

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT, DECEMBER 2016

### **Book Acquisitions:**

*Hymnal, Church of the Brethren.* Elgin, Ill.: Brethren Publishing House, 1925. Stamped on the flyleaf and the cover lining "Property of the / Church of the Brethren / Ephrata, Pa."; also inscribed on the flyleaf "Mrs. W.K. Mohler / 125 N. State St / Ephrata, Pa." Mrs. W.K. Mohler was Amanda Sahn (Keller) Mohler (1863-1950). (Donation—Carl and Betty Stump)

*Ko-Ka-Le-Ko* (East Cocalico High School yearbook), 1945 and 1946. (Donation—Edwin Z. Martin)

Sharp, John E. *My Calling to Fulfill: the Ori O. Miller Story.* Harrisonburg, Va.: Herald Press, 2015. (Donation—Phillip Eisemann)

### **Manuscript Acquisitions:**

Family Bible (Philadelphia: Kimber & Sharpless, n.d.) of David (1821-1882) and Susanna Keller (1829-1888) Mohler of Ephrata Township. Family register entries record the couple's birth and marriage dates and the birth dates (including the time of day) of their children: Henry (b. 1846), Eliza (b. 1848), Anna (b. 1849), Mary (b. 1852), Leah (b. 1853), Elias (b. 1855), John (b. 1857), William (b. 1858), Susan (b. 1861), George (b. 1864), Emmaline (b. 1866), David (b. 1869), and Jacob (b. 1873). Also included are the death dates of Henry Mohler (1856), John Mohler (1857), Susanna Mohler (1872), Leah (Mohler) Ulrich (1916), Anna Mohler (1888), David Mohler (1882), Eliza (Mohler) Dommoyer (1886), and Susanna (Keller) Mohler (1888). Inscribed on the flyleaf "January 11th 1848 / David Mohler / the book and / hard [heart] shall / Never / part." Rebound at a relatively recent time.

Susanna (Keller) Mohler was a daughter of George (1799-1849) and Christina Brubaker (1802-1842) Keller; David Mohler was a son of Henry (1786-1845) and Anna Landes (1787-1869) Mohler. David and Susanna were married November 20, 1845. (Donation—Carl and Betty Stump)

### **Photograph Acquisitions:**

8" x 10" black-and-white photograph of the employees and executives of the A.N. Wolf Shoe Company, Denver, ca. 1970's. The subjects are partially identified. (Donation—Penny Lyba)

8" x 10" black-and-white photograph of the employees of the A.N. Wolf Shoe Company, Denver, ca. 1970's; the individual subjects are not identified. (Donation—Penny Lyba)

8" x 10" black-and-white photograph of the employees of the A.N. Wolf Shoe Company, Denver, ca. 1970's; the individual subjects are partially identified. (Donation—Penny Lyba)

8" x 10" photograph of the members of the East Cocalico H.S. graduating class of 1946, in caps and gowns, grouped outside the school building. (Donation—Edwin Z. Martin)

8" x 10" black and white photograph of the plaque on the Ephrata War Memorial, showing the names of persons memorialized. (Donation—Anne Brossman Sweigart Charitable Foundation)

Photograph of members of the Ephrata High School Class of 1966 gathered for their 50th reunion at Lily's on Main, Ephrata, October 1, 2016. (Donation—Clarence Spohn)

Copy photo of men gathered in George Long's shoe store, Walnut and N. 4th Streets, Denver, 1945. Subjects have been identified as George Long, Gus Deibler, Fred Fichthorn, Roger Henly, Randy Kegerise, Donald Coldren, Gerald Tobias, Don Bender, Jim Getz, and Dan Fichthorn, and a granddaughter of George Long. (Donation—Elsie Becker)

Color postcard (Applied Arts; photo by Mel Horst) showing "Es Deutsch Haus" gift shop and luncheonette, 285 S. Reading Road (current location of Green Mountain Cyclery), Ephrata. (Donation—Cynthia Marquet)

**The following photographs were donated by Janet Byers:**

Real-photo postcard portrait of Russell R. Weaver as an infant, ca. 1915; Russell was a son of Raymond H. and Katie (Schload) Weaver of Ephrata.

Real-photo postcard portrait of Florence Weitcamp (Florence Weitcamp Mease) as a young woman, ca. 1915; the subject was the daughter of Frank and Minnie A. Weitcamp, of Akron.

Real-photo postcard portrait of Martha Fleischer Gehman, a daughter of Elias G. and Mary S. (Fleischer) Gehman of Ephrata.

Framed and mounted photograph of the Akron High School graduating class of 1915. Subjects are identified and include Erla Zwally, Harold Brubaker, Ella Loose Palm, Charles Adams, Florence Weitcamp Mease, Charles Witmyer, John Deitrich, Edith Smith Razer, Margie Enck Kauffman, Anna L. Evans (teacher), Isaac Seiverling (principal), Ella Hackman, Mary Conlin, Helen Adams Leid, and Mary Schload.

Mounted "W.W. Ream" photograph of Akron Public School students, ca. 1906; only one child, Mary Schload, is identified.

Mounted photograph of Akron Public School students, ca. 1908; only one child, Mary Schload, is identified.

Mounted "W.W. Ream" photograph of Akron Public School students, ca. 1910-1911; only one pupil, Mary Schload, is identified.

Mounted "Edwin R. Fritz" photograph of Akron High School students with principal Isaac Seiverling and teacher Anna L. Evans, ca. 1912; one pupil, Mary Schload, is identified.

Mounted photograph of Akron High School students with principal Isaac Seiverling and teacher Anna L. Evans, ca. 1912-1913; one pupil, Mary Schload, is identified.

Two mounted photographs of young men and women attending a teachers' institute at the Akron Public School, ca. 1916-1920; one participant, Mary Schload, is identified.

Mounted photograph of a large group of young men and women at Millersville State Normal School, ca. 1915-1918; one subject, Mary Schload, is identified.

Two mounted photographs of Akron Public School students, ca. 1902-1906; the students are not identified.

Mounted Photograph of Akron High School students, ca. 1909-1912; the students are not identified.

Mounted photograph of the home of James and Martha "Mattie" (Leisey) Schload, South 11th Street, Akron, ca. 1915; James and Mattie Schload and their daughter Mary stand on the walk outside the house.

Photograph of Mary Schload of Ephrata outside her "Bible Book & Gift Shop," 19 Washington Avenue, Ephrata, ca. 1960.

Set of two mounted photographs of a group of young men and women in a wooded area, participants in a "chestnut party," 1909. Belonged to Mary Schload, then a resident of Akron. Each is inscribed on the reverse of the mount with the date, the words "Chestnut Party," and the name "H.G. Miller"; one is also labeled "ShoafBarrick." One photo shows the group seated around a picnic blanket.

A small article concerning a "chestnutting party" appeared in the Akron community news column of "The Ephrata Review," October 15, 1909: "Misses Eva Cooper, Gertrude Adams, E. Grace Lengel, Mrs. Jacob L. Albright, Rebecca O. Buch, of this place; Miss Esther Goodman, of Salunga; Miss Mabel K. Adair, of Rohrerstown; Messrs. Harry G. Miller, Jacob L. Albright, Harry E. Stauter, James L. [sic, should be "B?"] Hirneisen and Irwin U. [sic, should be "Ervin I."] Romig, of this borough; Lincoln G. Sheetz, of Manheim; A.E. Sheaffer, of Bareville, spent a day in their annual chestnutting party to the South Mountain. The trip was made in Clem Butzer's buss. Dinner was partaken of at Shoaf Barrick." The article mentions 14 people, seven men and seven women, whereas six men and seven women appear in the photograph; it is assumed that this is indeed the expedition referred to and that the seventh man took the photo.

Mounted photograph of a group of young men and women in an open surrency in a wooded area, participants in a "chestnut outing," 1909. Belonged to Mary Schload, then a resident of Akron. The reverse of the mount is inscribed "1909 Chestnut [~~'Alumnae'~~] Outing / ShoafBarrick / HG Miller." (See above.)

### **Miscellaneous Print Acquisitions:**

By-laws of the Muddy Creek Church Cemetery; printed by Abrm. Lutz, Adamstown, 1893. This copy was in the possession of Reformed minister Rev. Martin Schweitzer, or of Ephrata's First Reformed

Church, and is inscribed by Rev. Schweitzer on the flyleaf: "Rev. M.W. Schweitzer / Ephrata, P. / Jan - 1 - 1925 / For Reformed." Together with two identical cards listing "Three Popular Evening Sermons" at the First Reformed Church, all delivered by Rev. Schweitzer, October 23, October 30, and November 6, year not given, possibly 1927. (Purchase)

Papers Read Before the Lancaster County Historical Society, as follows:

Vol. XLVII, No. 3 (1943)

Vol. XLIX, No. 1 (1945)

Vol. XLIX, No. 2 (1945)

(Donation—Anne Brossman Sweigart Charitable Foundation)

153 p. unpublished genealogical compilation tracing the descendants of immigrant George Leisey (d. 1763), by Milton Haldeman. Leisey's two known children were Joseph Leisey (1754-1826) and Catharine/Catherine Leisey; Catharine married Henry Hibshman, a son of Gerhard Hibshman. (Donation—Milt Haldeman)

"Die Shilgrut fun der Tulpehock," Vol. XLVIII, No. 1 (November, 2016). (Donation—Dale Leber)

Addendum A to "Descendants of Jacob Leber, German Immigrant to York County, Pennsylvania," by Douglas E. Leber. (Donation—Dale Leber)

Campaign flyer promoting David R. Eaby of Ephrata for Judge of the Lancaster County Court of Common Pleas, 1969. (Donation—Patricia Lausch)

1936 Ephrata High School/Lititz High School basketball schedule leaflet. The single-sheet leaflet was printed for and distributed by Delecto Dairy Lunch, which had locations in both Lititz and Ephrata, and includes advertising for the business along with the game schedules of both schools. (Donation—Clarence Spohn)

Souvenir booklet, Ephrata High School Class of 1966 50th reunion, 2016. (Donation—Clarence Spohn)

Funeral invitation card for Catharine "Katie" A. (Sweigart) Chichester of Ephrata, d. October 1, 1916. (Donation—Cynthia Marquet)

Ephrata High School commencement program, 1934; services were held May 24 at the Roxy Theatre. (Donation—Jim Brodt)

### **Artifact Acquisitions:**

Wooden artist's or paint box which belonged to the late James Ludwig Keller, of Ephrata. The paint box contains, in addition to the two paint-smear palettes itemized below, numerous artists' brushes of various types and sizes; numerous partially-used tubes of oil paint; five flattened glass bottles with metal screw-on caps, originally containing various fixing and possibly other compounds (one now contains brads); one cylindrical glass bottle containing address labels printed with Keller's address; two small

boxes containing similar address labels; cleaning and wiping cloths (used); several pencils; two ball-point pens; a small jointed plastic action figure used for modeling; several wooden clothespins; a 6" ruler; a pair of pliers; assorted small metal objects (nails, screws, etc.); assorted small loose paper items including a pencil sketch; etc. The body of the box, which has a hinged lid, is divided lengthwise into four partitions; portions of pasteboard and plastic boxes have been inserted to create additional partitioning. Panels at the sides of the lid are grooved for the insertion of a palette and the lid itself is hinged for the easier removal of the palette. The lid is inscribed in ink with Keller's name and the East Main Street address at which he lived during the late 1940's and through most of the 1950's; he and his wife had moved to Spruce Street by 1960. Palettes are as follows:

Artist's wooden palette, rectangular with one waved edge and an oval thumb hole. 16 1/8" x 19 5/8"; heavily smeared with oil paint.

Artist's palette, oval with a hand notch and an oval thumb hole, composition undetermined. 9 5/8" x 13 3/4"; heavily dabbed and mounded with oil paint. (Paint box and palettes donated by Susan Gottlieb)

Brightly-colored, crisply-styled print, on heavy card stock, of a farm scene (barnyard, pasture land, grain harvesting, etc.). Measures approximately 5 3/4" x 8" including the border areas; stamped on the reverse "Compliments of / Kurtz Cash Grocery, / Ephrata, Pa." (Donation—Bob Dickersheid)

Small clear molded drinking glass with five narrow strips of engraving banding around the sides and a ring of indentations above the base. The underside of the base features the raised, molded inscription "Albright & Hagy / Shoes / Ephrata, Pa.," designed to be read through the interior of the glass. (Donation—Clarence Spohn)

Molded clear glass ashtray, hexagonal, printed in red on the underside with the advertising of William W. Becker's plumbing and heating service: "Phone 7-7201 / Wm. W. / Becker / Plumbing Heating / Oil Burner Sales / & Service / Denver, Pa." Ca. 1951-1955. (Donation—Robert Getz)

Circular bronze Denver & Ephrata Telephone and Telegraph Company "Fifty Years of Progress" commemorative medallion featuring a raised bust of founder William Brossman, 1961. The reverse features a raised map of the territory served by the company, with raised early and mid-20th century trucks and phones. (Donation—Anne Brossman Sweigart Charitable Foundation)

Walnut plaque, 10 1/2" x 13", presented to the Mr. & Mrs. William F. Brossman Foundation by the Ephrata Community Hospital: "Thank you . . . for supporting Quality Health Care through the Annual Campaign for the Advancement of the Ephrata Community Hospital / 1992-93 / Benefactor." (Donation—Anne Brossman Sweigart Charitable Foundation)

10 1/4" x 14 1/8" print, brown ink on buff paper, with three paragraphs briefly describing the Ephrata Cloister community illustrated with two sketches by Ephrata artist James Keller. Attributions at the bottom read: "Quill pen and ink sketches by James Keller--Quill penned text by Richard A. Fleckenstein--Printed in Ephrata by John Hocking." (Donation—Anne Brossman Sweigart Charitable Foundation)

Pieced blue felt Ephrata High School beanie with pale gray applique and embroidery, class of 1934; belonged to class member Dorothy Lorraine Caulwell. (Donation—Jim Brodt)