

**Mary Near Frashuer Collection**  
**Special Collections – Akron-Summit County Public Library**

ACCESSION # 2006-92

ACQUISITION: This collection was donated by Howland Davis II, son-in-law of Mary Near Frashuer.

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

VOLUME: 3 boxes, 3 linear feet

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: Mary Near Frashuer was born in Jetersville, Virginia on December 29, 1910 and was married for 73 years to the late Andrew Clifford Frashuer. She passed away at the age of 97 on July 28, 2008 at her home at the Village of St. Edward in Fairlawn, Ohio. She was survived by daughter, Beverly Davis (Howland) of Akron; grandchildren, Shannon Whitmire (Bret) of Florida and Collin Parker (Stephenie) of Missouri; and great-grandchildren, Hannah Whitmire and Clayton Parke.

SCOPE AND CONTENT: This collection consists of books and genealogical research materials (documents, pedigree charts, correspondence, periodicals) collected by Mary Near Frashuer. Frashuer published a book in 1973 (2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 1997) titled *Our Canadian Nears and Early Kin*. Among the surnames included in the book, and likely throughout this collection, are Anderson, Anthes, Bankert, Bewam, Bell, Deterling, Edwards, Foster, Fox, Grahm, Gray, Harrison, Johnson, Johnston, Jones, Little, McConnell, McDonald, McNair, Miller, Mornignstar, Purdy, Ramey, Scheeffler (Shaffer/Shaver), Smith, Steel (Steele) and White.

ARRANGEMENT: The collection came to Library in a number of binders. Contents were removed from the binders and placed into file folders, often in two files/binder. Books were cataloged and placed either on the public or stacks shelves.

**INVENTORY:**

**Box 1 of 3:**

Index, A-L

Index, M-Z

Book A, Near, Pages 1-95

Book A, Near, Pages 96-198

Book B

Book A-G, Sections A-C

Book A-G, Sections D-G

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**Box 1 of 3 (continued):**

Book H and Military, Pages 1-151

Book H and Military, Pages 152-230A

Book I-M, Pages 1-231

Book I-M, Pages 232-451

Book N, Vol 1, Pages 1-75

Book N, Vol 1, Pages 76-150ax

Book N, Vol 2, Pages 150-240

Book N, Vol 2, Pages 241-333

Book N, Vol 3

Book N-W, Vol 1, Pages 1-200

Book N-W, Vol 1, Pages 201-344

Book N-W, Vol 2, Pages 345-477

Book N-W, Vol 2, Pages 477-561

Book R, Hemming

Book T, Pages 1-102

Book T, Pages 103-185

**Box 2 of 3:**

Cemeteries A-S binder, Cemeteries

Cemeteries A-S binder, A-S

Census, Pages 1-203

Census, Pages 204-400

Census, Pages 401-559

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**Box 2 of 3: (continued)**

DAR, Deeds, Godsey War Record, Part 1

DAR, Deeds, Godsey War Record, Part 2

Deeds, Wills, Births, Deaths, Baptisms, Marriages, Church Records

Godsey, Tabs A-H

Godsey, Tabs L-T

Harrington Letters, Items 1-35

Harrington Letters, Items 36-76

Index to Deeds, Wills, Births, Deaths, Baptisms, Marriages, Church Records

Index to Lots, Cemeteries, Census

Index Name Near, Church, Places, Map

“Mom” binder contents

Untitled green binder contents (Godsey, Amelia Co. VA)

The Mound, 1929 Fairmont State College yearbook

The Mound, 1931 Fairmont State College yearbook

Family Group Sheets

Correspondence with Joann Hughes, Victoria BC Canada

Correspondence with others researching Nears

Correspondence about Near BookI

Correspondence from Florence Beattie

“Amnesia is Not Always Bad,” 9-page paper about her family research

Call Light in Room 203, by Bill Near

Petitions, Sales, Rhinebeck & Dutchess Co, NY pamphlets, Lots Canada & NY

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**Box 2 of 3: (continued)**

Contents of blue folder with research on Karl Naher compiled by C.A. Near

Black folder of family group sheets from Carl Neher

Light blue folder with A History of the Family of Charles Augustus Near...

**Box 3 of 3:**

Two shoe boxes of index cards on family members. Most of the cards are for Near ancestors, grouped alphabetically by given name. At the back of box two are cards for ancestors from allied families.

Two-inch orange binder with tabs for the following names: Anthony Michel, Fred Neher, Christina Neher, Johannes Runckle, Joseph Near, (Johann) Jacob Near, Barent Neher, Henry Crippen Neer. Materials include family group sheets, biographies, correspondence, certificates, photographs.

**Books** (cataloged and available in our reference area)

A Century of Municipal History, 1792-1892 / Compiled from the Municipal Records of the County of Welland, Volumes 1 and 2, by Ernest Cruikshank [Welland, Ont.]: Published by authority of the County Council: Tribune Print, [1892-1893]

The American loyalists in the eastern seigniories and townships of the province of Quebec, by Wilbur H. Siebert. Ottawa, Printed for the Royal Society of Canada, 1913.

As the Near Family Tree Grows, by Clarence Alden Near, Minneapolis: The Author, 1961

As the Near Family Tree Grows: Descendants: Peter Near (1787), John Near (1817), John Franklin Near (1856), by Clarence Alden Near, Minneapolis: The Author, 1962

As the Near family tree grows: History and Genealogy, Conrad Neer, Sr., Virginia; Descendants: Philip Henry, John, Conrad Jr., residing in] Ohio [and] Virginia, by Clarence Alden Near, Minneapolis: The Author, 1961-62

Historical monuments and observatories of Lundy's Lane and Queenston Heights / by James C. Morden [Niagara Falls, Ont.] : Published under the direction of the Lundy's Lane Historical Society, 1929.

Neer kindred / [compiled by Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Gammon. Stockton, Mo., 1969?]

Old Deeds Belonging to the Salem County Historical Society, with an Index of Unrecorded Deeds, by the Salem County Historical Society, Salem, N.J.: 1961

Township no. 2, Mount Dorchester, Stamford, by Ernest Green, [S.l., s.n., 1929?]

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We Travel with a Multitude; A History of the Hooper, Sharp, Adams, and Bonnifield Families and Twenty-five Allied Families, ca. 1700 to 1970, from England, Ireland, France, Germany, and Italy to the United States, by Virginia S. Hooper, [Santa Clara, Calif., 1970]

The United States Census Compendium; a directory of census records, tax lists, poll lists, petitions, directories, etc. which can be used as a census. Compiled by John "D" Stemmons, Logan, Utah, Everton Publishers [1973]

Various Nears of Montgomery County, New York and Some of Their Descendants, compiled by Sue VanWie, [S.l. : s.n., 1967].