Thrift and Sara Oberholtzer
An inventory of the collections of HSP
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The papers of Sara Louisa Oberholtzer are contained within the Ellis Paxson Oberholtzer Collection (1735-1931), Papers, 1735-1931 (Phi) 460. 43 boxes
From Box 15, folder 1: selected correspondence of J.H. Thiry and various school officials with Sarah Louisa Oberholtzer.

Pamphlets
Box Wxo*.11
[One folder contains primarily writings of Ellis Paxson Oberholtzer on history and economics. Those items are not inventoried here.]

01. 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
02. Thrift Tidings, ed. By Sara Louisa Oberholtzer, numbers from January 1907 (through 1923) Duplicate of #1, in better condition. Formerly call number Dm. 399.
03. The Bank Advertiser, C.E. Auracher Editor and Publisher, Iowa, Sept. 1907 Article by Sara Oberholtzer, pg. 5-8.
04. Thrift Maxims, Sara Louisa Oberholtzer, 1914
05. School savings banks, publication no. 61, Sara Oberholtzer, n.d. Paper submitted to the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences
07. “Schools savings banks,” Life and Health, Sara Oberholtzer, n.d. Article only, pg. 258-259
08. 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
09. Mrs. Oberholtzer’s half-hour talks, Sara Oberholtzer, n.d. Promotional piece, includes one on School Savings Banks
10. 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
12. The relation of Thrift Teaching to Prohibition, Sara Oberholtzer, n.d.
13. Advice to teachers, Sara Oberholtzer, n.d.
14. 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.”
15. Monthly deposit list form, n.d. (to go to bank)
16. *The benefits of school savings*, n.d. Open letter from Kansas cit Teachers who are using the School savings system
18. *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”
19. *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.”
21. *The Hartford Circular*, Nov. 23, 1906 Two copies
27. *Report of Mrs. Sara Louise Oberholtzer from 1925 to date*, 1928 Presented at Lausanne, Switzerland
30. “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.
31. “Very Special Offer,” $.20, n.d. Order form for music from the WCTU, including the School Saving Bank Rally
34. *The need of national economic and thrift*, Sara Oberholtzer, n.
36. 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
37. *How savings banks are run*, Sara Oberholtzer, n.d.
40. *A circular to parents*, Sara Oberholtzer, n.d.Two copies
41. *American Education*, vol. 19, no. 6, 1916 “Editorial” about thrift
42. 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.
43. School Savings Report of Mrs. S.L. Oberholtzer, year ending Oct. 15, 1913
45. *Annual report school savings banks department of National WCTU*, Sara Oberholtzer, 1900
46. *Annual report school savings banks department of National WCTU*, Sara Oberholtzer, 1904
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02. 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

03. 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

04. 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

05. 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

06. 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

   With table of statistics to 3/16/1898
   Two copies

08. 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

With table of statistics to 1/1/1898
Published by the American Banker of New York
Two copies

With table of statistics to 1/1/1899
Published by the American Banker of New York

12. 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

With table of statistics to 1/1/1902
Published by the American Banker of New York

With table of statistics to 1/1/1902
Published by the American Banker of New York

15. 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

With table of statistics to 1/1/1904

17. 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

With table of statistics to 1/1/1906

19. 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”

20. 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

With table of statistics to 1/1/1909

With table of statistics to 1/1/1910

23. The Secret of thrift, Clifford Brewster Upton, 1921
Upton was Columbia Teacher’s college Provost
Book issued by American Bankers Association

24. American Bankers Association Reports to the school banks division, 47th annual convention, 26th annual meeting, 1920-1921
Includes table of statistics

   Brewster spoke here
   Gives bank point-of-view of SSB

26. “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

27. 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

28. The school savings system, Frank. C. Mortimer, March 24, 1912
   Address by him, cashier, The First National Bank, Berkeley CA at the 15th Anniversary Convention CA Bankers Association

29. Relief Measures for pauperism, the Honorable S.T. Merrill, Feb. 13, 1889
   Paper read before Wisconsin State Conference of Charities and Reform and its annual meeting
   Covered savings bank and the international science


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

32. Postal savings banks: objection to the introduction of the system into the US, JH Thiry, March 1898
   Reprint from The Bankers’ Magazine

33. “School savings banks system,” Bank Notes, vol 2, no. 2, May-June 1905
   Includes order information from June 19, 1905

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

35. "Elfter berirht 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.”

36. Historie et manuel de l’institution des classes d’épargne scolaires, A. De Malaree, Paris, 1897

37. Article, “L’épargne scolaire est-elle un danger social et moral?”, Andre Balz

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

   Conference papers with annotation by Sara Oberholtzer

   Reprint of article

41. “Saving Tommy’s pennies” Laura Crozer and “John Thiry’s hobby helps thousands of children to save” The Designer, April 1911, pg. 444.

42. “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
to 24 and to the date indicated for the others. (handwritten) 31 schools listed established through 1890, including in PA

02. 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.”

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

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


06 and 07. “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. Two copies.


12. 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.)


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


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

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


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


27. *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.


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

30. *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.


32. School Savings Banks of the United States of America Table of Statistics to January 1st 1900 Compiled by J.H. Thiry and Statistical Table of the Penny Provident Fund of New York and other Juvenile Savings Institutes in the United States for the year of January 31, 1899 Compiled by Thiry.


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

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

This box also includes a number of pamphlets in Danish, French, German and Italian. Some representative titles are listed here.

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

**Schul-Sparkassen _____**, Hanover, 1909.


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.)”


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


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

Sparemærkasagen. Foredrag, holdt red det 3ste 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 3ste almindelige Skdemøde i August 1886 af Ingeman-Peterson. Kjøbenhavn.

**Dansk Sparemærke-Kasses, Nørreroldgade 23. Kjøbenhavn. K. Til Sparekassemene 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.


Preutesche Schulzeitung. 23 September 1903.

Preutesche Schulzeitung. 12 September 1903.

Fragen zur Statistit der Sparfassen für die Jugend. Questionnaire.

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**Other**

**Gf* 903, vo1. 1**

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

Gf.6661

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

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

**Wn*.463, 1924**

“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

**Tv.153**

*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

**J*.99**

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

Published in Perth, Australia

**V7:2316, V7:3580, V7:3993-4000, V7:5602**

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

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**Wxs*.3**

“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

**VoM*.65, v. 3**

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

**VoL*.99 v. 3**

*Public school savings bank*, Williamsport Pa, GET DATE

**E*.789, vol. 1**

*All about the Salvation Army*, 1882

Published in London
"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)