

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT, MARCH 2014

Manuscript Acquisitions:

Deed between Edwin Konigmacher and Samuel Wolf, executors of Joseph Landes of Ephrata Twp., and Amos Fasnacht of Ephrata Twp. for a house and 26 acres in Ephrata Twp., April 1, 1861. The property was purchased by Landes from Michael D. Schnader in 1849. Unrecorded. (Donation—Robert Dickersheid)

The following print and manuscript items were received from Rowena Clough:

Christmas card signed by Theodore Sprecher of Ephrata, ca. 1950's.

Small ballot, East or West Cocalico Township, 1885, listing the names of candidates for judge, inspector, assessor, and assistant assessors.

Small three-ring binder album (modern) filled with postcards, Valentine's Day greetings, and calling cards. Most of the contents were received or generated by members of the extended Henry Smith Lausch and Emma (Redcay) Lausch family, and have been maintained in the order in which they were arranged. The album includes the following items:

2 valentines received by Naomi Adams of East Cocalico Township, a daughter of Harvey and Emma Adams, ca. late 1920's.

Valentine signed "Nevin & Rowena" [Lausch], ca. 1940's; the siblings were children of H. Martin and Naomi (Adams) Lausch.

2 valentines received by H. Martin Lausch of East Cocalico Township, 1921 & 1922; he was a son of Henry Smith Lausch and Emma (Redcay) Lausch.

6 valentines received by Frances R. Lausch of East Cocalico Township, ca. 1920's; she was a daughter of Henry Smith Lausch and Emma (Redcay) Lausch. Valentine received by "Miss Lausch."

Valentine received by Kathryn Lausch of East Cocalico Township, ca. 1920's; she was a daughter of Henry Smith Lausch and Emma (Redcay) Lausch.

Calling card of Harvey Steffy, in diminutive envelope with scalloped flaps.

Calling card of Lizzie Eckenroth. The card once had a die-cut overlay, which is no longer present.

2 Victorian calling cards of Harry M. Shimp, with die-cut overlays.

Victorian calling card of Henry S. Lausch; Victorian calling card of Jacob S. Lausch. Henry and Jacob were brothers.

4 Victorian calling cards of Sarah S. Lausch.

2 Victorian calling cards of Elsie A. Lausch, with die-cut overlays.

3 Victorian calling cards of Emma Redcay (2 with die-cut overlays); calling card of Mary Redcay. Emma and Mary were sisters, daughters of Martin Redcay and Elizabeth (Lutz) Redcay.

5 Victorian calling cards of Adam Redcay, a son of Martin and Elizabeth (Lutz) Redcay.

Victorian calling card of Henry Redcay, with embossed printed envelope; he is thought to have been a son of Martin and Elizabeth (Lutz) Redcay.

2 Victorian calling cards of Mrs. Elizabeth Redcay, with an embossed printed envelope.

2 Victorian calling cards of Pierce Redcay.

Victorian calling card of Martin Redcay, with die-cut overlay.

Victorian calling card of Eli L. Redcay.

Victorian valentine to "Miss Lausch" from "Mary H."

Group of five Christmas postcards, four received by Frances Lausch (ca. early 1920's) and one by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lausch (1928).

Three early 20th century birthday postcards sent and received by members of the Henry and Emma Lausch family.

Postcard sent from Cairo, Egypt to Kathryn Lausch at Millersville Normal School by Amanda Landes, January 21, 1921.

The following deeds, etc. were donated by Timothy Martin:

Deed, H.E. and Frances M. Romig to Dallas K. Hibshman, 97 perches in Ephrata Township, March 26, 1917. Recorded in LC Deed Book E, Vol. 23, p. 413.

Deed, Dallas K. and Hattie Hibshman to Christian B. Brown, 97 perches in Ephrata Township (same as foregoing), February 21, 1919. Recorded in LC Deed Book B, Vol. 24, p. 188.

Deed: Christian B. and Sadie Brown to Thomas Ramsey, 97 perches in Ephrata Township (same as above), September 13, 1919. Recorded in LC Deed Book X, Vol. 31, p. 146.

Deed: Martha Ramsey, widow of Thomas Ramsey, to Earl W. and Frances Witmer, 97 perches in Ephrata Township (above), September 8, 1934. Recorded in LC Deed Book X, Vol. 31, p. 147.

Deed, Jacob H. and Ida Black of Manheim to Thomas Ramsey, house and 31 perches in Ephrata Township, March 4, 1920. Recorded in LC Deed Book H, Vol. 24, p. 185.

Mortgage on the above property, Thomas Ramsey to Samuel L. Carpenter, March 6, 1920. Recorded in Book 198, p. 221.

Deed, Thomas and Martha Ramsey to Earl W. and Frances Witmer, house and 31 perches (same as above), October 15, 1932. Recorded in LC Deed Book D, Vol. 31, p. 404.

Agreement between the Conestoga Transportation Company and Earl W. Witmer of Ephrata Township, July 20, 1933; permits the laying of pipe to be used as a conduit for electric wires.

Photograph Acquisitions:

"James Cremer" (Philadelphia) carte-de-visite portrait of Elias L. Stark of Akron as a young man, ca. mid-1860's. The subject was a son of David and Annie Stark. (Donation—Clarence Spohn)

Folding leaflet containing five 2 5/8" x 4 5/8" photographs of scenes and settings from the David ("Spotlight Davey") Royer—Robert Brugger stage production "Ephrata Beautiful," 1916. The leaflet also includes an inset photo of Florence Marie Brugger, who sang Royer's "Cloister Town" during the production. (Donation—Bob Dickersheid)

Real-photo postcard portrait of Helen R. Reddig as a baby, ca. 1910; she was a daughter of Frederick and Alice (Binkley) Reddig of Reamstown and later married Marlin Smith. (Donation—Barbara Fichthorn)

Two real-photo postcard portraits of Raymond Lausch, ca. 1906 and 1910; he was a son of Benjamin and Lizzie (Binkley) Lausch of East Cocalico Township. (Donation—Barbara Fichthorn)

Real-photo postcard portrait of Anna Mae Brossman (1907-2001), daughter of Daniel and Katie (Biely) Brossman of Brecknock Township, ca. 1916; snapshot photo of Anna Mae Brossman (Anna Mae Brossman Sweigart) ca. 1927-1932. (Donation—Barbara Fichthorn)

Digital copy of a real-photo postcard of a Schoeneck baseball team, ca. 1910-1915; digital copy of a real-photo postcard of an unidentified Schoeneck baseball team player, ca. 1910-15. (Lent for copying by Robert Dickersheid)

Digital copy of a photograph of the members of Hopeland Post 701, P.O.S. of A., formally dressed and wearing sashes, ca. 1910. The location of the gathering is uncertain. (Lent for copying by Bob Dickersheid)

Four digital photographs of the former Widder Store (later the Ephrata General Store) at Murrell as it was being demolished in March of 2014. The store building stood on Rt. 322 just west of Pleasant Valley Road. One of the four photographs, which were taken by Stan Hall, was published in *The Ephrata Review* of March 12, 2014, along with an accompanying article. (Donation—The Ephrata Review)

Digital copy of a scan or photocopy of a portrait of Levi and Hattie (Rollman) Keith of West Cocalico Township, ca. 1921-1923. He was born in 1900 and died in 1974; she was born in 1901 and died in 1975. The couple are buried in the Fairview Cemetery, Denver. (Lent for copying by Larry Keith)

The following photographs were purchased on EBay:

Cummings (Lancaster) carte-de-visite portrait of a woman identified as "Marg. Bowman"; the subject is believed to have been Margaret (McCloud) Bowman of Ephrata (1831-1896), wife of John G. Bowman. She was the daughter of John and Mary McCloud, of West Earl Township.



Group of cartes-de-visite (and one tintype) taken from a photograph album by the seller; all subjects are thought to be members of the Samuel Y. and V. Elizabeth (Reist) Royer family. Subjects, apparently identified on the album pages, are as follows:

"Miss Royer," no further identification; the photographer was D.S. Von Nieda of Ephrata.

Annie Wolf (Rupp) Royer (b. 1855), wife of Milton R. Royer; the portrait was taken at B. Frank Saylor's studio in Lancaster.

Abraham R. Royer (1851-1893), son of Samuel Y. and Elizabeth (Reist) Royer; the portrait was taken by Thomas Cummings, Lancaster.

Fannie (Shaeffer) Royer (1852-1936), wife of Abraham R. Royer; the portrait was taken by Thomas Cummings, Lancaster.

Abraham R. and Fannie (Shaeffer) Royer; the photograph, possibly a wedding portrait, was taken by Thomas Cummings, Lancaster.



Isaac R. Royer (1846-1925), son of Samuel Y. and Elizabeth (Reist) Royer; the portrait, dated August, 1872, was taken by John T. Reading, Lancaster.

Small mounted tintype portrait of Phares R. Royer (1845-1873), son of Samuel Y. and Elizabeth (Reist) Royer; inscribed on the mount "Died April 2, 1873."

Susan Ella Royer (b. 1857), daughter of Samuel Y. and Elizabeth (Reist) Royer; the portrait, dated 1873, was taken by Thomas Cummings of Lancaster. Ella married Jacob H. Wissler.

"Miss Royer," no further identification; the photographer was Isaac S. Lachman of Pottstown.

Woman identified as "Aunt Fannie," with no further identification; the subject does not resemble Fannie (Sheaffer) Royer. The photograph was taken by B. Frank Saylor, Lancaster.

The following photographs were donated by Shirley Reider:

Four 3 1/4" x 4 5/8" black-and-white photographs, 1952, of pieces of china (Gaudy Dutch, Gaudy Welsh, etc.) sold by antique dealer Jacob M. "Jake" Borry of Ephrata.

Ten 3 1/2" x 5 1/8" black-and-white photographs, ca. 1950's, of china and glass (majolica, lustre, flow blue, etc.) sold by antique dealer Jacob Borry of Ephrata.

Two 3" x 3 1/2" black-and-white photographs, ca. 1950's, of china (majolica, Gaudy Welsh, etc.) sold by antique dealer Jacob Borry of Ephrata.

Eight assorted black-and-white photographs, ca. 1950's, of furniture pieces and china sold by antique dealer Jacob Borry of Ephrata.

The following photographs were lent for copying by Shirley Reider:

Photograph of Jacob Borry, Forrest McMullen, and two unidentified men at the Chicago Antiques Show, 1950.

Photograph of Sallie Marie (Leininger) Borry in the Borry home near Hopeland (cupboard and china to rear), ca. 1950.

Photograph of Jacob Borry in the Borry home near Hopeland, standing next to a cupboard filled with late Adams Rose china, etc., 1965.

Photograph of Forrest McMullen, Jacob Borry, ____ Wills of Akron and Irvin Koch of Reading, ca. 1950's.

Photograph of Samuel Yeagley of Annville and Jacob Borry in their booth at the White Plains, N.Y. Antiques Show, 1952.

Artifact Acquisitions:

German 1944 production Mauser Model 98 rifle, serial #5289, made by Waffenwerke Bruenn. The firearm has been drilled and tipped for a scope, the bolt handle has been altered to clear the scope, and the stock has been notched for the bolt handle. The rifle, which is accompanied by its original leather strap, was brought home from WWII by Charles W. Steffy, a member of Company D, 318th Infantry Regiment, 80th Infantry Division. A veteran of the Battle of the Bulge, he was a native of Reinholds, a son of Elam C. and Laura (Kockel) Steffy. (Donation—Ashley Steffy)

German WWII original style bayonet used with a Mauser rifle manufactured by Joseph Corts & Son. The bayonet, which is accompanied by its original scabbard and leather frog, was brought home from WWII by Charles W. Steffy. (Donation—Ashley Steffy)

German WWII RMZ marked SA or Sturmabteilung (Storm Detachment known as "Brown Shirt") dagger with original painted scabbard. (The Sturmabteilung was the original paramilitary wing of the Nazi party.) The dagger is further marked "M7/2," the code for Emil Voos Waffenfabrik, Solingen. It was brought home from WWII by Charles W. Steffy. (Donation—Ashley Steffy)

Korean War Eisenhower-style wool uniform jacket terminating in a waistband, and with double breast pockets, a staff sergeant's chevrons, and the sleeve insignia of the Fourth U.S. Army. The jacket, which has a serial number inscribed on the lining, belonged to Lloyd Mull; he was a son of Charles M. and Irene E. (Sharley) Mull, of Ephrata. (Donation—Lloyd and Henrietta Mull)

Two cotton khaki twill uniform shirts, Korean War, both belonging to Lloyd Mull of Ephrata. One shirt has a staff sergeant's chevrons on the sleeves and the insignia of the Fourth U.S. Army on the left sleeve; the other the insignia of the IX Corps. (Donation—Lloyd and Henrietta Mull)

Pair of dog tags and a Fifth U.S. Army insignia patch issued to Norman G. ("Bluie") Heft of Adamstown while in the Armed Services during WWII. Heft was a son of Martin G. and Carrie E. (Peters) Heft; he was born January 25, 1910 and died in a work-related accident on January 9, 1947. (Donation—Rosalind Buhman and Eileen Senesac)

Two sheer handkerchiefs, each embroidered with a shield-bearing eagle flanked with the words "Sister" and "USA"; presumably purchased by Norman Heft for his sisters Alta Heft and Ruth (Heft) Young. (Donation—Rosalind Buhman and Eileen Senesac)

Three handkerchiefs, all souvenirs acquired by Norman Heft: sheer white handkerchief embroidered with French, British and American flags and the word "Souvenir / France"; lace-trimmed white handkerchief embroidered with French flags and twining foliage; lace-rimmed white handkerchief embroidered with a rose and foliage. (Donation—Rosalind Buhman and Eileen Senesac)

American flag presented to the Ephrata Chapter of the American Business Women's Association by Pennsylvania State Senator Noah W. Wenger, and accompanied by a printed note: "This flag was flown over the Capitol Building in Harrisburg on August 15, 1990, at 2:30 a.m." (Donation--Ephrata Charter Chapter, ABWA, disbanded)

Miscellaneous Print Acquisitions:

Photocopies created from a World War II scrapbook kept by Harold Bingeman, a native of Hopeland and later a resident of Ephrata. Bingeman was inducted in 1943 and was discharged in January, 1946; he served with the 287th Field Artillery Battalion, participating in the invasions of the Philippines and Okinawa. The original scrapbook contained additional materials, including published articles and photographs of unit reunions, which were not copied. (Donation—Harold Bingeman)

Graduation invitation, Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery, Class of 1893, February 28, 1893. With card of graduate J.D. (John Durey) Hertz, son of Dr. D. Rhine and Elizabeth (Hibshman) Hertz of Ephrata, and in two envelopes addressed to them. After his graduation Dr. J.D. Hertz moved to Stamford, Ct. and carried on his practice there. (Donation—Robert Dickersheid)

"Historical Happenings" (newsletter of the Caernarvon Historical Society), Spring, 2014. The newsletter features an article, by Dawn Rise Ekdahl, on the history of the mansion at Spring Grove Forge in East Earl Township. The mansion was constructed by ironmaster Cyrus Jacobs in or around 1790 and later enlarged. (Donation—Caernarvon Historical Society)

The following print items were donated by Shirley Reider:

Small printed sale bill for an antique auction held jointly by Jacob Borry and Robert Lausch, both of Ephrata, May 14, 1945.

Two copies, printed receipt/billing form, partners F. McMullen (Reading) and Jacob Borry. ca. 1940's or 1950's.

Two copies, printed receipt/billing form of Jacob M. Borry, job printing, Cherry Street, Ephrata, ca. early-mid 1960's.

Photocopy of an article on Jacob Borry's auction house, "Numismatist," May, 2004.