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Guide to MS-041:

Thomas Meiser, Company F, 93<sup>rd</sup> Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers



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### Size

1 box, 0.27 cubic feet

### Dates

Inclusive: 1806-1886

Bulk: 1863-1865

### Provenance

Purchased September 2002 from Charles Apfelbaum.

### Biographical Note

Thomas Meiser was born on April 9, 1846. His parents died very early in his life and he was raised by his maternal grandmother and grandfather, John and Maria Person (or Parson), on his father's farmstead in Newmanstown, Pennsylvania. He first enlisted at the age of 17 with Lee's Invasion of Pennsylvania and was mustered into Company H of the 31<sup>st</sup> Pennsylvania Regiment (Emergency) around June 17-30, 1863. He was discharged, after the invasion failed, on August 8, 1863. Thomas Meiser reenlisted with Company F of the 93<sup>rd</sup> Pennsylvania Regiment on March 7, 1864 and was mustered in the next day. While in the 93<sup>rd</sup> regiment, he participated in the Wilderness Campaign. In July 1864, Meiser was detailed to the Provost Guard. On December 1, 1864, Meiser was admitted to the hospital with an abscess in his arm. He spent nearly the rest of the war in the hospital, mostly at McKim's Mansion in Baltimore. Discharged from the hospital in April, he was mustered out on June 27, 1865. After the war, he returned to the house where he was born and lived there until his death on August 29, 1923.

### Scope and Content Note

The bulk of the collection consists of letters written by Thomas to his grandfather and grandmother. It includes miscellaneous correspondence including four letters written to Thomas from his grandparents during his service in the 31<sup>st</sup> Regiment (Emergency). The collection also includes various bonds, receipts and subpoenas as well as business correspondence relating to George Person (or Parson), Thomas's grandfather. It contains various tintype photos, mainly of Thomas's descendents, and a wallet from a bank in Lebanon. Lastly, it contains copies of research relating to Thomas Meiser, transcriptions of his letters as well as a Senior Paper written by Christopher Culig, class of 2007, on Meiser's Civil War service and genealogy.

## Box List

### Box 1

- 1-1 Correspondence: July 3, 1863 – May 16, 1864
- July 3, [1863] - Perrysville: Dear Mother
  - March 24, [1864] - Harper's Ferry: Dear
  - March 27, [1864] - Camp near Brandy Station: Dear Mother
  - March 31, 1864 - Camp near Brandy Station: Dear Father
  - April 16, 1864 - Camp near Brandy Station: Dear Father
  - May 15, 1864 - Camp near Brandy Station: Dear Father
  - May 16, 1864 - Covington: Dear Father
  - [May 1864] - [Spotsylvania] Court house: Dear Father and Mother
  - [May 1864] - Camp near Brandy Station: Dear Father
- 1-2 Correspondence: June 20, 1864 – August 9, 1864
- [June 1864] - Camp near Cold Harbor: Dear Father
  - June 20, 1864 - Camp near Petersburg: Dear Father
  - [July-November 1864] - [Scrap of Sanitary Commission Stationary]
  - July 4, 1864 - Dear Father
  - July 10, 1864 - Dear Grandfather
  - August 9, 1864 - Camp near Maryland Hides: Dear Father
  - August 12, [1864] - Camp near Strausburg: Dear Father
  - August 19, [1864] - Camp near Harpers Ferry: Dear Father
  - August 29, [1864] - Camp near Harpers Ferry, Va.: Dear Father
- 1-3 Correspondence: September 12, 1864 – November 5, 1864
- September 12, 1864 - Headquarters
  - September 17, 1864 - Headquarters, [Middle] Department: Dear Father
  - No[vember] 5, 1864 - Camp near Strausburg, Va.: Dear Father
- 1-4 Correspondence: December 8, 1864 – December 31, 1864
- December 8, 1864 - Dear Father
  - December 14, 1864 - Sheridan Field Hospital, Ward 4: Dear Father
  - Decemeber 25, 1864 - Sheridan's Field Hospital, ward 2: Dear Father
  - December 31, 1864 - McKims Mansion, Baltimore, MD: Dear Father
- 1-5 Correspondence: January 19, 1865 – April 7, 1865
- January 19, 1865 - McKims USA General Field Hospital: Dear Father
  - [January] 20, 1865 - USA Gen. Hospital McKims Mansion, Baltimore, MD: Dear Father
  - January 23, [1865] - McKims USA Gen. Hospital: Dear Father
  - January 28, [1865] - Baltimore: Dear Father
  - January 30, [1865] - Baltimore, MD: Dear Father
  - January 30, 1865 - Baltimore, MD: Dear Father
  - February 11, 1865 - Baltimore: Dear Father

- February 20, 1865 - Baltimore, MD: Dear Father
- February 21, 1865 - Baltimore, MD: Dear Father
- March 18, [1865] - USA Gen. Hospital McKims Mansion, Baltimore, MD: Dear Father
- March 24, 1865 - McKims USA Gen. Hospital, Baltimore, MD: Dear Father
- [April 7, 1865] - McKims USA Gen. Hospital: Baltimore, MD: Dear Father
- n.d - Place unknown: Father, I wish you would com and see me

1-6 Miscellaneous Correspondence: May 10, 1853 – February 8, 1886

- May 10, 1853 - Pine Grove: Dear Brother
- September 10, 1853 - Pine Grove, B.S.: Dear Parents
- June 25, 1863 - Newmantown, [PA]: Dear Son
- June 30, 1863 - Newmantown, [PA]: Dear Son
- July 8, 1863 - Newmantown, [PA]: My Dear Friend
- July 28, 1863 - Newmantown, [PA]: My Dear Son
- March 31, 1865 - Newmantown, [PA]: My Dear Cousin Amy
- November 25, 1881 - Newmantown, [PA]: Dear Brother (bottom ½ ripped off)
- October 24, 1885 - Newmantown, [PA]: My Dear Thomas
- February 8, 1886 - Vogansville, [PA]: Dear Brother
- n.d. - (top ½ ripped off) from Thomas Meiser
- Four envelopes addressed to John Person

1-7 Bonds, Receipts & Subpoenas, 1806 - 1847

- May 13, 1806, Bond between George Parson and John Dingle of [Heidelberg] Twp., Dauphin County, PA and Elizabeth Halftooneer of the same place for eighty pounds
- April 2, 1821, Bond between George Parson of [Heidelberg] Twp., [Lebanon] County, PA and Samuel Betz of same place for fifty pounds
- March 31, 1827, Bond between George Parson of [Heidelberg] Twp., Lebanon County, PA and Jacob Sheenfelder of [Heidelberg] Twp., Berks County, PA for fifty pounds
- Receipt - Rec'd March 19, 1810, by M. Lewis one pound ten shillings in full for George Parsons Paper up to the first of January 1809 – A. Albright for Math. Lahn, one of the Executors of the Estate of John Albright deceased. Also, one dollar fifty cents for his Paper up to January 1810 – Anthony Albright
- Receipt –George Person (Senc) to Henry Meissemer, 1836
- Receipt –George Person to Henry Meissemer, 1837
- Receipt –Received January 18, 1823 of George Person, five Dollars & 12 for D. Aukenbaugh Peter Eakert
- Subpoena – for George Person to appear as a witness before Reading County Court of Common Pleas, Berks, County, PA March 24, 1823 in the case of Ann Elizabeth Ulrick, plaintiff, and George Ulrich, defendant, dated March 15, 1823
- Subpoena – for Christian Struck to appear as a witness before Millcreek Twp. Justice,

Lebanon County, PA February 23, 1847 in the case of William Forry, plaintiff, and Henry Reed, defendant, dated February 16, 1847

1-8 Miscellaneous Business Correspondence, 1859 - 1865

- Receipt – received payment in full for the Lebanon Mutual Insurance Company for \$3.50 from John Person, September 17, 1859
- Bill/Invoice – to Mr. Person from the Board of Directors of the Annville Fire Insurance Company for \$3.10, April 18, 1865

1-9 Tintype Photos

- #1 - #8 Unidentified
- #9 Harry Hal Meiser (left)
- #10 Edward Zimmerman (Fish) (middle)
- #11 George Meiser – Ann Meiser’s father
- #12 John Noll

1-10 Tintype Photos

- #13 L-R, Sally Meiser Zimmerman, Emma Meiser Burkholder, Mammie Meiser Wolfskill (Amos Klein[?]), Katie Meiser (Will Brooks)
- #14 Uncle Harry Meiser & Elizabeth (Emma Burkholder’s brother)
- #15 William Meiser
- #16 Paul Burkholder
- #17 William Meiser (Uncle Will) – R; Mayor of Lebanon
- #18 - #20 Unidentified
- #21 - #22 (Skipped)
- #23 L – Harry Meiser, R – William Will Meiser

1-11 Copy Prints of Tintypes

1-12 Leather Wallet “Lebanon National Bank”

1-13 Research Materials

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