

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Photograph Acquisitions:

Photograph of the farm field outside Reinholds on which the Springside Par 3 Golf Course is now located, 1933. (Donation—Gladys Eckenroad)

Photograph of Trinity Chapel, Reinholds, ca. 1920's; superintendent Irwin Kegerise stands on the front steps. (Donation—Gladys Eckenroad)

Stoner Studio photograph of male Franklin Elementary School students (4th, 5th, 6th grades?), Ephrata, 1936. (Donation—Dale Leber)

Stoner Studio photograph of male Franklin Elementary School students (4th, 5th, 6th grades?), 1937. (Donation—Dale Leber)

Miller Studio photograph of the interior of a Franklin Street Elementary School classroom with students and teacher, ca. 1936-1937. (Donation—Dale Leber)

Photograph of Carl Fuehrer, John Krick and William C. Irvine at a gathering of representatives of Pennsylvania boroughs, Harrisburg, 1960. (Donation—William Irvine)

Copied image of Hertzog's Garage, Church Street, Ephrata; the garage later housed Benny Bishop's auto dealership. (Donation—James Tshudy)

Color photograph of John Heistand and long-time Ephrata Burgess Lloyd Gerhart, ca. 1990's; photograph of Gerhart alone on the same occasion. (Donation—William Irvine)

The following scanned images were produced from originals lent by Jim Freeman:

- Bethania (Brothers' House), Ephrata Cloister, 1900.
- Fahnestock's Mill, Middle Creek Road, Ephrata Twp., 1900.
- God's Acre Cemetery, Ephrata Cloister, with the Parsonage, etc. to the rear, 1900.
- Grounds of the Ephrata Cloister, overview, 1900.
- Saron and Saal at the Ephrata Cloister, 1900.

The following scanned images were produced from originals lent by Rhoda Smith:

- Mounted Edwin Fritz photograph of Akron High School students, or, more likely, graduates, ca. 1918; this may be a reunion gathering.
- Color photo of the former West Akron School building, ca. early 1960's; the building was demolished in the mid-60's.
- Color photograph of the bell which formerly hung in the West Akron School building and is now at the present-day Akron Elementary School.

The following scanned images were produced from originals lent by Eric C. Miller:

- Portrait of John H. and Susanna (Fidler) Miller of Hopeland with children Henry Milton, Clayton G.F., Rebecca, Mary, and Allen P. Miller; taken from a carte-de-visite, ca. 1875.
- Portrait of Rev. C.G.F. Miller, son of John H. and Susanna (Fidler) Miller, as a young man.
- Portrait of Rev. C.G.F. and Laura (Erb) Miller; she was a daughter of Hiram L. and Salinda (Becker) Erb of Clay and Lebanon County.
- Portrait of Hiram Erb (Sr.) of Clay, ca. 1880-1882.
- Informal photo of Salinda (Becker) Erb on the porch of her home, Richland, Lebanon County, ca. 1910.

Photograph of the barroom of the Denver House, ca. 1937, with bartender Frank Bachel and customers Harry Wolfskill, Russell Derr, Elwood Gerhardt, Stuart Mohn, Harold Troutman, Pat Hoaster, and Lester Fichthorn. (Donation—Robin Taylor)

Set of twelve 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" black-and-white photographs of persons attending the Denver Day celebration in the Denver Park, 1963. (Donation—John Bitler)

Series of twelve negatives and corresponding digital prints of the Denver Railroad Station just prior to its demolition, which took place in 1971. (Donation—John Bitler)

Digital print of the demolition of the former Denver Fire Hall, 1964. (Donation—John Bitler)

Real-photo postcard showing the Mt. Vernon Garage, South State Street, Ephrata, ca. 1920's. (Donation—Miriam Lausch)

Four mounted photographs (Fritz Studio, Miller Studio, etc.) of Akron Public School students grouped outside the school building, ca. 1920's. (Donation—Thomas Hackman)

Mounted Harry Stoner photograph of Akron High School students, 1933. (Donation—Thomas Hackman)

2 mounted photographs of Akron Public School elementary students, ca. 1917-1921. (Donation—Phyllis Steierwald)

2 mounted photographs of Akron High School students, ca. 1925-1928. (Donation—Phyllis Steierwald)

Mounted Fritz Studio photograph of renovations to a main wing of the Walter W. Moyer Underwear Company, Ephrata, ca. 1920's. (Donation—Harold J. Moyer)

The following photographs were donated by Jean Hummer:

- Three snapshots of Harold W. Bard, as a child, on his parents' farm in what is now the Middle Creek Wildlife Management area, Clay Twp., ca. 1911-1912; he was a son of Jacob and Mary (Walter) Bard.
- Snapshot of Harold W. Bard, as a small child, and his mother Mary (Walter) Bard, ca. 1911-1912.
- Snapshot of Mary (Walter) Bard with a flock of chickens, ca. 1911-1912.
- Snapshot of an unidentified family grouping, ca. 1910-1915; subjects include Mary (Walter) Bard.
- Snapshot of Roy Noll, Harold W. Bard, and an unidentified child, ca. 1911-1912; similar photograph of Roy Noll and the third child.
- Snapshot of Harold W. Bard and three unidentified children, ca. 1916-1917.
- Memorial card, with inset portrait, for Allen Walter, 1877-1912.
- Two 8" x 10" photographs of the directors of the Farmers National Bank in the bank's board room, ca. 1960; subjects include Galen N. Barry, Harold W. Bard, William R. Good, John S. Butzer, C.R. Minnich, Dr. C. Eugene Miller, I. Leonard Sprecher, H.E. Rohrbach, Baker Royer, Robert R. Buch, Ivan H. Mentzer, J. Kreider Kurtz, K.L. Shirk, Jr., Ira E. Kreider, and S.M. Wolf.
- Portrait of Cora and John Rupp of Denver, ca. 1940.

Mounted Wolfe Studio photograph of the students of the Hopeland Primary School with teacher Allen P. Miller, October 5, 1927. (Donation—Harold Bingeman)

Mounted Wolfe Studio photograph of Hopeland students with teacher Allen P. Miller, n.d., ca. 1920's. (Donation—Harold Bingeman)

Clipped copies of photographs reprinted in newspapers: General Cigar's Hopeland packing room and employees, 1905; the Mt. Airy Cornet Band at the Hopeland Park, 1912. (Donation—Harold Bingeman)

Photograph of members of the Levi F. and Ella M. Stief family at their Lincoln-area home, ca. 1940's. (Donation—Fred Buch)

Snapshot of Cora (Mrs. John) Mohler Trostle of Ephrata with her granddaughter Ann Kriebel and her daughters Frances Mohler (later Frances Mohler Smith) and Mary (Mohler) Kriebel. (Donation—John and Mary Becker)

Snapshot of a family grouping; the subjects are tentatively thought to be Cora Trostle, Samuel and Frances (Mohler) Smith, Robert and Mary Kriebel, and Kriebel and/or Smith children. A fourth woman may be Emma (Mohler) Metzler Ennis/Enisse. (Donation—John and Mary Becker)

Snapshot of a man and small girl identified as "Howard and Mary"; sent to Samuel and Frances ("Aunt Frances & Uncle Sammy") Smith. (Donation—John and Mary Becker)

Two snapshots of family groupings, thought to include Cora Mohler Trostle and members of the Samuel and Frances Mohler Smith and the Robert and Mary Kriebel families, 1952 and ca. 1950-55. (Donation—John and Mary Becker)

Scanned copy of a taufschein, drawn by Samuel Bentz, for Elizabeth Boffenmeyer/Boffenmeyer; she was born September 16, 1830 to William and Anna (Mellinger) Boffenmeyer. (Donation—James A. Tshudy)

The following 8" x 10" photographs were donated by Robert Dickersheid:

- (2) Judge Guy Bard with Evelyn Ay at her homecoming celebration at the Ephrata American Legion, September 29, 1953.
- (2) Evelyn Ay with moderator or master of ceremonies at her homecoming celebration at the Ephrata American Legion, September 29, 1953; Evelyn with trophies at the celebration.
- (5) Evelyn Ay with her parents and brother at her September 29 celebration; arrival of Evelyn and family at the Legion.
- (2) Raised ceremonial stand/platform created for Evelyn Ay's homecoming celebration in front of the Seldomridge building on East Main Street, Ephrata.
- Ephrata American Legion swimming pool, ca. 1950's.

The following photographs were lent for copying by Robert Dickersheid:

- Two views of a parade float created by Givler's Shirt Factory, Park Avenue, ca. 1921-1924; the factory building can be seen to the rear.
- Chancel area of the Salem Lutheran Church, Lincoln, decorated for Christmas; n.d., ca. 1920's through 1940's.
- Interior of the Ephrata Comfort Station and unidentified attendant, ca. 1940's or 1950's.
- Two photographs of an unidentified man at work in his office, probably Ephrata, 1955.
- Ephrata Light Plant, Church Avenue, ca. 1940's or 1950's.
- Ephrata Sewage Disposal Plant, ca. 1940's or 1950's.
- Ephrata National Bank, ca. 1940's.
- Park Avenue, Ephrata, ca. 1940's.
- Studebaker decorated for a parade, and with a five-man band on the roof; South State Street, Ephrata, ca. early 1920's.
- Lincoln creamery/milk station, Rt. 322, ca. 1920's or 1930's.

Book Acquisitions:

- "Practische Gedanken" (Baltimore: D. Fanshaw); a flourishing inscription on the flyleaf reads "Benjamin / Schwartz / his Book / 1849." (Donation—Dolores Leed)

Wenger, Samuel E. *A Combined Landis/Landes Genealogy Report of the Descendants of Hans Landis and Katharina Schinz*. Morgantown, Pa.: Masthof Press, 2005. (Donation—Samuel Wenger)

Wenger, Samuel E. *A Homeland Tour of Valentine, Peter and Daniel Espenschied and their Descendants*. Published by the author, 200. (Donation—Samuel Wenger)

Manuscript Acquisitions:

Account book kept by Brownstown blacksmith Emanuel Duck; entries date from 1839 through approximately 1856 and do not generally reflect smithing activities but rather a variety of transactions involving labor; meat, butchering, and hides; tubs, barrels and staves, etc. There are a few later diary-type entries added at the back of the book. In marbled boards. (Purchase)

Ledger kept by blacksmith Emanuel Duck; entries date from 1842 through approximately 1856. In marbled boards. (Purchase)

Ledger kept by blacksmith Emanuel Duck; entries date from 1859 through approximately 1868. In marbled boards. (Purchase)

Ledger kept by blacksmith Emanuel Duck; entries date from 1859 through approximately 1875. In marbled boards. (Purchase)

Note from storekeeper Oliver P. Gross of Ephrata to Brubaker & Smith of New Holland, Aug. 9, 1848; concerns money to have been relayed to William Konigmacher. (Donation—Brian Frankhouser)

Enlistment record and certificate of honorable discharge from the U.S. Army, in a common frame; issued to Ellis F. Brubaker of Denver. The enlistment record is dated May/June, 1918; the discharge certificate March 11, 1919. (Donation—Denver Borough)

Confirmation certificate issued to Minnie Margaret Walter, Swamp Reformed Church, Reinholds, August 24, 1913. (Donation—James Tshudy)

Four Farmers First Bank bankbooks, account of I.G. Sprecher's Sons, Inc., with entries dating from December 1976 through December 1980. (Donation—James Tshudy)

Two "Gruber & Winters" (coal, lumber, slate) receipts, Reinholds, 1884 and 1886; both are written to Elizabeth Maderness/Martennes. (Donation—James Tshudy)

Receipt written to Harvey Shirk of Ephrata by furniture dealer James A. Heitler, Millway, 1906. (Donation—James Tshudy)

5 Ephrata National Bank checks written to cash or self by Mamie F. Ranck (Shirk), 1906 and 1907, and to Harvey Shirk, 1906; 2 rent receipts written to Harry E. Long by D.L. Hackman, 1905. (Donation—James Tshudy)

Criminal docket book kept by District Justice John W. Miller and prior District Justice W.E. Burkholder, both of Ephrata. Entries date from May 6, 1955 through November 12, 1966; there are additional Civil Docket cases dating from 1950 through 1963. (Donation—Shirley Miller)

Letter to Thomas Bard of Reinholds from his son Nathan D. Bard, working and attending school in Pittsburgh, October 13, 1914. (Donation—Jean Hummer)

Agreement of sale for a house and 17 acres in West Cocalico Twp., executors of Nathan Bard to Elias Showalter, September 25, 1893. (Donation—Jean Hummer)

Small leather-bound booklet kept by Harold Bard; contains travel notes compiled on a trip west to Iowa and back; year not noted. (Donation—Jean Hummer)

Penmanship book completed by Harold W. Bard, age 10, ca. 1918. (Donation—Jean Hummer)

Receipt written to Mary (Walters) Bard for a sewing machine, 1907. (Donation—Jean Hummer)

2 Akron Public School report cards issued to Elva Reitz (Elva Reitz Steierwald), 1922-23 and 1924-25. (Donation—Phyllis Steierwald)

Autograph album which belonged to Caroline (Swartz) Becker, daughter of Benjamin Swartz; entries date from 1860 through 1862. (Donation—Dolores Leed)

Autograph album which belonged to Emma (Becker) Kline, daughter of Ezra and Caroline (Swartz) Becker of near Schoeneck; entries date from 1883 through 1887, with the bulk dated 1883. (Donation—Dolores Leed)

Autograph album which belonged to Elizabeth (Becker) Stauffer, daughter of Ezra and Caroline (Swartz) Becker; entries date from 1879 through 1882. (Donation—Dolores Leed)

Manuscript and typed photocopied minutes and agendas of the Ephrata Borough Centennial Celebration Steering Committee's first through final meetings, April, 1989 through April, 1992. (Donation—William V. Hecker)

Miscellaneous Print Acquisitions:

Bill of sale for “Kansas Horses” and “High-Bred Kentucky Horses” to be auctioned by M.L. Bixler at the Will Leber Sale and Exchange Stable, Ephrata, March 22, 1911. (Donation—Lorraine Johnson)

Ephrata National Bank Annual Report, 2007. (Donation—ENB)

Program brochure for the sixth annual reunion of the descendants of Henry Lausch, Ephrata Park, 1931. (Donation—Roger and Marian Spotts)

Wise, R. Gordon. *Lieutenant John Weidman—Revolutionary Soldier and Patriot who Fought Under General George Washington*. Printed by the author, c2008. (Donation—R. Gordon Wise)

Funeral invitations for William W. Wolf, d. 1934; Susan M. Hirneisen, d. 1946; Adam R. Gaul, d. 1944; Joseph E. Gring, d. 1950; Charles M. Claudy, d. 1950; and Jeremiah Hirneisen, d. 1939. (Donation—Jean Hummer)

Memorial folders for Albert K. Hirneisen, d. 1957; Lester Steffy Glass, d. 1972; Chester G. Sheaffer, d. 1971; William G. Gerhart, d. 1971; and John A. Kalbach, d. 1970. (Donation—Jean Hummer)

Sale bill for 120 N. 6th Street, Denver, 1964. (Donation—Jean Hummer)

Unused "American Fence" memorandum book distributed by A.W. Eberly, Reinholds. (Donation—Jean Hummer)

Copy of an advertising tabloid titled "The Shopping News," Vol. 2, No. 29 (July 13, 1938); the lavishly hand-illustrated paper was published by J.E. Gowran, Park Avenue, Ephrata. (Donation—Bob Dickersheid)

Ephrata Borough Centennial celebration stationery, forms, etc.; programs for various centennial celebration events. (Donation—William V. Hecker)

Assorted clipped newspaper articles concerning the activities held in conjunction with the Ephrata Borough Centennial. (Donation—William V. Hecker)

The following print materials were donated by James Tshudy:

- Constitution and by-laws of the Schoeneck Relief Association, ca. 1928.
- Copy of "The Denver Press," December 7, 1928.
- Trade card from the Washington House, Denver, under the proprietorship of Samuel Becker.
- Advertising blotter, Ferree Photo Studio, Ephrata.
- Advertising blotter, John G. Hiestand Mineral Vapor Baths, Ephrata.
- Roxy Theatre ticket to "Maytime," ca. 1937.
- Memorandum books (2) distributed by Amos W. Eberly, Reinholds, 1914 & 1953; memorandum book distributed by L.K. Gruber, Reinholds, 1913.
- Denver High School commencement invitation, 1933; invitation to the wedding of Charlotte K. Shirk and Ralph Foreman, Ephrata, November 24, 1932.

-- Program, communion and confirmation services, Swamp Reformed Church, October 7, 1923.

-- Handbill advertising a "Spelling Bee and Entertainment" produced by the Lincoln Secondary School, March 8, 1913.

Artifact Acquisitions:

Pennsylvania-German "heart-in-hand" scherenschnitte: a life-sized hand cut from ruled paper printed "Stevens, Pa." on the verso, with a elaborate and finely-cut dark green interwoven heart topped with two birds and crossed with a key and arrow. (Donation--Dolores Leed)

Oil painting of the Saron and Saal at the Ephrata Cloister; the painting, a snow scene, was done by noted Ephrata artist James Keller in 1966. (Donation—Dale E. Leber)

"Miss Ephrata Fair" contest printed poster, 1954: "Miss Evelyn Ay will crown this year's queen . . ." (Donation—Harold Bingeman)

Two small hand-painted posterboard signs reading "Miss Ephrata Fair." (Donation—Harold Bingeman)

Hand-painted oilcloth "Miss Ephrata Fair" banner, 23 1/4" x 54 3/8"; executed in primary colors on a neutral ground. Inscription reads "The Ephrata Jr. Chamber of Commerce / Presents / Miss Ephrata Fair / of 1954." (Donation—Harold Bingeman)

Oversized poster, hand-painted and signed by Bob Weinhold of Ephrata, advertising the "Miss Ephrata Fair" contest, 1954; reads, in part: "The 5th Annual / Miss Ephrata Fair / Contest / Thurs. Eve. Sept. 23 7:30 P.M. / Will Be Held In / This Theatre / Evelyn Ay / Miss America of 1954 / Will Crown / This Year's Queen . . . Valuable Prizes . . ." Executed in primary colors on a cream ground; measures 40" x 59 1/2". (Donation—Harold Bingeman)

Tin McVey Restaurant matchbook holder, ca. early-mid 1920's. (Donation—James Tshudy)