

# Finding Aid Report

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## Harold & Mary Landis Fly Papers

Harold Stanley Fly (1921-1997) was a pastor, evangelist, storyteller and tour leader. Mary Emma Landis Fly (1920-1985) was the mother of three children, a mission worker, pastor's wife and mentor.

In 1947 Harold was ordained deacon at Finland Mennonite Church, and in 1953 ordained to be minister at Steel City Mennonite Church. In the 1950s he and Mary lived at the Mission of Mercy, Harleysville (a recovery center for male alcoholics) where they were pastoral supervisors. He ministered at Towamencin Mennonite Church, Kulpsville, Pennsylvania 1961-1974 and 1976-1988. He was a traveling evangelist in the United States and Canada. His files contain significant material related to Northern Light Gospel Mission, a Mennonite mission to Native people that flourished for 40 years in northern Minnesota and then branched out into northwestern Ontario in the Red Lake area.

### Container List

Location	Container	Folder	Title
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 01	Folder 01	<b>Personal papers, 1938-1996</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 01	Folder 03	<b>Articles, poems written by Harold Fly</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 01	Folder 04	<b>Programs in which Harold Fly participated, 1949-1988</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 01	Folder 05	<b>Weddings, etc.</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 01	Folder 06	<b>Towamencin Mennonite Church, 1959-1992</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 01	Folder 07	<b>Miscellaneous</b> <i>Includes family papers, Sunday School memorabilia, newspaper clippings, and an amateur oil painting by a Pennypacker descendant of a town in Normandy, France.</i>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 01	Folder 02	<b>Sellersville-Perkasie High School publication: "Salt and Pepper", graduation 1939</b> <i>Harold Fly was part of this graduating class.</i>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 01	Folder 08	<b>John Gross funeral announcement, Plumstead Twp, 1864</b> <i>Manuscript listing households in Plumstead Township and the announcement: "Funeral of Rev. John Gross to take place friday 9 Oclock." An original wording of the announcement as "Funeral to take place of John Gross friday 9 Oclock" was struck out and replaced. This list would have been used by a "Leichtsaeger" [funeral announcer], probably a member of the Gross family, who was assigned to circulate through Plumstead Township and announce the funeral at specific homes. Other lists would have been generated for nearby townships.</i>  <i>Harold and Mary Fly were both descendants of preacher John Gross (1786-1864)--Harold through son Joseph Gross and Mary through daughter Anna Gross Godshalk.</i>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 01	Folder 09	<b>Catalog of "African Trophies" to be sold for missionary support, 1942</b> <i>Two page catalog of "Public Sale of African Trophies brought personally from Tanganyika Territory, East Africa..." to be sold Wednesday, July 22nd, 1942 at the</i>

home of John K. Ferster, Evendale, Juniata County, Pa.; "Devotional Exercises in charge of Bro. Martin Kraybill, Elizabethtown, Pa. This sale shall be conducted in a Christian way and shall be held in the interest of the Mennonite Mission in Africa (from whence we are missionaries on furlough)..."; signed C. M. Ferster [Clinton M. Ferster], Titus Horst, auctioneer, Martin Kraybill, Norman Kraybill, Ira D. Landis, E. S. Ferster, clerks.

Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 01	Folder 10	<b>Mary - letters to Harold, 1940-1980</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 01	Folder 11	<b>Harold - letters to Mary, 1947-1981</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 02	Loose in box	<b>Diaries</b> <i>Mary: 1938; Harold: 1939-1940, 1948, 1952, 1954, 1967-1971, 1975-1976</i>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 02	Folder 01	<b>Photos - mostly relatives</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 02	Folder 02	<b>Richard Metzger passport, 1852</b> <i>Passport and family register of Harold's maternal ancestor Reichard (Richard) Metzger, who left Böblingen, Württemberg in 1852 for America.</i>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 03	Folder 01	<b>Maurice L. Fly - letters to parents, 1951-1984</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 03	Folder 02-03	<b>Carolyn J. Fly Schantz - letters to parents, 1951-1992</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 03	Folder 04	<b>J. Mark Fly - letters to parents, 1958-1976</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 03	Folder 05	<b>Letters from grandchildren, 1983-1993</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 03	Folder 06	<b>Letters from uncle Henry Fly and wives, 1955-1966</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 03	Folder 07	<b>Letters from Landis-Histand cousins, 1930-1967</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 03	Folder 08	<b>Postcards received by Sam &amp; Annie Landis (Mary Fly's parents)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 03	Folder 09	<b>Milton O. Landis letters and papers (Mary Fly's uncle)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 03	Folder 10	<b>Letters received by Mary Landis Fly, 1935-1978</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 04 (Correspondence)	Folder 01	<b>Addis, Edith - Wallingford, England - 1979-1985 (15 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 04 (Correspondence)	Folder 02	<b>Blosser, Glendon L. - Harrisonburg, VA - 1956-1976 (5 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 04 (Correspondence)	Folder 03	<b>Bontrager, Ernest &amp; Ida - Alberta/Oregon/Ohio - 1953-1970 (9 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 04 (Correspondence)	Folder 04	<b>Brubaker, Dean M. - Shipshewana, IN - 1966-1970 (7 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 04 (Correspondence)	Folder 05	<b>Brunk, George R. - Harrisonburg, VA - 1983-1989 (12 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 04 (Correspondence)	Folder 06	<b>Burkholder, David &amp; Elva - Ontario - 1954-1991 (10 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 04 (Correspondence)	Folder 07	<b>Carpenter, Sidney &amp; Lena - Pensacola, FL - 1966-1971 (5 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 04 (Correspondence)	Folder 08	<b>Chung, Hong Kwon - Philadelphia, PA - 1978-1982 (9 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 04 (Correspondence)	Folder 09	<b>Clemmer, Joe &amp; Edith - Harleysville, PA - 1972-1981 (6 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 04 (Correspondence)	Folder 10	<b>Crider, Barbara Showalter - Singers Glen, VA - 1970-1977 (6 letters)</b>

Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 04 (Correspondence)	Folder 11	<b>Davies, Joan &amp; Vernon - Raglan, Wales - 1978-1992 (50 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 04 (Correspondence)	Folder 12	<b>Davies, Philip A. - Wales/England - 1978-1985 (13 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 04 (Correspondence)	Folder 13	<b>Derstine, Gerald G. - Minnesota/Florida - 1950-1978 (8 letters)</b> <i>Includes a partial copy of Harold Fly's accusations against Gerald in the early years of Gospel Crusade, Inc., and Gerald's lengthy response. A letter of invitation from Gerald to Harold in 1978 suggests that the two ministers reconciled to some extent. See also letters from Orië Schrock and Llewellyn Groff that describe the Strawberry Lake revival.</i>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 04 (Correspondence)	Folder 14	<b>Detweiler, Walter D. - Kitchener, ON - 1955-1956 (5 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 04 (Correspondence)	Folder 15	<b>Driver, Lewis &amp; Ellen - Harrisonburg, VA - 1966-1967 (6 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 04 (Correspondence)	Folder 16	<b>Elsesser, James J. - Graterford Prison - 1953-1954 (7 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 04 (Correspondence)	Folder 17	<b>Fiero, Chuck &amp; Hulda - Cass Lake, MN - 1971-1980 (7 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 04 (Correspondence)	Folder 18	<b>Fisher, Ralph &amp; Esther - Virginia/Haiti - 1953-1959 (14 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 04 (Correspondence)	Folder 19	<b>Fly, Harvey K. - Doylestown, PA - 1966-1970 (7 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 04 (Correspondence)	Folder 20-22	<b>Frey, Alvin &amp; Lydian - Ontario/Manitoba - 1959-1989 (147 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 04 (Correspondence)	Folder 23	<b>Friesen, Henry &amp; Elizabeth - Arborg, MB - 1974-1979 (9 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 04 (Correspondence)	Folder 24	<b>Funk, Ken - Red Lake, ON - 1987-1990 (5 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 04 (Correspondence)	Folder 25	<b>Gerber, John (family) - Fort Frances, ON - 1968-1993 (48 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 04 (Correspondence)	Folder 26	<b>Gingerich, Aaron &amp; Sarah - Zurich, ON - 1977-1979 (5 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 04 (Correspondence)	Folder 27	<b>Good, Paul S. - Durbin, WV - 1957-1967 (5 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 04 (Correspondence)	Folder 28	<b>Grove, Paul H. - Ontario - 1956-1980 (16 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 05 (Correspondence)	Folder 01	<b>Halteman, Ralph &amp; Tillie - Ontario - 1955-1993 (10 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 05 (Correspondence)	Folder 02	<b>Hatter, Frank &amp; Lottie - Lyndhurst, VA - 1963-1976 (10 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 05 (Correspondence)	Folder 03	<b>Hege, Noah &amp; Ella - Littlefork, MN - 1973-1981 (17 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 05 (Correspondence)	Folder 04	<b>Hoffer, Gerald &amp; Laura - Minnesota/Montana - 1951-1967 (20 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 05 (Correspondence)	Folder 05	<b>Horst, Mahlon M. - Kentucky/Virginia - 1953-1977 (9 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 05 (Correspondence)	Folder 06	<b>Hostetler, Henry &amp; Mary Jane - Red Lake, ON - 1973-1987 (8 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 05 (Correspondence)	Folder 07	<b>Kauffman, Bob &amp; Donna - Dryden, ON - 1976-1982 (7 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 05 (Correspondence)	Folder 08	<b>Knox, Marion &amp; Doris - Lebanon, OR - 1976-1980 (14 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 05 (Correspondence)	Folder 09	<b>Kropf, Elmer &amp; Orpha - Oregon/BC/Alberta - 1960-1980 (13 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 05 (Correspondence)	Folder 10	<b>Laidlaw, Kenneth -Thornhill, Scotland - 1974-1981 (14 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 05 (Correspondence)	Folder 11	<b>Landes, Mark &amp; Eva - Cass Lake, MN - 1951-1981 (32 letters)</b>

Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 05 (Correspondence)	Folder 12	<b>Lapp, Alvin - Red Lake, ON - 1984-1992 (5 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 05 (Correspondence)	Folder 13	<b>Lee, Joonghacg - South Korea - 1977-1980 (7 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 05 (Correspondence)	Folder 14	<b>Matteson, Allen L. - Graterford Prison - 1977-1978 (6 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 05 (Correspondence)	Folder 15	<b>Martin, Albert - Zurich, ON - 1955-1965 (5 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 05 (Correspondence)	Folder 16	<b>Martin, Wayne &amp; Naomi - Ontario - 1967-1984 (20 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 05 (Correspondence)	Folder 17	<b>Meekis, Sarah - Poplar Hill, ON - 1967-1983 (11 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 05 (Correspondence)	Folder 18	<b>Miller, Abram &amp; Olive - Estacada, OR - 1955-1987 (6 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 05 (Correspondence)	Folder 19	<b>Miller, Joe &amp; Lottie - Oregon/Arizona - 1967-1981 (42 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 05 (Correspondence)	Folder 20	<b>Miller, Joe - Seymour, MO - 1974-1989 (5 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 05 (Correspondence)	Folder 21	<b>Montour, Millicent - Manitoba/South Dakota - 1970-1987 (13 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 05 (Correspondence)	Folder 22	<b>Moyer, Norman W. - Middleburg, PA - 1970-1980 (5 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 05 (Correspondence)	Folder 23	<b>Moyer, Willard &amp; Beverly - Minnesota/Ontario - 1953-1980 (38 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 05 (Correspondence)	Folder 24	<b>Nissley, Eli &amp; Mary - Plain City, OH - 1947-1976 (16 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 05 (Correspondence)	Folder 25	<b>Nissley, Jay &amp; Frances - Lancaster, PA - 1971-1981 (5 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 05 (Correspondence)	Folder 26	<b>Ramer, Sidney &amp; Viola - Zurich, ON - 1976-1990 (13 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 05 (Correspondence)	Folder 27	<b>Reitz, Herman R. - Harrisonburg, VA - 1959-1984 (16 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 06 (Correspondence)	Folder 01-04	<b>Schantz, Irwin &amp; Susan - Red Lake, ON - 1952-1986 (241 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 06 (Correspondence)	Folder 05	<b>Schantz, Merle A. - Red Lake, ON - 1983-1992 (9 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 06 (Correspondence)	Folder 06	<b>Schnupp, Clair &amp; Clara - Dryden, ON - 1966-1979 (58 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 06 (Correspondence)	Folder 07	<b>Schrock, Alta E. - Grantsville, MD - 1964-1966 (6 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 06 (Correspondence)	Folder 08	<b>Schrock, Orie &amp; Ruth - Ogema, MN - 1952-1955 (11 letters)</b> <i>Includes a detailed negative description of the charismatic revival at Strawberry Lake Mennonite Church in 1955. Compare with letters from Gerald Derstine and Llewellyn Groff.</i>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 06 (Correspondence)	Folder 09	<b>Schwartz, Joe (family) - Jackson, OH - 1976-1990 (17 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 06 (Correspondence)	Folder 10	<b>Seitz, Kenneth - Virginia/WV/Mexico/PA - 1951-1980 (9 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 06 (Correspondence)	Folder 11	<b>Sheats, LeRoy and Reta - Florida - 1954-1967 (9 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 06 (Correspondence)	Folder 12	<b>Shenk, Michael &amp; Peggy - Sarasota, FL - 1965-1969 (10 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 06 (Correspondence)	Folder 13	<b>Showalter, Don &amp; Marilyn - Ontario - 1970-1992 (9 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 06 (Correspondence)	Folder 14	<b>Snyder, Oscar M. - Elmira, ON - 1950-1967 (8 letters)</b>

Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 06 (Correspondence)	Folder 15	<b>Speicher, John &amp; Salome - McClure, PA - 1970-1983 (11 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 06 (Correspondence)	Folder 16	<b>Speigle, Don - Virginia/Pennsylvania - 1954-1955 (14 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 06 (Correspondence)	Folder 17	<b>Springer, John &amp; Margie - Nebraska/Oregon - 1965-1983 (21 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 06 (Correspondence)	Folder 18	<b>Springer, Randy &amp; Donna - Lebanon, OR - 1971-1975 (6 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 06 (Correspondence)	Folder 19	<b>Steiner, Marvin B. - Dalton, OH - 1967 (5 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 06 (Correspondence)	Folder 20	<b>Stoltzfus, Johnny &amp; Lilly - Ontario - 1954-1969</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 06 (Correspondence)	Folder 21	<b>Thomas, John &amp; Florence - Lancaster, PA - 1962-1993 (9 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 06 (Correspondence)	Folder 22	<b>Troyer, Milton - Milford, NE - 1964-1971 (6 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 06 (Correspondence)	Folder 23	<b>Wesselhoeft, Carl &amp; Leota - Logan, OH - 1955-1980 (5 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 06 (Correspondence)	Folder 24	<b>Yoder, Harold K. - Brattleboro, VT - 1953-1955 (6 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 06 (Correspondence)	Folder 25	<b>Yoder, Sadie - Red Lake, ON - 1954-1970 (5 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 06 (Correspondence)	Folder 26	<b>Zeager, Tom &amp; Helen - Elizabethtown, PA - 1970-1978 (9 letters)</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 07-08 (Correspondence)		<b>Combined correspondence A-Z</b> <i>See full inventory: &lt;a href="http://www.mhep.org/files/inventories/HM059HaroldFlycombinedcorrespondence.pdf"&gt;Click Here&lt;/a&gt;</i>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 09 (Northern Light Gospel)	Folder 01-04	<b>Newsletters, 1954-1993</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 09 (Northern Light Gospel)	Folder 05	<b>Calendars, 1975-1992</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 10 (Northern Light Gospel)	Folder 09-10	<b>Photos</b> <i>199 slides showing activities of Northern Light Gospel Missions, with identifications on two enclosed manuscripts; also, one photo print--a small snapshot of some of the earliest workers of the mission, taken by Harold Fly at Poplar Hill in 1953.</i>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 10 (Northern Light Gospel)	Folder 01	<b>Administrative Council, 1989-1990</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 10 (Northern Light Gospel)	Folder 02	<b>Local Committee (Eastern PA), 1966-1992</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 10 (Northern Light Gospel)	Folder 03-04	<b>Canning food for NLGM, 1966-1983</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 10 (Northern Light Gospel)	Folder 05	<b>Summer programs, 1967</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 10 (Northern Light Gospel)	Folder 06	<b>Cree Indians</b> <i>A book of Cree hymns and choruses is loose in the box.</i>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 10 (Northern Light Gospel)	Folder 07	<b>Eskimos</b>
Hist. Mss. 59 (Fly)	Box 10 (Northern Light Gospel)	Folder 08	<b>Miscellaneous</b>