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Creator(s): Agnes Hower Wells (1925-2006); Charles Clare Hower (1902-1982)

Donor(s): Gary Wells, Troy, Ohio

Biography of Creator: *From obituary in the Dayton Daily News (January 2, 2007)-* "WELLS, Agnes M. Age 81, of Huber Heights, passed away Saturday, December 30, 2006 at Grandview Hospital. Agnes attended Hope Wesleyan Church and was a member of the Ohio Genealogical Society. She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Edmund E. in 2005; & brother, Kenneth Hower. Agnes is survived by her son & daughter-in-law, Gary & Virginia Wells of Troy; daughter & son-in-law, Melody & Bob Morris of Huber Heights; sisters, Ellen R. Gill of Sandusky, Marra Louise Moore & Elizabeth Irene Hillyard, both of Florida; grandchildren, Kimberly Morris, Kristin Martin & her husband Chris, Mark, Michael & Krista Wells; other relatives and friends. Funeral service 10:00 AM Thursday, January 4, 2006 at the Marker & Heller Funeral Home, Huber Heights Chapel, 5844 Old Troy Pike with Pastor Rick Smith officiating. Entombment Meadow Green Memorial Park Mausoleum, Huron, Ohio. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6-8 PM Wednesday. If desired memorial contributions may be made to the Wells of Salvation Ministries in Agnes's memory."

Scope and Content: Collection contains correspondence and research from Agnes Hower Wells and her co-author Charles Clare Hower as well as their letters with other genealogists regarding the Hower family and allied lines. Also includes Wells' research on her maternal family (Rickner, Mansfield, Disher, and Stucky/Stuckey). Wells's research contains interviews with family members and Bible records, among other records.

System of Arrangement: Series I contains correspondence, including letters to Agnes Hower Wells and to her co-author Charles C. Hower from other genealogists, as well as the letters between Wells and Hower. Series II contains Wells's genealogy research files.

Extent: 2.94 linear feet

Access: No access restrictions.

Language: English; German (some records written in Old Script, others in New Script; translations available for select items)

Provenance: Donated to the OGS in 2007 by Gary Wells of Troy, Ohio, Agnes Hower Wells' son.

Additional notes: See also Agnes Hower Wells' family histories in the OGS Library:

Family ties: a DePoy family genealogy (1994)

The descendants of Hans Hauer of Neruerth, Germany: A Hower history (1973), co-authored by Charles C. Hower

Jacob Schmuck family (undated)

The following items were moved to the OGS Library, locations noted in parentheses:

Muffly family: Descendants of Nicholas Muffly by Marilyn Bernstein, written 1993 (shelf, Family History); original correspondence between Bernstein and Wells in archival collection

John Henry & Margaret Crilla Bodenbender Rickner Family: a segment of the John & Mary Ellen Fryman Bodenbender Family Tree by Charlie H. Bennett (shelf, Family History)

Excerpt from *My religious and paternal heritage of the Church of the Brethren and genealogies of the Prowants, Burkhardt, Shafers, and Dickeys, 1708-1968* by Pauline Shafer Tracy (surname files, Shafer and Tracy); this work is also available through FamilySearch on microfilm, Film #007951533 image #1018

"The Bethel Congregational Christian Church, Arthur, Ohio Centennial Celebration: One hundred years history of the Bethel Congregational Christian Church, February 9, 1858 to February 9, 1958" by Ruth Neff Bodenbender and Cecil E. Mansfield, historians (county vertical files, Paulding County)

“Were Joshua A. Armstrong, his sister Sarah Armstrong Clark, and Daniel Armstrong (who fought in the same company as Joshua in the Civil War), the children of Aquilla Armstrong?” by Michael R. Armstrong, New Carlisle, Ohio (surname files, Armstrong)

“Phillips family information” by Gene Isabel Kingman Hildebrand Roth, Creswell, NC

“The book of Nyman” by Col. Melancthon R. Nyman, Ella Nyman Meyercord, Grace M. Stevens, Dorothy M. Sturges, Richard H. Nyman (surname files, Nyman)

Map of cemeteries in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, prepared by the Lebanon County Historical Society, 1986 (library map case)

Index of Schuyler Brossman’s Our Keystone Families Columns #1355 (7 October 1992) - #1406 (29 September 1993) by Ruthanna Jacobs, South Central Pennsylvania Genealogical Society (shelf, Pennsylvania)

A Barron-Barclay Iowa Clan by Robert J. Manahl (shelf, Family History)

Grow family by John R. Grow (shelf, Family History)

Arthur Joseph Weible Family Tree by Rillmond F. Weible, 1958, Paulding County (shelf, Family History)

Ancestors of Glenn Joel Olander-Quamme by Glenn Joel Olander-Quamme, 2000 (shelf, Family History); original correspondence between Olander-Quamme and Wells in archival collection (related through the Fisk family)

Church records from Zion Lutheran Church, Plain Township (North Canton), Stark County, Ohio, 1820-1856; including some burials in the North Canton Cemetery to 1895 by Mary Harter, undated (shelf, Stark County)

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Box 1: Series I: Correspondence

Wells' letters from 1972-1982 were returned to her by Charles C. Hower's widow, Evelyn, after his death on February 13, 1982 (received by Wells August 21, 1983). All other letters from Wells to Hower are carbon copies that Wells retained for her own reference.

File 0: Finding aid, deed of gift, context

File 1: Correspondence with Charles C. Hower, 1963-1969; earliest letters between Wells and Hower regarding their shared Hower ancestors. Details about their grandparents and other immediate Hower family who they knew personally.

Persons mentioned: Homer Hower (Wells' father); Homer Henry Clay Hower; Mary Ellen Rinehart (b. 1873, Medina, Ohio); Clara Hower; Elizabeth Hower (1836-1895); Catherine Anna Hower (Trine); Veronica Hower (Holmes); Jacob L. Hower; Leah Hower; Mary Margretta Hower (Bowman); Sarah Ann Hower (Carpenter); John W. Hower (d. 1869); John Hower (b. 1802, Lancaster, PA); John G. Hower; Christian Hower; Ann Eve Hower; Leah Schmuck (Hower); Mrs. Jane H. Auken (of Mifflintown, PA).

File 2: Correspondence with Charles C. Hower, 1970; additional discussion of their closest Hower relatives. Also, translating German family records and wills.

Persons mentioned: Mathias Hauer; Samuel Mansfield (Wells' mother's side); Mrs. Hazel Miltenberger (Myerstown, PA); Jacob Hower (great-great grandfather of C. Hower); George Shook; Margaret Hower (Lawson); David Lawson; Mrs. Ada Waltenbaugh (of Canton, Ohio); Christian Hauer; Anna Houser; Anna Mary Hauer; Dominique Becker; Samuel Hower; Catherine Holl; John H. Everhardt; Leanna Mantz.

File 3: Correspondence with Charles C. Hower, 1971; discussion of Howers/Howars in Oklahoma, Lang-Stober family connection to the Howers. Wells goes to Washington DC and Pennsylvania for research, specifically pension records for Civil War and Revolutionary War.

File 4: Correspondence with Charles C. Hower, 1972; Hower-DePoy-Naftzger connection, ancestors who used the "Hauer" spelling as well as other alternates (Howard, Harn); also, beginning discussions of the *Hower History* book's development and preparation for publication.

File 5: Correspondence with Charles C. Hower, 1973; further discussion of the book, finetuning which family lines will be included, and which will be omitted, proofreading, etc. Discussion of the "Blankenloch list" and its implications for the family history.

File 6: Correspondence with Charles C. Hower, 1974; additional research on the DePoy-Hower connection (Ross County, Ohio) as well as more personal details about their lives outside of genealogy; discussion of new evidence presented by relatives who bought the *Hower History*. *Note: These lines will be added to the More Howers: a supplement to The descendants of Hans Hauer of Neureuth, Germany : a Hower history which is currently unavailable in the OGS Library.)*

Box 2:

File 7: Correspondence with Charles C. Hower, 1975; discussion of the DePoy family in Ohio, especially those in Ross County and Highland County; Wells' correspondence with Rev. Roy B. Leedy; further discussion on additional Hower/Hauer lines in Pennsylvania (locating church records) and Howard family in central Ohio (Union County).

Persons mentioned: Isaac DePoy (b. 1796); Nelle Dean Miller; Stewart M. DePoy (Columbus, Ohio); Maria Catherine (DePoy) Hower.

File 8: Correspondence with Charles C. Hower, 1976; further discussion of the DePoy-Hower connections; "Hour" alternate spelling; Hower's research trip to Virginia for records.

Persons mentioned: Isaac DePoy; Christopher 'Hour'; Athens Oliphant; Mrs. George Lamb (of Chelsea, Iowa); Margaret Howard (Union County).

File 9: Correspondence with Charles C. Hower, 1977; further discussion of the Oliphant family; Howers in Iowa; DePoy's in Kansas, Howard-Depoy-Smith family; discussion of their personal lives.

Persons mentioned: Athens Oliphant; James Daniel Hauer (died in Knox, Indiana); Catherine Oliphant; Thelma (Bodey) Bump; Mrs. Ruth [Stinson] Kibby of Scott City, KS; Hower Stinson; John H. Koons; Rev. Christian Hower; Dr. E. A. Riemenschneider (of Akron, Ohio); James Depoy (of Portis, Kansas); Christopher Howard; Adam Howard; Anthony Hower/Hauer; Elise Myers.

[Note: Dr. E. A. Riemenschneider's genealogy research was donated to OGS in 2020, MSS 447 Riemenschneider Collection.]

File 10: Correspondence with Charles C. Hower, 1978; further discussion of the Oliphant family; German research by Theo. Giraud; discussion of their personal lives.

Persons mentioned: Christena Southern Riggle/Christena Howard Southern; Verbena Howard Davis; Lawrence W. Shultz; Anna Hower Stinson; Henry Hauer; Catherine Grumbine; Adam Howard; Albert Howard; Elizabeth Deardorff.

File 11: Correspondence with Charles C. Hower, 1979; discussion of the publication of *More Howers*, the supplement to *A Hower History*; Howers in Stark County, Ohio; mailing lists of those who ordered the supplement, corrections to the supplement.

Persons mentioned: Henry Hauer; Catherine Grumbine; Adam Howard; Anthony Hower/Hauer; Feronica Hower Holmes.

File 12: Correspondence with Charles C. Hower, 1980; further discussion of corrections to the supplement and additional sales; Wells returns to researching her closer relatives, Hower researching Weirich/Weyrick/Weirick families in Ohio; details on their personal lives.

Persons mentioned: Jonathan Rinehart (Wells' great great grandfather); Catherine Oliphant; Lawrence Rhoads.

File 13: Correspondence with Charles C. Hower, 1981 and 1982, with additional letters from/to his widow, Evelyn Hower, from 1982, 1988, and 1990; limited genealogy discussion, Hower in declining health and unable to write frequently, Wells in bad car accident; Hower passes away on February 12, 1982.

Persons mentioned: Henry Hauer; Catherine Grumbine; Depoy family; Catherine Oliphant.

Box 3:

Letters to Agnes Hower Wells, from other genealogists and relatives; alphabetical order by correspondent surname, or surname that is topic of discussion. "Sparky"/ "Spark" / "Sparkie" are all variations of Wells's nickname.

File 14: Letters from Mary Ellen Bentley, Columbiaville, MI, 1994; regarding Holmes family and its Hower connections, but also more generally about research strategies.

File 15: Letter from Marilyn Bernstein, Laguna Beach, CA, 1993; regarding the Muffly family. *Note: the manuscript referred to in this letter has been moved to the library, under family histories, attributed to Bernstein.*

File 16: Letters from Wilson C. Brown, Rexburg, ID, 1986-1987; regarding the Brumage/Nugent family from Preble County, Ohio.

File 17: Letters from researchers regarding the Mansfield-Boyles family, specifically the descendants of Samuel Mansfield Jr. (1744-1819) and his wife Charity Boils (Boyles) (1755-1848), as well as the extended family of Charity, including Martin Boyles. Letters from Dorothy

C. Chew, Dalton, GA, 1979; Judith Burkhardt, Berne, IA, 1981-1989; James Mansfield, Kettering, OH, 1988 (originally sent to Judith, copies shared with Wells).

A family history written by Joseph Merritt Boyles (1966) that was enclosed in letter dated March 9, 1983 from Judith Burkhardt was moved to the OGS Library.

File 18: Letter from Barbara Claussen, Grand Junction, CO, 1994; regarding *More Howers* and the descendants of James M. Martin (1844-1888) and Ann Elizabeth Hower (abt. 1847-1878).

File 19: Correspondence with Martin L. DePoy III, Cleveland, NY, 1997; regarding the DePoy/Depoy family in *More Howers*.

File 20: Letters from Capt. Arthur J. Disher, 1964 and 1999 (stationed in the Philippines, later lived in Colorado); regarding the Disher/Discher family, in particular a Civil War veteran named John Disher, who enlisted in 1862 in Ottawa County, Ohio, and was later assigned to the Army of the Cumberland. Includes photos (copies) of John Disher (Civil War veteran) and his wife Mary Magdaline Carnicom Disher, about 70-80 years old, appear to be cabinet cards. *See File 97 for more research on this family, and the pension application of John Disher.*

File 21: Letter from unidentified person, undated, regarding the Giraud family in Germany. Descendants and ancestors of Johann Jakob Giraud and Christine Lacroix Giraud who emigrated to the United States with their 7 children in 1835. Also, information on their extended family and pictures (photocopies). *Note: Letter most likely from Theo Giraud, Wells' main contact in Germany.*

File 22: "Hower/Hauer records from overseas": Letters from Theo Giraud, Stutensee-Blankenloch, Germany, 1976-1993; regarding the Hauer family in Germany, prior to immigration to US. Also, description of Wells' visit to Germany to visit family landmarks with Theo as a guide.

File 23: Correspondence with Steven A. Groh, Maineville, OH, 1995-2000; regarding the Groh/Grow family, specific location of the family not given.

File 24: Letters and ancestor chart from Jill Hager, Bellefontaine, OH, 1993; Regarding the Purcell family in Logan County, specifically the parents of Sarah Purcell (1809-1878/9) who married Abraham Gardiner.

File 25: Letters from Ron Hamilton, Shelbyville, IN, undated; regarding Hamilton/Thompson connection in Loudoun County, Virginia, in particular Israel Thompson and his daughter Betsy Thompson Griffith Hamilton. Includes Hamilton's correspondence with another genealogist, Bronwen Souders.

File 26: Letter from Alberta A. Harris, Eaton Rapids, MI, 1979; regarding Isaac Holmes and Fannie Hower Holmes, her great grandparents.

File 27: Letters from John Hauer, Garden Grove, CA, 1982-2001; regarding Johans/Hans Michael Hauer (1697-1757) and his wife Anna Maria Wendel (?-after 1762), and their descendants (likely Wells' earliest ancestor). John is descended from Adam Johann Hauer and Marguretta Hauer, another Hauer family who lived at the same time (1721 in what is now Neureut) Includes Hauer's letters from Drusilla Sheldon, another researcher whose family came from the same area of Germany. Discussion of the Hauer family prior to immigration to the US.

File 28: "Hower immigration": Letters and interviews regarding Christopher C. Howard and Jacob Howard (1760-185?). Letters from Larry J. Arnold, Erlanger, KY and Ellen Lane, Hagerstown, IN, and interviews with Margaret Bouic, Bradenton, FL and Betty Gingrich Myers, Arcadia, FL.

File 29: Letters from Lloyd D. ("Joe") Laughridge, Pocatello, ID, 1983-1984; regarding Rickner/Rechner/Richner family, in particular, the family of Nancy Rechner, born 1766 Pennsylvania.

File 30: Letters and photos (photocopies) from Frances Lockett, Wadsworth, OH, 1985; regarding Howers in Stark County, OH: Rebecca Hower (1829-1909) and first husband Monroe Kuntz (Koons) (1820-1862), and their children.

File 31: Correspondence with Robert S. Long, Rockville, IN, 1980-1981; regarding the Schooler family in Logan County, particularly on William H. Schooler, born in Logan County, December 18, 1814, whose parents were from Kentucky. One letter addressed to the Logan County Recorder's Office, where Wells worked for a period of time to supplement her husband's income (she discusses her return to work in her correspondence with Charles C. Hower). She fulfilled records requests and microfilmed records.

File 32: Letters from Robert J. Manahl, Evanside, IN, 1983; regarding Barker-Barron ancestors in *More Howers*.

File 33: Letter from Dorcus Hauer McCoy, Dover, PA, 1978; regarding her great grandparents, Frederick Hauer (1834-1912) and Mary Elizabeth Welty (1841-1921).

File 34: Letter and documents from Thomas S. Neel, New London, OH, 1987; regarding the family of Priscilla Spurgin, and her parents William Spurgeon (1773-1852) and Jane Forman Spurgeon, of Kentucky.

File 35: Letters from Glenn Olander-Quamme, Plymouth, Minnesota, 1999-2000; regarding his ancestry and the writing of his family history (ascent, direct line), and he shared Fisk ancestors with Wells. Includes a letter sent to him by Lynn E. Wolaver, Fairborn, Ohio, concerning the family George W. Wolaver, Sr., of Huron County, Ohio (1835-1924). *Note: the manuscript referred to in the one letter has been moved to the library, under family histories, attributed to Olander-Quamme.*

File 36: Letters and interviews regarding Athens Oliphant and Margaret Howard, and connection to the Barnes family. Interviews with Mrs. Hugh A. Taylor and Mrs. William McKee [nee Nancy Jane Harvey] of Lebanon, OH, and letters from Reuben Harvey and Grave Harvey, Ruth Johnston Hiles (mother Nellie Gray Pyers Johnston), Thelma Rhoads, and Lawrence B. Rhoads.

File 37: Letter and family records from Lloyd B. Phillips, Penn Yan, NY, 1984; regarding the Phillips family in Colonial New England, in particular, the descendants of Abraham Phillips (b. 1757) and Lucy Kelley (b. 1761).

File 38: Letter from M. W. [Melvin Willard] Rickner, Bellville, OH, 1986; confirming family story told to Wells by his "Aunt Nessie" about their family's move to Ohio from Michigan via train the winter of 1906. Parents were William Rickner and Rosa Ann Stuckey.

File 39: Letters from Vera Pauline Routson, Palatine, IL, 1977-1983. Regarding Phillips family, Samuel Hanson Phillips (1854-1923), appears in her *Meier-Meyer Family* book (unsure if work was ever published). Also, family chart tree of the Phillips line, starting with Job Phillips (American Revolution veteran from Rhode Island, died in Athens County, Ohio (1741-1835)). *Bible records from Routson moved to File 84.*

File 40: Letters provided by Aleta Nyman Royer [Mrs. Harold A. Royer], Bellevue, OH, 1974; regarding the Nyman family in northeast Ohio. Includes letters and family charts from Ella Nyman Meyercord and Grace Meyercord Steeves.

File 41: Correspondence with Steve Sayre, Unionville, Missouri, 1984 and 1987; regarding the McKinstry/McKinstrey/McKinster family, particularly David McKinstry and his wife Mary J. Loudon, who moved from Ohio to Indiana by 1850.

File 42: Letters, records (photocopies), and ancestry from Zenetta Schenck, Ogallala, NE, 1982; regarding the Rickner family as well as other living Rickner descendants and researchers. Schenck researching Solomon Franklin Rickner born in 1821, Klecknerville, PA and lived to be 115 years old. Solomon married Mary Elizabeth Sixberry from Wooster, Wayne County, Ohio.

File 43: Letters from Phillip L. Sheridan, Atwater, CA, 1994; regarding the Mansfield family in Wyandot and Hancock Counties, Ohio, in particular Phebe Elizabeth Mansfield. Sheridan side of his family from Allen County, Ohio.

File 44: Letters from Wanda Baker Smith, Auburn, IN, 1992-1993; regarding the Baker-Wertz branch of the Hower family, particularly those found in Richland and Franklin Counties, Ohio.

File 45: Letter from Margaret H. Southard, 1980; regarding the descendants of James Albert Hower and the location of Christian Hower's family bible.

File 46: Letter from Mrs. L. J. Strong [Lauren Ellen Morris], Massillon, OH, 1964; regarding the Mansfield family, through her maternal side. Mother was Clara Safrona Mansfield, born in Paulding County, Ohio to Peter Mansfield and Ellen Perkins. Includes completed genealogy questionnaire sent to her by Wells.

File 47: Letter and descendants chart from James (Jim) Jay Strong, Massillon, OH, 1983-1989. Charts for: Job Phillips (1740-1835), Athens County, Ohio; Robert Mansfield (c1720-?), Kent County, Maryland; James Babcock (1580-1679), Westerly, Rhode Island; and Samuel Mansfield Jr. (1744-1819) and his wife Charity Boils (Boyles) (1755-1848), Athens County, Ohio. Includes newspaper article on James Strong and his genealogy research on the Strong family in the United States, published in *The Canton Repository*, 1988.

File 48: Letter and descendants charts from Judy Castle Stubbs, Nashville, TN, 1995; regarding the DePoy family, particularly Catherine DePoy (?-1806) who married first Nichols Altstott (also spelled Altstadt) (1727-abt. 1754) and then married second husband, Christopher Howard, Rockingham County, Virginia. Family moved to Ross County, Ohio.

File 49: Letter from Martha Stucky, Sugarcreek, OH, 1992; regarding the Stucky family in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, particularly those descendants of John Stucky (1821-1903) and Elizabeth Roth (1822-1895), Swiss immigrants. Includes short family history, family records (in German), and photocopies of family letters (1850s) written in German (translation provided for a few), by unidentified authors.

File 50: Correspondence with Ann Topham (1927-2006), Kalamazoo, MI, 1985-1990; some genealogy on the ancestors of her parents, James Walter Porter and Gladys Farthing Porter, but more about her own life and children.

Box 4:

Letters to Charles C. Hower from other genealogists and relatives; alphabetical order by sender's surname. Hower's letters and research were sent to Wells by his widow, Evelyn, after he passed away in 1982. Letters with detailed genealogical information and charts are noted.

File 51: Correspondence with Jane H. Auker [nee Martha Jane Evans], Mifflintown, Pennsylvania, 1952-1980; regarding the Hauers/Howers in the US, generally, and the living Hower descendants she knew at the time, sharing their contact information with Charles as he began researching for *A Hower History*. Some letters are missing, only Hower's carbon copy of his letter is available. Mother was Mary A. Hower, and father Frank Evans, born in New Jersey.

The following were given to Hower by Auker (filed by the date they were sent to Hower):

Sent to Charles Hower on April 6, 1955: Letter, dated July 31, 1913, from Mrs. J. D. Zouck [nee Wilhemina Hauer], Hanover, Pennsylvania, to Mr. L. C. Hauer, regarding the descendants of Daniel Hauer, who immigrated from Alsace-Lorraine to Maryland in 1759.

Sent to Charles Hower on October 6, 1979: Letter, marked March 20, 1978, from Paul Wesley Hower (1922-1999), California, to Paul H. Hower.

File 52: Correspondence with William G. Boyer, New York, NY, 1974-1980; regarding the DePoy-Hower branch of the family, particularly the family from Rockingham County, Virginia, then eventually lived in Ross County, Ohio.

File 53: Correspondence with Ford L. Coolman, Chagrin Falls, OH, 1970-1980; regarding Howers in Stark County, Ohio, particularly the Lawson-Shook connections to the Howers in the county. Coolman also did some research for Hower in local newspaper and in the court house.

File 54: Letters from James A. Depoy, Portis, KS, 1977-1978; regarding DePoy-Hower family of Rockingham County, Virginia, later of Ross County, Ohio. James related through Nicholas DePoy (1799-1865) and his second wife Henrietta Taylor (d. 1886). Includes description of family cemetery in Buckskin Twp., Ross County (*August 29, 1977 letter and enclosures*).

File 55: Letters from (Henry) Clay Everhard and Floyd C. Everhard, Pharr, Texas, 1961-1977; regarding the Hower-Everhard-Stinson connections through Anna Hower Everhard Stinson (1876-1910), Clay's grandmother [Floyd's great grandmother].

Letters from (Henry) Clay Everhard, 1961-1968: Clay recounts the childhood and Civil War stories from his father, Reuben T. Everhard (1846-1917) who was born in Wadsworth, Ohio, and then moved to Missouri after his service. Clay also gives a detailed account of his grandmother, Anna Hower Everhard Stinson, and his extended relatives. *These are copies of Clay's letters to*

Grace Everhard Miller, given to Agnes Hower Wells by Patsy Everhard Spillman in 1977. Wells then passed the letters onto Charles C. Hower.

Letters from Floyd C. Everhard, 1977: Floyd explains that his father's full name was Henry Clay Everhard, but once he became an adult, he dropped the "Henry." Floyd gives a biographical sketch of his father and recalls some memories of the Stinson-Hower side of his family from his childhood.

File 56: Correspondence with Betty Jane Goold, Northfield, MN, 1975-1981; regarding the ancestors and descendants of Amelia Hower Naftzger Bonewitz. Includes photos of Goold's family.

File 57: Correspondence with Mary Harter [Mrs. Bert Harter], Doylestown, OH (later Key West, FL), 1970-1980; regarding the Harter family's connection to the Howers through the Nowlen and Shook families and other early German Lutheran families in Plain township (North Canton), Stark County, Ohio. *Note: Harter's transcription/translation of church records from Zion Lutheran in North Canton, Ohio was moved to the library (shelf, Stark County). Pages 20-21 of the original document remain in the file, and were photocopied for the shelf copy due to their condition [originally enclosed in October 22, 1970 letter].*

File 58: Letter from Eric Hillemann, Madison, WI, 1982; regarding *More Howers* and including his own additional information on the DePoy-Hower connection in Rockingham County, Virginia and later Ross County, Ohio. Particularly the line of Jacob DePoy (1799-?), his first wife Nancy Parnell, and his second wife Nancy S. Chambers. Also includes a detailed account of their son William DePoy (1830-1902), his [William's] first wife Catharine Black, his second wife Clara Knapp (whom he divorced), and their descendants. Family lived in Ross County, Ohio before they moved to Linn County, Iowa.

File 59: Letters from David P. Hively, Felton, PA, 1978-1981; regarding various early Hower/Hauer families and allied lines in Pennsylvania (Anthony Hauer, Anna Shimp and Abraham Lighty, Jacob Strong). Also, comments and corrections on specific ancestors in *A Hower History*, based on his own research: Bernhard Hauer (d. 1786); John Arnold and his wife Elizabeth Hauer, daughter of Anthony; John Hauer (p. 39); Joseph Schall (p. 37); Eva Hower/Ackerman/Blouse/Olweiler (p. 281). December 24, 1978 letter contains photographs of Hauer graves in St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Chanceford twp., York County, PA.

File 60: Correspondence with Nancy Howell, Akron, OH, 1973-1980; regarding Martha Sarah Dickerhoff and John Garman (m. 1830), Green township, Summit County, and their families, who married into the Hower family of North Canton, Stark County.

File 61: Letters from Anna M. Howar, Aurora, CO (later Missouri), 1978-1979; regarding the descendants of Henry St. Clair Howar (1888-1960), born in Oskaloosa, Iowa.

File 62: Correspondence with Chester ("Chet") A. Howar, Oskaloosa, IA, 1970-1977; regarding Howars/Howers who moved to Iowa from Indiana. Also, court house research in Iowa, looking for records of Anthony Hower.

File 63: "Northeast Indiana Howers" correspondence, multiple authors, 1942-1971; regarding Howers in Fort Wayne/Elkhart/South Bend Indiana. Following the migration of Howers out of Stark County, Ohio. Letters from: Charles M. Hower (Fort Wayne, IN); Esta D. Hower (Wyandotte, MI) (includes her family tree and lineage); "Olive" (Plymouth, IN); Recorder's office at Logansport State Hospital, IN (regarding birth records for this branch).

File 64: Letter from Ella Gerlaugh Howett [Mrs. Harry Howett], Elyria, OH, 1951; regarding her grandfather, John Hower (1823-1910), born in Maryland and moved to Greene County, OH, and his grandfather, Jacob Hower, born in Germany, who served in the American Revolution.

File 65: Letters from Joyce Barkley Johnson [Mrs. Edgar J. Johnson], Carlisle, PA, 1979-1980; regarding the Barkley/Barclay family connection to the Howers, included in the *More Howers* supplement.

Box 5: *Continuation of Charles C. Hower's correspondence with other genealogists.*

File 66: Letters from Ruth E. Stinson Kibby, Scott City, KS, 1977-1979; regarding Anna Hower Everhard Stinson and other Hower-Stinson family members (Bertha Mable Stinson and Clyde, and others), including family stories/lore. Includes enclosed letter to Kibby from Dorothy Bliler Royer (Carthage, MO), 1977. Includes notes from her sister, Doris Stinson Overall, Springfield, MO, 1979, and her cousin, Marjorie M. Stinson Nunchuck, Huntington Park, CA, 1977.

File 67: Correspondence with Rachel Kreider, Wadsworth, OH, 1970-1976; regarding John H. Hower and his wife Catherine Kryder, who lived in North Canton, also other Howers from the North Canton area and Stark County at large. Also, mentions of Jane Auken and Ford Coolman.

File 68: Correspondence with Bertha C. Nash, Fairfield, IA, 1971; regarding Daniel Howar of Iowa; Nash is a close relative of Galen White.

File 69: Letters to "Mr. Nyman"/M. N. Nyman from various authors, 1931-1932 [transcribed from originals by Charles Hower]; regarding Rev. Christian Hower (1791-1865) and his children. Letters from: Laura Hower Caine, Cleveland, OH; Florence A. Hower Morgan, no location. Obituary for Laura Hower Caine provided by Ida and Etta Nyman Knott.

File 70: Correspondence with Marguerite B. Priode, Harrisonburg, VA, 1973-1974; regarding the DePoy family in Rockingham County, Virginia.

File 71: Letters from Vera E. Strickler Rankin [Mrs. Wilbert Rankin], Muncie, IN, 1978-1980; regarding her Howard ancestors, through her mother Edyth Howard Strickler. Includes discussion of family lore regarding a Native American ancestor as well as other stories she heard growing up. Grandfather was Adam E. Howard (1850-1929).

File 72: Correspondence with Warren L. Rinehart, Waterford, CA, 1978-1979; regarding his maternal grandparents, Jacob W. Deardorff (1863-1946) and Elizabeth J Howard ("Grandma Libby") (1861-1951), and their extended family. Elizabeth was the daughter of Christopher Columbus Howard and Maryann Woodland Middleton Myers, born in Greenfield, Ross County, Ohio. Last letter has biographical sketches of Christopher Columbus Howard (1811-1884); Maryann Woodland Middleton Myers Howard (1821-1886); and John Myers (1843-1913) (Elizabeth J. Howard Deardorff's half brother). These sketches also give additional description of the photos enclosed.

Includes photos of: Jacob W. Deardorff and Elizabeth J. Howard, on the farm of A. J. Howard in Greensfork, Indiana, c. 1920; a copy of a tintype or daguerreotype of Daniel Howard; John Myers and George Myers of Somerford, Ohio, visiting the farm at Greens Fork, Indiana; Washington Cyrus Hauer and Matilda McCurdy Hauer, and their family, c. 1898; group photo of the Myers and Gaib family reunion at Greenfield, 1950 (Hallie, George, Inez, Mrs. G. Myers, and their children); a poor copy of a group photo of "Grandma Libby" Elizabeth J. Howard Deardorff and her mother, Maryann Myers Howard, and sister Mary Ann Howard Wright, 1884; and also gravestone pictures for Christopher C. Howard (also with Warren Rinehart standing beside), 1978, the Hower family plot at Brickerville Cemetery, and Alber Johnson Howard at Modesto Citizen Cemetery.

File 73: Correspondence with Elizabeth Sandberg [Mrs. Sidney M. Sandberg], Burbank, CA, 1973-1981; regarding their shared Hower/Hauer ancestors, in particular the Kapp-Lorentz branch of the family. Includes Sandberg's research trip to Germany in 1981, searching for records in Blankenloch, Germany; findings for Franz Peter Lorentz (d. 1795), Margaretha Kapp's (1744-1799) second husband (first husband being Christopher Hauer (1737-1777)); and detailed descendants list for George Feit Kapp (1710-1785) and his wife Gertraudt Friederich. Undated materials in back of file, after letters.

File 74: Correspondence with Jean M. (Mytholar) Shetler, Cuyahoga Falls, OH, 1948-1980; regarding her Mytholar ancestors, a family which married into the extended Hower/Hauer family (Jacob Hauer line, Caroline Hower (1829-1895) to Frank Maximillian Mytholar (1829-

1863)), as well as researching the Hower family in Stark County, Ohio. Includes pictures of Jean and her husband Alvin Shetler and additional undated postcards and research notes (back of file, after letters). *Notes: Jean Shetler is also a member of First Families of Ohio (#122), through her Hower ancestors in Stark County, Ohio; Bible records from Shetler moved to File 84.*

File 75: Correspondence with Richard ("Dick") Slining, Brea, CA, 1976-1977; regarding Anthony Hower of Washington County, Maryland, and Daniel Hower and his son Washington C. Hower. Includes family records of Washington C. Hower.

File 76: Correspondence with Helen S. Snyder, Harrisburg, PA, 1970-1974; regarding Howers/Hauers in Pennsylvania, particularly those in Lancaster County (John Hauer, Jacob Hower (b. 1771)) who married into the Nowlan family, before moving to Stark County, Ohio. Snyder completed research at the courthouse for Charles C. Hower.

File 77: Correspondence with Grace Meyercord Steeves, Old Lyme, CT, 1971-1978; regarding her Nyman ancestors. Also, conversations about their personal lives. Undated postcards are at the back of the file.

File 78: Correspondence with Galen J. White, Knoxville, IA, 1976-1979; regarding his great grandfather, Daniel Howar (who moved from Pennsylvania, to Ohio, and finally to Iowa) and other living descendants. Includes descendant charts for William White (born in Ireland c. 1726, fought in American Revolution) and for Geroge Dunsmoor (1861-1951) who married Hattie L. Howar (1874-1956).

File 79: Correspondence with Elizabeth ("Betsey") Willard, Raleigh, NC (later York Springs, PA), 1971; 1979; regarding Howers/Hauers in Germany and early immigrants in Hagerstown, Maryland (specifically John Hauer (b. June 24, 1823) and his family). Includes family records and wills. Once she moved to Pennsylvania, wrote to Hower again with transcriptions of Hauer headstones in St. Paul's Church of Christ-Lutheran cemetery and St. Peter's Lutheran Church cemetery, both in Clear Spring, Maryland.

File 80: Correspondence with Frances Wilson [Mrs. Horace Wilson], Greens Fork, IN, 1978-1979; regarding Howards in Clay township, Wayne County, Indiana, and allied families (Adam Howard, Earl Howard, Flossie Souther Warrell, and William L. Souther). Specific family connections not described. Includes a picture of the Howard family reunion, only partially identified, 1925, and a copy of an 1893 atlas of Clay township, Wayne County, Indiana, annotated by Wilson showing locations of family farms and churches the family attended (mostly about Adam Howard).

File 81: Correspondence with Ruth Howar Wooden, Tulsa, OK, 1970-1972; regarding the Howars that moved to Mahaska County, Iowa (descendants of Christopher Howar 1795-1878).

Wooden was an acquaintance of Chester A. Howar, Oskaloosa, IA. Some of Charles Hower's letters are addressed to both Wooden and Howar. Includes Wooden's family group sheets for this line of Howars (descended through Christopher's son John Howar and his wife Elizabeth Duffey, who both died in Dayton, Ohio) as well as her immediate family/children.

Box 6: Series II: Genealogy research and other papers

Genealogy resources which provide evidence for family histories, such as family group sheets, bibliography, and other records (originals and photocopies). Includes research on Wells's maternal lines (Rickner), her husband's family and her children, and other miscellaneous papers related to the Hower History book. The bible records in this section have been copied and added to the OGS Bible Records Collection in the library as well.

File 82: Bibliography; a master list of resources, record collections, and source citations Wells used in her genealogy research. Includes where she found the book/microfilm/record.

File 83: Index to the bibliography; grouped by subjects (births, baptisms, histories, marriages, and so on) which are filed in alphabetical order. Provides page number and bibliography number (B1, B2, etc.). *[The bibliography number is often used on the family group sheets as a shorthand source citation.]*

File 84: Bible records and other family records [most photocopies, one original] collected by Agnes Hower Wells, alphabetical order by surname. Includes the following records:

Bear-Laws family, Hiram Bear and Abigail Bear (maiden name not given), and their children. Later births are the children of their daughter "Susie" Bear who married George Laws. Brown family, William Brown and Sidney Steapleton, and their children (Darke County, Ohio). Originally printed in "Gateway to the West," vol. 1, no. 1-A, September 1967.

Carnicom family, Lewis Carnicom and Ellen H. Gilbert, and their children (Sandusky County, Ohio). Includes transcription of obituaries and other items that were enclosed in the Bible, as well as Wells's interview with Edward Carnicom (owner of Bible and Lewis and Ellen's son) about his family (shares Rickner, Stuckey, and Disher ancestors with Wells).

DeHart family, Adam DeHart and Mary Howard, and their children, as well as Mary's parents and siblings (Ross County, Ohio). Includes a transcribed letter from Clara G. Mark, Westerville, Ohio to Almeda McCullough, Lafayette, Indiana, concerning this family, 1960.

DePoy family (1), Isaac DePoy and Jane Stafford, and their children and parents. Family record found amongst the photographs of Mrs. Nicholas S. DePoy.

DePoy family (2), James A. DePoy, 1st wife Cordelia Macy, 2nd wife Lottie Matthews, and their children (Rockingham County, Virginia line). Includes family tree and affidavit from Luther Dickey DePoy (son of Issac DePoy (b. 1796)) attesting to a family story (1936).

Everhard-Stinson family, Anna Hower, 1st husband Joshua Everhard, 2nd husband William Stinson and their children (Medina County, Ohio, later Missouri). Also, transcribed/photographed records of Reuben T. Everhard and Jerusha M. McCathron.

Hauer family (1), George Hauer and Esther Books, and their children. Includes the children of Martin Van Buren Hauer/Howard and Lousia Ottinger (her parents also given). Martin and Lousia's family moved to Wisconsin.

Hauer family (2), Heinrich Hauer and Chatarina Grumbein, and their children (Lebanon County, PA). Originally published by NSDAR-PA.

Hauer family (3), John Hauer and Leah Schmuck, and their children (Morrow County, Ohio). Howard family, Isaiah J. Howard and Sophia Moomaw, and their children (Ross County, Ohio, later Delaware County, Indiana). Also includes the birth/death dates of their mothers, Margaret Howard and Celia Moomaw. Margaret Howard's parents also noted.

Hower family (1), Alfred Dreisbach Hower and Hannah Drusilla Schuyler, and their children and Grandfather Schuyler. [original records]

Hower family (2), the birthdates of the children of Homer Hower and Bertha Rickner (Wells's parents), from their wedding guest book (Ottawa County, Ohio).

Murphy family, children of George W. Murphy (1830-1910), of Maryland *[based on research; parents not named in records]*. Bible was auctioned under the name "Hymiller" bible, but no Hymillers are present in the records.

Mytholar family, Maximillian Mytholar and Caroline Hower (maiden name not given in record), and their children. *See also File 74 for additional information on this family in correspondence with Jean Mytholar Shetler.*

Phillips family, Samuel Hanson Phillips and his wife Emma Myers, and their children. Includes notes on Daniel Phillips and Abigail Cady (no children named, only a count of how many boys/girls). *See also file 39 for additional information from Routson regarding this family.*

Rickner family, John Rickner and Rachel Kennedy, and their children (married in Licking County, Ohio). Includes the dates they moved to other counties [not specified if Ohio or Indiana. Both states have a Perry township in Allen County.]

Shuler family, Daniel Shuler and Hannah Kennedy, and their children (no location; last owner lived in Napoleon, Henry County, Ohio). Hannah Kennedy's sister, Rachel, married a Rickner.

Stucky family, John Stucky, 1st wife Elizabeth House, 2nd wife Anna Maria Disher, and their children (Wyandot County, Ohio [John spells as "Windot"], later Paulding County, Ohio). Includes an autobiography written by John Stucky, undated.

Williams family, Jesse Williams and Nancy Rayfield, and their children (Fayette County, Ohio). Also, a copy of Nancy's affidavit submitted with her widow's pension to receive bounty land for her husband's service in the War of 1812.

File 85: Additional information on *A Hower History* and its supplement *More Howers*. Includes: original advertisement for *More Howers*, Permission to Microfilm (Family History Library, Salt Lake City, UT), and a list of purchasers of *A Hower History* (names and addresses).

File 86: Wells's personal papers and ephemera. Includes: copyright registration form for her work *Index to Deaths of Lebanon County, PA, 1743-1907*; ancestor chart of Wells; death certificates of father Homer Hower; funeral card for husband, Edmund Wells; newspaper clippings about her son Gary Hower and granddaughter Kimberly Morris; copy of the eulogy given by Richard M. Eastman at the funeral of Charles C. Hower, 1982; 2000 census response; and other short notes from friends.

File 87: Windbigler family letters and papers, 1890s-1907. Given to Wells by Emma R. Long Windbigler [Mrs. Alfred Windbigler], Steam Corners, OH. Includes:

Letter from J. B. Windbigler, Burket, IA, dated March 10, 1898, unknown recipient. Discusses family and children, some religious elements.

Letter from William Windbigler [Sr.], Troy township, Morrow County, OH, to William Windbigler [Jr.], Bloomfield, Greene County, IN, dated December 1864. With transcription by Anges Hower Wells.

Letter from William Windbigler [Sr.], Troy township, Morrow County, OH, to William Windbigler [Jr.], Bloomfield, Greene County, IN, November [no year]. With envelope.

Obituaries for: Priscilla W. Windebighler George; Etta Stull; Ephriam Wirrick; Elizabeth Wirick.

File 88: Funeral book of Maudie May Mechling Ridenour (1880-1960), Allen County, OH, 1960. Lists names of guests, pallbearers, parents, and grandparents (maternal grandparents not given).

File 89: "The autobiography of Bertha (Rickner) Muehling (Nov. 7, 1901-Oct. 11, 1966)," 1966. Handwritten autobiography of Wells's mother, Bertha Rickner Hower Muehling. Born in Paulding County, OH, parents were William A. Rickner and Rose A. Salome Stuckey.

File 90: "Following the life of my Grandmother Mary Ellen Rinehart through various records in courthouses and libraries" by Wells; a timeline of the life of Mary Ellen Rinehart (1873-1937). Born in Medina County to Aaron Rinehart and Sarah Mulberg Rinehart. 1st marriage Homer Henry Clay Hower, 2nd marriage Frank Hartmann, 3rd marriage William W. Nelson, 4th marriage Richard L. Braden.

File 91: Autobiography of Kenneth Nelson Hower (1922-1983), 1983, Wells's brother; describes his childhood and service in WWII.

File 92: Hauer/Howard family photographs, c.1890s and 1941. Includes:

Photocopy of a c.1890s group photo of the descendants of Henry Hauer, Jr. and Catherine Grumbine, mainly the children of George Hauer. Children are named.

Photos of the Howard family reunion, farm and homestead, and cemetery in Ross County, OH, 1941. Includes descendants of Adam Howard and Catherine Bumgardner. Annotated by an unknown person, but potentially Charles C. Hower.

Portrait of John C. Hower, undated. [reproduction copy]

Persons pictured: Sarah Hauer Krick; Peter Hauer; Adam Hauer; Corneluis Hauer; George Hauer; Jacob Hauer; Emma Hauer Spitler; Mary Hauer Edris; George Hauer (Sr.); Elizabeth Hauer Seibert; Arsuler Howard Cox; Elizabeth Howard Deardorff; J. W. Deardorff; Alber Howard; Will Howard; Frank Rinehart; D. Howard Rinehart; Goldie Deardorff; Jenny Howard; Irvin Deardorff; Minnie Bogan (Daughter of Arsuler Cox); Hattie Deardorff; Loren "Bud" Rinehart (Warren's brother); John C. Hower; Columbus Howard.

File 93: "Howard Family History" by Rev. Isaiah J. Howard, 1915; Howard's recollections from childhood and knowledge of the family lines, written in a letter to his son, E. S. Howard. He was the grandson of Adam Howard, born Hauer, to Christopher and Anna Maria Hauer/Hower. *A copy of this work was also placed in the OGS Library.*

File 94: Draft of the "Athens Oliphant family" chapter of *More Howers*; includes additional letters and information from Oliphant descendants (mainly Mary Margaret Hale Pyers and Lawrence B. Rhoads), family charts, and research by Wells up to 1976. *See also File 36 for interviews and correspondence with these descendants.*

Other surnames mentioned: Barnes; Pyers; Johnston; Bump; Martin; Beightler; Snedecker; Harvey; Simpson; Kelly. *[At this time, the OGS Library does not have the More Howers supplement, so this draft copy was kept instead.]*

File 95: "A brief sketch of the Phillips family to which we both belong" by Wells to Miss Laura Phillips, 1975; ancestors and descendants of Job Phillips (1741-?), Athen County, OH. Includes copies of family histories and lineages from Clarence M. Phillips, Kansas City, MO, 1970.

File 96: Hower/Fritchie research in North Canton, Stark County, 1971. Materials sent to Charles Hower and Wells by the Heritage Society of North Canton, Ohio, c/o Ruth H. Basner, regarding Barbara Fritchie, Isaac Hower, Magdalena Royer Ebie, Jacob Hower. Excerpts from a work by Henry C. Holl, referred to only as "Henry Holl's R & R."

File 97: Disher family; ancestors and descendants of John F. Disher and Rosetta Haas, Wyandot County, OH; includes military records (Civil War), deeds and other court records, lineages/family group sheets, and interviews with other living descendants. **Other surnames mentioned:** Boyer; Stucky.

Persons mentioned: Mrs. Jessie Reitz Engler, Fremont, OH; Carl F. Disher, Sandusky, OH; Edward Carnicom, Burgoon, OH; Elsie Reitz Smith, Sandusky, OH; Raymond Mackey, sexton at Lakeview and Riverview Cemeteries, Port Clinton, OH; Mrs. Carolyn Chance Ratz, Bloomville, OH; Chloe Snyder Wettlaufer, Russells Point, OH; Rita Bone Kopp, Ashland, OH; David Disher (Teuscher); Christian Faust Disher; Forrest E. Disher; Ethel Stout Gilmore, Fremont, OH; Florence Disher Burkett, Port Clinton, OH; Charlie Emich; Willard Emich; Thelma A. Easton Baaske; Christian Disher; Madgaline Menig; Susan Knulti/Knubbi; Jacob Disher; Magdaline (Mattie) Stuckey; John Disher (who served in the 10th OVI, Co. E).

File 98: Kennedy/Shuler family; baptisms, cemetery records, interviews with living descendants, deeds and other court records. Family of Daniel Shuler and Hannah Kennedy, sister of Rachel Kennedy Rickner, Allen County, OH.

Persons mentioned: Eve Eiteniar Brown, Defiance, OH; Lucille Rickner Shearer, Lewisburg, OH.

File 99: Hower/DePoy family connections; tracing the following ancestors in Pennsylvania: Christopher Hower; Anthony Hower; Sebastian Hower; Bernard Hower; Isaac Depoy; Anna Marie Hower Depoy; Barbara Hower; Catherine Hower.

File 100: Mansfield family; ancestors and descendants of Samuel Mansfield and Sarah Biggerstaff (m. 1830), Athens County, OH, includes military and court records, family group sheets/lineages and interviews with living descendants. Descendants in Defiance County,

Putnam County, Henry County, and Allen County, OH among others. Includes extended “biography” of Henry Edlo Notestine’s ancestors, Robert Conn and Elizabeth Mansfield, who were born in Cumberland County, PA, and moved to Athens County, OH, married in 1819.

Persons mentioned: Elmer Scott Mansfield; Nancy A. Edwards; Perry Mansfield; Sarah Frizzell; Francis Eugene Anderson; Mary (Mollie) Saphronia Mansfield; George Emory Mansfield; Cynthia Watson; Job Mansfield; Eliza Skiver; William Mansfield (1811-1859); Harriet Southerton; Johial G. Mansfield (1841-1883); Sarah Jane Moyer (1849-1928); Robert Conn; Elizabeth Mansfield (1794-?); Rev. Henry Daniel Stuckey, Bowling Green, OH; Blanche Mansfield Symonds, Findlay, OH; Caroline Knoop Mansfield, Arthur, OH; Bob Rickner, Port Clinton, OH; Peter Mansfield (1831-?); Clara (Callie) S. Mansfield; Annie Bodenbender Thrailkill, Fostoria, OH; Clo Rickner Stuckey Publicover, Sandusky, OH; Clayton W. Sanford, Defiance, OH; Eva Eiteniar Brown, Defiance, OH; Nelsie Grant Stucky.

Box 7: *Genealogy research files continued.*

File 101: Muffly family; ancestors of Catherine Muffley Mulberg, includes court records and church records and family group sheets. Majority of records from Northampton County, PA, others from Medina County, Richland County, and Tuscarawas County, OH.

Persons mentioned: John Peter Muffley, the Younger (1803-1844); Maria Magdalena Flick (1774-1859); Peter Muffly, the Elder (1765-1847); Peter Muffly I (1739-1822); Catharina Regina Wannemacher.

File: 102: Mulberg family; descendants of John Yost Mulberg and Catherine Muffley, Erie County, OH. Includes interviews with living descendants, obituaries, and family group sheets.

Other surnames mentioned: Borders; Ward; Muehling.

Persons mentioned: Benjamin Franklin Mulberg; Sarah Jane Mulberg (1st marriage Rinehart); Joseph Link; Emma Link Muehling Evans, Sandusky, OH; Estella Volk Mulberg, Galion, OH; Albert Mulberg, Galion, OH; Catherine Debo Heslet, Sandusky, OH; Charles Mulberg (?-1944); Melvin Clifford Reinhart, Huron, OH; Emma May Mulberg Bailey; Lena Bailey Mitchell Northcutt, Sandusky, OH; Ralph Jacob Muehling; Lola Shorts Standfield, Hesperia, CA (foster daughter of Betha Debo Smith Mulberg); John A. Mulberg; Matilda Mulberg; George Borders; Carl Borders, Sandusky, OH; William H. Mulberg.

File 103: Naftzger/Grossenbacher family, Paulding County, OH; includes interviews with living descendants, cemeteries, and obituaries. **Other surnames:** Stuckey; Mansfield.

Persons mentioned: Blanche Mansfield Symonds, Findlay, OH; Caroline Knoop Mansfield, Arthur, OH; Caroline Naftzger Stuckey Grossenbacher; Nicholas Stuckey.

File 104: Rickner family; descendants of Mathias Rickner (1761-1843) and Elizabeth Huber (ca1761-died between 1828-1836), Licking County, OH; includes interviews with living descendants, obituaries, cemeteries, and other court records.

Persons mentioned: John Rickner, Jr (died in the Civil War); John T. Rickner, Sr.; Mathias Rickner; Rachel Kennedy; Elizabeth Huber; James Kennedy; Phebe Mansfield; Samuel Mansfield; Roxenna Phillips; Daniel Phillips; Abigail Cady; Clo Rickner Stuckey Publicover; Eva Eiteniar Brown; Harrison Frederick Rickner; Rev. H. D. Stuckey, Bowling Green, OH; Nelsie Grant Stucky, Marion, OH; Robert (Bob) Rickner, Port Clinton, OH; Paul Leslie Rickner, Oak Harbor, OH; Annie Bodenbender Thrailkill, Fostoria, OH; Dan Stuckey, Bowling Green, OH; Henry Morris; John H. Rickner; Blanche Mansfield Symonds; Ellen Phebe Rickner Brobst; Glayds Rickner Smith, Port Clinton, OH; Bertha Rickner Hower Muehling, Sandusky, OH; Erma Rickner Eklund, DeBary, IL.

File 105: Rinehart family, Erie County, Medina County, and Morrow County, OH; birth records, cemeteries, interviews with living descendants, obituaries, and other court records (guardianship of George C. Rinehart, in Richland County). **Other surnames:** Hartman.

Persons mentioned: Edward Norman Reinhart; Charlotte Mathilda Reinhart; Mary Ellen Rinehart; Josiah Rinehart (b. 1853); Sarah Link; George C. Rinehart; Aaron Rinehart; Alfred Windbigler, Mansfield, OH; Clara Hower Walter Harrington, Holland, OH; Estella Mulberg, Galion, OH; Emma Link Muehling Evans, Sandusky, OH; Estella Volk Mulberg, Galion, OH; Cora May Rinehart; Herman Rinehart; Charlotte Mathilda Reinhart; Clarence Frank Hartman; Mildred Hartman Barth.

File 106: Schmuck family; descendants of John Jacob Schmuck and Anna Catherine Schmuck, Lancaster County, PA; includes interviews with living descendants, maps (Stark County, OH), and family group sheets. Includes materials from Rev. Roy B. Leedy's collection.

File 107: Stucky/Stuckey family; descendants of John Stucky and Anna Maria Disher, Paulding County, OH; includes interviews with living descendants, photos (copies), marriages, and John's Civil War pension records.

Persons pictured: Albert Stucky; Edward Stucky; Chloe Stucky; Ada Stucky; Hazel Stucky; Mary Stucky Snyder; Rose Rickner; John Rickner; Clo Rickner Stucky.

Persons mentioned: John Stucky (1833-1895); Elizabeth Haus (?-1866); Anna Maria/Mary Disher; Rev. Henry D. Stuckey; Pauline Shafer Tracy, Continental, OH; Barbara Stuckey; Christian Stuckey; Nelsie B. Grant Stucky; Jacob Stuckey; Paul Rickner; Henry Daniel Stuckey; Albert Stucky; Nicholas Stuckey.

File 108: Wertz family records and interviews, Morrow County and Richland County, OH; includes cemeteries, obituaries, and other court records, in addition to a transcription of the will of Christiana Cover, probated in Morrow County, and also her guardianship. **Other surnames:** Cover, Rinehart, Dietrich.

File 109: Wells family; ancestors of Edmund E. Wells (Agnes's husband), family group sheets for generations 1-4. **Other surnames:** Hill; Nugent; Brumage; Stewart; Ryan; Wainscott; Hendricks; Thompson.

The ancestors of: Albert Sylvester Wells (1898-1963), Shelby Co., IN; Ruby Marie Hamilton (1900-?), Shelby Co., IN; John David Wells (1877-1955), Shelby Co., IN; Amanda Belle Jonas (1880-1961), Johnson Co., IN; Louis Dudley Hamilton (1863-1942), Shelby Co., IN; Sarah Elizabeth Shepard (1867-1930), Shelby Co., IN.

File 110: Hower family; direct ancestors of Agnes Hower Wells, family group sheets for generations 1-7 (charts 6-9).

The ancestors of: Homer Henry Hower (1892-1944), Erie Co., OH; Bertha Beryl Rickner (1901-1966), Erie Co., OH; Homer Henry Clay Hower (1848-1904), Morrow Co., OH; Mary Ellen Rickner (1873-1937), Medina Co., OH; William Andrew Rickner (1863-1922), Paulding Co., OH; Rose Anna Salome Stuckey (1875-1950), Defiance Co., OH.

File 111: Descendants and in-laws of Edmund E. Wells and Agnes Hower Wells, family group sheets.

Key Words: DePoy; Disher; Hauer; Howard; Hower; Mansfield; Muffly; Mulberg; Phillips; Rinehart; Rickner; Stucky; Erie County; Medina County; Morrow County; Paulding County; Richland County; Ross County; Sandusky County; Stark County.

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