

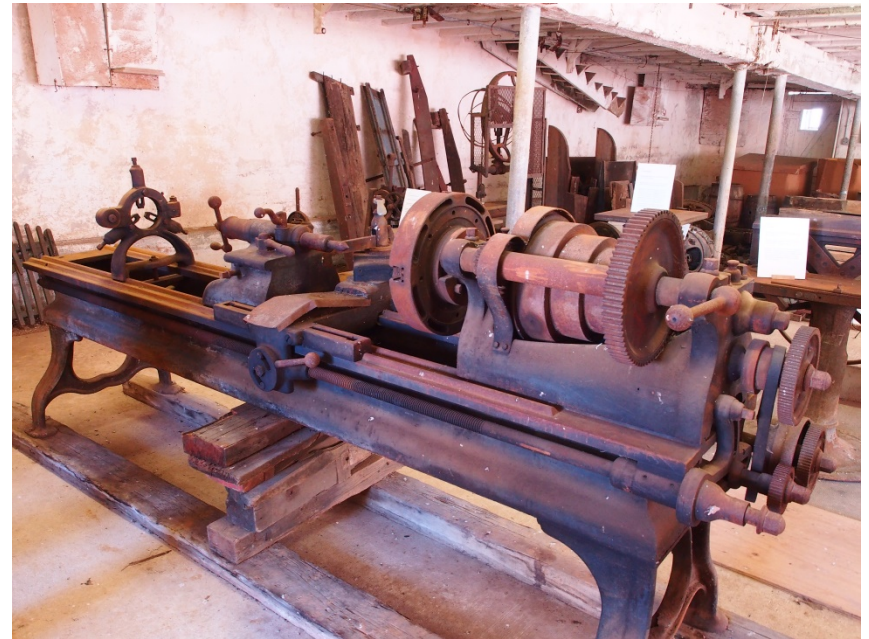
Anselma Artifact Collection

By the Collection Team 2017



Large Metal Lathe

- According to Horace Collins his dad called and bought this lathe without seeing it.
- Fourth floor of a building in Philadelphia.
- My two boys are with me, pushed it over to elevator shaft, raised elevator up and with a chain hoist lowered the lathe one story at a time.



Corn bag tools

- About the center of picture a shingle with two holes was used to scoop the feed into a bag held open by two ox yoke looking items that held the bag open.
- Fire ax and apple butter stirring paddle.



Call/Dinner Bells

- Manual String Pull & Electric Phone Generator



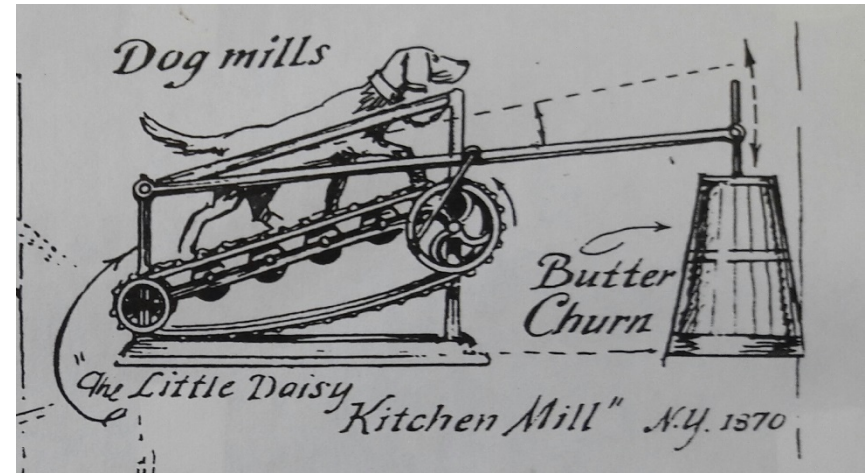
Opperman's Clock



“Oh boy’, this clock has quite a history”! While in Grammar School Horace worked for Geo. Opperman’s store. It didn’t run. Horace asked if he minded if he looked at it. He said, “go ahead, you can’t hurt it cause it don’t run anyway”. So Horace read inside the Seth Thomas clock, that they recommended putting a little jar of kerosene inside with a wick out of a kerosene lamp. Fumes off of that wick would go up and oil the works. He kept playing with it and in about two weeks it was working. Years later after Horace was married, Mr. Opperman sold the store but sent the clock to Oliver and said to give it to Horace, he is the only one that can keep it running.

The Little Daisy Kitchen Mill

Horace saved this from a burn pile. He and his dad found some parts and put it back in working order so a dog could run on it. Horace said dad got a great kick out of getting on to show people how it worked. He only weighed about 130 lbs.





Barrel/Bag Hoist



Oliver did not use the hoist when he was working alone. He said it was not worth the trouble. You had to go up and down the steps too many times to hook and unhook. He just carried a 70 lb bag (one under each arm) up the steps.

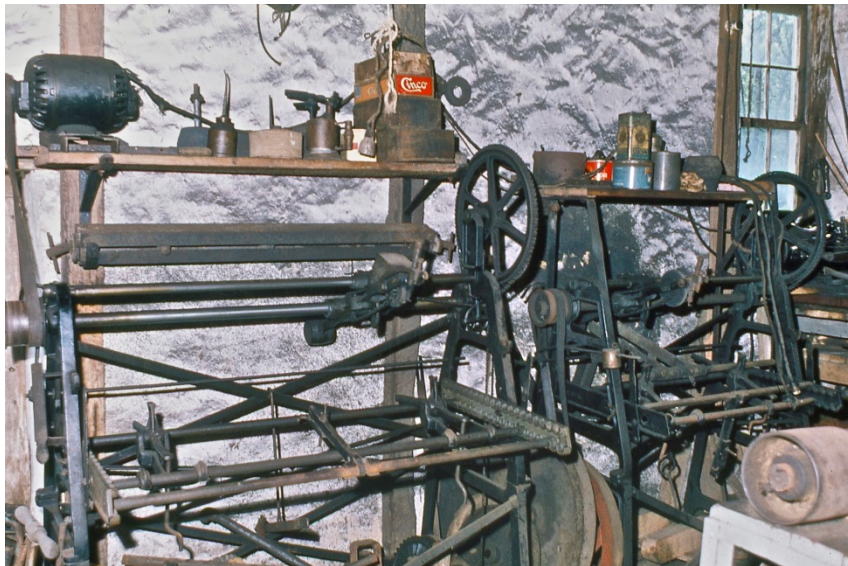
Boat House

Oliver Collins had a small motorboat that he would use in the head race and larger pond. Horace said this was not good for the aquatic life in the pond.



Mower Blade Sharpener and Broom

First one was purchased from Erin Slowmaker who had a little business up in Lionville Village and a second from Isaac Dunn.



Mr. Slowmaker, also run a up and down sawmill, a broom making machine and raised broom corn. Horace recalls him making a small broom for Mary when she maybe 5 or 6 years old.



What is this?



According to Horace there were “A lot if Italians living in the area”. As a wedding gift for the new bride they asked dad if he would make “Macaroni Machines”. This one is similar to the description that Horace gives but this one was made by my grandfather. We called it a Spaghetti Guitar!



At Lundale Farm

Generators, wood, etc. etc.



Cider Press Drive Wheel



Allen Simmers Purchases Grist Mill at Cambria, Chester Co. Pa

Oberholtzer to Simmers Deed



New Ownership

- Allen Simmers purchased the mill from John Oberholtzer July 12, 1886.
- Oliver Collins purchased the mill from Allen Simmers in 1919.
- Reasonable to think that Allen and Annie moved out in October of 1919.

Moving Out of the “Night Millers” Simmers– Collins House”

Oliver Simmers Letter to Mother and Father, October 18, 1919.

He writes about starting work, the rainy weather, the epidemic of farmers selling out and quitting farming.

Oliver tells them he has arranged vacation so he can help them pack up and move to their new home.

Oliver also wants to go gunning with Warren.

They must have moved from Anselma the end of October, 1919

Saturday Noon

Dear Father and Mother:-

Here it is the 18th, of October, can hardly make my self believe it but its true enough, it seems like only a short time since I started into work, If the period from Nov. 11th, 1918 to May 7th, 1919 would have only gone as swiftly as the time now does it surely would have been a relief.

We had rainy weather all wee up until yesterday when it cleared off and today one could not wish for anything nicer, its just cool enough to be right.

Mothers letter arrived Wednesday and was very interesting, seems to be quite an epidemic among the farmers down there to sell out and quit, guess they have made to much money during the past three years.

I,will be home on Sunday evening Sept. 26th, will try and get away to get to Phoenixville in time to catch the last train out the Valley, have arranged to have my vacation start Oct. 27th, Will see how things go along by the middle of next week and will let you know just what time I will be home, if I can't get down to catch the last train will ask you folks to meet me at Phoenixville, that will give me Monday and Tuesday to help you pack, Move on Wednesday and then will have Thursday, Friday and Saturday to help you fix up, You said that you wouldnot have as much room as you would like, How much of the house are you getting?

Did you say anything to Warren about going gunning? and what didhe say? I presume tho if he does go he would like to go by auto. and no doubt Oscar will go along.

Fondly.
Oliver.

Day Books

Simmers Day Book

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H. D. Sorensen

1918	Age	wt	len
May 19. 1 sk. White Leg. Hen		4.50	
" 2 " " "		2.80	
" 3 " " "		1.08	
" 4 " " "			2.80
" 5 " " "		1.08	
" 6 " " "			1.08
" 7 " " "		2.80	
" 8 " " "		1.08	16.50
" 9 " " "		5.60	
" 10 " " "			7.00
" 11 " " "		4.80	
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John A. Young

1911	Age	wt	len
May 26. 76. hatching as White Leg.		1.69	
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May 25. 66. the cat		1.13	
" 17. 50.1. sk. male		1.50	
" 20. 44.5		1.50	
" 28. 47.2		1.76	
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Simmers to Collins Day Book

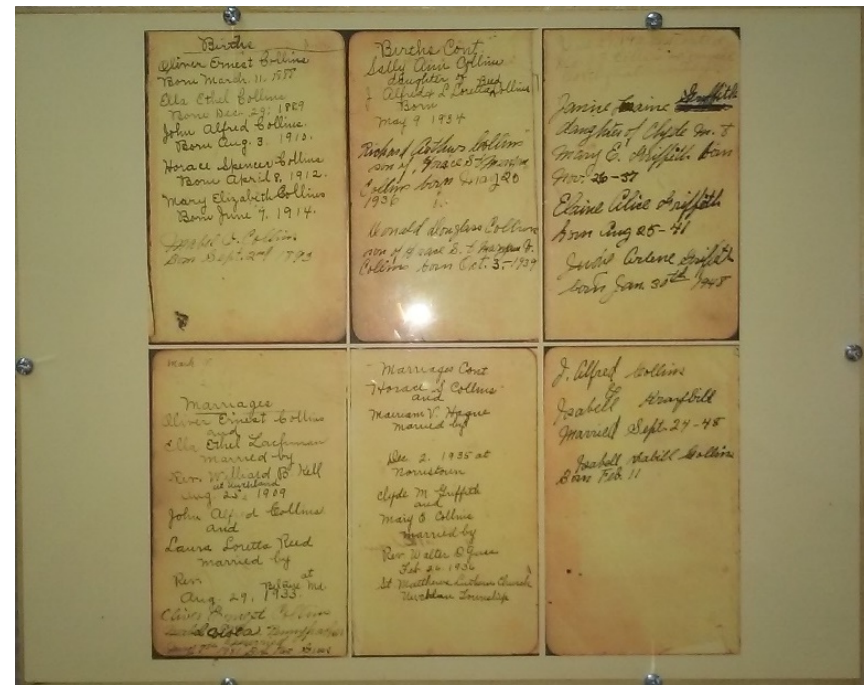
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Collin's Donation

Collins Family Bible



Family Birth's and Marriage's

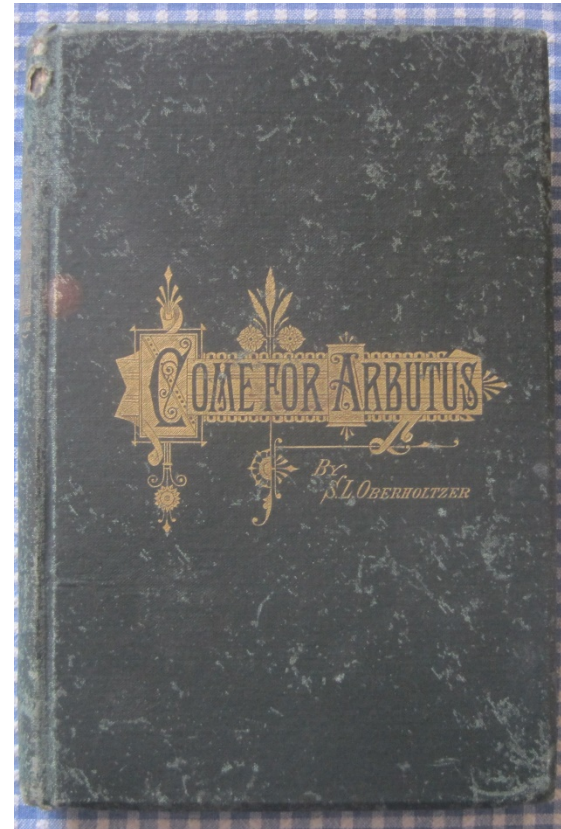


Other Artifacts at Anselma

National Air Mail Week-1938
& Collins Cuff Links



Book by Sara Oberholtzer



Other Artifacts at Anselma

Bottle Weight



Mower Blade Sharpening Instruction Booklet

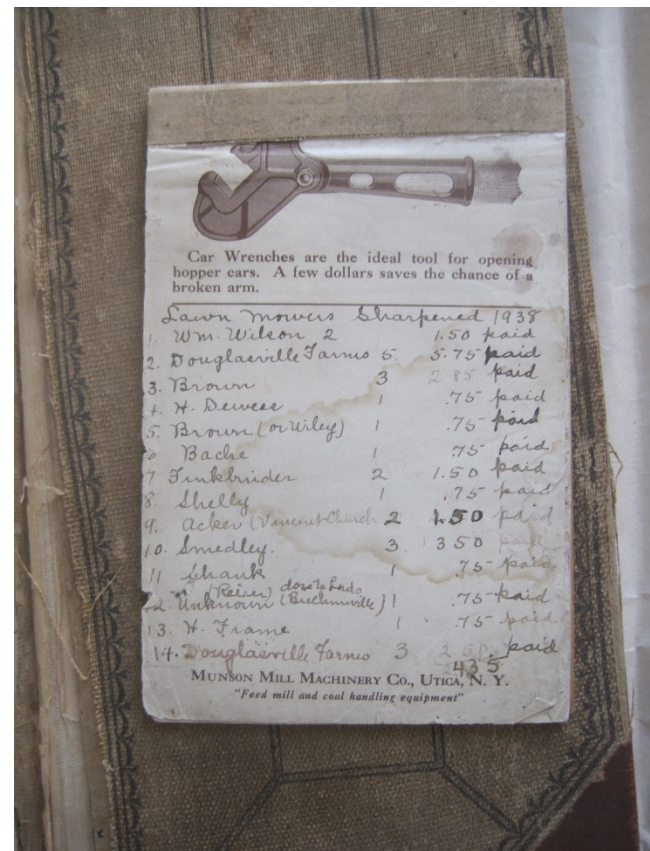


Artifacts at Anselma Continued

Simmers 10 Lb. Bag



Collins note pad of blade sharpening 1938



Donated Items

**Geo. Opperman 1910 Calendar
Plate – donated by Dru Kring**



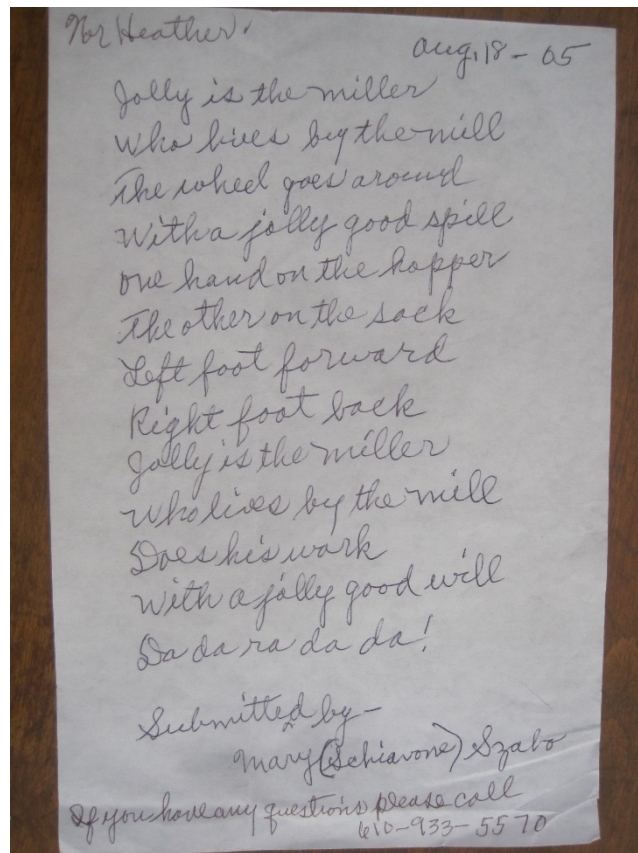
**Cider or fruit press – donated by
Eleanor Morris**



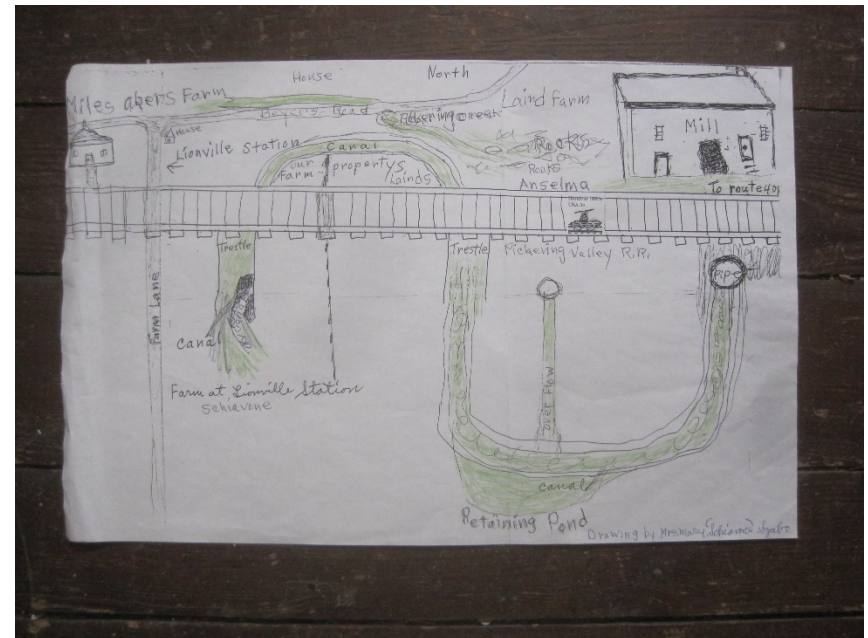
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Jolly is the Miller Song

Donated by Mary Schiavone Szabo



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1918 Miss Ada Davis Pickering Valley
RR Agent by Elmer D. Matthewes



Anselma Mill District

Estelle Cremers

Millers House



General Store



Anselma Mill District

Estelle Cremmers

Creamery, Barn & General Store



Simmers/Collins House



A Few Photos Before Restoration

Simmers-Collins House



Chicken Barn/General Store



Equipment Removal

- Horace Collins



Attic Before Cleanup

Mr. Collins Magazines



Odds and Ends

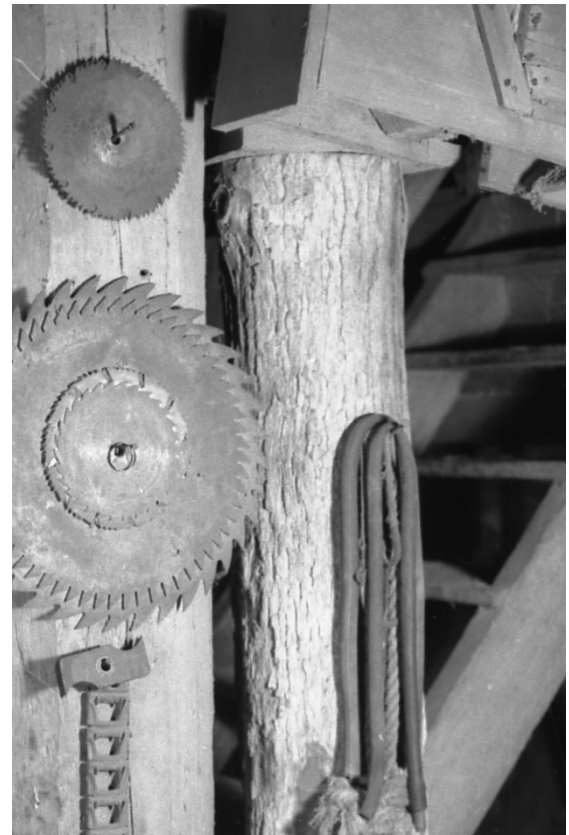


Basement

Oliver Collins Made Cabinet



Extra Support Brace



Repair

Before



After



Repair

Before

After



Cider Press Demolition

Horace Collins

and

Eleanor Morris



Stream Relocation

Crew



Moving Earth



Stream Relocation & Dam Building



Horace and Eleanor Morris

