

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT, JANUARY 2014

Book Acquisitions:

Ruth, Philip. "The Hollinger Ancestry of David Lee Hollinger." Produced in 2013; no other publication data. 32 p. (Donation—David Hollinger)

Ruth, Philip. "The Musser Ancestry of David Lee Hollinger." Produced in 2013; no other publication data. 33 p. (Donation—David Hollinger)

Scrapbook-type compilation entitled "Remembering Warren and Mary Hollinger / Life and Legacy." Includes 11 oversized leaves with printed graphics, upon which are scanned photographs, articles, printed family reminiscences, diary excerpts, etc. Warren and Mary Z. (Musser) Hollinger were married September 18, 1949 at Ephrata and established Hollinger's Farm Market at Lincoln in 1956. (Donation—David Hollinger)

Manuscript Acquisitions:

Postcard from Philip D. Keller, serving with the American Armed Forces in France, to his sister Carrie Minerva (Keller) Ingersoll, Chicago, Illinois, April 1919. The siblings were children of Thomas H. and Clara (Sturgis) Keller of Lititz and grandchildren of Henry and Mary Ann (Hibshman) Keller of Ephrata Township. (Donation—Gloria Keller)

Postcard from Philip D. Keller, serving with the American Armed Forces in France, to his brother-in-law Charles Ingersoll of Chicago, husband of Carrie Minerva (Keller), April 1919. Philip and Carrie were the children of Thomas H. and Clara (Sturgis) Keller of Lititz. (Donation—Gloria Keller)

Three postcards from Lewis R. Keller, serving with the American Armed Forces in France and Belgium, to his sister Carrie Minerva (Keller) Ingersoll, Chicago, Illinois, 1918 and 191_ [postmarks illeg]. The siblings were children of Thomas H. and Clara (Sturgis) Keller of Lititz and grandchildren of Henry and Mary Ann (Hibshman) Keller of Ephrata Township. (Donation—Gloria Keller)

Typed formula for artificially aging tobacco; attributed to Thomas H. Keller, Lancaster, and dated May 6, 1929. Typed recipe for cough drops, together in typed envelope with the foregoing. (Donation—Gloria Keller)

Farmers National Bank account book belonging to S. Curtis Fry and then maintained for his estate; entries date from February 24, 1905 through July 21, 1931. (Donation—Gloria Keller)

88 letters sent to family members and friends by Norman G. ("Bluie") Heft of Adamstown while in the Armed Services during WWII. Heft was a son of Martin G. and Carrie E. Heft; he was born January 25, 1910 and died in a work-related accident on January 9, 1947. Letters date from March 21, 1942 through October, 1945; recipients include Martin and Carrie Heft; Norman Heft's sisters Alta Heft and Ruth (Heft) Young; Harold and Ruth Young's small daughter Rosalind; neighbor Carl Gehman, of Adamstown; and (Christmas greeting) Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Peters, Adamstown. All the letters were transcribed by Rosalind

(Young) Buhman, and her typed transcriptions accompany the originals, along with scans of each piece of correspondence. (Donation—Rosalind Buhman and Eileen Sensenac)

10 postcards sent to family members and Mrs. and Mrs. Samuel Peters, 1942 and 1943. (Donation—Rosalind Buhman and Eileen Sensenac)

Assorted notices, identification cards, membership cards, etc., all belonging to Norman G. Heft: Lancaster County Selective Service Board No. 5 notice to appear for physical examination, May 1941; SS notices of classification, May and September, 1941 and February 1942; Lancaster County Selective Service Board No. 5 notice to appear for physical examination, January 1942; Selective Service card notifying Heft of the results of the exam, February 1942; card notifying Carried Heft of her son's acceptance into active military service, March 1942; Red Cross Medical Department identification card; pay data card for enlisted personnel, 1945; instructions for completing veteran application card; application for servicemen's readjustment allowance, 1946; notice of classification, February 1946; membership cards, American Legion Cloister Post No. 429; membership card, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Brendle-Coleman Post; "Cloister Legionaire," January, 1947. "Beachhead News" Souvenir Edition, October 15, 1944. (Donation—Rosalind Buhman and Eileen Sensenac)

U.S. Army honorable discharge issued to Norman G. Heft, Private First Class with the 93rd Evacuation Hospital, October 24, 1945; copy of same. U.S. Army separation qualification record, 1945. (Donation—Rosalind Buhman and Eileen Sensenac)

American Red Cross letter to Ruth (Heft) Young, March 12, 1948: "We wish to inform you that we have submitted your father's claim to the Veteran's Administration for their consideration. We will appreciate hearing from you when you have had some word from them regarding their decision . . ." (Donation—Rosalind Buhman and Eileen Sensenac)

Lease agreement between Susan E. (Mrs. Stephen) Schweitzer of Ephrata and James M. Krick of Mount Joy for a house and stable in Lincoln, April 1, 1892. (Donation—Cynthia Marquet)

Lease agreement between Susan E. (Mrs. Stephen) Schweitzer and Evan [signed "Evene"] Flory for a farm in West Cocalico Twp.; the lease was to run from April 1, 1887 until April 1, 1888. (Donation—Cynthia Marquet)

Small ruled composition book with entries recording the deaths and burials of Cocalico Valley-area residents and natives and also residents of Montgomery County, June, 1920 through December, 1921. Maiden names and other details are occasionally added; the compiler is unknown. (Donation—Reuben Horning)

The following manuscripts were donated by Dora Gentzler:

Deeds for the Arbegast's Bakery property, East Locust Street, Ephrata, as follows; these include some small additions to the primary tract.

Samuel and Susan Good to William M. Overly, 65 perches, March 9, 1886. Recorded in Lancaster County Deed Book S, Vol. 12, p. 131.

Amanda C. Heitler to William M. Overly, 13+ perches, November 19, 1877. Recorded in LC Deed Book S, Vol. 12, p. 129.

Agreement of sale, William Overly to A.M. Brubaker, house and lot on East Locust Street, February 28, 1907.

William M. Overly to A.M. Brubaker, 32 1/2 perches and house, April 1, 1907. Recorded in LC Deed Book T, Vol. 18, p. 170.

Conditions of sale, assigned estate of Abraham M. Brubaker, auctioned October 3, 1911; the property sold included the East Locust Street bakery. A newspaper sale bill accompanies the document.

Confirmation of sale, assignee of Abraham Brubaker to Dr. John F. Mentzer, Brubaker's East Locust Street real estate, October 16, 1911.

Deed: M.G. Weaver, assignee of Abraham Brubaker, to Dr. John F. Mentzer, foregoing 32 1/2 perch property, April 2, 1912. recorded in LC Deed Book A, Vol. 21, p. 289.

Deed: John F. and Lizzie Mentzer to the Farmers National Bank, foregoing property, April 4, 1912. Recorded in LC Deed Book A, Vol. 21, p. 291.

Agreement of sale, Farmers National Bank to John C. Arbegast, Brubaker Bakery property, September 20, 1912.

Deed: Farmers National Bank to John C. Arbegast, foregoing property, October 1, 1912. Recorded in LC Deed Book E, Vol. 21, p. 122.

Deed: John C. and Ella K. Arbegast to themselves as Tenants by the Entireties, foregoing property and an adjoining 14+ perch property acquired from Mary Elizabeth Spangler, May 15, 1948.

Deed: Amanda C. Heitler to Louisa Spangler, 14+ perches, Ephrata, March 31, 1885. Recorded in LC Deed Book C, Vol. 13, p. 575.

Deed: Louisa and William H. Spangler to Mary Elizabeth Spangler, foregoing property, January 25, 1910. Recorded in LC Deed Book F, Vol. 23, p. 585.

Deed: Mary Elizabeth Spangler to John C. Arbegast, foregoing property, November 12, 1917. Recorded in LC Deed Book F, Vol. 23, p. 587.

Photograph Acquisitions:

Carte-de-visite portrait (Rehn & Sons, Philadelphia) of Zacheus (also known as Zachareus) Killian of Ephrata Township, 1800-1875. Zachareus, a son of Philip Killian, was married to Hannah S. Bitzer; the couple are buried at Bergstrasse cemetery. (Purchase)

Mounted photograph of Arbegast's Bakery and the John C. Arbegast home, located on the south side of East Locust Street (131 E. Locust), Ephrata, where the D & E/Windstream parking garage now stands. An Arbegast's bakery wagon is included in the scene, and a portion of the smaller home at 127 E. Locust can be seen as well. (Donation—Dora Gentzler)

Late 20th or early 21st century color photograph of William Mohler's initials carved into the brick wall of the Israel Erb house at Erb's corner, Ephrata (today's Smithton Inn). At the time the initials were carved, in 1875, part of the house was occupied by tailor "Hen" Winters, to whom Mohler was apprenticed. (Donation—Nancy Shuman)

The following photographs were donated by Gloria Keller:

Portrait of Mary Ann (Hibshman) Keller, a native of Springville, Ephrata Township, ca. 1875; this is a somewhat later copy, on a Von Nieda Studio (Ephrata) mount, of the original photograph. The subject was a daughter of Henry and Hannah Hibshman and the wife of Henry H. Keller (1828-1854); she was born in 1830 and died March 14, 1899.

Portrait of Mary Ann (Hibshman) Keller, a native of Springville, Ephrata Township, ca. 1875; this is a somewhat later copy of the original photograph. The subject was a daughter of Henry and Hannah Hibshman and the wife of Henry H. Keller (1828-1854).

Cabinet card portrait of a young woman identified as "Grandma Keller," ca. late 1880's; the subject is thought to have been Clara (Sturgis) Keller (1858-1942), daughter of Julius and Sarah Sturgis of Warwick Township and wife of Thomas H. Keller.

"Payne" (Ephrata) cabinet card portrait of a woman identified only as "Waltman," ca. 1895-1896; the subject is thought to be Catharine Waltman (1833-1907) of Ephrata, wife of James Waltman.

"New York Gallery" (Reading) cabinet card portrait of a man identified only as "Waltman," ca. late 1880's. The subject is thought to be either James or Charles Waltman of Ephrata--both were sons of James and Catharine Waltman--or possibly Phares Waltman.

"Von Nieda" (Ephrata) cabinet card portrait of a young couple and small child, ca. 1890's; the man is thought to be a member of the Waltman family.

"Central Gallery" (Ephrata) cabinet card portrait of Mamie Waltman of Ephrata, daughter of James and Catharine Waltman, ca. 1894.

"Hafer" (Reading) carte-de-visite portrait of a young woman identified only as "Waltman," ca. late 1870's or 1880. The subject is thought possibly to have been Rosa Waltman, oldest daughter of James and Catharine Waltman of Schoeneck and, later, of Ephrata.

"Hafer" (Reading carte-de-visite portrait of an unidentified young woman, thought possibly to have been a member of the Waltman family, ca. late 1870's or early 1880's.

Two copies of a real-photo postcard of pigeons in an enclosed area; the cards are stamped "Compliments of P.M. [Phares Marshall] Waltman, Ephrata, Pa. / Breeder of English Carriers and Homers in all Colors."

Two copies of a small mounted photograph of Phares Waltman's pigeons, ca. 1905.

Two copies of a "McCaa Studio" (Ephrata) cabinet card portrait of Fanny B. (Mumma) Herr of Ephrata with Bessie Waltman, Lizzie Bickhart, and Mary Herr, ca. 1898. Mary Herr was the daughter of Fanny Herr and Jonas H. Herr; Lizzie Bickhart was the couple's foster daughter, and Bessie Waltman was the daughter of James and Ella Waltman of Ephrata.

Mounted photograph of Martin Kinports' cigar box factory, located to the rear of the Kinports home at 18 North State Street, Ephrata; the photographer is facing southeast down Poplar Alley towards North State. Portions of the Kinports house and the Dr. John Mentzer house at 16 North State can be dimly seen; employees are grouped outside the factory building.

Real-photo postcard showing the Ephrata Stone Quarry, operated by Charles L. Hatt, ca. 1910-1915. The view includes a horse and wagon and several quarry workers.

"Taylor & Brown" carte-de-visite portrait of a young man identified as W. Harry Patterson, ca. 1875-1885; the identity of the subject is otherwise unknown.

Cabinet card portrait of an unidentified man; the reverse of the mount is stamped "A.M. Breitegam / Ephrata, Pa." "Cummings" (Lancaster) carte-de-visite of the same subject.

"Payne" (Ephrata) cabinet card portrait of an unidentified mother and small child, ca. 1895-1896; the child holds a stuffed clown or similar toy.

"McCaa Studio" (Ephrata) portrait of an unidentified young man, ca. 1900; the reverse of the mount is stamped "Eberly Bros."

Mounted "Titus" (Ephrata) portrait of William K. Fishburn (1870-1936) of Ephrata, ca. 1910-1918.

Matted photograph of William K. and Mary J. (Keller) Fishburn of Ephrata and other members of the Fishburn and Keller families gathered at the rear of the Fishburn home at 5-7 West Main St., Ephrata, ca. 1920. Subject include Harvey Walter Fishburn, son of William and Mary Fishburn; Hannah Celeste Fishburn, daughter of William and Mary Fishburn; Caroline "Carrie" (Keller) Ingersoll (later Rote), sister of Mary Fishburn; Anna Fitzpatrick Keller, wife of Lewis Keller; Lewis Richard Keller, brother of Mary Fishburn; William Kemper Fishburn; Mary Elizabeth Fishburn, daughter of William and Mary Fishburn; Mary J. (Keller) Fishburn; and William Keller Fishburn, son of William and Mary Fishburn.

Real-photo postcard portrait of William Kemper Fishburn of Ephrata, ca. 1910-1915.

5" x 7" photo of the Ephrata Farm Supply Company, South State Street, ca. 1930's.

Mounted photograph of the costumed cast of a dramatic production, ca. 1915-1920; the participants and location are unidentified.

J.W. Von Nieda cabinet card portrait of a young boy, ca. 1887 or 1890; the subject has been identified as either Ralph Hull or Harry Carter. Ralph Hull was a son of Franklin W. and Elizabeth (Winters) Hull of Ephrata; Harry Carter was a son of Franklin Hull's half-brother, Robert M. Carter. Ralph was born in 1881; Harry was born in 1884.

Von Nieda Studio (Ephrata) cabinet card portrait of an unidentified baby, ca. 1880's; retained as an example of the photographer's portraiture.

Mounted photograph of a small boy and a hobbyhorse, ca. 1915-1920; the reverse of the mount is inscribed "Fannie / James."

Cabinet card portrait of a young man, thought to be Phares M. Waltman, ca. 1890.

Mounted tintype portrait of a young man, thought to be either James, Charles, or Phares Waltman; James, Charles and Phares were the sons of James and Catharine (Marshall) Waltman of Ephrata.

Matted "Ferree" (Ephrata) photograph of six young women dressed in white gowns and stars-and-stripes capes against a studio backdrop, ca. 1930.

Mounted McCaa Studio (Ephrata) photograph of 14 men and a young boy sitting and standing around a picnic table in a wooded area, with a tent to the rear, ca. 1910. Of the subjects, only Phares Waltman is identified.

Mounted 8" x 10" photograph of the Ephrata High School Football Team, 1946.

Unframed oval crayon (charcoal) photographic portrait of Phares M. Waltman, ca. mid-late 1880's.

Unframed, tattered crayon (charcoal) photographic portrait of Minnie W. Waltman, ca. mid-late 1880's.

Mounted photograph of Clara (Keller) Ingersoll Rote in the Lititz Springs Park, 1927.

The following photographs were donated by Joan and Joseph Lynch:

Group of small snapshots cut from a Weidman family photo album, as follows:

Photo of Miriam B. Weidman, as a young girl, ca. 1906-1908; Miriam was the daughter of Martin Ward Weidman and Minora (Bear) Weidman. This photo is on a paper (album) backing, and a second photograph is attached to the reverse. The second picture is of two young women outside Martin

Weidman's general merchandise store at Weidmanville, ca. 1914; one of the subjects may be Miriam Weidman.

Photo of Miriam Weidman, as a girl, outside her father's general merchandise store, ca. 1908.

Photo of five people, seen indistinctly, seated in the lawn at the Weidmanville store, ca. 1915-1918; subjects include Miriam and Willard Weidman; an unidentified woman thought to be their mother, Minora Weidman; Emma L. (Fry) Weidman; and Hetty (Landis) Bear.

Photo of a young boy with a bicycle outside the Weidmanville general merchandise store; the subject is thought to be Willard Weidman.

Photo of Martin Ward Weidman and Minora (Bear) Weidman seated outside the family's general merchandise store at Weidmanville, ca. 1910.

Photo of the general store at Weidmanville and photo of its lawn; there are two photos of unidentified young women on the reverse of the backing.

Real-photo postcard of five young women, one identified as Nancy Bucher, with knapsacks in the lawn of the Weidmanville store, ca. 1915-1916; John Bear Weidman and a collie dog lie at their feet.

A large collection of photographs from the WWII service years of Norman Heft were donated by Rosalind Buhman and Eileen Sensenac. These are to be further enumerated but include, among many others, a small photo of friends Harry Rudy and Norman Heft, reunited in Sicily, 3 copy photos of the same reunion, a photo of Pierce Fitterling and Norman Heft, both in uniform, shaking hands, and 5" x 7" (2) and 8" x 10" copies of a studio portrait of Norman Heft in uniform.

Artifact Acquisitions:

Unused Farmers National Bank of Ephrata account book, ca. early 20th century. (Donation—Gloria Keller)

Miscellaneous Print Acquisitions:

Program for 22nd annual banquet of Cloister Chapter No. 406, Order of the Eastern Star, November 14, 1947. The overleaf is illustrated with a colored Gustav Demuth (Demuthchek) sketch of God's Acre Cemetery, the Saron and Saal, the Almonry, and other Cloister buildings. (Donation—Harrison Moore)

Drawings and inscriptions of the three remaining stones in the Wohlfart Cemetery, burial place of Johann Wilhelm Ludwig Wohlfart; the burial ground is located west of Rt. 272 and south of Akron near the intersection of Millway and Cocalico Roads. (Donation—Martha Xakellis)

West Middle Creek School (Ephrata Township) souvenir leaflet issued to pupils by their teacher, Warren K. Fry, 1909; lists the names of students and includes an inset photograph of Fry. (Donation—Gloria Keller)

Memorial card for Dr. John F. Mentzer, issued by the Farmers National Bank of Ephrata, 1958: "With profound sorrow we announce the death on Thursday the Twenty-eighth of August . . . of John F. Mentzer, M.D. / who was associated with this bank since its organization in 1893 . . ." (Donation—Gloria Keller)

Funeral announcement card for S. Curtis Fry of Ephrata, d. March 12, 1931. Funeral announcement card for Catherine R. (Kline) Fry, wife of Curtis Fry, d. July 31, 1930. (Donation—Gloria Keller)

Funeral announcement and obituary for Phares M. Waltman of Ephrata, d. 1937. (Donation—Gloria Keller)

Funeral announcement card for Alice Anna (Kraatz) Doremus of Ephrata, d. March 12, 1923. (Donation—Gloria Keller)

Program for the 28th anniversary banquet of Ephrata Lodge No. 406, International Order of Odd Fellows, April 23, 1915. (Donation—Gloria Keller)

Ephrata High School senior class of 1948 class night program, held May 26, 1948. (Donation—Gloria Keller)

"This is Your Life" program leaflet for Dr. C.E. Miller of Ephrata, who carried on a medical practice in Ephrata from 1938 through (or until) 1980. (Donation—Gloria Keller)

The following Bentz family manuscripts were lent for copying by Fred N. Buch:

Deed between George Bentz and John R. Hess, two tracts of land in Elizabeth (later Clay) Township, 1853. Because this was a large-format deed and because it was recorded, only the essential information was copied. The deed can be found in Lancaster County Deed Book F, Vol. 8, p. 470.

Release: Christian, George, and Martin Bentz, Elizabeth Kline, Samuel and Lydia Hauck, and Catharine Bentz, heirs of Jacob Bentz, to John R. Hess for \$500.00 charged on a portion of the real estate now owned by John R. Hess, 1857. The real estate on which the lien was charged formerly belonged to Jacob and Margaret Bentz and then George Bentz.

Deed: Isaac and Mary Erb to George Bentz, 20 acres, 72 perches in Elizabeth Township, April 1, 1836.

Deed: Jacob Martin to Isaac Erb; five acres, eight perches in Elizabeth Township, formerly the property of Samuel and Elizabeth Kline, March 17, 1837.

Deed: Jacob Fry and Maria Erb, administrators of Isaac Erb, to George Bentz; five acres, eight perches in Elizabeth Township (same as the foregoing), February 5, 1839.

Draft of two adjoining tracts of land belonging to Jacob Bentz: eight acres, 108 perches and 55 perches, Cocalico Township; surveyed in 1809 by Jacob Hibshman.

Draft of two adjoining tracts of land belonging to George Bentz: 50 acres, 62 perches and fifteen acres, 33 perches, Elizabeth Township; surveyed in 1834 by Richard R. Heitler.

Draft of a 20-acre, 73-perch tract of land belonging to George Bentz, location unspecified, no date.

The following manuscripts were also copied from originals in the possession of Fred Buch, but were received at an earlier date:

Lancaster County Orphans' Court records, estate of Christian Bentz, 1791; includes report of administrators Peter and Maria Bentz and order of distribution to Jacob Bentz, Christina (Bentz) Rihm, Mary Bentz, and John Bentz.

Lancaster County Orphans' Court records, estate of Christian Bentz; valuation of real estate (50 acres in Cocalico Township) and acceptance of real estate at the appraised value by son and heir Jacob Bentz, January 12, 1791.

Release: Christian, George and Martin Bentz, Elizabeth Kline, Samuel and Lydia Hauck, and Catharine Bentz, heirs of Jacob Bentz of Elizabeth Twp., to Reuben Mohler, March 14, 1857.