

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT, APRIL 2014

### **Book Acquisitions:**

Creasy, Brenda. "Emanuel Lutheran Church, Brickerville." (Transcribed, alphabetized baptismal, marriage, and death records from Emanuel Lutheran Church, Brickerville, Elizabeth Twp. Baptisms date primarily from 1800 through 1896; marriages from 1771 through 1879, and deaths/burials from 1857 through 1884. Transcriptions were prepared by the donor, Brenda Creasy, from records available online but difficult to read.) Unpublished; printed by the compiler, 2014. (Donation—Brenda Creasy)

Myers, Anna Balmer. "I Lift My Lamp." Philadelphia: Dorrance & Co., 1968. Inscribed to Jane Witmer: "To my daughter Jane - Christmas 1997 - a former guide at the Ephrata Cloister." (Donation—Jane L. Witmer)

Koons, Uysse Sidney. "A Tale of the Kloster: a Romance of the German Mystics of the Cocalico." Philadelphia: Griffith & Rowland Press, 1904. (Donation—Jane L. Witmer)

Jordan, Mildred. "One Red Rose Forever." NY: Alfred A. Knopf, 1941. (Donation—Jane L. Witmer)

### **Manuscript Acquisitions:**

Hand-made card sent to Amanda ("Amenda") Gockley of Reinholds, Pa. by a suitor identified only as "Anthony"; in an envelope postmarked June 8, 1941. The card is on heavy stock, with the message created by skillfully lifting the surface of the paper, as with a scalpel, to create script lettering. A colored pencil/watercolor butterfly and flower with foliage, painted and drawn on the right side of the card, have been partially lifted in the same way. The envelope is addressed in decorative script. (Donation—Robert Dickersheid)

Framed certificate of appointment: "I, William Murr, State President of Pennsylvania, of the Patriotic Oder Sons of America, do hereby appoint and commission Brother Irwin Summy, of Camp 613, Pa., as a District President of the Order, for District No. 3, Lancaster County comprising the townships of Warwick, Elizabeth, Clay, West Cocalico, Ephrata, West Earl, Upper Leacock, Leacock, Paradise, Eden, Bart, Colerain and the boroughs of Lititz, Akron and Ephrata containing Camps 227, 559, 613, 694 and 701." Dated September 25, 1911. Irvin Summy was a resident of Lincoln. (Donation—Fred Buch)

### **The following manuscripts were donated by Carl and Sara Bostrom:**

Will of Charles Bauman of Ephrata Township, signed August 29, 1868 and proved October 15, 1868.

Release, Charles Bauman of Ephrata Township to the Reading and Columbia Railroad Company, December 27, 1860.

Release, Charles Bauman of Ephrata Township to the Reading and Columbia Railroad Company, December 26, 1861.

Deed: Israel and Lydia Myers of Ephrata Township to Charles Bowman (Bauman) of Ephrata Township; 2+ acres in Ephrata Township, August 4, 1860.

Judgment, Lancaster County Court of Common Pleas, John W. and Sarah Gross vs. John H. Gross, November 1868; Sarah Bowman/Bauman and others were garnishees.

Deed: Sarah Bauman to Reuben Mohler, 76+ acres in Ephrata Township, December 7, 1869. The farm had previously consisted of three separate parcels owned by Jacob and Leah Kimmel, David and Rebecca Markley, and Israel and Lydia Myers. The three tracts were separately acquired by Charles Bauman. Recorded in LC Deed Book Y, Vol. 9, p. 511.

Confirmation of sale, administrators of the estate of Reuben Mohler to Samuel Kafroth, 76+ acre farm in Ephrata Township, November 16, 1875. The property was auctioned from the estate on November 10, 1875.

Deed: administrators of Reuben Mohler to Samuel Kafroth, 76+ acres in Ephrata Township, April 1, 1876. The property had previously belonged to Charles and Sarah Bauman, and was sold to Reuben Mohler in 1869 (Book Y Vol. 9 p. 511). Unrecorded.

### **Photograph Acquisitions:**

Small photograph taken at the wedding of Charles Gentner and Esther Mae Hipple, a daughter of Sylvester G. and Emma (Kline) Hipple of Ephrata, 1929. Members of the wedding party include the bride's sisters, Mariam (Hipple) Carter and Bertha (Hipple) Weise, brothers-in-law Ira Weise and William Carter, and niece Mabert Carter. (Donation—Susie Bachman)

Digital image: Jeremiah and Sarah (Mellinger) Keller and their children Lottie, Seth, Morris, Edwin, Mayme, Lottie, and Alice, ca. 1902. Jeremiah and Sarah were natives of the Cocalico Valley and married there; they left their home in the Springville area of Ephrata Township for Nebraska in 1882. (Donation—Andrea Warnke)

Digital image: Lottie Mellinger (Keller) Wine, daughter Blanche, and husband David Glick Wine with the Jeremiah Mellinger family, circa 1902. The photograph includes siblings Seth, Morris, & Edwin Keller; Lottie, David, and Blanche; and Mayme Keller Mohler and Alice Keller Streeter, along with Lottie's parents Sarah Mellinger Keller and Jeremiah Bollinger Keller. (Donation—Andrea Warnke)

Digital image: Lottie Mellinger Keller Wine and David Glick Wine with their children: Blanche Orvetta, (Dallas) Glen, Lois Beryl, Lee Arnold, Vesta Evangeline, Newell Hillis, Gerald Edwin, Leta Fern, Eunice Opal, (Myrle) Nadine, Marlin Emerson, and Ronald Dean, circa 1926. (Donation—Andrea Warnke)

Small color photograph of the Ephrata National Bank addition (East Main Street) in the course of construction, ca. late 1981 or early 1982. (Donation—Rowena Clough)

Copy of a photograph of H. Nevin Lausch running up the walk to the home of his parents, H. Martin and Naomi (Adams) Lausch, ca. 1944-46; the Lausch family lived at 105 East Main Street, Ephrata. (Donation—Rowena Clough)

Three 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" color photographs taken during Ephrata Borough's Diamond Jubilee (75th anniversary) celebration, June, 1966. One photo is of a man astride a white horse, with the Seltzer Mansion to the rear; one is of a D & E Telephone Company float; and the third is of H. Martin Lausch, in his Ephrata Fire Police uniform, on the walk of the Lausch home at 105 East Main. (Donation—Rowens Clough)

8" x 21" photograph of the employees of the A.N. Wolf Shoe Company, Denver, May 28, 1957. (Donation—Ephrata Public Library)

Digital image: Sally (Baker) Carter of Ephrata and five unidentified women in bathing suits, ca. 1905-1910. (Lent for scanning by Susie Bachman)

**The following photographs were lent for scanning by Dawn and Tom Rapchinski:**

John Mellinger residence located at 146 W. Fulton Street, Ephrata; the Ephrata Mennonite Church is visible at the far right.

John and Lillie Mellinger family, photographed at their home on West Fulton Street, Ephrata. The grouping includes John and Lillie (Shreiner) Mellinger and their children John, Albert, Bessie, and Ada Mellinger. A note on the back of the picture states that "Bessie died June 6, 1919, 15 of 5 a.m., age 23 years."

"D. Musselman's Tobacco Warehouse," located at 874 E. Main Street, Murrell. The building, which is no longer standing, was located where the Ephrata Cycle Shop is now. The warehouse was left by Clayton to his son David, who stored lumber, etc. in it until the lumber was liquidated June 5, 1976. Shortly after that the building, which was in a state of disrepair, was demolished.

Clayton & Ada Musselman home, located at 766-768 E. Main Street, Murrell; the house to the left in the photo is 764 E. Main, later acquired by David, Clayton's son. David S. Musselman lived to the west of 766-768 at 770-772 East Main (not visible in photo).

David Musselman, age 3, in the chicken yard behind 766-768 East Main Street, Murrell.

Ada Muselman working in her garden with chicken coops in the background, 766-768 East Main Street, Murrell, April 6, 1912.

Two photos of chicken coops behind the Clayton and Ada Musselman home at 766-768 East Main Street, Murrell. One photo was taken from the rear of the yard and shows the houses standing along East Main Street.

David Musselman standing next to the Musselman home at 766-768 East Main Street, Murrell.

Two images from real-photo postcards: Clayton Musselman holding his son David, "Oct. 31, 1915, 9 1/2" mo. old." David S. Musselman holding his grandson David, "Apr. 30, 1916, 15 mo. old."

Ada Musselman with her son David as a baby, 1915; taken from a real-photo postcard.

Ada Musselman and her son David (as a young man) behind Ada & Clayton Musselman's home at 766-768 East Main Street, Murrell. The barn seen at the right, which Clayton used to store antiques, stood behind the home of David S. Musselman at 770-772 East Main Street.

Two images of Clayton Musselman, both taken from real-photo postcards; one shows him as a school teacher, in his classroom, and the other dressed in overalls and holding two of his chickens.



Two images of Ada Musselman as a young woman, one taken from a real-photo post card.

Men on the porch of Hick's barber shop, East Main Street, Ephrata. Clayton Musselman is standing to the left of the porch post with his hands behind his back. The men pictured may have been members of the Mountain Springs Rifles, of which Musselman was a member. A portion of Garver's postcard shop can be seen to the right.

Young men standing on East Main Street, Ephrata in front of the Mountain Springs Hotel, 1898. Clayton Musselman is at the far right; the man at the far left has been tentatively identified as Clayton's classmate Robert Von Nieda, whose father owned the hotel. The man standing second from left is thought to be Robert's brother John Willis Von Nieda.

2 images of David Musselman: formal portrait, ca. 1966, when he served on the Ephrata School Board; casual photo taken in front of the Almonry at the Ephrata Cloister, date unknown.

Hotel Cocalico, East Main and Lake Streets, Ephrata, ca. 1910; the veranda railings are draped with swags of greenery for Christmas.

Teacher Clayton Musselman with his school class; identified on the reverse of the original as "East Akron" and "Old Bethany School." The photo is dated Mar. 14, 1903.

A.P. Snader cigar factory employees, South State Street, Ephrata, ca. 1899. Ada Musselman is seated in the front row; the other employees are not identified.

Image from a postcard view of the home of David S. and Annie Musselman, 770-772 East Main Street, Murrell.

View of the David S. and Annie Musselman home, 770-772 East Main Street, Murrell.

Fairview Dairy (Ephrata) delivery truck, photographed by Clayton Musselman of Murrell.

Unidentified group of workers, photographed by Clayton Musselman of Murrell; the men may have been engaged in the construction of the trolley line from Mechanicsburg (Leola) to Ephrata.

Unidentified stone school building, photographed by Clayton Musselman.

Square in Reamstown, showing the Reamstown Hotel and what was later Leshner's Store; photographed by Clayton Musselman, ca. 1910.

Mountain Springs Rifles hall, northeast corner of East Main Street and Lincoln Avenue, Ephrata, photographed by Clayton Musselman around 1910.

Mentzer Building, Ephrata, when Banks Bros. had their store in the building; photographed by Clayton Musselman, ca. 1910.

W. Frankhauser Flour & Feed Wagon in front of the David S. Musselman home, 770-772 East Main Street, Murrell, the post card from which the image was taken is dated Nov. 24, 1908. Photographed by Clayton Musselman.

Photograph of Lizzie Widder, storekeeper at Murrell, ca. 1910.

Photograph of the William K. and Emma Seltzer home, northwest corner of the intersection of East Main Street and Washington Avenue, Ephrata, ca. 1910; taken by Clarence Musselman.

### **Artifact Acquisitions:**

Matted and framed Cathal Stephen O'Mahony (d. 1935) pastel or mixed media representation of a beach, small human figure, palm trees, etc., signed by the artist. An undated letter from O'Mahony to "Mr. & Mrs. McVey" is attached; it describes his struggles with a chronic illness in some detail. (The McVeys are thought to be Joseph and Ella Donohue McVey, also of Ephrata.) The piece dates to approximately the 1920's. Its painted pressed wood frame measures 16 1/8" x 19 1/8"; the mat is cut with a 19" x 12" opening. (Donation—Robert Dickersheid)

Small paper heart-shaped valentine box inscribed on the underside "To / H. Martin Lausch / Denver R.F.D. #1 / Lanc. Co. Pa." (Donation—Rowena Lausch Clough)

"Special Fire Police" badge, Ephrata; belonged to Martin Lausch. (Donation—Rowena Lausch Clough)

Canvas "Denver National Bank" bag. (Donation—Rowena Lausch Clough)

Felt awards banner, on a wooden dowel, which belonged to the Ephrata Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association; the 21" x 30 1/2" banner is covered with patches denoting various awards granted by the parent organization, 1977 through 1991. (Donation, Ephrata Charter Chapter, ABWA, now disbanded)

Felt awards banner, on a wooden dowel, which belonged to the Ephrata Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association; the 21" x 29" banner bears seven patches denoting various awards granted by the parent association, 1998-2009. (Donation, Ephrata Charter Chapter, ABWA)

Two unworn cotton/polyester "Cloisterfest" t-shirts, 1993 and 2000, each printed with the logo of its respective year. (Donation, Ephrata Charter Chapter, ABWA)

Small wall plaque with an oak backing; the metal plate is printed with an aerial view of the Kurtz Quarry property off Old Mill Road at the present location of the Ephrata Public Library. The text reads "With sincere appreciation to Mr. & Mrs. A. Gary Kurtz and Thomas Russell Nock & Harriet Kurtz Nock for making this ideal location, formerly the Kurtz Quarry, available for purchase by the Ephrata Public Library." (Donation—Ephrata Public Library)

### **Miscellaneous Print and Digital Acquisitions:**

Poster advertising a United States Air Force Band concert to be held in Reinholds, September 10, 1949. The concert was conducted by Lt. Col. George S. Howard, a native of Reamstown. 11" x 17 3/8"; printed in blue and red. (Donation—Lowell Haws)

Decorative Victorian trade card advertising the Eagle Hotel, Ephrata, and the proprietorship of Andrew M. Baker. (Donation—Susie Bachman)

Calling card of Robert M. Carter, Ephrata. Business card, Robert M. Carter as a representative for A.G. Harbaugh's Oils and Greases, Cleveland. Business card, Robert M. Carter as the manager of the Hotel Cocalico Cafe, Ephrata. (Donation—Susie Bachman)

Paper items produced for the business of barbershop supplier Philip Eisemann, of Lancaster: Printed billing sheet, illustrated with a barber's chair; placard promoting "Crusellas Rhum Quinquina" hair tonic, 9" x 10 3/4". (Donation—Phillip Eisemann)

Lent for scanning: reproduced copy of the 1907 marriage certificate of Charles Wentzel (1876-1967) and Carrie Fisher (1886-1969), both of Ephrata. The couple were married on Christmas day at Leacock by Rev. F.A. Weicksel. (Donation—Peggy Wentzel)

Typed excerpt (9 p.) from the memoirs of Lottie Mellinger (Keller) Wine, born to Jeremiah Bollinger Keller and Sarah Mellinger Keller near Lincoln, Ephrata Twp., November 20, 1880. The account, begun in 1955, describes the writer's girlhood days in Butler County (Octavia) Nebraska, where the family moved when she was two years old. Jeremiah's brothers John and Benjamin lived in Butler County as well; they were sons of Michael and Elizabeth (Bollinger) Keller of Ephrata Township. (Donation—Andrea Warnke)

St. John's United Church of Christ (Denver) Centennial Directory, 1990; a pictorial membership directory, the publication includes a sketch of the congregation's history. (Donation—Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania)

Program, dedication of memorials, St. Johns United Church of Christ, Denver, November 12, 1967. (Donation—Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania)

Postcard sent from Brussels by Jacob Blitzer of the Lightolier Company (NY) to the Mentzer Electrical Supply Company, State and Locust Streets, Ephrata, February 1926. (Donation—Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania)

Printed paper banner, 5 3/4" x 16 1/2"; reads "C. Byerly / Newtown." Presumably "Newtown" refers to Hopeland, Clay Twp., once known by that name. (Donation—Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania)