

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT, MAY AND JUNE 2016

Book Acquisitions:

"Cloisterette" (Ephrata High School yearbook), 2016. (Donation—Ephrata Area School District)

"Middle Creek Church of the Brethren, 150 years: 1864-2014 (Celebrating Our Past; Focused on the Future)." Morgantown, Pa.: Masthof Press, 2014. (Donated by the congregation.)

Manuscript Acquisitions:

5 Lancaster and Ephrata Turnpike and Plank Road Company stock certificates, as follows:

- Issued to Christian B. Landis, 4 shares, June 23, 1854 (No. 79).
- Issued to John W. Gross, 2 shares, June 15, 1854 (No. 77).
- Issued to Jacob L. Gross, 2 shares, June 15, 1854 (No. 76).
- Issued to Jacob Wenger, 1 share, June 15, 1854 (no. 75).
- Issued to Henry Fritz, 1 share, June 15, 1854 (No. 74). (Purchase)

8 Lancaster and Ephrata Turnpike and Plank Road Company stock certificates, as follows:

- Issued to N.L. Landis and John L. Landis, administrators of Susan N. Landis, in trust for Milton Landis, 5 shares, May 8, 1900 (No. 393).
- Issued to N.L. Landis, 7 shares, May 8, 1900 (No. 389).
- Issued to John L. Landis, 5 shares, May 8, 1900 (No. 390).
- Issued to Eli L. Landis, 5 shares, May 8, 1900 (No. 391).
- Issued to Anna L. Herr, 5 shares, May 8, 1900 (No. 392).
- Issued to Benjamin Long, Jr., 20 shares, March 4, 1902 (No. 394).
- Issued to Henry L. Brubaker, 10 shares, April 1, 1902 (No. 395).
- Issued to Annie Stauffer, 9 shares, April 1, 1902 (No. 396). (Purchase)

Typed agreement between the Conestoga Traction Company and the Lancaster and Ephrata Turnpike and Plank Road Company, May 5, 1908; signed by Conestoga Traction Co. president W.W. Griest and secretary J.S. Graybill. Text of the agreement reads, in part: ". . . the Conestoga Traction Company is held and firmly bound unto the Lancaster and Ephrata Turnpike and Plank Road Company . . . in the sum of Five Hundred Dollars . . . the condition of this obligation in such, that if the said Obligor shall and will forever release . . . the said Lancaster and Ephrata Turnpike and Plank Road Company . . . against the return or from any loss or expense by reason of the return or presentation or holding of a certain certificate for ten shares of the capital stock of the said Lancaster and Ephrata Turnpike and Plank Road Company, No. 398, issued in favor of William B. Given, which it is alleged has been lost . . . and . . . a duplicate certificate has this day been issued by the said Lancaster and Ephrata Turnpike and Plank Road Company to Conestoga Traction Company . . ." (Purchase)

Three form letters to the employees of the Ephrata Shoe Company from its management, 1935; one concerns pay schedules and two concern health insurance. (Donation—Barbara Rennix)

The following manuscripts and related notes were donated by Dawn Zimmerman:

Deeds, all recorded, for Lots No. 11 & 24, Academy Heights (eventually 805 Academy Heights Avenue), Ephrata, as follows:

Harry M. and Alice Gerhart to Harry S. Sharp, July 26, 1924 (X 26 588).

Annie L. Sharp to John M. and Mildred H. Metzler, March 24, 1950 (S 40 577).

John M. and Mildred Metzler to Omar G. and Edith F. Snyder, February 5, 1951 (H 41 397).

Omar G. and Edith Snyder to John M. and Laura G. White, February 21, 1951 (H 41 508).

Small adjoining parcel: Omar G. and Edith Snyder to John M. and Laura White, March 26, 1953 (U 42 243). [Donor's note reads: "Omar G. Snyder (Daddy) sold 6' of lot 25 to my grandparents to build a house on lot 24 / 1953 / Grandparents to Dawn Zimmerman / Laura G. & John M. White.]

Edith F. Snyder and Arthur White, executors of Laura F. White, to Omar G. Snyder, March 26, 1965 (L 54 387). [Donor's note reads: "When grandma died, daddy bought the property. This shows he bought lot 24 and the 6' strip of lot 25 - as well as the residue of lot no. 11- left from Cloverleaf."]

Omar G. and Edith F. Snyder to Omar G. and Edith F. Snyder, June 8, 1965 (R 54 1060).

Group of deeds, all recorded, for Lots No. 25 and 26, Academy Heights (eventually 815 Academy Heights Avenue), Ephrata, as follows:

Phares S. and Lizzie G. Carpenter to John and Florence Seiverling, December 31, 1932 (2 31 46).

John and Florence Seiverling to Adam W. and Maggie Sweigart, October 14, 1941 (H 35 517).

Adam W. and Maggie Sweigart to John M. and Mildred H. Metzler, March 15, 1950 (R 40 451).

Agreement of sale, John M. and Mildred Metzler to Omar G. Snyder, Lots no. 26 & 26, Academy Heights, January 2, 1951.

Photocopy of deed: John and Mildred Metzler to Omar and Edith Snyder, Lots no. 25 & 26, Academy Heights, February 5, 1951.

Deeds for combined property, 805 & 815 Academy Heights Avenue, Ephrata, as follows:

Omar G. and Edith F. Snyder to Omar G. Snyder, March 5, 1974 (Z 64 1050).

Omar and Edith Snyder to Omar and Edith Snyder, January 19, 1988 (2312 543).

Edith F. Snyder, widow, to Edith F. Snyder, June 19, 2001 (7179 0537).

Notes on 805-815 Academy Heights Avenue, Ephrata, compiled by Dawn (Snyder) Zimmerman: "Deeds containing all of both properties but failing to correctly report the 6' strip sold from the 815 property to the 805 property. That 6' strip needed to comply with regulations. John White wanted the extra space to build his garage so he could drive in from the East side rather than from the North or South." List (compiled by Dawn Snyder Zimmerman) of deeds transferring 805 Academy Heights Avenue. Third list/summary compiled by Dawn Zimmerman: ". . . In 1954 Omar Zimmerman built a house on the back of lots 25 & 26. It included a garage for his painting business and truck on the ground level. Above that was his living space. In 1958 Omar built a house on the front of lots 25 & 26. He turned the back property into rental apartments which he later expanded to include 3 apartments . . ."

Brief of title prepared for Annie L. Sharp for Lot No. 24 and a small portion of Lot No. 11, Academy heights development; Ephrata, 1950.

Documents pertaining to a Farmers National Bank mortgage on Lot No. 24 & a portion of Lot No. 11, Academy Heights development, Ephrata, property of John M. and Laura G. White: Lancaster County Court of Common Pleas certificates, 1950 & 1952; certificate of title, 1951.

Abstract of title purported to be for the rear of 805 Academy Heights Avenue, Ephrata; prepared by the Lancaster Title Abstracting Company for Morgan, Hallgren, Crosswell and Kane, 2001. Includes drafts. With separate accompanying document marked "corrected & amended," same date as the foregoing, which is designated as pertaining to Lots No. 24, 25, 26, "the residue of Lot 11," and a 6' wide strip of land "to be sold with Lot No. 24. All the properties abstracted were part of the Academy Heights development.

Photocopy of a draft of Lots No. 24, 25, and 26. Academy Heights development, Ephrata; drawn by surveyor David G. Rank, Bareville, 1949.

The following scrapbooks, and items removed from scrapbooks, were donated by Pat Brame:

Scrapbooks and paper memorabilia which belonged to Grace Elnora "Dolly" (Busser) Fuentes, as follows. The compiler of the scrapbooks was a daughter of Raymond and Leah "Lilly Jane" (Good) Busser of Denver and a member of the Denver High School class of 1937.

Scrapbook kept to document a Denver High School class trip to Baltimore and Washington, D.C., May, 1936, and subsequent events. The 11" x 15" scrapbook has 29 filled or inscribed construction-paper-type pages, the first of which is inscribed "Miss Elnora Busser / Denver / Pennsylvania." 18 pages devoted to the trip follow; the remaining 10 pages are filled with items related to other school or social events or local news, including a fire at the Upper Leacock High School in Leola.

Scrapbook kept by Elnora "Dolly" Busser during her senior year of high school, 1937. Contains clipped newspaper items related to the explosion of the Hindenburg Zeppelin and to Britain's Royal Family (including the coronation of King George IV); the remainder of the book is filled with various paper items related to high school events and exercises. There are 23 filled/inscribed 11" x 15" pages.

The following were removed from a scrapbook or scrapbooks, no longer intact when the loose pages were received by the Society:

Printed line-ups, with Ephrata advertising, Eby Blue Jackets vs. West End A.A. of Lancaster, October 17, 1937, and Eby Blue Jackets vs. Columbia Eagles, October 31, 1937.

Shaped printed picture of a banana split (Merchandising Dept., Phila Dairy Products Co., Inc.) with the penciled caption "Souvenir of Gensemer's Luncheonette."

Bus service schedule, 19th annual "Farmers' Days at Ephrata (Pennsylvania's Largest Street Fair)," October 13, 14, 15, 16, 1937.

Program for "Who's Wilde," a musical comedy sponsored by the Denver Fire Company, October 7-9, 1937; with local advertising.

"Cloister Post Club" menu, printed with the advertising of Piel's Beer, ca. 1937.

"Delecto Dairy Lunch" menu inscribed "Mamie & I / Sunday / Aug. 8, 1937."

Reamstown Fire Company carnival program, August 7, 1937. Attached to a scrapbook page with a "Mr. Boston Ginsicles" roulette wheel and the penciled note "Ephrata Legion / Mamie, Sadie Mae, Porky / Helped Magician / First saw him."

Printed program for the comedy "Julia's Wife," presented by St. John's Lutheran Church, Denver, April 15 & 16, 1937; with local advertising printed in the margins.

Photograph Acquisitions:

8" x 20 3/4" photograph of the employees of the A.N. Wolf Shoe Company grouped outside the factory building, Denver, May 1946. None of the subjects are identified. (Donation—Dawn Zimmerman)

8" x 20 1/2" photograph of the employees of the A.N. Wolf Shoe Company grouped outside the factory building, Denver, May 28, 1957. None of the subjects are identified. (Donation—Dawn Zimmerman)

5" x 7" and 8" x 10" copies of a photograph of the members of the A.N. Wolf Shoe Company 25 Year Club, 1957; subjects are identified. (Donation—Dawn Zimmerman)

28 digital images of tombstones in the Scherb-Oberlin Cemetery, located off Camp Rogers Road in West Cocalico Township. The photos were taken in June of 2016 by the donor, Janine Pizano. Headstones and footstones pictured are those of William Hall (1836-1861), Adam Hauck (1809-1810), Christian Heinley (1803-1849), Margaret Scherb Heinley (1797-1873), Peter Henly (1856-1857), Anna Lewis (1824-1826), Christina Meintzer (1771-1843), Frietrich Meintzer (1770-1843), Elizabeth Oberlin (1852-1857), Michael Oberlin (1815-1854), Margareth Oberly (1816-1856), Catharine Oberlin Scherb (1784-1842), Johannes Scherb (1767-1841), Samuel Scherb (1823-1842), Mollie Zarn (1807-1888), Christiana Zern (1840-1865), and Jonas Zern (1815-1899). (Donation—Janine Pizano)

Scrapbook assembled by an unknown compiler, possibly Florence Rabold of Ephrata. The scrapbook, ca. 1953-1954, contains four 8" x 10" b & wh photographs of Evelyn Ay, Miss America 1954, and numerous clipped, mounted newspaper articles pertaining to Ay and her family and culminating with articles

covering her wedding to Carl Sempier. 46 construction-paper-type leaves, most of them filled.
(Donation—Susan Mentzer)

Miscellaneous Print Acquisitions:

Campaign memorabilia from the candidacies of Denver native Guy Kurtz Bard (1895-1953), as follows:

Two "Bard for Senator Club--1952" receipts: "This is to certify that _____ has donated \$1.00 to the Lancaster County Committee to Help Elect Guy K. Bard."

Small printed placard: "For United States Senator Guy Kurtz Bard / Vote Democratic November 4, 1952." On the reverse are printed the names of the Democratic candidates for Auditor General, State Treasurer, and judge of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

Two round, pierced "Bard for Governor" placards, to be attached to clothing with safety pins, perhaps 1930; Bard ran for Lt. Governor in that year, but is not known to have run for the office of Governor. (Donation—Russell Shirker)

Program for the nineteenth annual home coming of the Lincoln Lutheran Parish, August 11, 1957.
(Donation—Lowell Haws)

Business card of J.E. Becker, grain and feed dealer and manufacturer of "White Lily" flour, Stevens, Pa., ca. late 1930's. (Donation—Lowell Haws)

East Cocalico Lions Club 25th anniversary booklet, 1969. (Donation—Lowell Haws)

The Ephrata Ensign, May 15, 1941; includes an article describing the sale of the Ephrata Cloister property to the state of Pennsylvania by the remaining members of the Ephrata Seventh Day German Baptist congregation. (Donation—Lowell Haws)

Artifact Acquisitions:

Silver Star medal awarded to Pvt. First Class Donald H. Mellinger, Field Artillery, 50th Field Artillery Battalion, U.S. Army. Mellinger, a native of Denver, was a son of Levi and Amanda (Hauck) Mellinger. The medal is accompanied by its original presentation case, and the two items together are mounted in a small homemade glass-topped display case measuring 9 3/8" x 11 9/16" x 2 1/4" deep. Also together with the original presentation certificate, framed, reading, in part: ". . . For gallantry in action on 21 January 1945 in the vicinity of KEPPENHOF FARM, Luxembourg. Private Mellinger, a wireman, followed directly behind the advancing foot elements to lay artillery wire to a new battalion observation post which the infantry was still in the process of taking . . . Private MELLINGER was forced to use a wire vehicle and proceed on the road, thus exposing himself to hostile observation. When his vehicle was immobilized, he returned to the observation post on foot, servicing the wire to prevent it being severed. Due to his gallantry, heroism and complete disregard for personal safety, vital wire communications were established." (Donation—Glen Mellinger)

WWII Victory medal, bronze, with ribbon, awarded to Charles W. Steffy. The medal features a figure of Liberation on the obverse and the Four Freedoms on the reverse. Steffy was a veteran of WWII, a

member of Company D, 318th Infantry Regiment, 80th Infantry Division. A veteran of the Battle of the Bulge, he was a native of Reinholds, a son of Elam C. and Laura (Kockel) Steffy. (Donation—Ashley Steffy)

WWII U.S. Army Good Conduct medal, bronze, with ribbon, awarded to Charles W. Steffy. The medal features an eagle, wings spread, on the obverse and a star and wreath of oak and laurel on the reverse. Steffy was a veteran of WWII, a member of Company D, 318th Infantry Regiment, 80th Infantry Division. A veteran of the Battle of the Bulge, he was a native of Reinholds, a son of Elam C. and Laura (Kockel) Steffy. (Donation—Ashley Steffy)

Vintage-style baby's tin bathtub made by Denver tinsmith Charles Messner; the elliptical tub, which is slightly raised at the head, measures 14 ½" x 31 ¼" x 9 ½" deep at the widest and deepest points. (Donation—Charles Messner)

Collection of approximately 213 arrowheads, 3 tomahawks, and 12 miscellaneous tools. The artifacts were primarily collected by Harold McQuate's father, Frank McQuate (Dec. 15, 1891 - Sep. 11, 1966), son of Samuel McQuate (born 1866 in Waldeck, Lebanon, Co., died Aug. 30, 1938, Lebanon Co.) and Elmira C. Krumbine (born May 11, 1867 in Kleinfeltersville, Lebanon Co., died Oct. 19, 1942, Lebanon Co.) Frank McQuate's wife was Bertha D. Gerhart (born Mar. 13, 1897, died Apr. 8, 1936). Frank McQuate, his wife, and his parents are buried in Albright Cemetery, Kleinfeltersville, Lebanon Co.

Harold McQuate stated that most of the artifacts were collected by his father Frank McQuate, with a few pieces being added to the collection by Frank's brother Harry K. McQuate (born Apr. 30, 1890, died Aug. 31, 1982, buried in the Swamp Church Cemetery) and by Frank and Harry's father Samuel McQuate. The artifacts were collected between 1905 and 1912 on the farm on which the Samuel and Elmira McQuate family resided in Heidelberg Twp., Lebanon Co. The McQuate family did not own the farm, but farmed it on the half interest; the crops were shared equally by the tenant (in this case the McQuate family) and the farm's owner (unknown). The entire family moved from the farm to Kleinfeltersville in about 1915. The farm was located off of Chapel Rd., a "couple hundred yards off of Route #897, approximately 1 ½ miles west of Algemine Chapel." The farm is now part of the Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area; the farm buildings have been demolished. The artifacts were collected after plowing the farm's fields and on weekends after the farm work had been completed. All of the artifacts were found on the family farm. (Donation—Harold McQuate)

Adamstown Fire Company No. 1 100th anniversary commemorative plate, 10 1/2" in diameter, 1974. The obverse is printed with an early pumper and truck, the Company's fire hall, and Phares Harting's store. The reverse is printed with historical information: "The Adamstown Fire Co. No. 1 was founded in 1874. The first fire fighting equipment was a hand drawn, hand pumped pumper, called 'The Little Giant.' Next was a Ford Model 'T' fire truck. A Mack pumper served the community until the present trucks - a 1958 Ford F 700, and a 1968 Ford '4' wheel drive brush truck - were put into service." (Donation—Penny Lyba)

Denver National Bank (Reinholds Branch) advertising token, ca. early 1970's; the small vinyl case, printed with the advertising of the branch, contains a needlecase and a folded vinyl rain bonnet. (Donation—Lowell Haws)

Translucent, elliptical red plastic coin purse distributed by Sholmartin's Garage, Lincoln Avenue, Reinholds; the garage was operated by Oliver M. Sholmartin. (Donation—Lowell Haws)

Two identical paper fans distributed by Royer's Bakery, Denver, and printed on the reverse with the bakery's advertising. (Donation—Lowell Haws)

Dutchmaid (Ephrata) sales/sample book, 1971-1972. Consists of a three ring binder, in embossed royal blue cover boards with yellow lettering, containing 70 clear plastic three-compartment sleeves. The majority of the sleeve compartments hold a style sample card picturing and describing an item of clothing; fabric samples are mounted to the reverse of some of the cards, but not all. There are tabbed paper dividing sheets segregating the samples by category--Ladies' Underwear/Nightwear, Ladies' Outerwear, Girls' Garments, Boys' Garments, etc. (Donation—Abernathy Family)

Ephrata High School class jacket, 1964; belonged to Rachel Mellinger, a member of the 1964 graduating class. (Donation—Estate of Rachel Mellinger)

Small faux-leather coin purse, an advertising token distributed by the Ephrata National Bank. (Donation—Alice Richwine)

Pre-tied brown bow or string tie worn during Ephrata Borough's 75th anniversary ("Diamond Jubilee") celebration, June 19-25, 1966; printed in white on the dangling ties. A round enameled "Brothers of the Brush" pinback button has been pinned over the knot of the tie. (Donation—Ken Hufford)

"Automatic Electric Company" rotary dial pay phone with backing/mounting board, ca. mid-late 1970's, owned by the D & E Telephone Company. With round enameled metal Denver and Ephrata Telephone Company plaque, pierced for mounting, 8" in diameter. (Donation—Lowell Haws)

The following artifacts were donated by J. Phillip Eisemann:

Small turned elliptical wooden bowl, fluted on the underside in a manner creating a hand-carved appearance; the top rim is flat. The bowl, which is not varnished or treated with any finishing agent, is stamped on the underside of the base "Crafted by David Musselman."

Jacket letter ("E") awarded to J. Phillip Eisemann through the Ephrata Recreation Center for wrestling, ca. late 1950's; Eisemann graduated from Ephrata High School in 1959. The boucle turquoise letter is trimmed with black felt and appliqued with two small gold stars; the third applique emblem is missing.

Ephrata High School jacket letter "E" awarded to J. Phillip Eisemann, a member of the class of 1959; the purple boucle letter is trimmed in gold felt and embroidered with a gold football.

Ephrata High School jacket letter "E" awarded to J. Phillip Eisemann; the purple boucle letter, trimmed with gold felt, was never used and is still in its original "Neff Athletic Lettering Co" glassine envelope.

Two purple and gold felt Ephrata High School jacket letters ("E") backed with cotton canvas. Both were awarded to J. Phillip Eisemann; one is embroidered in black and gold with a wind instrument, one with a lyre.

Purple and gold felt Ephrata High School jacket letter "E" awarded to J. Phillip Eisemann; the letter is backed with cotton canvas and appliqued in gold felt with a drama mask.