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JACOB ESCHBACH YODER (1838-1905) COLLECTION

The collection includes notes, source material, correspondence, photographs, and two microfilm reels used in preparation of the book, *The Fire of Liberty in Their Hearts: the Diary of Jacob E. Yoder of the Freedmen's Bureau School, Lynchburg, Virginia, 1866-1870*, by Dr. Samuel L. Horst. Also included are a photocopy of the original Jacob E. Yoder diaries, 1861-1870, from the Library of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia, and two microfilm reels from the Records of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, National Archives and Records Service, Washington, D.C.

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Jacob Eschbach Yoder was born 22 February 1838 in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, to Jacob Maurer Yoder (d. 1854) and Anna Eschbach Yoder. He attended local Mennonite schools and the Millersville Normal School where he was educated to become a teacher. He enlisted in the 47th Pennsylvania Volunteer Emergency Militia in 1863, but apparently returned to teaching after the unit was disbanded. He taught school in Berks County, Pennsylvania, and Montgomery County in 1864 and returned to Millersville Normal School in 1865.

In 1866, Jacob Yoder became a teacher for the Freedmen's Bureau and traveled to Lynchburg, Virginia to teach the newly freed African Americans. He went to Pennsylvania in 1867 to continue his own education, but returned to Lynchburg to continue teaching in 1869. Yoder became superintendent of schools for the Freedmen's Bureau. By the end of the 1870s, Yoder had become an administrator for Lynchburg's African American schools. In 1881, he was appointed supervisor of Lynchburg's African American schools.

Jacob Eschbach Yoder married Anna Whitaker 28 June 1871 and they had 7 children. He died in Lynchburg 15 April 1905.

[Biographical notes, Jacob Eschbach Yoder, Jacob E. Yoder. Diaries, 1861-1870. Accession 27680. Personal papers collection. The Library of Virginia, Richmond, Va. 23219.]

THE DIARIES OF JACOB E. YODER

The diaries, 1861-1870, of Jacob E. Yoder (1838-1905) of Pottstown, Pennsylvania, and Lynchburg, Virginia, include a diary, 25 January-25 February 1864, detailing Yoder's teaching in a school in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, describing the performance of his students. In this diary he also records the weather and comments on his personal and religious life. It also contains notes on lectures on teaching taken in 1861, accounts, 1862-1864, class lists and grades of students, and miscellaneous notes.

In the second diary, 1866-1867, Yoder records his experiences teaching in a Freedmen's Bureau School for African Americans in Lynchburg, Virginia, comments on the sentiments of the local white population on the end of the Civil War and Union occupation, and relates his personal experiences while teaching.

In the third diary, 1869-1870, Yoder continues commenting on his experiences as a teacher for the Freedmen's Bureau, recounts trips he made as school superintendent to

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various African American schools in central Virginia, and comments on his personal experiences in Lynchburg. This volume also contains a list of names and copies of receipts for money given to Alex Wharton of Lynchburg.

The diaries for 1866-1870 were published as *The Fire of Liberty in Their Hearts: The Diary of Jacob E. Yoder of the Freedmen's Bureau School, Lynchburg, Virginia, 1866-1870*, by Samuel L. Horst.

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SAMUEL L. HORST, 1919-

Samuel Levi Horst, son of Elmer K. Horst and Katherine Buckwalter, was born 18 July 1919 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania and was reared in Berks County. After completing elementary school, he was employed at Fein and Glass Shoe Factory in 1933 and later at Nolde and Horst Hosiery in Reading. In factory work he became aware of the struggles of workers and the need for labor unions.

Drafted in 1940, he registered as a conscientious objector and went into civilian public service in October 1942 in which he worked in national park, mental hospital, soil conservation and the national forest service until April 1946. His interrupted college education was resumed in 1946 at Eastern Mennonite College in Virginia and Goshen College in Indiana where he received his Bachelor of Arts. Employed as a teacher at Eastern Mennonite in 1949-1951 and 1954-1960, he received a Masters of Education degree at the University of Virginia, while teaching, and a Master of Arts at the American University in Washington, DC, in 1966. He was a Johns Hopkins University Fellow in 1967-1968, engaged in doctoral studies in 1968-1972 at the University of Virginia and resumed teaching at Eastern Mennonite. He received his Ph.D. in history from the University of Virginia in 1977.

While teaching, Horst published *Mennonites in the Confederacy: A study in Civil War Pacifism* (1967) and co-edited *Conscience in Crisis: Mennonites and other Peace Churches in America 1739-1789* (1979). After retirement in 1984, he published *Education for Manhood: The Education of Blacks in Virginia during the Civil War* (1987), edited *The Fire of Liberty in their Hearts: the Diary of Jacob E. Yoder of the Freedmen's Bureau School, Lynchburg, Virginia, 1866-1870* (1996) and co-authored *Building on the Gospel Foundation: The Mennonites of Franklin County, Pennsylvania, and Washington County, Maryland* (2004).

In June 1948, Samuel Horst married Sarah Elizabeth Good, daughter of Allen H. Good and Hannah L. Gross, who was born 24 July 1921 in Chester County, Pennsylvania. She died 9 August 1991 in Harrisonburg, Virginia, and was buried in Weavers Mennonite Church Cemetery in Harrisonburg. In 1995, Horst married Mary Ellen Stutzman.

[Biographical notes, Library, Eastern Mennonite University to Lewis H. Averett, Jones Memorial Library, May, 2004; King, Mary Jane, "Samuel Horst – 'always a reason why'"; Jacket notes, *The Fire of Liberty in their Hearts: The Diary of Jacob E. Yoder of the Freedmen's Bureau School, Lynchburg, Virginia, 1866-1870* (Richmond: Library of Virginia, 1996); Letter, Horst to Rhodes, 3 June 2004; Letter, Horst to Rhodes, 23 Nov 2004.]

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