

NEWS AND COMMENT

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HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

The May meeting of the Adams County Historical Society featured an illustrated lecture by John W. Heisey, director of research and library, Historical Society of York County, on "Coverlet Weavers of the Nineteenth Century." A paper entitled "A Survey of Funeral Practices in Early Gettysburg" was delivered in June by Dr. Carey Moore, Gettysburg College.

The Historic Preservation Trust of Berks County met on June 16 to hear John K. Heyl, A. I. A., speak on "Eighteenth-Century Architecture." For the benefit of the restoration of the old White Horse Tavern in historic Morlattan, a country fair will be held on October 13 at the 1716 Mouns Jones House, Douglassville.

The Brockway Area Historical Society's new Taylor Memorial Historical Museum, Brockway, Jefferson County, was opened to the public on July 4.

The Bucks County Historical Society was the host organization for the spring meeting of the Early American Industries Association. The 200 members of this organization of tool collectors who attended the two-day meeting partook in a program keyed to the life and work of Doylestown's Dr. Henry Chapman Mercer, founder of the Mercer Museum and the Moravian Pottery and Tile Works and builder of Fonthill. Of special interest at the society's Mercer Museum was the opening of a new exhibit on the craft of the horn and shellworker.

The Bucks County Historical Society has recently taken on the responsibility of being the archival agency for the Bucks County Courts. This arrangement, in line with the objectives of the Commonwealth's County Records Committee, Justice Samuel J. Roberts of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, chairman, has resulted in the bulk of the oldest court records, some dating back to 1683, being deposited in the library of the society for sorting, classifying, and preserving. The records will then be available for present and future use by research historians. For information pertaining to the responsibilities and aims of the County Records Committee, please write the

Division of Archives and Manuscripts, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Box 1026, Harrisburg 17120.

A program on antique bottles, including an extensive display of interesting and valuable items, was presented by the Cambria County Historical Society, June 26. Information on where to find old bottles and how to clean them was provided by the Camoset Bottle Club, the members of which represent Cambria and Somerset counties.

"The Industrial Motion Picture as an Art Form" was the subject treated by William H. Radebaugh at the May 15 meeting of the Chester County Historical Society.

From Farmland to Suburbia, A History of Westtown Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, 1685-1972 by Dr. Arthur E. James has been published under the auspices of the Chester County Historical Society. The Westtown history is somewhat of a companion volume to Dr. James's histories of East Bradford and Birmingham townships which were published by the society in 1971. The new booklet may be purchased at the society, 225 N. High Street, West Chester, for \$4.00 plus 6% sales tax. Copies ordered by mail are priced at \$4.50.

Summer field trips to Ligonier, Harrisburg, Lancaster, and Gettysburg were enjoyed by members of the Clarion County Historical Society.

Since its founding ninety-nine years ago, the Cumberland County Historical Society has published over 175 monographs, forty of which are still in print. The most popular item has been *A Cumberland County Album*, a photo-history by Roger K. Todd and Mrs. Gail M. Gibson, which came out a year ago and quickly went through four printings. The most recent publication, *Peter Chartier, Knave of the Wild Frontier*, a twenty-four page monograph by William A. Hunter, society member and chief of the Division of History, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, deals with the adventures of the first private owner of the site of New Cumberland and was made possible by a grant from the Cumberland County National Bank and Trust Company.

Speakers at recent meetings of the Historical Society of Dauphin County have been: Dr. Norman D. Keefer, "John Harris, Inn Holder and Trader"; Dr. Lawrence Thurman, "Daniel Boone Homestead, on the Trail of Pennsylvania History"; and William B. Rhoads, "Victorian Architecture in Harrisburg."

Samuel H. Newsome, president of the Delaware County Historical Society for the past twelve years, retired at the society's annual meeting, September 27, as did Miss Marie A. Hogan, recording secretary, and Mrs. Elizabeth N. Kennedy, corresponding secretary. The society reports that it now has on microfilm the *Chester Times* from September 7, 1876, to December 31, 1956.

The 9th annual banquet of the Elk County Historical Society, held at the Royal Motel in Ridgway on April 24, featured an illustrated discourse on "Braddock's Expedition Against Fort Duquesne." The speaker was Kenneth Stratton, president of the Warren County Historical Society.

Contractors have started work on an extensive project of restoring the Old Custom House, 407 State Street, Erie, the present home of the Erie County Historical Society, and the Cashier's House, part of the same property, which will be the society's future home.

Designed by J. Riegel, Jr., "A Map of Historic Germantown," a detailed map—19 by 25 inches—with numerous sketches showing the locations of streets, historic buildings, churches, etc., and replete with data concerning local people, places, and events, may be ordered from: *Germantown Crier*, 5208 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia 19144. The map is priced at \$5.00, black and white, and \$25.00, hand-colored. Checks should be made payable to the Germantown Historical Society. Add 25¢ to cover postage and handling.

Mrs. Elizabeth Townshend Trump, nationally known authority on antiques, historic preservation, and horticulture, discussed "Eating Habits of Our Ancestors" at a June 7 meeting of the Germantown Historical Society.

Members of the Goschenhoppen Historians were favored with a tour and explanation of Keeler's Lutheran Church, Obelisk, June 21.

Erntefest, the annual fall craft festival at Old Economy, was staged by the Harmonie Associates, September 2-3.

Conducted by the Haverford Township Historical Society in support of the restoration of Nitre Hall, Haverford Heritage Day was held at Powder Mill Valley Park, Delaware County, May 19. Spinning, weaving, quilting, rug hooking, caning, candle dipping, soap making, and wood carving were among the many crafts demonstrated. Historic kitchen utensils, antique toys, antique cars, and automobilia from 1900 to 1925 were exhibited. Assisting in the event were members of the Bishop's Mill Historical Society, students from Haverford Senior High School, and the Bagpipers of Broomall.

Dr. Daniel R. Gilbert, member of the history faculty, Moravian College, has been named executive director of Historic Bethlehem, Inc.

"Identifying, Collecting and Preserving a County's Valuable Historical Records" was the subject treated by Harry E. Whipkey, state archivist and chief of the Division of Archives and Manuscripts, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, at a June 15 meeting of the Juniata County Historical Society.

Meeting on June 4, members of the Mennonite Historical Associates of the Lancaster Mennonite Conference Historical Society heard Dr. John A. Hostetler, professor of sociology and anthropology, Temple University, lecture on "Hutterite Society: A Communal Strategy for Overcoming the World." "Tourism, Authenticity, and the Mennonite Arts" was the theme of a special, public forum sponsored by the associates at the Mellinger Mennonite Meetinghouse, August 4. Chaired by Dr. Hostetler, the forum included these participants: John L. Ruth, Mennonite minister and author; I. Merle Good, well-known local playwright and teacher; Jay Gleysteen, Mennonite artist-historian; and Roy C. Buck, professor of sociology, Pennsylvania State University. On September 3 the associates were informed by Robert W. Tucker, Jr., on "Pennsylvania: The Accidental Experiment."

Celebrating the 250th anniversary of the Weaverland Mennonite pioneer settlement, the 15th annual meeting of the Lancaster Mennonite Conference Historical Society was held at the Weaverland Mennonite Meetinghouse, June 23-24. Numbered among the speakers were Ira D. Landis, "The Ebb and Flow of Doctrinal Principles"; John K. Breneman, "Youth Begins Making History"; Noah G. Good, "The Stabilizing Influence of History"; and Robert Kauffman, who reviewed the book, *Weaverland Mennonites, 1766-1968*. A Weaverland area field trip was conducted by S. Weaver Martin, Joseph Weaver, and Leon R. Hurst.

A talk entitled "Five Years Digging at Hanna's Town" was presented by Jacob L. Grimm at the annual meeting of the Ligonier Valley Historical Society, June 4. In mid-October the society will participate in Fort Ligonier Days by holding its annual block long flea market. Proceeds will be used for operating expenses at the historic Compass Inn Museum, the society's restored 1799 stagecoach tavern in Laughlintown.

The Lycoming County Historical Society and Museum sponsored a tour of Titusville and the Drake Well Museum, July 28.

Held in the Bethany United Presbyterian Church, Mercer, June 14, the annual dinner meeting of the Mercer County Historical Society was high-

lighted by an address by Dr. Donald W. Whisenhunt, history professor at Thiel College, on "The Obscure in American History." Officers re-elected for another term include: David M. Miller, president; Orvis R. Anderson, vice-president and curator; John G. Johnson, vice-president and financial chairman; and Mrs. Helen Patterson, treasurer. Miss Florence Stewart has been elected secretary.

The history of Monongahela between the years 1770 and 1825 is currently being investigated by the Monongahela Historical Society. Members have reported on "Churches and Cemeteries," "Manners, Customs and Costumes of the Pioneers," and "The Evolution of Home Crafts to Light Industry in Monongahela."

Quiet Valley Farm Museum, R. D. 2, Stroudsburg, recently placed on the National Register of Historic Places, was visited by the Monroe County Historical Society, June 9.

The Newville Historical Society staged its 2nd annual flea market, September 15.

Russell S. Bayer, noted local historian, presented an illustrated lecture on "Historic Northampton County" at a meeting of the Northampton County Historical and Genealogical Society, May 16.

Dr. James E. Mooney, formerly assistant director and editor of the American Antiquarian Society, has been appointed assistant director of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

With headquarters at the Sheraton Motor Inn in Williamsport, approximately 100 members of the Canal Society of New York State and the Pennsylvania Canal Society enjoyed a spring field trip along the old Susquehanna West Branch Canal, May 4-6. Tour scheduling was in the hands of Richard L. Mix, Dr. Sidney Davis II, Dr. Ernest Coleman, Mrs. Rachel Kopel, and William H. Shank.

The Sixty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Federation of Historical Societies met at the Penn-Harris Motor Inn, Camp Hill, May 12. Following reports by the president, Jesse Hartman, the executive secretary, William J. Wewer, and the treasurer, Ralph Hazeltine, the morning session, a panel discussion on "Accessioning and Deaccessioning Problems in the Historical Society," was directed by Harry Rinker, executive director, Historical Society of York County. Participants were: Gary G. Schuman, executive director, Bucks County Historical Society; Andrew K. Grugan, director, Lycoming County Historical Society and Museum; and Travis Cox, director, Chester County Historical Society.

The luncheon period featured the annual roll call of societies, the presentation of awards by the awards committee, Dr. Homer T. Rosenberger, chairman, and the presentation of reports and resolutions by members of the Pennsylvania Federation of Junior Historians. Awards were conferred on the Chester County Historical Society for planning and launching Project 1776, a bicentennial pilot program in early American culture for elementary school pupils; the Little Beaver Historical Society for saving the 1802 and the 1883 buildings of the Greensburg Academy in Darlington and for establishing a historical museum in the 1883 building; the Martin's Mill Bridge Association for heroic repair of a Franklin County lattice-work covered bridge, a structure dating from about 1849 and approximately 205 feet in length; and the Warren County Historical Society for its impressive publications, including especially the volumes in its series entitled *Historic Buildings in Warren County* and the most recent addition to its Northwestern Pennsylvania Historical Studies, *Of Prescriptions and Playbills: From the Diaries of Michael V. Ball, M.D., 1884-86*.

Reports on the two chapter projects which were judged best of show winners in the annual Junior Historian History Fair, held in Philadelphia in early April, were offered by John Krecek, junior division, Highland Chapter, Beaver Falls, "Philipsburg Soldier Orphanage"; and Art Reist, senior division, Fiddlers Green Chapter, Manheim Township, Lancaster County, "Lancaster County Tobacco."

The following resolutions, as adopted at the Thirty-first Annual State Convention of the Pennsylvania Federation of Junior Historians, Philadelphia, April 6-7, were read by Kelly Metzgar, state president, senior division, Three Flags Chapter, Warren County Historical Society, Warren; and John Cruikshank, first vice-president of the state's junior division, Kishacoquillas Junior Division Chapter, Kishacoquillas Junior High School, Reedsville:

- 1) The Pennsylvania Federation of Junior Historians does hereby acknowledge and recognize a strong, abiding, fraternal and friendly spirit exercised and directed toward it by our parent body, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Federation of Junior Historians wishes to extend its sincere appreciation for the continued devotion and enduring cooperation of this distinguished Commission; and

WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission through its financial and inspirational support to the Pennsylvania Federation of Junior Historians has enabled it to further the cause of historical advancement throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Pennsylvania Federation of Junior Historians at this, our 31st Annual State Convention, does with deepest gratitude recognize all considerations extended to it by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

- 2) We, the members of the Pennsylvania Federation of Junior Historians, take great pleasure in recognizing and acknowledging the sincere interest and encouragement given us by the Pennsylvania Federation of Historical Societies.

WHEREAS, Your unspurious interest in youth and historical achievement has always been a paramount concern; and,

WHEREAS, We appreciate your dauntless support in generously contributing financial aid as well as providing inspirational guidance to the Pennsylvania Federation of Junior Historians' attempts at discovering, expanding, and illuminating the historical contributions and developments of the Commonwealth; and,

WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Federation of Historical Societies is genuinely devoted to the extension and exemplification of the Pennsylvania Federation of Junior Historians' goals and ideals; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, At this 31st Annual State Convention the Pennsylvania Federation of Junior Historians does hereby recognize and gratefully acknowledge all these friendly efforts of the Senior Federation in our behalf.

The federation's afternoon session, "Publication Problems of Historical Societies," was chaired by Donald Crownover, editor of *The Junior Historian* and vice-president of the Lancaster County Historical Society. Panel members were: Chase Putnam, curator and past president, Warren County Historical Society; Eugene Bertin, president and editor, Muncy Historical Society; Miss Alice Wessman, editor, Elk County Historical Society; and Robert Grant Crist, president, Cumberland County Historical Society.

In resolutions, as adopted in the business session which concluded the 66th annual meeting, the federation 1) expressed "profound regret for the recent death of Roy Franklin Nichols, great American historian, whose keen interest in state and local history was manifested in constant support of state wide historical programs, in his service on the Pennsylvania Historical Commission, in his part as a founder of the Pennsylvania Historical Association, and in his friendly and helpful encouragement of historical writing on

Pennsylvania"; 2) expressed "its deep sorrow at the recent death of Miss Frances Dorrance and pays special tribute to her many services to Pennsylvania history as executive director of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, as a member of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, as a founder of the Pennsylvania Historical Association and of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, and as an active leader in this Federation"; 3) offered "a special tribute of appreciation to Mr. J. Martin Stroup for his many worthwhile contributions to the advancement of Pennsylvania state and local history in his own Mifflin County Historical Society and in this Federation"; 4) authorized "the appointment of a special Committee on the Bicentennial, in order to advance and promote the proposal to the Bicentennial Commission for a grant to the Federation in support of historical society publications"; 5) offered "its sincere thanks to Mr. Winsor Thomas and the Dunlop Insurance Agency, of Reading, Pennsylvania, for their co-operation in a survey of historical societies in an effort to develop a group insurance program"; 6) expressed "sincere appreciation to the students and to the teachers in the Pennsylvania Federation of Junior Historians for their continuing and successful program to promote interest in our state and local history in the school and in the community"; and 7) offered its warm appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard M. Barenholtz, Princeton, New Jersey, for their generous contribution of "four scholarships each year since 1970 to send selected Junior Historians to the annual Institute of Pennsylvania Rural Life and Culture."

The officers of the Pennsylvania Federation of Historical Societies for 1973-74 are: Ernest C. Miller, Warren, president; William D. Gilbert, Sigel, first vice-president; Mrs. LeRoy Sanders, Reading, second vice-president; Robert Grant Crist, Camp Hill, third vice-president; Travis Coxe, West Chester, fourth vice-president; William J. Wewer, Camp Hill, executive secretary; Dr. Donald H. Kent, Camp Hill, assistant executive secretary; and Ralph Hazeltine, Trucksville, treasurer. Jesse L. Hartman, Hollidaysburg, holds the title president emeritus.

Awards for excellence in the study of history were presented in the spring by the Pennsylvania Society of the Order of the Founders and Patriots of America to ROTC students at Drexel University, Temple University, the University of Pennsylvania, Valley Forge Military Academy, Villanova University, Widener College, and Woodrow Wilson High School. The granting of such awards to students at educational institutions in the Philadelphia area is an annual practice of the society.

Donald M. Briner, New Bloomfield, has been elected president of the Historical Society of Perry County. He succeeds Lieutenant Colonel

Edward L. Holman who has retired after thirty-seven years of service as president of the organization.

"Americanization in the Soft Coal Fields of Pennsylvania" was the title of a paper read by Barta Wold at a stated meeting of the Potter County Historical Society, July 27.

Traveling to West Chester on June 16, members of the Pottstown Historical Society toured the Chester County Historical Society's museum-library, David Townsend House, and Brinton 1704 House.

The Presbyterian Historical Society, 425 Lombard Street, Philadelphia, will hold its 3rd annual open house on October 28 from 2-4 P.M.

Under the management of the Rough and Tumble Engineers Historical Association, the Twenty-fifth Annual Old Threshermen's Reunion was held at Kinzers, Lancaster County, August 15-18.

The annual business meeting and supper picnic of the Shelter House Society, Emmaus, August 15, was highlighted by an address by Grace Lutz entitled "On the Colonial Farms."

"The Style of Henry Carlile, a Shippensburg Gunsmith, As Indicative to His Lack of Golden Era Recognition" was the paper presented by Kurt Eschenmann at a July 12 meeting of the Shippensburg Historical Society. On October 18 members will meet in the Potato Point School, a reconstructed and authentically furnished one room schoolhouse on the campus of Shippensburg State College. The story behind the preservation, the moving, the reconstruction, and the furnishing of this officially certified historical structure will be told by Henry Wilkens.

The Snyder County Historical Society is currently involved in producing an off-set printing of all annual bulletins published since the society was incorporated in 1898. The bulletins will be bound in three-volume sets and offered for sale to the general public.

Having sold more than 500 copies, the Susquehanna County Historical Society and Free Library Association can report that its reprint of Miss Emily Blackman's *History of Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania* has been a very successful project.

A program on "Crafts, Tools and Structures of Pioneer Times, Including Covered Bridges" was offered by Dr. Harold J. Rose at a meeting of the Theodore Burr Covered Bridge Society at the Pennsylvania Farm Museum,

Landis Valley, June 3. On July 7-8 members toured the bridges of Columbia County.

The Historical Society of Trappe held its annual antique show on September 15 at the historic Augustus Lutheran Church, Trappe. Trappe Day, the annual event featuring the Washington Memorial Caravan March from Parkerford to Trappe, was conducted on September 16.

The Tredyffrin-Easttown History Club, Berwyn, recently donated over 300 volumes of historical reference materials to the library of the Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge.

During the month of June the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania sponsored an exhibit of early American tools, the collection of Keith Rowland, Allison Park. The tools covered the period 1750-1850 and depicted tools and instruments used by the farmer, the blacksmith, the cooper, the woodsman, the tinsmith, tools of the logging industry, and those used by the housewright and wheelwright. The society's 44th annual summer tour was a cruise on the Ohio River ("La Belle Riviere") aboard the *Gateway Party Liner*, July 13. Pointing out historic sites was Captain Fred Way, river pilot and author of *The Allegheny*.

Mrs. Helen W. Wilson has joined the staff of the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania as librarian.

The role played by streetcars in the history of Westmoreland County was explained by Robert Van Atta at a June 5 meeting of the Westmoreland County Historical Society. Van Atta is the author of *The History of Electric Service Operations and Electric Railways in Latrobe, Pennsylvania* and *The History of Electric Utilities and Electric Railways Serving Greensburg, Pennsylvania*.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the Westmoreland-Fayette Historical Society, June 16, Jacob L. Grimm reported on the Hanna's Town project, the reconstruction and restoration of Westmoreland County's first county seat.

These programs have recently been offered by the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, Wilkes-Barre: a lecture by Dr. Mohamed T. El-Ashry, chairman, Environmental Sciences Department, Wilkes College, on "The Susquehanna River: Past and Present"; a lecture entitled "Another Look at Local History" by William E. Price, Department of History, King's College; and an exhibit of pen and ink drawings by Frederick W. Bartlett II, local artist, on the theme "Architecture of the Coal Mining Industry."

The Historical Society of York County is involved in a cooperative project with the Pennsylvania State Library, Harrisburg, in microfilming copies of York County papers threatened by deterioration from either poor quality paper or overuse. English language papers included in the project are *Delta Herald Times*, 1907-46, with some years missing; *Glen Rock Item*, 1874-1943, with some years missing; *York Press*, portions of 1898 and all 1903; *York Democratic Press*, 1865-69; and *York Daily*, 1871-1909. Two German language papers, *York Gazette*, 1796-1834, with some missing dates, and *Hanover Intelligencer*, 1824-26, are also included.

John W. Heisey has announced his resignation as director of research and library, Historical Society of York County. Heisey, widely known for genealogical research in the York County area, will continue work on several forthcoming books and pamphlets. His latest publication, which began the society's Bicentennial Series, is *York County in the American Revolution*.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

The Lancaster Mennonite Conference Historical Society reports that the Lancaster County commissioners have granted \$5000 toward the restoration of the society's 1719 Hans Herr House, apparently the oldest dwelling in Lancaster County. Restoration of the landmark structure, located south of the city of Lancaster and near the village of Willow Street, is progressing as funds are made available and as careful architectural research unearths additional clues about the earliest structural features. The first and second floors are almost completed. The main floor consists of old oak flooring and the second of old, random-width poplar flooring. Casement windows have been made as well as hand-forged hinges for inward opening of the small windows. Plans are presently being laid for appropriate landscaping of the property.

The Philadelphia Society for the Preservation of Landmarks has restored and maintains the following three historic houses: The 1765 Powel House, 244 South 3rd Street, open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. and on Sundays from 1-5 P.M.; the Hill-Physick-Keith House (the society's headquarters), constructed in 1768, 321 South 4th Street, visiting periods identical with those of the Powel House; "Grumblethorpe," built in 1744, 5267 Germantown Avenue, open Tuesday through Saturday from 2-5 P.M..

As the result of a project undertaken by a committee from the Clinton County Historical Society, a considerable section of East and West Water streets, Lock Haven, has been listed on the Pennsylvania Register of His-

toric Sites and Places. Directing the committee in this work was Dean Wagner, vice-president of the society and a member of the faculty of Lock Haven State College. The Water Street District, important because of its fine examples of mid-nineteenth-century architecture, has been nominated for the National Register of Historic Places. In addition to the Water Street area, eleven individual sites in or near Lock Haven have been placed on the Pennsylvania Register. One of these is the homestead of the pioneer settler in the region, John McCormick.

The 1814 Searights Fulling Mill in Perryopolis, currently being restored by the Perryopolis Area Historical Society, has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Center for Prehistoric and Historic Site Archaeology, California State College, California, Pennsylvania, has done historic site excavations at the Peter Colley tavern, Brier Hill, Pennsylvania, for the second summer. During the first summer rather complete architectural data was collected from the extant nineteenth-century tavern. Also the original National Road which ran in front of the tavern was relocated, a granary foundation was exposed, and the remains of an outdoor baking oven were uncovered. This past summer a large cylindrical cistern and a spring house were excavated. A flagstone walk which led from the original kitchen to the rear of the original 26 x 36-foot tavern was likewise exposed.

The center has initiated an informational leaflet series which details some of its on going historic site work. For free copies of the leaflets or for additional information, contact Donald L. Michael, director, Center for Prehistoric and Historic Site Archaeology, California State College, California, Pennsylvania 15419.

The Monroe County Historical Society has placed a historical marker on the site in Hamilton Township, Monroe County, where Philip Bossert (1706-1797) constructed his pioneer home, "a place of refuge from Indian raids during the French and Indian Wars."

OF MEN AND MANY THINGS

The History Department of Eastern Mennonite College, Harrisonburg, Virginia, has received a grant to begin a survey of archival sources on religious minorities in revolutionary America. Directing the project is Dr. Gerald R. Brunk, head of the department and a specialist in modern British history. Dr. Grant M. Stoltzfus, professor of church history, and James O. Lehman, librarian and bibliographer, are assisting. Dr. Stoltzfus is a student

of Amish life in colonial Pennsylvania, and Lehman is specializing in revolutionary materials in Maryland. The project is in cooperation with the Lancaster Mennonite Conference Historical Society, 2215 Mill Stream Road, Lancaster.

Official records recently accessioned by the Division of Archives and Manuscripts (State Archives), Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, include the following: Pardon Board minutes, 1939-70, Pardon Board calendars, 1943-69, capital cases file, Board of Pardons, 1948-62, Department of Justice; record book titled "Decisions—Board of Officers," 1840-72, containing questions submitted to the Adjutant General and the Board of Officers and their opinions, Department of Military Affairs; higher education file, 1964-69, Education Congress file, 1947-63, and records of the Governor's Committee on Education, 1960, Department of Education; transfer and commonwealth dockets, 1970-72, Commonwealth Court. The manuscript section of the division has received the following: Wheeler and Dusenbury Lumber Company records, including ledgers, day books, payroll records, etc., 1874-1951; clothing reports, disability records, muster rolls, ordinance reports, and accounts of Company F, 211th Infantry, Pennsylvania Volunteers, 1864-65; minute book of Kearney Post #55, G. A. R., 1877-79; minute book of Colonel James Ashworth Post #334, G. A. R., 1883-95; correspondence pertaining to the First Infantry, N. G. P., addressed mainly to W. T. Daugherty, superintendent, First Regiment Armory, Philadelphia, 1916-21, and Horace J. Inman, local vocational supervisor, U. S. Veteran's Bureau, Wilmington, Delaware, 1921-25; correspondence and business papers of John Close, Harrisburg merchant, 1800-40; five architects' drawings for the state capitol building (interior), ca. 1905; and copies of articles of agreement, bills, receipts, and miscellaneous accounts relating to Peace Church, Hampden Township, Cumberland County, 1797-1866.

Representing Pennsylvania on the program of the Thirty-seventh Annual Meeting of the Society of American Archivists, St. Louis, Missouri, September 25-28, were Dr. Ronald Filippelli, archivist, Pennsylvania State University Archives, "Basic Reference Shelf: Urban and Industrial Archives"; Frank M. Suran, associate archivist, State Archives, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, "Basic Reference Shelf: State and Local Archives"; Ralph L. Hazeltine, executive director emeritus, Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, "Rehabilitation of Water-Damaged Records"; and Edwin Wolf II, librarian, Library Company of Philadelphia, "The Archivist as Detective."

The 1973 fall meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference will be conducted at the Holiday Inn on Independence Mall, Philadelphia, October 12-13. In charge of local arrangements is Peter Silverman, curator

of manuscripts, Temple University, and chairman of MARAC's steering committee. Membership in the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference is open to all interested individuals living and working in the District of Columbia or in one of the following states: Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia. Membership dues are \$3.00 per annum. Write Ms. Nancy Zembala, treasurer, MARAC, Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC 20560.

Under the direction of Dr. Frank B. Evans, assistant to the archivist of the United States, the Twenty-Ninth Institute: Introduction to Modern Archives Administration will be held at the National Archives, October 15-26. The institute, for persons holding or preparing for positions of responsibility in the fields of archives, manuscripts, records management, and the management of special collections, is offered by the National Archives and the American University in cooperation with the Library of Congress and the Maryland Hall of Records.

Lehigh University's Lawrence Henry Gipson Institute for Eighteenth-Century Studies held its first annual symposium on September 22. Entitled "The World Turned Upside Down," it featured these speakers: Dr. Mason Wade, "The Collapse of the French Empire"; Dr. A. Owen Aldridge, "The British Empire"; and Dr. John J. TePaske, "The Spanish Empire." Serving as coordinator was Dr. Lawrence H. Leder.

With the intention of publishing and distributing books relating to transportation history, William H. Shank and Thomas Hahn have organized the American Canal and Transportation Center. An extensive price list of their materials, including such items as reprints of *The Pennsylvania Main Line Canal* by McCullough and Leuba (\$4.75) and *Welch's Report on the Allegheny Portage Railroad, 1833* (\$1.50), can be obtained by writing American Canal and Transportation Center, 809 Rathton Road, York 17403.

Dr. Hilda Adam Kring, professor of English, Grove City College, is the author of *The Harmonists*, recently published by Scarecrow Press and the American Theological Library Association. The book, originally presented as the author's thesis at the University of Pennsylvania, is a folk-cultural approach study of the Harmony Community founded by George Rapp in 1805.

Professor Jacob E. Cooke has returned to active teaching duties in the Department of History, Lafayette College, after a year's leave of absence on a National Endowment for the Humanities grant. During the academic year 1972-73, Dr. Cooke worked on his biography of Tench Coxe.

Dr. Francis Jennings, chairman, Department of History, Cedar Crest College, has been elected president of the American Society for Ethnohistory for 1973.

Dr. Donald Fehrenbacher, Stanford University, will be the Robert Fortenbaugh Memorial Lecturer at Gettysburg College, November 19.

After serving for eleven years as professor of history and chairman of the Department of History, Waynesburg College, Dr. William H. Dusenberry retired on June 30. Dr. Dusenberry is currently writing a history of Waynesburg College from 1849 to 1974. It is anticipated that the volume will be published in time for the 125th anniversary of the founding of the college.

Many will remember Albert M. Rung, an indefatigable local historian of Dauphin County and Huntingdon County, who died recently in Huntingdon at the age of 84. He was a member of the Historical Society of Dauphin County and of the Pennsylvania Canal Society.