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COLLECTION REGISTER

Name: **Tiley, Nancy** **MC 2017.3**
Material: Personal Papers (1819-1979; bulk 1880-1945)
Volume: 1.0 linear feet (Document Boxes 1-2, 1 Artifact Box)
Donation: Donated by Nancy Tiley (daughter of Carolyn Fry Kenworthy), 2016
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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

George Billow Dum was born in Green Park, Perry County, Pennsylvania around 1863. He attended the Poughkeepsie Business School in Poughkeepsie, New York. Upon completing school, his father purchased for him a general store in Landisburg, Pennsylvania, which Dum ran successfully for several years. As a way to increase his business among local farmers, who frequently lacked ready cash for shopping, Dum bought cut timber from them and sold the wood as railroad ties to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. He also began harvesting standing timber and invested in a number of woodland tracts. At some point, Dum became the secretary and superintendant for the Perry County-based Oak Grove Lumber Company. His business partners were P.F. Duncan, the company president, and William Wills, the treasurer. On the company's letterhead, Duncan, Dum and Wills characterized themselves as "manufacturers of ties, oak and pine lumber, rail keg staves and shingles."

On November 12, 1885, Dum married Annie Simmons Spotts, a native of Alinda, Pennsylvania. They had five children, three of whom survived into adulthood: Blanche Lightner Dum, Miriam Anna Dum Frey, and Ray Spotts Dum. In 1904 Dum sold the general store and moved his family to Carlisle, with the aim of sending his children to Dickinson College. He continued to harvest timber until 1911 or 1912, by which time he had opened a lumber and coal yard in Carlisle. Dum died of cancer in Carlisle on December 24, 1918. His wife Annie Dum passed away in April of 1938.

Blanche Lightner Dum was born December 16, 1886 in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. She graduated from the Dickinson Preparatory School in 1907 and Dickinson College in 1910 as a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Although briefly employed in 1910 and 1911 as a high school Latin

and German teacher in Ambler, Pennsylvania, Blanche spent the majority of her career teaching English. From 1920 to 1922, she served in this capacity in Roswell, New Mexico and Pueblo, Colorado, while living with her widowed brother, Ray Dum, and his young daughter, Jeanne Dum. Sometime after Ray's remarriage in 1922, Blanche enrolled in a Columbia University master's program in New York City. She abandoned it in the spring of 1923, however, to raise her niece, Jeanne. Blanche spent the rest of her life in Carlisle, where she and her sister, Miriam Dum Frey, cared for Jeanne and various other young relatives. Blanche was known locally for her long and respected career in the Carlisle High School English Department, which dedicated its 1948 yearbook to her in honor of thirty-three years' teaching. Blanche retired on October 1, 1950 and died twenty-seven years later on February 16, 1977 in Carlisle.

Blanche's sister, Miriam Anna Dum Frey, was born November 9, 1891 in Landisburg, Pennsylvania. She attended the Carlisle High School and graduated from Dickinson College in 1913. Like her sister, Miriam was also a local high school teacher, teaching from 1920 to 1924. On July 16, 1924, she married Jacob Mark Frey ("Mark"), a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. For the next four or five years, the Freys lived in Quakertown, Pennsylvania, where Mark ran a highly successful Dodge automobile agency. During this time they had three children: Anna Louise Frey, who died before her first birthday; Miriam Carolyn Frey Kenworthy; and Robert Mark Frey. Financially flourishing, the family moved to Germantown, Pennsylvania in either 1928 or 1929. Miriam and Mark's fourth child, Margaret Anne Frey Ferrell ("Peggy"), was born there on March 23, 1930. By July 1931, the Depression had so depleted their resources that Miriam, Mark, and their three children were forced to sell their house and move into the Dum family home in Carlisle. Miriam died on May 19, 1988 in Carlisle.

Miriam and Blanche's brother, the Reverend Ray Spotts Dum, was born circa 1888. Like Blanche, he attended both the Dickinson Preparatory School and Dickinson College, graduating with the classes of 1908 and 1911, respectively. After college, Ray studied for the Methodist ministry at Drew Seminary in New Jersey, where he met his first wife, Jennie Helene McWhood. Diagnosed with tuberculosis and seeking a drier climate, Ray accepted a position as minister for Clayton, New Mexico after his graduation from Drew in June 1914. Jennie and Ray married on August 11 of that year and had two children: Ray Spotts Dum, Jr., who died in infancy in 1915, and Jeanne Elizabeth Dum Birrell, born June 14, 1916. Jennie McWhood Dum died of tuberculosis in May 1920 while she, Ray, and Jeanne were living in Roswell, New Mexico. Over the subsequent two years, Blanche Dum and Jennie's sister, Bess McWhood, resided with Ray and cared for Jeanne in New Mexico and Pueblo, Colorado, at Ray's next ministerial appointment.

On June 3, 1922, Ray married his second wife, Kate Heller, in Pueblo. Although his family considered his marriage to Kate a difficult one, Ray was unwilling to divorce her and lose his credentials as a minister. Problems included Kate's refusal to raise Jeanne as her own child and her wish that Ray change their last name to the more socially flattering "Dunn," which he eventually did. Ray and Kate had two sons: Robert Ray Dum, born September 27, 1923 in Pueblo; and Philip Dum, born in Longmont, Colorado on October 5, 1927. Both boys' last names had become "Dunn" by the time their half-sister Jeanne married Marcus Birrell on August 7, 1940. At that time, Robert and Philip, who were living in Portland, Oregon with their parents, were informed about Jeanne, who had been living in Carlisle with Blanche Dum. Kate Heller

died on March 4, 1946, and by 1950 Ray had become involved with his third and final wife, Mirabel, a widow with one daughter. Ray Spotts Dum (Dunn) died of colon cancer around 1953 or 1954.

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

The Nancy Tiley collection is housed in two letter-sized archival boxes and one small, square artifact box. Its materials have been organized into three series: Correspondence, Miscellaneous, and Artifacts.

In the Correspondence series, the letters have been organized according to the family member who wrote or received them. These are categories for Annie Spotts Dum, Blanche L. Dum, George B. Dum, Miriam Dum Frey, and Miscellaneous correspondence. The majority of the letters were exchanged between Annie Spotts Dum and George B. Dum during 1884 and 1885, around the time they were married. The letters are predominantly personal correspondence about family matters.

The Miscellaneous series contains the remaining documents, which were sorted by the family member to whom they most closely pertained. The miscellaneous documents include Blanche Dum's passport and her from both Dickinson College and Columbia University Teachers College. They also contain a series of church schedules from her time in New York in 1922. Other documents included Miriam Dum Frey's music notebook from Metzger College, Annie Spotts Dum's autograph book, reports written by George B. Dum, newspaper clippings, and an album of the 1893 Chicago World's Fair.

The artifacts, a pin and a pendant, are housed separately in an artifact box.

COLLECTION INVENTORY

BOX 1 - MC 2017.3

CORRESPONDENCE

Dum, Annie Spotts

Letters Sent

Folder 01)	To Blanche L. Dum – May 9, 1904 - Jul. 23, 1909 (3)
Folder 02)	To Blanche L. Dum – Sep. 15, 1910 - Feb. 14, 1911 (4)
Folder 03)	To Blanche L. Dum – Sep. 28, 1922 - Oct. 29, 1922 (7)
Folder 04)	To Blanche L. Dum – Nov. 5, 1922 - Nov. 16, 1922 (3)
Folder 05)	To Blanche L. Dum – Jan. 16, 1932 - Jan. 26, 1932 (2)
Folder 06)	To George B. Dum – Jan. 11, 1884 - Apr. 9, 1884 (6)
Folder 07)	To George B. Dum – Jul. 29, 1884 - Sep. 23 1884 (6)
Folder 08)	To George B. Dum – Nov. 13, 1884 - Dec. 23 1884 (5)
Folder 09)	To George B. Dum – Jan. 19 1885 - Feb. 12, 1885 (3)
Folder 10)	To George B. Dum – Mar. 4, 1885 - Mar. 30, 1885 (6)
Folder 11)	To George B. Dum – Apr. 1, 1885 - 27 May 1885 (5)
Folder 12)	To George B. Dum – Jun. 3, 1885 - Jul. 22, 1885 (7)
Folder 13)	To George B. Dum – Oct. 6, 1893 - Oct. 9, 1893 (2)
Folder 14)	To Ray S. Dum – Jul. 18, 1908

BOX 1 - MC 2017.3 (cont.)

CORRESPONDENCE (cont.)

Dum, Annie Spotts (cont.)

Letters Sent (cont.)

- Folder 15) To Miriam Dum Frey – Oct. 10, 1919 - Jan. 12, 1932 (2)
- Folder 16) Envelopes addressed to – Mar. 16, 1885 - May 1, 1929 (6)

Letters Received

- Folder 17) From Ray S. Dum, Telegraph – Dec. 4, 1931
- Folder 18) From Mary Hutchinson – Jan. 5, 1915 - Dec. 31, 1915 (2)
- Folder 19) From M.W. Prince – Jan. 1, 1919
- Folder 20) From John H. Ritter – Feb. 13, 1885
- Folder 21) From H.E. Shiebley – Feb. 22, 1919
- Folder 22) From S. Spotts – Dec. 20, 1937

Dum, Blanche L.

Letters Sent

- Folder 23) To Bolze – Oct. 21 1943 - Apr. 20, 1945 (2)
- Folder 24) To Annie Spotts Dum – Aug. 29, 1910 - Nov. 30, 1910 (5)
- Folder 25) To Annie Spotts Dum – Jan. 7, 1922 - Dec. 18, 1922 (7)
- Folder 26) To Annie Spotts Dum – May 5, 1926
- Folder 27) To Annie Spotts Dum – Jun. 20, 1929 - Aug. 17, 1929 (5)
- Folder 28) To Annie Spotts Dum & Miriam Frey Dum - Nov. 12, 1922
- Folder 29) To George B. Dum – Aug. 29, 1910 - Oct. 30 1910 (6)
- Folder 30) To George B. Dum – Nov. 5 1910 - 3 Dec. 1910 (3)
- Folder 31) To Ray S. Dum – Oct. 30, 1910
- Folder 32) To Miriam Dum Frey – Sep. 17, 1910 - Oct. 30, 1910 (3)
- Folder 33) To Miriam Dum Frey – Nov. 5 1910 - 3 Dec. 3, 1910 (3)
- Folder 34) Envelopes addressed to – Jul. 5, 1906 - Feb. 26, 1923

Letters Received

- Folder 35) From Ray S. Dum – Aug. 21, 1911
- Folder 36) From Joseph Gill – Oct. 21, 1922
- Folder 37) From Mary Hutchinson – Jan. 18, 1911- Feb. 9, 1924 (2)
- Folder 38) From J.L. Knisely – Dec. 27, 1918
- Folder 39) From J.C. Lightner – Undated
- Folder 40) From Branders Matthew – Jul. 11, 1923
- Folder 41) First Page of a Letter written to Blanche Dum (Incomplete)

Dum, George B.

Letters Sent

- Folder 42) To Annie Spotts Dum – Jan. 15, 1884- May 5, 1884 (4)
- Folder 43) To Annie Spotts Dum – Jan. 15, 1884- May 5, 1884 (4)
- Folder 44) To Annie Spotts Dum – Jan. 19, 1885- Feb. 10, 1885 (3)
- Folder 45) To Annie Spotts Dum – Mar. 3, 1885- Mar. 31, 1885 (6)
- Folder 46) To Annie Spotts Dum – May 16, 1885- Jul. 28, 1885 (6)

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CORRESPONDENCE (cont.)

Dum, George B. (cont.)

Letters Sent (cont.)

Folder 47) To Annie Spotts Dum – Aug. 22, 1885 - Nov. 18, 1885 (6)

Folder 48) To Annie Spotts Dum – Oct. 3, 1893 - Oct. 8, 1893 (7)

Folder 49) To Annie Spotts Dum – Aug. 17, 1905 - Aug. 18, 1905 (2)

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CORRESPONDENCE (cont.)

Dum, George B. (cont.)

Letters Sent (cont.)

Folder 01) John Dum – Apr. 11, 1882 - 1 Jul. 1882 (7)

Folder 02) Maggie Dum – Apr. 19, 1882 - May 13, 1882 (3)

Folder 03) Envelopes addressed to – Feb. 16, 1884 - Oct. 9, 1893

Letters Received

Folder 04) Katie Brindle – Apr. 6, 1915

Folder 05) “Cousin” – Jan. 26, 1885

Frey, Miriam Dum

Letters Sent

Folder 06) To Annie Spotts Dum – Sep. 9, 1925 - Dec. 31, 1925 (5)

Folder 07) To Annie Spotts Dum – Jan. 11, 1926 - Sep. 2, 1926 (4)

Folder 08) To Blanche L. Dum – May 21, 1903 - Aug. 17, 1926 (5)

Folder 09) To George B. Dum – Jun. 28, 1910

Folder 10) To Jacob Mark Frey – Dec. 29, 1922

Folder 11) Envelopes addressed to – Oct. 11, 1919 - Apr. 30, 1926

Letters Received

Folder 12) From Frances R. Leshner – Apr. 18, 1926

Folder 13) From Tressler – Mar. 12, 1979

Folder 14) First Page of a Letter written to Miriam Dum Frey (Incomplete)
– Aug. 13, 1928

Miscellaneous Correspondence

Folder 15) Dum, Ray S. to his sister – Mar. 7, 1932

Folder 16) Envelope addressed to Jacob Mark Frey – Apr. 23, 1923

Folder 17) Frey, Jacob Mark to Frey, Robert U. – Apr. 11, 1917-
Jul 16, 1919 (3)

Folder 18) “Grandma” to Tiley, Nancy – Jan. 30, 1978

Folder 19) Moore, Marianne to Sheibley, Mabel, Photocopy – Sep. 19, 1952

Folder 20) Reisinger P.I. to “Friends” – Dec. 19, 1819

Folder 21) Shanbacher, Lydia to Frey, Robert U. – Jun. 19, 1935

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MISCELLANEOUS

Dum, Annie Spotts

Folder 22) Autograph Book – 1880-1885

Dum, Blanche L.

Folder 23) Columbia University Teachers College Transcript – Jul. 6, 1948

Folder 24) Dickinson College Transcript – Jun. 25, 1948

Folder 25) Passport – May 11, 1929

Folder 26) Tressler Family History – undated

Folder 27) Selina Miller Photo (copy) with note by Blanche – undated

Dum, George B.

Folder 28) Superintendents Report of Milltown School – Jan. 25, 1885

Folder 29) Lists of articles taken at Appraisalment by George Dum, Maggie Dum and Catherine Smith – undated

Frey, Miriam Dum

Folder 30) Music Notebook from Metzger College – Oct. 1907

Miscellaneous

Folder 31) World's Fair Album of Chicago – 1893

Folder 32) Methodist Episcopal Sunday School Rally Program – 1910

Folder 33) Schedule for Columbia University Services at St. Paul's Chapel – Oct. 1, 1922

Folder 34) First Presbyterian Church NYC Program Services – Nov. 5, 1922

Folder 35) Schedule for Columbia University Services at St. Paul's Chapel – 1922-1923

Folder 36) Bob Frey's Confession Oct – 1932

Folder 37) Letter to Members of W.F.M.S. and W.H.M.S – undated

Folder 38) Marianne Moore Room Set-Up – undated

Folder 39) New York World Newspaper Clipping Brander Matthews' death – undated

Folder 40) Spotts/Dum/Tressler Family Info, Ancestry.com – Mar. 31, 2015

ARTIFACT BOX 1 - AC 2017.3

Item 01) Small, six-sided star pendant. The inscription in the center reads "Prof. Bender. Excellence. 1901."

Item 02) Small, circular, gold braided wreath lapel pin with attached toothed clasp.

This collection register was prepared by Mak Jones, 2017.