

John R Dixon Collection
Special Collections - Akron-Summit County Public Library

ACCESSION #: SC 2011-100

ACQUISITION: John R. Dixon donated the collection in May of 2011.

ACCESS: Restricted access; materials fragile; access by request at Akron-Summit County Public Library's Main Library Special Collections division only.

VOLUME: 1 records carton (Box 1), 1 manuscript box (Box 2) and 3 oversized framed images. 2 linear feet.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: John Dixon is related to John Perry Kepler who served in the Civil War.

RELATED COLLECTIONS: See also the Kepler-Coss Collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT: This collection includes personal diaries of Civil War era Keplers, genealogical information including photographs and military records.

ARRANGEMENT: Retained original order by Mr. Dixon.

INVENTORY:

SERIES 1: Artifacts

BOX 1:

Bible:

Kepler-Dixon Family Holy Bible inscribed with "Presented to John P. Kepler and Wife by his Mother on Christmas Day Dec. 25, 1884." Printed by John E. Potter and Company, Philadelphia, c. 1183 by Thomas Hunter. Births, marriages, and death records are recorded (1848-1957).

Canteen:

John Perry Kepler's Civil War dress uniform ceramic canteen. Gold lettering: John P. Kepler. Co. I 115th O.V.I." Red, White and blue flag with gold eagle and star.

BOX 2:

Envelope 1: Diary, John Perry Kepler's 1864 civil war diary.

Envelope 2: Diary, Emily A Harter's 1864 diary.

Envelope 3: Diary, Emily A. Harter's 1884 diary.

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SERIES 2: Correspondence

Box 2

Folder 1: Photocopies of Letters from John P. Kepler during the Civil War
Postcards sent by Otis Kepler, 1883.

SERIES 3: Diaries – Access copies

Box 2

Folder 1: Photocopy of John Perry Kepler's 1864 Civil War diary.

Folder 2: Photocopy of Emily A. Harter's 1864 diary.

Folder 3: Photocopy of Emily A. Harter's 1884 diary.

SERIES 4: Framed Images

Unboxed

Item 1: Photograph of John Perry Kepler and wife Emily Harter.

Item 2: Photograph of the Kepler family, 1910. Includes Emily Harter Kepler and her children.

Item 3: Photograph of a Kepler Family Reunion Picnic, 1910.

SERIES 5: Genealogy

Box 2

Cemetery maps and photographs, East Liberty Cemetery.

Correspondence: Letter tracing the Keplers back to Germany.

LDS Research: Copies and citations of publications relating to the Kepler family genealogy.

Genealogy: Ancestry chart back to 1751.

Miscellaneous: Various genealogical documents.

Photographs: Family photographs including George and Grace Kepler Dixon and a four-generation image of Otis Dixon, his mother Grace Kepler Dixon, her mother Emily Alice Harter Kepler and her mother (Hunsberger?).

Records: Copies of death certificates of John P. Kepler and Emily A. Harter Kepler.

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SERIES 6: Manuscript

Box 2

The Typhoid Tragedy – A Kepler Family History, by Jack Meredith, unbound.

SERIES 7: Military Records

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Copies of John Perry Kepler's military records.

Copy of John Perry Kepler's pension documents.