

Mennonite Historians of Eastern Pennsylvania



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Garret S. & Jane

Nice Collection

Garret S. Nice, ⁽¹⁸⁶⁴⁻¹⁹⁴⁵⁾ of Harleysville, Pennsylvania was a member of the Salford Mennonite Meeting for all of his life. He was the first treasurer of the Franconia Mennonite Mission Board upon its forming in May of 1917. Garret also served on the investigating committee that was asked to study the possibility of establishing a home for the aged in 1914. In later years he served on the board of directors of the Eastern Mennonite Home.

Bishop John E. Lapp remembers Garret as a man who was very generous with his money. It is evident from Nice's papers and letters that he supported church men like J. D. Mininger and C. F. Derstine generously. John Lapp also recalls that Garret wanted his donations to be kept undeclared to the world.

The collection is the gift of Garret and Jane Nice's daughter, Edna Clemmer. The material is in two boxes and is 23cm in shelf space.

Joseph S. Miller, archivist

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Folder 1a. Marriage announcement for Amelia S. Ruth, October 12, 1921.

b. P. A. Friesen to G. S. Nice, Jamgaon, via Drug, C.P. India, May 29, 1928.

c. P. A. Friesen to a brother c/o G. S. Nice, Jamgaon, via, Drug, C.P., India, November 18, 1929.

Folder 2a. Ruth M. Brackbill, Lawrence, Ks., to Bro. Nice, October 13, 1932.

b. Paul & Mary Mininger, Goshen, In., to Bro. Nice, Sept. 4, 1933.

c. Henry F. Rosenber, Souderton, Pa., to G. Nice, Oct. 6, 1933

d. Lola Bower, Children's Hospital, So. Mt.(?), Pa., to G. Nice, January 8, 1934.

e. G. S. Nice, from Liganier(?), to Jane Nice, May 8, 1934.

f. G. S. Nice, Johnstown, Pa., to Jane Nice, May 25, 1934.

g. G. S. Nice, Elkhart, In., to Jane Nice, May 28, 1934.

h. G. S. Nice, Huntington(?), In., to Jane Nice, June 14, 1935.

i. G. S. Nice, Hobedale, to Jane Nice, June 16, 1935.

j. C. F. Derstine, Kitchener, Ont., to G. Nice, July 22, 1935.

k. G. S. Nice, Chestertown, N.Y., to Jane Nice, Aug. 25, 1935.

l. G. S. Nice, Conference, Kitchener(?), to Jane Nice, Aug. 26, 1935.

m. Mrs. John S. Brubaker, Kirkwood, Pa., to Jane Nice, Nov. 6, 1935.

Folder 3a. C. F. Derstine, Kitchener, to G. Nice, Jan. 25, 1936.

b. J. D. Mininger, Kansas City, to G. Nice, June 13, 1936.

c. C. F. Derstine, Detroit, to G. Nice, June 22, 1936.

d. C. F. Derstine, Kitchener, to G. Nice, July 18, 1936.

e. G. S. Nice, Pittsburgh, (sic) to Jane Nice, Nov. 28, 1936.

- Folder 3. f. Jane Nice, Harleysville, to G. Nice, Nov. 30, 1936.
g. G. Nice, Chicago, to Jane Nice, Nov. 30, 1936.
h. Jane Nice, Harleysville, to G. Nice, Dec. 1, 1936.
i. G. S. Nice, Oregon, to Jane Nice, Dec. 3, 1936.
j. G. S. Nice, Oregon, to Jane Nice, Dec. 4, 1936.
k. G. S. Nice, to Jane Nice, Dec. 5, 1936.
l. G. S. Nice, to Jane Nice, Dec. 7, 1936.
m. G. S. Nice, to Jane Nice, Dec. 8, 1936.
n. G. S. Nice, to Jane Nice, Dec. 10, 1936.
o. G. S. Nice, to Jane Nice, Dec. 12, 1936.
p. Jane Nice, Harleysville, to G. Nice, Dec 14, 1936.
q. G. S. Nice, on train going east, to Jane Nice, Dec. 14, 1936.
r. E. W. Kulp, Molalla, Ore., to G. Nice, ?, 7, 1936.
s. Oscar Burkholder, Ontario, to G. Nice, Dec. 22, 1936.
t. Mrs. Alfred Smith or Esther Derstine, Kitchener, to Mr. & Mrs. Nice, Dec. 29, 1936.
u. G. S. Nice, Minnesoda (sic), to Jane Nice, Dec. 31, 1936.
v. G. S. Nice, Newton, Ks., to Jane Nice, unknown date, 1936.
- Folder 4. a. Wm. & Anna G. Jennings, Concord, Tenn., to G. Nice, March 24, 1937.
b. John C. Clemens, Markstay, Ont., to G. Nice, Aug. 12, 1937, this letter was found in the Aug. 28, 1937 letter between G. Nice to Jane Nice.
c. Jane Nice, Harleysville, to G. Nice, Aug. 16, 1937.
d. G. S. Nice, Pittsburg, to Jane Nice, Aug. 16, 1937.
e. G. S. Nice, to Jane Nice, Aug. 19, 1937.
f. G. S. Nice, Kalisbell, Montana, to Jane Nice, Aug. 20, 1937.
g. G. S. Nice, General Conference, to Jane Nice, Aug. 23, 1937.

- Folder 4. h. Jane Nice, Harleysville, to G. Nice, Aug. 24, 1937.
- i. G. S. Nice, Jackson, Oregon, to Jane Nice, Aug, 24, 1937.
 - j. G. S. Nice, to Jane Nice, Aug. 25, 1937.
 - k. G. S. Nice, to Jane Nice, Aug. 28, 1937.
 - l. Jane Nice, Harleysville, to G. Nice, Aug. 30, 1937.
 - m. G. S. Nice, California, to Jane Nice, Aug. 31, 1937.
 - n. G. S. Nice, to Jane Nice, Sept. 2, 1937.
 - o. G. S. Nice, to Jane Nice, Sept. 4, 1937.
 - p. G. S. Nice, La Junta, Col., to Jane Nice, Sept. 4, 1937.
 - q. Mr. & Mrs. C. F. Derstine, Kitchener, to G. S. & Jane Nice, December 28, 1937.
- Folder 5. a. Wm. & Anna G. Jennings, Concord, Tenn., to Mr. & Mrs. Garret Nice, January 27, 1938.
- b. M. C. Lehman, Goshen, In., to G. Nice, March 16, 1939.
 - c. Mennonite Board of Missions and Charities, Elkhart, In., Indian Institution, Girls Industrial School, May 9, 1939.
 - d. R. R. Smucker, Goshen, In., to G. Nice, June 8, 1939, (he asks for financial help).
 - e. G. S. Nice, to Jane Nice, June 16, 1939.
 - f. G. S. Nice, Fairview, Michigan, to Jane Nice, June 19, 1939.
 - g. G. S. Nice, Calf., to Jane Nice, Sept. 7, 1939. (talks about war and Japanese in the west).
 - h. Mrs. C. F. Derstine, Kitchener, to G. Nice, Dec. 3, 1939, (talks about Clayton's pneumonia)
- Folder 6. a. Daniel Kauffman & wife, LaJunta, Colo., to G. Nice, July 9, 1941, (states that Daniel is in the hospital).
- b. Mrs. J. D. Mininger, Goshen, to G. Nice, Aug. 1, 1941.
 - c. Mrs. J. D. Mininger, Goshen, to G. Nice, Jan. 2, 1942.
 - d. C. F. Derstine, Kitchener, to G. Nice, Jan. 17, 1942.
 - e. Daniel & Mary Kauffman, Scottsdale, to G. Nice, Dec. 23, 1942.
 - f. Mrs. J. D. Mininger, Goshen, to G. Nice, Dec. 23, 1942.
 - g. Mary & Oscar Burkholder, Breslau, Ont., to G. Nice, Dec. 21, 1942, (this card was found in the Mininger letter).

Folder 7

Post cards from the Garret & Jane Nice collection

- 1903 Apr 27, Sister Emma to Mrs Henry C. Delp.
- 1907 May 30, Mrs A. H. Hershey, Manheim, Pa. to Mrs Henry C. Delp.
- 1916 Oct 10, Katie to Mrs Jennie F. Nice, Harleysville.
- 1916 Dec 17, S. F. Martin, Waynesboro, Va. to Jane Nice, Harleysville.
- 1919 Sept 25, Mrs Norman Miller, Elk Lick, Pa. to Jane Nice.
- 1919 Oct 31, Ella Fry, Rumilla, Pa. to Mrs Henry Delp.
- 1920 Jan 30, C. F. Derstine to Mrs Kate K. Delp, Harleysville.
- 1920 June 9, Savill Martin, Waynesboro, Va. to Jane Nice.
- 1921 Dec 22, Mrs Samuel W Martin to Mrs. Jane Nice.
- 1921 Dec 22, Mrs Samuel W Martin to Grandma Delp, Harleysville.
- 1922 Apr 22, Mrs C. F. Derstine to Mrs Garrett Nice.
- 1923 Aug 31, Edna to Mrs Kate Delp (grandma).
- 1923 Sept 11, Edna to Mrs Kate Delp.
- 1924 Aug 13, Mahlon B. Derstine, West Liberty, Iowa to Garret Nice.
- 1924 Oct 4, C. F. Derstine to Garret Nice. (at J. D. Mininger's)
- 1925 Jan 2, C. F. D., West Liberty, Ohio to Garrett Nice.
- 1925 Feb 25, A. O. Histan to Garrett Nyce. (Nice)
- 1925 Feb 28, C. F. D., Buffalo, N.Y. to Garrett B. Nice.
- 1925 Apr 1, C. F. D., Chicago, Ill. to Garrett Nice.
- 1925 Apr 6, Reuben B. Moll, Honolulu to Garrett S. Nice.
- 1925 Aug 27, Edna, Watkins, N. Y. to Mrs Kate Delp.
- 1925 Dec 22, Zoll, Larrymore Hotel to Garrett Nice.
- 1926 Apr 8, C. F. Derstine, Niagara Falls to G. S. Nice.
- 1927 Apr 18, J. S. N., Hamilton, Ont. to G. S. Nice.
- 1927 Aug 26, J. D. Mininger, Pittsburgh to Garret S. Nice.
- 1927 _____ 7, _____, Bothweil, Ont. to G. S. Nice.
- 1928 Feb 6, J. D. Mininger, Lima, Ohio to Garret Nice.
- 1928 May 5, J. D. Mininger, F. Wayne, Ind. to G. S. Nice.
- 1928 May 5, J. D. Mininger, Ft. Wayne, Ind. to G. S. Nice.
- 1928 Nov 7, J. D. Mininger, Kansas City to Garret Nice & family.
- 1928 _____ 12, Clayton & Mary to Mr and Mrs G. S. Nice.
- 1929 Mar 30, C. F. Derstine, Niagara Falls to G. S. Nice.
(conducting the Goshen College chorus through Canada)
- 1929 May 18, Sister Katie, New Haven, Conn. to Jane Nice.
- 1929 Aug 21, C. F. Derstine to G. S. Nice.
- 1929 Aug 21, From sister at Ocean Grove to Jane F. Nice.
- 1929 Sept 11, J. D. Mininger, Manitou, Colo to G. S. Nice.
- 1929 Sept 13, Laura and John, Atlantic City to Mrs Kate Delp.

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- 1929 Nov 20, C. F. D, Canton, Ohio to G. S. Nice.
 1929 Dec 13, C. F. Derstine to G. S. Nice.
 1929 Dec 20, Mrs Samuel W. Martin, Hagerstown, Md. to Mrs G.S. Nice.
- 1930 Jan 23, J. D. Mininger, Kansas City to G. S. Nice.
 1930 Feb 9, Mr & Mrs Harry Wager(?), Daytona Beach to G. S. Nice.
 1930 Apr 7, J. D. Mininger, Hutchinson, Ks. to G. S. Nice.
 1930 Apr 20, C. F. Derstine, Colorado Springs to G. S. Nice.
 1930 Apr 15, J. D. Mininger, Kansas City to G. S. Nice.
 1930 Jun 9, J. D. Mininger, Jefferson City, Mo. to G. S. Nice.
 1930 Aug 7, C. F. D. to G. S. Nice.
 1930 Aug 1, Sisiter Mininger and family to G. Nice.
 1930 Oct 9, Anna G. Jennings, Concord, Tenn. to Mrs G. S. Nice.
 1930 Oct 21, C. F. D. to G. Nice.
- 1931 Feb 12, J. D. Mininger to G. Nice.
 1931 Mar 17, J. C. C.(J. C. Clemens?) to G. Nice from Scottsdale.
 1931 Apr 7, C. F. Derstine to G. Nice.
 1931 May 6, C. F. D., Richmond, Va. to G. Nice.
 1931 Jul 31, J. D. Mininger to G. S. Nice.
 1931 Aug 24, G. S. Nice, Archbold, Ohio to G. S. Nice Harleysville.
 (General Conference?)
- 1931 Sept 1, J. D. Minger to G. Nice.
 1931 Oct 22, J. D. Mininger to G. Nice.
- 1932 Feb 2, J. D. Mininger, Harrisonburg, Va to G. Nice.
 1932 Feb 29, J. D. Mininger, Freeport, Ill. to G. Nice.
 1932 Feb 24, J. D. Mininger, Middlebury, In. to G. Nice.
 1932 Jul 7, C. F. Derstine, Chicago to G. Nice.
 1932 May 7, J. D. Mininger, K.C. to G. Nice.
 1932 Oct 12, C. F. Derstine, Hesston, Ks. to G. Nice.
 (picture of Hesston College)
- 1932 Dec 5, J. D. Mininger, Woosetr, Oh. to G. Nice.
 1932 Dec 12, J. D. Mininger, Chicago to G. Nice.
- 1933 Jan 1, J. D. Mininger, Hesston, Ks. to G. Nice.
 1933 Feb 5, Reuben B. Moll, Lon Beach, Calf. to G. Nice.
 1933 Aug 3, G. S. Nice, Idaho Falls to G. S. Nice.
 1933 Aug 22, G. S. Nice, Hesston, Ks. to Curtis N. Clemmer, Harleysville.
 (picture of Hesston College)
- 1933 Aug 22, G. S. Nice, Hesston to Jane Nice.
 1933 Sept 7, G. S. Nice, Los Angeles to G. S. Nice.
 1933 Sept 9, John & Elizabeth Nice to G. Nice.
 1933 Nov 13, J. D. Mininger to G. Nice.
 1933 Dec 18, Mr & Mrs M. C. Brackbill to G. Nice.
 1933 Dec 26, Mr & Mrs D. H. Horst, Hagerstown to G. Nice.
 1933 Dec ?, Mrs Samuel W. Martin, Hagerstown to Mrs G. S. Nice.
 1933 ? ?, G. S. Nice to G. S. Nice. (may have been his trip west in
 August and September)

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- 1934 Feb 10, Allen M. Nyce Eastern Menno College to G. S. Nice.
 1934 Aug 3, C. F. Derstine, Iowa City to G. S. Nice.
 1934 Jun 12, J. D. Mininger, Harrisonburg, Va. to G. S. Nice.
 1934 Oct 16, J. D. Mininger, Greensburg, Ks. to G. S. Nice.
- 1935 Jul 22, J. D. Mininger, Cincinnati to G. Nice.
 1935 Jul 23, C. F. D. to G. S. Nice.
 1935 Aug 24, G. S. Nice, Vermont to Jane Nice.
 1935 Aug 26, G. S. Nice, Niagara Falls to Jane Nice.
- 1936 Feb 29, John C. Clemens, Fla. to G. S. Nice.
 1936 Mar 30, C. F. Derstine to G. S. Nice.
 1936 Apr 25, J. D. Mininger, K.C. to G. Nice. (states that Cora Miller died
 1936 Aug 17, J. D. Mininger, Chicago to G. S. Nice.
 1936 Sept 8, C. F. Derstine, Kauffman's Church Johnstown to G. Nice.
 1936 Sept 23, J. D. Mininger to G. Nice.
 1936 Dec 16, G. S. Nice, out west to Jane Nice.
 1936 Dec 17, G. S. Nice to Jane Nice.
 1936 Dec 17, G. S. Nice to Jane Nice.
- 1937 Jan 9, C. F. Derstine, Dearborn, Mich. to G.S. Nice.
 1937 Feb 1, J. D. Mininger Hesston to G. Nice.
 1937 May 11, C. F. Derstine to G. Nice, states he has an ulcer.
 1937 May 31, C. F. Derstine to G. Nice, "sat in a rocker at Conference."
 1937 May 17, J. D. Mininger to G. Nice, "visited C. F."
 1937 Jun 2, C. F. D. to G. Nice, "feel better, J. D. is good to me."
 1937 Jun 6, C. F. Derstine to G. Nice.
 1937 Jun 15, E. B. M. West Liberty, Ohio to G. Nice.
 1937 Oct 23, Mary Derstine to Mrs G. S. Nice.
 1937 ___ __, C. F. D. to G. Nice.
- 1938 Feb 16, G. S. Nice to G. Nice.
 1938 Feb 18, John C. Clemens to G. Nice.
 1938 Apr 4, J. D. Mininger to G. Nice.
 1938 May 17, C. F. D. to G. Nice & wife.
 1938 Jun 13, G. S. Nice, Chicago to Jane Nice.
 1938 July 25, J. S. N.(?) to G. Nice.
 1938 Dec 23, Daniel & Mary Kauffman to G. Nice.
 1938 ? 1, J. S. Nice(John is Garret's brother) to G. Nice.
- 1939 Jan 2, A. Lloyd Swartzendruber K.C. to G. Nice.
 1939 Feb 14, J. S. N. to G. Nice.
 1939 Jun 20, Emma Landis to G. Nice.
 1939 Jul 8, C. F. D. to G. Nice.
 1939 Jul 25, John C. Clemens to G. Nice.
 1939 Aug 10, G. S. Nice, Scottdale to Jane Nice.
 1939 Aug 17, G. S. Nice, Minot N. Dak. to G.S. Nice.
 1939 Aug 30, C. F. Derstine to G. Nice.
 1939 Oct 17, Howard ? to G. S. Nice.

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1940 Jan 18, Emma Landis to Mr and Mrs G. S. Nice.
 1940 Aug 13, Elmer B. Moyer to G. Nice.
 1940 Sept 5, unsigned to G. Nice.

1942 Oct 21, Curtis, Harrisonburg to G. Nice.
 1942 Nov 15, Curtis, Harrisonburg to G. Nice.

1943 Jun 1, Anna G. Jennings, c/o Jacob Z. Rittenhouse Lansdale to G. Nice.
 1943 Dec 8, Wm & Anna Jennings, Knoxville, Tenn. to G. Nice.

Date is unclear

From Katie to Jennie F. Nice.
 Lina Ressler, Scottdale to friends.
 G. Nice to wife & family.
 G. Nice to family.
 J. D. Mininger to G. S. Nice.
 C. F. Derstine to G. S. Nice.
 Martin family picture while working in the orchard.

Folder 8

Post cards from the Garret & Jane Nice collection without correspondence.

1. Mennonite Publishing House
2. Harlesville Public School, Lower Salford Elementary
3. King Street, St. Jacobs, Ont.
4. C. N. R. Bridge, St. Jacobs, Ont.
5. Home for Orphan Children, Neffsville, Pa.
6. Brethern Home, Neffsville, Pa.
7. Birdseye view, looking Southeast, Archbold, Ohio.
8. Mennonite Chidrens Home, Lancaster, Pa.
9. Brethren Home, Neffsville, Pa.
10. Grand View Hospital, Sellersville, Pa.
11. Mennonite Church, Souderton, Pa.
12. Mennonite Home, Souderton, Pa.
13. Mennonite Home, Souderton, Pa.
14. A farm family standing in front of their home, it appears to be the mid west.
15. Mennonite Printing House, Scottdale, Pa.
16. Post card with an unknown Mennonite couple pictured.

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17. Hesston College

18. Hesston College

19. Hesston College

20. to 31. General travel post cards.

Folder 9

Greeting cards from Garret & Jane Nice.

1. Unknown Mennonite couple on a motor bike.

2. Mennonite Gospel Mission, Portland, Oregon.

3. Greetings from Grand View Hospital.

4. Christmas greetings from Mary and Oscar Burkholder, Kitchener, Canada.

Folder 10

Pictures from the Garret & Jane Nice collection.

1. Clayton F. Derstine family. (Clayton Jr. is missing)

2. Mr & Mrs Clayton F. Derstine.

3. Clayton Jr., Yvonne, & Grace Derstine. (children of C. F. Derstine)

4. Oscar Burkholder family

5. General Conference building, Turner, Org.

6. Red Wood tree with four Mennonite people beside it (J. C. Clemens?)

7. Picture of house and written "Mortgage \$1550.00."

8. Picture of four Mennonite couples, C.F. Derstine, G.S. Nice ?

9. Picture of an unknown child.

Folder 11

Post cards from mission work in India (From Mahlon C. & George J. Lapp, missionaries)

1. to 17. these cards do not have any correspondence but are labeled.

18. A post card from H. S. Bender to Garrett S. Nice from Moscow Aug 11, 1929

Folder 12 Sixth annual report of the Harleysville branch of the needlework guild of America, 1932.

Test your knowledge of the Bible, know your Bible, Mennonite Publishing House advertisement.

Looking toward Eastern Mennonite College, published by EMC

Grand View Hospital community donations for their 1935 drive.

Krasley, J. W. The way of salvation. Allentown, Pa.: J.W. Krasley,
no date.

Evans, William. Looking beyond. Chicago: The Bible Institute Colportage
Ass'n, 1932.

Ressler, J. A. The Beatitudes. Scottdale, Pa.: Mennonite Publishing
House, 1936.

Miscellaneous tracts

1 to 13

Kauffman, Daniel. Bible teachings. Scottdale, Pa.: Menno Publishing House
no. 142, no date.

Mininger, J. D. Our blessed dead. no date or place of publication.

Seven packs of the "Popular Bible Memory Helpers by Amos R. Wells.

Report of the Mission Board of the Franconia Conference, 1935-1936

Announcement for Mennonite Mission Gospel Meetings Sunday afternoons

Announcement for Commencement Lansdale conservatory of music, 1938.

Programme of the Franconia Menno Board of Missions, April 30, 1929.

Programme for the Prairie St. Menno Church Elkhart, In. Dec. 5, 1926.

Folder 13

Newspaper clippings

"North Penn tourists back from convention," Aug 12, 1937.

"Bishop's daughter bride." C. F. Derstine's girl Esther is wed.

Folder 14

Garret S. Nice's market book and Mission board expenses, 1907-1921.
The front of this book records the purchase of butter, eggs etc.
for the market business at 3rd and Norris Philadelphia. The
book also contains the Harleysville General Store records.