

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT, APRIL 2017

Book Acquisitions:

Earnest, Russell D., Corrine P. Earnest, and Patricia Earnest Suter. *God Bless This House: The Printed House Blessings (Haus-Segen) of the Pennsylvania Germans, 1780-1921*. Clayton, Del.: Russell P. Earnest Associates, 2015. (Purchase)

Unparthenisches Gesang-Buch, Enthaltend Geistreiche Lieder und Psalmen, zum Allgemeinen Gebrauch des Wahren Gottesdienstes. Auf Begehren der Bruderschaft der Mennonisten Gemeinen . . . Lancaster, Pa.: Johann Bar, 1853. Stamped on the front cover lining "Springville Church Property." (Donation—Amos B. Hoover)

Manuscript Acquisitions:

Suwanee Tribe No. 123, Improved order of Red Men statement of account cards issued to Clarence Reidenbaugh (Reidenbach), Rt. 4, Lititz, 1922. Suwanee Tribe receipt postcard mailed to Clarence Reidebaugh, January 8, 1923. (Donation—Sandy Reidenbach)

Receipt written to Carrie Pfautz by Ephrata furniture dealers Eitnier & Hoffman, June 8, 1921; similar receipt written to Carrie (Pfautz) Reidenbach, June 23, 1926. (Donation—Sandy Reidenbach)

H.M. Mellinger Funeral Home (Denver) receipt for the funeral expenses of Clarence Reidenbach, November 19, 1929. (Donation—Sandy Reidenbach)

Photograph Acquisitions:

Framed photograph of Hope Evangelical Church, located at the corner of Washington Avenue and Marshall Street, Ephrata, ca. 1926. When the photo was taken the church had been newly and extensively remodeled; dedication services were held October 24, 1926. The structure was destroyed by fire in April of 1930 and was replaced with a building with a similar appearance. (Donation—Larry Alexander)

Framed aerial photograph, approximately 19" x 22", showing the Milton and Catharine (Good) Mentzer farm, located in Ephrata Township on the west side of Pleasantview Road, north of Springville Road. The farm had previously belonged to Allen and Fianna (Gibble) Mentzer. (Donation—Joan Gibble)

Digital image created from a hand-tinted portrait of Elmer Roy Trego of Ephrata Township in his WWI uniform. Trego, born September 9, 1895, was a son of William and Hattie (Hornberger) Trego. Married to Elizabeth Goodman, he died August 18, 1923. (Donation—Marcia Sugumele)

The following photographs were donated by Lowell Haws:

Mounted 4 1/2" x 6 3/4" photographs of four rural mail carriers' wagons on Ephrata's East Main Street, ca. 1910; portions of the King Building at 41-45 East Main, which housed the Ephrata Post Office as well as King's Grocery Store and Hicks' Millinery, can be seen to the rear.

Mounted 4 1/4" x 6 1/4" photograph of Hahnstown School students with teacher H.S. Jacoby, December 18, 1901; the stone school building can be seen to the rear.

Mounted 4 5/8" x 6 3/4" photograph of primary and secondary students outside an unidentified brick school building, ca. 1914; the only identified student is Clara E. Sloat, daughter of John G. and Emma V. (Trego) Sloat. In 1910, the family lived near Martindale.

Mounted 4 5/8" x 6 3/4" photograph of primary and secondary students outside an unidentified brick school building, ca. 1904-1905; the only identified student is Carrie Sloat, daughter of John G. and Emma V. (Trego) Sloat.

Mounted Fritz (Reading) studio portrait of Scott Frankfort (1892-1974), a son of Lemon B. and Lillian (Trego) Frankfort, ca. 1912. In 1910, the subject lived in Ephrata Twp. with his maternal grandparents, George W. and Mary Trego.

Mounted "Ernst" (Lancaster) studio portrait of Garfield (1880-1944) and Alice (Koser) Hersh, ca. 1902-1905. Garfield was a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Sloat) Hersh; in 1900 their family lived in West Earl Township.

Mounted studio portrait of Rebecca Hersh, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Sloat) Hersh, ca. 1905-1910.

Mounted "Titus" (Ephrata) studio portrait of Anna Sloat (1894-1952), daughter of John G. and Emma V. (Trego) Sloat, ca. 1915.

Two matted "Ferree" (Ephrata) studio portraits, taken on the same occasion, of Harry and Anna (1894-1952) Sloat Hammond, ca. 1924.

Matted "Stoner" (Ephrata) studio portrait of James G. (1915-1983) and Florence (Fry) Rupp (1913-2002). James was a son of Harry B. and Frances (Greeninger) Rupp; Florence was a daughter of Martin and Lida (Steffy) Fry.

The following photographs were donated by Sue Burkholder:

Real-photo postcard of the members of the Akron Cornet Band at an encampment; members include Charles Daniels, Elmer Hackman, Elmer Landis, Ervin I. Romig, Roy Hackman, Paul Weidman, Lee McClain, Sam Lesley, William Daniels, Paul Ibach, Lewis Smith, Paul Stoner, "Lobbis" Strohl, Alvin Zwally, and William Roland.

Real-photo postcard (2 copies) of a large group of people gathered at an encampment, very likely to have been the United Evangelical camp meeting held yearly near Millway, ca. 1914.

Real-photo postcard of a large group of people gathered at an encampment, very likely to have been the United Evangelical camp meeting held yearly near Millway; taken by Edwin R. Fritz of Akron. Postmarked 1914 and mailed to Mrs. C.D. Huber, Chestnut Street, Lebanon. Signature of the sender appears to read "Papa"; message, partially illegible, reads "Get everything arranged. I will be home Sunday afternoon sometime. Get Mrs. Groff, Mrs. ____, Mabel Wunderlich . . .Whoever you can. Find out which it is English or Germ."

Printed postcard of tents at an encampment, very likely to have been the site of the United Evangelical camp meeting held yearly near Millway; published by E.H. Smith, Akron. Postmarked July 31, 1914 and mailed to Miss Marion Huber, Chestnut Street, Lebanon. The message is signed "Ruth": "I am having a fine time. I am quite sure you will too, when you come."

Matted Akron Public School class photo, probably first and second grades, 1933-1934; the individual subjects are not identified.

Matted Akron Public School class photo, probably third and fourth grades, ca. mid-1930's; the individual subjects are not identified.

Matted photo of the members of the Ephrata High School Class of 1945, in graduation caps and gowns, grouped outside the high school building on Highland Avenue. The individual subjects are not identified.

The following photographs (all early copies) were lent for scanning by Curt and Linda Sickmeier:

View of Rettew's Mill, located on the Cocalico Creek near Akron; this is an early photograph, taken prior to renovations which took place in 1889. The view, taken from the far bank of the creek, shows the mill, then a 2 1/2 story stone structure, and the stone house on the property. At the time the picture was taken, the mill was operated by John M. Rettew but owned by Henry Keller.

Photograph of the house at the Rettew's Mill property near Akron, ca. mid-late 1880's, with unidentified family members grouped outside.

Photograph of Rettew's Mill after it was rebuilt with the addition of a frame upper story, ca. 1890's.

The following photographs were lent for scanning by Joan Gibble:

Photograph of the Milton G. and Catharine (Good) Mentzer home, 17 West Locust Street, Ephrata, ca. 1930's.

Digital image created from a Mentzer family Thanksgiving photo, 1931; the picture shows family members grouped in the back yard of 115 North Church St., Ephrata, home of John G. and Maud (Weidman) Mentzer. The R & R Garment Factory at 117 N. Church is seen to the rear of the group.

According to the inscription on the back of the photograph, the Thanksgiving meal took place at adjoining 17 West Locust St., home of Milton G. and Catharine (Good) Mentzer. Subjects are Lloyd L. Mentzer; Milton and Catharine Mentzer; S. Millo and Florence (Mentzer) Herr and their children Ben and Jean; Olive (Nies) Mentzer and her daughter Corinne; and John G. "Jack" and Maud (Weidman) Mentzer and their daughter Joan.

Three snapshots of children (Ben Herr, Jean Herr, Joan Mentzer, & others) at play on the Milton and Catharine Mentzer farm on Pleasantview Road, Ephrata Twp., ca. 1930 & early 1930's; Milton and Catharine were the grandparents of Joan and the Herr children.

Miscellaneous Print Acquisitions:

4 p. research paper compiled by the donor: "Notes on the Brownstown Circuit Campmeetings in the 1890-1895 Times of Turmoil." Describes the split of the Evangelical Association and its effect on the denomination's Brownstown church in the period named; each of the two factions held its own camp meeting beginning in 1891. (Donation—Jack Parmer)

Small humorous booklet entitled "Story of Esquire Brown and His Mule"; cartoon-style pictures and verse alternate with advertising for "Dr. Bull's" medicinal products. Distributed by H.L. Cox, druggist, Ephrata. (Donation—Sandy Reidenbach)

Printed constitution and by-laws booklet, Suwanee Tribe No. 123, Improved Order of Red Men, Akron, 1920; issued to Clarence L. Reidenbaugh/Reidenbach. (Donation—Sandy Reidenbach)

Printed form, application for membership, Suwanee Tribe No. 123, Improved Order of Red Men, Akron. (Donation—Sandy Reidenbach)

The following print items were donated by Lowell Haws:

Two 2 1/4" x 3 7/8 string tags printed with a photograph of the eagle statue atop the Denver War Memorial; both are printed above the picture "Denver / Memorial Park." One tag is printed beneath the picture "Allentown Band / August 26, 1956; the other is printed "Malta Band / June 24, 1956."

Program for a United States Air Force Band concert held in the Cocalico Union High School Auditorium, November 29, 1956; the Band was conducted by Col. George S. Howard.

Program for a "Lancaster County Music Festival" held under the auspices of the Lancaster County Music Educators Association at Ephrata High School, March 17, 1956.

Program for the comedy "For the Love of Pete," performed by the Junior class of the Cocalico Union High School February 9, 1957.

Copy of "Vocational Chatter," (newsletter of the East Cocalico Vocational School), "Commencement Issue," 1930; includes brief individual tributes to the members of the Senior class, as well as alumni notes

for the classes of 1912, 1913, 1914, and 1916. Photocopy (differently ordered) of the same, with photo of graduates included.

Copy of "Vocational Chatter," (newsletter of the East Cocalico Vocational School), "Thanksgiving Number," 1931.

The following group of paper items, which belonged to Paul and Rachel (Smith) Weidman, were donated by Sue Burkholder:

Program, Ephrata High School Baccalaureate services, May 27, 1945.

Program, Ephrata High School commencement, May 31, 1945.

Program, Akron High School commencement, April 24, 1914.

Program, Ephrata High School class of 1960 "class program," June 7, 1960.

Program, dedication of the Christian Educational building of Grace Evangelical Congregational Church, Akron, November 20, 1966.

Certificate of honorable discharge from the U.S. Army issued to Charles Emory Smith of Akron, December 12, 1918.

"Domain of the Golden Dragon" certificate issued to Paul Weidman of Akron, May 21, 1944.

Four pages of "The Ephrata Ensign," Vol. VII, No. 37 (May 24, 1945). The saved portion of the paper is devoted to the Ephrata, Denver, East Cocalico, and Reamstown High School graduating classes of 1945 and features photographs of the graduating seniors of each of the schools.

Scrapbook kept by Rachel Smith, daughter of Charles E. and Myrtle (Myers) Smith of Akron; the spiral bound book contains 25 oversize leaves to which are mounted newspaper clippings, programs for local events, paper favors and small souvenirs, and several actual photographs. The items included generally date from the late 1930's to early-mid 1940's.

Printed baptismal certificate of Myrtle Myers, daughter of John and Emma Myers, born September 26, 1899 & baptized November 19, 1899 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Columbia, Pa.

Shaped Easter card sent to Rachel J. Smith by "Patty," ca. late 1920's or 1930's.

Two Christmas postcards sent to Rachel J. Smith by "Patty" and "Grandma," 1927.

Shaped, humorous Christmas card received by Rachel J. Smith, ca. late 1920's or 1930's.

Humorous birthday card sent to Rachel J. Smith by "Mame and Sylvan," ca. late 1920's or 1930's.

Shaped valentine greeting in the form of a small booklet; sent to Rachel J. Smith by "Sylvan," ca. late 1920's or 1930's.

Shaped, expanding valentine greeting sent to Rachel J. Smith by "Ruthie & Wanda," 1928.

Shaped valentine greeting sent to Rachel J. Smith by "Gladys," ca. late 1920's or 1930's.

Valentine greeting with paper lace overlay; sent to Rachel J. Smith by "Grandma Smith," ca. late 1920's or 1930's.

Artifact Acquisitions:

White marble datestone, 15 5/8" x 28 3/8" x 2 1/8" deep, removed from Butzer Bros. Garage, South State Street, Ephrata; inscription reads "Built By / Butzer Bros. / 1910." The donor's father, James B. Long, was the last mechanic to be employed at the dealership and salvaged the datestone at the time of the building's demolition, ca. 1969. (Donation—Jay Long)

Blotter printed with the advertising of Harry Ruth, Jr., Ephrata, ca. 1946: "Electrolux / Cleaner and Air Purifier / Bonded Representative: Harry Ruth, Jr. / Route 3 - Phone 195-J-4 - Ephrata, Pa. / Sales and Service / Free Home Demonstration." (Donation—Sandy Reidenbach)