

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT, FEBRUARY 2017

Book Acquisitions:

"Cloisterette" (Ephrata High School yearbook), 1955, 1956, and 1957. (Donation—Rowena Clough)

"Ko-Ka-Le-Ko" (East Cocalico Vocational School yearbook), 1941 and 1942. (Donation—Baron and Sandra Koch)

Yoder, Russell. *The Wonderful Mysteries of Eternity: the Magia of Conrad Beissel, Selected and Translated from the Deliciae Ephratense of Georg Conrad Beissel*. Ed. by S.A. Feite." Published by the compiler, 2014. (Donation—Steve Feite)

Manuscript Acquisitions:

Widder family Bible (Kimber & Sharpless, Philadelphia). Contains a fraktur-style David C. Hoke entry recording the death of Reuben Widder, July 19, 1912, followed by German script entries recording the births of Moses Widder (1821) and his first and second wives, Catharina and Maria (Nolt) Widder. German script entries note the births of Catharina's children Reuben (1846), Israel (1849) and Moses (1856); German script entries record the deaths of Catharina (1856, age 29), her son Moses (1856, age 27 days), Maria/Mary (1893), and Moses (1903). (Donation—Milton Haldeman)

Guest register used at the Akron Hotel; entries date from January 8 [calculated], 1906 through February 28, 1910. (Donation—New Holland Area Historical Society)

Illegibly signed letter addressed to "Sir Floyd," May 20, 1972; discusses the Romig family of Akron and Romig's Tavern (the Akron Hotel). (Donation—New Holland Area Historical Society)

Deed between Leonard and Mary Curly and Jacob Fry for a house and three lots in East Cocalico Twp., January 15, 1855; one parcel is described as being on "a public road leading from Hahnstown to Reamstown." Unrecorded. (Donation—Rowena Clough)

Deed between Christian and Mary Ann Siechrist of Heidelberg Twp., Lebanon Co., and George Adams of East Cocalico Twp. for 84 perches in East Cocalico Twp., April 30, 1861. Unrecorded. (Donation—Rowena Clough)

Ephrata Borough School District report cards for pupil Rowena Lausch, first through 12th grades, 1946-47 through 1957-58. (Donation—Rowena Clough)

Certificate of congratulations issued by the Pennsylvania State Senate to the Reinhold Lions Club on the occasion of the club's 50th anniversary; the certificate is dated April 22, 2015. With accompanying laminated "Ephrata Review" article on the anniversary celebration. (Donation—Lowell Haws)

Letter to Fred N. Buch as Vice President of the Historical Society of the Cocalico Valley from Seth W. Watson, Jr. of Stradley, Ronon, Stevens & Young, Philadelphia, December 9, 1987. Concerns the estate of Bertha (Brossman) Blair and her intentions to contribute a total of \$175,000 to the Society's Endowment Trust, of which \$71,000 had been paid prior to her death. Together with a copy of Buch's letter of reply to Watson, December 21, 1987. (Donation—Fred N. Buch)

The following manuscript items were donated by Dr. John H. Bowman:

Currier & Ives baptismal certificate for Evan Hoyer Reddig, son of John and Sarah (Hoyer) Reddig of East Cocalico Twp.; Evan was born April 12, 1878.

Printed baptismal certificate for Emma Myrtle Reddig, daughter of Evan H. and Mamie Reinhold (Brubaker) Reddig, October 26, 1900.

Confirmation certificate for Mamie R. (Brubaker) Reddig, St. John's Evangelical Church, Denver, May 26, 1900.

Denver High School diploma issued to George Lutz Bowman, May 9, 1913.

Denver High School diploma issued to Emma Myrtle Reddig, June 23, 1917.

Confirmation certificate for Emma Myrtle Reddig, St. John's Lutheran Church, Denver, April 9, 1915.

Marriage certificate issued to George Lutz Bowman and Emma Myrtle Reddig, February 21, 1920.

Cradle Roll certificate for John Herman Bowman, St. John's Lutheran Bible School, Denver, March 2, 1932; John was the son of George and Emma Myrtle (Reddig) Bowman.

Baptismal certificate for John Herman Bowman, January 8, 1933; John was born February 27, 1932.

Photograph Acquisitions:

4" x 5 3/4" photographic portrait of Elizabeth Weidman (Elizabeth Weidman Shaub), ca. 1930. (Donation—Bob Dickersheid)

5 1/2" x 7 5/8" elevated photograph of Ephrata, taken from the Mountain Springs Hotel property and looking west down Main Street, ca. 1912. A couple (John Wesley Von Nieda and Estella Baer) seated in an early biplane are suspended above, and a lengthy inscription on the reverse details the method by which the novelty photograph and others like it were produced by Robert D. Von Nieda of Ephrata. (Donation—Bob Dickersheid)

11" x 14" copy photograph of six men--Billy [William B.] Grimes, John Kline, Henry Mellinger, Harry Greeninger, Emory Daniels, and Ike [Isaac E.] Petery--standing at the bar of the Denver House with their drinks, ca. 1912-1915; the bartender may have been Harry Rabold. (Donation—Lowell Haws)

Mounted 6" x 8 1/8" photograph of the Akron Hotel, ca. 1910, with a small group of people, including members of the Harvey Romig family, assembled on the sidewalk outside. (Donation—New Holland Area Historical Society)

Matted "Martin's Studio" 8" x 10" photograph of the choir of the Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lincoln, with guest members from Mellinger's Lutheran Church and Swamp Lutheran Church. With a full name listing; ca. 1960's. (Donation—Shirley A. Wechter)

Framed 9 1/4" x 19 1/4" photograph of formally-dressed people, seated in chairs and turning to look at the photographer, in a hotel meeting room; the photographer's inscription in the lower left corner of the print reads "Fourteenth Annual Convention / of the / Independent Spiritualist / Association / June 10,11, & 12, 1938 / Detroit, Mich. / Book-Cadillac Hotel." To the paper backing (separated and now discarded) was attached a note reading "This Hung in The Mountain Springs Hotel." (Donation—Sue and Terry Martin)

Mounted photograph of members of Ephrata's Mountain Springs Rifles swimming in a lake or pond with their encampment to the rear; thought to have been taken at "Camp Mullin," Mt. Holly Springs, Cumberland County, Pa., 1905. (Donation—Thomas Hackman)

Digital copy of a cabinet card portrait of Samuel Redcay Fichthorn (1842-1924) of Adamstown. ca. 1880's. (Lent for copying by Barbara Fichthorn)

Digital copy of a cabinet card portrait of Lydia (Eshelman) Fichthorn (1844-1903) of Adamstown, ca. 1880's. (Lent for copying by Barbara Fichthorn)

Digital copy of a photograph of the F & M (Fichthorn & Marburger) Hat Factory, Denver. (Lent for copying by Barbara Fichthorn)

3 1/2" x 5" black-and-white photograph of Jim Tshudy and Reggie Geist, members of the Ephrata Bowmen, an archery club, with a grouping of trophies at the Geist home in New Holland, 1964. (Donation—Jim and Lou Tshudy)

5 digital images of members of the Ephrata Bowmen at the club's headquarters on Maple Street, Ephrata, ca. mid 1960's; the tract of land on which the building was located was owned by the Ephrata Recreation Center. (Donation—Jim and Lou Tshudy)

The following photographs were donated by Dr. John H. Bowman:

8" x 10" Harry S. Stoner photograph of Dr. Henry Ray and Katie (Bowman) Reemsnyder on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary, June, 1934; the couple are in a lawn surrounded by bouquets of lilies and other flowers.

Set of three mounted 5" x 8" photographs of the John R. and Sarah (Hoyer) Reddig home, located near Reamstown on the northwest side of S. Reamstown Road, across from the trolley bridge. Matching

photograph of the frame barn on the same property; three men stand outside with a horse, a pair of mules, and several head of cattle.

Mounted 4 5/8" x 6 1/2" photograph of cousins Susan Marguerite Reddig and Emmaline Myrtle Reddig, as small girls, with an unidentified older girl (probably another cousin) on the John R. Reddig farm near Reamstown, ca. 1904. The children, posing with a pet dog, are holding kittens. E. Myrtle was the daughter of Evan H. and Mamie Reinhold (Brubaker) Reddig; Marguerite was the daughter of Charles H. and Amanda H. (Steely) Reddig. Second mounted photograph of the same three children and dog, ca. 1904.

Mounted 4 5/8" x 6 5/8" photograph of a group of family members on the John R. Reddig farm near Reamstown, ca. 1904. Subjects include John R. Reddig and his sons, daughters, sons- and daughters-in-law, and grandchildren. Of the individual subjects, only John R., E. Myrtle, and S. Marguerite Reddig are identified.

Mounted 4 5/8" x 6 1/2" photograph of a group of family members on the John R. Reddig farm near Reamstown, ca. 1905-1906. Subjects include John R. Reddig and his sons, daughters, sons- and daughters-in-law, and grandchildren. Of the individual subjects, only John R., E. Myrtle, and S. Marguerite Reddig are identified.

Mounted 3 1/8" x 4 1/4" photograph of E. Myrtle Reddig at the age of 12, 1912; the picture was taken on her grandfather's farm near Reamstown.

Mounted 6" x 8" S.K. Fraser photograph of Reinhold-Brubaker family members gathered at a Denver home; subjects include Jacob B. and Emmaline (Reinhold) Brubaker, their daughter Marie ("Mamie") Brubaker Reddig, her young daughter E. Myrtle Reddig, an elderly couple thought to be John B. and Mary (Hagy) Reinhold, and numerous unidentified others. Ca. 1903.

Mounted 4 3/4" x 6 5/8" S.K. Fraser photograph, taken on the same occasion as the above, of eleven of its subjects; the only person identified is E. Myrtle Reddig, daughter of Evan and Mamie (Brubaker) Reddig.

Mounted 4 3/4" x 6 5/8" S.K. Fraser photograph of 10 Reinhold family members seated on the porch of a Denver home, ca. 1905; subjects include Jacob B. and Emmaline (Reinhold) Brubaker and an elderly couple believed to be Emmaline's parents, John B. and Mary (Hagy) Reinhold.

Mounted 5 7/8" x 8 1/8" photograph of a Brubaker family gathering, ca. early-mid 1920's; subjects include Jacob B. and Emmaline (Reinhold) Brubaker, their sons and daughters Adam R., Emma R., Mamie R. (Mamie Brubaker Reddig). Minetta R., Nora R., Rob R., Charles R., and Milton R., sons- and daughters-in-law, and numerous grandchildren.

Mounted 4 3/4" x 6 5/8" photograph of Denver High School students and their teachers, ca. 1915; the only identified subject is E. Myrtle Reddig.

Framed 7 3/8" x 9 1/2" photograph of the members of the Denver High School graduating class of 1917, in caps and gowns; subjects include E. Myrtle Reddig.

Mounted 7 3/8" x 9 3/8" photograph of the 13-member cast of a dramatic production outside Denver's Palace Theatre, Main Street, ca. 1910; the theatre building later housed John Stuber's produce market.

Miscellaneous Print Acquisitions:

Printed broadside headed "Songs / for the / Reamstown Union Sunday-School / Anniversary / held / December 2_ [obscured], 1872." (Donation—Lowell Haws)

Broadside printed with the lyrics of songs sung at the Lancaster County Teacher's Institute, held at an unknown location November 13, 1871. The bottom of the sheet is very faintly inscribed in pencil "Adam Evans Trego got these from my father / George C. Trego." (Donation—Lowell Haws)

Program, Muddy Creek Lutheran Parish observance honoring Rev. Ambrose W. Leibensperger, "Thirty Years Our Pastor." Services were held in the Muddy Creek Lutheran Church October 7, 1951. (Donation—Rowena Clough)

Handbill advertising the 104th annual Muddy Creek Church Sunday School picnic, Harting's Grove, Swartzville, Aug. 1, 1964. (Donation—Rowena Clough)

Quantity of Main Theatre (Ephrata) child's admission tickets; three Roxy Theatre (Ephrata) "defense tax" tickets. (Donation—Lowell Haws)

Mimeographed tour text, Community Historians of Lancaster County field trip "to Ephrata and Environs," June 11, 1966; Dr. and Mrs. Paul S. Schantz served as guides. (Donation—New Holland Area Historical Society)

Program booklets for the "Pageantry in Motion" performances presented by the Ephrata High School Marching Unit on Ephrata's War Memorial Field, 1969, 1970, 1973, 1975, and 1976. (Donation—Shirley Wise)

The following issues of "The Moyer Raveler" (Walter W. Moyer Company newsletters) were donated by Bob Dickersheid:

Vol. 1, No. 1 (May, 1946)

Vol. 1, No. 2 (June, 1946)

Vol. 1, No. 3 (July, 1946)

Vol. 1, No. 10 (February, 1947)

Vol. 2, No. 1 (May, 1947)

Vol. 2, No. 2 (June, 1947)

Vol. 2, No. 3 (July, 1947)

Vol. 2, No. 6 (November, 1947)

Vol. 2, No. 8 (January, 1948)

Vol. 2, No. 9 (February, 1948)
Vol. 3, No. 2 (June, 1948)
Vol. 3, No. 3 (July, 1928)
Vol. 5, No. 2 (July-August, 1950)
Vol. 5, No. 3 (September-October-November, 1950)
Vol. 5, No. 4 (December, 1950)
First Quarter, 1952
Second Quarter, 1952

Artifact Acquisitions:

W. & L.E. Gurley brass surveyor's compass; the complete implement, in the original wooden case, includes the 6" compass, fold-up line sights, an 8" telescope tube, and a plumb line. Belonged to surveyor and justice of the peace Martin H. Shirk, of Lincoln; the manufacturer's label inside the lid of the case is inscribed with his name and place of residence. Shirk, a son of Levi and Sarah (Hagey) Shirk, was raised near Lincoln; he was born in 1863 and died May 1, 1927. He and his family moved to Richmond, Virginia around 1895 and returned to Lincoln in 1906, and it is believed that the compass, manufactured prior to 1908, was purchased shortly after his return. (Purchase, Horst Auction Center)

Pair of women's faux-suede opera length gloves with decorative stitching on the backs of the hands and three snaps, stamped "Kayser," at the wrists; the gloves were purchased from the estate of Nora Connell in 1961. (Donation—Jessie Fasnacht)

"E. Walter Dietrich Grocery Store" (Hahnstown) advertising hand mirror, rectangular, with a textured cardboard backing. A print of Christ holding a lamb and surrounded by foliage, lilies and other flowers is mounted to the reverse of the lower portion of the mirror and is visible through the surface. The printed advertising of Walter Dietrich appears, in uppercase lettering, next to the illustration: "E. Walter Dietrich / Grocery Store / Hahnstown, Pa. / Phone Ephrata 702J11 / Ephrata RD 3." (Donation—Steve Ravegum)

Bell-shaped "C.M. Good " (Bowmansville) advertising fan printed with young women in an idyllic setting; stamped on the reverse "Reamstown, Pa. / Boxholder - Local," and with a 4-cent postage stamp. (Donation—Rowena Clough)

U.S. War Savings Bonds stamp album, with four stamps: "This is YOUR Twenty-five Cent War Savings Bond Stamp Album. Fill it with 75 Twenty-five Cent Stamps, and it will have a value of \$18.75. Exchange it at the post office for a War Savings Bond which, after 10 years, will be worth \$25.00 . . ." (Donation—Rowena Clough)

"Bob Lutz Co." (Ephrata) wall calendar, 1960. (Donation—Lowell Haws)

"White's Exxon" (Ephrata) wall calendar, 1988. (Donation—Lowell Haws)

White cotton crocheted brief camisole top; belonged to Annie (Rollman) Echternacht, of East Cocalico Twp. (Donation—Lowell Haws)

Woman's white cotton pattern weave summer dress, ca. 1920's; belonged to Annie (Rollman) Echternacht. (Donation—Lowell Haws)

Leather belt with the enameled buckle of the Ephrata Bowmen; the buckle features the raised enameled emblem of the club, the raised letters "EAC" (Ephrata Archery Club), and the word "Bow." (Donation—Jim and Lou Tshudy)

Shield-shaped sleeve patch machine-embroidered with a bowman flanked by the embroidered words "Ephrata Bowmen" and "Ephrata, Pa.," ca. early-mid 1960's; belonged to Jim Tshudy, a member of the Bowmen. (Donation—Jim and Lou Tshudy)

Short-sleeved bowling shirt worn by Jim Tshudy as a member of the Ephrata Bowmen; the shirt is embroidered above the left breast pocket "Champ '64" and printed across the back "Ephrata Bowmen / Archers." (Donation—Jim and Lou Tshudy)

The following artifacts were donated by Kitty Dickersheid:

Cotton workman's apron printed with the advertising of Kurtz Bros. Concrete Products, Ephrata, ca. 1947.

Woman's black silk dress with a diagonal shoulder-to-waist front opening secured with snaps and buttons and a continuing vertical skirt placket secured with additional buttons. Ecreu lace trims the bodice opening and the cuffs; the skirt is asymmetrically gored. Said to have belonged to Nora Connell, Ephrata.

The following items of clothing, jewelry, etc. belonged to the late Dorothy Hutchinson of Ephrata; their origin and ownership history are otherwise unknown.

Infant's dress of fine white muslin or similar cotton; has a pleated front and delicate pale blue and pale yellow silk embroidery.

Woman's black wool felt fascinator-style hat with a felt-covered back band, ruffled and layered felt crown, black net veil (torn) and rhinestone pin, ca. 1940's.

Woman's black wool felt hat trimmed with broad swaths of crumpled black silk, black ostrich feathers, and sequin-embellished wired gauze flowers; a square of silk stitched inside the crown is stamped "The Bon Ton / Reading, Pa." Ca. 1900; with a hatpin with a 12" shaft and slightly convex disc-shaped head overlaid with a grid of rhinestones.

Pair of women's late-Victorian-era black leather lace-up shoes with 17 pairs of eyelets; the shoes are lined with cream cotton twill.

Pair of women's late-Victorian-era brown leather lace-up shoes with 19 pairs of eyelets; the shoes are lined with cream cotton twill.

Woman's black beaded drawstring bag lined with black silk, drawn with narrow black cord, and trimmed at the bottom with a looped beaded fringe.

Pair of rimless spectacles in a rigid, metal-edged case lined with violet plush.

Woman's "Dudley" wristwatch with a linked filigree band stamped "Genco" and "Gold Filled"; in a rigid case lined with plush and satin, also printed "Dudley."

Woman's wristwatch with a hexagonal dial, stamped "Windsor," and a linked band stamped "Gold Filled." In a rigid case lined with plush and satin; the lining of the lid has a paper "Certificate of Guarantee" label with the printed price \$37.50, hand-dated "1926."