

Comfort, Sharples, and Wambold Family photographs

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Summary Information

Repository	Chester County History Center
Creator	Comfort, Mary Ellen Dugan Wambold, 1907-2003
Title	Comfort, Sharples, and Wambold Family photographs
Date [bulk]	1930 – 1949
Date [inclusive]	circa 1880 – circa 1983-1984
Extent	.2 linear feet
Location note	Chester County History Center Photo Archives
Language	eng
Language of Materials note	eng
Abstract	The Wambold Family photographs mostly date from 1930-1949 and measure .2 linear feet. The photographs include portraits of the Comfort, Sharples, and Wambold families in addition to their family homes, places of business, and West Chester events.

Preferred Citation note

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Historical Note

The Comfort, Sharples, and Wambold families were West Chester families connected by marriage.

James (Jim) K. Wambold, Jr. (1944-) and Mary Wambold are the most recent generation represented in this collection.

James K. Wambold, Jr.'s mother, Mary Ellen Dugan Wambold Comfort, was married to James K. Wambold, Sr., George Brinton Comfort (1887-1975), and at least one other man over the course of her life.

George Brinton Comfort was married to Ruth, an unidentified woman, Em, and Mary (above) over the course of his life. He had one child who survived to adulthood (Ruth's daughter), Mary, who married Ralph Passmore. George attended Westtown School and worked as a sales manager at Schramm, Inc.

George Brinton Comfort's parents were I. Roberts Comfort and Adelaide Brinton Comfort (1857-). Adelaide's sister, Helen Edwards Brinton (1853-1911), married Philip M. Sharples (1857-1944).

The Comforts lived at 300 North Penn Street in West Chester, PA, just one block away from the Sharples family who lived on Marshall Square Park. The families often traveled together and the cousins grew up very close.

Scope and Contents note

The Comfort, Sharples, and Wambold Family photographs date from circa 1880 to circa 1983-1984, with a bulk date of 1930-1949, and measure .2 linear feet. The photographs include individual and group portraits, candid photographs of the family members at West Chester events including the West Chester Sesquicentennial and Old Fashioned Christmas, photographs of family members in their places of work, and family homes, including the I. Roberts Comfort House and Way Farm.

This collection is not divided into series, but is loosely organized into loose objects (paperweight, film, and album), individuals, group portraits, homes, places of business, and West Chester events.

Arrangement note

Loose objects: Paperweight with Mary Edwards Lewis Brinton and a 16mm film reel of the Westtown School Reunion and its VHS copy. (Box 1: undated, 1920s-1930s)

Album: Views taken on a trip to Alaska in 190t with photos of George Comfort and family added in the 1930s. (Box 1: 1907; 1930s)

Comfort Family photographs: Adelaide Brinton Comfort, George Brinton Comfort, Mollie Comfort, Mary Comfort Passmore, and Ralph Passmore. (Box 1, Folder 1-4: circa 1880, 1940s-1970s, undated)

Wambold Family photographs: Jim Wambold, Molly Wambold, and Jim Wambold, Jr. (Box 1, Folder 5: 1940, 1945, 1949, undated)

Group Photographs: Comfort, Wambold, and Sharples families. (Box 1, Folder 6: circa 1880, circa 1972-1973)

Homes: I. Roberts Comfort house and Way Farm (Box 1, Folder 7 & 10: 1930s, undated)

National Chester County Trust: Jim Wambold, Sr. and employees, including Sara Sue Humpton (Box 1, Folder 8: 1930s, undated)

Old Fashioned Christmas: Beth Wright and Tom Walsh. (Box 1, Folder 9: 1978, circa 1983-1984)

West Chester Sesquicentennial: Miscellanea. (Box 1, Folder 11: 1949)

Administrative Information

The Comfort, Sharples, and Wambold Family photographs were compiled by Mary Ellen Dugan Wambold and were donated to the Chester County History Center in 2007 by her son, James K. Wambold, Jr.

Controlled Access Headings

Genealogy

West Chester (Pa.)

family portraits

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements note

Collection Inventory

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date	# of items
1		Photo paperweight, Mary Edwards Lewis Brinton	undated	1
1		16mm film reel and VHS copy, Westtown School Reunion, attended by George B. Comfort	1920s-1930s	2
1		Photograph album of views taken on a trip to Alaska with other photos of George Comfort and family added later.	1907; 1930s	1
1	1	Albumen photograph Adelaide Brinton Comfort and a group of friends or classmates	Circa 1880	1
1	1	Color photograph of a quilt made for the wedding of Adelaide Brinton and I. Roberts Comfort in 1885.	Undated	1
1	2	George Brinton Comfort participating in club activities at the West Chester Sesquicentennial, S.E. "Babe" Smith is speaking to Emma Luebing Comfort.	1949	1
1	2	Club activities during West Chester Sesquicentennial.	1949	1
1	2	Hibberd Jones, Joe McGrogan (?), John Darlington, and George Brinton Comfort pictured at Schramm, Inc.	1949	1
1	2	George Brinton Comfort	1940s-1950s	1
1	2	George Brinton Comfort and Lesley Schramm	1940s-1950s	1
1	2	George Brinton Comfort sitting on a panel next to a man at a podium	1940s-1950s	1
1	2	George Brinton Comfort and a group of unidentified men	1940s-1950s	1
1	3	George and Mollie Comfort at a bank party	After 1944	1
1	3	Polaroid of George and Mollie Comfort	1960s-1970s	1

1	3	George Comfort with a dog in his lap (originally sorted as George and Mollie Comfort)	undated	1
1	4	Mary Comfort Passmore and Ralph Passmore, 50 th Anniversary, Birmingham Meeting	undated	1
1	5	Jim Wambold, Jr. on the farm at Ellis Lane	undated	2
1	5	Student portrait of Jim Wambold, Jr. in 1 st grade	undated	1
1	5	Molly Wambold, nurse at Homeopathic Hospital, with a typhoid patient	1940	1
1	5	Molly Wambold, nurse at Homeopathic Hospital, with typhoid patients, daughter and grandson of Temple the printer.	1940	1
1	5	Molly Wambold at 245 West Union Street, West Chester, PA	1945	1
1	5	James (Jim) and Molly Wambold at the West Chester Sesquicentennial	1949	1
1	6	Group portrait at the Old Tredway Inn for the West Chester Lion's Club First Charter Night. Left to right: Owen Moll, Dot Boals, Jim Boals, Molly Comfort, George Comfort, Marie Wambold, and Jim Wambold (James Wambold, Jr.?).	Circa 1972-1973	1
1	6	Albumen group portrait of George B. Comfort, I. Roberts Comfort, and their Sharples cousins.	Circa 1880	1
1	7	I. Roberts Comfort house on 300 North Penn Avenue, West Chester, PA, built by Comfort in 1907.	undated	12
1	8	National Chester County Trust employees, including Sara Sue Humpton	1930s	2
1	8	Jim Wambold, Sr. with National Chester County Trust employees	1930s	4
1	8	Wagon headed down a showy street in West Chester	undated	1
1	9	Beth Wright and Tom Walsh at the West Chester Old Fashioned Christmas	Circa 1983-1984	1
1	9	Door and window decorations at 22 West Miner Street, West Chester, PA during Old Fashioned Christmas	1978	1
1	10	Way Farm in Wagontown, exterior and interior	1930s	3
1	11	West Chester Sesquicentennial miscellanea	1949	2