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**1 boxes; 1 linear foot**

**Biographical Note**

Louisa Lintner Coleman (1899-1992) was born in Blairsville, Pennsylvania, and her parents were James Edgar Lintner (1865-1909) and Ellen Snyder Lintner (1868-1949). The Lintner family was involved in regional banking, farming, and mercantile business. In the 1920's, Louisa Lintner worked as an accountant at the bank in Blairsville with her brother James Edgar Lintner, Jr. (1896-1967). In 1925, she married Francis Hay Coleman (1895-1969), and they lived 228 South Walnut Street in Blairsville.

Louisa Coleman was an active member and served as an officer of the Century Club. She passed away in 1992 at St. Andrews Village in Indiana, Pennsylvania. Pastor and Mrs. Roger Peterson now live in what is still referred to as the Coleman house on South Walnut Street.

**The Lintner Family**

The Lintners contributed to the community in banking and industry. Ellen Snyder Lintner was a descendant of Governor Simon Snyder (1759-1819) and his youngest son Antes Snyder (January 12, 1805 – December 18, 1861) who was a canal and railroad engineer. Louisa Coleman was the great great granddaughter of Simon Snyder who was the third Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania from 1808-1817.

Louisa's father, James Edgar Lintner, Sr., was the son of Joseph Porter Lintner (June 14, 1838 to 1931) a merchant from Blairsville. Joseph Porter Lintner is buried in the Blairsville Cemetery.

Joseph Porter Lintner's fraternal grandparents Conrad Lintner and his wife Margaret Nicholl Lintner moved from Juniata County and settled in Indiana County in 1804. Conrad Lintner established a store and hotel at Smith Station near Blairsville. Their sons were John, William, and David. Their youngest son David Lintner was 14 when his parents moved to Indiana County. He became a successful farmer at Smith Station, and his children were Joseph Porter Lintner and Matilda Jane (Mrs. John C. Moorhead).

The maternal grandfather of Joseph Porter Lintner was John McCrey (1776-1861) who was born in Indiana County. His father had settled in the county before it was formerly established. During the French and Indian War (1756-1763), John McCrey sent his family back to their former home east of the mountains, but he remained at Fort Wallace, where he died. John McCrey returned to this region with his mother, and resided on a farm two miles from Blairsville. John McCrey married Elizabeth Reed, and they had five sons and five daughters including: Thompson McCrey of Blacklick Township; Robert McCrey, a minister in Ohio; and his daughter Jane McCrey was the mother of Joseph Porter Lintner. John McCrey remained on the family farm until his death at age 85 in 1861.

During the Civil War, Joseph Porter Lintner enlisted in Company B, 56th regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and he served until the second battle of Bull Run, in which engagement he was wounded through both thighs and captured. He lay upon the battlefield for eleven days, a

prisoner, and during all that time had nothing to eat but two onions and two crackers. He was then paroled. He was a member of the Union Veteran Legion and a member of the Presbyterian Church.

On November 24, 1864, Joseph Porter Lintner married Violet L. Turner, of Cincinnati, Ohio. The Lintners had three children, James Edgar Lintner (1865-1909), Mary Ellen Lintner who married Dr. George H. Hunter of Blairsville, and Jesse Bard Lintner who later owned the firm of J. B. Lintner & Company, dealers in clothing and men's furnishings of Blairsville.

Joseph Porter Lintner started a clothing business in Blairsville in 1890, which became the firm of J.P. & J.E. Lintner. James Edgar Lintner was a merchant in Blairsville and was a partner in his father's business. He married Ellen (Ella) Duncan Snyder of Blairsville, and they had six children: Curtis, James Edgar, George, Louisa Lintner Coleman (1899-1992), Fredrick Porter (who died when he was six years old) and Robert Evans. James Edgar Lintner, Sr. took over the family business when his father retired.

Louisa Coleman's youngest brother, Robert Evans Lintner (1904-1993), was treasurer of the Westmoreland Mining Company. He lived in the Lintner family home on North Walnut Street. Being the last of the Lintners, he distributed his estate throughout the Blairsville Community. He bequeathed the entire contents of the family home to the Blairsville Historical Society, <http://www.blairsvillehistoric.com/>.

In the online tour of the BHS there are Lintner family artifacts featured in every room. The dining room furniture and large bookcase, the Lintner high chair in the children's room, and all the furniture in the Ladies room are featured. This room also includes Louisa's wedding dress and a dresser set which was a wedding present to her parents. Our office has original oil portraits of Governor Simon Snyder and his wife Catherine and a landscape painting by Louisa's mother, Ellen Snyder Lintner, all from the Lintner estate.

### **The Coleman Family**

In 1851, Henry Coleman was born in Pennsylvania, and he married Melissa Hay (1854-1941) who was the daughter of John Hay (1809-1899) and Sarah Musser. Melissa Hay was born in Brothers Valley in Somerset, Pennsylvania. In 1910, Melissa Hay Coleman was a dressmaker and Henry Coleman was a baker and owned his shop in Everett Borough in Bedford, Pennsylvania. He was also postmaster in Everett. They had nine children including Charles Coleman was born in 1873 in Pennsylvania, William Coleman was born in 1875 in Pennsylvania, Mabel Coleman was born in 1876 in Pennsylvania, Myra Coleman McNeill was born in 1877 in Pennsylvania, Frederick Coleman was born in 1879 in Kansas, Sara Elizabeth Coleman Hicks was born on March 8, 1880 in Ottawa, Kansas, J. Harry Coleman was born in Pennsylvania, Howard L. Coleman was born in Pennsylvania in 1891, and Francis H. Coleman was born in 1896. Charles and William Coleman were farmers near Everett, Pennsylvania, and Charles Coleman died in November 1949. Mabel Coleman became a nurse and lived in Tyrone, Pennsylvania. Myra Coleman married Wallace McNeill, and she lived in Tyrone until her death in December 1949. J. Harry Coleman moved to Florida. Howard L. Coleman was a baker like his father, and he took over the family business in Everett, but later sold it and opened a bakery in State College. Francis H. Coleman went to college and became a mining engineer, and he worked for the Westmoreland Coal Company.

The sixth child of Henry and Melissa Hay Coleman was Sara Elizabeth Coleman (1880-1977). Elizabeth Coleman spent one year teaching school, and then she went to a training school for nurses. As a nurse, one of her patients was Howard Snowden Hicks, whom she later married. Howard Hicks was born on May 20, 1884 in Pennsylvania, and he was the son of William Lloyd Hicks (born in 1856) and Clara Snowden (born in 1858). Clara Snowden was the third daughter of James M. Snowden (born in 1826) and Mazie Blake (born in 1833). James and Mazie Blake Snowden had eight children including Ellen J. Snowden (born in 1854), Florence Snowden (born in 1855), Clara Snowden (born in 1858), Edmund Snowden (born in 1860), Emmie Snowden (born in 1862), Gilland Snowden (born in 1863), Andrew C. Snowden (born in 1865), and Nancy Snowden (born in 1867).

Howard Snowden and Sara Elizabeth Coleman Hicks lived in Tyrone in Blair County, Pennsylvania for many years. Their son William Henry Hicks was born on May 22, 1911 in Riverside, Washington. On July 11, 1938, William Henry Hicks married Martha Jane Keys. Martha Jane Keys was the daughter of Joseph and Mary Riley Keys, and she was born on September 19, 1912, in Tyrone. They had four children, William Lloyd Hicks, Mary Elizabeth Hicks, Susan Keys Hicks, and Joseph Howard Hicks. William Henry Hicks passed away on May 28, 2003 in Tyrone.

### **Scope and Content**

The collection is housed in one archival box and it contains the personal diaries and family photographs that belonged to Louisa Lintner Coleman (1899-1992) who lived at 210 N. Walnut Street in Blairsville, Pennsylvania. The collection also contains one diary from her aunt Fannie E. Snyder (1866-1957) and photographs from the Francis and Louisa Coleman, and Emma Coleman.

### **Provenance**

In 2012, this collection was donated by Elizabeth Hicks Dow, and William L. Hicks – trustees of the Martha K. Hicks Trust.

### **Restrictions**

None.

### **Processor**

This collection was processed by Harrison Wick in 2012.

### **Container List**

#### **Box 1 (23 folders)**

1. Book signed by Anna O. Snyder on November 8, 1888. Carlyle, T. (1888). *Heroes, hero-workshop and the heroic in history*. New York, NY: John B. Alden.
2. Memory Cards, 1941-1973 (4 items)
  - a. Melissa Ann Coleman (September 3, 1853 to April 10, 1941)
  - b. Howard S. Coleman (October 13, 1890 to March 7, 1971)
  - c. Roxie P. Coleman (February 20, 1885 to September 25, 1972)
  - d. Fannie V. Coleman (December 4, 1885 to March 14, 1973)
3. Photographs
  - a. Louisa Lintner as a young woman before she married Francis Coleman (not

- identified), n.d.
  - b. Emma Snyder (1849-1936) or (1866-1935) or (1881-1969), n.d.
  - c. Louisa and Francis Coleman (2 images) at their winter home in Key Biscayne, Florida, late 1950s
  - d. Louisa and Francis Coleman, 1980s
  - e. Louisa Lintner Coleman, 1980's
4. Diary (1 page), unknown author, June 26 to July 7, no year
  5. Diary of Fannie E. Snyder (1866-1957), 1891-1892 and notes by family members
  6. Diary of Louisa Lintner, 1919-1923, and one page notes from 1924, 1937 and 1939

**Diaries (Year Book) of Louisa Lintner Coleman, 1949-1984**

7. Year Book, 1949 and 1950
8. Year Book, 1953 and 1954
9. Year Book, 1955 and 1956
10. Year Book, 1957 and Note Book, 1957
11. Year Book, 1958 and 1959
12. Year Book, 1960 and 1961
13. Year Book, 1962 and 1963
14. Year Book, 1964 and 1966
15. Year Book, 1967 and 1968
16. Year Book, 1969 and 1970
17. Year Book, 1973 and 1974
18. Year Book, 1975 and 1976
19. Year Book, 1977
20. Year Book, 1979
21. Year Book, 1981
22. Year Book, 1983
23. Year Book, 1984