

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT, JULY 2014

Manuscript Acquisitions:

Framed certificate of confirmation for Carrie M. Stork, Muddy Creek Evangelical Lutheran Church, May 14, 1910. Carrie, born in 1895, was the daughter of Charles K. and Bertha P. Stork of Adamstown. (Donation—Brenda Wangman)

Ephrata High School diploma issued to Leon Woodrow Weaver, Academic Course, 1938. (Donation—Joan Kachel)

Photograph Acquisitions:

8" x 10" photograph of the employees of the Ephrata Shoe Company, July, 1941. (Donation—Robert Dickersheid)

Mounted 4 5/8" x 6 5/8" "Fritz Studio" photograph of Steinmetz School pupils, 1924, with an unidentified teacher. (Donation—Robert Dickersheid)

Two real-photo postcard portraits of Charles Spohn Ansel of East Cocalico Twp., ca. 1912-1915; he was a son of Martin and Elizabeth (Spohn) Ansel. (Donation—Barbara Fichthorn)

Numerous color and black-and-white photographs taken by Frank E. Natale of New Holland at Camp Silver Belle on the grounds of the Mountain Springs Hotel, Ephrata, ca. early 1980's; the photos show various buildings, plantings, ceremonies, etc. (Donation—Mildred S. Natale)

Printed postcard showing a view down Main Street, Akron, 1960; shows Hicks' Restaurant and Oberholtzer's Store. (Donation—Irma Schlott)

14 small snapshots acquired by Victor Schlott of Akron while in Europe during WWII; three are marked with names or inscriptions. (Donation—Irma Schlott)

Artifact Acquisitions:

Small punched-paper (Bristol board) sampler, approximately 3" x 4 1/2", in a modern mount. The sampler is embroidered in stem and cross stitch with a house, trees, and picket fence, flanked vertically with the words "Sweet / Home / Lavinia / Leber / 1850." Lavinia was a daughter of Jonas and Salome (Line) Eby and the second wife of Martin Leber, a hotel keeper at Beartown, Caernarvon Township; Martin was a son of Jacob and Ann (Wright) Leber and a grandson of Col. John Wright, innkeeper at Ephrata. Lavinia was born March 12, 1822, and died May 9, 1877; she and Martin are buried in the Woodward Hill Cemetery in Lancaster. (Donation—Dale E. Leber)

Purple Heart medal awarded to Leon Woodrow Weaver, son of Raymond H. and Katie M. Weaver of Ephrata, lost with his ship (the USS Edsall) in February (declared date March 1), 1942 during WWII.

The medal, which has been placed in a small brass picture frame, is accompanied by the original corresponding certificate: "This is to certify that the President of the United States . . . has awarded the Purple Heart . . . to Corporal Leon W. Weaver . . . for military merit and for wounds . . . resulting in his death, 1 March 1942 / given under my hand . . . this 24th day of July 1947." Signed by Robert P. Patterson, Secretary of War. (Donation—Joan Weaver Kachel)

Items belonging to Brenda Leshar, b. 1941, a daughter of Charles S. and Caroline (Treisch) Leshar of Adamstown, as follows:

Pink enameled baby potty painted in enamels with a small dog.

Baby's hairbrush, Japan, with a celluloid backing/handle painted in enamels with diminutive flowers.

Baby's hairbrush with pink plastic backing/handle painted in enamels with diminutive flowers, made in U.S.

Pair of white leather baby shoes, worn.

Baby's lined, crocheted cap threaded with pink ribbon.

Blue cotton baby dress printed with small red and white ducks; has a ribbed white Peter Pan collar and ornamental placket, both appliqued with red bows.

(Donation—Brenda Leshar Wangman)

Two small unpainted metal sample banks (each two unjoined halves) said to be from the Ephrata Manufacturing Company on West Pine Street: circus lion, 5 3/8" high; "Billiken" figure (popular ca. 1908 into the 1920's), approx. 4 1/4" high. (Donation—Mike Moudry)

Framed charcoal-enhanced photographic portrait of Ida B. Witman, a daughter of Henry and Louisa Witman, ca. 1890. The subject was born in Cumru Township, Berks County on January 15, 1872 and was baptized at Gouglersville. By 1880 the family resided in Adamstown. Ida Witman died May 18, 1891, of typhoid fever, and is buried in the Muddy Creek Cemetery. The portrait is matted and in a pressed wood frame, painted deep brown, with a gold-painted inner fillet. The frame measures 22 7/8" x 26 3/4". (Donation—Barbara Fichthorn)

"Steffy Clan Reunion" 75th anniversary commemorative plate, 8 1/2" in diameter. (Donation—John and Charlotte Marxen)

"Steffy Clan Committee" enameled pinback button with ribbon, Keystone Badge Co., Reading. (Donation—John and Charlotte Marxen)

Maroon and silver Ephrata High School felt jacket patch, 1949. (Donation—Sandra Coldren)

"The 'Historical' Game of Ephrata Pennsylvania and the State of Pennsylvania"; the paper game board is printed "This Edition Sponsored By The Lincoln Elementary School PTA." Board, dice, tokens, and paper playing pieces are in a pasteboard tube. (Donation—Janice Fitch)

The following hats, all manufactured by the F & M Hat Company, were donated by Barbara Fichthorn:

Boy's black wool felt western hat, F & M Hat Company, modern.

Woman's black wool felt hat with black trim, modern, F & M Hat Co. manufacture, code #4384.

Woman's red wool felt hat with the "Lancaster" stamp used by the F & M Hat Co.

Man's "Park Royal" gray fedora, ca. 1960's, with tag bearing F & M code #4384.

Girl's pink wool felt western hat trimmed with ribbon, "Rockmount Ranch Wear," code 4384.

The following was received from the Lincoln Christian Home:

Time capsule (copper box, opened) from the 1964-1965 addition to the former Lincoln Elementary School, with the following contents:

- Hinged clear plastic box containing three 1964 Kennedy half-dollars; three 1964 quarters; three 1964 dimes; three 1964 nickels; and 26 1964 pennies.
- Piece of brown fabric with raw edges, significance uncertain.
- 5" x 7" photograph (faded), ca. 1964, of Lincoln teachers Mrs. Cyril Bechtel, Joan Henderson, Mrs. Leroy Weinhold, Edna Hoover, Edith Risser, Carla Foltz, and Mrs. Calvin Degler; school cooks Dorothy Andes and Dorothy Mertz; and school janitor Clarence Nolt.
- 2' x 3' American flag, Bull Dog Bunting Co.
- "Muscular Movement Writing" penmanship book (Macmillan, 1915, reprinted 1916) with an attached Post-it note reading "donated / Anna Lauver."
- Lists (in separate envelopes) of the pupils in each of the ten 1965-1966 Lincoln Elementary classes; names have been entered in the students' own hands. In addition, there are several similar lists and partial lists.
- Lincoln Elementary Parent-Teacher Association leaflet, 1964-1965 school year.
- Seven copies of the program for the Lincoln Elementary School dedication and cornerstone ceremony, October 23, 1965: "The new addition to this building consists of six regular classrooms, multi-purpose room, kitchen, library, principal's office, health room, teachers' room and lavatories."
- Handwritten 2 p. "History of Lincoln School."
- Minutes of the Ephrata Union School Board, October 28, 1963, together with bid prices for the Lincoln Elementary School addition from various contractors.
- Photo of Leroy G. Weinhold, principal of the Lincoln Elementary School for 31 years, until the 1961-62 school term; photo of first-grade teacher Anna (Mrs. Leroy) Weinhold; list of Mrs. Weinhold's pupils, year uncertain.
- Plan of the Lincoln Elementary School and its addition drawn by architect Elmer H. Adams, Reading; names of teachers have been added to their respective classrooms.
- Guest register, Lincoln E.S. addition dedication, October 23, 1965.
- By-laws, Lincoln Elementary Parent-Teacher Association.
- Copy of "The Ephrata Review," October 21, 1965.
- 1 p. typed history of the Lincoln Elementary School P.T.A.
- List of "platform guests," Lincoln E.S. addition dedication, October 23, 1965; lists of participants in cornerstone ceremony, n.d.
- Booklet of drawings produced by the second-grade students of Carla Foltz, 1964-1965.
- Booklet of "stories" produced by the third-grade students of Joan Henderson.

Miscellaneous Print and Print Artifact Acquisitions:

"Reformed News," Vol 24, No. 1 (September, 1944); "published in the interest of the Reamstown Charge." (Donation—Barbara Fichthorn)

"Teachers' Institute Manual of Lancaster County," 1913; lists teachers in each school in each county municipality. (Donation—Barbara Fichthorn)