Guide to the
Bair-Kohler-Berger Family at
339 Carlisle Street Collection

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MS – 131: Bair-Kohler-Berger Family at 339 Carlisle Street Collection
(7 boxes, 2.1 cubic feet)
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Provenance: Gift of Marianne Larkin, ‘71

Scope and Content Notes:
The collection contains documents, correspondence, photographs, and ephemera documenting the lives of the families that lived at 339 Carlisle Street, Gettysburg, PA, from 1868 to 1958 when the property was sold to the Alumni Association of Delta Omicron Chapter of the Theta Chi Fraternity; Katalysine Springs and the Springs Hotel; and Clyde D. Berger’s World War I service.

History:
The house at 339 Carlisle Street was built by Colonel Charles H. Buehler (1825-1896), a prominent member of the community, a member of the Class of 1844, and a trustee of Pennsylvania College (1888-1896). It was built in the Italianate style and by 1891 it had been altered to reflect the Queen Anne style.

In 1896, the house was purchased by J. Emory Bair (1845-1914). Associated with the Gettysburg National Bank since 1867, Mr. Bair was a Director at the time he purchased the house. A veteran of the Civil War, Bair was very involved in the community and connected with the Gettysburg Knitting Company, the Gettysburg Canning Company, and the Land Improvement Company, and served as a trustee of the College (1896-1909). He and his wife, Mary Catherine Kohler Bair (1844-1834) raised their niece, Mary Catherine Kohler (1891-1971) a member of the Class of 1909, who married Clyde D. Berger (1890-1959), a veteran of WWI. Mary Catherine Kohler Bair died in 1934 and Clyde and Mary Catherine Berger raised their four children in the house (Jesse, James, and Joseph served in WWII).

Alpha Theta Chi fraternity signed a three year lease for the house in 1951 from Clyde and Mary Berger. The Alpha Theta Chi became the Delta Omicron chapter of the theta Chi fraternity on March 1, 1958, and the Alumni Association for the Delta Omicron Chapter purchased the house and property on December 1, 1958 from the Bergers for $26,800.

Gettysburg College purchased the house and property in May 2010 and renovated it in 1913 to house both the Economics and the African American Studies departments.
Inventory and Research Notes

2. Daily Pass to Camp Tobyhanna, 303rd Tank Center for Miss Mary Kohler, 11 August 1918.
4. Final sale of 339 Carlisle Street, 9 December 1958

Box 2

3. Katalysine Springs, booklets, flyers, labels
5. Katalysine Springs, permits, lab analysis, 1935-1943
7. Katalysine Springs news articles and ads

Box 3

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1. Clyde D. Berger’s Officer’s Record Book
2. Clyde D. Berger’s Officer’s Identity Card American Expeditionary Forces
4. Clyde Berger’s WWI Orders and other paperwork
5. Inter Allied Games, Paris, 1919. Postcard and Program
6. Clyde D. Berger’s memoranda notebooks. 1918-1919
7. Clyde D. Berger’s Officers Reserve Corp paperwork
8. 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, 1938. Flyer
10. Veterans of foreign Wars, letter, booklet, newspaper articles
15 Tank Corps Information
16 Clyde D. Berger. Obituary, list of organizations, military service

**Box 4**
**Folder**
1 *Trench and Camp*, various issues
2 *The Chicago Tribune*, 6 June 1919, 26 June 1919
3 *Stars and Stripes*, 13 June, 1919
4 *New York Herald*, 7, 15, 27 June, 1919
6 Article, “Tank Cats.” n.d.
7 Map of Gettysburg Borough, 1841
8 Map of Washington D.C., 1932
9 2 Maps of France
   See Map Drawer for ca. 1887 Battlefield map

**Box 5**
Clyde Berger’s Tank Corps Insignia Tie
Tin - Bauer & Black Handi-tape for cuts and blisters
Card - World Wars Tank Corps
Card - B.P.O.E. 1045
Card - Vote for Clyde D. Berger, 1945
Dog Tags – WWI 2nd Lt. Clyde D. Berger
Medals – Clyde D. Berger’s Iron Cross Second Class, 1914, Disabled Veterans, American Military Engineers
Handkerchief – Souvenir de France, lace handkerchief brought back by Lt. Berger for Mary Catherine Kohler. Married 28 August 1919, York, PA
2 Envelopes – Kodak: People Drug Stores, Washington, DC; Lanneau’s Art Store, Charleston, SC.
Photograph – Gettysburg National Bank, 1896
Print - Tipton’s Pennsylavnia College, 1897
Photograph – Mary Catherine Kohler (1891-1971), Mary Catherine Kohler Bair (1844-1934); coachman; Devil’s Den
Photograph – Emma; Jane Jones Kohler (1883-1932) and Coachman
Photograph – Portrait of Lt. Clyde Berger in uniform
Photograph – Portrait of Unidentified officer
Photographs – French Riviera
Photograph – Parade with Col. Patton’s Tank Corps, Washington, D.C., 1919
Photographs – Katalysine Springs, 1934-1942

Photograph – Pikesville, Maryland Boy Scout Troop #353 camping in Gettysburg,
5 August 1935. Lt. Clyde Berger, Distract Commissioner, Boy Scouts of America, and members of the Flying Eagle Patrol (and all three Berger boys).

Photograph – Large dinner event with Clyde Berger in center. n.d.

Photographs – Tank Corps, Homecoming Reunion, 1954 Tree Dedication


**Box 6**

Photographs and negatives of 339 Carlisle Street and its occupants

**Box 7**

Map of Gettysburg on cloth, ca 1884-1887.

**Box 8**

Flag – WWII three star flag

Photograph – Camp Colt, Gettysburg, 1918. Capt. D. D. Eisenhower front center


Photograph - Community Theater presentation (Mary Catherine Kohler Berger Seated 7th from left).

Photograph – Monaco, 1919

Newspaper – 3 issues of the *Bayonet*. Feb. 8, 23 and March15, 1918.

**For more information about on subjects covered in this collection:**

Subject Vertical File: Gettysburg Springs Hotel/Katalysine Springs.
Photograph Vertical File: Katalysine Springs Hotel Stereoview
Oversized Photographs: Student Groups, Box 4: Kohler family at dances
Pamphlet Collection: Katalysine Springs brochures (see MUSCAT).
World War I: *LibGuide* @ [http://libguides.gettysburg.edu/content.php?pid=12378](http://libguides.gettysburg.edu/content.php?pid=12378)