Manuscript Acquisitions:

Seven diaries kept by James Jacob Coldren (1861-1939) of Adamstown and the Muddy Creek area for the years 1889, 1892, 1894, 1898, 1901,1902, and 1905. The diarist, born in Brecknock Township, was a son of Eli and Sarah (Heft) Coldren; he was married to Phoebe Emma Lied on January 9, 1886. A lifelong member of the Muddy Creek Lutheran Church, he was the congregation's choir director for 15 years, served as its sexton for 15 years, and was superintendent of the Muddy Creek Sunday school for 50 years, from 1885 to 1935. (Purchase)

Scrapbook assembled for the Woman's Club of Ephrata, 1968-1969, under the presidency of Lilly (Mrs. John) Cooper. The 13” x 14 1/2” scrapbook, in padded vinyl covers, contains photographs of club activities, newspaper clippings, the club's yearbook, programs, and occasional other items of memorabilia. There are 52 leaves, each used on one side. (Donation—Lilly A. Cooper)

Photograph Acquisitions:

The following photographs were donated by Barry L. Grumbein:

Mounted photograph of students at Reamstown High School, 1913. Subjects, identified on the reverse of the mount, include William Shober, Helen Swartz Good, Stella Leed Shober, Eugene Coover, Kathryn Root, Milton Buch, Mary Albright, Fred Uibel, Harry Cooper (teacher), Walter Good, Dewey Uibel, Raymond Keiper ("Kyper"), Edward Stork, Floyd Reinhold, Clyde Shimp, George Ludwig, Susan Oberholtzer ("Oberholser") Ludwig, Minnie Sweigart, Sallie Sweigart Long, Andelia Tothero Kauffman, Earla Snyder Myer, Edna Frankhouser Wenger, Fannie Weidman, and Margaret Landis Martin.

Mounted "Titus" photograph of the Reamstown High School (two-year) graduating class of 1911 with teacher/principal Harry M. Cooper. Students, identified on the reverse of the mount, include Mahlon Lausch, Raymond Stick, Sallie Coldren, Paul Lied, Alma Weidman, Floyd Leisey ("Leicey"), Blanche Yetter, Mary Killian, Howard Fry, Harry Tothero, Paul Uibel, and Chester Williams. The photograph is dated April 22, 1911.

Mounted photograph of Reamstown Grammar School pupils with teacher Emerson Charles Yohe, ca. 1909-1910. Students' names are recorded on the reverse of the mount.

Mounted photograph of Reamstown Grammar School pupils with teacher Emerson Charles Yohe, 1911; students' names are recorded on the reverse of the mount.
Mounted photograph of East Stevens School pupils, 1902; students' names are recorded on the reverse of the mount.

 Mounted photograph of a large group of young women, many of them Brethren, gathered at the home of Maria Hackman, 1915; subjects' names are recorded on the reverse of the mount. Maria Hackman is thought to have been a daughter of Jacob L. and Kate (Miller) Hackman, of Clay Township; she was later married to Alvin H. Hummer.

Framed and mounted photograph of members of the Reamstown High School graduating class of 1913 with teacher Harry M. Cooper. In addition to Cooper, subjects are as follows: Angus Reed Coover, William L. Shober, Raymond Keiper, Stella H. Lied, Milton E. Buch, Fred Uibel, Clyde A. Shimp, Mary B. Albright, George M. Ludwig, Floyd C. Reinhold, Walter W. Good, and J. Edward Stork.

The following photographs were lent for scanning by Betty and Carl Stump:

Color photo of William Keller Mohler of Ephrata, age 90, with his daughter Sadie K. Mohler, age 56; the photo was taken in 1948.

Photo of William K. Mohler at his desk, ca. 1934.

50th wedding anniversary portrait of William K. Mohler and Amanda Sahm (Keller) Mohler, of Ephrata, November, 1934; the picture was taken in the living room of the couple's home at 125 North State Street.

The following photographs were lent for scanning by Robert S. Carter:

Portrait of an elderly woman identified as "Grammy Hipple," ca. 1910: the subject is almost certainly Mary (Gallagher) Hipple (1842-1935), wife of Rufus Hipple of Rapho Township and the mother of Sylvester G. Hipple of Ephrata. Born at Newtown near Mt. Joy, Lancaster County, she was a daughter of John and Sarah (Lutz) Gallagher.

Portrait of Bertha (Hipple) Weise, daughter of Sylvester G. and Emma (Kline) Hipple of Ephrata.

Portrait of Miriam Ethel (Hipple Carter (1901-1975), ca. 1920; the subject was the daughter of Sylvester G. and Emma (Kline) Hipple of Ephrata and the wife of William B. Carter.

Saylor Studio cabinet card portrait of Esther Mae Hipple as an infant, ca. 1892-1893; the subject was a daughter of Sylvester G. and Emma (Kline) Hipple of Ephrata.

A.M. Lease Studio cabinet card portrait of Bertha Hipple as an infant, ca. 1900; the subject was a daughter of Sylvester G. and Emma (Kline) Hipple of Ephrata.
Carte-de-visite portrait of Robert M., Helen, and Mary Carter, children of William Carter and Annie (Gross) Hull Carter, ca. 1882.

Portrait of Mary F. (Carter) Weinhold (1880-1943) as a young woman, ca. 1900-1905; the subject was the daughter of William and Annie (Gross) Carter and the wife of Frank F. Weinhold.

Portrait of Helen A. (Carter) Leibold (1882-1977) as a young woman, ca. 1902-1907; the subject was the daughter of William and Annie (Gross) Carter and the wife of Isaac N. Leibold.

Mt. Springs Gallery portrait of Robert M. Carter (1873-1959) of Ephrata, ca. mid 1890's; the subject was a son of William Carter and Annie (Gross) Hull Carter.

Tintype portrait of Robert M. Carter and Ralph B. Hull as children, ca. 1884-1885. Robert Carter was a son of William and Annie (Gross) Hull Carter; Ralph was a son of Robert's half-brother, Franklin W. Hull, and Elizabeth (Winters) Hull.

Cabinet card portrait of Robert M. Carter of Ephrata wearing spats, top hat, etc., and seated in a small cart harnessed to a goat, ca. late 1890's.

Photograph of Robert M. Carter on horseback, ca. 1910.

Photograph of Robert M. Carter on horseback outside Baker's Sales and Exchange Stables, South State Street, Ephrata, ca. 1910.

McCaa Studio portrait of Robert M. Carter, ca. 1909.


Strip of three similar small portraits of Robert M. Carter of Ephrata, ca. 1920.

J.D. Strunk cabinet card portrait of Sallie (Baker) Carter of Ephrata, ca. 1895.

Portrait of Sallie (Baker) Carter of Ephrata, ca. 1905.


Saylor's New York Gallery (Reading) cabinet card portrait of Jacob J. Baker, son of Andrew M. and Mary Ann (Longenecker) Baker of Ephrata, ca. 1895.

Real-photo postcard portrait of Sarah J. ("Sadie") Baker of Ephrata, wife of Jacob J. Baker, ca. 1905.

Cabinet card portrait of a young boy identified both as Ralph Hull and Harry Carter, ca. 1887 or 1890. Ralph Hull was a son of Franklin W. and Elizabeth (Winters) Hull of Ephrata; Harry
Carter was a son of Franklin Hull's half-brother, Robert M. Carter. Ralph was born in 1881; Harry was born in 1884.

Portrait of Reuben Stine of Ephrata, proprietor of the Eagle Hotel, ca. 1900.

Saylor's New York Gallery (Reading) portrait of Olivia (Baker) Seldomridge Buch of Ephrata, married first to Jersey Seldomridge and then to Jacob W. Buch, ca. 1910.

Photograph of Jacob and Olivia (Baker) Seldomridge Buch and Jacob M. and Elva Krouse in St. Petersburg, Florida, ca. late 1920's or 1930.

Photograph of Jacob W. Buch (d. 1946) of Ephrata, ca. 1920's or 1930.

Photograph of a group of young boys and several adults with a horse and surrey, ca. 1904-1905; subjects, most of them unidentified, include Baker Royer and William B. Carter of Ephrata.

Von Nieda Gallery cabinet card portrait of William B. Carter as an infant, ca. 1894; the child was the son of Robert M. and Sallie (Baker) Carter.

Miller Studio portrait of William B. Carter of Ephrata, ca. 1940.

Real-photo postcard portrait of William B. Carter holding his baby daughter Mabert, ca. 1926; the family dog is also included in the picture.

Portrait of Robert S. Carter as a small boy; he was a son of William B. and Miriam E. (Hipple) Carter.


Portrait of Mabert (Carter) Mellinger as a young woman, ca. early 1940's; she was a daughter of William B. and Miriam E. (Hipple) Carter.

Photograph taken at the wedding of Mabert Carter and Richard Mellinger, 1947; members of the wedding party include Jack Bryson, Anna Mae Mellinger, the bride's brother Robert S. Carter, and ____ Burkholder.

Miscellaneous Print Acquisitions:

Single-sheet newsprint flyer or broadside advertising the Ephrata Lions Club annual broom sale, April 6, 1970: "Buy a broom made by blind people." (Donation—Larry Bickhart)