

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT, JULY, 2013

Manuscript Acquisitions:

"Cross-Legged Angel Artist" taufschein (conserved, and in a later frame) executed for Jacob Frey, b. 1812, a son of Jacob and Maria Frey of Cocalico Township. Done in the artist's traditional style, with an angel standing with crossed legs and flanked by a pair of birds perched in tulips above the text; the borders are filled with wavy lines, twining foliage, and several prominent flowers. Colors used include ochre-yellow, orange-red, and muted greens and browns. The frame measures 18 5/8" x 21 3/8"; the taufschein itself measures approximately 13 1/2" x 16 1/2". The inscription is primarily printed in fraktur-style lettering, with the names, dates, and details added in script: "Diesen bey de ehgatten als Jacop Frey und / seiner ehlichen haus frau Maria ist ein Sohn / Jacop zur welt gebohren als ist zuer welt gebohren / im Jahr unsers Herrn Jesu 1812 den 9 den November tag / um 3 uhr nachmittag im Zwilling zeichen de Tauf zeigen / war Vater und Mutter. / Mith in den Gnaden bund Gottes ein ver leibet / und von Herrn Pwawfer [Pfarrer] prediger und diener des worts / Gottes den 2 den May Tag getauft und genennet / worden wie oben gemeldet oben gemeldete ist / gebohren in America im staat Pennselvani / in Lancaster Counti in Cocalico Taunschip." (Donation—Charlotte Putt)

Card issued to Solomon Rupp Leshar as a member of the Police Reserve Corps of the United States Citizens' Defense Corps, June 30, 1942. (Donation—Brenda Wangman)

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Public Instruction certificate of perfect attendance issued to Caroline Treisch (b. 1919), a daughter of W. Scott and Lottie Treisch, with stamps or seals for the years 1929, 1935, and 1936. (Donation—Brenda Wangman)

Signed agreement, October 2, 1970: "We the undersigned [Solomon R. Leshar, Carrie M. Leshar] have received from Samuel H. Stork, Myrtle M. Musselman, Jocelyn M. Heft, Homer H. Stork, and Betty O. Woods, Co-Partners trading as Hope Hosiery Mills, Adamstown, Pa., the sum of \$800.00 . . . for a tract of land . . ." (Donation—Brenda Wangman)

Note to Henry Keller Mohler, 1907 graduate of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, May 11, 1907, from the Secretary of the Alumni Association : "You have been awarded the Alumni Gold Medal, and also Prize Certificate on General Pharmacy. Please be present at the reception on Monday evening next to receive same." (Donation—Alicia Mohler Boyd)

The following manuscripts and related materials were donated by The Hershey Story: the Museum on Chocolate Avenue:

Teacher's reports (2 leaves) from Mohler's School, Ephrata Township, 1866 and 1869; completed by William M. Overly and John K. Royer, respectively. Each report lists the school's male and female pupils, records of attendance, books used, and average scores in the various branches of study. (NC1368)

The following items belonged to William Keller Mohler (1858-1949) of Ephrata, a tailor, and were used or generated by him in conducting his trade:

Softcover tailor's measurement book, inscribed in pencil inside the front cover "Measures 1881 in Gordonville." The book was printed specifically for the purpose for which it was used, with various measurements to be entered for each customer. The men whose names are entered appear to be mainly from Caernarvon and Earl Townships, Lancaster County. (A480)

Tailor's measurement book, undated, in marbled boards; the book is filled with penciled entries recording the waist, chest, hip, sleeve (etc.) measurements of many male citizens of Ephrata and the surrounding community. 20 cm. (2009.18.6)

Tailor's measurement book, undated, in marbled boards; the book is filled with penciled entries recording the waist, chest, hip, sleeve (etc.) measurements of many male citizens of Ephrata and the surrounding community. 22 cm. (A1208)

Tailor's measurement book, undated, in marbled boards; the book is filled with penciled entries recording the waist, chest, hip, sleeve (etc.) measurements of many male citizens of Ephrata and the surrounding community. 21 cm. (A1203)

Tailor's measurement book, in marbled boards; dated on the first page April 1, 1884. The book is filled with penciled entries recording the waist, chest, hip, sleeve (etc.) measurements of many male citizens of Ephrata and the surrounding community, with occasional additional notations. 22 cm. (A1205)

Tailor's measurement book, in marbled boards; dated on the flyleaf December 30, 1902. The book is filled with penciled entries recording the waist, chest, hip, sleeve (etc.) measurements of many male citizens of Ephrata and the surrounding community, with occasional additional notations. 22 cm. (A1206)

Tailor's measurement book, in cloth covers; dated on the first page 1903. The book is filled with penciled entries recording the waist, chest, hip, sleeve (etc.) measurements of many male residents of northeastern Lancaster County, with occasional additional notations. 25 cm. (A477)

Tailor's measurement book, in cloth covers; dated on the first page 1911. The book is filled with penciled entries recording the waist, chest, hip, sleeve (etc.) measurements of many male residents of Ephrata and northeastern Lancaster County, with frequent additional notations. 103 of 300 pages are filled. 25 cm. (A1207)

Small leather-bound book labeled on the front cover lining "Papa's helpers wages"; records payments to Will Resser (?), Richard Fisher and Alice (Mrs. Horace M.) Fry for making pants and vests. Entries begin June 25, 1887 and continue through July of 1904. (A478)

Small leather-bound memorandum book containing several sorts of entries, the opening page dated May 6, 1876; contains among other things accounts with Henry Winters and John Seldomridge and accounts with persons apparently paid for piecework: Mrs. William Shimp, Louisa Hawk, Alice Dietrich, Henry Hower. Assorted other accounts, most dating to the 1880's, appear as well. 15 cm. (2009.018.0001)

Account book, in marbled boards, the opening page dated April 4, 1882. Ledger-type entries record the sales of fabrics, buttons, thread, etc. to Ephrata-area men; a separate section records charges for making and repairing items of clothing, again for Ephrata-area clients. Entries continue through June, 1890. 30 cm. (A1204)

Account book, in marbled boards, the opening page is dated April 1, 1890. Entries, which record charges for making and repairing items of clothing for Ephrata-area clients, continue through October 8, 1894. 32 cm.; 145 pages. (2009.018.0005)

Account book, in leather-tipped cloth covers; the opening page is dated October 27, 1894. Entries, which record charges for making and repairing items of clothing for Ephrata-area clients, continue through July 23, 1900. 31 cm.; 101 pages. (2009.018.0004)

Account book, in leather-tipped cloth covers; the opening entry is dated July 24, 1900. Entries, which record charges for making and repairing items of clothing for Ephrata-area clients, continue through December 22, 1923. A few additional ledger-type entries continue in the back of the book. 32 cm.; 200 pages. (2009.018.0003)

Ledger, in leather-tipped cloth covers; entries appear to date from 1884 through approximately 1904, with a few which are later. These are followed by daybook-type entries dating from September 26, 1923 through December 17, 1938, with one later entry. There are some unfilled pages. 32 cm; 251 pages. (2009.018.0002)

Certificate issued to William K. Mohler by the American Tailor Cutting School, New York City, March, 1882: "Mr. W.K. Mohler has fulfilled the regular course of instruction in cutting Gentlemen's Garments . . ." The certificate is accompanied by its original 12" x 14 5/8" frame. (1986.003.0945 A-B)

Fabric sample book, J.L. Taylor Co. (New York, Chicago), 1928-1929. The book originally contained samples of wool fabric, all of which have been removed from the pages; a number of color plates showing men's suits and overcoats remain. 57 cm. (2009.012.0456)

Photograph Acquisitions:

Mounted photograph of Rev. W. Scott Brendle with a confirmation class, May, 1940; Rev. Brendle was pastor of the Reamstown Reformed Charge. The subjects are all identified: June

Kissinger of Denver, Marian Hagy of Denver, June Heister, Robert and Josephine Oberholtzer of Denver, Andrew Ludwig, John Bitler of Denver, Mary Alice Sweigart of Denver, and Betty Epler of West Cocalico Twp. (Donation—Bob Dickersheid)

Mounted "Wolfe" photograph of Hopeland Primary School students with teacher Allen P. Miller, November 17, 1926. (Donation—Bob Dickersheid)

Photograph with 22 cameo portraits of Denver Public School fifth-graders, 1928-1929, with identifications. (Donation—Bob Dickersheid)

Mounted photograph of Denver Public School third-graders with teacher Helen Crouse, 1926-1927, with identifications. (Donation—Bob Dickersheid)

Mounted "Blue Lantern Studio" photograph of a wedding party assembled outside the Ream Memorial Lutheran Church, Denver, 1927. The bride and groom were Martin L. Nissley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin M. Nissly, and Bertha M. Kessler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Kessler; the presiding minister was Rev. W.R. Knerr. A newspaper article describing the wedding is taped to the reverse of the mount. (Donation—Bob Dickersheid)



Digital copy of a photograph of costumed leading participants in a fox chase assembled outside the Denver House, ca. 1910. (Lent for scanning by Bob Dickersheid)



Mounted and framed Steel's Studio photograph of children and young men and women associated with Swamp Reformed Church, Reinholds; the group is posed outside the church building with Rev. Martin Schweitzer. Ca. 1930; there are no identifications. (Donation—Ashley Steffy)

Small tintype of three women and a man; none are identified, but they are thought to be members of the Treisch family of the Hinkletown area. (Donation—Brenda Wangman)

Von Nieda Studio cabinet card portrait of Lewis (1835-1915) and Annie (Hart) Sheaffer of the Hinkletown area. (Donation—Brenda Wangman)



(Digital and paper copies) Usner family grouping at Rossmere (Lancaster), January 5, 1902, with identifications. One subject is Elias Usner (1834-1906), a son of Christian and Elizabeth (Ludwig) Usner of West Cocalico Township. (Donation—Jim and Lou Tshudy)

(Digital and paper copies) Guests gathered for the 66th birthday celebration given for Thaddeus Stevens Bare of Brownstown, 1924; the subjects are identified. Bare was a West Earl Township sheriff for 30 years. (Donation—Jim and Lou Tshudy)

Photograph (copy) of Sgt. Harry M. Adams of Lititz standing between Generals Dwight D. Eisenhower and George S. Patton, Luxembourg, probably December, 1944. Adams served with the Medical Detachment, Special Troops, Third U.S. Army. Coming upon the generals, he asked whether he could be photographed with them, and they agreed. According to his recollection Eisenhower said to Patton, "Move over; let the Sergeant in the middle." The photograph is framed with a copy of a letter to Adams on the stationery of the Office of the Commanding General, dated September 20, 1945: "I am enclosing herewith your photographs which General Eisenhower was happy to autograph." The photo was signed by both Eisenhower and Patton. (Donation—Harry M. Adams)

Artifact Acquisitions:

Waterbury eight-day schoolhouse wall clock, "Digby" model, in a 28"-long octagonal pressed-oak case with decorative floral moldings. Brass movement; the dial (paper, Arabic numerals) has been replaced. The rectangular glass pane over the pendulum box is painted, in gold with black shadowing, "KREIDER / The Jeweler. / EPHRATA, PA." The original paper label with the model name is affixed to the back of the case, along with instructions for setting, winding, etc.

The J.M. Kreider Jewelry Store was located at 30 East Main Street and operated for approximately 20 years, closing around 1927. Before coming to Ephrata the proprietor, J. Monroe Kreider, operated a jewelry store in Denver and served on the Denver Borough Council. (Purchase, with a portion of the purchase price offset by Clarke Hess)

"Eberly Buick" advertising yardstick, ca. late 1950's or 1960. Painted bright yellow; printed inscription reads "'The Newest Buick Yet' Eberly Buick Ephrata, Pa. Phone RE 3-1215." (Donation—Virginia Botchoff)

"Nissley Bottled Gas" advertising yardstick, ca. late 1950's or 1960. Unpainted; printed inscription reads "Ephrata RE 3-2268 - Nissley Bottled Gas, Inc. - Myerstown UN 6-4122." (Donation—Virginia Botchoff)

"Lehigh Cement" advertising blotter distributed by the Denver Supply Company, Denver, Pa. (Donation—Rowena Clough)

Brass Social Security card issued to Solomon Rupp Leshner of Adamstown, 1892-1980.
(Donation—Brenda Wangman)

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"R. Heinisch" tailor's shears stamped "Latest Patent 1859" on the brass bolt cap; 14 5/8" long. Belonged to tailor William Keller Mohler, of Ephrata. (1986.003.0942)

Tailor's brass-capped wooden rule, 45" long and 1 1/2" deep; belonged to William K. Mohler of Ephrata. (1986.003.0939)

Tailor's brass-capped wooden sleeve measure, 24" long on a curve; 25" long measured straight; belonged to William K. Mohler of Ephrata. (1986.003.0940)

Tailor's wooden square with a brass corner and angle bracket, 15" x 24"; belonged to William K. Mohler of Ephrata. (1986.0003.0941)

Man's open-faced coin silver pocket watch on a brass chain, the dial printed "Lancaster, Pa."; belonged to William K. Mohler of Ephrata. (NC1293)

Miscellaneous Print Acquisitions:

Program, 86th annual commencement of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, May 16, 1907. Lists honors and awards, several of which were procured by graduate Henry Keller Mohler. Mohler, a son of William and Amanda (Keller) Mohler of Ephrata, was awarded the Proctor Prize for the highest general average of the class. (Donation—Alicia Mohler Boyd)

Announcement, 86th annual commencement of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, May 16, 1907, with baccalaureate services program and class officers. (Donation—Alicia Mohler Boyd)

American Journal of Pharmacy, Vol 114, No. 4 (April, 1942); includes a memorial tribute for Dr. Henry K. Mohler (1885-1941), who was, when he died, the Dean of Jefferson Medical College. Mohler served as Medical Director of Jefferson Hospital from 1914 until 1938. His portrait is on the journal's front cover. (Donation—Alicia Mohler Boyd)

Directory of Church Organization, Ephrata Church of the Brethren, 1968 and 1969. The directories include budgets, calendars of church activities, deacons and officers, committee heads, choir members, advisors, teachers, superintendents, etc. (Donation—Randy Newcomer)

"The Friend for Boys and Girls" (Publication of the United Brethren Church), May 23, 1909. The front cover of the publication features a photograph of the members, all young men, of the "Wide-Awake" Class, No. 3, of the First United Brethren Church of Ephrata. (Donation—Bob Dickersheid)

Issues of the "Cocalico Eagle" (Cocalico Union High School newsletter), Vol. 1, No. 1 (October 21, 1955) through Vol. 4, No. 6 (complete run). (Donation—Brenda Wangman)

Program for the 100th anniversary services of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Adamstown, April 25, 2010. (Donation—Brenda Wangman)

Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church (Reinholds) 200th anniversary window memorial booklet, 2006. (Donation—Brenda Wangman)

The Bollman Chatter (Geo. W. Bollman & Co. newsletter), Vol. 19, No. 1 (March, 1979). (Donation—Brenda Wangman)

Zoning Ordinance for Adamstown Borough, prepared for the Borough with the assistance of the Lancaster County Planning Commission, 1971. (Donation—Brenda Wangman)

Form letter from the Adamstown Athletic Association to potential donors, soliciting funds for the renovation of the former Adamstown Church of Christ building for a recreational facility, n.d. Plans for the renovations are attached. (Donation—Brenda Wangman)

East Cocalico High School alumni directory, 1955. (Donation—Brenda Wangman)

Program, 50th reunion, East Cocalico High School class of 1947, May 10, 1997. (Donation—Brenda Wangman)

Team lineup rosters, Cocalico Union High School (2); produced for games against Ephrata High School, 1956, and Governor Mifflin High School, 1960. (Donation—Brenda Wangman)

Ephrata High School commencement invitation, 1925, with the card of graduate Frances R. Lausch. Also inserted in the invitation is a small card with a hand-written inscription reading "Class Day / June 2, 8 P.M. / Grand Theatre." (Donation—Rowena Clough)

Extensive genealogical data, in digital form, concerning the descendants of Valentine (1726-1783) and Anna Nissley (b. 1727) Mentzer of Lancaster County; Valentine, born in Switzerland, was a son of Yost and Anna Maria Schollenberger Metzler. (Donation—Jim and Lou Tshudy)