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Manuscript Acquisitions:

Printed taufschein for Johannes Dissinger of Earl Twp. (Akron area), son of Jacob and Catharina (Phul) Dissinger, b. April 8, 1805. The taufschein form was printed by Samuel Baumann (Bauman/Bowman, 1788-1820) of Ephrata; it features a large central heart enclosing the primary text and flanked with tulips, perched birds, stars, etc. Beneath the central motif are a pair of leaping stags and a pair of small hearts enclosing printed German text. Though the pictorial elements of similar taufscheins were frequently colored in by hand, no such additions were made to this example. (Donation—Charlotte Putt)

The following manuscript items were donated by Jim Brodt:

Receipt written to Dorothy Caulwell Fasnacht by Ephrata Pontiac dealer Lloyd Wingenroth, November 11, 1950, for a new Pontiac: \$2,242.10.

Receipt written to Dorothy C. Fasnacht by Bud Hunt Motors, Inc., Ephrata, July 13, 1954, for a 1952 Studebaker: \$1010.00.

Receipt written to Dorothy C. Fasnacht by Ephrata Studebaker and Packard dealers John S. Butzer & Bro., March, 1959, for a new Studebaker: \$2,118.78.

Receipt written to "Fasnacht" by the Ephrata Service Center for auto repairs, April 14, 1947.

Lancaster County Tax receipt, March, 1953, written to Robert and Dorothy Caulwell Fasnacht and stamped by Ephrata tax collector Pearl Winters.

Photograph Acquisitions:

Carte-de-visite album missing its covers; the album contains 22 cartes-de-visite (Reading, Lancaster, Ephrata, Mauch Chunk, etc.) and two tintypes. Of the subjects, only one is identified: Rev. Stephen S. Schweitzer, pastor of (at the time the photo was taken) the Reamstown Reformed Charge. (In 1886 the charge was divided, and Rev. Schweitzer became responsible for the portion afterwards known as the Muddy Creek Charge. At the time of his death the charge included the Reformed congregations at Swamp, Muddy Creek, Lincoln, Ephrata [First Reformed], and Adamstown.) The album has a vague association with the Killian family, but nothing further concerning this is known. It includes among its unknown subjects a Civil War soldier, photographed at Fairfax Station, Virginia. (Donation—Dale Leber)

70 small snapshots documenting, from many vantage points, the construction of the Royer Building at the northeast corner of North State and East Main Streets, Ephrata, and the removal of the buildings formerly on the property. The photographs were taken between 1936 and 1938. The buildings which were removed were the existing Royer's Drug Store, a log building occupied by Charles Auto Supply and Schreck's Restaurant, and a structure to the rear of the log building, last occupied by tailor Albert Iannelli, which was ruined by fire in late June of 1936. Prior to its occupation by Charles Auto and Schreck's the

log building had housed, over the course of years, McVey's Restaurant, Eberly Bros. Shoe Store, Isaac Strohl's shoe repair shop, Jesse Jones' Restaurant, and the offices of Dr. Israel Groff and attorney Jacob L. Gross. (Donation—Joan Lynch)

The following photographs were donated by Bonnie Bates Stoll:

Mounted 5" x 7" photograph of O. Martin Lebo standing outside his grocery, general merchandise and "bicycle supplies" store, 225 Main Street, Denver, ca. mid-late 1920's.

Mounted photograph of the interior of O. Martin Lebo's general merchandise store, 225 Main Street, Denver, ca. mid-late 1920's; Lebo stands in the center of the room.

"Amos" Studio portrait of Margaret Isabel/Isabelle Bates at the age of one, ca. 1916; she was a daughter of Charles A. and Edna Mae (Hagen) Bates, of East Cocalico Township.

5" x 7" photograph of a Denver parade, ca. 1920. The marchers are crossing the railroad track on Union (today's Main) Street; the Wolf Building and Denver National Bank can be seen to the rear, with Marburger's Store beyond.

Mounted photograph of Denver School secondary students with teacher Mercy Hagy, ca. 1933-1935; students' names are listed on the reverse of the mount.

Small framed photograph of an unidentified older couple with a young boy, ca. early 1930's; the subjects may be Solomon and Ida (Lutz) Weinhold with a grandson, or other members of the extended family.

Rolled elongated photographs (3) of the employees of the Cinderella Knitting Mills, Denver, 1955, 1957, and 1960.

Rolled elongated photograph of the student body of the Denver Public School grouped outside the school building, n.d., ca. 1940.

Rolled elongated photograph of the student body of the Denver Public School grouped outside the school building, n.d., ca. 1930.

8" x 10" photograph, 50th reunion of the East Cocalico Vocational High School class of 1939, with class members (10) identified. The reunion was held at the Ephrata American Legion on May 20, 1989.

The following photographs were donated by the R.E.A.L. Youth Ministry:

Assorted photographs and documents pertaining to the Denver Bible Church (originally, and until March 30, 1961, The Open Bible Testimony), as follows; all materials were removed from the congregation's former church building at 239 Main Street, Denver.

Four 3 1/2" x 5" photographs of the church building at 239 Main Street, Denver, when newly acquired by The Open Bible Testimony; persons present to attend services are gathering outside. The congregation purchased the structure (shown from several angles) on July 19, 1937 from the heirs of John L. Bowman and the heirs of James R. Mercer.

Small photograph of The Open Bible Testimony's church building when recently acquired by the congregation, ca. 1937-1939.

Six 5" x 7" photographs of the church building of The Open Bible Testimony, February, 1953. The structure had apparently been newly remodeled, as one photograph is inscribed "Renovation" on the reverse and another is inscribed "New face."

Two small photographs of the front facade of The Open Bible Testimony during and apparently just following renovations; both are inscribed on the reverse "1952."

Small photograph of 10 men, women and children gathered outside The Open Bible Testimony; inscribed on the reverse "1954."

Two 5" x 7" photographs of the church building of The Open Bible Testimony, ca. mid-late 1950's. While one photograph is inscribed on the reverse "Feb 53" this appears to have been written in error, as these photos were taken at the somewhat later time than the set described above.

5" x 7" photograph of the front facade of the Denver Bible Church (formerly The Open Bible Testimony), May, 1982.

Three small photographs of persons engaging in activities at summer picnics of The Open Bible Testimony, ca. 1940's.

4" x 5" photograph of Walter Longenecker, John(?) Weaver, Gene Brubaker, and Ed Leeking, all associated with The Open Bible Testimony, ca. 1940's; the photo may have been taken at a summer picnic of the congregation.

5" x 7" portrait of Rev. Elias David Bressler, pastor of The Open Bible Testimony from 1938 through 1959; later, color portrait of Rev. Bressler; 2 3/8" x 3 1/2" portrait of Rev. Bressler.

8" x 10" photograph of Denver Vacation Bible School students at The Open Bible Testimony, 1941.

Small photo of Rev. Elias Bressler and two unidentified women "at [Rt.] 897 Gas Station," ca. late 1930's.

Seven 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" black and white photographs of persons attending various activities at the 45th anniversary celebration of the Denver Bible Church, May 23, 1982.

Seven assorted color photographs of persons attending different functions of the Denver Bible Church, ca. 1980's and early 1990's.

Artifact Acquisitions:

Painting, oil on textured board, by Ephrata artist James Ludwig Keller (1917-2003). The 25" x 48" painting depicts the artist's childhood home at 125 East Pine Street, Ephrata, looking southeast. The tracks of the Ephrata-Adamstown trolley run along the west side of the house, to the viewer's right, and a northbound trolley car is pictured on the tracks. The artist's mother, Jenny Snyder (Ludwig) Keller, stands on the home's front porch; a man, presumably the artist's father Harry L. Keller, works in the back yard, and the artist and his brothers, rendered as small children, wave to the trolley conductor from the sidewalk. An early auto travels west on Pine Street. Signed "James Keller"; the legend "my home / 125 E. Pine St / Ephrata, Pa." is painted beneath the house and street at the center of the lower portion of the

painting. The reverse of the board is inscribed in ink "This picture belongs / to James L. Keller / Harry L. Keller / home on Pine Street / Ephrata, Penna / year Oct 4 1925" and "James L. Keller / 139 Spruce St. / Ephrata, Penna." (Gift of the estate of Philip E. Keller)

Washbowl and pitcher from the Mt. Vernon Inn, Ephrata, purchased by the donor at an auction held at the hotel prior to its demolition. The white china bowl and pitcher, ornamented with raised molded scrolling, are marked "Cuban / W.E.P. Co." (West End Pottery Co.) (Donation—Nancy Grant)

Miscellaneous Print and Print Artifact Acquisitions:

Two small printed bills of sale for real estate and personal property belonging to the estate of Grace Anna Weidman of Schoeneck, April 1 and April 4, 1981. The auctions were conducted by H.H. Leid. (Donation—Lowell Haws)

Program, Pennsylvania German worship services held at Trinity Chapel, Reinholds. (Donation—Lowell Haws)

Swamp United Church of Christ (Reinholds) yearbook, 1985; two programs for Pennsylvania German services held at Swamp Reformed Church. (Donation—Lowell Haws)

List kept by Warren J. Slaymaker recording all the camps, towns and cities, and ports he passed through, visited or was stationed at during WWII. Slaymaker, a son of Milton M. and Sue Slaymaker, entered the service in November of 1944 and was discharged August 1, 1946. (Donation—Warren Slaymaker)

"Wissler's American" (E. Locust St., Ephrata) spiral-bound calendar, 1982. (Donation—Brenda Wangman)

The following print materials were donated by Bonnie Bates Stoll:

Copy of "The Denver Press," Vol. XL, No. 66 (January 10, 1930).

Photocopies of government reports, etc. prepared in connection with the loss of a B-24H bomber en route to the Markersdorf Airfield in Austria, August 23, 1944; among the crew members was Sgt. Harry V. Bates of Reinholds. The reports are accompanied by four 8" x 10" photos of the bomber prior to and during the attack which destroyed it.

2 c., commencement program, Cocalico Union High School Class of 1959.

Alumni leaflet, East Cocalico Vocational High School class of 1938, undated.

2 c., alumni leaflet, East Cocalico Vocational High School class of 1939, undated.

East Cocalico High School class of 1949 reunion/biographical leaflet, year unspecified.

Program, 44th annual banquet, East Cocalico Alumni Association, May 20, 1989.