

## Finding Aid Report

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# Abraham & Jennie Heckler Mensch Papers

Abraham Bechtel Mensch (1963-1934) was a public school teacher, later had an orchard on Mensch Rd. in Skippack Township, was a Sunday School leader at the Skippack Mennonite Meetinghouse and was involved in missions, having started a church in Limerick for which he was excommunicated from the Franconia Conference.

Jennie Heckler Mensch (1873-1960) was raised as a Schwenkfelder. Her Mennonite father died when she was a child. Includes teaching material and books from the years Abraham taught in public schools in the Skippack area.

Includes information about Jennie's mother, Schkwenkfelder Mary Dresher Heckler Seipt, and her step father, Anthony Seipt.

## Container List

Location	Container	Folder	Title
Hist. Mss. 082 (Mensch)	Box 01	Folder 01-02	<b>Abraham letters to parents 1877-1901</b>
Hist. Mss. 082 (Mensch)	Box 01	Folder 03	<b>Misc. letters</b>
Hist. Mss. 082 (Mensch)	Box 01	Folder 04	<b>Abraham - his education</b> <i>Elementary school; West Chester Normal School, 1890</i>
Hist. Mss. 082 (Mensch)	Box 01	Folder 05	<b>Marriage/wills &amp; death related</b>
Hist. Mss. 082 (Mensch)	Box 01	Folder 06	<b>Louise Mensch (Mattson) Showalter (1911-1992)</b> <i>Adopted daughter</i>
Hist. Mss. 082 (Mensch)	Box 01	Folder 07	<b>Trips to Canada, Colorado and Kansas, 1919-1920</b>
Hist. Mss. 082 (Mensch)	Box 01	Folder 08	<b>Church and mission related</b> <i>Includes letter from John F. Funk, March 11, 1927.</i>
Hist. Mss. 082 (Mensch)	Box 01	Folder 09	<b>Misc.</b>
Hist. Mss. 082 (Mensch)	Box 01	Folder 10	<b>Photographs</b>
Hist. Mss. 082 (Mensch)	Box 02	Folder 01	<b>Mary Dresher Heckler Seipt , d. 1925</b>
Hist. Mss. 082 (Mensch)	Box 02	Folder 02	<b>Mary Dresher Heckler Seipt , step children, Emma Wolf &amp; Manilius Seipt</b>
Hist. Mss. 082 (Mensch)	Box 02	Folder 03	<b>Mary Dresher Heckler Seipt , letters from step-children</b>
Hist. Mss. 082 (Mensch)	Box 02	Folder 04	<b>Mary Dresher Heckler Seipt , letters re money loaned to step-children</b>
Hist. Mss. 082 (Mensch)	Box 02	Folder 05	<b>Jennie's sister, Joanna &amp; Jeremiah Kriebel</b> <i>Photographs and memorabilia</i>

Hist. Mss. 082 (Mensch)	Box 02	Folder 06	<p><b>Letters</b></p> <p><i>Letters from Jacob Wile, Mary Wile Boyer, Catharine Wile Dresher,.</i></p>
Hist. Mss. 082 (Mensch)	Box 02	Loose in Box	<p><b>Photo Album</b></p> <p><i>Photos from Dresher, Seipt, Heckler, Conver, Mensch families. Many subjects are identified.</i></p>
Hist. Mss. 082 (Mensch)	Box 03		<p><b>Related to Abraham's years of school teaching</b></p> <p><i>Includes small goblets that were given to students at Christmas, a peg board made by Abraham, various teaching aids and many books.</i></p> <p><i>This is an over-sized box which includes three over-sized objects not related to teaching: Mary Dresher Heckler's wedding certificate to Anthony Seipt, 1888; photo of West Chester Normal School student body; photo of a Schwenkfelder monument; and an Album of the Holy Bible supposedly presented to Abraham by Jennie before their marriage.</i></p>
Hist. Mss. 082 (Mensch)	Box 04		<p><b>Diaries of Abraham B. Mensch (1863-1934)</b></p> <p><i>1890 to 1899 with the exception of the year 1892. 1900 to 1918. 1934</i></p>
Hist. Mss. 082 (Mensch)	Box 05		<p><b>Books</b></p> <p><i>Includes books used when Abraham was a public school teacher. Books marked with Jennie's name. Genealogies: Stauffer and Bower families; Freed family 1923; Eisenberg-Jones family; Mensch family. History of Towamencin Township, 1897. Jennie's autograph book, 1887-1892. Small New Testament purchased by Grandmama Seipt for her granddaughter Mary Mensch at Asbury Park, Aug. 29, 1898.</i></p>