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*Descriptive Inventory*

**MSS 627 VAN Meter Collection**

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**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES**

**The Van Meter Family in America**

The name Van Meter comes from the Dutch “Van Meteren” (pronounced “Van Mayteren”) which means “from the manor or village of Meteren.” In America, the name was shortened to Van Meter. Some adopted this phonetic spelling while others began using spellings like Van Matre and Van Metre, either one or two words. All are related. The manor, Meteren, in Holland was part of the estate of the family Van Cuick Van Meteren. One of the earliest mentions of this estate is in a deed dated September 1253, and numerous references to Van Meterens in knighthood lists make it clear that this was a prominent, influential and wealthy Dutch family.

In 1662, Jan Joosten Van Meteren arrived with his family at New Amsterdam, New York on the ship *Vos* (Fox). Jan Joosten brought with him his wife Maycke Hendricks and five children. Three of the children were by Maycke’s first husband, Willem Krom, and two were Joosten’s own children, Joost Jansen, age 6, and Catherine, age 2½. The family settled in an area on the west side of the Hudson River at the foothills of the Catskill Mountains. Over a period of time, Jan Joosten accumulated land grants near present day Somerville, New Jersey and eventually owned 1,835 acres there which served as the family home for Jan Joosten, his sons and grandsons.

A year after arriving in America, Jan Joosten’s son, Joost Jansen, had an adventure that shaped the rest of his life. On 7 June 1663, while the men were working in the fields, Indians entered several pioneer settlements and began killing and capturing their unarmed victims. (See details under DuBois family.) Little Joost, too young to be much affected by the horrors of captivity, thoroughly enjoyed his three months as an Indian captive, and later frequently left home to spend many weeks at a time with various Indian tribes. As a young man, Joost was among the first whites to explore the wilderness areas west of the coastal settlements. He was particularly impressed by the beauty of the valley of Virginia and urged his sons to explore the valley and to consider settling there. Two of them eventually did.

Joost Jansen (who often called himself John) married Sarah DuBois at New Paltz, New York on 12 December 1682 and moved onto his father’s land, which he later inherited, in Somerset County, New Jersey. Joost and Sarah had five sons: John, Isaac, Henry, Abraham and Jacob, and four daughters: Rebecca, Lysbeth, Rachel and Malinda.

John, the eldest of Joost's sons and his first wife, Sarah Bodine, lived for a while on the land in Salem County and had three children. Sarah died soon after the birth of their third child, and John married again to Margaret Mollenaue. He and Margaret had eight children. Isaac, Joost's second son, grew up in Somerset County, New Jersey and in 1736, he married Alice Scholl. They had three children. Henry, Joost's middle son, settled in Salem County and, except for a few years when he joined his brothers John and Isaac in Virginia, he lived out his life there. Abraham's family lived briefly in Chester County, Pennsylvania before joining John's family in Berkeley County, and Jacob settled near Isaac in Hardy County but was killed by Indians within a few years of his arrival there. Little more is known about Abraham and Jacob. However, Berkeley and Hardy counties in West Virginia and Salem County in New Jersey became permanent Van Meter settlements.

Although Joost's son, Jacob, was killed by the Indians, his children prospered, and his descendants became prominent horse breeders and cattlemen. His son, Jacob, was a partner with Chief Justice John Marshall of the U.S. Supreme Court in the breeding of thoroughbred horses, and later descendants moved to the bluegrass area of Kentucky and continued the horse breeding tradition. A thoroughbred named His Imminence won the Kentucky Derby in 1901. Another of Old Isaac's grandsons, also named Isaac, served several terms in the Virginia General Assembly from 1784-1790 and was a delegate to the Convention of Virginia to ratify the U.S. Constitution in 1788. Still another grandson, Joseph, was the only Van Meter who served as an officer in the Continental Line during the Revolutionary War although many other Van Meters were enlisted men or officers in militia units. Joseph was promoted to Ensign while stationed at Valley Forge with Washington and Lafayette. He was also a close friend of President James Madison and visited him in the White House.

After the oldest two of Joost's sons, John and Isaac, moved with their families from Salem County, New Jersey, they settled in the valley of Virginia (today, the Shenandoah River Valley). In 1726, John purchased a tract of land called "Meter" on "Meter's Run," a tributary of the Monocacy River. After the purchase of this land, John and Isaac developed a plan to settle their relatives and friends in the valley and applied to the Governor and the Colonial Council of Virginia for land grants. John asked for 10,000 acres plus 20,000 additional acres if within two years he was successful in settling 20 families near present Martinsburg, Berkeley County, West Virginia. Isaac asked for 10,000 acres to settle 10 families in an area farther west near the present day city of Moorefield, Hardy County, West Virginia. These grants were approved on 17 June 1730, but were immediately contested by another grantee. A lengthy court battle ensued. Within two years, the Van Meters transferred their rights to most of this land to their relative, Jost Hite, retaining only what they needed for their immediate families. It took 50 years to settle the court battle, but eventually the Hites took free title to the land.

Isaac Van Meter, a son of John Van Meter and Margaret Mollenaue (and one of Joost's grandsons), married Susanna Downing in 1803. Within two years, Isaac crossed the Ohio River and he and his family became the first settlers in Sandy Township, Stark County, Ohio. On reaching their destination, they made a temporary home by clearing a small plot of land, and with the help of friendly Indians, they raised a cabin. At the time that Isaac and Susanna occupied their home, there were no white inhabitants nearer than four miles north and no other neighbors within ten miles.

In 1783, while Old Isaac's grandson, John, was away from home, Indians raided his cabin near Short Creek, Ohio County, Virginia. His wife, Rebecca, and their two small sons were killed and the Indians burned the cabin. Their 15-year-old daughter, Hannah, was washing

at a nearby spring and was axed to death; this spot is still known as Hannah's Spring. His son, John, was captured, but his other sons, Abraham and Isaac, escaped. The captured son, John, grew up with the Indians and married a Seneca girl related to the famous Mohawk leader Joseph Brant. On 29 April 1817, a treaty was signed between the United States and the Indian tribes of Ohio which ceded all of the Indian lands within the limits of Ohio to the United States. However, in the treaty, a reservation of 1,000 acres near Tiffin, Ohio was made to John Van Meter and his Seneca wife and her three brothers. John died on this "Van Meter Reserve" leaving it to his only son John who sold it in 1828 to move west of the Mississippi with the remnants of his tribe.

By 1763, the King of England had established a Proclamation Line along the crest of the mountains which prohibited all private persons from obtaining land or traveling across this line without his permission. However, the ensuing period of peace encouraged settlers to move over the mountains in spite of threats to evict them and to send them back East. Both Pennsylvania and Virginia covertly encouraged settlement in defiance of the King's Proclamation Line. Within a few years, the influx of illegal settlers, mostly from Virginia, moved west and raised the prospect of renewed warfare with the Indians. However, war was averted by the Treaty of Fort Stanwix in which the Iroquois agreed to a revised definition of the Proclamation Line in exchange for 10,000 pounds. This agreement transferred to England all the land south of the Ohio River to the Cumberland and Tennessee Rivers. Settlers wasted no time in seizing the opportunity to move to the Ohio. By the spring of 1769, Forbes Road in Pennsylvania and Braddock Road in Virginia were lined with farm wagons carrying families, and Henry and Jacob Van Meter were among them.

To the south another Van Meter family, close friends with Daniel Boone, was preparing to settle in Kentucky at Boonesborough. In 1770, Joost's son, John, sold his land in Berkeley County and joined the tide of settlers bound for southwestern Pennsylvania and beyond the mountains of the "Gateway to the West." John settled in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania on two tracts of land, "Union" and "Chester" located on the west bank of the Youghiogheny River. The little coal mining village of Van Meter, Pennsylvania grew up near John's farm.

### **The Keller Family in America**

Joseph Keller was born on 15 March 1719 in Schwarzenacker, near the city of Zweibrücken, Germany. There is no official record of Joseph's parents; however, tradition states that his mother first married a man by the name of Guth (Good), and they had one son. After Mr. Guth died, his son emigrated to Virginia. His widow married Mr. Keller, and they had two sons. Eventually, the older of the two Keller sons left his childhood behind in Germany, sailed to America, and settled with his stepbrother Guth. The younger Keller son, Joseph, remained with his mother in Germany until he was almost 18 years old, at which time he would have been required to enlist as a soldier in the German army. To avoid conscription, he also left for America.

Joseph Keller sailed on the *William* from Rotterdam, Holland to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Sometime later, Joseph found his way to his stepbrother Guth's home in Virginia and became reacquainted with Mary Engel Drumm, a neighbor who lived nearby with her brother. It is probable that Joseph and Mary had known each other in Germany since they lived in the same area and likely went to school together. Eventually, they married and settled in the town of Bangor, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, most likely because this particular area

was similar to the Hardt Mountain area in Germany where they grew up. Together they raised eight children: Christian b. 1743; Anna Margaret b. 1745; Henry Adam b. 1747; Simon b. 1749; Joseph b. 1751; John Jacob b. 1754 (carried away by the Indians); John Jacob b. 1757; and Phillip b. 1763.

On 15 September 1757, a party of Indians attacked the Keller family, captured Mary and two of her sons, Joseph and John Jacob, and hurried the captives across the mountains to Montreal, Canada. At the time of the raid, Joseph Keller was seeding his fields and was so far from his house that he was not aware of the attack. As he returned home in the evening, he found the body of his oldest son, Christian, in a field. Christian had likely tried to hide in or behind a barn and when that failed, he apparently ran across an open field hoping to reach a copse of evergreen trees that would afford him a natural hiding place. The Indian in pursuit shot and killed him with an arrow, then took his scalp as a trophy. Simon, the third son, was keeping the wild pigeons away from a field already seeded, and thus escaped capture. Anna Margaret also escaped: "Apparently the Lord had pity and spared her to comfort and assist in the care of her little brother who was not yet six months old." As the Indians moved toward Montreal, the mother saw Christian's scalp being dried by a fire kindled by the Indians. As the group walked along the trail, John Jacob was lost and never found.

Upon reaching Montreal, the mother was bartered off to French officers whom she served for three years. In Canada, however, the English and French were engaged in a territorial battle. Under the command of General Wolfe, the British took Montreal and discharged the prisoners of war including those who had been bartered off to the French. Meanwhile, back in Pennsylvania the settlers of Northampton County conducted their trading in Philadelphia, which was nearly 70 miles from their settlement. Joseph Keller was on his way to the Philadelphia market with a load of grain when he learned about the returning prisoners of war. He hastened home where he found his wife waiting. Five years later, Joseph returned home from his captivity with the Indians.

Anna Margaret was just 12½ years old when the Indians raided the farm and took her mother and brothers captive. Evidently she had hidden herself in the barn and escaped unharmed. She cared for her infant brother in place of their captive mother. When she was 20 years old, Anna Margaret met and married a Mr. Miller and had a baby girl named Elizabeth. Soon after Elizabeth was born, Miller was called to serve as a captain in the Revolutionary War under the command of General George Washington. Although it must have been difficult for him to do so, he left his young wife and infant daughter and set off for war. While he was away, Anna Margaret and the baby became ill and died. Upon receiving this news, the young husband never returned home.

Henry Adam, the second son and the third child in the family, was almost 11 years old at the time of the raid. He, too, escaped capture. He may have been with his brother, Simon, he may have hidden in the barn with Anna Margaret, or he may have been in the field with his father. Little is known of Simon's later life other than he married a woman from Philadelphia, and they had three children: Joseph, Maria Ann and Magdalene.

Joseph Keller died on 17 September 1800; he was 81 years old. His wife, Mary, died in 1802 at the age of 83 years.

## The DuBois Family in America

The DuBois family can be traced in Europe as far back as the ninth century. The house of DuBois is the oldest nobility in the French Empire, with a DuBois accompanying William the First in his quest to conquer England. The name DuBois means “the woods,” an appropriate name for the generation that left the Old World and settled in the well-timbered New York area as well as in the Pennsylvania frontier and backwoods.

French ancestors were part of the early American colonization effort. At the time of Louis DuBois’s birth, France was part of the Spanish Netherlands (today, Belgium). The DuBois family were Walloons, a mostly Celtic people. Their name reflected their French origin, but they had lived for generations in the southern Netherland provinces whose population was chiefly Spanish and Roman Catholic. Because they spoke French and professed the reformed religion rather than Roman Catholicism, they were out of place with the Spanish subjects of King Philip of Spain and were subjected to savage persecution.

The DuBois family in America begins with the arrival of Louis DuBois, who fled persecution in France and settled for a short time in Mannheim, Germany where he met and married Catherine Blanchan in 1655. Five years later, in 1660, he sailed with Catherine and their two sons to the New World. The couple eventually settled in the Hudson River Valley, New York and had eight more children.

In 1663, Indians raided the colonial settlements and captured about 45 women and children. Among the captives were Louis DuBois’ wife, Catherine Blanchan, and their baby daughter, Sarah. Jan Joosten Van Meteren and Mathieu Blanchan (Catherine’s brother) formed a rescue party led by Louis DuBois. The men searched the Catskills for three months looking for the captives, but had no success until a friendly Indian gave them a clue to the captives’ location. According to a DuBois family account, when the rescue party arrived, the Indians were preparing to burn their prisoners. Catherine DuBois and Sarah were chosen as the first captives to be burned. As the Indians were about to put the torch to their pyre, Catherine began to sing the words of the 137<sup>th</sup> Psalm. Enchanted by her voice, the Indians demanded that she continue singing which, of course, she did. The approaching rescue party was guided by her singing to the place where the captives were being held. The rescuers attacked the Indians and released the captives. (This story has been disputed by at least one historian.) Later, however, DuBois and 11 other settlers purchased a 40,000-acre tract of land from the Indians. The settlers cleared the land, then divided it by oral agreement and built cabins for themselves and their families. The town these settlers established was named New Paltz which survives today as “Historic Huguenot Street,” a National Historic Landmark District.

Louis DuBois died in 1696. Catherine remained in New York and married a second time.

[Biographical notes compiled by Louise Sauerland from the collection and publicly available sources.]

### **COLLECTION NOTE**

This collection consists of genealogical and historical research on the Van Meter and related families compiled by J. C. (Jackson Clinton) Van Meter (1853-1931) of Bee Spring, Edmonson County, Kentucky, the son of John Van Meter and Polly Brooks. A notable aspect of

his work was his tireless solicitation of data from living Van Meters and descendants thereof. In correspondence with these individuals, he asked them to complete and return detailed questionnaires about their families. The information supplied often led to further correspondence, contacts, and the circulation of additional questionnaires. Van Meter also typescripted data shared with him by Henry E. Wallace, Jr. of Philadelphia and Anna W. Stubblefield of Cumberland, Maryland, who conducted their own research and correspondence and compiled a genealogy on a related family, the Inskeeps.

The folders in the collection include general research, especially on the early history of the Van Meters in America, and on related families. Much of the material, however, is divided into folders relating to a particular individual and his/her line of descent. These folders typically contain completed questionnaires, correspondence, notes and narratives on the individual and his/her wider family circle. Some folders in Box 5 collect information on different individuals bearing the same name. Box 6 contains more of Van Meter's correspondence and a small amount of Wallace's and Stubblefield's, all of a genealogical nature. Some material in the collection is damaged or in poor condition.

Another notable aspect of this collection is Van Meter's invocation of the legend of the Hedges estate. Centuries ago, a "Charles Hedges" was said to have died in England leaving his large fortune to a nephew, Joseph, who emigrated to Maryland and died without claiming the inheritance. The funds languished in the Bank of England while Joseph's descendants (who included members of the Van Meter, Keller and DuBois families) spread across the United States. J. C. Van Meter theorized that if all the Hedges heirs were identified, the Bank could be convinced to distribute the estate in proportional shares. In a 1923 letter to Van Meter, Edward E. Gore, a Keller descendant, discusses the difficulties of this project, which included not only establishing complete lines of descent but confirming both the existence of the estate and the precise identity of "Charles Hedges" (see Box 2, Folder 10). Edward Keller, another descendant, wrote Van Meter that an attorney engaged by his family to look into the estate advised that it had been "outlawed" (see Box 4, Folder 23). Even though the Hedges estate appears to have been little more than a fiction (see Box 1, Folder 1), Van Meter sometimes used the story to encourage his correspondents to supply him with genealogical information (see, for example, Box 2, Folder 25; Box 3, Folder 2; and Box 4, Folders 21 and 23).

### ***SHELF LIST***

| <b>BOX 1</b> | <b>Van Meter Collection</b>               | <b>1917, n.d.</b> | <b>64 items</b> |
|--------------|---|-------------------|-----------------|
| Folder 1     | Inventory and associated material         |                   | 3 items         |
| Folder 2     | Name indexes, some with genealogical data | n.d.              | 5 items         |
| Folder 3     | Genealogical and historical notes         | n.d.              | 12 items        |
| Folder 4     | Clippings, notes, photographs, obituaries | 1917, n.d.        | 44 items        |

| <b>BOX 2</b> | <b>Van Meter Collection</b>   | <b>1883-1929</b> | <b>218 items</b> |
|--------------|---|------------------|------------------|
| Folder 1     | Cynthia Alice (Marlow) Andrews, b. 1845, daughter of Mary/Marieta (Keller) Marlow                                   | 1923-1924        | 13 items         |
| Folder 2     | Robert Clifford Andrews, b. 1869, son of Cynthia Alice (Marlow) Andrews   | 1923             | 3 items          |
| Folder 3     | Maud (Andrews) Grimes, b. 1872, daughter of Cynthia Alice (Marlow) Andrews  | 1923             | 2 items          |
| Folder 4     | Lodusky (Keller) Bell, b. 1890, and Berthie Elizabeth (Keller) Snyder, b. 1874, daughters of Edward Woodruff Keller | 1922             | 2 items          |
| Folder 5     | Effie Ettie (Keller) Bilz, b. 1869, daughter of Edward Woodruff Keller  | n.d.             | 1 item           |
| Folder 6     | Minnie Mae (Marlow) Brown, b. 1875, daughter of John Thomas Marlow  | 1923             | 7 items          |
| Folder 7     | Children of Atersie/Atersa (Keller) Corrington, 1817-1888, daughter of John Keller                                  | 1915-1923        | 38 items         |
| Folder 8     | Cline family  | n.d.             | 1 item           |
| Folder 9     | Cunningham family   | 1904, n.d.       | 9 items          |
| Folder 10    | Edward Everett Gore, b. 1866, son of Cinderella (Keller) Gore   | 1923             | 5 items          |
| Folder 11    | Ollie May (Keller) Bootman, 1866-1915, daughter of William Jefferson Keller   | 1921-1922        | 7 items          |
| Folder 12    | Hardin family   | n.d.             | 2 items          |
| Folder 13    | Inskeep, Harness and Cunningham families  | n.d.             | 3 items          |
| Folder 14    | Eliza Alan (Strange) Hawkins, 1851-1915, daughter of Cinderella (Keller) Strange                                    | n.d.             | 3 items          |
| Folder 15    | Haycraft and Briscoe families   | n.d.             | 3 items          |
| Folder 16    | Edgar H. Haycraft letters (typescripted)  | 1883-1891        | 10 items         |
| Folder 17    | Haycraft family   | n.d.             | 1 item           |



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| Folder 18    | Haycraft family   | 1913-1917        | 6 items          |
| Folder 19    | Haycraft family   | n.d.             | 1 item           |
| Folder 20    | Haycraft family   | n.d.             | 1 item           |
| Folder 21    | Haycraft family   | n.d.             | 3 items          |
| Folder 22    | Samuel Haycraft, b. 1752, and family  | 1909-1913        | 9 items          |
| Folder 23    | Haycraft family   | n.d.             | 1 item           |
| Folder 24    | Haycraft and Vertrees families  | n.d.             | 3 items          |
| Folder 25    | Hedges family   | 1915-1924        | 29 items         |
| Folder 26    | Hinton/Henton family  | 1913             | 1 item           |
| Folder 27    | Hite family   | n.d.             | 2 items          |
| Folder 28    | Bessie Blanche (Keller) Holt, b. 1887, daughter of William Jefferson Keller         | 1921-1922        | 3 items          |
| Folder 29    | Hutton and Machir families  | 1927             | 5 items          |
| Folder 30    | Leotta (Van Meter) Hughes   | 1892-1929        | 4 items          |
| Folder 31    | Inskeep family  | 1893-1904        | 15 items         |
| Folder 32    | Inskeep family  | n.d.             | 25 items         |
| <b>BOX 3</b> | <b>Van Meter Collection</b>   | <b>1904-1924</b> | <b>335 items</b> |
| Folder 1     | Mary Inez (Strange) Jarboe, b. 1870, daughter of Cinderella (Keller) Strange        | 1923-1924        | 17 items         |
| Folder 2     | Dearie Maud (Keller) Wallace Jenkins, b. 1879, daughter of William Jefferson Keller | 1918-1922        | 7 items          |
| Folder 3     | Susie Phelps (Keller) Jones, b. 1868, daughter of Jacob Hedges Keller               | 1923             | 5 items          |
| Folder 4     | Margaret Lenora (Lee) Keef, b. 1880, granddaughter of Elizabeth (Keller) Lee        | 1923             | 2 items          |

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| Folder 5  | Keith family  | 1913      | 5 items  |
| Folder 6  | Gideon Blackburn Loper, b. 1842, son of Susan (Keller) Loper                                | 1916      | 5 items  |
| Folder 7  | Machir family   | 1903      | 14 items |
| Folder 8  | Marlow family   | 1923      | 15 items |
| Folder 9  | Dorinda Bryant (Crain) Thompson, b. 1852, daughter of Cynthia Ann (Keller) Crain            | 1923-1924 | 9 items  |
| Folder 10 | Katie (Thompson) Mayfield, b. 1888, daughter of Dorinda Bryant (Crain) Thompson             | 1923      | 5 items  |
| Folder 11 | Mary Underwood (Thompson) Russell, b. 1895, daughter of Dorinda Bryant (Crain) Thompson     | 1923-1924 | 5 items  |
| Folder 12 | Meredith family   | n.d.      | 5 items  |
| Folder 13 | Miller/Millar families  | n.d.      | 2 items  |
| Folder 14 | Mary Vitula (Keller) Nugent, 1864-1885, daughter of Jacob Hedges Keller                     | 1923      | 5 items  |
| Folder 15 | Alice Virginia (Obenchain) Atkins, b. 1856, daughter of Elizabeth Ann (Sweetland) Obenchain | 1917      | 6 items  |
| Folder 16 | Carrie Belle (Edmunds) Page, b. 1878, daughter of Sammie Alice (Crain) Edmunds              | 1923      | 14 items |
| Folder 17 | Porter family   | 1918      | 3 items  |
| Folder 18 | Rhoads family   | 1914-1917 | 22 items |
| Folder 19 | Rhoads family   | 1917-1922 | 58 items |
| Folder 20 | Rhoads/Rhodes family  | 1917-1918 | 12 items |
| Folder 21 | Rhodes family   | 1918      | 2 items  |
| Folder 22 | Mary Nettie (Crain) Melloan, b. 1878, daughter of John Keller Crain                         | 1923-1924 | 5 items  |
| Folder 23 | Children of Minnie Bell (Edwards) Sharp   | n.d.      | 4 items  |

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| Folder 24    | Children of Octavia Columbia (Keller) Simmons Pursell  | n.d.             | 4 items          |
| Folder 25    | Strange family   | 1923-1924        | 30 items         |
| Folder 26    | McCulloch family   | 1917             | 3 items          |
| Folder 27    | Wiand Tunnell, b. 1853, son of Tirza (Rhoads) Tunnell  | 1918             | 2 items          |
| Folder 28    | Isabel Catherine (Keller) McCartney Vandenburg, 1833-1917, daughter of Elisha Van Meter Keller | 1917-1923        | 49 items         |
| Folder 29    | Vause and Harness families   | 1903-1904        | 11 items         |
| Folder 30    | Wallace family   | 1904-1916        | 5 items          |
| Folder 31    | Wilson and Inskeep families  | 1904             | 4 items          |
| <b>BOX 4</b> | <b>Van Meter Collection</b>  | <b>1915-1930</b> | <b>188 items</b> |
| Folder 1     | Cynthia Ann (Keller) Crain, 1812(?)-1895, daughter of Cynthia (Van Meter) Keller               | 1923-1924        | 28 items         |
| Folder 2     | Edward Woodruff Keller, 1839-1892, son of Elisha Van Meter Keller                              | 1922             | 12 items         |
| Folder 3     | Elisha Van Meter Keller, 1809-1853, son of John Keller   | 1917-1922        | 6 items          |
| Folder 4     | Frederick Keller, 1786-1859, son of George Keller  | 1923             | 2 items          |
| Folder 5     | Frederick Oliver Keller, b. 1871, son of Jacob Hedges Keller                                   | 1923             | 2 items          |
| Folder 6     | George Clinton Keller, 1812-1893   | 1916             | 2 items          |
| Folder 7     | Cora Belle (Keller) Taylor Keskeys, b. 1873, daughter of George Washington Keller              | 1917-1922        | 2 items          |
| Folder 8     | George Washington Keller, 1835-1920, son of Elisha Van Meter Keller                            | 1917-1923        | 15 items         |

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| Folder 9  | George Stamper Keller, 1837-1907, son of Frederick Keller                                  | 1923      | 5 items  |
| Folder 10 | Jacob E. Keller, b. 1876, son of Jacob Hedges Keller                                       | 1923-1925 | 5 items  |
| Folder 11 | Jacob Hedges Keller, 1827-1893, son of Frederick Keller                                    | 1923      | 4 items  |
| Folder 12 | John Bloomfield Keller, 1841-1911, son of Elisha Van Meter Keller                          | 1921-1930 | 4 items  |
| Folder 13 | John Hedges Keller, 1815-1882, son of John Keller  | 1915-1922 | 9 items  |
| Folder 14 | Laurena Elizabeth (Keller) Buchanan Larrance, b. 1847, daughter of Elisha Van Meter Keller | 1917-1923 | 11 items |
| Folder 15 | Nannie Perilee (Keller) Ratliff, b. 1860, daughter of Jacob Hedges Keller                  | 1923-1924 | 13 items |
| Folder 16 | Phillip Thomas Keller, b. 1866, son of Jacob Hedges Keller                                 | 1923      | 3 items  |
| Folder 17 | Pitt Mitchell Keller, b. 1868, son of George Washington Keller                             | 1917-1922 | 3 items  |
| Folder 18 | Octavia Columbia (Keller) Simmons Pursell, b. 1862, daughter of Jacob Hedges Keller        | 1923-1926 | 11 items |
| Folder 19 | Stroud Van Meter Keller, b. 1831, son of John Keller                                       | 1915-1924 | 17 items |
| Folder 20 | Susan Love (Keller) Edwards Warfield, 1853-1919, daughter of Elisha Van Meter Keller       | 1922      | 7 items  |
| Folder 21 | Thomas Benton Keller, b. 1850, son of Elisha Van Meter Keller                              | 1922      | 11 items |
| Folder 22 | Truman George Keller, 1867-1906, son of George Washington Keller                           | 1921-1923 | 5 items  |
| Folder 23 | William Jefferson Keller, 1837-1915, son of Elisha Van Meter Keller                        | 1918-1922 | 5 items  |

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| Folder 24    | Miscellaneous genealogies – Van Meter, Keller, Hedges  | n.d.             | 6 items          |
| <b>BOX 5</b> | <b>Van Meter Collection</b>  | <b>1887-1931</b> | <b>183 items</b> |
| Folder 1     | Van Meter and Du Bois families – Early history   | 1903-1918        | 18 items         |
| Folder 2     | Van Meter and Du Bois families – Early history   | 1905-1913        | 12 items         |
| Folder 3     | <i>Moorefield Examiner</i> articles on Van Meter and Du Bois families, by H. E. Wallace, Jr. | 1905             | 13 items         |
| Folder 4     | Abraham Van Meter (multiple individuals)   | 1889-1925        | 9 items          |
| Folder 5     | Cynthiana (Van Meter) Keller, b. 1793?, daughter of John Van Meter                           | n.d.             | 1 item           |
| Folder 6     | Cyrus Van Meter, 1806-1877, son of John Van Meter  | 1892-1930        | 5 items          |
| Folder 7     | Daniel Boone Van Meter, 1802-1880  | 1914-1917        | 12 items         |
| Folder 8     | David Van Meter (multiple individuals)   | 1887-1913        | 7 items          |
| Folder 9     | Garrett Van Meter (multiple individuals)   | n.d.             | 5 items          |
| Folder 10    | Elizabeth Van Meter (multiple individuals)   | 1891-1907        | 5 items          |
| Folder 11    | Hannah (Van Meter) Richardson, 1786-1872, daughter of Jacob Van Meter                        | n.d.             | 1 item           |
| Folder 12    | Henry Van Meter, 1695-1759   | 1916-1920        | 11 items         |
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| Folder 14    | Jacob Van Meter (multiple individuals)   | 1903-1931        | 16 items         |
| Folder 15    | Jacob Van Meter (Bowling Green, Kentucky)  | n.d.             | 2 items          |
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| Folder 17    | William Van Meter (multiple individuals)   | 1904-1930        | 7 items          |
| Folder 18    | John Van Meter (multiple individuals)  | 1892-1931        | 9 items          |

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| Folder 19    | Joseph Van Meter; Joseph Harrison Van Meter (multiple individuals)        | 1915-1917        | 4 items          |
| Folder 20    | Kate (Van Meter) Willey Reid, b. 1852, daughter of Lewis Van Meter        | 1915-1916        | 4 items          |
| Folder 21    | Mary (Van Meter) Henton Chenoweth, 1775-1832, daughter of Jacob Van Meter | 1918             | 3 items          |
| Folder 22    | Morgan Van Meter  | 1917             | 2 items          |
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| Folder 24    | Stroud Van Meter, 1804-1855, son of John Van Meter                        | n.d.             | 5 items          |
| Folder 25    | Warren W. Van Meter, b. 1869, son of John Hancock Van Meter               | 1922             | 3 items          |
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| Folder 4     | Correspondence of J. C. Van Meter   | 1916             | 45 items         |
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