wall. Religious.
13. Letter dated Aug. 9, 1901, Ayr, Nebraska, to Uncle and family, from Lydia M. Gross. "I was to see Sarah Buzzard on Tuesday Uncle Samuels took me there She lives with her son Saul in Webster County She looks pretty old but says she is as well as can be expected I do not think any one is more glad to see folks from Bucks County than she is The wheat crop is fair, there will be little corn and the oats is not worth harvesting Potatoes are small and scarce Aunt Sarah irrigated her garden with the wind pump and she will have cabbage, beans and sweet potatoes. Figs sell " for 30 cents each and can hardly be given away People have no feed for them"
14. Letter dated Bedminster, Feb. 20, 1877, written in German, addressed to William and Anna Gross, from Cornelius and Anna Mayer, Religious.
15. Dated June 2, 1909, Sterling, Ill., addressed to Wm. G. Gross and family, from cousin Magdalena Detwiler. "We have some lettuce and radishes to use but the weeds grow ahead of the oats Plum and cherry trees bloomed well, but not the apple trees"
16. Plumstead township, Feb. 3, 1875, addressed "dear young friend and nephew" namely Isaac Geisinger. "From a well-wishing friend" No signature, Religious.
17. Letter from Sam and Lidia Gross to Mary G. Moyer, dated Dec. 13, 1880
18. Dale Enterprise, Rockingham Co., Va., July 29, 1877, from Daniel H. Good and wife to Wm. Gross and wife "Brother Coffman asked permission to ordain another minister in our district, which was granted There were eight brethren voted into the lot - Emanuel Suter, Peter Hartman, Christian Good, Joseph Heatwold, Jr., Samuel Burkholder, Martin Blosser, Michael Shank, Abraham Burkholder - and two weeks ago they drew at the Bank Church and the lot fell upon brother Abraham Burkholder."
19. Letter in German, written in Bedminster, Dec. 22, 1876, from Cornelius and Anna Meyer to Wm. and Anna Gross, Religious.
20. Letter dated Bedminster, Mar. 15, 1877, to Wm. Gross and wife "I will try to write a few lines to you in English as the writing part comes so much handier to me than the dutch, and I think you can understand it just as well." No signature, Religious.
21. Letter from John S. Coffman, president of the Elkhart Institute, Jan. 17, 1899, addressed to Wm. Gross at Fountainville About church matters.
22. Letter from Harrisonburg, Rockingham Co., Va., dated Feb. 29, 1876, addressed to Wm. Gross and wife, from Emanuel Suter and his wife Elisabeth. "We buried one of our ministers, Peter Shoemaker. I don't know whether you knew him. About a week ago I had a letter from Daniel B. Hoover of York County, Canada He said their winter was unusually mild"

23. Letter dated Oct. 18, 1897 from Abram Gross to his father who was visiting Samuel W. Lapp at Juniata, Adams County, Nebraska. "Yesterday we were to Line Lexington and met Henry Detwiler's. He said they wouldn't reach home before the Holidays. They expect to be around here four weeks more and then go to Ohio. Perhaps you will meet them there. They intend to visit in Columbiana County and perhaps Medina County. Yesterday Daniel preached at Line Lexington. The house was filled. It was the last time he will preach here. On Thursday he will preach at Plumstead and next Sunday at Doylestown"
24. Letter from Aunt Sally Gross. No date.
25. Letter from Sarah and Abraham Gross, dated Plumstead Dec. 7, 1865, addressed to "sister Anna".
26. Letter from S.W. Lapp, South English, Iowa, Jan. 20, 1906, to William G. Gross, Fountainville, Bucks County. Nothing of importance.
27. Letter to Samuel Gross from cousin Salome, Hastings, Nebraska 1885.
28. Letter dated Lower Mt. Bethel township, Northampton County, June 25, 1865 from Herman Buzzard, addressed to Samuel Gross and William Gross. "We are all well except Aaron Buzzard's wife has the dropsy. I can get \$1.50 a day here but I will go to Luzerne County where I can get more"
29. Letter headed Dale Enterprise, Virginia, May 24, 1880, from Daniel H. Good and wife to William Gross and wife. "I always feel refreshed when I receive letters from other countries, but I would rather see you. Grandfather Brunk was buried a few weeks ago, age about 85 years. He has 10 children living and one dead and about 40 grand children and some great grand children. At our last Conference, Bishop Coffman got permission to ordain two ministers, as two moved away, also Bishop Shank got permission to ordain one in Hardy County, West Virginia, out in the mountains where a church was started"
30. June 2, 1875 (William Gross) Part of a diary,
 "Left home June 2nd for Virginia in the morning on the first train from Doylestown to Philadelphia. Met with John Mininger at Lansdale, met with minister John Hunsberger and John Tyson from Skippack at Philadelphia. Went to the Baltimore depot with the city cars. Left the depot at Broad and Prime at 12.15 noon. Came to old Chester, then Wilmington, Perryville, Hower de Grass, then Baltimore, Reilly house, then came to Washington at 5 oclock in the evening. Went to the capitol, then stayed at a boarding house No. 119 Pennsylvania Avenue, with Susan Burrell. Started from Washington next morning at 8.15 for Harrisonburg. I will mention some stations on the road - first Rockville in Maryland, then Germany Station (here this part ends - on back of sheet is part of another trip)
 We went to Jonas Godshalks over night. From there December 19th we went to Jacob Kulp. From there we went to Abraham Leathermans over dinner and from there we went to Jacob Kratzs over night. From there, December 20th, we went to "Woorsterd" to Isaac H. Myers over dinner. Staid there till 8 oclock that evening, then took the cars for home. Came to Philadelphia on Friday morning the 22nd, and came home that evening at nine oclock safe and in good health, well pleased with the journey. Though it cost a little money I am not sorry or sad, moreover I am glad that I have been to see my friends in far distant lands."

31. Letter from Mahlon Lapp, Ayr, Nebraska, July 22 " . . . to cousin William Gross Daniel is still working for Mr. Scott, Samuel got through working last week and I don't know what he is going to do. I have been staying at home all summer, but I am going to start to work at bridge carpentering next Thursday I will get \$1.25 a day and board "
32. Letter dated Oct. 14, 1888 from Ayr, Nebraska from Samuel and Sarah Lapp to sister Anna Godshall " Daniel is 21 years old Our Conference was held here last week All was in peace Our meeting has increased in numbers considerably I worked hard this summer Had quite a large garden Had plenty of cabbage and made crout yesterday We have eight cows The men do the milking We have an ice house and plenty of ice to keep the milk We got 50 tons of hay from the bottom land and have plenty of straw and fodder. Salome is married and moved to Colorado Her husband's name is Thomas Higby "
33. Letter from Joseph Nash to William Gross, August 12, 1889, dated St. Anns. Mostly religious. Mentions some persons by first name only.
34. Letter dated Feb. 9, 1896, Nappanee, Indiana, from Levi A. Kessler to William Gross. " We hear that your brother Samuel died. Mentions dissension among various groups - the Wisler branch, the Funk branch - know not where it will stop "
35. Letter dated Mar. 24, 1895 from Juniata, Nebr. from (no name) to "My dear Aunt".
36. Letter headed Lattsburg, Aug. 13, 1876, addressed "dear mother" signed Isaac G. Myers and Susanna Myers.
37. Four page letter to John S. Coffman, dated Fountainville 1899 Religious nature.. Letter not signed.
38. Letter headed Wooster, Ohio, Jan. 24, 1898, from J.C. Troxel and Sarah Troxel " We ordained a new minister There were only 3 names in the lot and the lot fell on Daniel Martin We all think it hit a good man "
39. Mohn's Store, Berks County, Jan. 26, 1902, from A. Godshalk and family to William Gross, Religious.
40. Letter to William and Samuel Gross, from Jordan, Ontario, Mar. 2, 1868 from David and Rebecca Meyer (Written in German) Religious,
 " Our winter has been cold and we have had good sleighing "schlittenbahn" since New Year Yesterday we had a wild storm The snow lies two to three feet deep "
41. Letter from Mary Rosenberger, dated July 1902, addressed to "Dear Uncle "
42. Letter from Frederick A. Rhodes and wife Magdalene, from Mt. Clinton, Rockingham County, Virginia, Feb. 14, 1882, to William and Anny Gross,
 " I will be 63 years old this month Two children were buried here in January, they had diphtheria I wish you would come here next summer and bring some of your preachers along The conference will be in Augusta County this spring and after harvest in the fall it will be with us I will be glad to meet you at Harrisonburg any time "

42. Letter from Harvey G. Gross to his father William Gross who was visiting at Juniata, Adams County, Nebraska, dated Oct. 5, 1897.
 "We finished our 2nd crop of hay and we did it ourselves, we have begun cutting corn Abram's went to the wedding of Joseph Lapp and Sallie Walter this afternoon Eli Leatherman died and was buried on Saturday at Deeprun They are building the trolley road from Willow Grove to Doylestown and it is to be done in three months Henry Sear of Doylestown is president Charles Springer died in bed from a heart attack Last evening we were at Henry Rosenberger's wedding Do you remember William Hans who used to live with grandfather Gross when a boy. He now lives in Kentucky and is a photographer "
43. Harrisonburg, Virginia, Nov. 9, 1882, to William Gross and wife from Emanuel Suter and wife.
 "Sister Mary Landes, wife of David H. Landes, one of our ministers, died and was buried at what we call the "Pike" church on the 7th There is a lot of sickness - typhoid and diphtheria Mary Brenneman, one of our neighbors and widow of Peter Brenneman died two weeks ago, her maiden name was Funk. She was buried at Brenneman's church "
44. Letter dated Juniata, Neb. Sept. 7, 1880 from Samuel and Sarah Lapp, addressed to "dear Mother". "Our little one died She was 4 yr. 4 m. 14 days old"
45. Letter dated Ayr, Nebraska Mar. 5, 1899 to Miss Sallie Gross, from George J. Lapp.
46. Letter dated Jordan, Ontario, Dec. 20, 1900 to Wm. Gross, from Lizzie V. Moyer.
47. Letter from G.D. Heatwole, Rushville, Rockingham County, Va. July 6, 1875 to William Gross and family. "A week from next Sunday two ministers will be ordained. There are 14 brethren in the lot."
48. A hymn or poem in about 30 verses in German, headed Plumstead Township, Bucks County - no date and no name.
49. Letter from Hastings, Nebraska, year 1884, addressed "dear cousin Samuel" No signature.
50. Letter dated Fountainville, Jan. 17, 1879, addressed to cousin Joseph Nash and wife, from William and Anna Gross Very long letter, all religious except last two paragraphs.
51. Letter written Jan. 8, 1865 in Whiteside County, Illinois addressed to "dear cousins and aunt", written by Magdalena G. Detwiler and husband, - cousins and aunt at end of letter were Wm. G. Gross and wife, Samuel G. Gross and wife and aunty Christina Gross.
52. Letter from Albrecht Schiffler, Roseland, Nebraska, dated June 19, 1903, addressed to William Gross. Written in German. "On April 29 we had "smooth" ice, followed by a snow storm. On May 1st we had snow drifts three feet deep. The leaves on the fruit trees were out about one-half inch, but they don't seem to be damaged much "
53. A religious writing in German, not signed, dated December 8, 1875 in Plumstead township.

54. Letter from Samuel & Sarah Lapp to mother and to brother William and Anna Gross, dated Juniata, Sept. 11, 1881
55. Letter from Lattsburg, Wayne County, Ohio, dated Jan. 3, 1886.
Written in German to W. & A. Gross, by Anna and Josia Bögly.
David Gross died on December 5th.
56. A paper written by Catharine Gotschalk of Plumstead Mar. 5, 1835,
and by Elisabeth Godshalk 1859. German verses or poem - begin
 " Morgens früh wan ich auf steh
 und zu meiner Arbeit geh"
 (In the morning when I arise
 and go to my work)
57. Letter headed Canada West, Nov. 11, 1865, addressed to "dear parents"
and signed by Samuel Gross and Lydia Gross to Joseph Myers and Lydia
Myers and family. "O how many dear friends and cousins we find here that
we did not know or think of when at home"
58. Letter headed Howertown (Northampton County) Oct. 9, 1881
addressed to "dear Grandmother" and on 2nd page to "uncle William"
 " I am getting 3000 lbs. of milk and so far have only oneman to help
 me. My butter sells well and the newspapers around here say it is
 a gildedged article. The storekeepers in Catasauqua say they have
 tried butter from a great many creameries in Bucks County and say
 they never struck any thing to come any where near this. I haven't
 sold any cheese yet but am offered 10 cents I think I will sell for
 12 or 13 cents" Letter signed Samuel G. Fly.
59. Letter from Wm. G. Gross, Chatham Center, Ohio, Sept. 5, 1889, addressed
to "dear Brother".
60. Long four-page writing addressed to Sarah Godshalk. No date and no
signature. It is a religious or spiritual writing.
61. Letter dated Plumstead township, June 12, 1875 addressed to
"dear Brother" signed S. Gross " Henry Rickert of near Dublin
had a very unfortunate accident with a horse, and was unconscious
for two days "
62. Letter dated Jan. 2, 1879, addressed to "dear mother and brother"
 " Anna will be married in a few weeks to a man named John Hill "
63. Letter dated Juniata, Adams Co., Nebraska, Apr. 3, 1891, addressed
"dear brothers and sisters" from Samuel and Sarah Lapp " We moved
north of Juniata this spring, four and one half miles from town,
and 8 miles from Hastings We will farm 320 acres We will have to
work hard Samuel and Mahlon are home George was to school but this
is the last day We like the new home The large barn holds 8
horses and a few cattle. There is a loft overhead that holds lots
of hay and a large new corn crib that holds 4000 bushels "
64. Letter in German written at Lattasburg, Ohio, Dec. 18, 1898, by
Anna and Josua Bögly, to William Gross at Fountainville.
65. Letter from William Gross, visiting at Haysville, Waterloo, Ontario, to
his children, dated Sept. 24, 1897 " From there to Juniata, Nebraska
where he will next visit, is 1100 miles. A Through ticket will cost
\$27.00, with permission to stop over at Chicago for a few days.

66. Letter from J. B. Detweiler, Octavia, Nebraska, Feb. 19, 1898.
* We are quite busy now as the market is up a little - corn is worth 20 cents, oats $21\frac{1}{2}$ cents, and wheat 17 cents. I have two teams on the road hauling
67. Letter from George J. Lapp at Canton, Kansas, to William Gross, dated Feb. 27, 1905.
68. This piece of paper is a part of a travel diary, reads as follows
* Went to Overholts over dinner, from there we went to Henry Overholts over supper, from there we went to old Marchs over night, from there, December 6th, we went to John Marchs for dinner, from there we went to Isaac Overholts, from there we went to Abraham Capps, from there to the minister Roarers over night From there December 7th, on Thanksgiving Day we went to meeting, from there we went to Michael Roarers over dinner, from there we went to John Leathermans over night From there, December 8th, we went over to John Geisinger and staid there until the next day From there, December 9th we went to Wayne County to Isaac Myers and staid there over night From there December 10th, we went to the Mennonite meeting From the meeting we went to George Schaum's over dinner From there we went to Joseph Shaums over supper Staid with old minister Shaum over night From there, December 11th, we went to old Samuel Funks over dinner From there we went to Amos Holtsman(?) over supper From there we went to Isaac Myers over night From there December 12, we went to David Grosses over dinner From there we went to Christian Bergys From there we went to Isaac Myers again over night From there, December 13th, we went to Medina County to John Geisingers and staid over night From there, December 14th, we went to John Putderf over dinner From there we went to Isaac Kulps over supper From there we went back again to John Geisingers over night Staid there all day on the 15th On the 16th we went to Abraham Lea therman staid there over night From there on Sunday the 17th we went to Mennonite meeting From there we went to widow Margaret Nash over dinner From there we went to Matthias Smiths and to old Jacob Fretz over night From there, December 18th, we went to William Overholt From there we went to Elizabeth Overholt over dinner"

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