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**Mennonite Archives of Ontario**

# Kasper Schürch family <https://uwaterloo.ca/mennonite-archives-ontario/other-collections/genealogical-manuscripts/kasper-schurch-family>

Classification scheme: Hist.Mss.2.67

**Title**: Kasper Schurch family fonds  
**Dates of creation**: [196-]-2020  
Note: Further accruals are expected.

**Custodial history**: The first two CDs were donated by Schürch Family Association in April 2007; additional donation September 2008.Also included is a letter from Stephen Shirk permitting free use of the material on the CDs. The set of CDs containing the newsletter were donated beginning in 2012. The genealogy by John Adams Becker was donated by Sam Steiner in about 2019.

1. ***Journeys of a Mennonite: "Kasper Schürch's Descendants," 1700-2005*** by Stephen Donald Shirk, 2005 on a CD in a Microsoft Word format. The file is 5.3 mbs in size.
2. Journeys of a Mennonite Family: the Schürch Family Vol. 2008-213. ISBN 0-9683298-1-0 by Stephen D. Shirk, 2008. The CD also contains photos and material from the 2008 Schürch/Sherk/Shirk Reunion. There are 41.9 mbs of material.
3. ***Schurch Family Association of North America Newsletter***, v. 28-31B (Apr 2010-Nov 2013), 33A (Apr 2015), 33B (Nov 2015), 34A (April 2016), 35B (Nov 2017), 36B (Nov 2018), 37A (Apr 2019), 37B (Nov 2019) 38A (April 2020) 38B (Nov 2020), 39A (Apr 2021). - 18 optical discs. - A complete set of newsletters in print form is located in the [Milton Good Library](http://www.lib.uwaterloo.ca/).
4. "Sherk : a genealogy of one line of the Sherk family tracing their lives in Switzerland, Pennsylvania, Humberstone Township in Welland Co., Upper Canada and South Dorchester Township, Elgin County, Ontario : including Hans Schurch of Sumiswald, Switzerland, born c.1560, Mary S. Sherk (1845-1887) and her great grandson John Adams Becker, born 1932," by John Adams Becker (photocopy)

# Schürch Family Association of North America <https://uwaterloo.ca/mennonite-archives-ontario/mennonite-organizations-and-institutions/schurch-family-association-north-america>

Classification scheme: XV-69

**Title**: Schurch Family Association of North America fonds

**Date(s) of creation**: 1900-2007, 2016

**Physical description**: 1 cm of textual material, plus various media items

**Administrative history**: The Schürch Family Association of North America was founded in 1982 near Fredericksburg, Pennsylvania. It followed earlier Sherk/Shirk/Sherrick reunions in 1900, 1914, and 1928. A newsletter was established, and reunions began to be held every two years.

**Scope and content**: The fonds consists of records of the organization, particularly as related to the Region of Waterloo on Ontario.

**Custodial history**: The fonds was donated to the Mennonite Archives of Ontario by the Schürch Family Association in April 2007. Additional periodic donations have been made.

**Notes**: See also the Moses Sherk collection and the [Abraham B. Sherk](https://uwaterloo.ca/mennonite-archives-ontario/personal-collections/abraham-b-sherk) collections, the oversize photograph of the 2000 reunion, a VHS videotape of the [worship service at Doon Pioneer Memorial Tower on 20 August 2000](https://uwaterloo.ca/mennonite-archives-ontario/other-collections/video-recordings" \l "Schurch), a [DVD with highlights of the 2000 reunion](https://uwaterloo.ca/mennonite-archives-ontario/other-collections/video-recordings" \l "Schurch), two [Kaspar Schürch genealogy](https://uwaterloo.ca/mennonite-archives-ontario/other-collections/genealogical-manuscripts/kasper-schurch-family) CDs prepared by Stephen D. Shirk, a [Sherk Family Code E Ulrich Schürch family history](https://uwaterloo.ca/mennonite-archives-ontario/other-collections/genealogical-manuscripts/ulrich-schurch-family) by Douglas Shirk and the Jacob [Clemmer family tree.](https://uwaterloo.ca/mennonite-archives-ontario/genealogical-manuscripts/jacob-clemmer-family) See also group photo(s) of 200th anniversary group -- all attendees, and direct descendents  
Original description prepared by Sam Steiner, 2 May 2007.

**File list**:

1. Schürch Family Association of North America information  
   "History of the Schürch Family Association," n.d. 7 pp.  
   Organizational Charter and Bylaws of the Association, 2006   
   List of Ontario museums with Sherk genealogical data  
   Brochure, letterhead
2. Sherk Reunion, 1900  
   Photograph of participants in reunion held 29 August 1900 at Joseph Schoerg homestead  
   Identification of persons in photograph  
   Article on reunion from Berlin News-Record, 29 August 1900  
   "Who was 102 Joseph Sherk?"
3. Sherk Reunion, 2000   
   Programs, List of registrants, text of presentations, summary of event, recipes, notes for bus tour, photocopies of newspaper clippings of reunion
4. Aerial photo of Doon Pioneer Memorial Tower, 2000
5. Colour copy of watercolour of Memorial Tower by Isabel Frey commissioned for 200th reunion [Isabel Frey's code is incorrect on the water colour; it should be H4611338] (includes photo of Isabel Frey and biographical sketch)
6. Photo identification lists for group photo at 200th anniversary; photo is at map case.
7. Miscellaneous heritage newsclippings and brochures(Blair Founders Festival, Preston/Wanner bicentennial;Auf den Spuren der Täufer von Sumiswald)
8. Tables of contents, and indexes to the Newsletter of the Schürch Family Association of North America
9. Sherk Reunion, 2016  
   Programs, itineraries, maps and photographs
10. Gingrich-Sherk family Bible, [1878?]  
    Note: Jacob B. Gingrich was married first to Maria Sherk in 1863 and, after her death, her sister Elizabeth Sherk in 1866. Both were daughters of minister David Sherk. The family resided on the Sherk homestead on the banks of the Grand River. Transcription and translation notes of family entries are filed with the Bible. Donated to the Archives in 2020.

# Moses Sherk (1849-1928) <https://uwaterloo.ca/mennonite-archives-ontario/personal-collections/moses-sherk-1849-1928>

Classification scheme: Hist. Mss. 1.234

**Title**: Moses Shirk fonds  
**Dates of creation**: 1873-1929

**Physical description**: 8 cm of textual material

**Biographical history**: Moses Sherk (31 March 1849-18 December 1928) was the third child of Abraham Sherk and Lucy Buckler Sharick/Sherk. On 28 October 1873 he married Caroline Huber (d. 7 October 1891) in the Freeport United Brethren Church. He was a farmer, but also trained for ministry at the Freeport Academy. He was a fulltime minister in the United Brethen in Christ Church from 1874-1878, and served as a circuit minister for many years, (e.g. in the Shelbourne/Badjeros area and in Saugeen County, Ontario).

In 1884 the family moved to Michigan to Lapeer County to farm. Moses and Caroline had a total of 10 children. After her death he married Catharine B. Musselman (3 November 1856-1903) on 28 December 1898. He then married Esther (Hettie) Groh. In later years he was a member of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ church in Brown City, Michigan.

The fonds consists of the Moses Sherk family Bible, photocopies of genealogical records of the Moses Sherk family found in the Bible, and photographs and loose items found in the Bible. Annotations are provided by J. Harold Sherk, a descendant of Moses Sherk. Biographical information is provided by Vernon Sherk.

**Custodial history**: The photocopies were donated to the Mennonite Archives of Ontario in April 2008 by J. Harold Sherk. The Bible was donated to the Archives by Leone and Vernon Sherk in 2016.

**Notes**: Original description created December 2008 by Sam Steiner

# Ulrich Schürch family <https://uwaterloo.ca/mennonite-archives-ontario/other-collections/genealogical-manuscripts/ulrich-schurch-family>

Classification scheme: Hist.Mss.2.71

Dates of creation: December 2007

The fonds consists of one CD, Complete Sherk family history (Ulrich Schürch Code E line) by Douglas Sherk, Code E1484511.

The CD contains a 444 page manuscript in Microsoft Word format, as well as GED files supporting the manuscript. There is 10.4 mbs of data on the disk.

Donated by Barbara Fitzsimons in September 2008.

Archival description created by Sam Steiner in 2008.

# J. Harold Sherk, Jr. collection

Classification scheme:  Hist.Mss.1.276

<https://uwaterloo.ca/mennonite-archives-ontario/personal-collections/j-harold-sherk-jr-collection>

**Title:** J. Harold Sherk Jr. collection of Sherk family documents

**Dates of creation:** 1775, 1805, 1813, 1822, 1864, 1903

**Physical description:** 2 cm of textual records

**Custodial history:** These documents were given to J. Harold Sherk Jr. by land developer Dan McCleary in 1969, in Franklin County, Pennsylvania. McCleary was developing land for building lots on the site of the Sherk farm. The documents were donated to the Mennonite Archives of Ontario by J. Harold Sherk Jr. in 2015.

**Scope and content:** Contains 10 documents consisting of releases, deeds, surveys, a receipt and a patent related to the farm property purchased in 1775 by Joseph Schorg [Shirk] from the estate of John Mitchell. The farm was located in Letterkenny Township, Cumberland County; now known as Greene Township, Franklin County.

**Notes:**   
Located in map case.  
The spelling of "Mitchell" is inconsistent in the documents.  
Original archival description created 2015 by Laureen Harder-Gissing.

**File list:**

1. Surveyor's map, 11 Nov 1813  
   Note: A copy from the Surveyor General's office, Harrisburg, of the survey of 1 Nov 1774, in pursuance of a warrant granted to John Mitchell on 10 Jul 1752.
2. Release by Agnes Mitchell, 6 Jun 1775  
   Note: Release by Agnes Mitchell, widow of John Mitchell, to their sons and executors Ebenezer and John Mitchell.
3. Release by Matthew and Mary Mitchel and James and Isabel Wilson, 25 Mar 1775  
   Note: Release to executors Ebenezer and John Mitchell from their siblings Matthew and Isabel.
4. Deed to Joseph Shirk, 1775  
   Note: Deed to 288 acres from the Mitchell estate to Joseph Sherk. Recorded in Carlisle, Cumberland County, 24 April 1778.
5. Deed to Abraham Shirk, 1805  
   Note: Deed to Abraham Shirk from Joseph Shirk of southern portion of 288 acres, signed "Joseph Schorg," 9 Dec 1805
6. Surveyor's map accompanying 9 Dec 1805 deed, 8 Apr 1805
7. Receipt to Abraham Shirk, 1822  
   Note: Receipt to Abraham Shirk from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania issued on 6 Feb 1822 for the purchase and interest on the original 288 acres for which a warrant was originally issued to John Mitchell.
8. Patent to Abraham Shirk, 6 Feb 1822
9. Survey map, 1864  
   Note: For Jacob Shirk and Abraham Stouffer, executors for Abraham Shirk, 119 acres, 22 Sept 1864
10. Survey map, 1903  
    Note: Survey map for executors for Peter Wadel, 30 Jul 1903. Wadel bought the land from Abraham Shirk following Shirk's death.
11. Notes  
    Note: Includes Deed of Gift for these materials, historical notes from J. Harold Sherk Jr., and a copy of "Revelations from code H4 Joseph Schurch documents" / by Justin Krik Houser

**XXVI-9.1/30 Conrad Grebel University College fonds, Mennonite Archives of Ontario, Accessions, 1960-** <https://uwaterloo.ca/mennonite-archives-ontario/mennonite-organizations-and-institutions/conrad-grebel-university-college/archives>   
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