

GIFTS AND ACQUISITIONS

Books

A seventeenth-century Dutch volume was presented to the Library by the National University of Utrecht, The Netherlands, at the Bicentennial Convocation of Rutgers University on September 22, 1966. Published anonymously at Amsterdam in 1677, the book, printed in Roman type and bound in blind-stamped vellum, is entitled *Historisch Verhael en Politique Bedenckingen Aengaende de Bestieringe van Staet- en Oorloghs-Saken, Voorgevallen onder de Bedieningen van de Heeren Cornelis en Johan de Witt* ("Historical Relation and Political Considerations Concerning the Direction of Affairs of State and War, Occurring under the Administrations of the Lords Cornelis and Johan de Witt"). It is one of the first contemporary accounts of the careers of Johan de Witt, Councilor Pensionary of the States of Holland from 1653 to 1672 and principal leader of the Dutch Republic during two eventful decades, and his brother Cornelis, Sheriff of Putten and holder of many other high offices in the Republic. The figure of Johan dominates most of the book which is a fairly straight-forward chronicle. The anonymous author draws heavily from such contemporary chronicles as Lieuwe van Aitzema's *Saken van Staet en Oorlogh* ("Affairs of State and War"), a copy of which is included in the Rutgers Library holdings.

A 1646 London imprint, *Fragmenta Aevrea. A Collection of all the Incomparable Peeces*, by Sir John Suckling (Wing 6126) was acquired through the fund bequeathed by Grace Evelyn Van Deventer in memory of her mother, Mrs. James Van Deventer. The Drury-Keese Fund made possible the acquisition of a two-volume folio set, *The Baronage of England; or An Historical Account of the Lives and Most Memorable Actions of Our English Nobility*, written by William Dugdale and printed at London in 1676 (Wing 2480). *Recueil de Pièces Détachées*, by M. J. Riccoboni, published at Paris in 1765, was secured by means of the fund of Robert H. Pruyn, Class of 1833. A rare 1796 Burlington, New Jersey, edition, *Miscellanies, Moral and Instructive in Prose and Verse; Collected from Various Authors; for the Use of Schools, and Improvement of Young Persons of Both Sexes*, by Milcah Martha Hill Moore (Evans

30809), was purchased by means of the William Allen Chapman Fund. A recently processed item from the Charles A. Philhower estate is *Copi der Kayserl. Mayestät Mandats die Müntz Ordnung betreffend den 20 Januarii 1572 ausgangen* (n.p., 1572).

Several other early imprints which have been received recently are: *La Defence de la Monarchie Françoise, et Autres Monarchies*, by Jean de Baricave (Toulouse, 1614); *Les Delices de la Hollande* by Jean Nicholas de Parival (Leyden, 1662); *Deductie van de Staten van Hollandt Ende West-Vrieslandt* (The Hague, 1657); *Vera Historia Unionis Non Verae inter Graecos et Latinos* by S. Syropoulos (The Hague, 1660).

A collection of over two hundred and fifty volumes relating to Latin America came from Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pennsylvania. Hebrew books were presented by Manny Brucker. Professor Emeritus Harold Collett gave a collection of chiefly Spanish works. From Dr. Dorothy H. Marvin the Library has received Rutgers-interest books, primarily from the library of her father, late Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Walter T. Marvin. Copies of books reviewed by Harry Gilroy, '30, of the *New York Times* were a gift of Mr. Gilroy. The Association of American University Presses and the Rutgers University Press presented some two hundred books to the Library in honor of Donald F. Cameron's retirement as Librarian of the University.

Almanacs and Printed Baptist Church Reports

The Hiram E. Deats estate, through Norman C. Wittwer, has been a source of several acquisitions of valuable research materials. Especially noteworthy is a group of chiefly American almanacs, including eighteenth-century and nineteenth-century printings, some of which are quite rare. The Deats almanacs have been absorbed into the Library's already large and representative almanac collection. Listed here in abbreviated form are the earliest and most significant of the newly received materials (Evans and Drake bibliography numbers appear for eighteenth-century items only):

Poor Robin's Spare Hours . . . or Almanack for 1747. Philadelphia: W. Bradford (Evans 5854; Drake 9683).

Poor Richard, 1738, An Almanack for 1738. By Richard Saunders, philom. Philadelphia: B. Franklin (Evans 4141; Drake 9604).

- Poor Richard Improved* . . . 1748. By Richard Saunders. Philadelphia: B. Franklin (Evans 5952; Drake 9705); 1753 and 1754, printed by Franklin and Hall (Drake 9747, 9756); 1800, printed by Hall and Sellers.
- Father Abraham's Almanack* . . . 1769. By Abraham Weatherwise. Philadelphia: John Dunlap (Drake 9917), and 1771, 1774, 1776, 1777 (Drake 9956, 10002, 10016, 10034); 1807 by Joshua Sharp and printed by Peter Stewart.
- The Columbian Almanac* . . . 1796. Philadelphia: printed and sold by Stewart and Cochran (Drake 10398), and 1797 (Drake 10428).
- Poor Will's Pocket Almanack* . . . 1796. Philadelphia: Joseph Crukshank (Drake 10412); 1798 (Drake 10474), 1800, 1801, 1804, printed by Joseph and James Crukshank: 1806-1808, 1810-1815, printed by J. Crukshank; 1817, 1819, printed by Solomon W. Conrad.
- Bailey's Rittenhouse Almanac* . . . 1807. By George Pryor. Philadelphia: R. Bailey, printer.
- Wilson's Farmers' Almanac* . . . 1816. By Joshua Sharp. Trenton: James J. Wilson.
- The Farmers and Mechanics' Almanac* . . . 1817. Philadelphia: Joseph Rakestraw, for David Dickinson.
- Bioren's Pennsylvania Pocket Remembrancer* . . . 1818. Philadelphia: John Bioren.
- Poor Robin's Almanac* . . . 1821. By Joshua Sharp. Philadelphia: D. Dickinson.
- Warner's Almanack* . . . 1822. By Joshua Sharp. Philadelphia: Benjamin Warner.
- Bailey's Washington Almanac* . . . 1824. By Joshua Sharp. Philadelphia: Lydia R. Bailey.
- The Christian Almanack* . . . 1824. Boston: Lincoln and Edwards; Rochester: republished by Everand Pock.
- Vox Stellarum: or, A Loyal Almanack* . . . 1745. By Francis Moore. London: James Bettenham.

Printed Baptist Church records, mostly association and convention minutes related to New Jersey, constitute a particularly rich research area in the University Library. In addition to their importance as sources for church history, these records contain much valuable information relating to local history, politics, and slavery. As with the almanacs, a good part of this material was acquired from the Deats estate. The gift is substantial and incorporates many early imprints. Presented here is a listing of the Library's current holdings of annual Baptist minutes and reports in printed form (current or last used titles reflected only):

- Philadelphia Baptist Association, 1769, 1772-1776, 1779-1823, 1827-1830, 1832-1900.
- New York Baptist Association, 1791-1865.
- Warwick [N.Y.] Baptist Association, 1791-1811, 1815-1824, 1828-1832; 1791 formation meeting; 1793 letter.
- West New Jersey Baptist Association, 1812-1939, 1941-1964.
- Central New Jersey Baptist Association, 1829-1922, 1927-1931, 1933, 1935-1939, 1945-1956.
- Delaware River Old School Association, 1839, 1840, 1843-1845, 1847, 1850-1852, 1858-1863, 1866-1870, 1872, 1873, 1875, 1876, 1880, 1884-1890, 1892, 1893, 1895-1907, 1909-1918, 1921-1925, 1927-1937, 1940-1942, 1944, 1946, 1947.
- East New Jersey Baptist Association, 1842-1905, 1907-1914, 1916, 1917, 1924, 1926-1928, 1930; digest of church letters, 1930.
- North New Jersey Baptist Association, 1861, 1862, 1866, 1868, 1872-1911, 1913-1916, 1918, 1941-1958.
- Trenton Baptist Association, 1865-1907, 1909-1911, 1913-1917, 1948-1963/64.
- Camden Baptist Association, 1887-1923, 1926, 1930, 1935.
- Morris and Essex Baptist Association of New Jersey, 1895-1909, 1914-1917, 1924, 1931, 1936-1938, 1947, 1948; Church Letters, etc., in 1907-1908.
- Afro-American Baptist Association of New Jersey, 1895, 1897, 1900.
- Monmouth Baptist Association, 1899-1916, 1918-1920, 1922-1925, 1927-1932, 1940-1942, 1948, 1955-1964.
- Seacoast Missionary Baptist Association of New Jersey, 1903, 1904, 1906, 1907, 1909.
- General Baptist Convention of New Jersey (formerly Afro-American Baptist State Convention), 1905-1907, 1909, 1937-1939, 1941, 1947, 1954, 1957, 1963.
- Hudson Baptist Association and Extension Society, 1925.
- New Jersey Baptist Convention, 1830-1966.
- West New Jersey Baptist Sunday School Convention, 1862, 1864, 1866-1869.
- New Jersey Baptist Education Society, 1892, 1894.
- Baptist Home Society of New Jersey, 1894-1899, 1901, 1902, 1905-1930.
- Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of New Jersey, 1889/90-1891/92, 1893/94, 1896/97, 1900/01-1901/02, 1903/04, 1905/06.
- New Jersey Baptist Bulletin, 1893-1942.

Manuscripts

ARCHIVES OF ACTIVE NEW JERSEY SOCIETIES

The Rutgers University Library serves as the official repository for the records of several active New Jersey organizations. Over the past decade, the files of the New Jersey Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, the Consumers' League of New Jersey, and the League of Women Voters of New Jersey have been placed in the Special Collections Department. In recent months two other societies, the New Jersey Academy of Science and the New Jersey Home Economics Association, have deposited their archival materials in the department. The Academy's records, which cover the years 1955 to the present and fill nine manuscript boxes, consist of minutes, reports, memoranda, financial statements, copies of certificates of incorporation and amendments; constitution and by-laws; membership rosters; annual reports to the American Academy of Science; materials relating to the National Science Foundation, Junior Academy of Science, and the New Jersey Academy conferences; newsletters; *Bulletin* markups, reprints, and manuscript contributions; and printed announcements, programs, and proceedings. Records from the Home Economics Association for the period 1950-1964 are contained in six boxes. These include correspondence, minutes, financial accounts, committee reports, programs of activities, newsletters, and printed articles.

Papers of the 1966 New Jersey Constitutional Convention, containing printed proposals, minutes, resolutions, committee hearings, speeches, public distribution literature and clippings, have come through the University's Public Relations Department. The diary of John Hart (1843-1936), Rutgers class of 1869, New Brunswick Theological seminarian, 1869-1872, and minister of the Dutch Reformed Church at Locust Valley, Long Island, and at Neshanic, N.J., was presented by Mrs. Howard S. Gies. The diary appears in sixty-four pocket volumes and covers the years 1861, 1865, 1867-1873, and 1875-1936. Miscellaneous family papers, 1784-1883, of John Terhune (1793-1886) of New Brunswick and vicinity, were received from John C. Terhune, a descendant. Mrs. Wilson M. Gulick is the donor of a European travel journal, June-September, 1846, of Rev. Abraham Polhemus (1812-1857), of Hopewell,

N.Y.; Civil War letters, of Henry Harris Callen of Newark, N.J.; and family records of Joseph Callen and Henry K. B. Ogle. Mary A. Kilborne gave a copy of a temperance address of Daniel Cushman, delivered at Six Mile Run, Middlesex County, N.J., March 30, 1824, and a surveyor's map of the Franklin Park farm of Frederick Stryker, 1833.

An invoice book, 1857-1882, of druggist George E. Putney, Hopewell Depot, N.Y., was presented by Professor Arthur C. Young. From H. Richard Segoine has come an employees' work record, 1903-1904, of the Cronk Manufacturing Company of Highland Park, N.J., and an 1863 inventory of John Segoine's general store, Smithburg (formerly Smithville), Monmouth County, N.J.

Papers read before the Travellers' Club of New Brunswick by Mrs. Elizabeth S. Davis, and a history of the Jersey Blue Chapter (New Brunswick, N.J.), Daughters of the American Revolution, 1906-1922, were a gift of her daughter, Miss Elizabeth Davis. Warren E. Altorfer presented several items relating to the New Jersey Ku Klux Klan, 1923-1925, including a panoramic photograph of the New Jersey delegation at the Klan National Convention in Washington, D.C., in 1925. From historian-bibliographer Nelson R. Burr the Library has acquired an extensive card record of works relating to New Jersey which Mr. Burr used in the preparation of *A Narrative and Descriptive Bibliography of New Jersey* (volume 21 of the New Jersey Historical Series), Princeton, 1964. An unpublished autobiography, ca. 1955, of Mary T. Norton (1869-1953), Congresswoman from New Jersey, 1925-1951, was presented by Mrs. Edmund Burke, Jr., a niece. It has been added to the papers of Mrs. Norton, which were given by Mrs. Burke a few years ago.