

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT, MARCH 2017

Book Acquisitions:

Diefenderfer, John Philip. *Schriesheim to Pennsylvania Pioneers*. Ephrata, Pa.: Pennsylvania German Society, 2016. (Benefit of membership, Pennsylvania German Society)

Manuscript Acquisitions:

Stock certificate (No. 3), Lancaster and Ephrata Turnpike and Plank Road Company, issued to Joseph Konigmacher of Ephrata, April 24, 1854; together with Konigmacher's acknowledgement of receipt. (Donation—Clarke Hess)

Letter from the Ephrata National bank to Norman W. and Elsie G. Keller, 52 East Chestnut St., Ephrata, July 11, 1929. The letter, signed by bank cashier John Harry Hibshman, accompanied a "baby book" sent to bank customers upon the births of children, in this case the couple's daughter Jane. Text reads, in part: "We wish to offer our hearty congratulations on the joyous event in your home, and to wish the new member of your family a happy and prosperous life. As a token of our good wishes, we are sending you a very charming 'Baby Book.' . . . Most of us feel, as we come to our maturer years, that we wish we had begun to save earlier in life. You can easily save your baby that regret. If the work is started now, the little investor will soon be interested in continuing it . . ." (Donation—Randy Newcomer)

Report card booklet for Daniel Klopp, son of Daniel and Katie E. Klopp, a 6th grade student in the Vera Cruz School, East Cocalico Twp. Contains monthly reports for the 1930-1931 school year. (Donation—John Klopp)

The following manuscripts were donated by Bob Dickersheid:

Hunter College (New York City) school record in support of application for admission, completed for Ephrata native Esther Eshleman, August 11, 1920.

New Jersey Department of Public Instruction certificate of Normal School diploma awarded Ephrata native Esther S. Eshleman: "This certifies that on the fifteenth day of June 1922 the governing authority of Hunter College conferred upon Esther S. Eshleman a diploma of graduation from Kindergarten Training . . ."

New Jersey Department of Public Instruction certificate awarded to Esther Eshleman, July 1, 1922: "This Certifies, That Esther Eshleman is a graduate of the Kindergarten-Training course in Hunter College, and is licensed to teach and to supervise Kindergarten in any school district in this State . . ."

New Jersey Department of Public Instruction application for preliminary qualifying certificate completed for Ephrata native Esther S. Eshleman by Ephrata High School and signed by principal H.E. Gehman,

October 1922. Eshleman graduation from E.H.S. in 1910: "Had but a three year course when she graduated - she returned and took the fourth year work of the fourth year course adopted then."

Note written on behalf of Esther Eshleman by Dr. H.S. Dissler of Denver, January 1, 1923: "This is to certify that Miss Esther S. Eshleman is free from tuberculosis or any contagious disease and is physically in very good condition."

Letter of recommendation written for Esther Eshleman by Elizabeth Stringer, Visiting Nurse Association of Brooklyn, January 5, 1923: "This is to certify that have known Esther Eshleman since 1917 and her family since 1912. Her character is above reproach and she is qualified in every way to teach in the state of New Jersey."

Letter of recommendation written for Esther Eshleman by Rev. John W. Smith of Ephrata, October 6, 1922: "It gives me pleasure to state that I have known Miss Esther Eshleman from childhood. She was active in Sunday School and church work. Is a graduate of Ephrata High School. Took a course in teachers work in Brooklyn N.Y. Is of firm parentage, industrious, courteous and held in high esteem in the town and by all who know her . . ."

Photograph Acquisitions:

Photograph album kept by Pvt. Edwin Dickersheid of Ephrata (1909-1968) during his term of service in WWII. Dickersheid, a son of Adam and Anna (Lausch) Dickersheid, was a cook for the Army War Show, which toured 18 U.S. cities during the latter part of 1942. The 7" x 10" album has 44 black, construction-paper-like leaves and contains a total of 161 snapshots, primarily of camp life, fellow servicemen, and places visited during the course of the tour. (Donation—Bob Dickersheid)

Mounted "Saylor's New York Gallery" portrait of Florence B. and Ralph Butzer, oldest two children of John S. and Annie (Bare) Butzer of Ephrata, 1902. (Donation—Bob Dickersheid)

"Fowler" (Lancaster cabinet card portrait of a young woman identified only as "Mary Leisey"; possibly she was Mary Leisey of Reamstown (1867-1926), a daughter of Edward and Elizabeth (Horning) Leisey. (Donation—Lowell Haws)

"Mt. Springs Gallery" (Ephrata) cabinet card portrait of Charles M. and Ida (Gingrich) Hammond of Ephrata with their young son Harry Edgar, ca. 1889. (Donation—Lowell Haws)

8" x 10" photograph of the Cocalico Union High School football team, 1958. (Donation—Lowell Haws)

Set of five 3 ½" x 3 ½" black-and-white photographs of the construction of the silos at the C.P. Wenger feed mill property, East Main Street, Ephrata, n.d., ca. 1940's. (Donation—Rowena Clough)

Real-photo postcard showing the home of Howard F. Weaver (1878-1945), Denver, ca. 1920. Weaver, a son of Martin and Malinda (Drybread) Weaver, was married to Lizzie (White) Lorenz. (Donation—Rowena Clough)

Group of 45 undated 3 ¼" x 5" black-and-white photographs of Denver Little-League baseball players, games, etc.; 3 similar photographs of American Legion Cloister Post 492 baseball team members. (Donation—Clarke Hess)

Two 5" x 7" black-and-white photographs, undated, of the Denver Little-League Baseball team. (Donation—Clarke Hess)

8" x 10" black-and-white photograph of the American Legion Cloister Post 492 baseball team, Denver, n.d. (Donation—Clarke Hess)

Third and fourth grade students at the Reinholds School with teacher May Stohler (May Stohler Redcay), 1930; an identification sheet accompanies the image. (Lent for copying by Robert Hershey, Jr.)

Group of 23 digital images documenting a project undertaken to restore damaged headstones at the Salem Union Cemetery, Reamstown; subjects include Milton Haldeman, Ronald Good, Patricia Gehman, Michael Mondo, Ron Horning, and Fred Overholzer. The photographs were taken by Dick Wanner, February 2017. (Donation—Dick Wanner)

The following photographs were donated by Clarence Andes:

Matted 5" x 7" photograph of the Conestoga Traction Company trolley tracks and station at Diamond Station, near Akron, ca. early 1920's; the photo also shows the adjacent stone house fronting on Diamond Station Road, a barn, and shedding.

Matted 5" x 7" photograph of a Conestoga Traction Company trolley on the tracks at Diamond Station; the stone house fronting on Diamond Station Road, a barn and shedding are visible to the rear.

Matted 5" x 7" photograph of five men with shovels, picks, piled stone and other building materials on the Andes property at Diamond Station; the perspective is similar to that of the above.

Matted 5" x 7" photograph of the brick house along the Conestoga Traction Company tracks at Diamond Station; the house, constructed in 1912 and fronting on Diamond Station Road, afterwards housed the Company's waiting room.

Matted 5" x 7" photograph of brothers Franklin and Harry Andes, sons of Jacob Andes, and three unidentified men seated outdoors at a small rough table with hunting rifles, etc., ca. 1915. The mat is inscribed "Franklin Andes on left . . . Brother Harry . . . Taken close to Richmond, Va. They were sent to Va. to - a - farm they [sic] father bought / Jacob Andes / Left Pa With a pair of mules and a wagon. When they got to Va. they had no money / The[y] cut timber and sold it in Richmond."

Matted 8" x 10" photograph of greenhouses and hotbeds on the Franklin and Clarissa Andes property at Diamond Station, ca. 1930's.

5" x 7" color aerial view of the greenhouses and associated buildings at Diamond Station; taken by Henry DeWolf, May, 1970.

Set of 8 matted 4" x 5" photographs (the printed area is sometimes smaller) of the Andes property at Diamond Station, near Akron, as follows:

Earliest of the greenhouses of Franklin Andes, viewed from the location of the Conestoga Traction Company trolley tracks; stone house fronting on Diamond Station Road.

Earliest of the greenhouses of Franklin Andes, with the stone house fronting on Diamond Station Road visible to the rear, ca. early 1920's; the tracks of the Conestoga Traction Company run through the foreground.

Franklin Andes greenhouses, ca. late 1920's.

Franklin Andes greenhouses, ca. late 1920's.

Franklin Andes greenhouses and adjacent shedding, ca. late 1920's.

Brick Andes house, stone house, trolley station and tracks, ca. early 1920's.

Diamond Springs Water Co. barrels with road sign (1/2 mile to Akron, 2 miles to Murrell, 3 miles to Brownstown) sign mounted to rear, date uncertain.

Diamond Spring trolley station (no longer used as such), stone house fronting on Diamond Station Road, tobacco beds, and barn, ca. late 1920's.

Miscellaneous Print Acquisitions:

Revised By-Laws, Patriotic Order of Americans, Camp No. 31, Ephrata, 1920. Issued to Hazel Sheaffer, April 23, 1938. (Donation—Bob Dickersheid)

First birthday postcard sent to Rowena Lausch of Ephrata: "Cradle Roll Greetings from Muddy Creek Union Luth & Ref Sunday School," August 24, 194_ [ca. 1941]. (Donation—Rowena Lausch Clough)

Undated booklet: "Rules and Regulations Concerning Cemetery of Bethany Evangelical Congregational Church in Martindale, Earl Township." (Donation—Randy Newcomer)

The following print items were donated by Clarke Hess:

Single-fold advertising pamphlet for Pott's Department Store's "Spring Millinery Exhibit," 1909.

6 1/2" x 11" handbill advertising a performance by the "Metropolitan Minstrels," held at Ephrata's Grand Theatre, June 12, year uncertain. Lists various acts, including "'Manske' Wizard of the Accordion," "Four Victors' Hand Balancing Novelty Acrobats," etc.

Program for "The Crazy Minstrels of 1962," presented by the Durlach-Mt. Airy Fire Co. at the Mt. Airy Fire Hall, April 14, 1962.

Program for "By Hex," a "musical play based on an idea suggested by Richard Gehman," Ephrata Legion Park, August 5 through 14, 1954.

The following trade (etc.) cards were donated by Kevin Shue:

Trade card advertising "Phillips' Digestible Cocoa"; the card, printed on the face with an illustration of a girl sipping from a porcelain cup while a cat looks on, is stamped on the reverse beneath the manufacturer's advertising "From G.S. Royer, Druggist / Ephrata, PA."

Trade card advertising "Hoyt's German Cologne"; the card is printed on the face with an illustration of a boy and girl and a cologne bottle. It is printed on the reverse with the manufacturer's advertising followed by printed text reading "For Sale By / G.S. Royer - Ephratah, Pa., / Dealer In / Drugs, Patent Medicines, Chemicals, Fancy and Toilet Articles, Brushes, Perfumery, etc."

Two very similar trade cards advertising "Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound"; the cards, printed on the face with fanciful winter scenes, are stamped on the reverse beneath the manufacturer's advertising "G.S. Royer / Druggist & Pharmacist / Ephrata, Pa."

Trade card advertising "Austen's Forest Flower Cologne"; the card is printed on the face with an illustration of a young woman and small cherub or sprite. It is printed on the reverse with the manufacturer's advertising followed by printed text reading "G.S. Royer, Ephrata, Pa. / Dealer In / Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, / Toilet and Fancy Articles, Etc."

Trade card advertising "Gail Borden Eagle Brand Condensed Milk"; the card, printed on the front with an illustration of a can of the milk surrounded by the faces of babies and toddlers, is stamped over the illustration "From G.S. Royer, Druggist, / Ephrata, PA."

Trade card advertising "Dr. Jayne's Expectorant"; the card, printed on the face with an illustration of a young girl holding the leash of a large dog, is stamped beneath the manufacturer's advertising on the reverse "G.S. Royer, / Ephratah, / Pennsylvania."

Trade card advertising "Scott's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil"; the card, printed on the face with an illustration of a young girl with kittens and a small dog, is stamped over the manufacturer's advertising on the reverse "G.S. Royer / Druggist, / Ephrata, Pa."

Stock trade card printed with an illustration of butterflies on birdsfoot trefoil over the inscription "Compliments of / I.C. Netzley, / Furniture Manufacturer, / Ephrata, Pa. / Two doors above Lutheran

Church, / Ornamental Wood Carvings constantly on hand." The reverse is inscribed in pencil "S.S. Snyder / ____ [ileg.].

Card printed with an illustration of the bust of a young woman and, on the reverse, with advertising for a performance by "DeKane & Hamilton's Mammoth Minstrels" to be held in the Ephrata Band Hall Thanksgiving evening, November 24, year (probably 1892) not specified: "Reserved Seats For Sale at Royer's Drug Store."

The following print items were donated by Lowell Haws:

Cocalico Union High School Football program booklets, as follows:

September 29, 1956, Cocalico vs. West Reading
September 14, 1957, Cocalico vs. Cornwall
September 21, 1957, Cocalico vs. Warwick
September 28, 1957, Cocalico vs. Manheim
October 5, 1957, West Reading vs. Cocalico
October 19, 1957, Cocalico vs. Elizabethtown
October 25, 1957, Solanco vs. Cocalico
November 16, 1957, Cocalico vs. Donegal
September 13, 1958, Cocalico vs. Hempfield
October 11, 1958, Manheim Central vs. Cocalico (Manheim homecoming)

Program, Reamstown Bicentennial Celebration, June 4-11, 1960.

Program, U.S. Air Force Band concert, George S. Howard conducting, Dayton, Ohio, October 28, 1960.

Artifact Acquisitions:

Two similar brass padlocks used on the lines of the Conestoga Traction Company, ca. 1921-1930; each is stamped on one side of the hasp "F-S / HDW. CO." (Fraim-Slaymaker Hardware Company, Lancaster), with the company's diamond logo. Each has an attached chain and a spring drop; neither is paired with a key. (Donation—Jim and Joan Rothermel)

Steel padlock used on the lines of the Reading Company Railroad; the lock is stamped on the front of the hasp "RDGCO SW." followed by the letter "M." The reverse of the hasp is stamped "2 1963." There is raised lettering on the spring drop, now largely illegible, beneath the partially-obscured logo of the Slaymaker Lock Company, Lancaster. The padlock has a brass key stamped on one side of the bow "R. CO." and on the other side "G 5502." (Donation—Jim and Joan Rothermel)

Steel padlock used on the lines of the Reading Company Railroad; the lock is stamped on the front of the hasp "RDGCO SW." The spring drop is stamped "LANC PA / U.S.A." beneath the diamond logo of the Slaymaker Lock Company. The reverse of the hasp is stamped "1 2 1961." The padlock has a brass key stamped "Fraim" (Lancaster) on one side of the bow along with several numerals, most legibly "7." (Donation—Jim and Joan Rothermel)

Two bronze commemorative "60 Years of Service" medallions featuring a bust of Anne Brossman Sweigart, 1996; in the original plush-lined cases. (Donation—Alice Hummel Estate)

Two bronze commemorative "Brossman Business Complex" medallions, 1993, with walnut display mounts and in the original satin and foam lined cases. (Donation—Alice Hummel Estate)

Denver and Ephrata Telephone and Telegraph Co. 80th anniversary Winross truck, 1991, in the original box. (Donation—Alice Hummel Estate)

The following artifacts were donated by Stacy Sempier and Carlyn (Sempier) Darby:

"Miss Ephrata Fair" trophy awarded to Evelyn Ay, 1950; the trophy is engraved "Evelyn M. Ay / Miss Ephrata Fair / Tobacco Queen of Lancaster County / Sept. 28, 1950 / Presented by C. Ray Numbers."

"Miss Pennsylvania" trophy awarded to Evelyn Ay of Ephrata at the Miss Pennsylvania pageant held at the West Chester State Teachers College, West Chester, Pa., August 8, 1953. The trophy is engraved "An Official Miss America Contest / 1953 / Miss Pennsylvania / Sponsored By / West Chester Chamber of Commerce."

"Miss America" parade (float) trophy awarded to Evelyn Ay at the 1954 Miss America pageant, held at Atlantic City, N.J.; the trophy was presented September 8, 1953. Engraved "Miss America Pageant / Boardwalk Parade / 1953 / Visiting States / 1st Prize / Pennsylvania."

"Miss America" bathing suit competition trophy awarded to the eventual pageant winner, Evelyn Ay, at the 1954 Miss America pageant, held at Atlantic City, N.J.; the trophy was presented September 9, 1953.

"Miss America 1954" trophy awarded to Evelyn Ay at the pageant held in September, 1953; the trophy stands on a walnut base measuring (at its stepped foot) 15 1/6" x 15 1/16" x 6 5/8" high. Four 15 1/16" reeded brass columns rise above the base to support an elevated platform on which rests a brass hemispherical metal dome; a winged 15 3/4" high female figure stands atop the dome, arms upraised. A smaller, similar figure stands on the base between the columns; four brass-plated eagles are mounted on the corners of the raised platform. The total high of the trophy is 42 3/4".

White silk or synthetic sash lettered in black "Miss Ephrata"; worn by Evelyn Ay.

Two ivory silk or synthetic competition rosettes worn by Evelyn Ay, 1953; one is printed "Pennsylvania" on each descending ribbon and "1953" on the button center of the rosette; the other is printed "Ephrata" on each descending ribbon and "Miss Pennsylvania Pageant" on the button center of the rosette.

Ivory silk "Miss Ephrata Fair" sash worn by Evelyn Ay, 1950; the sash is lettered in black "Miss Ephrata Fair / Tobacco queen of Lancaster County."

"Miss Pennsylvania" sash worn by pageant winner Evelyn Ay, 1953; the ivory sash is lettered in navy blue and gold.

"Miss America" sash worn by Evelyn Ay; the ivory silk sash is lettered in gold and black "Miss America 1954."

Hand-painted felted cardboard crown designed to resemble tobacco leaves; the crown was worn by Evelyn Ay upon being named "Miss Ephrata Fair / Tobacco Queen of Lancaster County." Missing from the crown are its original tinsel banding and fresh gardenias.

14k gold Hamilton wrist watch with an open link band, presented to Evelyn Ay after she was crowned Miss America 1954. The presentation was made by Ephrata High School principal Allen H. Hammon during a dance held in the Ephrata High School gymnasium on September 29, 1953, following a day of festivities celebrating Ay's return to Ephrata following her coronation. The watch is engraved on the back of the rectangular dial casing "To Our Evvy / With Love / From Her / Hometown / Ephrata, Pa. / 9 - 29 - 1953."

14" (excluding clasp; adjustable) necklace featuring 40 small, round, faceted rhinestones in square silver-metal settings; the necklace was worn by Evelyn Ay for her September 1953 homecoming celebration upon her return to Ephrata after having been crowned Miss America 1954 in Atlantic City.

Engraved brass key to the Borough of Ephrata, presented to Evelyn Ay after she was crowned Miss America 1954. The presentation was made by Ephrata Burgess David Good on September 29, 1953, a day of festivities celebrating Ay's return to Ephrata following her coronation. The key is engraved "The Borough of Ephrata / Salutes / Evelyn Margaret Ay / Miss America 1954" and "Honorary Mayor 1954"; it was originally suspended from a red neck ribbon.

Original 14" x 20" poster advertising "Ephrata's Day for Evelyn Ay," held September 29, 1953.

"Everglaze" cotton sleeveless, strapless ball gown custom-made for Evelyn Ay by the designer "Kivette"; Ay, crowned Miss America 1954, wore the gown for the festivities held for her upon her return to Ephrata from the 1953 pageant. The deep ivory gown features a bouffant skirt and a rose-pink, pale blue and pale yellow floral print with pale green foliage; the fabric is overlaid with clear sequins.

Large navy blue canvas street banner that hung over Ephrata's East Main Street to announce Evelyn Ay's homecoming celebration, September 1953.

The following flour bags were donated by Ken McLean:

Paper 2 lb. flour bag, unused, printed in turquoise blue, red and orange with the graphics and advertising of "Pantry Queen" flour. The primary design element is a 5 ¼" circle enclosing a sheaf of wheat and lettering reading "Finest Patent / Pantry Queen / Flour." The area beneath the circle is printed "Ideal For Home Baking / Packed For / E.H. Silvers / Hinkletown, Penna. / Haddon Heights, N.J."

Two identical paper 5 lb. flour bags, unused, printed in green, yellow, blue, red and black with the graphics and advertising of "Old Homestead Bleached Self-Rising Flour." The primary design element is a log cabin in a tranquil setting, with a man and woman working outside, beneath lettering reading "Old

Homestead / Bleached." Recipes for biscuits, pie crust, waffles and dumplings are printed below the illustration, along with lettering reading "Self-Rising Flour . . . Distributor / E.H. Silvers / Hinkletown, Penna. / Haddon Heights, N.J."

Two identical paper 5 lb. flour bags, unused, printed in red, blue, and yellow with the graphics and advertising of "The Pride of Hinkletown O.K. Flour." An illustration of an apron-clad woman slicing bread is flanked by the letters "O" and "K" and positioned beneath lettering reading "The Pride of Hinkletown Flour Mills." The inscription beneath the picture reads "Flour / Made from Selected Winter Wheat / Manufactured by / Earl Sauder / Ephrata, Pa. R.D. No. 3."

Paper 5 lb. flour bag, unused, printed in red and blue with the graphics and advertising of "Linden Grove Roller Mills Success Flour." The central circular design element is printed "Choice Winter / Wheat / Success / Flour / Guaranteed"; it is positioned beneath lettering reading "Linden Grove / Roller Mills." The area beneath the design is printed "Manufactured by / Samuel E. Sauder / East Earl, Pa. R.D. No. 2."