

## **LIBRARIAN'S REPORT, JANUARY 2017**

### **Book Acquisitions:**

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

*Way-Marks for the Confirmed* (Philadelphia: General Council Publication Board) presented to Edwin R. Mohler of Ephrata "as a memorial of baptism and confirmation," Trinity Lutheran Church, Ephrata, April 7, 1901. (Donation—Henrietta Hartranft)

### **Manuscript Acquisitions:**

Invoice written to Robert N. Buch (on behalf of Fred N. Buch) of Lincoln by Harry F. Stauffer of Farmersville for 300 pipe organ servicing contracts and 250 business cards, August 5, 1957. The invoice is on Stauffer's hand-printed form. Together with three unused copies of the printed contract referred to.

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

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)

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)

### **The following manuscripts and related print artifacts were donated by Henrietta Hartranft:**

Items (as follows) belonging to the family of pharmacist Edwin Royer Mohler of Reading (1884-1977), a native of Ephrata and graduate of Ephrata High School, son of George E. and Lizzie S. (Royer) Mohler. One of his pharmacies was located at the intersection of Penn and 9th Streets, Reading; another on Greenwich Street; and a third on North 5th Street. He operated the 9th and Penn pharmacy until his retirement in 1947.

Funeral invitation for Lizzie S (Royer) Mohler, d. March 13, 1940.

Copies (2 p.) of the birth and death register entries in the George E. (1854-1897) and Lizzie (Royer) Mohler family Bible.

Penciled poem headed "Ephrata Feb 4 1894," addressed "My Dear son": "Farewell my son dear / Though absent from you do not fear / God will protect and comfort you / So love one another as I loved you . . ." Note at the bottom of the page reads "this was wrote by Aunt Linda [Salinda (Royer) Kinport, of Ephrata] / found in her things."

Letter from H.E. Gehman, Principal of the Ephrata Public Schools, to the President of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, July 15, 1903: ". . . Edwin R. Mohler graduated from our high school in the spring of 1900 . . . as a pupil he was always prompt, obedient, exact, and diligent. He is a young man of excellent character and good habits, and is industrious, studious, and perfectly reliable."

Letter to Edwin Mohler from his uncle, Ephrata pharmacist George S. Royer, June 3, 1903: ". . . You ask me to write and let you know what I could offer you to come up here. I am willing to pay a man all he earns, if you think you can increase business, I am willing to increase your wages . . . but it is for you to decide which position you want or which one you think is the best for future outlook . . . on Wednesday evening my clerk came back on the 7 o'clock trolley and told me the same evening that he bought a store and could not stay with me . . ."

Letter to Edwin Mohler from George S. Royer, June 1, 1905: "It is the same old story. My clerk was to his home town over decoration day came back last evening and had bought a store in his home town . . .so there is an opening at my place again . . ."

Alphabetized recipe booklet (three-ring binder in leather-covered boards) kept by pharmacist Edwin Royer Mohler The front cover of the book incorporates a pocket, into which is inserted additional manuscript formulae, printed labels for compounded preparations (many formulated by druggist John Henry Miller, Lancaster), order receipts, etc.

Group of three formulas written on Mohler's letterhead stationery, besides two additional formulas, all in a letterhead envelope marked "Private Formulas." Rum cocktail recipe sent to Mohler by attorney J. Wilmer Fisher, Reading, 1932, with note.

Assorted handwritten notes listing dates and facts of significance to Edwin Mohler and apparently generated by him.

Handwritten note, probably the text of an obituary, concerning Harry R. Mohler, oldest son of George E. and Lizzie (Royer) Mohler, d. 1964.

Small memorandum and personal expense account book kept by Edwin Mohler; entries, which begin when Mohler resided in Ephrata, relate to wages, expenditures, personal notes and memoranda; they include as well, pharmaceutical formulae. Mohler noted that he worked 3 years, 4 months and 18 days for George S. Royer; 7 days for George Holtzhaus; 6 months and 19 days for G.W. Fehr; 11 months for Dr.

William R. Smith; and 6 additional months for George Royer. Entries begin January 1, 1899 (though these appear to relate to recently past events) and continue through 1903.

Small memorandum and personal expense account book kept by Edwin Mohler; entries date from September 28, 1903 and continue through January 15, 1904. Contains related loose insertions.

Small memorandum and personal expense account book kept by Edwin Mohler; entries, relating primarily to wages received from various employers including George S. Royer, date from March 30, 1904 through May of 1905. Includes addresses and pharmaceutical formulae.

Small personal expense account book kept by Edwin Mohler; entries date from October 1, 1904 through April 22, 1905.

Diary kept Edwin Mohler when he was a pharmaceutical student in Philadelphia; entries date from September 29, 1902, when Mohler left Ephrata to enter college, through May 1, 1903.

Diary kept Edwin Mohler when he was a pharmaceutical student in Philadelphia; entries date from September 28, 1903 through March 30, 1904, when Mohler returned to Ephrata for the spring and summer. There is one additional entry for April 14.

Letter to Edwin Mohler from the State Pharmaceutical Examining Board, March 7, 1904: "Your examination has been successful, but you will not receive your certificate until you become of age, next March."

Commencement folder, Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, 1905, listing Edwin Mohler as the class historian and a class speaker.

Philadelphia College of Pharmacy Third Year Examination notice sent to Edwin Mohler, May 11, 1905: "You are hereby notified that your examination has proven meritorious, and that your name will be reported to the Board of Trustees for the degree of Doctor in Pharmacy . . ."

Small certificate, Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, June 13, 1911: "This certifies that Edwin Royer Mohler was graduated by this college May 11th, 1905 . . ."

Sheet listing Edwin Mohler's earnings from June 1, 1905 through April 1, 1911; the same sheet lists cash on hand and in bank accounts and money expended for various stocks, insurance, and a "Wildwood Lot."

Letter to E.R. Mohler from John Henry Miller and [illeg.] of the Imperial Drug Co., April 7, 1914, concerning the opening of the business and expected dividends; letter describing the company's policy of offering free medicines to the "deserving poor."

Documents relating to the insurance value of the Mohler Pharmacy at Penn and 9th Streets, Reading, 1952, with blueprint drawing of the building.

Handwritten note headed "Length of time in Drug Business"; lists Edwin Mohler's spans of employment with George S. Royer, George Holtzman, G.W. Fehr, William R. Smith, George W. Conard(?), Rehfuss Bros., John Henry Miller, and the Imperial Drug Co., plus 32 years in his own employ. Expenses of Mohler's first, second and third years of college are included as well.

Handwritten note listing Edwin Mohler's history of affiliations with various fraternal organizations. Letter to Mohler from Ira K. Gible of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Lancaster Forest No. 27, 1964, detailing Mohler's membership history. Notes concerning Mohler's F. and A.M. membership history; etc.

Receipts written to Edwin Mohler: for dues for the Wyomissing Club, Reading, June 17, 1921; to the Philco Lodge, F. and A.M., Philadelphia, 1907.

Stock certificate receipt written to Edwin Mohler, Reading Country Club, one share, February 5, 1923.

Wedding keepsake booklet issued to Edwin and M. Alma (Kiehl) Mohler, married by Rev. J.W. Smith in Trinity Lutheran Church, Ephrata June 24, 1914.

Invitation to the wedding of Edwin and M. Alma (Kiehl) Mohler; m. June 24, 1914; printed for Mrs. James (Mary) Kiehl. Two clipped newspaper accounts of the Mohler-Kiehl wedding.

"Ode to Ed and Alma" written for the 50th wedding anniversary of Edwin Mohler and Alma Kiehl, 1964.

Travel diary kept by Edwin R. Mohler on a train trip to Nebraska, Colorado, Utah, Montana, California, Oregon, Washington, British Columbia, Minnesota, Michigan ("to visit my uncle" and attend a family reunion), New York State, etc., July 7--September 16, 1911.

Passport of Edwin R. Mohler, issued in 1927 and stamped by various consulates, all in 1928; the documented travel was a Mediterranean cruise taken by Edwin and Alma K. Mohler aboard the "S.S. Laurentie" in January and February of that year. Together with cruise line brochure, etc.

Travel diary kept by Edwin R. Mohler during a Mediterranean cruise aboard the "S.S. Laurentie"; entries date from January 15 through February 28, 1928.

Travel diary kept by M. Alma (Kiehl) Mohler on a trip with her husband to Italy, West Germany, France and England, July 11--August 27, 1952.

American Red Cross certificate of "meritorious personal service performed in behalf of the nation" issued to Alma (Kiehl) Mohler, November, 1945.

Selective Service registration card issued to Edwin Mohler, April 27, 1943.

Mileage ration stamps and identification folder issued to Edwin Mohler; folder is dated 1945.

Clipped newspaper articles (2) concerning the granting of certificates by the Pennsylvania State Pharmaceutical Examining Board, 1904, with lists of successful candidates including Edwin Mohler. Three business cards printed "Edwin R. Mohler, P.D." One business card for Edwin Mohler as Manager of the Imperial Drug Store, Lancaster; three business cards for Mohler as proprietor of his pharmacy at 9th and Penn, Reading. Wallet-sized registration certificate issued to Mohler by Local [Draft] Board Division No. 2, Reading, September 12, 1918.

Assorted brief clipped newspaper articles pertaining to Edwin Mohler's business at 9th and Penn Streets. Clipped article concerning the purchase of the Aurora House, Lancaster, by the Imperial Drug Company; the Imperial's three partners included Mohler and John Henry Miller, also a native of Ephrata. Clipped newspaper appreciation note, November 22, 1947: I wish to express my appreciation and thanks to my friends and customers who have patronized me for many years in my business conducted at 9th and Penn Sts. . . . from which I have recently retired."

Business card for Edwin Mohler as manager of the Imperial Drug Store, North Queen & Chestnut, Lancaster.

Birth announcement for Henrietta Rebecca Mohler, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Harry R. Mohler of Ephrata, b. November 7, 1932.

Note to Edwin Mohler from Dr. J. Franklin Menges, Ephrata, February 27, 1970: "Mrs. Menges & I just read about Mrs. Mohler in 'Trinity Newsletter' which I received today. To say the least we were shocked . . . Mr. Mohler you & Mrs. Mohler had a real full life together & all your memories are wonderful ones & some day we'll all be together again . . ."

### **Photograph Acquisitions:**

Digital copy of a photograph of James Crowther of Akron and two unidentified men at work, probably at the Andes Foundry; the foundry was located on East Fulton Street in Ephrata. (Donation—Donna Rockey)

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)

### **The following photographs were donated by Janet Rettew:**

Matted "Strunk Studio" (Reading) portrait of Evan H. Hertzog.

Portrait of Evan G. and Sadie (Ensinger) Hertzog and their children Arthur, Lillie, and Cleon, ca. 1936.

Real-photo postcard portrait of Jacob (1850-1927) and Emma Rock (1867-1947) Ensinger of Ephrata and their granddaughter Helen Haldeman (Helen Haldeman Haines), 1918.

Photograph of Arthur and Bertha (Ulrich) Hertzog and their daughter Joyce and John and Lillie (Hertzog) Sweigart and their children Harold and Eileen, ca. 1942.

Photograph of Emma (Rock) Ensinger, ca. 1930's.

Photograph of Harold Sweigart and Bertha (Ulrich) Hertzog, ca. 1970's.

Photograph of Evan G. and Sadie (Ensinger) Hertzog and their grandchildren Harold and Eileen Sweigart and Joyce Hertzog, ca. 1942.

Partial real-photo postcard portraits, pasted together, of Evan G. and Sadie G. (Ensinger) Hertzog as a young man and young woman, ca. 1909 and 1916.

**The following photographs were donated by Henrietta Hartranft:**

Photographs belonging to Edwin Royer Mohler (1884-1977) and M. Alma (Kiehl) Mohler (1884-1970) of Reading, both natives of Ephrata, as follows:

Cased pair of hand-colored portraits of Edwin R. and Alma (Kiehl) Mohler, with inserted note: "1934 / Our 50th Birthday / 1 Mar [illeg.]"

"L.A. Sawyer" (Philadelphia) cabinet card portrait of George E. Mohler of Ephrata; inscribed in pencil on the reverse "Geo E Mohler / my father / Married 1882."

"L.A. Sawyer" cabinet card portrait of Lizzie S. (Royer) Mohler of Ephrata; inscribed in pencil on the reverse "Lizzie S Mohler / My Mother / Married 1882."

"J.W. Von Nieda" (Ephrata) cabinet card portrait of Harry R. Mohler, son of George E. and Lizzie S. Mohler; inscribed in ink on the reverse "Harry R. Mohler / 128 E. Main St. / Ephrata, Pa. / Born - Feb. 1, 1883."

"J.W. Von Nieda" cabinet card portrait (two copies) of Edwin R. Mohler; one is inscribed in ink on the reverse "Edwin R. Mohler / 128 E. Main St. / Ephrata, Pa. / Born - March 1, 1884."

Mounted photograph of John E. Herchelroth, C.S. Bowman, J.B. Eshleman, and George E. Mohler, all recently returned to Ephrata from a hunting trip to the Blue Mountains, November 3, 1895.

3 1/2" x 4 3/8" photograph of 128 East Main Street, Ephrata, the home of the George and Lizzie Royer Mohler family; inscribed in ink on the reverse "This is the house I was born in March 1st 1884 / 2:30 a.m. / 128 East Main St. / Ephrata, Pa. / E.R. Mohler / (x marks the room)." A small portion of the former Mohler furniture manufacturing building can be seen to the rear.

Small photograph of buildings on the north side of East Main Street, Ephrata, at the current site of the Brossman Building, Nos. 118 through 128. Undated; ca. early-mid 1930's. 128 East Main Street was the home of the George and Lizzie (Royer) Mohler family; the building was destroyed by fire in 1937.

3 1/2" x 5 3/4" photograph of Edwin Mohler and an unidentified man standing outside the entrance to the Imperial Drug Store, North Queen and Chestnut Streets, Lancaster; inscribed on ink on the reverse "Imperial Drug Store, Lancaster, Pa. . . . Managed this store from opening in 1914 to Feb. 15, 1916."

Small oval portrait of Edwin Mohler, ca. 1902, in a brass frame covered on the face with an elaborate micro-mosaic of colored glass forming delicate border designs and, at the four corners, raised clusters of flowers. The 3 1/16" x 2 9/16" mount is stamped on the reverse "Made in Italy."

Small oval portrait of Alma (Kiehl) Mohler in a standing, oval brass frame, 2 3/16" x 2 9/16".

Mounted oval portrait of Edwin Mohler as a young man; inscribed in pencil on the reverse of the mount "E R Mohler / Phila College of Pharmacy / Age 21 1905."

Mounted portrait of Edwin Mohler as a young man, ca. 1905.

Real-photo postcard novelty portrait of Edwin Mohler from five different angles, giving him the appearance of five separate men seated around a round table, ca. 1907-1908. Stamped on the reverse "Myers-Cope Co. / 1521 & 1635 Boardwalk, Atlantic City, N.J."

Two copies of a real-photo postcard portrait of Edwin Mohler in a suit and summer hat, Bailey Studios, Philadelphia, 1908.

Real-photo postcard of Alma (Kiehl) Mohler as a young woman, ca. 1908.

Real-photo postcard portrait of Harry R. Mohler wearing a tuxedo and Rajah Shrine fez, ca. 1907.

2 c., printed color postcard of the Mohler Pharmacy at 9th and Penn Streets, Reading.

Small mounted cyan-tinted photograph of Dr. William R. Smith's pharmacy, Philadelphia, 1903-1904. An unidentified young man, possibly Edwin R. Mohler, stands outside; Mohler worked at the pharmacy while a student. A pencil inscription on the reverse of the mount reads "4200 Aspen St / Phila / 1903-1904."

Five small photographs of Edwin Mohler's pharmacy, 9th and Penn Streets, Reading, ca. 1920's.

Mounted 6 1/2" x 8 3/4" photograph of the Imperial Drug Store, Lancaster, ca. 1914-1915. Inscribed on the reverse of the mount "Imperial Drug Store / N.W. Cor N. Queen & Chestnut Sts / Lancaster, Pa. / Opened May 9, 1914 / E.R. Mohler Manager."

Mounted 4 5/8" x 6 3/4" photograph of the interior of the Imperial Drug Store, Lancaster, ca. 1914-1915. Inscribed on the reverse of the mount "Opened March [not May] 9, 1914 / E.R. Mohler, Mgr."; stamped "Imperial Drug Store / N. Queen & Chestnut Sts., / Lancaster, Pa."

Mounted 6 1/2" x 8 3/4" photograph of the interior of the Imperial Drug Store, Lancaster, ca. 1914-1915. Inscribed on the reverse of the mount "Interior view of Imperial / Drug Store, Lancaster, Pa. / Opened May 9 1914 / E.R. Mohler Manager."

Mounted 7 5/8" x 9 5/8" photograph of the interior of the Mohler Pharmacy at 9th and Penn Streets, Reading. Inscribed on the reverse of the mount "Mohler 9th and Penn Sts. / Reading Pa. / Nov -- 1917."

Small portion of a larger photograph of people attending the New Jersey Rexall Convention at Asbury Park, ca. 1912; ink inscriptions and arrows identify Charles Reh fuss, "my boss in Phila," and Edwin Mohler.

Small faded photograph of a man on a camel, pyramid to the rear, labeled on the reverse "Cairo - Egypt / Feb. 1928 / at the Pyramids / E.R. Mohler."

Matted "Miller Studio" photograph of Lizzie (Royer) Mohler and her granddaughter Henrietta Mohler (daughter of Harry R. Mohler) on Lizzie Mohler's 80th birthday, 1938. The subjects are in a living room, probably that of Harry Mohler, surrounded by bouquets of flowers.

Small black celluloid and metal mount holding upright two beveled panes of glass; the panes enclose (stacked atop one another) five 2 1/4" x 3 3/8" portraits of Henrietta Mohler as a small girl, 1934 (Christmas), 1935 (Christmas), 1936 (Christmas), 1937 (To Uncle / From Henrietta . . . 11/7/37"), and 1938 (Christmas).

2 c., oval portrait of Edwin Mohler in graduation cap and gown; one of the two is inscribed on the reverse of the mount "E.R. Mohler / Phila College of / Pharmacy 1905."

Real-photo postcard portrait of Edwin Mohler as a young man, ca. 1907-1908.

8" x 10" photograph of a group of men, participants in a "daily luncheon group," gathered at the home of Henry Hodges, Reading, August 1925. The individual subjects, including Edwin R. Mohler, are identified on the reverse.

Framed 8" x 10" photograph of a group of 17 men and one woman attending a 50th reunion of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, class of 1905, May 21, 1955. The individual subjects are not identified but include Edwin R. Mohler.

Framed hand-colored 8" x 10" photograph of Lizzie (Royer) Mohler standing in a lawn, ca. mid 1930's; a small portion of a brick home is visible to the rear.



Clipped newspaper photograph, with caption, showing the Ephrata Post Office when located at 43 1/2 East Main Street, ca. 1910; the photo was published in a later newspaper, at which time the people in the photograph could no longer be identified.

**Miscellaneous Print Acquisitions:**

Group of photocopied deeds relating to transfers of the Charles Harlacher (also Hallacher; later Royer) property on Royer Road, Ephrata Twp., between Meadow Valley Road and Rothsville Road. With a summary of the history of the property prepared by Clarence Spohn on behalf of then-owner Scott Cover, January, 2017, prior to the property's planned sale through Sotheby's. (Donation—Clarence Spohn)

Issues of "The Grapevine," as follows:

Vol. 1, No. 1 -- Vol 11, No. 1

Vol. 11, No. 3 -- Vol. 11, No. 4

Vol. 11, No. 6

Vol. 11, No. 10

Vol. 11, No. 14

Vol. 11, No. 17

Vol. 11, No. 22

Vol. 12, No. 1

Vol. 12, No. 6 -- Vol. 12, No. 14

Vol 12, No. 16 -- Vol. 15, No. 20

(Donation—Jack Bernstel)

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)

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. (Donation—Lowell Haws)

**Artifact Acquisitions:**

Reproduction Colonial-era outfit created for Stephen Malinick as a small boy by his mother, Patricia Malinick, in observance of the 75th anniversary of Denver Borough in 1975. The outfit consists of a

white cotton long-sleeved shirt with gathered eyelet cuffs and a matching sewn-in eyelet cravat; a lined butterscotch-colored velvet vest closed and trimmed with ten stamped metal buttons, and a butterscotch and royal blue split-tailed coat, profusely trimmed with stamped metal buttons on the chest, faux pockets, cuffs, and tails. A photograph of Stephen wearing the garb (in addition to buckled shoes, breeches, and a tri-cornered hat) appears on p. 1 of the commemorative book ("History of Denver From its Origin as Bucher Thal to the Present, 1735-1975") produced for Denver's 75th anniversary. He is shown standing in front of the home of Anna Brubaker Weinhold with his sister Patricia, who is also dressed in Colonial-era clothing created by the children's mother. The Malinick family lived in Denver at 434 Main Street. (Donation—Stephen Malinick)