LIBRARIAN’S REPORT, JANUARY 2015

**Book and Digital Book Acquisitions:**


**Manuscript Acquisitions:**

The following manuscripts were donated by William and LaVerne Hyman:

Christmas card mailed to Florence Sauder of Denver by Paul L. Wise, stationed at Camp Lee, Virginia, December 1941. Wise was a son of Norman K. and Amanda (Kopp) Wise of Ephrata Township.

Easter V-mail greeting sent by Corporal Paul M. Wise "from the South Pacific" to his wife Florence, living at Bowmansville, April 1944.

Belated birthday V-mail greeting sent by Corporal Paul L. Wise, serving in the South Pacific, to his wife Florence at Bowmansville, August 14, 1944.

V-mail Christmas greeting sent by Corporal Paul L. Wise to his wife Florence, Bowmansville, December 1944.

Letter from Corporal Paul L. Wise in the South Pacific to his wife Florence, Bowmansville, May 26, 1945. Text reads, in part, "How is the old battle axe today? I am feeling fine and wish I could see you soon for I have and [sic] idea what you would do for calling you a battle ax . . . There are not so many American soldiers on this Island anymore so I guess that is why are [sic] mail is not on time. Tonight I go on guard again . . ."

Letter from Corporal Paul L. Wise to his wife Florence, Bowmansville, November 25, 1945. Text reads, in part, "As today is Sunday I thought I would drop you a few lines again. I am still at the 29th Replacement Center waiting to go home . . . we are all packed and ready to take off any time they give the word . . . We get plenty to eat here and I am getting fat again . . ."

Brief letter from Corporal Paul L. Wise to his wife Florence, November 26, 1945: "I am leaving now to get aboard a ship to come home. Wish me luck, I miss you alot and can't wait hardly till I see you."
Christmas card from Corporal Paul Wise to his wife Florence, December 18, 1945. Text reads, in part, "I am now in the States and in a camp called Stoneman which is not far from San Francisco. I am feeling fine and can hardly wait until I get home. We are now waiting for a train to take us East. I will go to Indiantown Gap from here to get my discharge so I think I'll be home between Xmas and New Year. It took us 20 days to come from Manila to California . . ."

**Photograph Acquisitions:**

Rolled, elongated photograph of the employees of the Stunzi Sons Silk Company, Ephrata, October 7, 1949. A portion of the factory building can be seen to the rear; individual subjects are not identified. (Donation—Bob Dickershied)

Digital images created from two 4" x 6" photographs: 700 block of East Main Street, Ephrata (Murrell), ca. 1975; 700 block of East Main Street, Ephrata (Murrell), "Last snowfall of 1980." (Donation—Dawn and Tom Rapchinski)

26 digital images of the house at the southeast corner of Pleasant Valley Road and Rt. 322, east of Ephrata, in the process of being demolished, January 11, 2015. The house was owned, in succession, by Peter Lied, Samuel Stoner, Benjamin and Elizabeth (Stoner) Wenger, and possibly others. Elizabeth was a daughter of Samuel Stoner and his second wife, Elizabeth Nolt. (Donation—Cynthia Marquet)

**The following photographs were donated by Gail Witmer:**

Mounted 5" x 7" photograph of Raymond S. Stick and another, unidentified man at work at their desks in a train station office, ca. 1930; Stick was station agent and a telegraph operator with the Reading Railroad at Denver, and it is assumed the photo was taken there.

Mounted 5" x 7" photograph of Raymond S. Stick and three unidentified men at work in a train station office, ca. 1930; Stick was station agent and a telegraph operator with the Reading Railroad at Denver, and it is assumed the photo was taken there.

Mounted 5" x 7" photograph of 13 men and a woman in an unidentified shoe factory, possibly at Denver, ca. 1920's.

"Rise & Gates" (Lebanon) cabinet card portrait of Harry, Paul, and Raymond Stick, sons of Henry D. and Katie (Showalter) Stick of East Cocalico Twp., ca. 1895-1896.

"Saylor's New York Gallery" cabinet card portrait of a young boy, ca. 1900; the subject is thought to be Raymond Stick.

"New York Gallery" cabinet card portrait of Katie (Showalter) Stick (1867-1949) of East Cocalico Twp., ca. 1887-1890. The subject was a daughter of Henry and Rachel (Baker) Showalter and the wife of Henry D. Showalter.

Mounted "Strunk" (Reading) studio portrait of Elsie Mae Smith as a young girl, ca. 1905; the subject was a daughter of Harry L. and Ada (Gockley) Smith of Ephrata Township.
Matted "Ferree" (Ephrata) portrait of Elsie Mae Smith, ca. 1920.

Matted "Strunk" (Reading) portrait of Elsie Mae (Smith) Stick, ca. 1930.

Two "Schlotzhauer" (Lancaster) portraits of Raymond S. and Elsie M. (Smith) Stick, differing poses, ca. 1930. The couple resided on 4th St. in Denver; Elsie Stick moved to Ephrata following her husband's death in 1950.

Matted "D. Walter Miesse" (Lancaster) portrait of Raymond S. Stick, ca. 1935.

8" x 10" photograph of a group of nursing school graduates including Elsie (Smith) Stick, ca. 1950; the other subjects are not identified.

Mounted photograph of a stone and frame barn and barnyard with horses and cattle and four human subjects, including a small girl, ca. 1905; may have been taken on the farm tenanted by Harry L. Smith, Ephrata Twp.

Mounted 4 3/4" x 6 5/8" photograph of Lincoln Secondary students grouped outside the school building, 1912.

**The following photographs were donated by William and LaVerne Hyman:**

8" x 10" photograph of the employees of the Hyman Hosiery Mill, Ephrata, July, 1941, with some identifications. A portion of the mill building, located at 34 East Locust Street, is visible to the rear.

4" x 6" photograph of Cub Scouts camping at Fiandt's Mill near Farmersville, August 4-8, 1949, with a complete name listing. Leaders were Jack Gardner, _____ Beall, Ike Fry, and Kreibel Kurtz.

Undated clipped captioned newspaper photograph of the King Grocery Store, 41 East Main Street: "The building served as a grocery for more than 54 years until Monday afternoon when Paul Martzall ended his 10 years in business there. The store room will be occupied by Elmer Seidel, photographer, about March 15. Standing on the porch of the old store is Mrs. John Wertsch, King's daughter . . . ."

**The following digital images were donated by Jim Plasterer:**

Photographs of Mohler siblings, children of Charles Keller Mohler (1857-1925) and Minnie L. (1861-1936) Lyons Mohler of Ephrata:

Portrait of Rose Estella Mohler (1888-1946) as a young woman.

Portrait of Edna Serena Mohler (b. 1889) as a young woman.

Portrait of Charles Wallace Mohler (1894-1975) as a young man.
The following digital images were donated by Olivia Good:

Portrait of Margaret Mink (Zimmerman) Riech (1866-1948), wife of Benjamin Reich and daughter of David S. and Barbara (Mink) Zimmerman. Benjamin and Margaret Reich lived next to the Frysville School, on Frysville Road, Ephrata Township.

Benjamin W. Reich (1873-1957) as an elderly man, seated on the front porch of his home next to Frysville School (his house no longer stands, but a newer structure has replaced it), ca. 1954. The subject is holding Paul LaMarr Stauffer, his great-grandson, with Benjamin's grandson, Paul Reich Stauffer (father of Paul LaMarr), sitting on the porch swing. Paul R. Stauffer was born in 1926 and died in 1981; Paul L. Stauffer was born in 1952.

Confirmation certificate of William McDennis, son of Cyrus McDennis and Lydia Bicher of Vera Cruz, from Muddy Creek Lutheran Church. He was baptized at time of confirmation, May 14, 1910. Signed by B. G. Welder.

Portrait of Alice Sharley/Scharley, daughter of Martin and Catharine (Mellinger) Sharley and wife of Henry D. Lausch, circa late 1940s. Alice Sharley Lausch was born July 9, 1859, and died January 10, 1950.

Henry D. Lausch family photo circa 1910:
Seated: Henry D. Lausch and Alice (Sharley) Lausch
Standing between Henry D. and Alice: Norman Lausch (front) and Franklin Lausch (behind Norman)
Row 2 (standing): Katie Lausch, Charles Lausch, Elizabeth Lausch, Annie Lausch, Mary Mae Lausch (wife of Harry F. Good)
Row 3: Ada Lausch, Martin Lausch, Edwin Lausch, and unknown (probably Harry Lausch)

Members of the John M. Good family: Left to right, John Musselman Good, Harry F. Good, Susanna H. Fasnacht, Mahlon F. Good, and Walter F. Good, Voganville, Pa., circa 1900. John M. Good and his wife, Susanna, eventually moved to the north side of the duplex at the corner of N. State and E. Pine Sts., Ephrata. Their son, Harry F. Good, the contractor who built Lincoln Elementary School, lived on the south side of the duplex. Walter Good died in 1902.

Family grouping including Harry F. Good, an unknown woman, Mary Mae Lausch (married Harry F. Good in 1913), John M. Good, Susanna H. Fasnacht (wife of John M. Good), Fannie Fox Stauffer (wife of Mahlon Good), and Mahlon Good holding daughter Anna Good, circa 1911. John M. Good and his wife, Susanna H. Fasnacht, were the parents of Harry and Mahlon Good. Fannie Fox Stauffer was the daughter of Samuel Stauffer and Susanna Fox, of Frysville, Ephrata Township. The Goods lived in Voganville, and eventually moved to Ephrata Borough.

Photo of David Weaver Stauffer holding a stuffed animal; David was b. September 3, 1896 and d. November 9, 1967. He was the son of Abraham B. Stauffer and Barbara Weaver. David and his wife, Mary Z. Reich, lived in Ephrata and Earl Townships; in 1950 they built a house on Kurtz Road in Earl Twp.
Photo of Mary Zimmerman Reich, b. August 9, 1894; d. Oct 8 1978. She was the daughter of Benjamin W. and Margaret Mink (Zimmerman) Reich of Frysville, Ephrata Township. Photo circa 1910s. The subject married David Weaver Stauffer, and they were members of the Pike-Stauffer Mennonite Church on Rt. 322, east of Hinkletown.

Family registers from of the bible of David W. Stauffer and Mary Z. (Reich) Stauffer, sold at public auction in September 2014.

Marriage license of Mary Zimmerman Reich and David Weaver Stauffer, married by Rev. Elias F. Hornberger at his home in Hahnstown on September 14, 1918.

Wedding photo of Wayne Stark Zwally and Amelia Matz Martzall, of Akron; they were married February 7, 1892. Wayne was son of Franklin Brown Zwally and Matilda F. (Stark) Zwally. Amelia (1871-1952) was a daughter of Michael and Catharine (Matz) Martzall.

Zwally Dairy Farm, view from Main Street. The farm was located across from modern-day Roland Park, Akron, PA, as it looked before it was developed to form the development that comprises Dawn Ave., East End Ave., Park St., Meadowview St., Spring Crest Dr., and Fairview Dr.

Wedding photo of Frank Lester Zwally (April 30, 1901-August 29, 1990, son of Wayne S. Zwally and Amelia Matz (Martzall) Zwally) and Florence Sharp Hummer (July 17, 1894-December 26, 1971, daughter of Henry Ulrich Hummer and Annie (Sharp) Hummer, of Manheim). Frank owned and operated the Zwally dairy farm from the 1920s until the farm was sold and developed in the 1970s.

Fox family photo, ca. 1885:
Back Row:
-- Mary S. Fox, daughter of Israel Fox and Mary Sensenig. She married Jacob Bicher, Jr., son of Jacob Bicher and Sarah Reiter Bicher, who are buried at Muddy Creek.
-- Susanna Bauman Fox (May 19, 1868-May 31, 1956), daughter of Henry Fox and Fanny Bauman of Earl Township. Henry Fox immigrated from Germany and owned land near Frysville. Susanna married Samuel Stauffer. Her second husband was Levi Zimmerman.
-- Katie Brubaker.
Front Row: Elizabeth S. Fox and Mary B. Fox.

Harvey Fox Stauffer (July 27, 1888-April 29, 1966) was a son of Samuel Stauffer and Susanna Bauman (Fox) Stauffer. He married Maggie Reinard Stauffer, of Snyder County. He and his wife, Maggie, owned a farm in Ephrata Township, along E. Mohler Church Rd.

Photo of Susanna Brown, of the Brown family of Brownstown, and her children.
Seated: Susan Zwally Stauter, Susanna Brown, Isaac Zwally, and Franklin Brown Zwally (December 8, 1839-October 6, 1906). Susanna Brown was born February 19, 1820, and died September 13, 1913. She
was a daughter of Henry Brown and Magdalena (Kilhefner) Brown and was the wife of Henry White Zwally. The family lived in the Akron-Brownstown-Rothsville areas.

Photo taken outside Frysville School, 1917; subjects are a generation of descendants from Eich, Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany:
Front row (seated from left):
-- Amanda Z. Shaub (1898-1933), daughter of Phares B. and Lizzie M. (Zimmerman) Shaub
-- Mary F. Zimmerman (b. 1900), daughter of Levi G. and Elizabeth S. (Fox) Zimmerman
-- Mabel S. Fox (1902-1987), daughter of John S. and Elizabeth (Stahl) Fox
-- Esther Witmer (b. 1913)
-- Barbara Z. Shaub (1901-1995), daughter of Phares B. and Lizzie M. (Zimmerman) Shaub
-- Mary Zimmerman Reich (1894-1978), daughter of Benjamin W. Reich and Margaret Mink (Zimmerman) Reich, holding unidentified infant
-- Mary A. Martin (b. 1900), daughter of Daniel A. and Magdalena W. (Auker) Martin.

Back row (standing from left):
-- Barbara S. Zimmerman (1899-1979), daughter of David M. and Amelia (Stauffer) Zimmerman
-- Harvey M. Horst (1894-1981), son of Henry W. and Barbara M. (Martin) Horst
-- Rebecca W. Sensenig (1897-1981), daughter of Isaac K. and Katie (Weaver) Sensenig
-- Aaron M. Sensenig (1899-1976), son of Martin M. and Mary A. (Martin) Sensenig
-- Mary Z. Sensenig (1899-1978), daughter of Keller K. and Mary M. (Zimmerman) Sensenig
-- Samuel Z. Shaub (1899-1977), son of Phares B. and Lizzie M. (Zimmerman) Shaub
-- Katie Z. Reich (1899-1988), daughter of Benjamin W. and Margaret Mink (Zimmerman) Reich.

Marriage Certificate of Abraham B. Stauffer and Barbara B. Weaver, married by Stephen Schweitzer in Ephrata on January 2, 1896.

Image of marriage page of the family Bible of Abraham B. Stauffer and Barbara B. Weaver. The Bible was sold at public auction in September 2014.

Photo of Abraham B. Stauffer, circa 1896.

Photo of Barbara B. Weaver, circa 1896.

Telegram from Abraham B. Stauffer to his father David M. Stauffer, sent from Delaware, where Abraham lived temporarily. The telegram, dated February 27, 1908, reads:
"David B. Stauffer c/o Jacob Sweigert My wife is dead You and Samuel come funeral Saturday A. B. Stauffer"
Abraham Stauffer returned to Lancaster County after the death of his wife, and he and his children lived in the Earl/West Earl areas.

Handwritten will of William McDennis, dated September 20, 1961, witnessed by W. Earl Stober, Ira L. Henley, and Martin L. ____.
Verification of baptism, dated July 18, 1942 and signed by the pastor of Reamstown Lutheran Parish, confirming the baptism of William McDennis by B. G. Welder at Muddy Creek Church in 1910.


Artifact Acquisitions:

The following artifacts were donated by John Elser:

Blue silk lodge ribbon, Washington Camp No. 701, P.O.S. of A., Hopeland. The fringed ribbon, which has a black mourning reverse, is suspended from an enameled bar and printed in silver.

Pocket knife in a pearlescent ivory celluloid casing, printed "Custom Milling by / Carl R. Hollinger / R.D. 1 Ephrata, Pa."; in the original box.


Pocket watch in an embossed metal casing, engraved "Singer's, Ephrata, Pa. / All Wool Clothes."

Miniature 4-ft tape measure in a plastic and metal case, printed "Happy Birthday / Walter W. Moyer Company, Inc. / Ephrata, Pa."

Small screwdriver with a cylindrical celluloid or similar grip, Haldeman Poultry Farms, Stevens (Reamstown).

Denver National Bank wooden dip pen.

Unused wooden advertising pencils, as follows:
William K. Heinsey Groceries, Reinholds.
Bill's Service Station (William G. Schlappig, prop.), Denver (2).
O.S. Showalter Coal and Hauling, Denver.
Farmers' Market and Auction (Green Dragon), Paul S. Stoner, Ephrata.
Amos W. Eberly Hardware, Reinholds (2).
Irene's Restaurant, Ephrata.
Eberly's Hardware and Plumbing, town not specified.
C.G. Sweigart Fuel Oil, Denver.
Sherman Hertzog, blinds, awnings, etc., Ephrata.
Mort's Market Basket, Denver.
Hix Cabinet Shop, Reinholds.
Dutchmaid Fashions, Ephrata: "Our 50th Year."
Hoover & Snader Electrical Appliances, Ephrata.
Hershey Bros. Feed, Coal, Lumber, Reinholds.
Bingeman's Store, Hopeland.
Christian Wenger Insurance, Denver.

Denver Planing Mill.

Gerhart Bros Coal & Lumber, Ephrata.

Sensenig Bros. Electrical Appliances, Reinholds.

Hollinger's Farm Market, Ephrata.

Rook's Fresh Meat Center, Ephrata.

R.A. Reinhold, Building Contractor, Reinholds.

William Sebastian Building Supplies, Reinholds.

Tobias S. Ochs, Bricklayer & Contractor, Reinholds.

Cloister Service Plumbing & Heating, Ephrata.

Hess Bros. Farms, Ephrata.


Haines the Shoe Wizard, Ephrata, etc.

Brehn & Enck Hardware & Houseware, Schoeneck.

Eugene E. Brubaker Insurance, Denver.

Reinholds Lumber & Supply Co.

East End Planing Mill, Ephrata.

Daniel's Diner, Denver.

Stan and Paul's, Ephrata.

Earl L. Pierce Children's Shoes, Reinholds.

E.L. Sweigart Linoleum, Reinholds.

Harry's Restaurant, Reamstown.

Zinn's Diner, Denver.

Stoner's Studio, Ephrata.

James K. Long Auto Body, Denver.

Samuel H. Huber Service Station, Ephrata.

C. Paul Donecker, Club Plan, Ephrata.

E.H. Hertzog Construction & Excavation, Denver.

Stoner's Shoe Repair, Ephrata.

Risser's Farm Market, Akron.

Good's Shoes, Ephrata.

Burkholder Shoes, Ephrata.

Bullet pencils in sheaths, as follows:

James K. Long Auto Body, Denver.

William Sebastian Building Supplies, Reinholds.

Fisher's Barber Shop, Reinholds.

Gehman Bros. Grain, Feed, and Flour, Denver.

Showalter's Feed Store, Denver.

Wally's Atlantic Service (Walter M. Hertzog), Denver.

Burkholder's Quarry, Ephrata, etc.

G. and S. Planing Mill, Reinholds.

Showalter's Implement Repair Shop, Reinholds.

Bolton's Baby Chicks, Schoeneck.
Mechanical advertising pencils, as follows:
G. and S. Planing Mill, Reinholds.
Ephrata Lodge No. 406, I.O.O.F., 50th anniversary, 1937
Hix Cabinet Shop, Denver (2).
Haldeman Poultry Farms, Stevens.
Paul H. Gehman Grain & Feed, Denver.
John F. Stuber Produce, Denver (2).
Brubaker & Rupp Petroleum Products, Ephrata.
Messick Chevrolet, Ephrata.
Samuel Borry Gifts & Jewelry, Denver.
William Sebastian Building Supplies, Stevens (2, 1 in a marbled barrel).
Frank & Paul Snyder, Auctioneers, Akron & Ephrata.
Ray E. Lied, Building Contractor, Denver. pearlescent barrel.
R.B. Snyder Fuel Oil and Oil Burners, Denver, marbled barrel.
Frank Snyder, Auctioneer, Ephrata, marbled barrel.
Ephrata Motor Express, marbled barrel.
Denver National Bank 50th anniversary, 1951, marbled barrel.

Miscellaneous Print and Print Artifact Acquisitions:

By-laws, Washington Camp. No. 701, P.O.S. of A., Hopeland. (Donation—John Elser)

Business card, David Musselman Antiques, Ephrata, ca. mid-1940's. (Donation—Dawn and Tom Rapchinski)

Odell's Exclusive Gold Antique Guide, 1939; includes among the advertisers and listed dealers Ada and David Musselman, Ephrata. (Donation—Dawn and Tom Rapchinski)

Compact disc containing copies of the microfilmed tax records of Cocalico Township, 1751-1838 (with omissions where incomplete); East Cocalico Township, 1842-1846; and West Cocalico Township, 1842-1848. (Donation—Michael Showalter)