## **McLean County Museum of History**

# **Peter Whitmer Collection**

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# **Collection Information**

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COLLECTION DATES:	1809-2011
PROVENANCE:	Gift
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OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	See also Illinois Wesleyan University Law School diploma, Robert Peter Whitmer, 1921. MC-12-179.

## **Brief History**

## **Folder Inventory**

#### Folder 1: Letters

- 1.1 Letter from Peter Whitmer to Franklin County
- 1.2 Letter from Peter Whitmer to his children
- 1.3 Letter from Peter Whitmer to his Uncle

### **Folder 2: Family Charts**

- 2.1 Our family
- 2.2 1733 Ulrich Whitmer come to America
- 2.3 1733 Ulrich Whitmer great grandfather
- 2.4 1733 great grandfather Ulrich Whitmer came from Germany on legal paper
- 2.5 Ahnentafel Chart for Jean Whitmer
- 2.6 Chart beginning with Peter Whitmer III
- 2.7 Genealogy paper
- 2.8 Copy of letter about Whitmer's Journeys

## **Folder 3: Printed History**

- 3.1 History of McLean County, Whitmer, Peter
- 3.2 The Biographical Record, Peter Whitmer

### **Folder 4: Newspaper Articles**

- 4.1 Celebrate Double Anniversary, no date
- 4.2 Kerosene Accident, 1865
- 4.3 Orange Blossoms, Wedding of Asa Hooper and Miss Mary L. Whitmer DP
- 4.4 Peter Whitmer purchased lumber, Leader 8-22-1879 p2
- 4.5 Caught in the Snow, Golden anniversary of Peter and Lucy Whitmer, Bulletin 2-19-1902
- 4.6 Their Wedding Day, More anniversary, 2-22-1905 DP p1
- 4.7 About a Woman, September 29, 1905 The Chicago Chronicle?
- 4.8 Picture of Mrs. Sherman Whitmer and twins 3-8-1936 p6 DP
- 4.9 Picture of Mrs. Sherman Whitmer and twins maybe a year later, no date
- 4.10 Community Profile, Sherman Whitmer, 10-1-1960 p4 DP
- 4.11 Picture of Ira Whitmer Home on E. Jefferson, no date DP
- 4.12 Picture of family and portrait of Peter Whitmer at First Christian Church no date DP
- 4.13 Whitmer gets 50-year award, 9-27-1982 DP
- 4.14 How Time Flies, Feb. 22, 1984 DP
- 4.15 How Time Flies, Dec. 21, 2009 DP
- 4.16 How Time Flies, Jan. 30, 2011 DP

### Folder 5: Obituaries and Funeral Notice

- 5.1 Funeral notice for Edna Whitmer, 6-13-1859
- 5.2 Obituary for Peter Whitmer, 12-21-1909 DP?
- 5.3 Obituary for Mary Harding, sister of Peter Whitmer, no date
- 5.4 Funeral program for Peter Whitmer, 12-23-1909
- 5.5 Obituary for Geneve Whitmer, 11-6-1990 DP
- 5.6 Obituary for Sherman Whitmer, 1-25-1986 DP

### **Folder 6: Pictures**

- 6.1 Chas. Whitmer and wife
- 6.2 Ira Whitmer and Will Moulton
- 6.3 Group of pictures with note from Betty to Peter,

Ida Whitmer Hawk at 3 yrs. old

Glossy picture of a lady, no identification

Glossy picture of Peter and Lucy McDonald Whitmer

Glossy picture of older man, no identification

- 6.4 Picture of Ida Whitmer Hawk, Lucy McDonald Whitmer, Robert Hawk, and unknown lady
- 6.5 Picture of Peter Whitmer
- 6.6 3 Color pictures of resolution of Peter Whitmer from People's Bank

## Folder 7: Personal Writings and Speeches

- 7.1 Paper written by Peter Whitmer and read at Convention of Western Canner's Ass.
- 7.2 Personal history for Peter's children
- 7.3 Paper and speech for canning convention
- 7.4 Speech on how individual packer is benefitted by canning organization

#### **Folder 8: First Christian Church**

- 8.1 Out of the Past
- 8.2 Certificate for donation to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions

#### Folder 9: Misc.

- 9.1 Note to executor of estate of Peter Whitmer, Franklin County, 6-15-1809
- 9.2 Note from Peter Whitmer about payments to People's Bank, 2-1-1875
- 9.3 Cancelled check from Ira Whitmer to Burklands for \$100
- 9.4 Note from Peter Whitmer as agent for Judge John Moses
- 9.5 Certificate from Illinois Children's Home and Aid Society
- 9.6 Ad for Whitmer & Bruner

#### Book:

*The Inner Circle* (Fleming H. Revell Co.. 1914) by Edgar DeWitt Jones. Inscribed to Mrs. Lucy Whitmer from Edgar DeWitt Jones, October 17, 1914.