

NEWS AND COMMENT

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Published by the Lancaster County Bicentennial Committee, Inc., and co-published and distributed by Sutter House, Box 146, Lititz 17543, the first two books in a series about Lancaster County in the American Revolution are: *A Way of Life* by Jim Kinter and *The Pennsylvania Rifle* by Samuel E. Dyke. Forthcoming volumes will focus on leaders from the area, military supply contributions, opponents and objectors to the war, and local participants in the Quebec campaign. The series is edited by Joseph E. Walker, professor of history, Millersville State College.

A reprinting of Stewart's *History of Lycoming County, Penna.* (1876), and Pomeroy's *Atlas of Lycoming County, Penna.* (1873), in one volume, has been co-sponsored by the Lycoming County Historical Society and Museum and the Lycoming County Bicentennial Commission. The 175-page volume is priced at \$16.50, plus 6 percent sales tax for Pennsylvania residents. For additional information, contact: Lycoming County Historical Society and Museum, 858 West 4th Street, Williamsport 17701.

A new 4-volume history of Indiana County is planned for publication in 1978. Written by Clarence D. Stephenson and entitled "Indiana County: 175th Anniversary History," this will be the first comprehensive history of the county in 65 years. A free prospectus, calling attention to the opportunity to order a limited edition set in advance of publication at a savings of \$25, may be obtained by writing: Indiana County History 1978, Box 176, Marion Center 15759.

The Troy Genealogical Research Associates, P.O. Box 264, Summerville 15864, has announced the publication of an exact reproduction, with the addition of a complete surname index, of William J. McKnight's 1917 *Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, Her Pioneers and People*. The 2-volume set is priced at \$35, plus sales tax for residents of Pennsylvania. Orders, accompanied by payment, should be sent to the above address.

A bicentennial edition of Harold F. Alderfer's *Local Government in Pennsylvania 1681-1974* may be ordered from: Penns Valley Publishers, 211 West Beaver Avenue, State College 16801. The 90-page volume is priced at \$2.95 for single copies and \$2.50 for orders of five or more copies.

The Library of James Logan of Philadelphia by Edwin Wolf 2nd, librarian of the Library Company of Philadelphia, former president of the Bibliographical Society of America, and the recognized authority on early American book collectors and their books, is available at \$45 per copy at the Library Company of Philadelphia, 1314 Locust Street, Philadelphia 19107. This catalogue of Logan's unique library includes a listing of the 2,183 titles in the 2,651 volumes known to have been owned by the early Philadelphia bibliophile. Comments regarding Logan's books have been gleaned from his letters, writings, and notes and are subjoined to the relevant entries. Wolf has also written a lengthy introduction giving a history of Logan's book-collecting career and of the Loganian Library after his death. A biographical index of correspondents and previous owners and a chronological index of source material cited in the text are appended. There are 57 pages of preliminary material, 531 pages of the catalogue, and 45 pages of the indexes. The volume is illustrated with 17 plates. The edition is limited to 750 copies.

Sponsored by the Federation of Jewish Agencies of Greater Philadelphia in association with the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Jewish Committee, the Philadelphia Jewish Archives Center, Curtis Building, 625 Walnut Street, Philadelphia 19106, is an educational institute for the collection, preservation, and display of the public and private records of the Philadelphia area Jewish community. Presently the center's collections consist mainly of the records of various Jewish agencies that are constituents of the federation. The scope of collecting in the future will include congregational records, personal papers of prominent Philadelphia area Jews, records of various social and philanthropic organizations, and other materials that will help researchers study all aspects of the Philadelphia Jewish community. Research use of the center is encouraged. It is open 9:00 A.M.—5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday. Inquiries should be directed to Ms. Lindsay B. Nauen, archivist.

The historical records of the National Council of Churches have been transferred to the Presbyterian Historical Society, 425 Lombard Street, Philadelphia. Annual additions to these materials, which provide information on at least thirteen interdenominational organizations which over the years merged to form the National Council of Churches, are planned. Only a portion of the collection is currently available for research.

The Historical Society of Pennsylvania announces the acquisition of diaries, 1956-1970, of Frederick P. Gruenberg, a Philadelphia civic leader; tax records, 1919-1960, for Marple Township, Delaware County; papers of Samuel Fels, Philadelphia philanthropist; letter books, 1824-1919, of the estate of William Bingham; and business records, 1861-1974, of Warly Bascom's Sons, Philadelphia upholsterers.

The Philadelphia City Archives will soon receive on permanent loan from Independence National Historical Park Minutes of the City Commissioners, December, 1765-September, 1768; Minutes of the Wardens of Lamps and Pumps, December, 1771-October, 1779; Wardens Account Book, 1784-1789; and Minutes of the Streets Commissioners, July, 1770-September, 1772, November, 1774, and December, 1786-March, 1790. The archives has recently received photostatic copies of Board of Health records, Rules and Regulations, 1907 and 1909, from the Philadelphia Historical Commission; Surveyor's and Engineer's Field Book for Penn Township, 1831-1854, from the Bureau of Surveys and Design, Board of Surveyors; and Convict Description Dockets, 1894-1913, from Holmesburg Prison.

The Archives Branch, Federal Archives and Records Center, Philadelphia, reports the addition of unpublished research papers from the experiment station, Pittsburgh, 1917-1949, 12 cu. ft., to the Records of the Bureau of Mines (RG-70) and the addition of inspection case files, 1948-1960, 64 cu. ft., to the Records of the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Division (RG-155). For information pertaining to the holdings of the branch, contact: Robert J. Plowman, Chief, Archives Branch, Federal Archives and Records Center, 5000 Wissahickon Avenue, Philadelphia 19144.

The Eleutherian Mills Historical Library announces the acquisition of a portion of the Reading Company archives. This consists of corporate records of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad and certain subsidiaries, in particular the North Pennsylvania Railroad and the Atlantic City Railroad. Processing has been completed on 530 volumes of accounting records (1816-1926) and 620 volumes of outgoing letter books (1844-1914). Approximately 450 linear feet of inbound correspondence is currently being organized. The bulk of the latter consists of the files of Gustavus A. Nichols (1844-1877), John E. Wootten (1865-1886), Angus A. McLeod (1886-1893), and Theodore Voorhees (1893-1914). Included in the collection are 5,500 photographs, many of which are devoted to major engineering projects in the Philadelphia area. Please direct inquiries to: Director, Eleutherian Mills Historical Library, Greenville, Wilmington, Delaware 19807.

Official records recently accessioned by the Division of Archives and Manuscripts (State Archives), Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, include the following: insurance company annual statements; Insurance Department, 1964-1965, 16 cu. ft.; Pennsylvania Bulletin Documents, Legislative Reference Bureau, 1974, 2.5 cu. ft.; school district reorganization plans and jointure approvals, Department of Public Instruction, 1938-1969, 7 cu. ft.; microfilm copies of documents filed with the secretary of the Commonwealth under the provisions of all legislation providing for the incorporation and regulation of corporations, 1974, .2 cu. ft.; official

election returns, Bureau of Elections, Commissions and Legislation, Department of State, 1964-1972, 4 cu. ft.; investigation files, Department of Justice, 1956-1973, 90 cu. ft.; correspondence files, Milk Marketing Board, 1963-1964, 1 cu. ft.; minutes of the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission, Department of Transportation, 1955-1961, 14 cu. ft.; legal files of the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board, Department of Labor and Industry, 1937-1966, 31 cu. ft.; reports pertaining to the 1960 White House Conference for the Aging, Office of Family Services, Department of Public Welfare, 4 cu. ft.; council and advisory panel meeting files, Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, 1967-1973, 2 cu. ft.; Commonwealth dockets and transfer dockets, Commonwealth Court, 1972-1974, 34 cu. ft.; boards and committee meeting files, Office of Mental Health, Department of Public Welfare, 1962-1968, 1 cu. ft.; annual reports of municipal water authorities and systems, private water companies, telephone and telegraph companies, natural and manufactured gas companies, and private and municipal electric light, heat and power, steam heat companies, 1950-1954, 13 cu. ft.; copy of film prepared in the mid-1930s by Donald Cadzow showing various stages of restoration of historic sites and properties administered by the old Pennsylvania Historical Commission, .05 cu. ft.

The manuscript section of the division has received the following: records of the West Harrisburg Market House Company, consisting primarily of minute and account books, 1864-1974, 8 cu. ft.; journals, receipts, and related items of Peace Church, Cumberland County, 1806-1927, .5 cu. ft.; Brady family papers consisting mainly of photographs and materials related to family military service, ca. 1814-1960, .75 cu. ft.; records of the Harrisburg Community Theatre, including correspondence, photographs, and scrapbooks, ca. 1925-1975, 14 cu. ft.; papers of Algernon Sydney Logan and Robert Restalrig Logan consisting of manuscript and printed material pertaining to members of the Logan family including James Logan, and transcripts of John Dickinson correspondence, ca. 1687-1945, 2.5 cu. ft.; microfilm copy (83 reels) of Civil War commissioned officers' records held at the library of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, 2.5 cu. ft.; and record books and photographs of the Harrisburg City Grays, 1872-1917, .5 cu. ft.

The Eleutherian Mills-Hagley Foundation has recently published the proceedings of the 12th regional conference in economic history held at the Eleutherian Mills Historical Library, May 17, 1974, under the title *Benjamin Henry Latrobe and Moncure Robinson: The Engineer As Agent Of Technological Transfer*. Copies are available for \$1, plus \$.25 postage and handling, from the Publications Department, Eleutherian Mills-Hagley Foundation, Greenville, Wilmington, Delaware 19807.

The 2nd Annual California State College History Forum, held in conjunction with a Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference for western Pennsylvania, was conducted at California State College, April 13. Speakers included: Frank H. Serene, "Immigrant Labor in the Pittsburgh Steel Industry"; John W. Bennett, "Iron Workers in Allegheny and Johnstown, 1865-1895"; J. D. Barnett, "Some Observations on Washington County, Pennsylvania"; David Lonich, "Pittsburgh Housing in the Great Depression"; Theodore P. Sturn, "Pittsburgh Churches and the Homestead Lockout, 1892"; Edward Tebbenhoff, "The Associated Loyalists of New York, 1780-1782"; William Fisher, "George Washington's Military Career in Western Pennsylvania"; Ronald Schatz, "Changing Employee Relations in the Electrical Machine Industry, 1933-1950"; and Mark McColloch, "White-Collar Workers in the Electrical Machine Industry, 1933-1950."

Princeton Theological Seminary and Rider College cosponsored an institute on "Religion and the American Revolution," June 16-27. Giving attention to the important religious influences of the period, noted scholars discussed topics such as the role of the church in the community, Loyalist religious bases, and the American educational system. Participants included Frank Craven, John Wilson, Charles West, H. Richard Shaull, Guy Stroh, and C. Howard Hopkins.

With headquarters at the Sheraton Hotel, the 39th Annual Meeting of the Society of American Archivists will be held in historic Philadelphia, September 30-October 3. The schedule of professional sessions—based on the over-all theme "Archives and the Public"—will focus attention on such subjects as: Right to Privacy vs. Right to Know; Integrating Archives into the Community; Student Records; Women's Sources; Appraisals for Tax Credits; Grants; Archival Agencies in Times of Stress; Security; NHPC/NHRPC: Priorities and Realities; Provenance and the Record Group Concept; Problems and Prospects of Sampling; Patterns in Urban Archives; Business Archives Perspectives; Archives and Records Management: Two Sides of a Coin; Records Management Legislation: Archival Implications; Approaches to Archival Training; and Computer Technology and the Management of Archives. Workshops will be conducted on: Oral History; Church Archives; Finding Aids; Conservation; Records Management; Grants; Non-textual Materials; Volunteer Programs; Use of Building Space; Beginning Archives; and the Archives, the Community, and the News Media. For further information concerning registration fees, program speakers, exhibits, and hotel reservations, please contact: Philip F. Mooney, The Balch Institute, 108-114 Arch Street, Philadelphia 19106.

The Bloomsburg State College Department of History, in conjunction with the National Archives and Records Service and the Columbia County

Historical Society, will present its Ninth Annual History Conference on April 29 and 30, 1976. The theme will be "The American Revolution in a World Context." United States, Latin American, Oriental, and perhaps other areas of history are to be explored. Persons interested in presenting papers are invited to send, by November 15, the title, brief summary of their proposed essay, and vita to Dr. Richard G. Anderson, chairman, Ninth Annual History Conference, Bloomsburg State College, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania 17815. Individuals wishing to serve as sessional chairpersons or commentators are also requested to respond.