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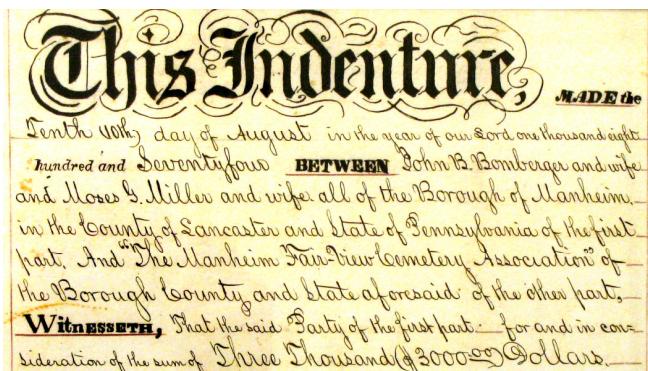
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On Exhibit

HMPF has been entrusted with the care and display of the original indenture, and the minutes from the meetings of Manheim Fairview Cemetery Association established in 1873. The indenture came to us framed and it is now on exhibit in our museum, as is the bound volume of the minutes (1873-1981). Both are on loan from the Association. We deeply appreciate their trust and their interest in HMPF.



The following are excerpts from the indenture:

Made the Tenth (10th) day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seven four between John B. Bomberger and wife and Moses G. Miller and wife all of the Borough of Manheim in the County of Lancaster and State of Pennsylvania of the first part. And "The Manheim Fair-View Cemetery Association" of the Borough County and State aforesaid of the other part, Witnesseth, that the said Party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of Three Thousand (\$3,000.00) Dollars. Note: The \$3,000.00 was for 7.85 acres (\$382.17 per acre).

Beginning at a Stone on line of David Cassel, Thence along said line North eleven degrees . . . East four hundred and eight feet . . . West one hundred fifty eight feet . . . Thence along land of John B. Bomberger and Moses G. Miller . . . West two hundred feet . . . East five hundred and fourteen feet to a stone on line of Manheim and Lancaster Turnpike.

The Organizational First Meeting

Manheim, December the 15th, 1873 — A meeting was held this evening at the Black Horse Hotel for the purpose of taking the initiatory steps towards organizing a Cemetery ~ When Abraham Kline was called to the chair and John Dunlap appointed Secy. — When the following persons consented to become incorporators, and to take stock to an amount not exceeding Two Hundred Dollars each:

Abraham Kline, Moses G. Miller, John B. Bomberger, D. F. Hamaker, E. B. Bomberger and John Dunlap; on motion it was agreed to meet tomorrow at One O'clock PM to examine and select a suitable piece of ground, and also agreed to adjourn and to meet at the call of the Chairman.

John Dunlap, Secy.

Also on Exhibit

The Manheim-to-Lancaster Turnpike map mentioned in the October 2014 issue of our newsletter can be seen on the wall in the hallway leading to our Ensminger Library. The map is eleven feet in length.

Acquisitions

Items to aid our library staff in restoring documents and in preparing items for storage and display; several books pertaining to early Americana; a carpenter's hammer used in the maintenance of the Columbia & Reading Railroad line, the line running through Manheim. The carpenter's hammer, circa 1870's, is clearly marked as being from the C & R line.

While not of great importance, the hammer is a nice item to add to the Reading & Columbia R. R. Co. ticket (Manheim to Lititz) mentioned in the October 2013 issue of our newsletter. Note: There is a possibility that HMPF will eventually receive the C & R stock certificate mentioned in the April 2006 issue of our newsletter and the \$5.00 C & R currency note mentioned in the Oct. 2010 issue.

A Manheim Millinery Store

Mrs. John W. Boyd opened a millinery business on Market Square in 1900 in the house that had been the Rice residence, artist William S. Rice's parents home. At the time, the house was owned by Willoughby Litzenberger. Two years later, Willoughby sold the house to Howard Litzenberger, his nephew, and Mrs. Boyd moved to a new location in an area in the Abraham Kline property, at the east end of Market Square. Again, her stay at this location was for only about two years, the property being sold to the United Brethren congregation. (another wonderful early and impressive house disappeared). Mrs. Boyd finally purchased a building and moved the business to 21 North Main Street.

Mrs. Boyd said that she saw many changes in the millinery business over the forty-plus years that she was in business. When she first started in business the ladies would select the hat frames and braids were sewn on the frames. The hats were then trimmed with ornaments that were selected by the customers. The ladies were obliged to use hat pins to keep the hats on their heads.

Mrs. Boyd had employees who helped her make the hats, the frames being made of buckram and some of wire and then covered with braid or materials; usually velvet or silk (oftentimes shirred) and finished with bandos to give the head gear a stylish tilt. Among the girls employed by Mrs. Boyd were Minnie Ulrich, Agnes Carrollis, Annie Snavely and Mabel Koch. Miss Ulrich later obtained a position with the firm of Strawbridge and Clothier in Philadelphia and worked there for quite a few years.

As time went on, the styles were changed to ready-to-wear hats, and the styles were made by the designer and then manufactured in the larger cities. Mrs. Boyd found it very interesting to go to the larger cities and select her stock of hats for ladies, matrons, misses and children. In that way her trade was

able to get the up-to-the-minute styles and the most popular colors that were to be used for the season.

The information concerning Mrs. Boyd's store was taken from the September 1939 issue of the Manheim Sentinel.

Elizabeth Keiffer, the lady who provided her home and the funding for the creation of HMPF, was very much into wearing fancy hats at times. From the very start of developing the Foundation, some of Elizabeth's hats were set aside and preserved for future display. Below are three of Elizabeth's spiffy hats. Elizabeth would be pleased with this article.



Rice Residence, Market Sq.



HMPF wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Very Healthy and Prosperous 2015!

