

MERKEL FAMILY PAPERS

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<u>Black Boxes</u>			<u>Hollingers</u>	<u>Box</u>
	1	Henry Weaver & Henry Weaver, Junior's Books		
0414	2	Levi Merkel Books (part)	1	
0415	3,4 (part)	Levi Merkel Books	2	
	4 (end)	Levi Merkel Book (end)		
0416	5	J. W. Merkel Books & Papers (part)	3	
0416	6,7 (part)	J W Merkel Books & Papers (end), D. R. Merkel Books & Papers	4	(part)
0417	7(end) 8,9 part	D. R. Merkel Books & Papers (part)	5	
0417	9 (end) 10	D. R. Merkel Books & Papers (part)	6	
0418	11, 12 (part)	D. R. Merkel Books& Papers (end), D.R. Merkel Diaries	7	(part)
0418	12 (end)	D. R. Merkel Diaries (part)	8	
0419	13	D. R. Merkel Diaries (end)	9	
	14, 15	Misc. Papers & Manuscripts Apparently Belonging to		
	16 (part)	D.R. Merkel; Misc. Papers of D.R. Merkel, Susanna Merkel, J. W. Merkel & Levi Merkel (part)	10	
0419	16 (end) 17 (part)	Misc. Papers of D.R. Merkel, Susanna Merkel, J. W. Merkel & Levi Merkel (part)	11	
0420	17 (end) 18	Misc. Papers of D. R. Merkel, Susanna Merkel		
	19 (part)	J. W. Merkel & Levi Merkel (end); Bundles, Folders, Envelopes of Legal Papers (part)	12	
0420	19 (end) 20,21 pt.	Bundles, Folders, Envelopes of Legal Papers (part)	13	
0421	21 (end) 22	Bundles, Folders, Envelopes of Legal Papers (part)	14	
0421	23, 24	Bundles, Folders, Envelopes of Legal Papers (part)	15	
0422	25, 26	Bundles, Folders, Envelopes of Legal Papers (end)	16	
0422	27, 28	Periodicals, Newspapers, Books & Clippings (printed materials) (part)	17	
0423	29, 30	Periodicals, Newspapers, Books & Clippings (printed materials)(part)	18	
	31, 32 (part)	Periodicals, Newspapers, Books & Clippings (printed materials) (end) Commission for D.R. Merkel; unsorted	19	
0424	32(end)33, 1a(pt)	Unsorted	20	
0424	1a(end) 2a, 3a (pt)	Unsorted	21	
0425	3a(end) 1b, 2b (pt)	Unsorted, Accounts, 1868-1910 (part)	22	
0425	2b(end) 3b	Accounts, 1868-1910 (end), Legal Papers 1858-75; Misc., 1820-63 Printed items (almanacs), 1837-1916	23	(end)

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Additional Items, Filed in MG-88 March 1965
1 cubic foot

- A. Accounts, 1868-1910. 19 vols. and 13 folders. Box 1(b)
- Day Book (unidentified-personal accounts), Apr. 1, 1872-Mar. 31, 1881.
1 vol.
- Day Book (Mrs. S. Merkel-personal accounts), Oct. 1, 1879-Apr. 13, 1882.
1 vol.
- Estate Book (J.W. Merkel, deceased), 1886-87. 1 vol.
- Payment Books (D.R. Merkel, to Mrs. H.M. Rupp-groceries, etc.), 1891-1910.
4 vols.
- Payment Book (to John L. Miller-groceries), Apr. 27, 1897-Mar. 28, 1910.
1 vol.
- Bank Books (D.R. Merkel-First National Bank of Mechanicsburg, Pa.), Box 2(b)
1870-1909. 11 vols.
- Canceled Checks (D.R. Merkel- First National Bank of Mechanicsburg, Pa.),
1891-99. 3 folders.
- Check Stubs [D.R. Merkel], 1891-1901. 3 folders.
- Receipts (principally D.R. Merkel; also, Mrs. D.R. Merkel, Miss Romaine Box 3(b)
Merkel-chiefly farm and household expenses), 1880-87, 1899-1900. (end)
6 folders.
- List of Shares and Bonds (D.R. Merkel), 1868; and Statement on Deposit
of Securities (Levi Merkel), 1869. 1 folder.
- B. Legal Papers, 1858-75. 2 folders.
- Articles of Agreement (Levi Merkel, D.R.Merkel, etc.-lease of farm),
1858-66. 1 folder
- Specifications and Articles of Agreement for Dwelling House in Elmira, N.Y.
(D.R. Merkel), 1875. 1 folder.
- C. Miscellaneous, 1820-63. 2 folders.
- "Book containing the drawing of Valentine on Monday, February the 14th 1820
at the Dwelling house of Jacob Merkel"; and "An Exhibition of Mistakes
in spelling, at an average per lesson" (Levi Merkel, teacher), 1825-26.
1 folder.
- Military Draft Exemption Papers (D.R. Merkel), 1862-63. 1 folder.
- D. Printed Items (Almanacs), 1837-1916. 8 items.
- Americanischer Stadt und Land Calender (Philadelphia), 1837. 1 item.
Agricultural Almanac (Lancaster), 1861, 1883, 1884, 1886, 1888, 1890, 1916.
7 items.

Box numbers changed and
additional entries made in
this inventory, March, 1942.
G. R. B.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
HARRISBURG

August 30, 1949

SUBJECT: The Merkel Collection - Revised Inventory including material
received July, 1949.

TO: Mr. Henry Howard Eddy, Chief,
Division of Public Records
cc. Dr. S. K. Stevens, State Historian

FROM: Martha B. Curtis, 
Junior Archivist

The so-called "Merkel Collection", covering the period from 1818 to 1912, is composed largely of the records of three members of the Merkel family: Levi Merkel, born May 2, 1803, died ca. 1876, and two of his sons, Jacob (W.) Merkel, born November 12, 1831, whose records end in the middle 1880's and David R. Merkel, born October 25, 1835, whose records run to 1912. There are very brief records, among those of Levi Merkel, of one Jacob Merkel for the year 1830; also for years between 1846-1850. The family lived in the Shiremanstown-Mechanicsburg- Carlisle area of Cumberland County.

Also included in this collection are four account books apparently belonging to one Henry Weaver and/or Henry Weaver, Junior. Neither the relationship between the Weaver family and the Merckels, nor the reason for the Weaver books being found with the Merkel records, is clear.

The Weaver books, inclusive dates Dec., 1818, to April, 1832, are apparently the records of a grist mill as the entries preponderantly concern monies received for grain, "skinnings," grinding so many bushels of grain, flour, etc.

The Merkel records, inclusive dates 1818 to 1912, cover a much wider field. The family, it appears, were originally farmers, but they were also people of varied interests, both business and cultural. Their records, though largely agricultural, show that while continuing to farm and to own farms run by tenants, they also conducted what would today be a stock brokerage and banking business (Levi Merkel); were employed in and knew banking (Jacob Weir Merkel); and acted as business consultants, executors of estates, managers of trust funds, guardians of minors, etc. David R. Merkel's business interests ranged from the results of experimental farming on his properties to substantial stock and bond holdings and real estate.

The collection shows also their interests in religion, science, music, economics, civic affairs, drama and literature.

A summary of the books, manuscripts, and papers included in this collection follows:

HENRY WEAVER and HENRY WEAVER, JUNIOR'S BOOKS: BOX NO. 1

DAY BOOK and LEDGER COMBINED - $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x $13-1/8$ ", paper covered; on front cover at top indecipherable writing; further down on front cover appears the notation "Day Book Day Book"; on back cover appears the notation "Day Book - Farms." Entries in both German and English. Apparently Henry Weaver's book. INCLUSIVE DATES: December, 1818 - April, 1832.

JOURNAL - $7-3/4$ " x $12\frac{1}{2}$ ", paper covered; on front cover "No 2"; inside of front cover bears the notation "Henry Weaver Juniors book"; INCLUSIVE DATES: June 7, 1819 - September 24, 1830.

LEDGER - $12-7/8$ " x 8", paper covered; on front cover "No 1"; inside of front cover bears the notation "in care of Jacob Aulebauch Barleen Adams County Readin Township"; writing similar to that of book labelled "No 2" (see above); INCLUSIVE DATES: September 21, 1820 - "February the", 1832.

BOOK - $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x 13", paper covered, no title, on inside of front cover, at bottom, appears the notation "February the 23 1825". Apparently a journal. On inside of back cover appears the notation: "Henry Weaver, his Cobby book 1828 Jacob Oliwine his hand pen 1828" INCLUSIVE DATES: Jan. 3, 1825-September 2, 1830.

LEVI MERKEL BOOKS: BOX NO. ²~~1~~

BOOKLET - $3-7/8$ " x $5-7/8$ ", no covers, possibly belonged to LEVI MERKEL. Contents: Record of weather, work done on farm, school attendance, some records of expenditures (personal). INCLUSIVE DATES: October, 1818-October, 1819.

MEMORANDUM BOOK OF LEVI MERKEL - $3-3/4$ " x $5-7/8$ ", paper covered. Contents: All kinds of records, - marriage, death, outstanding events, farming, letters, bills, sermons, etc. INCLUSIVE DATES: April 1, 1820-July 23, 1829.

"MEMORANDUM OF MARRIAGES, DEATHS, BIRTHS, CASUALTIES AND OTHER EVENTS" - LEVI MERKEL. - 4" x $6\frac{1}{2}$ ", paper bound; dated October 1, 1829. Contents: In addition to the chronological list of births, deaths, etc. comprising the larger part of the book, there are also records of crop returns August 1, 1832- Dec. 14, 1848, and Carpenter, Rupp, Merkel, and

LEVI MERKEL BOOKS, BOX ² 1 (cont'd.)

Martin families genealogical data. INCLUSIVE DATES: October 13, 1829-December 14, 1848.

BOOK - 7-3/4" x 12-5/8"; paperbound; on front cover "Jno (?) Rupp". Clippings pasted over what is apparently a journal, written in German; several pages of entries in said journal 1822-1830. Copies of letters, religious articles by LEVI MERKEL in 1870's; "Stock accounts in the Collection of cash and stock dividends in the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, Dividend payable May 30, 1868."; broker's accounts, 1868-1875; pages of interest calculations with numbers evidently referring to a ledger, dated April 1, 1869-May 20, 1873; other miscellaneous records.

BOOK - 7-3/4" x 12-5/8"; paperbound; pasted onto front cover are separate letters to form the word "POULTRY"; on inside of front cover is the notation "Adam Haunesmith". Contents: clippings pasted over what is apparently an account of the workings of JACOB AND LEVI MERKEL; record of their workings for the year 1830; clippings of novels, news items, etc.; one clipping showing the Income Tax of 1863 (listings of individuals, incomes, and taxes); Egg production 1831-1835; 1871-1873. Various financial records of estates for which LEVI MERKEL was executor.

SMALL BOOK - 6 1/2" x 7-3/4", paper covered; Contents: accounts and various financial statements of LEVI MERKEL, JACOB MERKEL and MERKEL & SON. INCLUSIVE DATES: 1846-1850.

"LEDGER D" - app. 7-3/4" x 12 1/2", paper covers, leather backing; at base of backing "J 4L"; general business and farming accounts; INCLUSIVE DATES: July 15, 1854-August 31, 1876.

LEDGER - 8 1/2" x 12-7/8", leather bound; no name appears but apparently the book belonged to LEVI MERKEL. INCLUSIVE DATES: March 31, 1858-October 3, 1876. BOX NO. 3

JOURNAL - 7 1/2" x 12-3/4", covers torn off; no name given but apparently belonged to LEVI MERKEL. Contents: financial records of a business (?). INCLUSIVE DATES: April 12, 1858-February 23, 1874.

JOURNAL - 7-7/8" x 12 1/2", covers torn off; no name given but apparently belonged to LEVI MERKEL. Contents: financial records of a business(?). INCLUSIVE DATES: August 21, 1863-June 27, 1873.

"LEDGER E" - 7-3/4" x 12 1/2", paper covers, leather backing; dated November 13, 1869. Contents: General business and farming accounts. INCLUSIVE DATES OF ENTRIES: December 10, 1869 - June 21, 1876.

LEVI MERKEL BOOKS, BOX ⁴ 7 (cont'd.)

BOX NO. 4

DAY BOOK - 7-7/8" x 12 1/4", paper covers, leather backing; dated "June 14, 1873." INCLUSIVE DATES OF ENTRIES: July 2, 1873 to October 3, 1876.

"LEDGER F" - 7 1/2" x 12", paper covers, leather backing; at base of leather backing "6L"; dated "June 14, 1873"; INCLUSIVE DATES OF ENTRIES: July 11, 1873 to September 18, 1876.

JACOB WEIR MERKEL BOOKS AND PAPERS:

BOX NO. ⁵ 7

RECORD BOOK - 8-7/8" x approx. 13-3/8", paper covered, leather backing; stamped in gold on backing "RECORD BOOK J.W. MERKEL". Yearly statements of Resources and Liabilities. INCLUSIVE DATES: April 1, 1872-April 1, 1880.

(The following six account books, when received, were tied in a bundle and labelled - in what appears to be David R. Merkel's handwriting - "Account books of J. W. Merkel")

DAY BOOK - 7 1/2" x app. 12", paper bound, covers detached; personal and farm records. INCLUSIVE DATES: July 1, 1880 to June 16, 1883.

LEDGER - 7 1/2" x 12", paper bound, with notation on front cover "J.W.M. Ledger A"; personal records of J. W. Merkel. INCLUSIVE DATES: July 1, 1880-January 22, 1883.

BANK BOOK - Chemung Canal Bank, Elmira, N. Y. in account with J. W. Merkel.*

2 SMALL BUNDLES OF PAPERS - Receipts, bankbook (Harrisburg National Bank), etc.*

1 BUNDLE - Receipts J. W. Merkel estate.*

BOX NO. 6

(The following four books relate to the settlement of the LEVI MERKEL ESTATE, of which J. W. Merkel and D. R. Merkel were the executors; one book is the cash account book of Mrs. Susanna Merkel, widow of LEVI MERKEL.)

JOURNAL - 7-13/16" x 12-11/16", paper bound; journal of the Estate of Levi Merkel; statements of the executors regarding will, assets, liabilities, etc. INCLUSIVE DATES: October 2, 1876 - March 4, 1884.

LEDGER - 7-13/16" x 12-11/16", paper bound; ledger of the Estate of Levi Merkel. INCLUSIVE DATES: October, 1876 - March, 1884.

*When additional Merkel papers were received, July, 1949, these items were added to J. W. Merkel's records.

JACOB WEIR MERKEL BOOKS AND PAPERS, BOX NO. ⁶ 7 (cont'd.)

CASH ACCOUNT BOOK - 7-3/4" x 12-1/4", with notation on fly leaf "Susanna Merkel". The entries are headed "Moneys received and paid by Mrs. Susanna Merkel." INCLUSIVE DATES: October 1, 1876 - October 1, 1880.

ACCOUNT BOOK - 7-3/4" x 12 1/2" - of the MARTIN FARM; farm accounts and statements. (Under the will of LEVI MERKEL, his sons Jacob and David received shares in the Martin Farm; following his death they purchased the balance of the equity in the farm.) INCLUSIVE DATES: August 10, 1877-February 14, 1881.

DAVID RITTENHOUSE MERKEL BOOKS AND PAPERS:

BOX NO. ⁶ 7

In
Accessions
Folder

Typed copy of article in The Daily Journal, Mechanicsburg, Pa., Feb. 16, 1912, death notice David R. Merkel.

Typed copy of article in The Harrisburg Telegraph, April 9, 1912, marriage of Merkel H. Jacobs--grandson of David R. Merkel.

(Both papers in ~~Box 3~~).

↳ Accessions Folder

BOOK - 6 1/4" x 7 3/8"; notation appears on front cover "Grain Accounts, Orchard Record" (on flap of envelope, pasted on). Notes on theory of musical composition; ledger 1855-57; live stock and household purchases; inventory, planting and fertilizing records, repairs, grain records 1859-66; 1871-73; plan of orchard, hot beds; sale of hogs, etc.

BOOKLET - 7" x 8-1/8" - On front cover (written on flap of envelope pasted to book) "Farm Accounts from 1873 to 1880"; written at top of front cover "D. R. Merkel White Hall Academy Shiremanstown." Contents: "Farm" 1873-1874; "Mansion Farm" 1875-1881; "Martin Farm" 1877-1879; "By measure Account of Grain raised on Valley Farm" August, 1874, to August, 1875; Account of Threshings of Grain, 1875-1877.

BOOK - 7-3/4" x 9-3/4" - An Expense Account book; from loose papers therein evidently belonging to D.R. Merkel. INCLUSIVE DATES: 1874-1880.

LEDGER - 8-1/2" x 13-1/4", leather bound, at base of backing "4D"; very few entries. INCLUSIVE DATES: October 2, 1876-March 30, 1881.

BOX NO. 7

RECORD BOOK - 7-3/4" x 9-3/4"; Record of securities of D.R. Merkel, 1881; record of securities of Mrs. Sarah J. Merkel; list of insurance policies and what they covered, 1882-1902. Records of Mary C. Niesly, 1913.

"DAY BOOK" - 7-3/4" x (app.) 13". Stock on hand, etc. Oct. 1, 1882; egg record from Oct. 1, 1882 to September 10, 1910. Miscellaneous records on loose sheets in back. Apparently this book belonged to D. R. Merkel.