Listing and Summary of Letters Written to Moses M. Beachy, Found in Milton Beachy's Attic

## Lot - A LETTERS FOUND IN MILTON BEACHY'S ATTIC 1990 CODING FOR MULTIPLE LETTERS FROM ONE PERSON

- N. Letters from Nicholas Nafziger of Bruner, Ontario, a good friend of Moses Beachy Nicholas B. 3/6/1867- D.7/11, 1944, M. 2/22/1887- Mary Steiman B. 7/20/1867 D. 7/11/47 ordained minister 1891 at 25 years old, 1896 as bishop.
- R.B. letters from Rufus M. Beachy Moses' oldest brother
- L.B. letters from Lewis M. Beachy older brother of Moses

- A.B. letters from Alvin M. Beachy youngest brother of Moses
- J.F.S. letters from J.F. Swartzentruber of Kalona, Iowa friend of Moses
- C.J.S. letters from Christian J. Swartzentruber, Lynnhaven, VA.- friend of Moses
- S.W.P. letters from S.W.Peachey, Belleville, PA. friend of Moses.

  Other miscellaneous letters are identified by the name of the writer.
- N. 1- Oct. 30, 1920 Part of a letter expressing how Nicholas (Will be referred to as N. after this.) thinks a deacon or conclusion for bishop should be reached.
- N. 3 Dec. 14, 1920 Concern about converts not having been baptized yet-Warning and opinion that avoidance should always be kept.
- N. 4 Jan. 17, 1921 Refers to his children visiting in the states trusting Moses to correct them ect. N.can agree as well with Moses Beachy as with anyone he knows- as like minded as humans can be.
- N. 5 Refers to Moses' sad letter and offers to go and help if avoidance question does not come up. Speaks of his children especially Amos visiting in the states.
- N. 6 Jan. 8, 1921 -Asks Moses to keep an eye on his children while they are in the states If they run short of money give them some. What was between Beachy that wrote that meidung letter and Moses D. Yoder
- N. 7 Mar. 16, 1921 Sorry he caused Moses to feel troubled. Moses took wrong meaning from his writing. Ref. to ban not keep it before it is pronounced in church. Has no friend closer than Moses. Did not share confidential letters with other people. Refers to Lewis M. Beachy recommends E.J. Bontrager as a good man to get for help.

- N. 8 Mar. 30, 1921 Expresses dismay about what Moses reports about his son Amos, asks Moses to admonish him and persuade him to keep away from those Maryland young folks and try to find out is he going with a Miller girl, for he has one at home.
- N. 9 Aug. 11, 1921 Refers to Ezra Yoder and Mary Hershberger not keeping avoidance with Jonas Yoder. Thinks it would be a whole lot better to stand something a while than to have a split. A year may make a big change.
- N. 10 Dec. 14,1921 Refers to identical feelings he and Moses have, speaks of his brother Joe and a problem of apparently wishing to be given the position of minister rather than deacon. Pleads for a letter to cheer him.
- N. 11 Jan. 2, 1922 Moses apparently misunderstood something N. had written. N. believes he and Moses are closer related than they know. It takes very little to give them the blues etc.
- N. 12 Jan 21, 1922 Says Moses had paid enough on N's coming by way of Somerset and took them to Oakland, surely has done his part. Congregation owes absolutely nothing as they had not been called. Wonders if Mother Tice had received his letter.
- N. 13 Feb. 15, 1922 Refers to his wife being sick. Had a talk with A.J.Y. warned him about a split and made it plain to him if that should happen he and those his age would have to reap what they and some others had sown made plain what heartaches splits bring. Mose may well be proud of those Somerset young people that were in Canada.
- N, 14 Mar. 5, 1922 Refers to wanting Lewis Beachy in the Spring and Moses in the fall. Amos N. going to Lancaster Hears young folks there are wild there.
- N. 15 Mar. 8, 1922 Refers to his wife improving but not well. Concerned lest his former letter sounded harsh.
- N. 16 Mar. 21, 1922 Refers to some talking about Sunday School. N. does not encourage it, would rather have church every Sunday. Refers to ban and re-instating, etc.
- N. 17 April 17, 1922 Refers to sad accident of Rufus Lydia and Jonas. Refers to communion service etc.
- N. 18 July 7, 1922 Refers to some admonition or instruction given last fall by N. and he wants the wording as near as can be remembered. Making arrangements to send a Jersey calf to Canada by express. N. 19 June 27, 1922 relating problems thanking Moses for friendship, imploring him not to leave him. Had a letter from Noah M. Yoder
- N. 20 July 29, 1922 Feels especially heavy. A fallen tear while eating breakfast. Needs all the prayer help available much worldliness creeping into the church, so often wished, it might be his lot to be in a church where people were so obedient to discipline as in Somerset. If he cannot get this thing settled here what would Moses say if he called on him to come to their aid for Moses would be his choice and E.J. Bontrager of Indiana.
- N. 21 Aug. 7, 1922 Refers to the death of a granddaughter. Refers to the auto owner. Suggests ask Norfolk what to do with him. Refers to feeling someone was praying for himburden lifted.

- N, 22 Aug. 29, 1922 Have learned to love each other with that heavenly love through guidance of the Holy Spirit,- about ministers' meeting and about automobiles. Yes that would be very good if something could be done in that matter not near so many would leave the old churches. Refers to Lancaster preachers, where did they preach? Would pity Moses if Alvin turned against him. Refers to split, those who were hardest opposers now opposite since their children are grown. Plan to pray together each on his time. Feels Moses taking such an interest in him is from God.
- N. 23 Sept. 9, 1922 Considers it unwise to ordain a bishop at Norfolk at present- Confidential Time is passing through, has seriously thought of selling out and moving but wife says she will not consent. Thought of making a hurried trip to Somerset, starting Monday morning and home Sat. eve. Such longing to see Moses. Is afraid his reason will fail.
- N. 24 Sept. 16, 1922 Seems to have some people hard against him wishes Moses could have heard how S. abused him even accusing of not preaching the true doctrine upheld untruth against 4 ministers etc, etc. Would take it as a God send if he were to ask for his papers. Wishes Moses would send an invitation written in German as S. takes great objection to writing such things in English. If they can't settle trouble and are allowed to get help how soon could Moses come?
- N. 25 Oct. 14, 1922 Glad to hear Moses had council meeting and things passed off smoothly. "You are on a fair way for peace. This is the third time you had communion without a stop" Had meeting agreed to get men Choice Mose Beachy and Eli J. Bontrager of Ind. They bring other men with them. Was good news for me. Expect to have Mose and Dear Bro. Lewis M.B. to hold council and communion.
- N. 26 Oct. 1, 1922 Too discouraged to write last three Sundays Try to adjust it but make no head way church problems get men Lewis M.B. also letter from some man may be scrap paper his "Tablet was done." when he went to get it.
- N. 27 Oct. 16, 1922 Request in German script signed by four ministers for Moses Beachy to come to Canada to assist in settling a problem. Letter from N. saying Moses will see where the problem is. N. 28 Oct.21, 1922 Norfolk problems C.J.S. Avoidance Lewis M. Beachy some didn't want him to take part and N. told them if Lewis doesn't he won't either.
- n. 28A Oct. 31, 1922 S. cross as a bear and down on N. N. would like Lewis Beachy as the third man but wants it kept quiet that he said anything about it.
- N. 29 Nov. 23, 1922 Refers to never having expected Andy to turn traitor the way he did. Troubles they are trying their utmost to go to the higher churches for help. If N. had to do it over again he would never help to build a meeting house. Much trouble, drunken youth etc. Wife feels uncomfortable as if something was going to happen.
- N. 30 Dec. 4, 1922 More trouble Can't agree on men to get for help. Accusation from all sides.
- N. 31 Dec. 24, 1922 Informing Moses they are expecting him and lewis M. Beachy- have ministers meeting Thursday, members meeting Friday.
- N. 32 Jan. 16, 1923 Supposes Moses is not yet done telling his wife how glad he is that he lives

- N. 33 Jan. 29, 1923 Reports on results of minister's work while in Canada -all but one think it was the best that could be done. Those who were dissatisfied are sending their youth for instruction.
- N. 34 Mar. 1, 1923 Heavy hearted wants to unload some of it by telling one whom he can depend on and knows takes and interest More trouble about Joe who is bitter, sulky as can be.
- N. 35 Mar. 5, 1923 Joe's letter and Kipfer's talk accusation and replies to Kipfers. Refers to Holmesers 4 families going in one year etc.
- N. 36 Mar. 8, 1923 Expecting and urging Moses to come hold council meeting and Communion and talk about troubles.
- N. 37 Apr. 13, 1923 Refers to how much good Moses' visits and talks and assistance did for him.
- N. 38 Apr. 23, 1923 Was at church Joe gave testimony church consented to have N. go to Norfolk. "What do you think of Iddos going to Del.? Don't you think there is something brooding?"
- N. 39 Apr. 30, 1923 More of the same. Moses helped him so much feels better would like to come to Somerset- fears people might not want him there.
- N. 40 May 9, 1923 Expects to go to Norfolk and stop off in Somerset on way home. Mrs. D. J.Y wants him to bring Joe along.
- N. 41. July 8, 1923 Feels lonesome and sick at heart Speaks of wishing the Lord would take him home.
- N. 42 July 15, 1923 Thanks for the letter Report on happenings in church. Singing fast again etc.
- N. 43 June 5, 1923 Arrived home safely. Refers to letter Joe wrote to Noah M. and Joe Y More about Joe. Also friendly letter from I. Glick
- N. 44 June 10, 1923 Letter from J.D. Plank, Arthur, Ill. apparently has been asked to come to Somerset but hopes they can get along themselves. N. has desire to go to Illinois but doesn't know how it would be accepted. Concern about things preached not in scripture.
- N. 45 July, 19, 1923 Feels lonesome for Moses. Had a visit from Joshua King. Sorry couldn't let him preach.

End of 45 Letters Written by Nicholas Nafziger of Canada

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8 Letters Written by Rufus M. Beachy, Moses Beachy's Oldest Brother

- R.B. 1 Mar. 18, 1921 Refers to Church Problems results of Committee advice
- R.B. 2 2 letters Oct. 16, 1921 and Jan. 6 1922 Church matters and advice
- R.B. 3 Apr. 26, 1922 Admonishing Moses no need of taking the position he is. Advice on how to proceed with church matters. Refers to R.R. Company Indemnity and to fate, sorrow and trouble which have come his way but will bear it and make the best of it. (20 days after the tragic death of his wife and son.)
- R.B. 4 Nov. 27, 1922 Refers to letters from Mary Hershberger and depression refers to letters that should be burned.

- R.B. 5 Jan. 25, 1923 Church matters admonishment not to worry Thinks a lot of Moses trouble is imagination. The future of the church rests on an All wise providence and our fretting and worrying will yield nothing but woe and misery advice come to have suit measured soon.
- R.B. 6-Feb. 27, 1923 Sorry about trouble We must trust church problem description explanation? of situation or what a man can do about it, Abandon idea of selling out and going away. "It will do no good. You will be stepping out of the kettle into the fire." Rufus has trouble too. His house keeper is leaving and he has no one to take care of the house.
- R.B. 7 March 14, 1923 Church Problems, advice on how to handle some situation.
- R.B. 8 May 3, 1923 Newsy letter, Refers to work sick animals refers to church matters.

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- 3 Letters from Moses older brother Lewis M. Beachy Oakland, MD.
- L.B. 1 Dec. 31, 1920 Giving advice on church matters.
- L.B. 2 2 Letters Jan. 17, 1921 Friendly letter. Asks about church work. Minnie is ready to come to Moses, can he meet her at Cumberland? August 11, 1921 Advice on recalling something. Try your best to avoid a split.
- L.B. 3 July 7, 1922 giving advice never clean your threshing floor for Lancaster ministers who will split your church.

- 5 Letters from Moses Younger Brother Alvin M. Beachy, Indiana at time of death
- A.B. 1 Dec. 29, 1920 refers to converts not taken in by baptism. Meiding should have no affect on that. Meidung, his opinion etc.
- A.B. 2 Jan. 20, 1921-Church Problems. Moses must not quit but go ahead must lead but not be led. he is a chosen leader encourages getting men Considers detaining baptism of converts a serious matter. Do not be brooding of long standing. It is the most dangerous thing for a man to do there is lose courage.
- A.B. 3- 2 letters Jan 5, 1921 Giving advice and encouraging Moses to keep up his courage and lead as a leader. Feb. 4, 1921 Refers to Meiding, encourages Moses not to be afraid. \_ Thinks a split is inevitable.
- A. B. 4 2 letters Jan. 3 and 5, 1922 Reference to small pox and selling out and going east-enquires about the John D. Yoder place.
- A.B. 5 April 19, 1923 Refers to false reports wants everything brought to light and meidung also taken care of.

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Cora Beachy Hershberger, (sister to Norman Beachy)Oct. 15, 1921 - Church problems, explanation about meeting or discussion about Sunday School. Also a note from her sister Lucy Beachy and Elizabeth Beachy sisters of Norman Beachy. Elizabeth late Mrs. Jonas E. Miller. Oct.24, 1922 friendly letter.

Jonas S. Beachy, Sherwood, Ohio Feb. 16, 1923 Friendly letter - money matters.

4 letters from Lucy Beachy, Norfolk, VA, sister of Norman Beachy later Mrs. John Smoker Lucy B. - Norfolk, VA Dec. 8, 1922 - Urges having converts baptized soon. -refers to Dan Yoder's sore leg. Refers to church problems.

Lucy B. 1 A - -Norfolk - Friendly letter. Lucy taking care of Simon Hershberger's children.

Lucy B. 2 - Norfolk, Va. Feb. 8, 1923 - About Amelia, Mrs. Eli Yoder's illness and Jonas Miller's problem.

Lucy B. 3 - Norfolk, VA. Mar. 6, 1923 - friendly letter and report on how Eli Amelia is.

Matilda Beachy, sister of Lucy, later Mrs. Fred Miller. Dec. 3, 1922 - friendly letter

S.C. Beachy, Kalona Iowa -Oct. 4, 1921 - Requests their and his mother's church certificate so they can commune with J. F. Swartzentruber's church.

E.J. Bontrager - Shipshewana, IN - Oct. 26, 1923 - German letter and translation - refers to weighty matters in the home church wishes to be left off from going to Canada to assist Nicholas Nafziger - Can not go till toward November.

I. Glick, Smoketown, Pa. Apr. 1, 1932 - Friendly letter. Also refers to church problems - concern about the brethren not getting along.

Thomas Lowes - Patton, Pa Oct. 16, 1934 Something about a diet for diabetics.

A.J. Mast, Arthur, Illinois, Jan. 24, 1923 - Report on a matter concerning Sadie Bender.

E.S. Miller - Princess Anne, VA - March 1922 - Concerning Jonas E. Miller

2 letters from S. W. Peachey, Belleville, PA.

S.W. Peachey 1 - Jan. 27, 1921 - In answer to request explains his opinion on avoidance quite lengthily. Would sooner see nine people slip clear than condemn one who is innocent. Thinks it started in Somerset and is now coming home.

S.W. Peachey 2 - Dec. 21, 1922 - Problem, church trouble everywhere, what strong, man-made avoidance has been doing all along.

G.C. Petersheim, Elk Lick, Pa - March 2, 1922 - Concerning a note and check.

Anna Petersheim, Oakland, Md. (later Mrs. Eli Swartzentruber) Copy of a chain letter asking Moses what to do with it.

10 letters from J.C. Swartzentruber, Norfolk, Virginia

C.J.S. 1 Dec. 30, 1920 - Be patient - and not frame opinions and make them compulsions - Sees no scriptural reasons why applicants should not be baptized.

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C.J.S 2 - Jan. 11, 1921 - Urges having converts baptized, refers to church problems - Dan Yoders sore leg and foot.

C.J.S 3 - July, 9, 1921 - Friendly letter and church matters. Not all in harmony to have Lewis M. Beachy for Communion.

C.J.S. 4 - April 6, 1922 - Refers to Jonas E. Miller, church matters.

C.J.S. 4A - Oct. 16, 1922 - Church matters - Confession on not keeping Meidung

C.J.S. 5 - Oct. 23, 1923, 1922 - Church matters - asks Moses to come and hold Communion, if he can't come to let Lewis M. Beachy know to go.

C.J.S. 6 - Feb. 4 and 5, 1923 - Two letters concerning church matters

C.J.S. 7 - Apr. 21, 1923 - Church matters - Advice Refers to how Meidung first came about.

C.J.S. 8 - Apr. 17, 1923 - Church matters

C.J.S. 9 - May 31, 1923 - Church matters. Pleased with the way Nafziger handled things. Milt Yoder talked forward.

# 3 Letters from J.F. Swartzentruber, Kalona, Iowa

J.F.S. 1 - May 9, 1922 - Friendly Letter referring to other letters

J.F.S. 2 - April 14, 1923 - letter refers to Meidung, quotes Joe Witmer "Now look out." opinions and advice on how to compromise

J.F.S. 3 - April 26, 1923 - short letter of advice.

Simon D. Tice - Meyersdale, PA - concerning his leaving the church

Signed Sarah - Meyersdale, PA, Jan. 19, 1923 - about some problem? Probably Mrs. Noah Kinsinger

Moses D. Yoder, Grantsville, MD no date - Memorandum of regulations

Signed S.Y. Lengthy discussion and opinion on Meidung, quotes Bishop Abe Yoder of Ohio as having said he advises us to stick to the Meidung as he said he can't do much with them if he wants them to put away things that aren't allowed they want their certificate to go to the other church and he has no hold on them. He seen it wasn't good to be without it.

Unsigned letter from Kalona, Iowa - Dec. 12, 1921 - assuring Moses she has no ill feeling toward him. Refers to a letter with Moses' name signed.

Unsigned letter from Norfolk, Va Refers to Meidung and to Noah Yoder's fine and serving in jail because he refused to serve as juror.

Claude and Olive Yoder - Aug. 7, 1923 - friendly letter assuring Moses they have no hard feelings toward him.

Ira Yoder, Grantsville, MD - April 1934 - Money matters.

2 letters from Mrs. John K. Yoder, Belleville, PA - half sister to Moses

Mrs. John K. Yoder - 1 Dec. 28, 1920 - half sister of Moses, Allensville, PA Expresses regret that it is not going so good in church anymore. Believes meidung is one reason- new way of keeping Meidung makes such wonderful trouble in all the churches. There must be something wrong. Tells of some merdung cases, she minks the end must be near.

Mrs. John K., half sister of Moses. Belleville, PA, March 10, 1922 - Wonders if Alvin's health is better since they are in PA. Refers to helping them monetarily. Refers to Simon Hershberger and hopes children will be brought up in a way that is pleasing to the Lord.

Jonas M. Yoder, Meyersdale, PA Oct. 4, 1920 - Wishes to talk instead of writing as Nafziger advised against writing about church matters. (brother-in-law of Moses)

## 2 Trustee's reports from Menno J. Yoder

Menno J. Yoder 1 - Meyersdale, PA - Jan. 9, 1922 - Trustees report and expense of the church.

Menno J. Yoder 2 - " - Jan. 3, 1923 - Church expense record and suggestion to appoint another trustee.

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#### Four Letters written by Moses M. Beachy

- M.B. 1 No date Letter addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Noah E. Hershberger written by Moses M. Beachy when he evidently had a bad case of blues. No date and apparently never mailed.
- M. B. 1A Aug. 15, 1923 Letter to Menno J. Yoder Concerning a question about some motor.
- M. B. 2 Letter to Annie Helmuth about pigs and thanking her for helping at the time of Mother Lucy, Miller Beachy's funeral.
- M.B. 3 Letter to Samuel Hostetler about a letter of accusation he had received concerning helping a church in Ohio. (Brought here by Samuel's son in hopes we might have the letter his father had written to Moses.
- M.B. Aug. 15, 1923 Letter to Menno J. Yoder about some matter of being accused by Abe Kinsinger. M.B. 5 Oct. 5, 1918 Letter written to Clyde Shrader, obviously when he was in the service and apparently had never been delivered.

Letters which have been removed from the collection for various reasons.

- May 14, 1926 report apparently sent to Gideon Brenneman concerning his brother Daniel Brenneman's problem requested to be kept confidential. This letter was given to Daniel's son Henry Brenneman.
- Daniel J. Kinsinger July 32, 1923 letter of reproof. Apparently Danny felt that Moses was not fulfilling his duty or perhaps promise of visitation especially to Dannys. Due to circumstances and advice of a concerned sister this letter was disposed of.

Letter from Eli Tice asking to have his church letter sent to Norfolk VA if Moses thinks he should have it to commune with the church at Norfolk. This letter was given to Eli's widow., Mrs. Mary Tice.

### Lot B Letters Found On The Day Of Milton Beachy's Sale

- A.M.B. Dec. 31, 1912 Letter to Lewis M. Beachy from his brother Alvin M. Beachy, apparently from Oregon concerning their not being accepted and taken into church. Also one from Lewis enclosed.
- R.M.B. 9 July 4, 1924 Letter from Rufus Beachy giving advice on church matters Concerning N.M.Y. and M.D.Y's interpretation of advice given by committee on avoidance by Witmer.
  - R.M.B. 10 August 1, 1927 Letter of advice on church matters along with one written to Rufus from Jonas and Sarah Of Arthur, Illinois expressing their view on avoidance and one to Rufus from A.J. Troyer Of Haven Kansas expressing his view. Also part of a letter from N.M.Y without date or indication to whom it was written in which he refers to having offered M.M.B. that they would consider helping and working with him if he were to work on ordnung.
    - R.M.B. 11 May 10, 1928 Letter giving advice to M.M. Beachy who apparently felt threatened by his former co-ministers. Rufus's advice is to leave them strictly alone until someone with authority approaches him.
  - R.M.B. 12 July 11, 1928 Church matters here and in Oakland. Refers to automobile and to N.S. Beachy having arrived here and his forth coming marriage to Lena Yoder.
  - R.M.B. 13 No date letter concerning toleration of autos in church at that time.
  - The following two letters from Rufus were written to Milton E. Yoder of Norfolk, Virginia and made available by Milton's grandson Ernest E. Yoder, Rustburg, PA.
  - R.M.B. 14. May 20, 1923 Concerning his experiences and loneliness after the tragic accident that snatched his wife and son. Some reference to church problems and reminiscing of the past. Report on the new road going from Meyersdale to Boynton, PA.
  - R.M.B. 15. Friendly informative letter refers to some problems etc.
  - Lydia, Mrs. Rufus M. Beachy, Jan. 28, 1918 lengthy, friendly, very interesting letter to her sister Mary Hershberger who was working in Norfolk, VA at the time.
  - Joans R. Beachy, son of Rufus M. Beachy June 3, 1917 Long newsy and somewhat critical of some people, letter to his aunt Mary Hershberger who was working in Norfolk Va. at the time. Also in with this is a letter from his wife, Elizabeth who names the 13 in the instruction for baptism that summer. Some interesting news and thought provoking ideas, too.
  - Mr. and Mrs.Jonas R. Beachy, July 19, 1917 Newsy and rather critical letters from Jonas and his to his Aunt Mary Hershberger who was working at Norfolk, VA.
  - Mrs. Jonas R. Beachy 1 April 30, 1915 friendly informative letter
  - " " " Refers to Jon Hershbergers attempth to leave home. Concerned about somthing being amiss in his mind.
  - Joshua King Mar. 24, 1921 Church matters, sorry he couldn't let Nafziger preach.
  - Fannie Beachy Oct. 28, 1920 Aurora, West VA, a letter to Moses. Truly sorry she did not get his good letter answered sooner. Refers to it being a difficult situation. Thinks herself a poor ignorant sinner to advise anyone. But she goes ahead and gives her opinion.

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Leah Beachy - Oct. 28, 1920 - Letter to Moses. Will write her opinion for what it is worth. Sorry about the trouble he finds himself in. He has her sympathy but we must be cautious.

(These two sisters were the daughters of Bishop Daniel Beachy of Aurora, West Va. sisters of Kate, Mrs. Milton Hershberger and Lydia, Mrs. Simon S. Miller, and first cousins of Moses.

Jonas J. Tice - Nov. 20, 1920 - (Jonas was Noah Lizzie's father) Letter concerning his views giving many references and pages to read in the Martyrs Mirror to show why he feels as he does on avoidance and shunning. (Original letter was given to Noah Lizzie.)

Simon C. Beachy Inquiring whether it is all right for them to commune, also a June 1920 letter from C.J. Swartzentruber concerning a letter they forwarded to Delaware

Ira Yoder Aug. 13, 1920 and Sept. 16, 1927 2 letters from Ira Yoder - Money matters.

D.J.Plank - Arthur, Illinois - Ural 29, 1925 - Letter from D.J. PLank concerning church problems. Suggests getting committee back to make things clear.

Elmer Swartzentruber - Letter and documents concerning C.P.S. camps.

May 10, 1910- Letter to Moses D. Yoder who is addressed as dear and respected father- concerning the settlement of Elmer D. Yoders estate. No signature.

May 28, 1946 - Copy of letter sent by Jonas Hershberger of Lynnhaven, VA to the ministers in Kalona, Iowa.

Eli J. Bontrager, Shipshewana, Ind. Copy of a letter concerning interpretation of the advice given on avoidance By the committee. Can not see how it could have been misunderstood and regrets that it was not plainer. C.J. Swartzentruber, VA. concerning church matters and a letter from M.M. Beachy. Menno J. Yoder - June 26, 1928 Concerning business and a false report Menono is letting pass. Also a June 2, 1928 letter possibly referring to the same problem.

1923-24 record of couples who married and their Nava Hucker also a list apparently of couples who were at the wedding supper table.

Lots of marriage License and some church letters.