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**Guide to the  
The Francis A. Shearer Collection**

PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE  
GETTYSBURG, PA.

Mr. *Francis A. Shearer*

Dear Sir: Your application for admission to Pennsylvania College has been received. The certificate for work done in *York Co Academy* admits you to college as a <sup>Regular</sup>~~Partial~~ course student. *without condition.*

Very truly yours,  
*C. B. Stover,*  
Registrar

*July 8,* 1920.

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## **MS – 080: The Francis A. Shearer Collection**

(1 box, .30 cubic feet)

Inclusive Dates: 1920-1924

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**Provenance:** Gift of Cynthia Shearer (Mrs. Edwin T. Johnson), daughter of Francis A. Shearer

### **Biography**

Francis Allen Shearer was born on February 8, 1904, in Goldsboro, PA. He was the younger brother of Roger L. Shearer who graduated from Gettysburg College in 1917, and John Dwight Shearer, a 1920 Gettysburg College graduate. Francis Shearer graduated from Gettysburg College in 1924 and from Philadelphia Seminary in 1927. He became a Lutheran clergyman at Clarks Summit in 1927, and married Emma Mary Sipe of York, PA, on June 15 of that year. The couple had one child, Cynthia Laux, born on September 7, 1930.

### **Scope and Content Notes**

The collection consists of memorabilia of Francis A. Shearer from his college days at Gettysburg College.

### **Box 1**

(MS oversized)

- 1-1 1921 Gettysburg College calendar  
1924 Gettysburg College calendar
  
- 1-2 “Extracts from the Rules and Regulations of Gettysburg College  
Registration cards for classes, enrollment cards, and schedules of classes taken  
Acceptance card  
Notice of chapel absences (5-21-24)
  
- 1-3 Social Activities  
Football Program – Gettysburg vs. Villa Nova (10-27-23) with some signatures  
Scabbard and Blade  
Drama Program – “Class of 1924 presents ‘A Pair of Sixes’ (Sophomore Class)  
(2-25-22)  
Dance cards
  
- 1-4 Composition Book – “History of the Class of 1924”  
Students’ Handbook – 1922-23

- 1-5 Page from “The Lutheran” – “The Woman’s League of Gettysburg College” – shows photo of Weidensall YMCA building which appears to be in final stage of Construction  
Induction program for President, Henry Hanson (10-19-23)  
Photo of Gettysburg campus
- 1-6 Memorabilia Book

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