

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Photograph Acquisitions:

Framed and matted 5" x 7" photograph of the Ephrata High School Rifle Club, 1938-1939. (Donation—Howard D. and Jessie Eckhart)

Photograph of Alice (Bucher) Burkholder of Ephrata with eight of the china-headed dolls whose bodies and clothing she made as a hobby, ca. 1940-1950. Alice was the wife of sign painter Jacob P. Burkholder; at one time she worked as a milliner. (Donation—Rowena Clough)

Scanned copies of three photographs of John Wilson Leber, Jr. when in the Army during WWII; the subject was a son of John Wilson Leber, Sr. and Alice Davis (Bell) Nelms Leber. After the death of his mother in 1931 he was raised by his father and his aunts Minnie and Lottie Leber; Minnie and Lottie lived at 134 East Main Street, Ephrata. (Donation—Dale E. Leber)

Digital images created from two real-photo postcards showing William Linck and his log home, located between Mohler Church Road and Glenwood Drive, Ephrata Township, ca. 1910. The house was located on a tract of approximately 10 acres, which Linck farmed. (Lent for copying by Dawn and Tom Rapchinski)

Digital image created from a real-photo postcard of Ralph Overly's Gospel Quartette, ca. 1920's. (Donation—Larry Styer)

8" x 10" photographic portrait of Jack R. Seiverling of Ephrata in his WWII uniform, ca 1943-44. Seiverling was a P.F.C. in the U.S. Marine Corps, serving in the Bouganville Campaign in the South Pacific Theater. He was a son of Irvin and Alma (Ressler) Seiverling. (Donation—Jack Seiverling)

Real-photo postcard: wedding portrait of Dr. John Wertsch (1887-1958) and Miriam (King) Wertsch (1893-1985) of Ephrata. John was the son of William and Emma B. (Ruth) Wertsch; Miriam was the daughter of Christian E. and Annie M. (Yeager) King. (Donation—Clarence Spohn)

Small photo of Miriam King Wertsch as a young woman, ca. 1918. (Donation—Clarence Spohn)

Small photo of Christian and Annie Yeager King and daughter Miriam, ca. 1915. (Donation—Clarence Spohn)

Digital copy of a small snapshot of five young girls, the members of a Bible school class, on the steps of a brick church with their teacher, Erma S. Horst, 1944. The church is thought possibly to be Ephrata Mennonite. (Donation—Eli Lapp)

Real-photo postcard, ca. 1905, showing a horse-drawn sleigh on a snowy street. Thought to have been taken in Ephrata--possibly on Church Street--but the exact location is uncertain. Never mailed; with no inscriptions. (Donation—Richard Sherk)

Digital image created from a photograph of fifth-grade students at the Franklin Street Elementary School, Ephrata, 1948. (Donation—Richard Sherk)

Copy photograph of Ephrata's Farmers National Bank, January 28, 1899, when the bank was located in the Mt. Vernon Hotel. Two young, unidentified men, probably cashiers, stand outside. The photograph was taken when the bank's new building at 22 West Main Street was in the final stages of construction. (Donation—Janet Shank)

Two small single-sheet fliers promoting "Operation Pretzel," the Ephrata Jayne-Cees' campaign to send pretzels to hospitals and American servicemen in Vietnam, ca. 1966; small b & wh photograph of several unidentified servicemen with their pretzel bags at a camp at an uncertain location in Vietnam, developed in November of 1966. (Donation—Violet McCauley)

Digital image created from a small photograph of Rhoda Eichelberger and Fay Dietrich, as children, ca. 1938. Rhoda was the daughter of Chester D. and Laura Eichelberger of Akron; Fay was the daughter of Francis and Minerva (Christ) Dietrich, also of Akron. (Donation—Brenda Creasy)

Mounted 6" x 8" photograph of the east gable end of the north wing (1898 addition) of the Westerhoff Silk Mill, facing North State Street; a portion of the house at 132 North State can be seen at the edge of the photo. N.d.; ca. 1905-1910. A small group of workers is gathered along the curb; others appear in doorways and a window. The reverse of the mount is inscribed, in pencil: "Edna / The old silk mill at Ephrata. I'm second to right earned \$6.00 per week from 6 to 6 each day." (Purchase)

5" x 7" photograph of the officers of Cloister Post No. 429, American Legion, Memorial Day, 1940. The photograph was taken off Locust Street near the Grant Street intersection; the Bolster Apartments building can be seen to the rear. Subjects are Milton H. Jacoby, Aaron R. Shearer, Paul Saylor, Arlington W. Hacker, Lloyd Mentzer, Luke Richard, Mathias Raezer, William Brugger, L. Paul Becker, George Dunmoyer, J. Henry Westerhoff, Walter Trego, James W. Hook, and Ira L. Weise. Raezer was the Cocalico Valley area's sole surviving veteran of the Civil War. (Donation—Maria and Barbara Weaver)

8" x 10" photograph of 18 Past Commanders of Ephrata's American Legion Cloister Post 429, 1940. (Donation—Daughters of Warren Fake)

8" x 10" photograph of an Ephrata American Legion Past Commanders' banquet, held at the Legion ballroom, 1940. (Donation—Daughters of Warren Fake)

The following photographs were donated by Richard Ammon:

Mounted Saylor's Studio portrait of Baker Royer of Ephrata as a small boy, ca. 1900. Baker, later a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, was a son of Lincoln E. and Ida (Baker) Royer, a grandson of Andrew Baker, and a stepson of Reuben Stine.

Mounted Saylor's Studio portrait of Baker Royer as a boy, ca. 1904.

Matted Gilbert and Bacon (Philadelphia) portrait of Baker Royer as a young man, ca. 1914.

Mounted Saylor's Studio portrait of William Carter as a young boy, ca. 1901. William was a son of Robert M. and Sallie (Baker) Carter of Ephrata and a grandson of Andrew Baker.

Matted Stoner Studio portrait of Ephrata policeman ____ McCarty, ca. 1930.

Matted Stoner Studio wedding portrait of Mark Leroy Boltz and Annabelle Mary Witwer and their attendants Fern Leisey and _____ Bender, 1942. The bride was a daughter of Benjamin and Lillian (Grill) Witwer; the groom was a son of Harvey and Ida L. (Spitler) Boltz. Both were natives of Berks County; they later resided in Akron and Ephrata. Mark Boltz eventually became the president of the Bareville Garment Company.

McCaa Studio (Ephrata) cabinet card portrait of Ephraim E. Royer and his infant son Isaac, ca. 1897. Ephraim Royer was a native of Springville, Ephrata Twp.; his first wife was Annie Gemperling.

Piece of heavy paper stock with two affixed photos: unidentified man examining tobacco in field; Ephraim E. Royer standing beside split-rail fence, ca. early 1920's.

Piece of heavy paper stock with four affixed snapshots of various persons. One subject is identified as Rose (Bishop) Miller; two others are identified as "Ephraim Royer and girl friend." The "girl friend" appears in a third photo as well.

Mounted Titus Studio portrait of Frank and Bertha (Mull) Bishop of Ephrata and their children Gertrude, Rosina (Rose), and Paul, ca. 1909. Rosina married Elwood S.P. Miller; Gertrude married Harry E. Gress, at one time Superintendent of the Lancaster City School District.

Real-photo postcard portrait of Bertha Bishop of Ephrata with her daughters Rosina and Gertrude, ca. 1911.

Real-photo postcard portrait of Bertha Bishop and her daughter Rosina, ca. 1915.

Portrait of Gertrude Bishop (Gertrude Bishop Gress), ca. 1912.

Matted Killian Studio portrait of Rosina Bishop, ca. 1915-1918. Real-photo postcard portrait of Rose inscribed on the verso "Wishing you a Merry Christmas with love / Dec. 25, 1917 / Rose."

Real-photo postcard portrait of Elsie (Demmy) Schaeffer, daughter of Darius and Emma (Palm) Demmy, ca. 1925-1928.

Matted Curtiss Studios (Connecticut) portrait of Edith Schlott (Edith Schlott Anderson), ca. 1920's. Edith was the daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Bare) Schlott and the second wife of Dr. David Anderson.

Mounted photograph of a one-story building with a mansard roof, ca. 1910; the verso of the mount is inscribed "Old Ephrata Water Works." A crate on the horse-drawn wagon in front of the building is printed "Ephrata Mountain." The scene's location is uncertain. The photo descended in the Ammon family, and H. Irvin Ammon of Ephrata was for a time the superintendent of the American Table Water Co. plant. The plant was located two-and-one-half miles northeast of the borough as the borough existed at the time of Ammon's death in 1914.

Mounted 6 1/2" x 9 1/2" "Otto E. Weber" (Lancaster) photograph of a group of around two dozen men with rifles and targets, posed in a rural area, ca. 1900-1905. None of the subjects are identified; the photo is thought to have belonged to a member of the Ammon-Shirk family of Ephrata.

Mounted 8" x 9 ¾" Stoner Studio photograph of the interior of Freemont Washington Shirk's auto repair and machine shop, located to the rear of the Shirk residence on Church Street, Ephrata, ca. late 1920's. The photo includes Shirk, his grandson Ross Tweed, and an unidentified man.

Mounted 7 ½" x 9 ½" photograph of the assembled cast of a dramatic production and 11 members of an orchestra in an unidentified meeting hall, ca. 1910. The nature of the performance and the identities of the subjects are unknown.

The following photographs were lent for copying by Milton Haldeman:

Real-photo postcard portrait of Minnie S. Hartranft, a daughter of Frank E. and Rebecca R. (Meck) Hartranft of the Lincoln area, ca. 1915. Minnie later married Harry Elmer Mohn.

Real-photo postcard portrait of Gertrude M. and Minnie S. Hartranft, daughters of Frank E. and Rebecca (Meck) Hartranft, ca. 1915. Gertrude married Wayne W. Walter; Minnie married Harry Mohn.

Two real-photo postcard portraits of Gertrude M. and Minnie S. Hartranft and an unidentified friend, ca. 1915.

Real-photo postcard portrait of sisters Mabel (Wise) Rhoads and Annie Esther (Wise) Sheaffer. ca. 1915-1918; the young women were the daughters of Abram L. and Annie E. (Snyder) Wise.

Real-photo postcard portrait of Annie Esther (Wise) Sheaffer, ca. 1913-1915.

Two real-photo postcard portraits of Mabel Irene (Wise) Rhoads, ca. 1915.

Portrait of William K. and Ruth M. (Wise) Schlott, ca. 1927. Ruth was the daughter of Abram L. and Annie E. Wise; William was the son of Harvey and Lizzie (Krick) Schlott of Lincoln.

Two real-photo postcard portraits of Florence Viola (Wise) Shirk and her infant son, Gilbert, 1918 and ca. 1919. Florence was the daughter of Abram L. and Annie E. Wise.

Two real-photo postcard portraits of Gilbert Shirk, son of Charles W. and Florence (Wise) Shirk, June 1918 and ca. 1919. In adulthood he was employed by the U.S. State Department, had numerous overseas assignments, and participated in many high-level classified conferences. He was awarded the State Department's Meritorious Honor Award in 1973

Real-photo postcard portrait of a small boy identified as "Ralph," thought to be Ralph Wise, ca. 1920 or early 1920's.

Real-photo postcard portrait (Fritz's Studio, Ephrata) of Ralph Wise as a young boy. ca. 1920's.

Wedding portrait, unidentified bride and groom, ca. 1920's.

The following photographs were donated by Gary Kurtz:

8" x 10" aerial photographic view of farmland and other land belonging to the Kurtz family, 1957; shows the abandoned quarry at the present location of the public library, the Acme Supermarket under construction, the Glen Gery Brickyard, a Gulf Service Station, and the area

developed to include the Kurtz Bros. block plant, Hunt Motors Ford dealership, the International Harvester Co. and Cloister Dairies.

8" x 10" copy photograph, Osgood steam shovel at the A.G. Kurtz & Sons quarry, n.d.

8" x 10" copy photo, Ephrata Crushing Plant on Old Mill Road, ca. 1918. The road was later diverted away from the creek and through what had been the site of the plant.

8" x 10" copy photo, employees of Abram G. Kurtz with equipment, n.d.

8" x 10" copy photo of a steam engine and stone wagons at the Kurtz Quarry, present site of the public library, ca. 1918-1920. The picture was taken from Old Mill Road.

8" x 10" copy photo, aerial view of the Kurtz Quarry, ca. 1930's; includes the eventual sites of the public library and the Ephrata High School.

8" x 10" copy photo, A.G. Kurtz & Son truck, ca. 1918.

Two small copy photos of a Kurtz Bros. Concrete Products truck prepared for a parade or exhibition, ca. 1920's.

5" x 7" copy photo, A.G. Kurtz & Sons truck, ca. 1920's.

5" x 7" copy photo, A.G. Kurtz mule teams; 5" x 7" copy photo, children with ponies; two 5" x 7" copy photos, quarry scenes; 5" x 7" aerial photo, pond on quarry grounds.

Three aerial color 16" x 20" photographs and three 8" x 10" aerial color photographs of the A.G. Kurtz & Sons property at Denver, ca. 1980's or early 1990's.

The following photographs were donated by Bonnie Stoll:

"Hines" elongated photograph of the employees of the A.N. Wolf Shoe Company, Denver, May, 1946.

Matted "Schlotzhauer" (Lancaster) portrait (2 copies) of Augustena Lebo of Denver, daughter of Martin and Agnes (Althouse) Lebo, ca. early-mid 1920's.

Mounted 5" x 7" photograph of Denver School students, n.d., ca. 1918; the subjects are unidentified.

Roseboro Funeral Home memorial/guest book for Lemon L. Weinhold, 1908-1984.

Small school portrait of Augustena Lebo of Denver, ca. 1919.

Small color portrait of Ira B. and Lottie L. (Weinhold) Brendle of East Cocalico Twp., ca. 1960's.

Strunk Studio (Reading) wedding portrait of Marie Brendle, daughter of Ira and Lottie Brendle, and Warren R. Ochs. N.d.; ca. 1945. The couple lived in Denver.

Strunk Studio (Reading) portrait of Marie Brendle of East Cocalico Twp., daughter of Ira and Lottie Brendle, ca. 1941.

Blue Lantern Studio (Denver) portrait of Lemon L. Weinhold, son of Solomon and Ida (Lutz) Weinhold of West Cocalico Twp., ca. mid-late 1930's.

Small matted photograph of Lemon L. Weinhold and two unidentified men standing on scaffolding or a similar framework, ca. 1940; all three men wear "J.B. Brubaker Coal and Lumber" (Denver) carpenters' aprons.

Portrait, mounted behind glass, of Lemon L. Weinhold in the Army uniform he wore during WWII.

Small leather folder containing two photographs. One photo is of Lemon Weinhold in his Army uniform, ca. 1942-45, and the other is of Lemon and Augustena (Lebo) Weinhold standing on an arched bridge with another, unidentified couple, ca. 1940's.

Leather or faux-leather folder containing two hand-colored 8" x 10" photographs of Lemon L. Weinhold in his Army uniform, ca. 1942-45; there is a black-and-white copy photo of one of the two inserted as well.

Matted 8" x 10" portrait (2 copies) of Augustena (Lebo) Weinhold of Denver, ca. 1940's. Mrs. Weinhold was a teacher for 35 years, teaching at Reamstown, Adamstown, Schoeneck, and Denver, and at the Cocalico Union High School.

8" x 10" photograph of Augustena (Lebo) Weinhold, ca. 1950's.

Color 7 ½" x 10" photograph of Augustena (Lebo) Weinhold, ca. 1970's.

Cocalico Union High School photo i.d. issued to Augustena (Lebo) Weinhold, 1964-1965; several small copies of a portrait of Augustena Weinhold, 1947-1948.

Mounted Blue Lantern Studio photo of choir members at an unidentified church, ca. 1930's.

Color 5" x 7" photograph of Augustena Weinhold and three unidentified women, ca. 1950's; signed on the mat "Always Pals. 'Helen.'"

2 c., mounted portrait of a small girl holding a doll, ca. 1910. The reverse of one mount is inscribed "Mrs. Lizzie Althouse / Denver, Pa. / Main St.," and the colors of the child's dress, hair, etc. The subject is thought to be Mrs. Althouse's granddaughter, probably a daughter of her daughter Agnes (Althouse) Lebo, whose family lived with her. The most likely candidate is Minerva Lebo, 7 years old in 1910.

Matted studio portrait of a young couple tentatively identified as Jim and Maude Hagy.

Ernst Studio (Lancaster) cabinet card portrait of Charles A. Bates, Sr. as a small boy, ca 1895; he was a son of George and Margaret (Ruth) Bates of Lancaster, and lived in Reinholds in his later life.

Mounted portrait of Charles A. Bates, Sr. as a young boy, ca. 1903.

Small photo, possibly taken during WWI, of a young man in a sailor's uniform; the subject may be Charles A. Bates, Sr.

Matted photograph of Harry V. Bates of Reinholds in his Army Air Corps uniform, ca. 1943-1944; Bates was shot down and killed over Austria in August of 1944. He was a son of Charles A. Bates and Edna M. (Hagen) Bates.