

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Book Acquisitions:

Historic Ephrata, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania: Bi-Centennial Celebration at Ephrata Cloister . . . September 29th, 1928. Ephrata: Review Print, 1928. Signed on the cover and flyleaf "W.Y. Zeffass." (Donation—Marilyn Brookes)

Lutherans in Berks County: Two Centuries of Continuous Organized Church Life, 1723-1923. Reading: Reading Conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States, 1923. (Donation—Dale Leber)

The Seventy-Seventh Pennsylvania at Shiloh. Harrisburg, Pa.: Harrisburg Publishing Co, 1905. (Donation—Dale Leber)

Manuscript Acquisitions:

The following manuscripts were donated by William Scheffey:

Bond between Rudolph Heberling of Cumru Twp., Berks Co. (son-in-law of Richard Adams) and John Bechtel, John Fisher, Jacob Flickinger, Henry Flickinger, Peter Mosser/Musser, and Catharine Adams (sons-in-law and daughter of Richard Adams), April 1, 1819. The agreement pertains to the distribution of the ground rent on the 28 lots of Adamstown, to which Richard Adams was entitled and which is now to be annually distributed between his heirs, whom Heberling (one of the heirs) represents.

Deed poll: John and Susanna (Adams) Fisher of Heidelberg Twp., Berks County, to Catharine Adams, April 3, 1826; the Fishers transfer their 1/7 share of the ground rents of Adamstown to the grantee.

Deed poll: John and Cassiah Musser and Susanna Musser of Adamstown, et. al., children and heirs of Peter Musser, to John Flickinger, April 7, 1854; the heirs transfer their mutual 1/7 share of the ground rents of Adamstown to the grantee.

Deed poll: John and Cassiah Musser of Adamstown, et. al., heirs of Peter and Elizabeth (Adams) Musser, to John Flickinger, April 7, 1854; the heirs transfer their mutual 2/7 share of the ground rents of Adamstown to the grantee.

Deed between Philip Buch of Botetourt County, Virginia and Michael Kagareiz (Kegereise, etc.) of Adamstown for a lot in Adamstown, March 19, 1806.

Deed between Philip and Catharina Loush of Adamstown and Michael Kagerrize (Kegereise, etc.) of Adamstown for two lots in Adamstown, March 26, 1805.

Deed between George and Mary Mengel of East Cocalico Twp. and John Musser of East Cocalico Twp. for lot #48, Adamstown, March 31, 1849.

Conditions of sale for the ground rents of Adamstown, estate of Richard Adams, to be auctioned February 20, 1819. Signed by the buyer, Rudolph Heberling.

Plot map, Adamstown; undated, and with later pencil inscriptions. One of the penciled notations reads: "Out of book received of Admins of Adam VonNieda decd, in 1888--papers of Andrew Fleisher, Esq."

Plot map, Adamstown, with the names of lot purchasers included (vellum); recorded in the office of the Lancaster County Recorder of Deeds on May 14, 1804.

Sheet of notes/references regarding land transactions in which Robert Adams was involved, 1681, 1698 (2), and 1702.

Manuscript book of forms compiled by justice of the peace Ezra Burkholder of West Earl Township; dated on the cover January 15, 1845. The book contains examples of specific categories of documents--deeds of trust for meetinghouses or schoolhouses, "form of a deed in case of a person being seized of real estate, and dies intestate," deeds given by executors, deed recitals (transaction histories) of various sorts, etc. The examples are presented with specific names and dates, and it appears that they are actual and not fictional, although some of the manuscripts are not copied in their entirety. Paper-bound. (Donation—Charlotte Putt)

Letter to Dale E. Leber of Newark, Delaware from Mattie Tharp, volunteer curator of the Historical Society of the Cocalico Valley, June 5, 1966. (Donation—Dale Leber)

Photograph Acquisitions:

Digital copy of a photograph of guests gathered for the 1972 Kilhefner family reunion, held June 20, 1927 at an undetermined location in the Ephrata area. (Donation—Kenneth Kilhefner)

Digital image of Martin and Elizabeth Mellinger of Ephrata Twp., ca. 1910. (Donation—Glen Mellinger)

Three early autos parked (perhaps on Ephrata's North State Street) with a sign advertising the Thomas A. Collier Ford dealership, Ephrata, ca. early 1920's. (Lent for copying by Bob Dickersheid)

The following photographs of local baseball teams were lent for copying by Barry Giberson:

Schoeneck team (Lancaster-Lebanon League), 1942, with name listing.

Schoeneck team, 1944, with name listing.

Schoeneck team, 1948, with name listing.

Reinholds Rhines, ca. 1940's.

Brownstown team, 1934, with name listing.

Brownstown team (City-County Champions), 1940; with name listing.

Denver team (City-County Champions), 1957; with name listing.

The following photographs were donated by Barbara Fichthorn:

- Elongated photograph, mounted on foam-core, of the employees of the Eby Shoe Company, Ephrata, ca. 1930-1932.
- Scanned copy (from the lent original) of Nolt's service station, 623 North State Street, Ephrata, ca. late 1930's.
- Studio portrait (Reading) of Ella Eckenroth as a young woman, ca. 1910.
- Titus studio portrait of Ruth Sprecher (Ruth Sprecher Eisemann) and Lizzie Good, ca. 1908-1909.
- Studio portraits (2) of Arlene Eckenroth as a baby and as a young girl, ca. 1920's.
- Photograph with inset oval portraits of the members of the Ephrata High School graduating class of 1928.
- Mounted photograph of the Ephrata All-Stars baseball team, July, 1920; team members are identified.
- Mounted Fritz Studio photograph of participants in the Akron summer Teacher's School grouped outside the Akron Public School building, 1913.
- Mounted photograph of Ephrata Secondary School students with teacher Samuel G. Zerfass and another, unidentified teacher, ca. 1910.
- Mounted photograph of employees at the Adamstown Blue Cross Hosiery/Knitting Mill at the intersection of Bowmansville Road and East Main Street; the factory operated seasonally in a building shared by George W. Bollman.
- Mounted photographs (4) of students at the Adamstown School, 1920's.
- Matted photograph of Adamstown School students, ca. 1917-1920.
- Mounted portrait of Margaret Witman of Adamstown, a daughter of Jason and Kate Witmer, ca. 1927.
- Mounted studio portrait of Bertha M. Brossman (Bertha Brossman Blair), ca. 1911.
- Small mounted photograph of students at the Chestnut Hill School, Brecknock Township, 1912-1913; the teacher then was Bessie Kern.
- Mounted photograph of Denver School 7th and 8th grade students with teacher Norman Huntzinger, ca. 1922; students are identified.
- Mounted photograph of Denver grammar school students, ca. 1920; students are not identified.
- Mounted photograph of Denver primary school students, ca. 1916-1918; students are not identified.
- Mounted photograph of members of the Ephrata High School freshman class, ca. early 1920's; another photograph of Ephrata High School students on the reverse of the mat dates to approximately 1925.
- Mounted photograph of members of the Ephrata High School class of 1927, 1923-24.

The following photographs were lent for copying by Charlotte Putt:

- Pupils and teacher at the Steinmetz School, Ephrata Township, 1924.
- Saron, Ephrata Cloister, ca. 1905.
- Barn and outbuildings on the grounds of the Clare Point Stock Farm, Ephrata, looking west towards the Willson Mansion, ca. 1905.
- Mt. Vernon Inn, Ephrata, looking southeast, ca. 1915.
- William G. McCaa photograph of unidentified frame home, with family members, ca. 1900-1905.
- Unidentified local stream, with six-mule cart atop bridge, ca. 1905-1910.
- Four views of parade activity and crowds assembled for the dedication of the Ephrata Monument, May 1, 1902.

Seven color 4" x 6" photographs of a log house on Hahnstown Road in various stages of demolition, late February or early March, 2009; the house was once the property of George Wise, Jacob Fry, Solomon Brenneman, and Edwin Brenneman. (Donation—Milt Haldeman)

Three modern photographs of the cast iron village marker formerly mounted along Rt. 322 in Hinkletown, and now on the site of the Earl Twp. Municipal Building. (Donation—Jill Pratt)

Four modern photographs of the Swartzville Store and P.O. building, Rt. 272, East Cocalico Twp. (Donation—Jill Pratt)

Artifact Acquisitions:

Uniform worn by Ephrata Borough police sergeant Harold B. ("Dutch") Greenly, a member of the police force from 1951 through 1982, along with Greenly's whistle and badge. Items of clothing include a water-repellent black jacket, a short-sleeved shirt, a trooper's hat, and a charcoal-gray wool uniform jacket with matching trousers. (Donation—Kathryn Greenly)

Purple Heart awarded to William K. Schlott of Ephrata (a native of Lincoln), wounded in action July 15, 1918, while serving with Co. H., 30th Infantry. The recipient's twin brother, Lincoln K. Schlott, also a member of Co. H., was killed the same day. The award was given in November of 1937. (Donation—Clyde Zimmerman)

Campaign ribbon awarded to William Schlott; with bars for Champagne-Marne, Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne, and the Defensive Sector; military i.d. tag issued to William Schlott. (Donation—Clyde Zimmerman)

Two molded clear glass sundae or similar footed serving dishes from the sets used at the lunch counter at Ephrata's J.J. Newberry store; two china individual casserole dishes, also used at the lunch counter; printed order pad from the counter. (Donation—F.A. Wark)

Deck of playing cards printed for distribution by Ephrata fuel oil dealer Bob Lutz, ca. 1960's. (Donation—Jim Brodt)

Miscellaneous Print Acquisitions:

Bill of sale for the personal property of Ella (Long) Moyer of Ephrata and Sinking Spring, to be sold January 17, 1946 in Reading. (Donation—Bob Dickersheid)

Funeral invitation for Samuel L. Sharp of Ephrata, d. April 8, 1954; funeral invitation for Lizzie A. Sprecher of Ephrata, widow of J. Milton Sprecher, d. November 16, 1933. (Donation—Barbara Fichthorn)

Two re-assembled sections of board siding from the interior of the tower of the Mt. Springs Hotel, Ephrata, removed shortly prior to the hotel's demolition. The boards are scratched and penciled with graffiti, some of it illegible; one entry reads "don't come / up here / u will die" and another, the name "D. Cleland," is dated 1971. The horizontally-oriented siding boards, removed individually, have been secured with screws to new backing panels; one consists of three boards and other consists of five. (Donation--James A. Tshudy)