

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT, APRIL-MAY 2011

Book Acquisitions:

The Cloisterette (E.H.S. yearbook), 1930. (Donation—Clarke Hess)

Garver, Steve R. *Garvers of Ephrata and their Ancestry*. Skaneateles, NY: Steve Garver, 2011.

Ruth, Philip. *O'er Stormy Seas: The Far-Flung Family of Mart and Mattie Zimmerman*. Denver, Pa.: David Hollinger, 2009. (Donation—David L. Hollinger)

Pencillings About Ephrata, by a Visitor. Philadelphia: J.B. Chandler, 1860. Inscribed on the flyleaf "Susan Funk." (Donation—David Sprecher)

Photograph Acquisitions:

Cirgao 80 GB external hard drive containing photographs of headstones in the Dissler-Price Cemetery (Clay Twp.), the Eberly Cemetery (Clay Twp.), the Fairview Cemetery Annex (Denver), the Gockley Cemetery (Clay Twp.), Mellinger's Cemetery (Schoeneck), Mohn's Hill Cemetery (Berks County), the Shirk Cemetery (West Earl Twp.), and the Swamp Cemetery, Reinholds. The donor anticipates adding to these files periodically. (Donation—Leni Gerhart)

Snapshot of Dr. David and Edith (Schlott) Anderson at their house in Carmel, Monterey County, California, summer of 1938. The Anderson had both lived in Ephrata previously; Dr. Anderson and his first wife, Lillian Hillegas, constructed the building currently housing the HSCV library as their home. (Donation—Jim Gudikunst)

Small snapshot of a group of Akron children at play, ca. 193_. Subjects are identified as Elizabeth and Mildred Rutt, Dorothy, Rhoda, and Marion Eichelberger, and Harold and Barbara Schickram. The photo was taken at the Schickram house at 601 Main Street, Akron. (Donation—Rhoda Smith)

Three modern (2005) color photographs of Lauber's School and its privy, West Earl Twp. (Donation—Rhoda Smith)

A cabinet card portrait (no studio identified) of Jacob Kiehl of the West Earl Twp. area. (Lent for scanning by Rhoda Smith.)

Framed photograph of an Ephrata High School track team posing behind a series of trophies; inscribed "Winners of Millersville Field Meet 1926 / Permanent Possession of Appel Cup." Several teachers/coaches and principal B.F. Winkelblech stand to the rear of the group. (Donation—Richard Stewart)

Copy photo: members of the Ephrata High School graduating class of 1930 at a class reunion, probably their 50th. Class member G. Randall Klinefelter is in an early automobile. (Donation—Richard Stewart)

Mounted photograph of a large group of Ephrata High School girls, probably the glee club, at the Highland Avenue School, ca. 1930. (Donation—Richard Stewart)

Mounted photograph of a group of local men inside a building with harvested tobacco, ca. 1910; the location and subjects are unidentified. (Donation—Richard Stewart)

Mounted photograph of Harry Givler and two other men identified only as "Adam" and "Rob" on the partially-shingled roof of one of the wings of the Mountain Springs Hotel, May 27, 1902. (Donation—Richard Stewart)

Mounted Ephrata High School senior portrait of John M. Sprecher, a member of the graduating class of 1930. (Donation—David Sprecher)

Mounted portrait of a Southwick horse-powered hay baler (Sandwich Manufacturing Company, Sandwich, Illinois) being operated by four men; there is a team of horses hitched to the rig, a horse and carriage alongside, and a woman and dog with provisions spread on a stack of bales. The mount is inscribed "Bailing outfit of Manna Keller, taken Dec. 10 -1897." Manna Keller is speculatively thought to be the individual with the same name at Octavia, Nebraska; he was the son of Benjamin Keller, who left Ephrata Twp. for Nebraska at an early age. Benjamin was a son of Michael and Elizabeth (Bollinger) Keller; his sister, Catharine, married miller Reuben Fahnestock. (Donation—David Sprecher)

Compact disc containing photographs taken during the demolition of the Bergstrasse Elementary School, Ephrata Twp., May 9, 2011. (Donation—James Tshudy)

Digital image created from a real-photo postcard: Cloyd Rhoads with horse-drawn bakery delivery wagon and small child on Main Street (North Reading Road), Reamstown; postmarked August 10, 1910. (Lent for copying by Brian Frankhouser)

Lg. copy photo of the members of the George and Agetha (Reghr) Kruger family of Alexanderfeld (Ekaterinoslav), Russia prior to emigration to the United States. (Donation—John Stauffer)

Dorothy Royer, Edith Miller and Rena Spotts at work in the new Bergstrasse Elementary School kitchen, February, 1953. (Donation—Tom and Dawn Rapchinski)

Three differing views: Children being served lunch in a classroom of the Bergstrasse Elementary School shortly after the initiation of the school's hot lunch program, February, 1953. (Donation—Tom and Dawn Rapchinski)

The following photographs were lent for scanning by Dawn and Tom Rapchinski:

Children being served lunch in a classroom of the Bergstrasse Elementary School, February, 1953.

Bergstrasse Elementary School kitchen, February 1953.

Kitchen staff, Ephrata High School, 1962 or 1963.

Two differing views: staff members at work in the new Ephrata High School kitchen, September, ca. 1962-1963.

The following photographs were lent for scanning by Lila Enck:

Real-photo postcard: Hopeland (Paradise) United Brethren Church, ca. 1908-1909.

Printed postcard: frescoed pulpit recess, Hopeland U.B. Church, prior to 1910.

Real-photo postcard, ruins of Hopeland (Paradise) United Brethren Church following the fire which destroyed it on March 6, 1910.

Real-photo postcard, second view of the ruins of the Hopeland U.B. Church.

Real-photo postcard of the cornerstone dedication of the Hopeland United Brethren congregation's new brick church, November 13, 1910.

Matted photograph, cornerstone dedication of the Hopeland United Brethren congregation's new brick church, November 13, 1910.

Manuscript Acquisitions:

Printed receipt of Millway flour, feed and grain dealer L.S. Withers; written to U.S. Hollinger, Lincoln, October 7, 1908. (Donation—Clair Strickler)

The following deeds, etc. were purchased at Horst Auction Center:

Deed, handscribed on parchment: Adam and Catharina Riegel of Cocalico Twp. to Peter Martin of Cocalico Twp.; 2+ acres in Cocalico Twp., April 15, 1794.

Deed, handscribed on paper: George and Margaret Wachter (Weachter) of Cocalico Twp. to Christopher Miller of Cocalico Twp.; 25 acres in Cocalico Twp., May 14, 1808.

Deed, handscribed on paper: Christian Weaver of Cocalico Twp. to Philip Greenwald of Cocalico Twp.; 53+ acres in Cocalico Twp. November 16, 1757.

Deed, handscribed on paper: Philip Greenwald of Lebanon Twp., Lancaster County to Philip "Stear" (Stoever/Stober) of Cocalico Twp.; 53+ acres (same as above) in Cocalico Twp., July 3, 1766. An additional conveyance on the reverse transfers the property to Peter Witmer, December 22, 1766.

Deed, handscribed on paper: George Stober of Cocalico Twp. to Peter Witmer of Cocalico Twp.; 6+ acres in Cocalico Twp., August 20, 1770.

Deed: Lizzie L. and Daniel W. Buch and Barbara L. Metzler of West Earl Twp. to Jacob G. Sheaffer of Ephrata Twp.; 4-acre tract of timber land on the Ephrata Ridge, March 10, 1914.

Agreement between Jacob Landis of Cocalico Twp. and Jacob Pfoutz of Cocalico Twp., April 28, 1809; Landis sells Pfoutz certain water rights ("privilege to have and . . . keep a Mill dam in Cocollico creek below the lands of the said Jacob Landis . . .")

Release, handscribed on parchment: Christian and Anna (Schwar) Wiest, Charles and Maria (Schwar) Steinmetz, John and Susanna (Schwar) Lutz, and Martin Schwar, guardian of Sarah

Schwar, to Daniel and Elizabeth (Schwar) Bard, June 5, 1826. The grantors and the grantees were heirs of John Schwar; Daniel and Elizabeth Schwar Bard had accepted some of his real estate, a mill property, at the valuation, The lengthy document mentions prior transactions and water-rights agreements involving, among others, Peter and Catharine Gerber, Adam Riegel, Michael Kneisly, Jacob Martin, Abraham Bear, Jacob Pfautz, and Jacob Landis.

Deed: John Pfautz, Sr. of Warwick Twp. to John Schwarr/Schwar of Cocalico Twp.; four small tracts of land in Cocalico Twp. (same as described above), April 1, 1819. Refers to several recorded deeds, but is itself unrecorded.

Deed, handscripted on parchment: John Mishler, John Mohler, Sr. and Abraham Bear, executors of Joseph Mishler, to Jacob Bollinger of Cocalico Twp.; 7 acres, 65 perches in Cocalico Twp., April 2, 1821. A conveyance on the reverse transfers the same property to Peter Fahnestock, March 30, 1847. Unrecorded.

Deed, printed form on parchment: Peter Witmer of Cocalico Twp. to Christopher Miller of Cocalico Twp., 53 3/4 acre in Cocalico Twp., April 20, 1792. The land had previously belonged to Philip Stoever/Stober.

Deed, printed form on paper: David Hartman, high sheriff of Lancaster County, seized property of Washington Poke (Polk), New Ephrata, to Jacob and Samuel Kline, December 1, 1845. The tract, seized as a result of a suit brought by Peter Buffenmeyer, included a one-story log cabin. An additional conveyance on the reverse transfers Samuel Kline's share of the property to John Keller. Unrecorded.

Artifact Acquisitions:

Bronze wall plaque installed at the Bergstrasse Elementary School, Ephrata Township, upon its completion in 1929; the plaque, with a raised rim and projecting top molding, lists the school directors, the architect, and the contractor. 22 1/4" x 26 1/4". (Donation—Lancaster County Bible Church)

Metal wall plaque installed at the Bergstrasse Elementary School upon the completion of its 1960-61 addition; lists the school directors, the school district's solicitors, the members of the School Building Authority, the contractor, the architect, the supervising principal, and the elementary supervisor. 26" x 36". (Donation—Lancaster County Bible Church)

Two sealed time capsules placed in the cornerstones of the two additions of Bergstrasse Elementary School, 1960-61 and 1966. (Donation—Lancaster County Bible Church)

35mm Praktiflex FX camera with leather case, used by the late Harry F. Stauffer of Farmersville for taking color slides from approximately 1953 through 1973. (Donation—John Stauffer)

35mm Praktica FX camera, used by the late Harry F. Stauffer from approximately 1961 until his death in 1982. (Donation—John Stauffer)

Weston Master II light meter, used by Harry F. Stauffer. (Donation—John Stauffer)

Wooden scroll (architectural element) taken from the Mt. Vernon Inn, Ephrata, at the time of the hotel's demolition in 1954 or 1955. The scroll, painted dark green, was part of the building's

exterior trim; it measures 9" from front to back, is approximately 4 1/8" high and 2 1/2" deep. (Donation—Thomas Eisemann)

Miscellaneous Print Acquisitions:

Copies of research materials pertaining to the Revolutionary War hospitals at Lititz and Ephrata, etc., as follows: report of the General Hospitals, April 26, 2011, with numbers of men (ill, dead, discharged, etc.); printed return of the sick at Lititz, August 23, 1778; list of men remaining at Lititz, date uncertain; pages copied from Mary C. Gillett's "The Army Medical Department, 1775-1818," published as part of the United States Army Medical Series. (Donation—Glenn Landis)

Typed transcription of an entry in an early (1906-) minute book of the Lincoln Cemetery Association; contains historical information regarding the establishment and the enlargement of the cemetery in the 1850's and 1860's and finally in 1887 & 1888. (Donation—Fred Buch)

Ephrata High School Class of 1932 50th reunion booklet, with biographical information; the class held their reunion gathering on June 5, 1982. (Donation—Clarke Hess)

Lancaster County Teachers' Institute booklet, 1910; contains lists of county schools and teachers. John Sprecher's maternal grandmother, M. Elizabeth Fry, is listed as a teacher at Mohler's School in Ephrata Twp. (Donation—David Sprecher)

Ephrata Rotary Club (mimeographed) yearbook, 1949-1950. (Donation—David Sprecher)

Ephrata Borough Authority loose minutes and agendas as issued to a member of the Authority, April, 1978 through April 1980. This appears to be an incomplete run; occasional minutes may be missing, and many are duplicated. (Donation—David Sprecher)

Assorted Ephrata Borough Authority sewer system-related reports, as follows: Intermunicipal Wastewater Treatment and Collection System Progress Report, August 30, 1979, accompanied by blueprint map of the Denver-East Cocalico Twp.-Ephrata Twp. No. 2 trunk sewer, 1979; Ephrata Borough Authority Sewer Division Financial Reports, Dec. 1978 and Dec. 1979; report on sewer system costs, 1968; sewer revenue bonds report, Dec. 1979. (Donation—David Sprecher)

Printed 11 3/4" x 17 1/2" flyer from Roy R. Doster's grocery, Lincoln, ca. 1940's; in a 17" x 21" frame. (Donation—Reginald and Barb Doster)

Photocopy of the 1944 East Cocalico Vocational High School yearbook, Ko-Ka-Lee-Ko. (Lent for copying by Ken McCrea)

C.G. Sweigart Oil Company (Denver) calendar, 1986. (Donation—Clair Strickler)

Denver National Bank wallet-sized calendars, 1992 (2) and 1993 (2). (Donation—Clair Strickler)

Farmers National Bank (Ephrata) financial statements, December, 1960; June and December, 1961; June and December, 1962; June and December, 1963; June and December, 1964; June and December, 1965; June and December, 1966. (Donation—Fred and Ruth Buch)

Tombstone inscriptions and headstone photographs, measurements, and descriptions, Binkley-Herr Cemetery, Manor Twp.; compiled by the Henry H. Bitler, Jr., who restored the cemetery in 2010. In a three-ring binder. (Donation—Dorothy Messner)

Detailed genealogical information pertaining to the persons interred in the Binkley-Herr Cemetery, Manor Twp.; compiled by Janet R. Binkley, Oxford, Pa. In a three-ring binder. (Donation—Dorothy Messner)