

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT, JANUARY 2013

Book Acquisitions:

Anders, Margaret, with Elaine Hackman, Joan Sweigart, and Tess Wolf. *The Life of Warren Fake, as told to Louise Hess*. Published by the authors, 2012. (Donated by the authors)

Earnest, Corinne and Russell. *The Heart of the Taufschein: Fraktur and the Pivotal Role of Berks County, Pennsylvania*. Kutztown, Pa.: The Pennsylvania German Society, 2012. (Benefit of membership)

Photograph Acquisitions:

8" x 10" photograph of 18 Past Commanders of Ephrata's American Legion Cloister Post 429, 1940. (Donated by Margaret Anders, Elaine Hackman, Joan Sweigart, and Tess Wolf.)

8" x 10" photograph of an Ephrata American Legion Past Commanders' banquet, held at the Legion ballroom, 1940. (Donated by Margaret Anders, Elaine Hackman, Joan Sweigart, and Tess Wolf.)

Aerial photographic view (15 3/4" x 19 7/8") of the Murrell Inn and trailer park, June 24, 1975. What is currently Roy Zimmerman's oil business can be seen to the right; the houses at far left have been torn down for the current car wash. (Donation—Maggie McKee)

The following photographs were donated by Frederick W. Lutz:

Mounted Fritz Studio photograph of Franklin Street School (Ephrata) second grade students with teacher Irene M. Frederick, ca. early 1920's.

Mounted Stoner Studio photograph of Franklin Street School second grade students with teacher Irene Frederick, ca. 1923.

Mounted Feree Studio photograph of Franklin Street School students with teacher Irene Frederick, ca. early 1920's.

Mounted photograph (no studio noted) of Franklin Street School students with teacher Irene Frederick, ca. early 1920's.

Mounted photograph (no studio noted) of Franklin Street School second grade students with teacher Irene Frederick, 1923-1924.

Fritz Studio photograph of Muddy Creek School (?) students with teacher Irene (Frederick) Lutz, ca. late 1920's.

Mounted photograph of B. & E. Shoe Company (Denver) employees grouped outside the factory building, n.d., ca. 1912-1915; the business was subsequently acquired by A.N. Wolf.

Mounted photograph of the interior of a portion of the B. & E. Shoe Company factory, with twelve employees, ca. 1920.

Artifact Acquisitions:

Ephrata High School sheet metal license plate holder, painted gold, and with the printed words "Mountaineers / Ephrata High / Ephrata, Pa." 3 1/2" high; approx. 10" long. (Donation—Richard Rupp)

Rubber stamp used at the Farmers National Bank, Ephrata; reads "The Farmers National Bank of Ephrata, Ephrata, PA." Approx. 4 3/4" from side to side; has a turned wooden knob, painted black. (Donation—Henrietta R. Mull)

Coiled rye straw and oak splint bread basket made by Marjorie E. (Steely) Auker of Ephrata; 12" in diameter and 4 1/2" deep. Signed on the underside "M.E.A. / 1975."
A native of Reamstown, Mrs. Auker was the daughter of Harry K. and Esther (Keller) Steely. She was a guide supervisor at the Ephrata Cloister for 20 years, retiring in 1983. During her time at the Cloister she repaired baskets in the historic site's collection and prepared habits for volunteers and staff members. (Donation—Clarence Spohn)

The following artifacts were donated by Jane (Auker) Witmer and Richard Witmer:

"Great Lily of Ephrata" symbol embroidered by Marjorie (Steely) Auker of Ephrata (d. 2002) from her own hand-drawn rendering, with the embroidered signature of the artist and the date 1968. Worked in multi-colored embroidery thread in a variety of stitches on a piece of unbleached plain-weave linen pulled over a 16" x 20" sheet of thin cardboard; in an 18 1/2" x 22 1/2" simple wooden frame.

Coiled rye straw and oak splint baskets made by Marjorie (Steely) Auker of Ephrata between 1972 and 1974, as follows:

Large oval basket with an arched, wrapped, stationary handle. Measures approx. 11" x 13" x 8" high excluding the handle and approx. 17 1/4" high including the handle. Signed on the underside "M.E.A. / 1972."

Round, slightly flattened, open storage basket; approx. 6 1/2" high, 9 1/2" in diameter at the widest point, and 6" in diameter at the mouth. Signed on the underside "M.E.A. / 1974."

Oval, open basket, approx. 10 1/4" x 16" x 5 1/2" high. Signed on the underside "M.E.A. / 1973."

Large cylindrical, slightly tapering, open basket with a single small handle released from the overlay at the rim. Measures approx. 13" in diameter at the base, 11 3/4" in diameter at the mouth, and 14" high. Signed on the underside "M.E.A. / 1973."

Two pine splint baskets made by Marjorie (Steely) Auker, as follows:

Small heart-shaped basket of dyed pale-green splints and fine undyed strands of fiber, approx. 6 1/2" X 10 3/8" x 3 1/2" high. Signed "M.E.A. / No. 13 / 1988."

Small heart-shaped basket of natural and dyed pale blue-green splints and fine undyed strands of fiber, approx. 7" x 10 1/4" x 3 1/2" high. Signed "M.E.A. / No. 16 / 1988."

Clipped Ephrata Review article, January 27, 1972, concerning Marjorie Auker and her basket weaving.

Miscellaneous Print and Digital Acquisitions:

Copy of "Die Shilgrut fun der Tulpehock," Vol. XLIV, No. 1 (November, 2012). The journal is published by the Tulpehocken Settlement Historical Society. (Donation—Dale E. Leber)