

of subscribers to stocks; the books of loans and dividends; the minutes of stockholders' meetings; the ledgers of business performed; letters and letterbooks of the entire succession of presidents of the company; and in the printed Annual Reports of the Board (unfortunately few in number). The record of human leadership in the long-enduring enterprise* is offered through many an eminent name: Cadwalader Evans, first president; Clement C. Biddle, first secretary and treasurer; Joseph S. Lewis and Joshua Lippincott, second and third presidents; Stephen Girard, the financier; Asa Packer, the ever-recurrent promoter. The correspondence for forty years of Frederick Fraley, sixth president, is preserved in the Papers, as is that of Engineer James F. Smith for thirty-three years and that of Engineer, Superintendent, and Manager Edwin F. Smith for almost a half-century.

*The best available outline history of the Schuylkill Navigation Company is to be found in Jay V. Hare's HISTORY of the READING, published in five sections in THE PILOT, a periodical of the Reading Company, under the sub-title "Schuylkill Navigation Company" in 1912 - 1913, Vol. XIII, no. 9; Vol. XIV, nos. 2 - 5.

A copy of this rare work is filed in the Division of Public Records of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission in the "Schuylkill Navigation Company" file.

M. The Blair County Historical Society Allegheny Portage Railroad Books and Papers

The Blair County Historical Society, Baker Mansion, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, holds a large and comprehensive collection of books and papers relating to the