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The oldest images in the collection are crayon portraits, with subjects including: John Blosser (b. 1868), his wife Melinda (b. 1866), and Benjamin Weltner (b. 1867). These items measure ca. 16 in. x 20 in. each. There is also an oval colorized crayon portrait of Susan Minnie Weltner (b. 1867, d. 1948).

The crayon portrait was popular in the period ca. 1860 to 1900. They were created by enlarging a photograph onto drawing paper with a weak photographic emulsion in order to produce a faint image. An artist then drew over the picture with charcoal or pastels, trying to duplicate the photograph while making it look hand drawn.

There are photographs of Sara Ella Weltner (b. 1862, d. 1966); Minnie Weltner (b. 1867, d. 1948); and Corda Mae Weltner, a schoolteacher in Uniontown (b. 1889, d. 1964).

There are also a few snapshots of the Weltner family in the early 1960s.

There are a number of cabinet cards with identified subjects, including one of Vina Conn Ward and Ross Ward (ca. 1902); Ross was the pastor of Forks of Cheat Baptist Church.

There are a few greetings cards and announcements that were received by Susan Minnie Weltner from the 1920s. One of the envelopes includes a mailing address to both Point Marion, Pennsylvania and Stewartstown, West Virginia.

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