RECENT ACQUISITIONS:

Book Acquisitions:


Frankhouser, Dale. *Frankhouser Family Reference*. Published by the author through Masthof Press, 2008. 1619 total pages. (Donation—Dale Frankhouser)


The following books were donated by I. William Zartman:


Bolles, Albert S. *Pennsylvania, Province and State: a History from 1609 to 1790.* John Wannamaker, 1899. (2 vol.)


**Manuscript Acquisitions:**

Child's penmanship book, 1918; belonged to a member of the Klapp family. (Donation—John Klopp)


Premium receipt book issued to Elsie Weidman of Brownstown by insurance agent A.E. Enck, Ephrata; entries date from 1952 through 1956. (Donation—Neil Deibler)

Blueprints (set of two drawings) of a proposed addition to the building known as the Park Hotel and, later, the Eicher Arts Center, Ephrata; commissioned by John Stephan, 1932, and drawn by H.G. Mohn of Mohntown. (Donation—Gorman Family)

Typed letter from Milton Heinicke to Mrs. G.M. Rothermel, Reading, October 22, 1958. (Donation—Anne H. Miller)

**The following manuscript items were donated by James Tshudy:**
Deed between Emma K. Seltzer and Adam Bechtel for 250 Church Avenue, Ephrata, April 5, 1921.

Deed between Joseph K. and Frances Lutz, William K. and Susan Lutz, Mollie Flickinger, and Stephen L. Flickinger (grantors) and Harry K. Hirneisen, property at Reinholds Station, October 4, 1912. Deed, same grantors and grantees as the foregoing, property at Reinholds Station, May 25, 1914.


Deed between Susanna and David Kreiter and Anna Eberly, property in East Cocalico Twp., March 26, 1884.

Two deeds between Anna and Israel S. Eberly and William E. Mellinger, both for property in Stevens, March 29, 1890.

Card announcing the annual Sunday school convention of St. John's Reformed Church, Denver, 1916.

Reinholds Vacation Bible School certificate of recognition awarded to student Harold Keith, 1949.

**Photograph Acquisitions:**

Four mounted photographs of pupils at the Lincoln School; two are of children with an unidentified teacher, ca. 1915-1917; two are of secondary students with teacher Samuel G. Zerfass, ca. 1917-1919. (Donation—James Tshudy)

Mounted photograph of Pennsylvania State Highway Dept. workers, 1926, probably in Lebanon County. Subjects include Howard R. Brubaker, of Schaefferstown; foreman Isaac Mathews, of Brickerville, and "Mr. Zellers," of Hinkletown. (Donation—James Tshudy)

Mounted Samuel K. Fraser photograph of a well-dressed man standing on a sidewalk, with an iron fence and the front porch area of an unidentified home to the rear; pen and pencil inscriptions on the verso read "Henry Brubaker" and "Lincoln, Pa." (Donation—James Tshudy)

Small snapshot of Mahlen E. Dengler of Denver with musical instrument, ca. 1920; Dengler was a charter member of the Denver Cornet Band. (Donation—James Tshudy)
Real-photo postcard of Blanche and Belva Brubaker, two of the daughters of Isaac and Emma Brubaker, and Florence Seabolt in an open buggy, ca. 1912. (Donation—James Tshudy)

Mounted photograph of students at the Vera Cruz School, East Cocalico Township, with teacher Elwood Fry. N.d.; ca. 1924. (Donation—John Klopp)

Mounted photograph of students at the Vera Cruz School with teacher Paul H. Uibel. N.d.; ca. 1922. (Donation—John Klopp)

Matted photograph of Ephrata Public School first graders grouped outside the Franklin Street School with an unidentified teacher, 1923-1924. (Donation—James Brodt)

Six matted photographs (two sharing one mat) of Franklin Street school students, ca. 1920's and early 1930's. (Donation—James Brodt)

Titus Studio portrait, perhaps a wedding portrait, of a couple thought to be Edwin and Elsie Caulwell, ca. 1911. Edwin was a son of John and Isabella Caulwell. (Donation—James Brodt)

Small hand-tinted photograph of Grace E.C. Church, Duke Street, Ephrata, ca. 1911. (Donation—James Brodt)

Small mounted photograph of houses lining the north side of Ephrata's East Main Street, just east and west of Lincoln Avenue, ca. 1910; the photo was taken from a rooftop on the opposite side of the street. (Donation—James Brodt)

3 3/4" x 6" photograph of a man at work in the Glen Gery Brickyard, Ephrata, ca. 1960. (Donation—Patricia Lausch)

8" x 10" portrait of Major Irene B. Groff of Ephrata, April 17, 1963. (Donation—Patricia Lausch)


Photographic copy of a Reading Eagle article on the woodworking activities of Robert Lausch and his son R. Drew Lausch, Ephrata, September 19, 1976. (Donation—Patricia Lausch)

Digital copy of a photograph of three early autos, perhaps on Ephrata’s South State Street, with the advertising sign of Ephrata Ford dealer Thomas Collier, ca. 1914. (Original lent for copying by Robert Dickersheid)
The following photographs were donated by Harold J. Moyer:

14 photos, 3 1/4" x 4 1/2", of the parade held in Denver on the occasion of the Lancaster County Firemen's Convention, probably in 1949.

7 photos, 3 1/4" x 4 1/2", of the Schoeneck War Memorial on the day of its dedication, 1947; 2 8" x 10" photos taken on the same occasion.

6 photos, 3 1/4" x 4 1/2", of participants in a parade in Reamstown; ca. 1950's; the occasion is uncertain.

2 photos, 3 1/4" x 4 1/2", of activities during the Ephrata Fair, ca. early 1950's.

The following photographs were donated by Robert Dickersheid:

Photograph of small stream and pasture land, with Milton H. Heinicke's typed inscription on the verso: "Birthplace of Ephrata Cloister, near Earlville, on the farm of Aaron Horning just off the road from Bareville to Farmersville, Nov. 12, 1724, about 7 years 4 months before coming to Ephrata . . ." Dated June 18, 1960.

Black-and-white photograph of a portion of the Akron School, 1958; color photo of the school, showing children in the schoolyard, 1959.

Hand-colored photograph of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Roland and four unidentified women, presumably teachers, outside the Akron School, ca. 1940's.

McCaa Studio portrait (2 c.) of Walter B. Demmy as a small child, ca. 1901; he was a son of George S. and Agnes Demmy of Ephrata.

Mounted photograph of Walter B. and Florence B. Demmy as young children, ca. 1907.

Two cabinet card portraits of Agnes (Becker) Demmy, ca. late 1890's -- 1900.

Portrait of Esther Demmy of Ephrata, Atlantic City, ca. late 1920's or early 1930's.

Portrait (2 c.) of Esther Demmy, ca. mid-late 1920's.

Portrait of Esther Demmy, ca. 1930's; snapshot of Ester Demmy with toddler, ca. 1930's.

Photograph of Marion MacGruber and Esther Demmy on the boardwalk at Atlantic City, c. 1930's.

Mounted photograph of Walter W. and Ella Moyer, daughters Helen & Gertrude, and several neighbors and friends in an attic in Halloween costumes, October 31, 1918.

Mounted photograph of the Ephrata High School girls' glee club grouped outside the Washington Avenue School, 1926.

Mounted photograph (2 c.) of the Ephrata High School class of 1926 grouped outside the Washington Avenue School, 1923-1924.

Snapshot of Edwin Trego standing on Oak Street along the Ye Village Inn property, ca. mid-late 1920's.

Snapshot of Randall Klinefelter and Bud Eby, as young boys, Ephrata, ca. 1919-1921.

Snapshot of George Demmy and an unidentified friend, ca. late 1920's or early 1930's.

Snapshot of Edwin Trego, ca. 1930's.

Two cartes-de-visite of a man tentatively identified as Hiram Becker, ca. 1870's.

Snapshot of woman and child, probably Agnes (Becker) Demmy and one of her two daughters, ca. 1918-1920.

Snapshot of Phoebe Trego as a small child, ca. early 1930's.

*The following real-photo postcards were lent for copying, also by Robert Dickersheid:*

Portrait of Agnes (Becker) Demmy, ca. 1920.

Myron Becker with horse, foal, and three children, possibly his nephew and nieces Walter, Florence and Esther Demmy, ca. 1914.

Walter, Florence and Esther Demmy as children, ca. 1910-1911.


Portrait of George S. Demmy of Ephrata.

George Demmy and son Walter with cow and calf, ca. 1912-1913.

Informal outdoor portrait of Hiram Buch.

Portrait of G. Randall Klinefelter of Ephrata as a young man; portraits of G. Randall Klinefelter as a toddler and as a small boy.

Portrait of Esther Demmy as a child, ca. 1917.
Portrait of John Friend of Ephrata as a baby, ca. 1915.

Miscellaneous Print and Digital Acquisitions:

Bicentennial publication, Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church, Reinholds, 2006. (Donation—Lowell Haws)

Two unused ordering postcards printed for customers by C.P. Wenger & Sons, ca. 1930's. (Donation—Craig Honigmann)

Artifact Acquisitions:

Hand-painted wooden sign executed by Allen Lehn Snyder of Ephrata for Harlan Adam Sweigart of Hahnstown; painted inscription (charcoal gray, blue, red, peach) reads “H.A. Sweigart / General Store / Groceries and Dry Goods.” Measures approximately 23 ¼” x 71 ½”. (Purchase)

Pair of wooden date boards with the following carved inscriptions: "BILD / BY / H. LANDES / A.D. 1832"; "BILD / BY / S. LANDES / 1832." The boards were removed from the home of Samuel (1785-1860) and Hannah Mohler (1795-1876) Landes, then in the process of being demolished. The house was located on the northwest side of North State Street, Ephrata, near the Irene Avenue intersection. Together with accompanying digital images of the structure and its demolition. (Donation—James Tshudy and Dave Willett)

Sign from the J.J. Newberry store at Ephrata, approx. 60” long; consists of shaped, individual red plastic letters spelling "NEWBERRY," attached to an inch-wide underlying strip bearing the small brass plaque of manager Paul DeVigili. (Donation—F.A. Wark)

Plastic shopping basket from the J.J. Newberry store at Ephrata; constructed with metal rivets, it is basically rectangular in shape, with rounded edges. Pale blue, bound with contrasting pale blue trim; printed white script on the sides reads "Newberrys." The basket has diagonally-crossed black fabric tape handles. (Donation—F.A. Wark)

Serving dishes (4 pieces) from the lunch counter at Newberry’s Department Store, Ephrata. (Donation—F.A. Wark)

Cased playing cards distributed by fuel oil distributor Bob Lutz, Ephrata, ca. 1960. (Donation—Jim Brodt)
Track meet ribbons, as follows: Ephrata, 1926, 2nd prize, broad jump; Ephrata, 1926, 3rd prize, mile run; First Annual Field Day Meet, May 16, 1925, second prize, pole vault. (Donation—James Brodt)

Royal-blue and white Cocalico Union High School jacket, Class of 1985, with appliquéd eagle emblem and the embroidered name "Matt." Belonged to the donor, a son of the Rev. Larry G. and Alice K. Hummer. Flannel-lined; manufactured by the Union Emblem Co., Palmyra. (Donation—Matthew Hummer)

John F. Stuber Produce calendar, Denver, 1946; has tear-off sheets beneath a single printed illustration. (Donation—Clarence and Marcia Spohn)

Wire poultry catcher with a turned wooden handle printed with the advertising of C.P. Wenger & Sons, Ephrata, ca. 1940's or 1950's. (Donation—Craig Honigmann)