

## **LIBRARIAN'S REPORT, MAY 2015**

### **Book Acquisitions:**

Goodling, Evans C., Jr. *Brecknock: Early History and Biographical Annals of Brecknock Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania*. Reading: Reading Eagle Press, 2015. (Purchase)

Wentz, Richard E. "Pennsylvania Dutch Folk Spirituality." Ephrata, Pa.: Pennsylvania German Society, 2014. (Benefit of membership)

### **Manuscript Acquisitions:**

Hand-scribed deed on vellum: Daniel and Elizabeth Good of Cocalico Township to innkeeper Samuel Groff of Brecknock Township, Lancaster County; 20 1/4 acres in Cocalico Twp., May 4, 1793. The property had previously belonged to the grantor's father (also named Daniel Good) who died intestate; shares were separately conveyed by several of the heirs of the estate to John Bitzer, and subsequently to the grantor. The deed was drawn up by justice of the peace William Smith, and bears his seals; signed by Daniel Good and (by her mark) Elizabeth Good. Unrecorded. (Donation—Romaine Stauffer)

### **Photograph Acquisitions:**

5 digital images created from photographs of the family register pages in the Bible of George M. Henly (b. 1856) and Amanda B. (Haagy) Henly (1857); the couple lived in Clay Township. The registers document the births of children Barton, Adam, Lyman, Cora, Even, Susan, Jacob, twins George and Samuel, Alice, Amanda, and Milton, born between 1880 and 1898. (Lent for photographing by Elmer Hirneisen)

### **The following photographs were donated by Martha Xakellis:**

Small photograph of Lizzie (Wenger) Gibble of Brunnerville as an elderly woman, reading her Bible and surrounded by bouquets of flowers, ca. 1940 or early 1940's. The subject, a native of Brownstown, was a daughter of Christian and Mary (Royer) Wenger and the wife of Cyrus R. Gibble.

Small photograph of Earl and Minerva Getz (Martin) Eberly and their children Ernest and Sharon, ca. 1960's. Minerva Eberly was a native of East Cocalico Twp., a daughter of E.W. and Minnie (Getz) Martin.

P.B. Koser (White Oak) cabinet card portrait of Ellen and John Ober as small children, ca. 1897; they were the daughter and son of Morris E. and Alice K. (Pfautz) Ober.

A.M. Lease (Lancaster) cabinet card portrait of Michael and Fianna E. (Pfautz) Witman of Warwick Twp., ca. 1895.

Lease (Lancaster) cabinet card portrait of Lizzie (Kline) Burkholder as a baby, ca. 1891; she was a daughter of Frank and Susan (Koehler) Kline.

Mounted portrait of Ida Studenroth, daughter of Jacob and Annie Kreider (Pfautz) Studenroth, as a small girl, ca. 1907. The subject married Nathan Kofroth/Koffroth.

Wm. Gill (Lancaster) cabinet card portrait of Samuel Kofroth as a young man, ca. 1888; the subject was a son of John A. and Emaline (Michael) Kofroth.

Small photograph of a woman holding a baby, ca. 1921; inscribed on the reverse "Minnie Heiser & Rufus Landis." Rufus is believed to have been a son of John F. and Katie R. (Spayd) Landis of Warwick Twp.

Group of small informal photographs of members of the Oscar and Elmer Spayd families of Warwick Twp.: Elmer and Margaret Antes) Spayd and daughter Virginia ("Tut"), ca. 1934; Katie Spayd and daughter-in-law Margaret Spayd, ca. 1936-1937; Katie Spayd and Virginia Spayd, ca. 1930; (2) Virginia Spayd eating watermelon with mother and grandmother, ca. 1932; school photo, Virginia Spayd, 1934; 3 assorted snapshots of Virginia Spayd, ca. 1928-1933. Virginia died in 1935 at the age of 8; Margaret Spayd died in 1937 at the age of 29.

**The following photographs were received from the estate of June Kissinger:**

Mounted photograph of Denver Public School 5th grade students with teacher Laura K. Garrett, 1933; subjects are identified.

2 copies of a real-photo postcard of two men in a light, open, horse-drawn buggy, one labeled "Uncle Abe and Grandpa"; the subjects are believed to be brothers Martin Eberly Kurtz of Denver and Abraham E. Kurtz of Lancaster.

Real-photo postcard showing two unidentified children in a pony cart; addressed to Martin E. Kurtz of Denver by L.F. (probably Lewis Franklin) Gemberling, Selinsgrove, Snyder County. Dated April 9, 1912; message reads: "Since school is closed and the days are getting nice and warm, thought maybe you would buy a pony for your daughter. Will sell the outfit for \$175.00 and I am sure you would never regret the day you bought him. If you intend coming up, let me know when, so I will be home."

Real-photo postcard showing two young women sitting on a pile of lumber, ca. early 1920's; the reverse is inscribed in pencil "My company. girl / Ruth Emsing and I taken right across from the [Denver] silk mill." The writer may be Mabel Kurtz, daughter of Martin E. Kurtz; Ruth Emsing is believed to be a daughter of Henry and Henrietta Emsing of Denver.

Real-photo postcard portrait, addressed to Mabel Kurtz of Denver, of a young woman; the reverse is inscribed "Photograph of / Thelma I. Kline / Age 16 years." The subject is thought to have been Thelma Irene Kline of Lehigh County, a daughter of George J. and Annie Kline.

Real-photo postcard portrait of Russell Schultz Kurtz, small son of Samuel E. and Florence Kurtz of Reading; postmarked December 24, 1908. Samuel E. Kurtz was a native of the Denver area, a son of Martin and Eliza (Eberly) Kurtz.

Real-photo postcard portrait of Waldo B. Nelson as a young man, ca. 1912-1913, Nelson was a native of Denver, a grandson of Monroe and Matilda Barry.

Small photograph of a man and woman standing in a lawn with a younger woman, ca. 1918; subjects are thought to be Martin E. and Katie (Gockley) Kurtz and their daughter Mabel.

Fritz Studio (Ephrata) real-photo postcard portrait of Fern Ulrich as a small girl, ca. 1928. The subject is thought possibly to have been a daughter of Irwin W. and Pearl G. Ulrich of South Heidelberg Twp., Berks County.

Real-photo postcard portrait of a young woman identified as Lizzie Fahnastick; the subject is believed to have been Lizzie (Fahnestock) Haldeman (1891-1937), a daughter of Samuel and Salinda (Gockley) Fahnestock of Ephrata Twp. and, later, Rapho Twp.

Real-photo postcard portrait (Reading) of Bertha and Stella Wentzel, believed to be the daughters of William and Kate Wentzel of Cumru Twp., Berks County, ca. 1910.

Real-photo postcard portrait of Bertha Wentzel, ca. 1908; real-photo postcard portrait of Bertha Wentzel, ca. 1912.

Real-photo postcard portrait of Stella Wentzel, ca. 1908; real-photo postcard portrait of Stella Wentzel, ca. 1909.

Real-photo postcard portrait of Iva S. and Elma S. Ruth, daughters of Amos E. and Emma E. Ruth of Shillington, Berks County, ca. 1918.

Real-photo postcard portrait of Elmeda Bard, ca. 1913-1915. The subject was a daughter of Henry W. and Lydia Bard of East Cocalico Twp.; she married Jerome W. Mellinger in 1919.

Real-photo postcard portrait of Erma Krick as a young woman, ca. 1920; the subject was a daughter of Wellington and Anna M. Krick of Shillington, Berks County.

Printed, unmailed postcard showing a view up Walnut Street, Denver; published by Harry S. Stick of Denver.

Printed, unmailed postcard showing a view of Union (Main) Street east of the railroad, Denver; published by Harry S. Stick.

Printed, unmailed postcard showing a view up Miller Street, Denver; published by Harry S. Stick.

Printed postcard, "West side Railroad Square," Denver; inscribed "Susan Bard." Mailed to Mabel Kurtz of Denver; postmarked June 22, 1907.

Real-photo postcard showing a view of Miller Street, Denver, ca. 1908; inscribed on the reverse "Martin Kurtz."

Real-photo postcard (color; three views) showing the interior and exterior of the Brownstown Restaurant. Published by James Dissinger of Brownstown; inscribed on the reverse "Nov. 1983."

**Miscellaneous Print and Print Artifact Acquisitions:**

Printed paperbound text of an oration delivered at the laying of the cornerstone of the original Ephrata Monument, predecessor of the current monument: Chandler, Joseph R[ipley]. "An Oration Delivered at the Laying of the Corner Stone of a Monument on Mount Zion in Ephrata, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, September, 11, 1845." Philadelphia: "Published by Request," 1845. 32 p.; signed on the front cover by the orator, Joseph Chandler. (Purchase)

Embossed Easter postcard illustrated with a rabbit carrying a bag of colored eggs, ca. 1908-1910; sent to Mabel Kurtz of Denver by her aunt Catharine Kurtz. (Bequest—June Kissinger Estate)

Embossed Christmas postcard illustrated with Santa Claus delivering toys, postmarked December 21, 1911; sent to Mabel Kurtz by her aunt and uncle, Alice and Abe E. Kurtz. (Bequest—June Kissinger Estate)

"American Bungalow," No. 85, Spring 2015; features an article on "Acorn Cottage," Spring Garden Street, Ephrata, the home of Philip and Susann Bishop. The house was built for Roland H. and Nan Garver in 1928.