

# Finding Aid Report

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## Wilmer L. Reinford Papers

Wilmer L. Reinford (1916-2007) was a farmer at Creamery, Montgomery Co., Pennsylvania until a heart condition forced him to change careers in 1958, after which he was employed at the Farm Bureau feed and hardware store in Collegetown, Pa. He was a lifelong member of Upper Skippack Mennonite Church. An avid historian and genealogist, he helped to found the Eastern Pennsylvania Mennonite Library and Archives in 1967 and served for years as custodian/manager of the library. He presided over the Franconia Mennonite Historical Society and helped in shaping the Mennonite Heritage Center, Harleysville in his later years. His collection includes: personal and family papers (incl. farm records); correspondence (incl. genealogical correspondence); organizational involvement, project files, and collected historical material; photographs; clippings; and rare books.

Finding aid: <http://www.mhep.org/files/inventories/HM469inventory.pdf>>Click Here</a>

### Container List

Location	Container	Folder	Title
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 01	Folder 01	<b>Personal papers, 1931-2011</b>
<b>Description</b>	<i>Includes memorial material for Wilmer and Margaret Reinford.</i>		
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 01	Folder 02-03	<b>School papers</b>
<b>Description</b>	<i>Includes grade school artwork of Margaret Kulp (Reinford), ca. 1930.</i>		
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 01	Folder 04-06	<b>Family history - Reinford/Frederick/Weand, 1838-1998</b>
<b>Description</b>	<i>Includes photos of Henry H. Reinford, David and Hannah Stauffer Weand; family Bible record for Franklin Frederick and Anna Weand (lettered by Martin Wetzler); marriage certificates for Franklin and Anna Frederick (1867) and David and Hannah Weand (1838); scrapbook compiled by Ella and Stella Reinford, circa 1950-1965 (oversized; loose on shelf).</i>		
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 01	Folder 07	<b>Family history - Landes/Tyson, 1910-1996</b>
<b>Description</b>	<i>Includes photos from the family of John T. and Mary Tyson Landes; photos of the former William S.-Isaac N. Tyson farm near Creamery, Montgomery Co., Pa., circa 1920.</i>		
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 01	Folder 08-10	<b>Family history - Kulp/Bean, 1873-1993</b>
<b>Description</b>	<i>Includes marriage certificate and family Bible record for Andrew and Margaret Campbell Bean (married 1873); photos and mementoes from the same family; autograph album of Mary Alice Bean (1888). See also family Bible of Isaac and Susanna Williams Kulp (married 1845) in box 4.</i>		
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 01	Folder 11	<b>Correspondence - Back, Robert G., columnist, 1986-1993</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 01	Folder 12	<b>Correspondence - Fly, Harold M., 1963-1984 (bulk, 1963-1967)</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 01	Folder 13	<b>Correspondence - Goetz, Virgil, 1978-1981</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 01	Folder 14	<b>Correspondence - Gottshalk, L. Kepner and Ruth, 1965-1997</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 01	Folder 15	<b>Correspondence - Gould, Helen Weaver, 1967-1982</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 01	Folder 16	<b>Correspondence - Grove, Paul H., 1965-1976</b>

Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 01	Folder 17	<b>Correspondence - Haller, C. R., 1975-1982</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 01	Folder 18	<b>Correspondence - Hassan, Hazel Nice, 1984-1990</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 01	Folder 19	<b>Correspondence - Jones, Lyle E., 1969-1971</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 01	Folder 20	<b>Correspondence - Joyner, Peggy Shomo, 1971-1981</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 01	Folder 21	<b>Correspondence - Kinzie, Lester, 1975-1993</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 01	Folder 22	<b>Correspondence - McGary, Joanne Miller, 1989-1996</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 01	Folder 23-24	<b>Correspondence - Osborne, W. Lester, 1964-1988</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 01	Folder 25	<b>Correspondence - Ross, Eunice, 1981-1988</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 01	Folder 26	<b>Correspondence - Smith, Elizabeth Zern, 1969-1971</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 01	Folder 27	<b>Correspondence - Stanley, Helen Alderfer, 1969-1999</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 01	Folder 28	<b>Correspondence - Sykora, Helen, 1984-1985</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 01	Folder 29	<b>Correspondence - Tyson, Genevieve Kerr, 1981-1993</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 01	Folder 30	<b>Correspondence - Weber, Eldon D., 1972</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 01	Folder 31	<b>Correspondence - Willison, Dorothy Buswell, 1992-1995</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 01	Folder 32	<b>Correspondence - Wright, Darlene Brewer, 1999</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 01	Folder 33-34	<b>Correspondence - Ziegler, Gertrude Mohlin, 1960-1995</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 01	Folder 35	<b>Correspondence - Zimmerman, Noah L., 1959-2003</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 01	Folder 36-39	<b>Combined correspondence (A-Z)</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 01	Folder 40-48	<b>Genealogical correspondence (A-Z)</b>

**Description** *Family names: Allebach, Bean, Bechtel, Bilger, Buckwalter, Butterweck, Cassel, Conner, Delp, Derstine, Detweiler, Fitzgerald, Frederick, Freed, Frey, Funk, Godshalk, Gouldsey, Graybill, Haas, Hallman, Halteman, Harley, Horning, Hunsicker, Johnson, Keyser, Kolb/Kulp/Culp, Krall, Landes/Landis, Leatherman, Markley, Mensch, Metzger, Moyer, Reiff, Rosenberger, Saylor, Schwenk, Smith, Souder, Strauss, Swartz, Tyson, Wyse, Ziegler.*

Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 02		<b>Farm records, 1944-1958</b>
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**Description** *Annual income tax records; monthly dairy statements from Missimer-Wood Narcissa Co.; farm sale record, 1958.*

Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 03	Folder 01	<b>Augsburger Crusade, 1962</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 03	Folder 02	<b>Beidler, Isaac Y. (1826-1911)--school copybook (photocopy), 1838</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 03	Folder 03	<b>Black Rock Covered Bridge, Phoenixville, Pa. (copy photo)</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 03	Folder 04	<b>Cassel, Franklin K. (1914-2004)--published memoir, 2001</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 03	Folder 05	<b>Cassel, William and Maggie Heimer Kratz farm, Yerkes, Pa.</b>

**Description** *Birthplace of Wilmer Reinford; includes photo.*

Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 03	Folder 06	<b>Christopher Dock Bicentennial, 1971</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 03	Folder 07	<b>Christopher Dock Mennonite High School, 1966-1975</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 03	Folder 08	<b>Custer family of central Pennsylvania</b>

Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 03	Folder 09	<b>Eastern Mennonite Associated Libraries and Archives, 1962-1981</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 03	Folder 10	<b>Ellis Keystone Agricultural Works, Pottstown, Pa. (photocopies)</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 03	Folder 11-20	<b>Franconia Mennonite Conference</b>

**Description** *Primarily records kept by Wilmer Reinford as Regional Sunday School Secretary for the Western Bishop District, 1950-1972).*

Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 03	Folder 21	<b>Frantz, Isaac (1849-1925) research</b>
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**Description** *Brethren elder from Ohio who baptized in the Perkiomen Creek at Graterford, Pa. in 1895.*

Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 03	Folder 22	<b>Frick's Meetinghouse, Hatfield, Pa., 1974-1991</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 03	Folder 23	<b>Froschauer New Testament discovery, 1979</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 03	Folder 24	<b>Funeral records and practices, late 19th century</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 03	Folder 25	<b>Gehman, John B. (1829-1901) diary publication (including photos used), 1992</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 03	Folder 26	<b>Germantown Mennonite Church Corporation, 1965-1981</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 03	Folder 27	<b>Good, Jacob B. (1875-1956) research</b>

**Description** *Carpet weaver of Ohio, mentioned in Abraham Mensch diary.*

Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 03	Folder 28	<b>Gottschall, Elizabeth Ziegler (1761-1847)--inheritance agreement (photocopies), 1846-1847</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 03	Folder 29	<b>Hege, Michael (1823-1896, of Marion, Pa.)--poem about Civil War experiences (photocopy), 1863</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 03	Folder 30	<b>Hendricks, Kathryn Mattes (1905-1996)--poetry (carbon copies)</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 03	Folder 31	<b>Kulp, Elias W. (1846-1885)--letter copy book (photocopy)</b>

**Description** *Includes poetry written by Elias W. Kulp Jr. in 1895.*

Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 03	Folder 32	<b>Kulp (Slotter), Maggie (1867-1955)--autograph album (original), 1882-1886</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 03	Folder 33	<b>Kulpsville (Pa.) Debating Society--minutes, 1894</b>

**Description** *Transcription, sent to Wilmer Reinford by A. J. Moore in 1984.*

Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 03	Folder 34	<b>Landis-Landes Reunion, Perkasio, Pa., 1968-1976</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 03	Folder 35	<b>Mayo (Md.) Elementary School baloon project, 1988</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 03	Folder 36	<b>Mennonite Church Region V, 1972-1974</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 03	Folder 37	<b>Mennonite Historians of Eastern Pennsylvania</b>

**Description** *See also archives of the Eastern Pennsylvania Mennonite Historical Library (Wilmer Reinford served as custodian for many years) and the MHEP archives.*

Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 03	Folder 38	<b>Mensch, Abraham B. (1863-1934)--diary 1890-1934</b>
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**Description** *Transcription by Margaret Reinford, 1984.*

Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 03	Folder 39	<b>Mensch, Jacob B. (1835-1912)--record of harvest meetings attended 1880-1911</b>
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**Description** *Transcription by Wilmer Reinford, 1984.*

Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 03	Folder 40	<b>Mission '70 (evangelistic meetings), 1970</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 03	Folder 41	<b>Norriton (Pa.) Presbyterian Church, 1953-1959</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 03	Folder 42	<b>Perkiomen Seminary (Pennsburg, Pa.) grade reports for George W. Koch (original), 1877</b>

Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 03	Folder 43	<b>River Brethren historical sketch by John K. Miller, no date</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 03	Folder 44	<b>Salford Mennonite burials from deacon Isaac Clemmer's record book, 1892-1916</b>
<b>Description</b> <i>Transcription by Wilmer Reinford, 1966.</i>			
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 03	Folder 45	<b>Sanders family research (connected to Upper Skippack Mennonite Church), 1988-1993</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 03	Folder 46	<b>"Schwenksville Memories" by Oscar Vogt (photocopy), 1974</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 03	Folder 47	<b>Skippack Valley preservation, 1967-1977</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 03	Folder 48	<b>United Mennonite Educational Institute (Leamington, Ont.) school choir visit, 1971</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 03	Folder 49	<b>Upper Skippack Mennonite cemetery transcription by Wilmer Reinford, 1960</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 03	Folder 50	<b>Yoder, Jacob E. (1838-1905) research</b>
<b>Description</b> <i>Mennonite native of Montgomery Co., Pa. and educator of African-Americans in Virginia; includes photos of Yoder sites in Va.</i>			
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 03	Folder 51	<b>Zelienople (Pa.) Historical Society, 1980-1987</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 03	Folder 52	<b>Photographs - sundry (including local scenes) - 90 photos, 1885-1989</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 03	Folder 53	<b>Photographs - school photos (local) - 8 photos, 1898-1930</b>
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 03	Folder 54-56	<b>Clippings</b>
<b>Description</b> <i>Related to Wilmer Reinford and family, Mennonites and local history.</i>			
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 03	Folder 57	<b>Collegeville (Pa.) mills</b>
<b>Description</b> <i>Heebner/Worrall controversy, ncluding original published court records, 1860; photocopies of court documents; transcription of Collegeville Mill records, 1898-1930</i>			
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 04		<b>Books, 1830-1988</b>
<b>Description</b> <i>Rare and historical books, including 19th-century books from the Kulp and Bean families and an 1830 German-language Bible containing family register of Isaac &amp; Susanna William Kulp (married 1845).</i>			
Hist. Mss. 469 (Reinford)	Box 04	Folder 01	<b>Lower Skippack Mennonite Church deeds, 1717 and 1725</b>
<b>Description</b> <i>Mounted photos, ca. 1910, from the S. W. Pennypacker collection.</i>			