Collection Note

The contents of this addendum to the C. Henry Smith Papers were transferred to Bluffton University during the summer of 2010, when Dr. Perry Bush was conducting background research for his biography of C. Henry Smith. Many of the contents came from Elaine Bowers, who was a niece of Laura and Henry, and who kept letters and other items in a metal picnic basket. The correspondence in this collection is significant because it represents the letters Laura received from Henry during their courtship and includes Henry’s proposal. (Carrie Phillips, Archives & Special Collections Librarian)

Box/Folder Inventory & Contents Description

Box 1

Correspondence

Folder

1  To Folks from Laura  1965
2  To Henry from Joseph Lehman (photocopy and transcript)  1924
3  To Laura from Emilie H. Mosiman  February 1914
4  To Laura from First Mennonite Church  1955
5  To Laura from Henry  March 19, 1907-May 8, 1907
6  To Laura from Henry  May 15, 1907-June 2, 1907
7  To Laura from Henry: Proposal  Sept. 4, 1907
8  To Laura from Henry  Sept. 10, 1907-Oct. 6, 1907
9  To Laura from Henry  Jan. 16, 1908-Jan. 26, 1908
10 To Laura from Henry  Feb. 2, 1908-July 13, 1936
11 To Laura from Orie C. Yoder  March 24, 1907
12 To Ray J. Schertz from Henry (photocopy and transcript)  1938
13 To Ruth Smith Dick from Uncle Henry and Aunt Laura  Oct. 1941

Subject Files

14 Elaine Bowers donation  2010
Literary Productions

Folder
15 “A Lesson on Sincerity” –Laura
16 Cathedrals –Laura
17 “Fanny Crosby” –Laura
18 “Feeling Low by Harold Kohn” –Laura
19 Huldah Lehman Memorial Service 1968
20 “Latin-America” –Laura
21 “Our Party and Impressions” –Laura
22 Prayers written by Laura 1957-1960, undated
23 “Where Things Have Vanished” –Laura
24 “Your Power to Appreciate by Amy Vanderbilt” –Laura

Legal Documents

Folder
25 Illinois teaching certificate –Laura Ioder 1907
26 Passports 1926-1936

Financial Documents

Folder
27 Personal record book –Laura

Printed Material

Folder
28 Bluffton Centennial programs 1961
29 Bluffton Travel Class Program 1971-1972
30 “Bouquets of Rhyme” by O.E. Harvey, MD (introduction written by CHS and inscription to CHS written by author) 1938
31 CHS Obituary—Metamora Herald October 1948
32 Clippings—Laura Smith donation to Bluffton College Library 1963
33 Founder Life Member, Grand Traverse Hills Club at Torch Lake undated
34 Story Friends: The Farm Made Music for Henry April 1971

Photographic Material

Folder
35 Small framed photographs undated
36 Miscellaneous Photographs
Box 2
(Oversize Documents)

Legal Documents

Folder
1 Passport 1921

Additional items:

Brick from Christian Smith homestead
Metal picnic basket with two handles