

Ernest M. Delp Collection

Mennonite Heritage Center, Harleysville, Pa.

Hist. Mss. 1-379 and 3-75

Hist. Mss. 3-75 - Ernest M. Delp Photograph Collection.

Hist. Mss. 1-379 - Ernest M. & Helen Ritter Delp Collection.

This collection (not necessarily complete) was assembled by Ernest M. Delp (1911-1998) and Helen Ritter Delp (d.1911), Harleysville, PA, throughout their married life. "Ernie" was the son of Salford Mennonite farmer Warren N. Delp (1885-1968) and Fannie Overdorf Moyer Delp (1889-1916) of Harleysville; attended public school in Harleysville, and later worked for Alvin C. Alderfer in the young Harleysville Mutual Insurance Company, where he worked most of his career life and rose through the company ranks. Ernie married in 1931? Helen Irene Ritter (b.1911), daughter of barber John R. Ritter (1873-1922) and Sallie F. Binder Ritter (1877-1947) of Harleysville and Lutherans. Helen was mostly descended from mid-19th century German Lutheran or Reformed immigrants who settled in Harleysville, including potter Frederick Ritter and clothing manufacturer John W. Binder. Ernie Delp never joined the Salford Mennonite Congregation but became a member of the Eden (New) Mennonite Church and later one of the founders of the Indian Valley Mennonite Church in Harleysville in 1963. He was also a director of the Harleysville National Bank for many years.

Inventory:

(3-75)

1. Warren N. Delp Family Photographs
2. Ritter-Keeler-Binder Family Photos, Harleysville.
3. Ernest M. & Helen Delp Photos.
4. Mostly Harleysville & Lower Salford buildings and street scenes.

(1-379):

1. Warren N. Delp School Rewards & Souvenirs, 1891-1901.
2. Warren N. Delp School Papers, 1890s.
3. Warren N. Delp Misc. Books and Papers.
4. Warren N. Delp Personal & Farming Record Books, 1900-1909.
5. Warren N. Delp Account Book, 1910-15.
6. Alvin F. Delp Estate Papers, 1923. (his widow Mamie remarried Warren Delp)
7. Overdorf-Moyer Family Documents, 1826-1871. (birth & marriage certificates; family register). Two larger taufscheins in folder in Flat File.
8. Ritter-Keeler Family Documents, Harleysville, PA.
9. Deeds to Ezekial H. Moyer-Joseph S. Delp Farm, Harleysville, PA. Later owned by Ernest Delp and friend & colleague Arthur A. Alderfer.