LIBRARIAN’S REPORT, NOVEMBER 2014

**Book and Digital Book Acquisitions:**

DVD containing the entire text of the second edition of Warren R. Kriebel's *Ruth Genealogy: a Partial Record of the Descendants of Pioneer Henry Ruth and Several Other Ruth Families of Bucks and Montgomery Counties in Southeastern Pennsylvania*. (Freeport, Pa.: printed by Fountain Press, 1978) The Ruth family lines explored in the publication were concentrated in Lower Salford Township, Montgomery County and New Britain Township, Bucks County. (Donation—Danielle Forestier)

The following books were donated by Donald Gockley:


**Manuscript Acquisitions:**

The following was lent for scanning by Susan Eisenberger:

Diary kept by Oscar Lonsey Von Nieda (1871-1936), a son of Daniel S. and Sally (Zartman) Von Nieda, during the year 1900. During this period Von Nieda was in charge of the livery at Ephrata's Mountain Springs Hotel, owned and operated by his father; he appears to have operated the livery independently.

**Photograph Acquisitions:**

Modern 8 1/2" x 11" copies of two photographs taken on the occasion of a train derailment in Ephrata at the East Main Street crossing near the Herr building, February 11, 1933. (Donation—Dale E. Hornberger)

The following photographs were lent for scanning by Susan Eisenberger:

Real-photo postcard, a copy of an older photo, of Daniel Von Nieda of Ephrata as a drummer in the Civil War, 195th Regiment, Co. I, Pennsylvania Volunteers, 1865. The original was inscribed on the reverse "This is Kenneth's Great Grandpa."
Carte-de-visite portrait, no attribution, of Oscar Lonsey Von Nieda as a small boy, ca. 1875; the subject was a son of Daniel and Sally (Zartman) Von Nieda.

3 5/8" x 5 1/2" portrait of Daniel and Sally (Zartman) Von Nieda on the lawn of the Mt. Springs Hotel, perhaps on one of their wedding anniversaries, ca. 1915.

"Betz" (Lancaster) cabinet card portrait of Sally (Zartman) Von Nieda, ca. 1890.

Cabinet card portrait (no attribution) of Harry Jacob and Robert Davis Von Nieda as young boys, ca. 1885-1886; the subjects were sons of Daniel and Sally Von Nieda.

Cabinet card portrait (no attribution) of Oscar Von Nieda as a young man, ca. 1890.

"Saylor's New York Gallery" (Lancaster) portrait of Sarah Hess (Landes) Von Nieda as a young woman, ca. 1896-1900; she was the wife of Oscar Von Nieda and a daughter of Ezra and Hettie Becker (Hess) Landes.

"Rote" (Lancaster) cabinet card portrait of Harry J. Von Nieda as a young boy, ca. 1884-1885.

"Strunk" (Reading) cabinet card portrait of John Willis Von Nieda as a boy, ca. 1884-1885; he was a son of Daniel and Sally (Zartman) Von Nieda.

5" x 7" photograph of Daniel and Sally Von Nieda with their sons, daughters-in-law, and grandchildren seated in the front lawn of the Mt. Springs Hotel, ca. 1915.

5" x 7" photograph of Daniel and Sally Von Nieda with their sons, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, and other unrecognized subjects seated in the front lawn of the Mt. Springs Hotel, ca. 1917-1920.

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

Harry Stoner (Ephrata) portrait of David Musselman of Murrell as a young man.

Real-photo postcard showing David Musselman as a small boy with a wheelbarrow and two rabbits, July 1918; taken by his father, Clayton Musselman.

Photograph of David Musselman and Elizabeth Royer as young children, ca. 1918-1919; taken by Clayton Musselman.

Photograph of Clayton S. Musselman with an unidentified couple and girl at 764 East Main Street, Ephrata (Murrell), 1913.

Strunk (Reading) studio portrait of Ada Shreiner (Mellinger) Musselman as a young woman, ca. 1905.

Fritz (Ephrata) studio portrait of John Shreiner Mellinger, ca. 1924.
Fritz studio portrait of John Shreiner Mellinger and wife Helen, ca. 1926.

Portrait of Ada S. (Mellinger) Musselman as a young woman, ca. 1905.

Photograph of Ada S. (Mellinger) Musselman and her younger brother John S. Mellinger, ca. 1910.

Photograph of Michael Shirk homestead, probably West Cocalico Township, ca. 1910.

Self-portrait of Clayton S. Musselman as a young man, reflected (with his camera) in the mirror of a bar, ca. 1908.

Photograph of Clayton S. Musselman as a young man with a dog, ca. 1910; probably taken by Musselman himself.

Photograph of Clayton S. Musselman as a young man, ca. 1910; probably taken by Musselman himself.


Photograph of Clayton S. Musselman in his photographic studio with fellow photographer and classmate Robert D. Von Nieda, ca. 1908; probably taken by Musselman.

Photograph of Clayton S. Musselman in his office or studio, ca. 1908; probably a self-portrait.

Class photograph, Bethany School, 1923-1924, with name listing.

Group of ten young men, all unidentified except for Clayton Musselman, ca. 1907; probably taken by Musselman.

Comedic portrait of three young men, including Clayton Musselman, in hats; probably taken by Musselman.

Photograph of a group of young men and women at a picnic, ca. 1910; of the subjects only Clayton Musselman is identified. A banner posted on tree trunks reads "any act willfully performed in any way will be dealt with according to law. M.B.S."

Ephrata High School student outing with principal Henry E. Gehman, ca. 1898; of the other subjects only Clayton Musselman is identified.

Class photo, Bethany School, ca. 1891; students are identified.

Class photo, unidentified school with teacher Clayton S. Musselman, ca. 1910.
Group of ten unidentified male students from the Hinkletown School, with teacher Clayton Musselman; labeled "Our Boys," March 17, 1905. A penciled note added to the photograph reads "Levi Bard died Jan. 4, 1913, 24 yr. old."

Group of nine female students from the Hinkletown School, with teacher Clayton Musselman; most of the students have been identified. Labeled "Our Girls" and dated March 17, 1905.

Class photo, Middle Creek School, with teacher Clayton Musselman, ca. 1902. A note on the reverse reads "same school house Elizabeth Burkholder taught school. Sara Burkholder Musselman attended the school, her mother teacher during third year of school."

Class photo, Hinkletown School, 1904, with teacher Clayton Musselman; students include Mary Winters Reemsnyder and, probably, Levi Bard.

Employees of David Stoner Musselman in front of his tobacco warehouse at 874 East Main Street, Ephrata, ca. 1905-1910; subjects include David Musselman.

Two photos, demolition of David S. Musselman tobacco warehouse, 874 East Main St., June 1980.

Real-photo postcard portrait of Reba Brendle, ca. 1908, with inscription on reverse to Ada Musselman.

Real-photo postcard portrait of Cora Henley and Hattie Miller, ca. 1910.

Real-photo postcard portrait of Lydia Witmer in men's clothing, ca. 1908; probably taken by Clayton Musselman.

Real-photo postcard portrait of Lydia Witmer, in men's clothing, and an unidentified subject, ca. 1908; probably taken by Clayton Musselman.

Real-photo postcard portrait of Lydia Witmer, 1908; probably taken by Clayton Musselman.

Real-photo postcard picture of a group of eight young woman, ca. 1910; all are unidentified except for Ada Musselman and Lydia Witmer.

Real-photo postcard picture of a group of eight young women and a young man, ca. 1910; all are unidentified except for Ada Musselman and Lydia Witmer.

Real-photo postcard picture of Trinity Lutheran Church, Ephrata; the original was dated "12-10-'08," but if this refers to the 10th of December the date is in error, as the visible trees are in full leaf.

Real-photo postcard picture of the Hope United Evangelical Church, southeast corner of Washington Avenue and Marshall Street, Ephrata, ca. 1908; taken by Clayton Musselman.

Real-photo postcard picture: "Receiving tobacco at Kinports, Jan. 7, 1907"; the factory was located on Church and West Franklin Streets. Taken by Clayton Musselman.
Real-photo postcard showing the Bauman houses at Oak and Pine Streets, Ephrata, the barn of the Clare Point Stock Farm, and the Thomas Willson mansion. Taken by Clayton Musselman, ca. 1908.

Real-photo postcard showing Ye Village Inne, northwest corner of North Oak and West Main Streets, Ephrata, ca. 1908; taken by Clayton Musselman.

Real-photo postcard showing "Prospect Rock" on Muddy Creek, ca. 1908; taken by Clayton Musselman.

Real-photo postcard showing "The Puzzle Face Scene" on Muddy Creek, ca. 1908; taken by Clayton Musselman.

Seven real-photo postcards, Cocalico Creek scenes at unidentified locations, ca. 1908, all taken by Clayton Musselman.

Real-photo postcard picture of the Franklin Street School, Ephrata, dated "11/2/1908" and sent to Ada Musselman by "C.M." (Clayton Musselman).

Real-photo postcard picture of the Washington Avenue School, ca. 1908; taken by Clayton Musselman.

View of small-grain harvesting along Rt. 322 on East Main Street, as seen from 766-768 East Main Street, Murrell, ca. 1908. The land pictured is now the site of 767 East Main Street.

Seven real-photo postcard pictures of chickens and chicken houses, all belonging to Clayton Musselman and dated 1912 or 1913, or undated.

Photo of the construction of 766-768 East Main Street, ca. 1910; the building became the home and antique shop of Clayton and Ada Musselman.

One exterior and four interior photographs of damages to the Levi and Elizabeth (Hassler) Burkholder home at 5 Old Mill Road, Ephrata; the house was damaged during blasting for the construction of Rt. 272 (then Rt. 222).

Photograph of Elizabeth (Hassler) Burkholder, ca. 1930's.

Photograph of Frank Hassler, father of Emma (Hassler) Frankfort and Elizabeth (Hassler) Burkholder, and of Warren Frankfort, ca. 1922. Warren was the son of Emma Frankfort.

Tintype portrait of Levi H. Burkholder of Ephrata and two unidentified boys.

Five photographs taken at an auction held at 764 East Main Street, just west of the former Clayton and Ada Musselman home, August 24, 1974.

Four photographs taken at an auction held for Sara Musselman at the former David S. Musselman tobacco warehouse, 874 East Main Street, on June 5, 1976
Seven photographs of an auction held at the Sara Musselman home, 767 East Main Street, July 19, 1982.

Four photographs taken at the auction of millstones held at 767 East Main Street, October 6, 2001.


Two photographs of millstones at the site of the home of David and Sara Musselman (767 East Main St.) prior to the time that their house was built, ca. 1930.

Five photographs of millstones at the David and Sara Musselman home, ca. 1950.

Two photographs of millstones at the David and Sara Musselman home, ca. 1950; a third photograph shows the photos digitally merged.

Photograph of millstones in the David and Sara Musselman yard, ca. 1990.

Photograph of the tanbark millstone used as the headstone of David and Sara Musselman, Bergstrasse Cemetery.

David and Sara Musselman home, 767 East Main Street.


Sandstone carriage steps, ca. 1990; sandstone hitching post, ca. 1990.

Two photographs of sandstone carriage steps, Musselman collection, ca. 2001.

Sandstone millstone embedded in the front stoop of the Musselman home, ca. 2001; sandstone millstone embedded in the sidewalk of the Musselman home, ca. 2001.

Sandstone millstones, Musselman collection, ca. 2001.

Sandstone steps at side porch of Musselman home, ca. 2001.

Sandstone watering trough from Konigmacher family, Musselman collection, ca. 2001.


Artifact Acquisitions:

Arched date stone from Stober’s (Indiantown) Mill, located on Indian Run in Clay Twp. near the border of West Cocalico Township. The date stone, which measures 14 ½” x 23”, has an elegant roped border and features a relief carving of a gear or waterwheel inside the arch; it is inscribed “Erbanet / von / Isaac
Erb / und / Seiner Frau / Maria / Im Jahr / 1823.” The stone was acquired, along with a similar stone from the same mill, by antique dealers Clayton and Ada Musselman in 1931 following the mill’s demolition; both stones were subsequently sold to an unknown party or parties. Isaac Erb was born in 1794 and died in 1838; he is buried in the Hauck-Fry Cemetery, Ephrata Twp. Maria (Zerfass) Erb was a daughter of Samuel and Magdalena Zerfass. (Purchase)

"Ephrata Pastry Shop" enameled metal advertising ruler, ca. 1955. (Donation—Jim Brodt)

Aluminum receptacle with clipboard used by Jay Haws, an employee of the D & E telephone company, in collecting money from pay phones. (Donation—Lowell Haws)

Items of clothing worn by Suzanne Mellinger of Ephrata as a young child when attending dance classes at the Ephrata Recreation Center, ca. late 1950's: small velvet leotard, satin skirt, jacket, and cap, and headpiece. (Donation—Suzanne Mellinger Bachman)

The following items were donated by Gail (Sahm) Huber:

Ivory silk wedding dress with a same-fabric overskirt and with a standing collar, worn by Rachel Myers (1891-1969) for her marriage to Harry W. Keller of Ephrata, February 19, 1913. The dress is trimmed with beaded netting at the bodice, neckline and sleeves, and at the off-center front gathering of the overskirt; the sleeves are additionally trimmed with heavily gathered silk organza, or a similar sheer fabric. Rachel was a daughter of John S. and Lizzie (Aungst) Myers, of West Earl Twp.; the groom was a son of Jacob K. and Katie Bollinger (Widders) Keller.

Marriage certificate of Harry W. Keller and Rachel Myers ("Myer"), married in Lancaster February 19, 1913. During their married life the couple resided at 241 North State Street, Ephrata.

Woman's cream wool flannel petticoat with a cotton waistband and side insets to expand the lower skirt; the garment is embroidered above the hem with ivory silk thread worked in stem and satin stitch. Belonged to Rachel (Myers) Keller.

Woman's lawn or similar sheer cotton petticoat, pleated, gathered, and trimmed with a band of drawn work; belonged to Rachel (Myers) Keller.

Woman's plain-weave cotton (upper body) and flannel (lower body) camisole, closed at the rear with two shell buttons. The shoulder and neck openings are trimmed with delicate lace and the flannel portion of the garment is embroidered above the hem with ivory silk rosebuds. Belonged to Rachel (Myers) Keller.

Woman's sheer linen handkerchief embroidered in one corner with the letter "R"; belonged to Rachel (Myers) Keller.

Black silk, lace-trimmed parasol with a frayed red silk lining and a bamboo handle carved with floral forms, accompanied by the original silk sheath and pasteboard box. Belonged to Katie Bollinger (Widders) Keller (1868-1933) of Ephrata Township, a daughter of Reuben and Matilda (Bollinger) Widders and the wife of Jacob K. Keller.
Miscellaneous Print and Print Artifact Acquisitions:

"2015 Hoover Calendar" compiled and published by Amos B. and Nora Hoover of Farmersville. Each day of the year is correlated with events transpiring on the same date during one or several previous years; the occurrences included were felt to be significant to the family, the Old Order Mennonite Church, and/or the local community. (Donation—Amos B. Hoover)

2 c., Reamstown Area Directory, 1980-1981; published by the Memorial Park Association of East Cocalico Township. (Donation—Vivian Garman)