

Guide to the Lushen family school photographs, circa 1902-1976

Summary Information

Collection No.:	MS 2025-111
Title:	Lushen family school photographs
Inclusive Dates:	circa 1902-1976, predominant circa 1902-1942
Author:	Nancy Martin
Repository:	Peters Township Public Library 616 East McMurray Road McMurray, PA 15317
Creator:	Lushen family
Extent:	1 folder
Language of materials:	All materials are in English.
Abstract:	Photographs of school students and teachers that include members of the Lushen family of Peters Township.

Biography/History

Walter Lushen (1896-1983) and his brother Wilbur (1907-1985) were raised on the Lushen Farm on Sugar Camp Road in Peters Township by their parents Aaron and Sarah. The brothers attended the Wright School located at the corner of Sugar Camp and Brookwood Roads and, later, Peters Township High School.

Walter and his wife Martha Jane "Jennie" Baird Lushen (1899-1999) raised their daughter Martha Mae (1928-2007) in the Lushen farmhouse on Sugar Camp Road and she attended the McMurray School and Peters Township High School.

Harriett Gillespie Baird (1902-1989) was Jennie Lushen's sister and a teacher in Peters Township.

Scope and Content Note

Records consist of photographs of school students taken at the Wright School and at Peters Township High School that include Walter Lushen or his younger brother Wilbur or Walter's daughter Martha Mae. Also included is a photograph of Jennie Baird and her students at a one-room schoolhouse in Cecil Township circa 1920, a photograph of Jennie's sister Harriett and her students at Pleasant Valley Elementary School in the 1960s, and a 1976 *Observer-Reporter* newspaper article about township educator Esther Baird and the history of Pleasant Valley School

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions:

None.

Acquisition Information:

The photographs were donated to the Archives by Pete and Celine Rothaar in 2025.

Custodial History:

The photographs passed from Aaron Lushen and Sarah Rieck Lushen to their son Walter Lushen to his daughter Martha Mae Lushen Rothaar to her son Pete Rothaar who donated them to the Archives.

Accruals note:

No further accruals are expected.

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