interest in the *personalities* that were operative in influencing the early days of American Benedictine women. And truly, the author's work does this well.

Finally, the format of this work is attractive and informative. Divided into three chronological sections, the book also includes a table of contents, a foreword, an introduction, and a short photographic insert between pages 94-95. A series of appendixes provides biographical data of the original authors of the letters. Both the carefully prepared bibliography and "the family tree" (p. 224) depicting the historic expansion and dates of American Benedictine groups founded from Saint Walburg Abbey in Bavaria will be of special interest to future researchers.

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There is, perhaps, a tendency among those researching state and local history to overlook the extensive microfilm holdings of the Pennsylvania State Archives. This guide, although only a sampling of the collections in Harrisburg, should be extremely useful to researchers as an introduction to some of these particularly rich materials. Covered by the guide are roughly forty-four hundred rolls of microfilm from the records of various state agencies, nonpublic papers accessioned by the State Archives, and special collections acquired through the research and publication efforts of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

The organization of the guide is logical and easy to follow. The major categories are record groups (official state documents), manuscript groups (private papers in state custody), and special collections (filmed manuscript materials from other repositories). Listings within the record group and manuscript group sections of the guide are arranged by RG and MG numbers; those in the special collections section are arranged alphabetically. Each entry includes a brief description of the collection, the number of rolls, the approximate inclusive years, and the availability of finding aids. For special collections,
symbols indicate the name and location of the original repository. Finally, asterisks denote microfilm available on interlibrary loan.

Some of the collections listed should be of special interest to those researching the history of our region. For instance, there are records of the WPA's Pennsylvania Historical Survey, State Police documents pertaining to labor unrest in Aliquippa, Franklin, Johnstown, and Beaver Falls, Arthur Cecil Bining's research notes on the iron and steel industry, and pension records of Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and Civil War veterans. Those familiar with the archival collections of the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania will be interested in knowing that the Denny-O'Hara Papers and Fort Pitt Daybook are included among the state's microfilm materials.

Adding to the usefulness of the guide is a thorough and accurate index using entry numbers rather than page numbers.

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