LIBRARIAN’S REPORT, JUNE, 2013

Manuscript Acquisitions:

The following manuscript materials were donated by Tony Martin:

Five-year personal diaries kept by Florence E. Fair of Hinkletown (1902-1986), daughter of George W. and Nora M. Fair, as follows:

1940-1944
1945-1949
1950-1954
1955-1959
1960-1964
1965-1969
1970-1974
1975-1979
1960-1984
1985-March 21, 1986

Monument guarantees and receipt, George W. Fair estate, Weaver's memorials to Florence Fair, 1959.

Release prepared for Nora M. Fair, Florence E. Fair, Wayne L. Fair, and Mary I. Wanner, heirs of George W. Fair, December, 1858.

Adjudication excerpt (real estate disposal), estate of Nora M. Fair, Orphans' Court of Lancaster County, August, 1961.

PA local registrar's death certificate issued for Nora (Frantz) Fair, d. 1960.


Deed between Martha Kemper of Ephrata and George W. Fair of Hinkletown, 56 perches in Hinkletown, April 1, 1912. Recorded in LC Deed Book A, Vol. 21, p. 80.

Agreement of sale between Martha Kemper and George W. Fair of Hinkletown for property in Hinkletown, July 31, 1911.


Deed between Mary, Caroline, Ellen and Elizabeth Steffy of Hinkletown and George W. Kemper of Hinkletown, 56 perches in Hinkletown, March 25, 1876. Unrecorded.

Draft, drawn by E. Burkholder, of George W. Kemper's 56-perch property at Hinkletown.

Deed between Paul H. Gockley of Ephrata Twp. and Florence E. and Mary I. Fair of Earl Twp. for 61 perches in Hinkletown, October 14, 1939. The deed was recorded in LC Deed Book E, Vol. 34, p. 435.

Agreement of sale between Paul H. Gockley and George W. Fair of Hinkletown for property in Earl Twp., October 3, 1939; manuscript title search for the Paul H. Gockley property.


Check stubs, Fair family account, September 17, 1920 through June 20, 1922; book of checks and check stubs, Fair family account, early 20th century, years not recorded.

Bond and mortgage, John S. Fair of Hinkletown to Lydia A. Dubbs, both dated June 8, 1900; the mortgaged property consisted of 70 perches in Hinkletown.

Bond and mortgage, John S. Fair to U.G. Bard of Earl Twp., both dated April 19, 1904; the mortgaged property consisted of 10 acres, 20 perches in Hinkletown.

Bond and mortgage, John S. Fair to U.G. Bard, both dated April 11, 1906; the mortgaged property consisted of 10 acres, 20 perches in Hinkletown.

Burial lot deed, trustees of Trinity Lutheran Church, New Holland, to Samuel Overly, January 4, 1868.

Marriage certificate issued to George W. Fair and Nora M. Frantz, October 17, 1901; the couple were married at Reamstown by Rev. Benjamin Welder.

Inventory of the estate of John S. Fair of Earl Twp., undated.

Final account of the administrator of John S. Fair, 1920.

Release: Eliza M. Fair, Lucinda Steffy, Peter L. Fair, Ida Snyder, Samuel Fair and George W. Fair, widow and children of John S. Fair, 1922.
First and final account of Harry F. McCloud, administrator of the estate of Wayne L. Frantz, April 11, 1940.

Sales agreement between Elam M. Weaver of Earl Twp. and George W. Fair for an acre in Earl Twp., November 10, 1937.

"Certificates of Service" issued to Mary (Fair) Wanner by the Walter W. Moyer Company, 1963 (33 years), 1970 (40 years), and 1975 (45 years). 16-p booklet of Christmas carols distributed to employees by the Moyer Company, ca. 1956; Moyer Company 1956 Christmas Party program.


American Red Cross certificate issued to Mary I. (Fair) Wanner, March 1943: "Mrs. Mary I Wanner has completed the standard course in Red Cross nursing . . ."

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Public Instruction Certificate of Perfect Attendance issued to Mary Fair, with seals or stamps for the years 1922, 1923, 1924, & 1925. Similar certificate with a stamp for the year 1928.

Basic mileage ration, transport mileage ration, and supplemental gasoline ration stamps issued to Walter Wanner of Hinkletown; motor vehicle federal use tax stamps issued to Wanner. Accompanied by two small "Hauenstein Agency" (Lincoln) clear folders and a pebbled leather wallet.

Promissory note, April 1, 1913, signed by John S. Fair and Henry Diffenderfer: "One year after date I promise to pay to the order of George W. Fair at the Ephrata National Bank the sum of three hundred dollars . . ."

Unused Ephrata National Bank check with the printed "189_" date stamped out and "190_" stamped in.

Group of "John S. Fair General Merchandise" billheads reused as note paper; the sheets are filled with penciled lists of store items with quantities and prices.


Letter from S. Harold Hacker, President of the Ephrata National Bank, to Fair's Store at Hinkletown, April 5, 1974; encloses a Polaroid photo of a potted philodendron. Text reads: "Gentlemen: Enclosed you will find a photograph of the plant sent to our Grand Opening at Hinkletown. We wish to thank you for your thoughtfulness. It certainly added to the success of our opening."

Guest book, memorial services for George W. Fair, d. August 21, 1958; lists pallbearers, floral tributes, etc. Together with memorial folders and funeral announcements.

Guest book, memorial services for Ida Mary (Fair) Snyder, sister of George W. Fair, daughter of John S. and Eliza M. (Overly) Fair, d. September 22, 1956; lists pallbearers, floral tributes, etc. Together with memorial folder and obituary.

Guest book, memorial services for Nora (Frantz) Fair, wife of George W. Fair, daughter of Wayne L. and Rebecca (McCauley) Frantz, d. April 13, 1960; lists pallbearers, floral tributes, etc. Together with memorial folders, funeral announcement, obituary, etc.

Guest book, memorial services for Florence E. Fair, d. April 2, 1986; lists pallbearers, floral tributes, etc.

Guest book, memorial services for Walter Wise Wanner, d. November 3, 1978; lists pallbearers, floral tributes, etc. Wanner, married to Mary Fair, was a son of Milton R. and Stella (Wise) Wanner.

Account book recording automotive/trucking expenses, kept by Walter W. Wanner; entries date from January 1, 1946 through December, 1950. Wanner was a truck driver for Ephrata Twp. for 20 years, though precisely when is not known.


Account book recording automotive/trucking expenses, kept by Walter W. Wanner; entries date from January, 1956 through December, 1959.


The following manuscript materials were donated by Evelyn Steffy:

Soroptimist Club of Ephrata account book with financial records dating from August 10, 1975 through February 8, 1983; the first pages of the small ruled book are filled with membership records.

Soroptimist Club of Ephrata account book with financial records dating from March 1, 1983 through June 30, 1992; the first pages of the small ruled book are filled with membership records.

Small ruled account book containing financial records pertaining to the service projects and fundraising activities of the Soroptimist Club of Ephrata; entries date from 1975 through 1987.

Small ruled account book containing financial records pertaining to the service projects and fundraising activities of the Soroptimist Club of Ephrata; entries date from 1987 through 1997.

Photograph Acquisitions:

Matted Miller Studio photograph of the Denver High School graduating class of 1937; class members, individually identified, wear their caps and gowns. (Donation—Anna Rose Schannauer)

10" x 15 1/2" photograph of the members of the Denver High School class of 1937 on their Senior class trip to Mt. Vernon, May, 1928. (Donation—Anna Rose Schannauer)

Matted 4 3/4" x 6 3/4" "Stoner Studio" photograph of Bethany School students posed outside the stone schoolhouse with teacher Edgar Shrom; the names of 11 pupils are written on the reverse of the mount. N.d.; ca. 1920. (Donation—LaVerne Hyman)

15 1/2" x 20" photograph of Evelyn Ay of Ephrata (Miss America, 1954) in her wedding gown; she was married to Carl G. Sempier in November of 1954. (Donation—Evelyn Steffy)

Photograph of the interior of the Hinkletown Hotel under the proprietorship of John Weaver, ca. 1915. (Donation—Brenda Wangman)

Artifact Acquisitions:

Two posterboard stencils, approx. 4" x 9 3/4", reading "Compliments / Geo W Fair / Hinkletown." (Donation—Tony Martin)

Miscellaneous Print Acquisitions:

Printed Constitution and By-Laws of the Hospitaller's relief Association, Reamstown, revised 1939; in an envelope addressed to Walter W. Wanner and postmarked 1944. (Donation—Tony Martin)

Small printed public auction sale bill for an auction held at Fair's Store, November 9, 1957. (Donation—Tony Martin)
Printed sale bill for household goods and antiques belonging to the estate of George W. Fair, Hinkletown; the auction was held October 25, 1958. (Donation—Tony Martin)

Earl Twp. tax assessment card issued to John S. Fair, July, 1913. Lists the locations at which the tax collector, Jacob R. Hoober, would "sit to receive taxes": Martindale Store, Fair's Store, Voganville Store, Reidenbach’s Store, Frank Bair's Shop, and Rutter's Store. (Donation—Tony Martin)

Printed Constitution and By-laws of Schoeneck Relief Association No. 1, reorganized in 1955. (Donation—Tony Martin)

50th anniversary booklet, East Cocalico Vocational High School class of 1953, with yearbook photos of class members and updated biographical information. (Donation—Kerry Mohn)