

## SNAVELY FAMILY PAPERS, 1734-1971

### SUMMARY INFORMATION

**Title:** Snavely Family Papers

**Author/Creators:** Hershey, Milton S.  
Snavely, Abraham B.  
Snavely Family

**Collection Number:** 200608

**Size:** 1.25 Cubic feet

**Bulk Dates:** 1820-1882

**Inclusive Dates:** 1734-1971

**Language:** English

**Location:** Hershey Community Archives  
63 West Chocolate Avenue  
Hershey, Pennsylvania 17033  
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**Abstract:** Largely comprised of correspondence and land records. The correspondence contains several hand written letters from Milton S. Hershey to his uncle, Abraham B. Snavely, requesting financial assistance. Many of the land records document the landownership history of tracts later acquired by Abraham B. Snavely.

### HISTORY

The Snavely lineage is part of Milton S. Hershey's maternal ancestry. It is believed the Snavely family emigrated from Switzerland sometime between 1707 and 1718. Milton S. Hershey's mother, Veronica (Fanny) Buckwalter Snavely, married Henry H. Hershey on January 15, 1856. Fanny, born September 4, 1835, was the daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth Buckwalter Snavely of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. The Snavelys were wealthy landowners in Lancaster County. Milton S. Hershey depended on the assistance of his maternal aunt Martha (Mattie) and uncle Abraham B. Snavely for support in operating a confectionery shop in Philadelphia from 1876 to 1882.

### SCOPE AND CONTENT

The collection is organized in one series, which consists of an advertisement, Hershey Chocolate Company bar cards, business cards, correspondence, assorted land records, a publication, and a report card. Correspondence and land records comprise the bulk of the material. The correspondence contains several hand written letters from Milton S. Hershey to his uncle, Abraham B. Snavely, requesting financial assistance for his wholesale and retail confectionery business in Philadelphia. Letters from Martha (Mattie) Snavely requesting financial assistance on Milton's behalf and reporting on the activities of the business are also included. A photocopied advertisement for Hershey's Medicated Cabinet and Milton S. Hershey's Philadelphia business cards also document the Philadelphia confectionery. The collection contains a significant amount of land records. Many of the land records are related and document the landownership history of tracts later acquired by Abraham B. Snavely.

## CUSTODIAL HISTORY AND ACQUISITION INFORMATION

The material was likely compiled by Abraham B. Snavely and passed down within the family through his sons Stoner and Rohrer Snavely. Mary Snavely Holly donated the material to the Hershey Community Archives in January 2006. Additional material was donated in October 2007.

## RELATED MATERIAL

**Related Archival Material:** Accession 86002, Hershey Community Archives, Hershey, PA.

## PROCESSING AND OTHER INFORMATION

**Preferred Citation:** Snavely Family Papers, Box #, Folder #, Hershey Community Archives, Hershey, PA.

**Processed By:** Carrie Rummel in July 2008

**Processing Note:** The material is housed in acid free folders and stored in acid free boxes. Documents that are torn or ripped have been placed in Mylar sleeves. Large items are stored in an oversize flat box.

## ACCESS AND USE

This collection is open for research.

## ARRANGEMENT

Materials are organized alphabetically by format and arranged chronologically.

## BOX INVENTORY

### SERIES I:

Box	Folder	Date	Description
BX01	1	12/1880	Advertisement; <i>Confectioners Journal</i> ; Hershey's Medicated Cabinet Candies (photocopy)
1	1	1909-1918 circa	Bar Cards; Hershey Chocolate Company; 6 different scenes

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	2	1876-1882, 1931	Business cards; Milton S. Hershey
1	3	1880-1882, 1940 ca.	Correspondence; Transcriptions of selected letters
1	4	8/9/1849	Correspondence; John Reist to Abraham B. Snavely
1	5	11/22/1878	Correspondence; Martha [Mattie] Snavely to Friends [Snavely Family]
1	6	12/8/1880	Correspondence; Milton S. Hershey and Martha [Mattie] Snavely to Abraham B. Snavely
1	7	1/14/1881	Correspondence; Milton S. Hershey to Abraham B. Snavely
1	8	3/7/1881(?)	Correspondence; Milton S. Hershey [?] to Abraham B. Snavely; envelope only
1	9	4/28/1881	Correspondence; Milton S. Hershey to Abraham B. Snavely
1	10	5/16/1881	Correspondence; Milton S. Hershey to Abraham B. Snavely
1	11	11/20/1881	Correspondence; Martha [Mattie] Snavely to Friend [Snavely Family]
1	12	12/21/1881(?)	Correspondence; Milton S. Hershey [?] to Abraham B. Snavely; envelope only
1	13	12/29/1881	Correspondence; Milton S. Hershey to Abraham B. Snavely
1	14	1881 circa	Correspondence; Directions to 1225 Beach Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
1	15	1/7/1882	Correspondence; Milton S. Hershey and Martha [Mattie] Snavely to Abraham B. Snavely
1	16	1/1882(?)	Correspondence; Martha [Mattie] Snavely to Abraham B. Snavely [?]
1	17	8/11/1930	Correspondence; Florence Clites to Cousin

Box	Folder	Date	Description
1	18	7/26/1971	Correspondence: Martha E. Kready to Snavelly Family; enclosures
BX01	2	3/20/1734	Land record; Indenture; Grantor Emanuel and Magdolon Hare; Grantee Lawrence Horfeslroad
BX01	3	12/3/1751	Land record; Indenture; Grantor estate of Jacob Light; Grantee Benjamin Bowman
BX01	4	2/6/1771	Land record; Indenture and Draught; Grantor John and Esther Hare; Grantee Henry Herclerode
BX01	5	1/9/1790	Land record; Indenture; Grantor Michael Haverstick Senior; Grantee Michael Haverstick Junior
BX01	6	12/24/1817 2/1822	Land record; Indenture and Draught; Grantor Michael Haverstick Senior and Eve; Grantee Michael Haverstick Junior; Land record; Indenture; Grantor Michael Haverstick and Magdalena; Grantee Jacob Haverstick;
1	19	6/1/1819	Land record; Confirmation of Real Estate; Orphans Court Inquest of late Michael Haverstick Senior
BX01	7	4/21/1823	Land record; Writ of Levari Facias; George Haverstick and Christian Herr against Michael Haverstick Junior
1	20	3/19/1827	Land record; Assignment; Grantor Benjamin and Lydia Haverstick, Adam and Ann Kendig; Grantee Rudolph Harnish
1	21	5/8/1828	Land record; Release; Grantor Michael and Magdalena Haverstick; Grantee George Haverstick
BX01	8	6/18/1833	Land record; Indenture; Grantor Andrew and Lydia Patterson; Grantee Andrew and Phillip Hetler
BX01	9	4/1/1834	Land record; Release and Draught; Grantor Rudolph Harnish; Grantee George Haverstick;
BX01	10	4/6/1841	Land record; Indenture; Grantor Peter and Anna Reist; Grantee Henry and Jacob Bushong

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BX01	11	3/30/1843	Land record; Indenture; Grantor Henry and Ester Bushong, and Jacob Bushong; Grantee William B. Smith and Robert C. Smith
BX01	12	5/10/1844	Land record; Indenture; Grantor Robert C. and Elizabeth Smith; Grantee William B. Smith
1	22	1/11/1849	Land record; Indenture; Grantor George Haverstick; Grantee Charles Garner
1	23	4/17/1849	Land record; Indenture; Grantor Charles Garner, transferee of George Haverstick; Grantee Abraham Snavelly
1	24	4/17/1849	Land record; Release; Grantor Heirs of Anne Kendig; Grantee Abraham Snavelly
1	25	6/30/1849	Land record; Release; Grantor Benjamin Haverstick and Adam Kendig; Grantee Abraham Snavelly
1	26	7/26/1849	Land record; Release; Grantor Charles Gardner transferee of George Haverstick; Grantee Abraham Snavelly
BX01	13	5/2/1857	Land record; Indenture; Grantor George and Margaretta Decker; Grantee Frederick Hess
BX01	14	4/12/1858	Land record; Indenture; Grantor Francis Shroder; Grantee Benjamin Snavelly
1	27	4/6/1859	Land record; Indenture; Grantor Frederick and Catharine Hess; Grantee John A. Scheurenbrand
1	28	1960 circa	Notes; Genealogy
1	29	3/10/1883	Payment; Emanuel and Lizzie Wolf discharge Abraham Snavelly
1	30	date unknown	Print; Photographic print of Martha [Mattie] Snavelly
1	31	1947	Publication; "M.S. Hershey Lives On"; by Joseph Richard Snavelly
1	32	10/9/1877	Report Card; Rohrer Snavelly