

Mennonite Historians of Eastern Pennsylvania



Hist. Mss. 1-126

Mission of Mercy Collection, 1955-1967.

This collection contains the records of the Mission of Mercy, a project for the rehabilitation of alcoholic men located near Harleysville, Pa. from 1955 to 1967. This mission was sponsored by the Franconia Mennonite Mission Board and was begun in the fall of 1955 on the old Harvey Derstine Farm, on Indian Creek Road about 1½ miles west of Harleysville. This farm is now known as the Indian Creek Haven Farm and is still owned by the Franconia Mennonite Conference.

These records, consisting of minutes, publicity, souvenirs, applications, and financial reports, reflect the leadership of four mission superintendants. These were Harold M. Fly, Maurice K. Kerr, Bernard L. Wagner, and Daniel S. Sensenig. Early in 1967, the program of the Mission of Mercy was discontinued and the emphasis was changed to a mission for the mentally handicapped. This later evolved into the Indian Creek Haven, which is now (1987) known as the Indian Creek Foundation. The Indian Creek Haven Collection is also housed in this Library and Archives (Hist. Mss. 1-127).

Inventory of Mission of Mercy Collection:

Minutes of the Board of Mission of Mercy, 1958-1967.

Folder 1. Publicity, Souvenirs, Reports, Letters, 1956-1967.

Folder 2. Applications for Acceptance, 1955-1966.

Folder 3. Financial Reports, 1955-1966.