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TEHS Archives and Special Collections News

Since the move of the collection into the new storage space, the archives committee volunteers have been busy with various projects. One project has been to re-house the back issues of the *Quarterly* into ten acid-free storage cartons. Another initiative has been the re-housing of materials in the first shipment of Devon Horse Show materials, and to begin a preliminary inventory of this collection.

One of the collection's oldest treasures, the 1863 Civil War letter written by William D. Christman, has been re-housed and transcribed into the computer. Bill Spofford has done some preliminary research on the sender of the letter, but we know nothing of the recipient, addressed only as "Dear Sister." Does anyone in the Society have information on how and when this item came into the collection?

The lack of provenance information highlights the importance of recording each new addition, and to this end an Accession Log has been started to number each new gift, and record donor information. Other forms and policies have been written, including a photographic permission form, and a Collecting Policy which specifies what we collect and what we do not.

Members will begin to see the archives referred to as the "Archives and Special Collections," an expanded name which expresses the dual purpose of the repository: to house the records created by the Society itself, as well as all accumulated materials created by non-Society parties.

The Public Storage locker is working fairly well as a work area, but there are a few items the archives volunteers could use. Does anyone have any of the following to donate?

- Four-drawer file cabinet in operating condition
- Sturdy stepladder of at least two steps
- Slotted screwdriver
- Phillips screwdriver
- Regular pliers
- Needle nose pliers
- Small toolbox
- Heavy Scotch-tape dispenser
- Staple remover
- Rolls of blue painter's tape
- Post-it notes
- A sturdy card table.

Email archives@tehistory.org to arrange pick up, or bring items to the next meeting.

In Memoriam

Lambert G. "Skip" Eichner, 83, a physician for more than 40 years, died of complications from strokes on Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2011 at his home in Berwyn.

Dr. Eichner graduated from Upper Darby High School, earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania, and a medical degree from Thomas Jefferson University. He interned at Pres-

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byterian Hospital in West Philadelphia, where he met his future wife, a nursing student. Skip and Beverly Klipple Eichner married in 1957. From 1955 to 1957, Dr. Eichner served in the Navy Medical Corps in the Mediterranean. After his discharge, he completed an internship in internal medicine at Presbyterian, and studied metabolic disorders and endocrinology. Dr. Eichner maintained a family practice in Broomall until retiring in 2003.

Dr. Eichner joined the Tredyffrin Easttown History Club in 1994, and served as its president from 1996-2001. He used his wide medical background for presentations on topics relating to medicine in the 18th Century. Two of his excellent articles, "The Military Practice of Medicine During the Revolutionary War," and "The Practice of Domestic Medicine During the Colonial Period," can be found in the *Quarterly*, Volume 41, Nos. 1 and 3, available for viewing on the Society's website.

Earl Baker Speaks at Author's Lunch

The former Chester County Commissioner and State Senator appeared November 19, 2010, at a benefit for the Chester County Library Trust at The Desmond Great Valley Hotel & Conference Center, Malvern. Sen. Baker, who recently served as President of the Chester County Library Board and is a member of the Library Trust, read from his recently published book of verse, "Heroes & Hypocrites: Poems of Politics."

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