

Guide to the School family papers, 1921-circa 1985

Summary Information

Collection No.:	MS 2024.004
Title:	School family papers
Inclusive Dates:	1921- circa 1985
Author:	Nancy Martin
Repository:	Peters Township Public Library 616 East McMurray Road McMurray, PA 15317
Creator:	Valentine and Anna School
Extent:	3 boxes, 1.5 linear feet
Language of materials:	All materials are in English.
Abstract:	Records consist of documents created and collected by Valentine and Anna School. They include the personal papers of Valentine - a coal miner and resident of the Village of Hackett, a photograph album compiled by his wife Anna, circa 1925-1950, financial documents relating to Valentine's role as treasurer of the Hackett Giants Baseball Club from 1934-1935, and records he created as the manager of the City Line Texaco service station in Washington, Pennsylvania from 1958-1965.

Biography/History

Valentine School (1903-1993) was a lifelong resident of the Village of Hackett in Washington County, Pennsylvania. His parents Aloysius (Lewis) and Katherine Gregerich School immigrated to the United States from Hungary in 1890. Valentine's younger siblings were Katherine and Thomas.

Anna Rose Vrhovsek (1909-1986) was born in Europe and immigrated to the United States with her family in 1913. She was the eldest of Joseph (1883-1952) and Anna (née Pernisek) Vrhovsek's children. Her siblings were Joseph, Mary, Johanna (Jennie) and Frances. Prior to marrying, Anna lived with her family in Troy Hill on Pittsburgh's North Side.

Anna and Valentine married on June 17, 1936 and resided in Hackett. They had three children: Edwin (born 1937), Betty Ann (born 1940), and Mary (born 1943).

Valentine worked as a coal miner and later as the manager of the City Line Texaco service station at 74 Murtland Avenue in Washington, Pennsylvania. Valentine played the position of catcher for the Hackett Giants Baseball Club and served as its treasurer from 1934-1935.

Collection Scope and Content Note

The collection documents Valentine and Anna School's life in Hackett, including gasoline rationing during World War II and Valentine's applications for employment benefits during 1941 and 1954. The collection also documents Valentine's membership in various social clubs, his role as the treasurer of the Hackett Giants Baseball Club from 1934-1935, and his position as the manager of Washington's City Line Texaco service station from 1958-1965.

The collection includes numerous photographs of Anna and Valentine's family and friends. Textual documents include membership cards, licenses, gas ration stickers, Valentine's Pennsylvania Employment Service identification cards, receipts, a record of donations to the baseball club and of dues paid by its members, a score book from the 1934 season documenting the Giants' games against other area baseball teams, and a ledger recording repairs completed by City Line Texaco and the hours worked by its employees.

Arrangement

The papers are arranged in 3 series:

- Series I. Personal papers, 1921-circa 1985
- Series II. Hackett Giants Baseball Club treasurer's records, 1934-1935
- Series III. City Line Texaco service station records, 1958-1965

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions:

The ledger documenting Valentine's work as manager of the City Line Texaco service station is unavailable to the public because it contains personally identifiable information about living persons. This ledger will open to the public in 2058.

Acquisition Information:

Gifts of Beverly Schultz School and Edwin School, 2023 and 2024.

Custodial History:

Records arrived at the Archives as a donation from Valentine School's son Edwin "Dutch" School.

Accruals note:

No further accruals are expected.

Preferred Citation:

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Processing Information:

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Sources Consulted:

The following sources were consulted in the creation of this finding aid:

- Interviews with Edwin "Dutch" School and his wife Beverly School
- Mr.-Mrs. Valentine School Celebrate Silver Wedding. *The Daily Republican*. (1961, June 28), p. 11.

Contents List

Series I.	Personal papers, 1921-circa 1985
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Series Scope and Content Note: Series consists of miscellaneous personal papers belonging to Valentine, the contents of his wallet from 1938, and a variety of photographs.

This series is arranged in 3 subseries:

Subseries i.	Valentine School miscellaneous personal papers, 1921-1943, 1970, circa 1985
Subseries ii.	Valentine School wallet and contents, 1938-1972
Subseries iii.	Anna Vrhovsek School photograph album, circa 1925-1950

Subseries i.	Valentine School miscellaneous personal papers, 1921-1943, 1970, circa 1985
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Subseries Scope and Content Note: Subseries includes one photograph of Valentine with a catch of fish and additional photographs of unidentified people. Subseries also contains receipts for payment of taxes from 1921, 1923 and 1932, and a notice of the delivery of leased furniture from Gimbel Brothers, 1933. It also includes a ledger used by Valentine for multiple purposes between 1935 and 1943. The information recorded in the ledger includes a roll call, a list of individual contributions to a picnic, and what appears to be a list of items purchased by individuals at the Schools' store in Hackett. The ledger also records expenses, days of work, boards cut, and the number of Valentine's miner's certificate issued on February 16, 1938. Subseries also includes a 1970 copy of the *Constitution of District No. 5 United Mine Workers of America* and a blank undated postcard of Veszprém, Hungary where Valentine's ancestors lived.

Box 1	
Folder 1:	Photograph of Valentine School, circa 1985
	Photographs of unidentified people, undated
	Tax receipts, 1921, 1923, 1932
	Notice of delivery of leased furniture from Gimbel Brothers, 1933
Folder 2:	Ledger, 1935-1943
	<i>Constitution of District No. 5 United Mine Workers of America</i> , 1970
	Postcard of Veszprém, Hungary, undated

Subseries ii. Valentine School wallet and contents, 1938-1972

Subseries Scope and Content Note: Subseries consists of Valentine's Loyal Order of Moose wallet and its contents. Valentine was the Dictator of the Finleyville Moose Lodge No. 172 in 1938. The contents of the wallet include social club membership cards, automobile and fishing licenses, newspaper articles, WWII mileage ration stickers, and applicant cards for the Pennsylvania State Employment Service.

Box 2	
Folder 1:	Loyal Order of Moose wallet, 1938
Folder 2:	Pennsylvania State Employment Service applicant's identification cards, 1941, 1954
Folder 3:	Automobile-related cards, 1942-1972
Folder 4:	Mileage ration stickers and identification folder, 1945
Folder 5:	Annual membership cards for the Loyal Order of Moose, Lodge No. 172, Finleyville, PA, 1943-1953, 1970
	3 Loyal Order of Moose-related cards
Folder 6:	Annual membership cards for the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Library, PA, 1945-1967
	Receipt of membership payment, 1966
Folder 7:	Annual membership cards for the Hackett Educational & Entertaining Slovenian Club, undated, 1964-1972
	Receipt of membership payment, 1962
Folder 8:	Fishing licenses, 1969
Folder 9:	Newspaper clippings and joke card, undated

Subseries iii. Anna Vrhovsek School photograph album, circa 1925-1950

Subseries Scope and Content Note: Subseries consists of photographs of family and friends arranged in an album by Anna Vrhovsek School, as well as a few loose photographs that are duplicates of photographs in the album.

Note: An item listing of the photographs that contain identified people is available. Please ask the archivist for access to this list.

Box 3	
	Anna Vrhovsek School's photograph album, circa 1925-1950
Box 2	
Folder 10:	Duplicate photographs, undated

Series II. Hackett Giants Baseball Club treasurer's records, 1934-1935

Series Scope and Content Note: Series consists of records created and received by Valentine School in his role of treasurer of the Hackett Giants Baseball Club. Series includes receipts of payment from local area businesses for equipment, food and services purchased by the Hackett Giants Baseball Club. It also includes what appears to be a list of used baseball equipment donated to the team on August 21, 1934 by Frank Beckenger.

Series also contains handwritten receipts of payment by the club for services including ball diamond scraping and grass cutting, transportation to games and telephone calls. Series also includes checks written by the club as payment for products and services, and a Compositions book containing a list of donations made to the team, as well as a record of team members and the collection of their weekly dues.

Series also includes a *Simplex League Score Book No. 4* created by the Rawlings Manufacturing Company in St. Louis, Missouri documenting the club's games from June 28-August 26, 1934. During this time, the Giants played teams from Allison, Venetia, Hendersonville, Muse, Gastonville, Beadling, Cloverdale, Snowden, Riverview and New Eagle.

Box 1	
Folder 3:	Receipts of purchases from local businesses, 1934
Folder 4:	Receipts of club's payments for services, 1934-1935
Folder 5:	Checkbook, 1935
Folder 6:	Compositions book, 1934
Folder 7:	<i>Simplex League Score Book No. 4</i> , 1934

Series III. City Line Texaco service station records, 1958-1965

Series Scope Content Note: Series consists of a certificate granted to Valentine School on completion of the *Allen Power-Tune Course of Modern Engine Servicing*, 1958, a membership card for safe driving in the name of City Line Texaco, 1958-1959, and of a ledger documenting vehicle servicing and employee hours between 1959 and 1965 at the City Line Texaco service station located at 74 Murtland Avenue in Washington, Pennsylvania where Valentine worked as a manager.

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Box 1	
Folder 8:	Membership card for safe driving, 1958-1959
	<i>Allen Power-Tune Course of Modern Engine Servicing</i> certificate, 1958
Folder 9:	Ledger of repairs and employee hours, 1959-1965