

McLean County Museum of History

Trimmer Family Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	1837-2023
RESTRICTIONS:	None
PROVENANCE:	Most items gift of Jean Ann Kemp Young, Nov 2023
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ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	

Brief History

John David Trimmer (1781-1826) and **Elizabeth Lanterman Trimmer** (1779-1847) and their children moved from New Jersey to Money Creek Township in 1826. John soon fell ill and died, becoming the first buried in what became Pennell Cemetery. Despite being an early settler, Elizabeth Trimmer remained in Money Creek Township and raised her eight children there.

One of their children, **Daniel Trimmer** (1813-1860) acquired multiple tracts of land in the area and wed Mary Ann Stretch. He died of an accidental shooting while going to the November 4, 1860, election.

Among Daniel & Mary Ann Trimmer's children was **Adah Jane Trimmer** (1843-1915). In 1866, she wed William E. McMullen in McLean County, and they began raising a family in the Towanda area.

Scope

The collection includes land deeds and grants primarily related to Daniel Trimmer; genealogy research; and typed transcriptions of two letters of 1861 and 1865.

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder 1: Genealogy Research

- 1.1 Family tree for Ruby Lillian Trimmer prepared by Dee Perry, nd.
- 1.2 Ancestry.com and findagrave.com printouts for John David Trimmer Sr., Daniel Trimmer, and William M. Trimmer, 2019.
- 1.3 Photocopy of handwritten "History of Manfred Trimmer Family," nd.
- 1.4 "Soldier info William Trimmer," email 2012, about Civil War service.
- 1.5 Typed transcript of 1861 letter to Mrs. Clark Trimmer in Towanda from Wm Trimer in MD in 2019 email.
- 1.6 Gift agreement, Nov 2023.

Folder 2: Adah Trimmer Letter

- 2.1 Typed transcript of May 1865 letter from Adah J. Trimmer of Money Creek to soldier "Willie" in 94th IVI mostly about Lincoln funeral train and funeral, 2pp. Transcription reports that it was addressed to Willie McNulta in the 94th IVI but this might instead have been William E. McMullen who Adah wed the next year (see notes)
- 2.2 Brief notes on Adah Jane Trimmer McMullen, 2023.

Loose Trimmer Family Land Documents

Each of these items relate directly to Daniel Trimmer (1813-1860) of McLean County except the mortgage bond dates after his death and does not bear his name. No real estate is specified in that bond which is secured by a trust deed. All these items were donated at the same time as the genealogy information in Folder 1.

Township identity is based on today's township boundaries.

- 1837 Land Office grant to Daniel Trimmer for 40 acres in Money Creek Township.
- 1848 Indenture: Simpson Y Barnard & wife Lydia of Woodford County to Daniel Trimmer of for \$200 for 80 acres in Money Creek Township.
- 1851 Land Office grant to Daniel Trimmer for 120 acres in Money Creek Township.
- 1852 Indenture: Jesse Trimmer & wife Amanda to Daniel Trimmer for \$800 for 80 acres in Money Creek Township.
- 1855 Indenture: John & Nancy Grigg of Philadelphia, PA, to Daniel Trimmer for \$200 for 40 acres in Money Creek Township
- 1855 School lands sale to Daniel Trimmer for \$100.25 for 80+ acres in Money Creek Township.
- 1873 Mortgage Bond of James H. Cady of Bloomington in debt to Thos J. Bunn of Bloomington for \$800 due in five years with semi-annual interest payments.