

UNION COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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TUESDAY
MARCH 11, 2003

DOROTHY B. SHIPMAN
1403 GREENSBORO STREET
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DEAR Ms. SHIPMAN;

I THANK YOU EVER SO KINDLY FOR YOUR MOST VALUABLE GIFT TO THE UNION COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND THE HERZSTEIN MEMORIAL MUSEUM. I AM, ALSO, EVER SO PLEASED THAT YOU ENJOYED THE LATEST COPY OF THE *UNION COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY REVIEW*. I WILL SEE TO IT YOU STAY ON OUR MAILING LIST. I DO NOT WANT YOU TO FEEL OBLIGATED IN ANY WAY TO JOIN OUR SOCIETY FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP AND GOOD WILL IS A MOST WELCOME CONTRIBUTION. OF COURSE, I HAVE AN ULTERIOR MOTIVE. YOU HAVE GIVEN ME TO UNDERSTAND THAT YOU HAVE OTHER MATERIALS OF AN HISTORICAL INTEREST RELATIVE TO THE GOLDSMITH - HERZSTEIN FAMILIES. THEY WOULD BE A MOST WELCOME ADDITION TO OUR ARCHIVE; AND, I AM SURE, YOU FEEL THIS IS A PROPER REPOSITORY FOR SUCH INFORMATION. WE DON'T HAVE MANY PICTURES OF THE FAMILY.

WE HAVE A FAMILY HISTORY THAT YOUR COUSIN AL WROTE. DO YOU HAVE IT? IF NOT, I WOULD BE VERY HAPPY TO SEND YOU A COPY.

I AM ENCLOSING A DEED OF GIFT FORMS. IF YOU WILL BE KIND ENOUGH TO SIGN AND SEND ONE BACK, IT WILL HELP US KEEP OUR RECORDS STRAIGHT. THE TWO 1893 "LOVE LETTERS" BETWEEN AL'S PARENTS, LENA AND MORRIS, WILL MAKE A MOST WELCOME ADDITION TO OUR HERZSTEIN COLLECTION AND WILL BE EXHIBITED (IN MYLAR) IN THE HERZSTEIN ROOM. I AM SURE THEY WOULD BE PROPERLY EMBARRASSED FOR THEIR ENDEARMENTS TO BE PUBLIC READING.

IT IS MY WISH THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO VISIT CLAYTON AND INSPECT OUR HERZSTEIN ROOM. I AM CONFIDENT YOU WOULD BE PLEASED.

AGAIN, THANK YOU AND TO QUOTE MORRIS, "10,000 KISSES" (AT THE VERY LEAST) FOR THINKING OF US.

SINCERELY,


D. RAY BLAKELEY,
DIRECTOR.

**Union County Historical Society
HERZSTEIN MEMORIAL MUSEUM
DEED OF GIFT**

DONOR: DOROTHY B. SHIPMAN _____ ACCESSION No. 03:03 _____

ADDRESS: 1407 GREENSBORO STREET _____ TELEPHONE _____

BOISE, ID 83706 _____

BY MY SIGNATURE ON THIS DEED OF GIFT, I HEREBY GIVE, TRANSFER AND ASSIGN MY PERSONAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS DOCUMENT AS AN UNRESTRICTED GIFT TO THE UNION COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO USE, RETAIN OR DISPOSE OF PURSUANT TO THE HISTORICAL AND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES OF THE SOCIETY.

SIGNED: *Dorothy Shipman* ON THIS 14 DAY OF March, 2003
SIGNATURE OF DONOR(S)

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

TWO LETTERS BETWEEN MORRIS HERZSTEIN AND LENA GOLDSMITH DATED 1893 ENVELOPE OF NUMISMATIC INTEREST.

1. LETTER (HOLOGRAPH) DATED OCTOBER 18, 1893, FROM MORRIS TO "MY DEAR DARLING!" LETTER IS ON RULED PAPER, $9\frac{7}{8}$ INCHES WIDE AND $7\frac{7}{8}$ INCHES HIGH, FOLDED IN HALF LENGTH-WISE AND FOLDED THREE TIMES AGAIN FOR ENVELOPE.
2. ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO MISS LENA GOLDSMITH, LAS VEGAS, NM" POSTMARKED CHAPERITO, N.MEX, OCT 19." THE ENVELOPE HAS A U.S. EMBOSSED 2¢ STAMP COMMEMORATING THE 400TH ANNIVERSARY OF COLUMBUS. THE STAMP WAS APPARENTLY DAMAGED IN OPENING THE LETTER.
3. LETTER (HOLOGRAPH) FROM LENA TO "MY OWN DARLING MORRIS," DATED "LAS VEGAS, OCT. 26/ 1893"

NOTED: THE CORRESPONDENTS ARE THE PARENTS OF ALBERT HERZSTEIN.

THE DONOR IS A COUSIN OF ALBERT HERZSTEIN ON HIS MOTHER'S SIDE.

CHAPERITO, NEW MEXICO, IS MENTIONED IN *PLACE NAMES OF NEW MEXICO* BY BOB JULYAN (REVISED EDITION, 1998): "(SAN MIGUEL; SETTLEMENT; 25 MILES SE OF LAS VEGAS; PO 1875 INTERMITTENTLY TO 1957, MAIL TO LAS VEGAS). SPANISH, "LITTLE HAT", PROBABLY A DESCRIPTIVE METAPHOR FOR A NEARBY LANDFORM. ONCE A MAJOR JUNCTION ON ROUTES ALONG THE GALLINAS RIVER, CHAPERITO NOW HAS BUT A FEW RESIDENCES."

THE UNION COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY HEREBY ACCEPTS THE GIFT OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS DOCUMENT TO USE, RETAIN OR DISPOSE OF PURSUANT TO THE HISTORICAL AND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES OF THE SOCIETY.

SIGNED: *D. Ray Bluhley* ON THE 10th DAY OF March, 2003
SIGNATURE OF SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVE