



**SHIPPENSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
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**COLLECTION REGISTER**

Name: **Fleck, Harry Booth (1916-2010)**

2010.079.001

Material: Papers, Diploma, and Yearbooks.

Volume: 0.25 linear feet (1 Document Box, 5 File Folders)

Donation: Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Hornbaker, 2010.

Usage: These materials have been donated without restrictions on usage.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Harry Book Fleck was born on November 25, 1916. He was the son of Samuel H. and Ellen Book Fleck of 318 East Burd Street. He attended Shippensburg High School and graduated in 1934. According to the 1934 yearbook, Harry was a member of the Glee, Science, and Art clubs.

On August 17, 1940 Harry Fleck married Marcella Ruth Shoop. Marcella was born on August 16, 1911 and was the daughter of Harry Bert and Mary Beryle Cisney Shoop from Orrstown. Marcella graduated from Shippensburg High School and Carlisle Commercial College. From 1942 to 1947 the Fleck's residence is listed at 26 North Penn Street in the Shippensburg Directory. In 1942 Harry is described as a "tr dr," which is presumably an abbreviation for the occupation of a truck driver.

Harry served in World War II from April 1943 to January 1946. He was a private and enlisted in Harrisburg on April 3, 1943. After the war, in the 1947 Directory, he is listed as working at Letterkenny Army Depot as a guard. According to their obituaries both Harry and Marcella retired from Letterkenny in 1973.

Harry and Marcella moved to West King Street Extended or R.D. 5 in 1954 where they lived for about 20 years. In 1985, after their retirement, they moved to 9858 Molly Pitcher Highway where they stayed until 1992 when the family moved to Luther Ridge Retirement Community in Chambersburg.

Marcella passed away on October 25, 2005. She was a member of the Grace United Church of Christ, Order of Eastern Star 470, and the Association of Retired Persons. Harry

passed away on April 30, 2010. He was a member of the Grace United Church of Christ, Cumberland Valley Lodge 315, and the American Legion Post 223.

## COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

The Harry B. Fleck materials are housed in five folders and one document box. They primarily relate to the education and experiences Fleck received at Shippensburg High School and the reunions that followed his graduation in 1934. The materials are separated into four categories: Educational Materials, Reunion Programs, Newspaper Clippings, and Family.

The Educational Materials consist of two yearbooks and a diploma. The two yearbooks are from 1931 and 1934 and the diploma from 1934. *The Scroll* yearbook from 1931 has one brief note and signature from Sara “Sally” Ruth. It is unclear how this yearbook relates to Harry or Marcella, as they were not members of the graduating class. Of relevance to the collection is a group photograph of the sophomore class of 1931, which included Harry Fleck. *The Scroll* yearbook from 1934 and diploma belonged to Harry Fleck. His 1934 yearbook contains several signatures and notes from teachers and students. The diploma was granted May 24, 1934 and has orange and black ribbons which are likely the class colors.

The Reunion Programs are housed in two folders that contain four anniversary booklets from 1974, 1981, 1984, and 1994. The materials are separated by class year and are arranged chronologically in the folders. One folder contains a program from 1981 for the 50<sup>th</sup> reunion of the Shippensburg High School Class of 1931. It is unclear how the Class of 1931 reunion program is related to Harry or Marcella, as they were not identified as members of the graduating class. The other folder has three programs from the 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, and 60<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of the Shippensburg High School Class of 1934. Fleck was a member of the graduating class and attended these reunions.

The Newspaper Clippings category contains materials printed in local newspapers about reunions for the Shippensburg High School Classes of 1931 and 1934. The materials are separated by class year and are arranged chronologically in the folders. There is a 1981 clipping for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Class of 1931. The clipping has a photograph of class members present at the reunion with a list of names. The other folder contains four clippings from the participants in the 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, 68<sup>th</sup>, and 69<sup>th</sup> reunions of the Shippensburg High School Class of 1934. Fleck is present in each photograph.

The Family section contains a postcard portrait of Anna Shoop Pyles. According to the 1940 obituary for Harry Bert Shoop (Marcella’s father), Anna Shoop Pyles was his sister. She is listed as living in Braddock, Pennsylvania in 1940. Anna was Marcella Shoop Fleck’s aunt. No date is listed on the card.

## COLLECTION INVENTORY

### BOX 1 – 2010.079.001

#### EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

*The Scroll* yearbook – 1931

*The Scroll* yearbook – 1934

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#### EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

Diploma, Harry B. Fleck – 1934

#### REUNION PROGRAMS

Folder 01) 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 1981

Folder 02) 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 1974

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Jun. 2, 1984

60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Jun. 17, 1994

#### NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

Folder 03) “Class of 1931” – 1981

“Class of 1934” – 1984

“60<sup>th</sup> Reunion” – 1994

“Class of 1934” – 2002

“SHS Class of 1934” – 2003

#### FAMILY

Folder 05) Postcard of Anna Shoop Pyles – Undated

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