

Allen M. Fretz & J. Herbert Fretz Photo Collection

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Box 8, volume 1: Allen M. Fretz photo scrapbook #1 (54 photos)

1. A group of 93 converts to the Mennonite faith in India baptized during J. Kliewer's visit, June 1920.
2. Mennonite missionaries to India (both MC and GC) during language studies, n.d.
3. W. C. Voth and [unidentified man] sitting under a palm tree at Reedley, CA (during General Conf.), 1917.
4. A. M. Fretz and W. C. Voth in a Reedley vineyard, 1917.
5. A field of peaches drying in California, 1917.
6. A. M. Fretz and W. C. Voth under a fig tree, California, 1917.
7. Jacob S. and Katie Ringelman Krehbiel and sons, Geary, OK, 1914.
8. Pennsylvanians at [GC Mennonite] General Conference, Freeman, SD, 1923.
9. Wadsworth Institute alumni at General Conference, Freeman, SD, 1923 (including A. M. Fretz).
10. John M. and Agnes Trupe Bowman and daughter Mary, Bowmansville, PA, 1923 (two photos).
11. John W. and Annie Shaub Swarr family, Mechanics Grove, PA, n.d. (three photos).
12. Jacob Markley family with musical instruments, n.d.
13. Peter Penner and children at home in Nebraska, 1908 (two photos).
14. New Hopedale Mennonite Church, Meno, OK, in which General Conference was held, 1914.
15. Postcard of Court House Square, Enid, OK, ca. 1914.
16. Photos from General Conference, Meno, OK, 1914 (three photos).
17. Abraham James Fretz standing at the memorial stone for Christian and Barbara Fretz, Deep Run East, n.d.
18. Pennsylvanians at the home of W. S. Gottshall during General Conference, Bluffton, OH, 1911 (two copies, one with identifications on rear).
19. Wadsworth Institute alumni at General Conference, Reedley, CA, 1917 (three photos; one with identifications).
20. Postcard of Main Street, Wadsworth, OH, ca. 1911.
21. Postcard of Deep Run West Mennonite Church, ca. 1910.
22. Ely R. Fretz in California during his "boomer" trip, ca. 1911-1912 (two photos; two copies of each).
23. "Evan's thrashing outfit, Royholm", n.d.
24. Three photos from an unidentified lumber camp, n.d.
25. Three unidentified photos.
26. George E. and Florence Fretz Wittig, n.d.
27. Residence of Henry M. Fretz, DeKalb Co., IN, 4 Jan 1909.
28. United Brethren Church at Shower's Corners, DeKalb Co., IN, 30 Aug 1919.
29. St. John Mennonite Church near Bluffton, OH, n.d.
30. Ebenezer Mennonite Church near Bluffton, OH, n.d.
31. William S. Gottshall and family at home (including his mother Mary Shelly Gottshall), before 1910.
32. Two unidentified photos.
33. Postcard of Zion Mennonite Church, Souderton, 1908.
34. Postcard of Jefferson School, Enid, OK, ca. 1914.
35. Postcard of "Old Baldy [mountain] from Mt. Wilson", California, ca. 1917.
36. Unidentified photo.
37. House and barn of Ely R. and Lillie Frey Fretz, Pleasant Valley, Bucks Co., PA, n.d. (two photos).
38. Postcard: "The Last Supper, in Vermont Marble", n.d.

Box 8, volume 2: Allen M. Fretz photo scrapbook #2 (53 photos)

1. Nine postcards of Niagara Falls, n.d.
2. Four postcards from Ontario, including two of the Rittenhouse School and Gardens near St. Catharines, n.d.
3. Photo clipping of Julia Ward Howe.
4. Unidentified photo.
5. Three postcards from Penn State University, West Chest University, and the University of Chicago, n.d.
6. Postcard photo of the Mennonite Home for the Aged, Frederick, PA, n.d.
7. Seven postcards from Oklahoma, probably ca. 1914.
8. Postcard of the railroad loop in Tehachapi Pass, California, n.d.
9. Four photos from [GC Mennonite] General Conference, Meno, OK, 1914 (same as in scrapbook #1).
10. Oscar P. and Abigail Ringelman Ruth family, Oklahoma, n.d.
11. Luise K. Ringelman and family at General Conference, Meno, OK, 1914.
12. Grandchildren of George and Luise Ringelman, Oklahoma, n.d.
13. Wadsworth Institute alumni at General Conference, Reedley, CA, 1917 (two photos; same as in book #1).
14. Two postcards from California, n.d.
15. George W. and Eva Susanna Fretz and children, Waterloo, IN, n.d.
16. United Brethren Church at Shower's Corners, DeKalb Co., IN, 4 Jan 1909.
17. Two unidentified photos (probably Mennonites in Oklahoma).
18. Postcard of Beatrice, NE in 1860.
19. Postcard of First Christian Church, Beatrice, NE, n.d.
20. Photo clippings of Fred L. and Mildred Yost Whitermore, who went as missionaries to Africa in 1923.
21. Postcard from Yosemite in California, n.d.
22. Postcard from Newton, KS, n.d.
23. Photo of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Beatrice, NE, with note "Preached here Sunday evening Sept. 6, 1908 A. M. Fretz".
24. Postcard of Baden-Baden, Germany, n.d.
25. Three postcards of the Lincoln Memorial, Washington, DC; the Washington and Bowling Green Building, New York, NY; and the Auditorium, East Northfield, MA.

Box 8, folder 9: Portraits of Allen M. Fretz (19 photos)

1. Allen Fretz and brother Mahlon, ca. 1865.
2. Allen Fretz, ca. 1870.
3. Allen Fretz, 1880.
4. Allen Fretz, ca. 1895.
5. Allen Fretz, ca. 1925 (three copies).
6. Allen Fretz, ca. 1935.
7. Allen Fretz as a boy, ca. 1865 – **in autobiographical scrapbook.**
8. Allen and Sarah Leatherman Fretz (possibly wedding photo), ca. 1880 – **in autobiographical scrapbook.**
9. Allen and Anna Rittenhouse Fretz wedding photo, St. Catharines, ON, 1884 (copy print).
10. Allen Fretz, ca. 1900.
11. Allen and Anna Rittenhouse Fretz and children, photo by D. F. Ziegler, Souderton, 1906 (a larger version is with oversize photos in box 9).
12. Allen Fretz, photo by D. F. Ziegler, ca. 1910.
13. Allen Fretz, ca. 1937 (two photos; two copies of each, one with oversize photos).

Box 8, folder 10: Ancestors and relatives of Allen M. Fretz (22 photos)

1. Abraham M. Leatherman and William M. Leatherman (cousins of Allen Fretz), ca. 1867.
2. Ely L. and Mary Myers Fretz (Allen's parents), ca. 1875 – **in autobiographical scrapbook.**
3. Mahlon and Susan Kratz Myers (Allen's uncle), ca. 1875 (two photos) – **in autobiographical scrapbook.**
4. Sarah G. Leatherman (Allen's first wife), ca. 1878 – **in autobiographical scrapbook.**
5. John M. and Mary Fretz Fretz family (Allen's aunt), ca. 1888.
6. Ely L. Fretz, ca. 1890.
7. Ely and Mary Myers Fretz, ca. 1890 (from published source).
8. Rev. A. J. Fretz and family, Theodore E. Fretz, John K. and Anna Fretz Fretz (from published source).
9. Ely L. Fretz and children, ca. 1900 (from published source).
10. Ely L. Fretz and family, ca. 1900 (copy print; same event as 8-10-9).
11. Jacob F. and Agnes Wismer Rittenhouse (Allen's parents-in-law), Vineland, ON, ca. 1880.
12. Amanda C. Fretz (Allen's third wife), ca. 1882.
13. Francis M. and Maggie Fretz Fretz farm, Bedminster Township, ca. 1910 – **oversize, in box 9.**
14. Fretz Reunion, ca. 1905 – **oversize, in box 9.**
15. Fretz Reunion, 1924 – **oversize, in box 9.**
16. Fretz Reunion, 1932 – **oversize, loose on shelf.**
17. Lansdale High School senior class at Mt. Vernon, VA, 1935 (incl. Stanley R. Fretz) – **oversize, in box 10.**

Box 8, folder 11: Children of Allen and Anna Rittenhouse Fretz (12 photos)

1. Jacob R. Fretz and step-cousin Harry S. Detwiler in football gear, Perkiomen School, Pennsburg, PA, 1903 (two photos).
2. Ely R. Fretz and Lillie Frey with other members of the Philomathean Society, Perkiomen School, ca. 1905.
3. Ely and Lillie Frey Fretz wedding photo, by D. F. Ziegler, Souderton, ca. 1912.
4. Ely and Lillie Fretz at home (Christmas greeting card), ca. 1950.
5. Lillie Frey Fretz, ca. 1950.
6. Viola R. Fretz, photo by D. F. Ziegler, ca. 1910.
7. Agnes R. Fretz, photo by D. F. Ziegler, ca. 1915.
8. Howard W. Detweiler (future husband of Agnes Fretz), photo by Bartholomew, ca. 1915.
9. Osmund R. Fretz, ca. 1918.
10. Ely R. Fretz and classmates, Souderton Public School, ca. 1903 – **oversize, in box 9.**
11. Ely R. Fretz with crew at a lumber camp in Snohomish, WA, Nov. 1909 – **oversize, in box 10.**

Box 8, folder 12: Family photos (informal) (35 photos, 1 negative)

1. Allen Fretz, sons Ely and Jacob and others, possibly grandchildren?, n.d. (negative in envelope)
2. Ely and Jacob Fretz, Harry Detweiler, and several young women at the Frederick Home anniversary, 1908.
3. Erwin and Martha Fretz Keller and daughter Myrtle, ca. 1910.
4. Four unidentified photos.
5. Agnes Fretz and friend (possibly Kathryn Detweiler), ca. 1918.
6. Allen Fretz, Ely R. Fretz, Kenneth Fretz and George Fretz (four generations), ca. 1930.
7. Allen Fretz and relatives at the Fretz Reunion, 1932 (identifications on reverse).
8. Allen Fretz and third wife Amanda at Deep Run West Church, ca. 1940 (two photos).
9. Allen Fretz and friends or family members, n.d.
10. Herbert Fretz with film club at Lansdale High School, ca. 1938.
11. Herbert and Helen Habegger Fretz and family members, Ocean City, NJ, ca. 1946.
12. Surviving siblings of Allen Fretz and their spouses, 1948 or 1949 (six photos taken on two occasions; three mounted **on oversize board in box 10**).

13. Ella R. Fretz and Ella Barron Fretz at home on the Fretz homestead, ca. 1948 (two photos; mounted **on oversize board in box 10**).
14. Scenes from the Fretz Reunion, 1947 and 1948 (six photos; mounted **on oversize board in box 10**).
15. Wasser family reunion (Barbara Fretz Wasser and descendants), ca. 1950 (three photos; original and copy of each).
16. Jacob R. Fretz and Ely R. Fretz and unidentified man, 1967.

Box 8, folder 13: Relatives of Mamie Rickert Fretz (Herbert's mother) (8 photos)

1. Mary Ann Stover Fretz, ca. 1865 and 1875 (two photos).
2. Harvey S. Fretz, ca. 1865.
3. Jonas H. Fretz (or Henry Berger), ca. 1890.
4. Fretz & Leatherman store and villagers, Milford Square, PA, ca. 1885 (original and copy print).
5. Two photos incorrectly identified as Matthias and Ann Clemens Stover.

Box 8, folder 14: Ancestors and relatives of Helen Habegger Fretz (Herbert's wife) (5 photos)

1. Abraham and Anna Habegger Oberli and family (including brother Peter Habegger), Klus, Switzerland, 1891 (two copies).
2. Oberli family barn, Klus, Switzerland, 1891.
3. David L. Habegger farm, Berne, IN, n.d. (after 1902).
4. Unidentified family, Berne, IN, ca. 1920 – **oversize, in box 9**.

Box 8, folder 15: Herbert Fretz photography during high school, late 1930s (16 photos)

Sundry photos, including one of E. K. Boughter teaching at Lansdale High School, 1938, one of the Lansdale High basketball team in action, and one of the Lansdale Kiddie Shop window displays.

Box 9, folder 1: Zion and Deep Run Mennonite Churches (39 photos)

1. Zion—church and parsonage, ca. 1895.
2. Zion—church and parsonage (largely obscured by trees), photo postcard by D. H. Ziegler, ca. 1905.
3. Zion—interior after remodeling, photo by Ziegler, ca. 1908 – **oversize, in rear of box**.
4. Deep Run West—pulpit, ca. 1900 – **oversize, in rear of box**.
5. Deep Run West—exterior, photo postcard by Ziegler, ca. 1905.
6. Deep Run West—catechism class, 1929 (Allen Fretz, pastor) – **oversize, in rear of box**.
7. Deep Run West—catechism class, 1933 (two copies) – **oversize, in rear of box**.
8. Six photo postcards of Deep Run Mennonite Church East, the Deep Run German schoolhouse, and the inn and general store at Plumsteadville, 1946.
9. Deep Run West—horse sheds in winter, n.d.
10. Deep Run West—catechism class, 1946 (Herbert Fretz, pastor).
11. Deep Run West—catechism class, 1947.
12. Photo of Deep Run churches and schoolhouse from the south, by Herbert Fretz, 1947.
13. Seven photos of exterior and interior of Deep Run East meetinghouse (and German schoolhouse), prior to meetinghouse replacement, by Herbert Fretz, 4 Apr 1948.
14. Deep Run West—catechism class, 1948 – **oversize, in rear of box**.
15. Deep Run West—Arthur and Anna Mae Gross Voth with pastor Herbert Fretz at their wedding, 2 Jan 1949.
16. Deep Run West—Pastor Herbert Fretz and deacons Ely R. Fretz and Charles Wasser, 1949.
17. Deep Run West—exterior, ca. 1949.
18. Deep Run West—catechism class, 1950.
19. Deep Run West—catechism class, 1951 (two copies; one is **with oversize photos in rear of box**).

20. Deep Run West—catechism class, 1952 (two copies, one is **with oversize photos in rear of box**).
21. Deep Run West—baseball game, 1952.
22. Deep Run West—three photos from dedication of new parsonage, n.d.
23. Deep Run West—framed print of architect's drawing for church addition, 1957.

Box 9, folder 2: Eastern District Mennonite Conference related (26 photos, 1 negative)

1. Anna Mary Hensel Bechtel, John Clemens, Freeman Swartz, Anna Detweiler Moyer, and Mamie Rickert Fretz at Eastern District Conference, Altoona Mennonite Church, 1929.
2. Young people from Richfield Mennonite Church visiting Lansdale (photo taken at the Grace Mennonite Church parsonage), 1932.
3. Bethany, Flatland, Springfield and West Swamp Mennonite churches, ca. 1935 (four photos).
4. Isaac Gehman, W. F. Unruh and Jacob R. Fretz at Lower Skippack Mennonite Church, Nov 1936.
5. Olin and Dorothy Krehbiel arriving to pastor at Grace Mennonite Church, Lansdale, 1936 (four photos).
6. Eastern District mass choir directed by Russell Lantz, Perkasio Park, 1937.
7. Two photos of Springfield Mennonite Meetinghouse, late 1930s or early 1940s.
8. East Swamp Mennonite Church, photo postcard, late 1930s or early 1940s.
9. Frederick Mennonite Home Donation Day (Joseph W. Yoder, speaker), 1946 (three photos, 1 negative).
10. Deep Run West Youth choir picnicking while on a visit to Richfield Mennonite Church, June 1949.
11. Camp Men-O-Lan board members and pastors, late 1940s or early 1950s.
12. Stirling Avenue Mennonite Church, Kitchener, ON, ca. 1955.
13. Attendees at Eastern District Conference at East Swamp, April 1938 – **oversize, in box 10**.

Box 9, folder 3: West Swamp Mennonite Church and community, 1947 (photos by Herbert Fretz; 8 photos)

These are photos taken for publication with Fretz's article about West Swamp history in *Mennonite Life*.

1. Memorial marker at first meetinghouse location on Brick Tavern Road.
2. Pastor A. J. Neuenschwander and deacons Menno Rosenberger and Russell Weiss in doorway of church.
3. Church exterior.
4. Russell Weiss in front of his grocery store (former Fretz and Leatherman store), Milford Square.
5. Clarence Weiss farm.
6. Shelly-Weinberger-Rosenberger farm.
7. John H. Oberholtzer property.
8. Shelly's School and the A. B. Shelly farm.

Box 9, folder 4: Eastern District churches, 1948 (photos by Herbert Fretz; 19 photos)

Most of these were taken on a single day trip.

1. Bertolet's Mennonite Church, Frederick.
2. Bethany Mennonite Church, Quakertown
3. Bethel Mennonite Church, Perkasio.
4. Deep Run West Mennonite Church, Perkasio.
5. East Swamp Mennonite Church, Quakertown.
6. Eden Mennonite Church, Schwenksville.
7. First Mennonite Church, Allentown.
8. Flatland Mennonite Church, Quakertown.
9. Grace Mennonite Church, Lansdale.
10. Hereford Mennonite Church, Bally.
11. Lower Skippack Mennonite Church, Skippack.

12. Pine Grove Mennonite Church, Bowmansville (exterior and interior).
13. Saucon Mennonite Church, Coopersburg.
14. Springfield Mennonite Church, Coopersburg.
15. Upper Milford Mennonite Church, Zionsville.
16. West Swamp Mennonite Church, Quakertown.
17. Zion Mennonite Church, Souderton.
18. Weaverland Old Order Mennonite Meetinghouse, East Earl.

Box 9, folder 5: General Conference Mennonite Church related (38 photos)

See also Allen Fretz photo scrapbooks in box 8.

1. Wadsworth Institute, Wadsworth, OH, ca. 1870 (two photos; **one in autobiographical scrapbook**).
2. Wadsworth Institute students and teachers (including Allen Fretz), 1870 – **in autobiographical scrapbook**.
3. Wadsworth Institute, ca. 1875.
4. Attendees at General Conference, Berne, IN, 1902.
5. Attendees at General Conference, Beatrice, NE, 1908.
6. Pennsylvanians at General Conference, Freeman, SD, 1923.
7. Dan Shirmer and family (Hopi Indians) with Mamie Rickert Fretz at General Conference, Upland, CA, 1935 (two photos).
8. General Conference at Souderton High School, 1941 (six photos).
9. Pennsylvanians at General Conference, Newton, KS, 1945.
10. Lobby and nurses' dining room at Mennonite Hospital, Bloomington, IL, n.d.
11. General Conference at Freeman, SD, 1950 (sixteen photos).
12. Centennial Conference of the General Conference Mennonite Church at Bluffton, OH, 1959.
13. Herbert Fretz's Mennonite World Conference tour group, 1967.
14. Germantown Mennonite Historic Trust board, 1970s or 1980s.
15. Artist's conception of Menno Simons, n.d. (early copy print).
16. Attendees at General Conference, Perkasio, PA, 1920 – **oversize, loose on shelf**.
17. Attendees at General Conference, Freeman, SD, 1923 – **oversize, loose on shelf**.
18. Attendees at 25th anniversary observance of Immanuel Mennonite Church, Los Angeles, CA, 1935 – **oversize, in box 10**.

Box 9, folder 6: Pastors and missionaries (40 photos)

1. Baer, John and Jennie Roberts (two photos, n.d.).
2. Bauman, Harvey and Ella Garber—two photos of the ship *Rex* that they took for India, 1934.
3. Boehr, Peter and Jennie Gottshall and family, photo postcard, ca. 1935.
4. Cressman family of Allentown, missionaries to Siam, n.d.
5. Goertz, Elizabeth and Etta, 1937.
6. Gottshall, William and Anna von Neida and family (five photos, n.d.).
7. Gottshall, William, sitting in the pulpit of First Mennonite Church, Bluffton, OH, ca. 1911.
8. Grubb, Nathaniel and Salome Gottshall (two photos, n.d.).
9. Hostetter, C. N. of Grantham, PA, n.d.
10. Moyer, Samuel and Metta Habegger (seven photos, n.d.).
11. Nickel, Helen E. (three photos, n.d.).
12. Showalter, Christian, n.d. (19th century) – **in autobiographical scrapbook**.
13. Swartz, Freeman and Nora Moyer, n.d.
14. Unruh, Daniel and Hazel Kuglin and children, n.d.
15. Van der Smissen, Carl H. A. and Mary Knight and children, n.d.

16. Van der Smissen, Carl J., n.d. (19th century) – **in autobiographical scrapbook.**
17. Unidentified women missionaries in China, ca. 1900.
18. Members of the church at Malagalpa, Nicaragua, 1922.
19. Children's Home in Cachipay, Colombia, n.d.
20. General Conference missionaries in India at the Jubilee celebration, 1950.
21. Two unidentified photos.

Box 9, folder 7: Collected local and unidentified photos (27 photos)

1. Samuel and Susanna Moyer Musselman, ca. 1865 (early copy print).
2. Isaac Rittenhouse (1795-1876) and granddaughter, photo by D. Hinkle, Germantown, ca. 1875.
3. Samuel and Elizabeth Shelly Moyer, ca. 1875 (two photos; copy prints).
4. Kutztown Normal School basketball team, 1908, including Nero S. Fretz.
5. Addie Leatherman, photo by D. F. Ziegler, ca. 1910.
6. Viola Beck (Souder), photo by Ziegler, ca. 1910.
7. Perseverance Volunteer Fire Co., No. 1, Souderton, photo by Ziegler, 1910 – **oversize; in rear of box.**
8. Fallsington Friends Meetinghouse, Bucks Co., ca. 1941.
9. Lumberville covered bridge over the Delaware, photo by Herbert Fretz, late 1940s.
10. Solomon E. Yoder, Jr., ca. 1950.
11. Eli and Barbara Meyers Myers cutting a cake at their 50th wedding anniversary celebration, ca. 1950.
12. Deep Run Presbyterian Church and schoolhouse, photo postcard by Ziegler, 1906.
13. Sellersville Public School and St. Michael's Church, photo postcard by Ziegler, n.d.
14. Line Lexington Mennonite Meetinghouse, photo postcard by Ziegler, n.d.
15. "Blue" Church near Coopersburg, photo postcard by Thomas Stephens, n.d.
16. Four photo postcards from Germantown Mennonite Church, n.d.
17. Clemens and Wasser auto sales and service building, Souderton, photo postcard, n.d.
18. Science Hall and Girls' Dormitory, Bluffton College, two photo postcards, n.d.
19. Train climbing the Allegheny Mountains near Summit, PA, photo postcard, n.d.
20. Four unidentified photos.