

**Guide to the
Thomas Meiser, Company F, 93rd Regiment
Pennsylvania Volunteers**



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MS – 041: Thomas Meiser, Company F, 93rd Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers

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Biography:

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 31st 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 93rd Pennsylvania Regiment on March 7, 1864 and was mustered in the next day. While in the 93rd 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 Notes:

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 31st 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 1:

Series I:

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 Halftooner 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.
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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