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DITMER-LEHMER FAMILY PAPERS, 1863-1914

1 cubic foot

Principally papers of Jacob F. Lehmer (d. 1914), York County justice of the peace, surveyor, and farmer who lived in the vicinity of Dillsburg and Franklintown; also included are papers of his wife, Sarah A. (Ditmer) Lehmer, and her sister Lydia M. Ditmer. The manuscript group consists of correspondence, diaries, accounts, and miscellaneous items.

General correspondence, dating from the period 1863-1877, includes letters to Lydia M. Ditmer from her sister Susan and from two friends, Lewis and Sallie; and letters from Jacob F. Lehmer to Sarah A. Litzman. These thirteen items deal with personal and family matters and local occurrences. They constitute the only part of this manuscript group not closely related to the Lehmer diaries described below; an item listing appears on the accession sheet for these items.

The greater part of the Ditmer-Lehmer Family Papers consists of thirty-three diaries of Jacob F. Lehmer covering all but three years from 1879 to 1914, and a fragment of a diary containing entries for parts of December 1871 and January 1872. The entries refer chiefly to weather conditions, surveying of land and execution of legal papers, visitors to the home and travels elsewhere, and the performance of household duties by Jacob and Sarah Lehmer; the back pages contain accounts of money received and paid and miscellaneous memoranda.

Related to the diaries are papers which were originally folded into them but have now been separated and flattened; these are arranged as correspondence, accounts, and miscellaneous. The correspondence, 1875-1910, consists mainly of rough drafts of letters from Lehmer and his wife pertaining to surveying and legal matters and to orders for publications. The accounts include tax notices, receipts, and rough notes pertaining to household and legal expenses. Among the miscellaneous items are advertising cards and circulars, a railway ticket, two unidentified photographs, and rough notes on a variety of matters.

From various sources. Donors of portions of MG-151 are identified on the series listing which follows.

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Folders Box Vols.

A. General Correspondence, 1863, 1868-70, 1877 (13 items) 1 1

B. Diaries and Related Papers, 1871-1914

Jacob F. Lehmer, Diary, Dec. 19, 1871 - Jan. 4, 1872 (1 item - fragment). 1

Jacob F. Lehmer, Diaries, 1879-90, 1892-1897

1898, 1906, 1908-10, 1912-14

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(Each diary covers period Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, except 1914 diary which ends with Apr. 10.)

Diaries for 1897 and 1899 from Professor Lynn M. Irvine, Jr., East Hartford, Conn. April 22, 1963.

Correspondence, 1875-1910 (12 items) 1

Accounts, 1879-1914 6

Miscellaneous, 1880-1913 1

Box 1 1871, 72, 1879-1897

Box 2 1898-1914

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Additional Items Filed in General Correspondence, June 1965

13 items

1863, Jan. -- Jacob Akey, Dillsburg (York County), to "My dear friend"

1868, Aug. 5 Emily Lowry (?), Brooklyn, to "George"
Dec. 5 Susan K. Ditmer, Marion, to Lydia M. Ditmer (sister),
Cottage Hill College, York, Pa.

1869, Nov. 14 "Lewis," Bermudian (Adams County) to "Lydia"
Dec. 1 " " " " " " Lydia M. Ditmer,
Mount Holly Springs (Cumberland County)

1870, May 8 "Sallie," Dillsburg, to "Lydia"
July 12 "Lewis," York Sulphur Springs (Adams County) to "Lydia"
July 21 " " " " " " " "
Sept. 17 " " " " " " " "

1877, Aug. 21 J.F. Lehmer, At Home, to "My Dear Friend"
Aug. 29 "Jacob," At Home, to S.A. Liszman, Mt. Holly Springs
(Cumberland County)
Sept. 5 Jacob F. Lehmer, At Home, to S.A. Liszman, Mt. Holly
Springs (Cumberland County)
Dec. 1 Jacob F. Lehmer, At Home, to Sarah A. Liszman

From Thomas McDonald
240 Oak Drive, Middlesex, New Jersey
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