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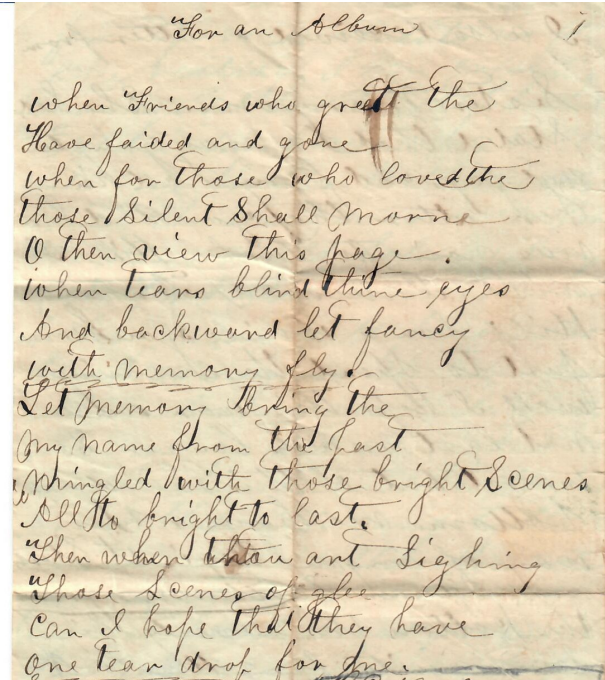
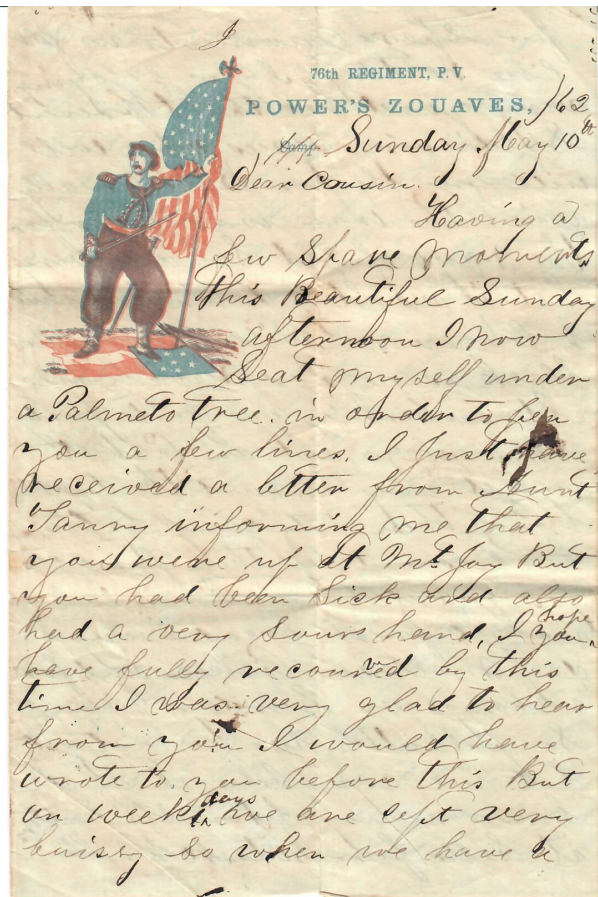
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Letter to Sarah in Manheim.



The above Civil War-era letter was written on May 10, 1862, to Sarah Hartley of Manheim. Sarah's cousin, R. E. Bixler, Co. I, 76 Unit., Regt. P2., was, at the time, stationed at Pont Royal, S.C. The letter doesn't contain any war-related information, but it does express a close family relationship and concern. However, the back page of the letter does have a nice poem. HMPF has provenance on the letter and some information on the family.

For an Album
When Friends who greet thee
Have faded and gone.
When for those who loved thee
Those Silent Shall Mourn
O then view this page.
When tears blind thine eyes
And backward, let fancy
With Memory, fly.
Let Memory bring thee
My name from the past
Mingled with those bright Scenes
All too bright to last.
Then, when thine art Laughing
Those Scenes of glee
Can I hope that they have
One tear drop for me.

Martin Singer, Manheim Basket Maker

The basket pictured below was purchased at an auction for the estate sale of Harry Etnier, West Ferdinand St., Manheim. Mrs. Etnier's father was Martin Singer. Written on the basket is "made by Father Singer." Martin Singer was born on June 26, 1840, and died on December 4, 1907. His shop was located at the corner of Railroad Ave. and Orchard St., Manheim.



6"D X 5 1/2"H



The above basket is the only one known to be identified in writing by a member of Martin Singer's family. Two other Singer baskets are known to exist, passed down in the Singer family, but neither bear written province. Unfortunately, the location of one of the two baskets is no longer known.

Singley Pottery

Harry Etnier's mother was Louisa S. Singley Etnier, and she inherited a few pieces of pottery made at the Singley Pottery, North Charlotte Street, Manheim. The pottery items were handed down to a grandson who moved to Indiana. About 20 years ago, the grandson was contacted, and HMPF purchased the pottery and returned it to Manheim.



Pottery made by Christian Singley

Valued Greater Than 11¢



The coin pictured above is a Lincoln Penny overstruck on a 2001 Roosevelt Dime. The 11¢ error coin sold at auction in New York City in 2011 for \$560.00.

The collecting of error coins and error paper money is a specialized series of numismatics (coin and currency collecting). There are many types of errors found on coins and notes. Three of the many that exist are pictured in this brief article. The article appears here in memory of the Baron Stiegel Coin Club and those members who chartered the non-profit organization in the 1950s. In particular: George Flinchbaugh, Johnny Miller, Harry Shelly, Wally Heisey, Hal Maybe, and Francis Stormfeltz.



The back also overprinted on the front.



5¢ and 25¢ pieces struck on copper penny planchets.