



Thrift and Sara Oberholtzer An inventory of the collections of HSP

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The papers of Sara Louisa Oberholtzer, which are contained within the Ellis Paxson Oberholtzer Collection (1735-1931), *Papers, 1735-1931* (Phi) 460.

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[One folder contains primarily writings of Ellis Paxson Oberholtzer on history and economics. Those items are not inventoried here.]

Letterhead for the World's and National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, with Mrs. Sara Louisa Oberholtzer named as superintendent of the School Savings Bank Department

"The inculcation of thrift insures wiser living and decreases pauperism, intemperance, and crime."

"School Savings Rally" song sheet, copyright Mrs. Oberholtzer, n.d.

With hand motions

Monthly deposit list form, n.d. (to go to bank)

Scholars' Card (deposit record), copyright to J. H. Thiry, 1886

"Privilege to use this card is allowed by Mrs. Sara Louise Oberholtzer"

"A Plea for Economic Teaching," extracts from address by Mrs. Oberholtzer to a PA Teachers' Institute, given in 1889, printed in 1905.

Encouraging the establishment of School Savings Bank within PA. Within the next year, a footnote says that 50 schools were established in the State.

Thrift Maxims, Sara Louisa Oberholtzer, 1914

School Savings Banks, Mrs. S. L. Oberholtzer, 1919

How to institute school savings banks, Mrs. S. L. Oberholtzer, 1913

"Teach the children thrift and self-responsibility. . .we will have a nation of thoughtful and temperate people."

The Value of school savings banks, Mrs. S.L. Oberholtzer, 1913

Thrift Tidings, ed. By Sara Louisa Oberholtzer, numbers from January 1907 (through 1923)

Handwritten on cover: "Dr. P. O Claxton, with good wishes, from S. L. Oberholtzer"

Lists all the pamphlets she wrote on subject, testimony from teachers

The Bank Advertiser, C.E. Auracher Editor and Publisher, Iowa, Sept. 1907

Article by Sara Oberholtzer, pg. 5-8.

A simple Way to introduce school savings banks, M.L. Raines, n.d.

Endorse by Sara Oberholtzer

Single page from *American Education*, n.d.

- Page 258 is a list of School Savings Banks supplied to be ordered from Sara Oberholtzer. In addition a "Reading Notice" about the program is pasted onto the page.
- "The Tidings of Thrift," *Bankers Home Magazine*
 Article only from three years: Sept. 1912, Feb. 1914, April 1919
 The 1919 version includes a photo of Sara Oberholtzer
- The Hartford Circular*, Nov. 23, 1906
 Two copies
- Price circular of school savings supplies*, n.d. (though one is post -1907)
 Four copies.
- American Education*, vol. 19, no. 6, 1916
 "Editorial" about thrift
- A circular to parents*, Sara Oberholtzer, n.d.
 Two copies
- The Christian Financier*, vol. 1, no. 6, June 1897
 Pg. 9-10 "A plea for school savings banks teaching," Sara Oberholtzer
 Pg. 10-11 "Testimony Concerning the value of school savings bank"
- School savings report*, Sara Oberholtzer, n.d.
 Form
- Mrs. Oberholtzer's half-hour talks*, Sara Oberholtzer, n.d.
 Promotional piece, includes one on School Savings Banks
- How savings banks are run*, Sara Oberholtzer, n.d.
- Save your pennies: a leaflet for Boys*, Sara Oberholtzer, n.d.
 Poem
- Responsive Readings for the WCTU*, vol. 19, no 11, Nov., 1904 and vol. 21, no. 9, Sept. 1907
 Including some items written by Sara Oberholtzer
- Program for school savings banks meeting*, prepared by Sara Oberholtzer, n.d.
- Annual report school savings banks department of National WCTU*, Sara Oberholtzer, 1900 and 1904
- The success of school savings banks*, Sara Oberholtzer, post-1910
 Two copies, one n.d. but may be 1910 too
- The stamp system in publish schools: a WCTU leaflet*, Sabra A. Finch, approved by Sara Oberholtzer, n.d.
- School savings banks: report for the statistical table of school savings bank system in pubis schools of the United States to the close of school year 19__
 Form
- "Very Special Offer," \$.20, n.d.
 Order form for music from the WCTU, including the School Saving Bank Rally
- An act legalizing school savings banks*, New Your State, n.d.
 Presented by Senator Luke Keena, signed by Governor Honorable Benjamin B. Odell
- Pennsylvania WCTU: A school saving banks department circular*, Sara Oberholtzer 1914
- The need of national economic and thrift*, Sara Oberholtzer, n.
- Wealth seed: a true school savings banks story*, Sara Oberholtzer, n.d.
- School Savings Report of Mrs. S.L. Oberholtzer, year ending Oct. 15, 1913
- The relation of Thrift Teaching to Prohibition*, Sara Oberholtzer, n.d.
- Advice to teachers*, Sara Oberholtzer, n.d.
- The benefits of school savings*, n.d.
 Open letter from Kansas cit Teachers who are using the School savings system
- "Plan of Work and Helps," "National WTCU, school savings banks department", Sara Oberholtzer, n.d.
 Refers of a 1912 NYC ordinance for thrift education
- School saving and thrift*, Sara Oberholtzer, n.d.

- Report of Mrs. Sara Louise Oberholtzer from 1925 to date, 1928*
Presented at Lausanne, Switzerland
- School savings banks, publication no. 61, Sara Oberholtzer, n.d.*
Paper submitted to the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences
- Schools savings banks, US Bureau of Education Bulletin 1914, Sara Oberholtzer, no. 46, 1915.*
By Washington Government Printing Office
- "Schools savings banks," Life and Health, Sara Oberholtzer, n.d.*
Article only, pg. 258-259
- School savings banks cards #1 and #2, Excelsior Contract Card No. 1 and No.2, 1891*
Copyright held by Franklin Stationery Manufacturing and Uncle Ben Publishing Company, New York
- New price list: school savings banks supplies, n..d.*

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- School Savings Banking in the United States: A Manual for the Use of Teachers. Rules and Regulations. Collection of Proverbs, 2nd ed., by J. H. Thiry, 1898, with dates March 1895 and September 1890 printed at top of cover.*
Hand-written note also at top of cover: "To my friend Sara Louisa Oberholtzer, April 18, 1898"
- 6th Anniversary of Introduction of the System of School Savings Banks in the U.S., J. H. Thiry, March 16, 1891*
With table of statistics to 3/16/1891
Appendix to the "Manual on School Savings Banks", published by the American Banker
- 6th Anniversary of Introduction of the System of School Savings Banks in the U.S., J. H. Thiry, March 16, 1891*
With table of statistics to 3/16/1891
Attached to article "School Savings Banks," Sara Oberholtzer, *Phrenological Journal*, May 1890, pg. 223-224
- 7th Anniversary of Introduction of the System of School Savings Banks in the U.S., J. H. Thiry, March 1892*
With table of statistics to 3/16/1892
Appendix to the "Manual on School Savings Banks", published by the American Banker
- 9th Anniversary of Introduction of the System of School Savings Banks in the U.S., J. H. Thiry, March 1894*
With table of statistics to 3/16/1894
- 10th Anniversary of Introduction of the System of School Savings Banks in the U.S., J. H. Thiry, March 1895*
With table of statistics to 3/16/1895
- 11th Anniversary of Introduction of the System of School Savings Banks in the U.S., J. H. Thiry, March 1896*
With table of statistics to 3/16/1898
Two copies
- 12th Anniversary of Introduction of the System of School Savings Banks in the U.S., J. H. Thiry, March 1897*
With table of statistics to 3/16/1897
Published by the American Banker of New York
- 13th Anniversary of Introduction of the System of School Savings Banks in the U.S., J. H. Thiry, March 1898*
With table of statistics to 1/1/1898
Published by the American Banker of New York
Two copies

- 14th *Anniversary of Introduction of the System of School Savings Banks in the U.S.*, J. H. Thiry, March 1899
 With table of statistics to 1/1/1899
 Published by the American Banker of New York
- 15th *Anniversary of Introduction of the System of School Savings Banks in the U.S.*, J. H. Thiry, March 1900
 With table of statistics to 1/1/1900
 Published by the American Banker of New York
 Includes *Price Circular* by Sara Oberholtzer and “The Importance of Thrift Teaching” paper
- 16th *Anniversary of Introduction of the System of School Savings Banks in the U.S.*, J. H. Thiry, March, 1901
 With table of statistics to 1/1/1902
 Published by the American Banker of New York
- 17th *Anniversary of Introduction of the System of School Savings Banks in the U.S.*, J. H. Thiry, March 1902
 With table of statistics to 1/1/1902
 Published by the American Banker of New York
- 18th *Anniversary of Introduction of the System of School Savings Banks in the U.S.*, J. H. Thiry, 1903
 With table of statistics to 1/1/1903
 Published by the American Banker of New York
- 19th *Anniversary of Introduction of the System of School Savings Banks in the U.S.*, J. H. Thiry, 1904
 With table of statistics to 1/1/1904
- 20th *Anniversary of Introduction of the System of School Savings Banks in the U.S.*, J. H. Thiry, 1905
 With table of statistics to 1/1/1905
- 21st *Anniversary of Introduction of the System of School Savings Banks in the U.S.*, J. H. Thiry, 1906
 With table of statistics to 1/1/1906
- 22nd *Anniversary of Introduction of the System of School Savings Banks in the U.S.*, J. H. Thiry, March 1907
 With table of statistics to 1/1/1907
 Refers in text to the science of “survival of the fittest”
- 23rd *Anniversary of Introduction of the System of School Savings Banks in the U.S.*, J. H. Thiry, March 1908
 With table of statistics to 1/1/1908
- 24th *Anniversary of Introduction of the System of School Savings Banks in the U.S.*, J. H. Thiry, March 1909
 With table of statistics to 1/1/1909
- 25th *Anniversary of Introduction of the System of School Savings Banks in the U.S.*, J. H. Thiry, March 1910
 With table of statistics to 1/1/1910
- The Secret of thrift*, Clifford Brewster Upton, 1921
 Upton was Columbia Teacher’s college Provost
 Book issued by American Bankers Association
- American Bankers Association Reports to the school banks division*, 47th annual convention, 26th annual meeting, 1920-1921
 Includes table of statistics
- American Bankers Association, 48th Annual Convention, project of the Savings Banks Division*, 21st annual meeting, New York city, week of Oct. 2, 1922
 Brewster spoke here
 Gives bank point-of-view of SSB

“History of the School savings banks in the US, by the American Banker Association, as written by them and printed in connection with their school savings bank statistics October 1928 and distributed throughout the US and Canada,” n.d.

Typescript pages

Credit unions and their relation to savings and loan associations, Arthur H. Ham, 1915

Address before State League of Savings and Loan Association, Port Jervis NY

The school savings system, Frank. C. Mortimer, March 24, 1912

Address by him, cashier, The First National Bank, Berkeley CA at the 15th XCHEKC NUMBER Anniversary Convention CA Bankers Association

Relief Measures for pauperism, the Honorable S.T. Merrill, Feb. 13, 1889

Paper read before Wisconsin State Conference of Charities and Reform at its annual meeting
Covered savings bank and the international science

“The education aspects of saving”, *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, James H. Hamilton, PhD., vol. 13, October 1898

School savings banks of the US: Rules and Regulations, JH Thiry, December 1888

“To Mrs. S. L. Oberholtzer. October 19, 1889”

Postal savings banks: objection to the introduction of the system into the US, JH Thiry, March 1898

Reprint from *The Bankers' Magazine*

“School savings banks system,” *Bank Notes*, vol 2, no. 2, May-June 1905

Includes order information from June 19, 1905

Information for teachers, School Savings Department, Security and Trust, Co, n.d.

Elfter bericht des deutldjen dereins fur engendfparkaffan, Frankfurt, 1889, 1890.

Labeled from JH Thiry as a Report of the German Society for Youth Savings for the years 1889 and 1890.”

Historie et manuel de l'institution des classes d'epargne scolaires, A. De Malaree, Paris, 1897

Official Program, 54th Annual Convention, American Bankers Association, Philadelphia, October 1-4, 1928

School Savings Banks, Anges Lambert, Catholic Benefit Societies, London, 1891

Conference papers with annotation by Sara Oberholtzer

Article, “L'epargne scolaire est-elle un danger social et moral?”, Andre Balz

“Industrial Savings Banks: Principles and Methods of industrial Savings Systems by or with savings banks,” *Journal of the American Bankers*, Leo Day Woodworth, Sept. 1920

Reprint of article

“Saving Tommy's pennies” Laura Crozer and “John Thiry's hobby helps thousands of children to save”

The Designer, April 1911, pg. 444.

“School Savings Banks,” *The Banking Law Journal*, Feb. 1892, pg. 9

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Table Showing the Operations of School Savings Banks in the U.S. Up to January 1st for the Schools No 1 to 24 and to the date indicated for the others. (handwritten)

31 schools listed established through 1890, including in PA

School Savings Bank Card No. 3, copyright 1890

Cartoon on one side. History of thrift movement on other. Summary: Prof. J. H. Thiry, a French educator, introduced School Savings Banks into the schools of Long Island City, N.Y., in 1885. . .

“Mrs. Oberholtzer actively advocates School Savings Banks, and has the use of Mr.Thiry’s copyright card.”

School Savings Banks in the United States, Statistics of their Operations Until January 1912, compiled by Mrs. Sara Louisa Oberholtzer, successor to John Henry Thiry
Schools in 25 states and DC listed, with essay by Oberholtzer mentioning *Thrift Tidings* (a quarterly paper for the School Savings Bank), the Postal Savings Bank (for people over the age of 10), and Canadian banks. The Postal Savings Bank is described as a “safe-guard” and the School Savings Bank as an educational tool.

School Savings Banks in the United States Table of Statistics of Operations to January First 1899.

Compiled by J.H. Thiry of Long Island New York. (Statistics on the development of the School Savings Bank system in schools.)

Savings Bank section of the *Journal Bulletin*. American Bankers Association. March 1913. Describes the establishment of the School Savings Bank system in Brooklyn, including the forms used in the School Savings Banks.

“Health Habits of Well-Known Men,” Unknown publication. March 1908. Excerpt about John Henry Thiry.

“School Savings Bank Department Editorial,” *Our Young People*. December 1908, Pg. 7. (Also, supply and literature ads.)

“School Savings Banks as a Feature in the Education of the Children.” J.H. Thiry for the American Social Science Association. 2 September 1890. Long Island, NY. (Personalized “to my friend and coworker, Mrs. Karisa Oberholtzer, September 2, 1890,) to be published in the *American Banker* 6 September 1890.

“School Savings Banks as a Powerful Adjunct to the Education of the Young American.” J.H. Thiry, to the Council of City Superintendents of the State of New York. Glen Falls, NY. October 5-8, 1898.

“School Savings Banks: A Few Thoughts on the New Movement for the Popularizing of Savings Banks Among Schools.” P. LeRoy Harwood. *The Bookkeeper and Business Man’s Magazine*. Pg 1081-1085. Unknown date.

“Fifth Anniversary of the Inauguration of the System-School Savings Banks- in the Public Schools of Long Island City, New York” J.H. Thiry. *Press of Daily and Weekly Star*. Long Island City, New York. 16 March 1890. (Personally signed, “Mrs. S. L. Oberholtzer: I send to you this contribution to our mutual friend Baker to be distributed among our friends of Norristown, J.H.T.”)

“School Savings Banks in the U.S.” J. H. Thiry. Read before the Council of City Superintendents of the State of New York, held at Canandaigua, New York. October 20-22, 1897.

Die Schul-und Jugend-Sparkassen, July 1903. (Pamphlet in Danish.)

Educational Thrift Gazette. Vol. II, No. 6. New York, March 1925. (Articles on thrift practices and school savings.)

Schul-Sparkassen _____, Hanover, 1909.

“Quel Ques Effets Économiques et Moraux: des Caisses d’Epargne Scolaires.” *Revue des Postes et Telegraphes*. 23 December 1896.

Danish handout.

Vedtægter for Dansk Sparemærkekasse, Vedtagne paa Generalforsamlingen den 22de Septbr. 1885.

Sparsommelighed, 10 Øre. Kjøbenhavn. Chr. Müllers Bogtrykken (M. Müller.) 1888. Booklet in Danish, including a card “Dansk Sparemærke Kasse (Danish saving label box.)”

“Hochgefchäktes Mutglied! Werte Freunde! Freundlichen Gufz zuvor!” An die hochgeehrten Mutglieder und freunde des Deutschen Dereins für Jugendsparkassen. 10 December 1907, 14 January 1908. Author Unknown.

300 Jähriges: Jubiläun der Kirche zu Hohenwalde am Sonntag. 8 September 1907 Bulletin.

Educational Thrift Gazette, vol. II, no. 7. New York. April 1925. (Summary of statistics in area schools, as well as articles on the thrift movement.)

School Savings Banks in the United States: Statistics of Their Operations Until January 1912. Compiled by Sara Louisa Oberholtzer. (Also includes updates on the status of the movement.)

Home Training Bulletin No. 7: Teaching the Girl to Save. William A. McKeever. 16 July 1904, copyright 1911.

Table Showing the Operations the Operations of School Savings Banks in the United States Up to July 1st 1888.

“Do You Know that Nickels Will Grow? They Will If They’re Planted Right.” Save Your Nickels Central Trust and Savings Company. Evansville, Indiana. (Ad for trust co. including illustrations.)
Die Schul-und Jugend-Sparkassen. November 1907.

Table of Statistics of School Savings Banks in the United States for the Year ending March 16, 1893.
Compiled by J.H. Thiry. Long Island, New York.

“Særtryk of Beretning am Sparekassemødet. ì Fredericia den January 1887”. *Efser steriografiske Optegnelser.* Chr. Müllers Bogtrykkeri (M. Müller.) Kbhvm.

Post Office Department Form PS6. Postal Savings System. April 1911. (Italian)

A Banking and Currency Library. Elmer H. Youngman, editor of *The Bankers Magazine*. November 1911.

Teach the Children to Save. Elbert Hubbard. Published by J.H. Harris and Company. Cleveland, Ohio. 1910.

Savings reports for states. 30 June 1927. (4 million School Children; \$24,000,000 deposited.)

Letter to Parents and Guardians to be filled out by teachers and sent home about the benefits of School Savings Banks.

Advertisement Card for the Security Trust and Safe Deposit Company in Camden, New Jersey. Includes School Savings Fund Statement from May 18, 1897.

School Savings Banks, 1911-1912 School Year. (Descriptions of School Savings Bank and reports from school superintendents.)

The School Savings Bank: A Letter to the Patrons of the Oklahoma City Public Schools. (Letters explaining the value of thrift training as part of the educational system.)

National Woman’s Christian Temperance Association: Report of the Department of School Savings Bank 1901. S.L. Oberholtzer, National Superintendent.

A Simple Way to Introduce School Savings Banks, by M.L. Raines, approved by Mrs. S.L. Oberholtzer.

Appendix: Chapter I “Nine Systems of Teaching Economy to the Young American, Origins Unknown. (Newspaper clipping).

The Postal Savings System by Horace J. Smith. Ivy Lodge, Germantown.

Table Showing the Operations of School Savings Banks in the United States up to January 1890, compiled by J.H. Thiry.

Table Showing the Operations of School Savings Banks in the United States up to January 1, 1892, print proof with notes from J.H. Thiry.

School Savings Banks as a Powerful Adjunct to the Education of the Young American. A paper read by J.H. Thiry to the Council of City Superintendent of the State of NY at Glens Falls, NY October 5,6,7, 8, 1898.

Our Continent May 3, 1882. "School and Postal Savings Banks" by Prof. Richard T. Ely.

Table of the School Savings Banks in the United States to November 25,1889. Compiled by J.H. Thiry. Sparemærkasagen. Foredrag, holdt red det 3^{die} almindelige Skdemøde i August 1886 af Ingeman-Peterson. Kjøbenhavn.

Dansk Sparemærke-Kasses, Regnskab fra 1 April 1889 til 31 Marts 1890.

Dansk Sparemærke-Kasses, Regnskab fra 15 August 1885-31 Marts 1886, 1 April 1886 31 Marts 1887. Sparemærkasagen. Foredrag, holdt red det 3^{die} almindelige Skdemøde i August 1886 af Ingeman-Peterson. Kjøbenhavn.

Dansk Sparemærke-Kasses, Nørrebroldgade 23. Kjøbenhavn. K. Til Sparekasseme 17 Marts 1886

Dansk Sparemærke-Kasse (table.)

Udkast til Vedtægter for Dansk Sparemærke Kasses, Sept 6, 1885.

Vedtægter for Dansk Sparemærke Kasses. Vedtagne paa General for Samlengen den 22de Sptbr 1885

Dansk Sparemærke-Kasses, Regnskab fra, 1887-1890.

Public School Relief Association and Mother's Meetings Association. (Constitution by-laws, intentions and duties of officers.)

Education Report, 1888-89. Chapter XXI Student Savings Banks 665-669.

Education Report, 1888-89. Chapter XXIII Educational Directory 1171.

National Women's Christian Temperance Association: Report of the Department of Student Savings Banks 1901. Sara Louisa Oberholtzer, National Superintendent.

Société des Institutes de Prévoyance de France. Secrétariat Général. L'Association Permanente du Congrès Scientifique Internationale des Institutes de Prévoyance. les 3-8 septembre 1900.

Preutesche Schulzeitung. 23 September 1903.

Preutesche Schulzeitung. 12 September 1903.

Fragen zur Statistit der Sparfassen für die Jugend. Questionnaire.

Economics and Ethics by Elizabeth Upham Yates for "How to Institute School Savings Banks" and "Price List of School Savings Banks Literature and Supplies," Mrs. Sara Louisa Oberholtzer.

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Benjamin Franklin: apostle of thrift and frugality, Mabel Mason Carlton, John Hancock Mutual Life insurance Co, n.d.
signed "Harold E. Gillingham," Sept. 22, 1933

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Benjamin Franklin on industry, frugality, and thrift, Benjamin Franklin, published 1938

Profile of genius: Poor Richard pamphlets, Nathan G. Goodman, ed., 1938

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"The Savings Account," Central Trust Savings Company ad in *Blue and Gray: Sports and Graduation Number*, McCall Continuation Grammar School, 1924

"Thrift Articles," *Blue and Gray: Sports and Graduation Number*, McCall Continuation Grammar School 1924

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Stories of Thrift for Young Americans, written by Myron R. Pritchard and Grace A. Turkington, 1915

Handwritten note inside: "Ellis P. Oberholtzer, September 17, 1932"

Short fictional stories

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Anno Sexton, Edward Septmit Regio, IX, no. 9 of 1905: an act to consolidate and amend the law relating to the Post Office Saing Bank, &c., 1906

Published in Perth, Australia

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Salvation Army of America, Philadelphia Record, 1941-1946.

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"Post office savings banks: redemption of the postage stamp in cash a a new form of currency and also as an international currency", *The National View*, Horace J. Smith, Feb. 1, 1890

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Annual report, public schools savings fund (Norristown PA), GET DATE

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Public school savings bank, Williamsport Pa, GET DATE

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All about the Salvation Army, 1882

Published in London

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The school bank, GET DATE

UPA/PAM HQ 784.S4 T48 1917

Thrift: A Short Text Book for Elementary Schools of Philadelphia, issued by the Educational Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, Philadelphia, 1917

“The American Society for Thrift offered a prize in 1913 for the best definition of Thrift. The prize was won by a Pennsylvania school girl. The definition was: ‘Thrift is management of your affairs in such a manner that the value of your possessions is constantly increasing’” (pg 5)

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