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MHEP Hist. Mss. 1-222. Harvey O. Moyer Collection, Upper Salford Twp., 1729-1918.  
Donated by Jacob M. Landis, Telford, Pa., January 24, 1991.

Description:

The Harvey O. Moyer Collection, 1729-1918, is an amazing collection of deeds, land drafts, estate settlement papers, wills, inventories, releases, bonds and related documents from six generations on the Hans Meyer Homestead in Upper Salford Twp., Montgomery County, Pa. This land was originally known as "Skippack" or Salford Township, Philadelphia County.

The homestead and these papers passed from the immigrant Hans Meyer (d.1748) to his son Henry Meyer (d.1800) who married Barbara Miller, to their son Samuel Meyer (1770-1834) m. Maria Landes, to son Henry L. Moyer (1805-1885) m. Elizabeth Landis, to Jacob L. Moyer (1841-1916) m. Fannie S. Overdorf, and to their son Harvey O. Moyer (1891-1986). The papers were given by Harvey Moyer, just before his death, to his nephew Jacob Moyer Landis of the Ridge Road in Upper Salford, who then donated them to MHEP.

Hans Meyer settled in (Upper) Salford in 1729, just after immigrating, and was probably a member of the Salford Mennonite Congregation. His original 1729 deed is in this collection as well as his estate settlement papers from 1748-1752. Many of Hans Meyer's descendants became members of the Franconia Mennonite Congregation as well. Other interesting documents in this collection include one showing a Jacob Myer joining the Army in 1757 and never returning, several early land drafts (one showing a schoolhouse lot at "Branches Bridge"), inventories, and vendue lists. This is a most unusual collection spanning six generations and almost two hundred years in one family and on one homestead.

Joel D. Alderfer, Librarian/Curator, May 1, 1991

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Inventory:

- Fold. 1: 1729 Lease from Isaac Pennington & Casper Wistar to Hans Myer, "Skippack", 216 A in (Upper) Salford Twp., (Montgomery Co.) Also, 1729 Release for the same property.
- Fold. 2: 1748-52, Estate Settlement of Hans Myer (d. 1748) Upper Salford Twp., (Phila. Co.)
- Fold. 3: 1757 & 1766 Jacob Myer Power-of-Attorney to Christian Stover, Bucks Co. & Henry Myer release paper (joined Army in 1757 & never returned); son of Hans Myer
- Fold. 4: (October, 1760 Henry Meyer deed (oversize) in Flat File, "Deeds" drawer)
- Fold. 5: Ca. 1760 Draft of Henry Meyer's Land (see Large Oct. 1760 Deed to Henry Meyer, Fold.4)
- Fold. 6: 1764 Jacob Slotter Est. Settlement papers, Henry Moyer, admin. Immigrant; died on ship.
- Fold. 7: Releases of Christian Stauffer (d.1764) Est. 1765 & 1783, Bedminster Twp., Bucks Co.
- Fold. 8: 1784 Draft, Upper Salford Twp., for Henry Meyer's land.
- Fold. 9: 1796 Deed for Land in "Springtown", Norriton Twp., Montgomery Co. Two perches to Samuel Moyer, Upper Salford Twp., Montg. Co.
- Fold. 10: 1800-01 Henry Meyer estate papers (d. 1800) Upper Salford Twp.
- Fold. 11: 1809 Christian Moyer Estate Settlement, Upper Salford Twp.
- Fold. 12: 1809 Deed; Henry Meyer & Wife to Samuel Moyer.
- Fold. 13: 1813 Draft & Deed for Schoolhouse lot at "Branches Bridge"(Berkey, Upper Salford Twp.). Henry & Susanna Moyer to Trustees.
- Fold. 14: 1822-23 Abraham Moyer (d.1822) estate papers, Upper Salford Twp.(single). Includes an 1822 vendue list in German script
- Fold. 15: 1834-36 Samuel Meyer (d.1834) estate papers, Upper Salford Twp.
- Fold. 16: 1834 Draft: Samuel Meyer's, dec'd, land, Upper Salford Twp.
- Fold. 17: June, 1836 Deed: Exec. of Samuel Moyer to Henry L. Moyer
- Fold. 18: 15 Bonds & Notes, 1814-1873. Moyers, Landes', Clemens, etc.
- Fold. 19: 1857 Jacob Landis Estate Settlement, Upper Salford Twp.
- Fold. 20: 1885-86 Henry L. Moyer Estate Settlement, Upper Salford Twp.
- Fold. 21: 1890-91 Barbara L. Moyer Estate Settlement.
- Fold. 22: 1916-18 Jacob L. Moyer Estate Papers, Upper Salford Twp. 1917 Deed from Fannie S. Moyer (widow of Jacob L.) to Emanuel O. Moyer.
- Fold. 23: Misc. items, Harvey O. Moyer Collection.