

Original at Ephrata
Cloister, Ephrata, PA
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EPHRATA COLLECTION

These papers were apparently a part of the library of Samuel W. Pennypacker, who in 1882 purchased them from a bookseller in Philadelphia. Pennypacker concluded that they had formerly been in the possession of William M. Fahnestock. Much of the collection is said to stem from Jacob Martin (1725-1790), a member of the Ephrata Community. A few items relate to the later community at Snow Hill, Franklin County.

Most of the items are mounted in a book, 16½" x 12" x 1", bound in blue leather, containing 58 numbered leaves (including the back end paper); a number are loose at the back of the book. A few extraneous items have been added since the time of acquisition by the Commonwealth.

This rough list was drawn up as a preliminary guide by Eugene E. Doll, July 26, 1954. No attempts at positive identification or technical description have been made. The count of items has not been checked.

~~Other Ephrata materials appear in the "Provincial Papers," currently being broken up and reorganized by W. D. Hunter, and in the Map Case, Drawer # 30.~~

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List of Holdings

| | location in book | leaves |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------|
| I. Astrological, Alchemical, and Theosophical Materials. | | |
| Astrological tables and charts, two bearing the date 1815. Mss. 4 items. | | 1, 33, 41 |
| Martin, Jacob. <u>Copie eines Briefes oder eine Antwort auf die Frage: ob alle Menschen die zur Seeligkeit gelangen, zuvor ins inwendige Leben müssen versetzt werden?</u> [Ephrata? ca. 1760?]. 10 copies. | one copy, p. 2; others loose in back of vol. | |
| <u>Ibid.</u> Ms. | | 3 |
| <u>Ibid.</u> [Snow Hill? ca. 1825?]. 2 copies | | 57, 58 |
| Essays, notes, and calculations on astrological, alchemical, and theosophical subjects, said to be from the papers of Jacob Martin. Religious poems and aphorisms interspersed. Mss. 18 items. | | 4, 5, 9-23, 26 |
| Correspondence of Jacob Martin, including exchange with Jacob Sensenig. Mss. 3 items. | | 6, 7, 8 |
| Symbolic drawing of the duality of man. Ms. | | 28 |
| Symbolic esoteric diagram. Ms. | | 29 |
| Illuminated monogram of Conrad Beissel. Ms. | | 30 |
| Symbolic reversible caricature illustrative of worldly pride. Small broadside, n.d. | | 31 |
| II. Literary and Devotional Materials. | | |
| Sonnet, aphorism, and Biblical quotations. Ms. | | 25 |
| [Beissel, Conrad?]. "Mein Hertz soll singen Gott zu Ehren." Ms. hymn. | | 27 |
| Fable? Ms. | | 39 |
| Snowberger, Obed. <u>Die geistliche Wüsteney.</u> [Snow Hill]: Obed Snowberger, 1853. Broadside. Hymn. | | 55 |
| <u>Wann Jesus die Hertzen entzündet mit Liebe.</u> [Snow Hill? Obed Snowberger? ca. 1850?]. Broadside. Hymn. | | 56 |
| Hymns by Hannah M. Burket and others. 1 small broadside, 2 folios. | loose in back of vol. | |
| Aphorisms. Small broadside. | | 47 |
| III. Folklore, Medicine, and Magic. | | |
| Remedies and charms. Mss. 10 items. | | 34-38, 42-45 |
| Miscellaneous small mss. 5 items. | | 50 |
| Charms, symbols, remedies. Small printed pieces. 4 items. | | 46, 47 |

IV. Historical Materials.

leaves

- Ezechiel Sangmeister to Conrad Beissel, Dec. 11, 1767. Original ms. letter. 24
 Illustration of the art of printing. Photoengraving 32
 Ephrata Community. Incorporation von dem klösterlichen Zweig der religiösen Gesellschaft der Sieben-Täger Täufer zu Ephrata. Ephrata: J. E. Pfautz, 1860. 5 pp. 51
The Old Ephrata Press. Philadelphia: 1874. Broadside 52
 Seventh Day Baptists (German, 1728). "The Church and Church Music," with an account of the death of Beissel, [transl. and ed. by Obed Snowberger] [Snow Hill? Obed Snowberger? ca. 1850?]. Folio. 53
 Newspaper columns by Henry W. Shoemaker, Transcripts of laws authorizing the sale of real estate at Ephrata, Photographs of printing press. 8 items. 54
~~"Ancient Nunnery Seized and to Be Sold by the State," photostat of newspaper article [1900?], 2 copies.~~ loose in back of vol.

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- Book title? Ms. 40
 Miscellaneous small printed pieces. 4 items. 48
 Program of Moravian service. 1802. 49
 Oswald Seidensticker to S. W. Pennypacker. Ms. postcard. 51
 U.S. Congress. Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads. The Sunday-Mail Report ... March, 5th 1830. N.p. : 1855. loose in back of vol.
 "Moravian Museum," newspaper feature from the Lancaster Sunday News, June 17, 1951. loose in back of vol.
~~Maps and chronology of land and buildings, as prepared by H. A. Heinicke. 19 photostats. (Originals in possession of Eugene B. Dell).~~ separate folder

Clippings received from Historic Sites and Properties, Nov. 1972

3 phonograph records of the Ephrata Cluster Chorus. 1 envelope