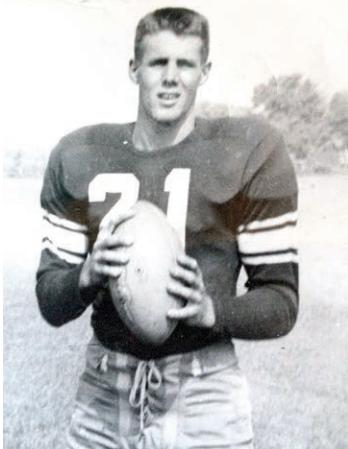


Family Files and Photographs

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A week ago I received a phone call from a woman in Toronto. She had come across a bag of papers and photographs in an antique shop in Toronto. As she went through the papers, she discovered that the family was originally from LeRoy, so she called to see if we were interested. I guess she found our phone number on the Internet. I told her to put the papers and photos in the mail, and that we would be glad to pay the postage. Today the package arrived and I have to commend her for taking the time and effort to find a home for these historical records. Most people would have just thrown them away. No one knows how the stuff came to the antique shop in Toronto, but we are certainly glad to have it.



Romey Lachnicht

From what I can figure out, it is connected to Jerome (Romey) E. Lachnicht who died in New Jersey in 2015. His wife, Pat died a few months later. Romey graduated from LeRoy High School in 1954 and was a quarterback for the football team. He also played baseball. There are several newspaper clippings about his high school sports career as well as one of his rivals from Batavia, Don Bosseler, who was considered the "greatest football player this area has ever produced." Romey continued his interest in sports and was a baseball umpire in southern New Jersey. Romey attended Saint Joseph's College in Indiana. Included in the papers is a copy of "The Cyclical Fluctuations of the American Economy 1948 – 1958" which Romey wrote in his senior year. There are also his grade reports and a letter from the University of Michigan offering him a position as a Graduate Assistant.

The envelope of family papers also included the marriage certificate of Romey's parents, Jerome (Jerry) A. Lachnicht and Veronica Mooney who were married May 27, 1930 at Saint Peter's Church. Also in the papers are the 1907 birth certificate and certificate of baptism for Veronica Mooney and a copy of the 1966 Red and Black Reunion program from her 1926 graduation from LeRoy Central School. There are many photographs. Most are not identified. And I found it interesting that there is a short note written in 2002, from Roxy Ferrara that must have accompanied one of the newspaper clippings: "Hi Romey – Saw this in the Batavia Daily and thought it would (bring) back memories. Hope you are all fine. Hi to Pat. – Roxy."

So the question is - what happens to this collection of family papers. First, copies of the newspaper clippings will be made on acid free copy paper. The family clippings will be placed in the clipping files under Lachnicht and Mooney. The sports related copies will be placed in the sports history files. The original papers will be sorted and placed in acid-free folders. An inventory will be made and placed with the papers and clippings and placed with the papers, and then they will be placed in an archival box in the archives on the second

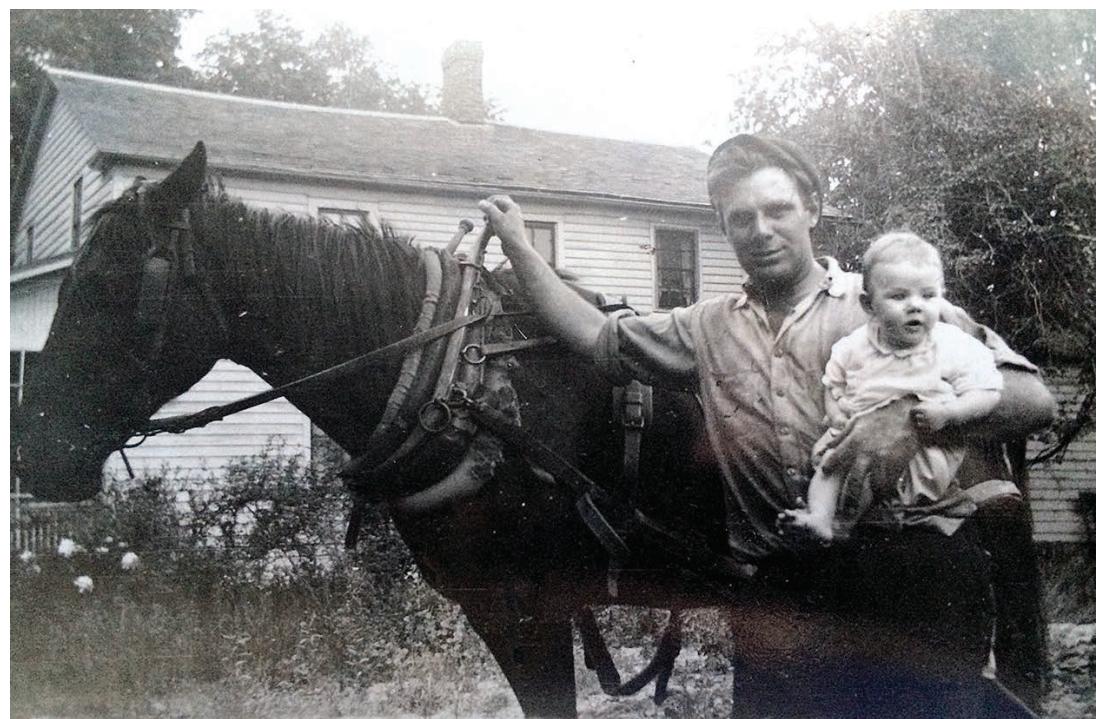


Jerry (Jerome) Lachnicht - Romey's father.

floor of the Academic Building. The photographs will be put in a separate file and each photograph – even if it can't be identified, will be marked "Lachnicht family" and placed in an acid-free file folder in the family photograph files under "L." The Mooney file will say "See Lachnicht". Anyone who is doing genealogy or sports history will be able to access these records. Luckily, the records and photographs were saved and the woman in Toronto took the time to contact us and to mail the files

to the Historical Society.

Sometimes we receive family files and photographs that have been organized and sorted and all ready to put in the files, like the recent notebook of Tutchell - Root Families - family materials, that have been complied by Dorothy Rooney. The notebook is truly wonderful. But then we receive "orphaned" files like the Lachnicht files. Either way -- they will have a home here at the Historical Society.



"Jerry & Jerome - June 9, 1936. Jerome 5 mos old".