

GIFTS AND ACQUISITIONS

Of extreme rarity are those first printed items of New Jerseyana dating before 1700. Some two dozen of these are known, largely pamphlets and broadsides relating to colonization. Most of them were published by the proprietary interests, in order to attract settlers to the Jerseys. As in the case of other American colonies, the New Jersey promotional literature was of several types. Most valuable, from the research standpoint, are the tracts containing descriptions of the colony, and those made up of letters written by the colonists.

Although new copies of these rarities seldom come to light, the Library has been fortunate enough to secure two of them during the past few months. They happen to be the best known of the lot, and also probably the most useful. George Scot's *Model of the Government of . . . East-New-Jersey* (Edinburgh, 1685), the earlier one, begins with certain verbose arguments, copies of the 1664 patent and the "Concessions," followed by a most interesting descriptive section. "The Indian Natives," for example, "are but few, comparative to the Neighbouring Collony; And these that are there, are so far from Formidable, and injurious to the Planters and Inhabitants, that they are really serviceable. . . ." Another: "Libertie in matters of Religion is established in the fullest manner." And so on. Much of the remaining 125 pages is devoted to letters written by East Jersey settlers to their relatives in Scotland.

The second newly-received volume is Gabriel Thomas's *Historical and Geographical Account of Pensilvania and of West-New-Jersey* (London, 1698), dealing in part with the southern division of New Jersey. It is made up chiefly of descriptive material, and contains some account of the Indians (with a short dialogue in their language). "The Laws of this Country, are the same with those in England. . . . Thieves of all sorts, are oblig'd to restore four fold after they have been Whipt and Imprison'd. . . ." Another curious detail: "Jealousie among Men is here very rare, and Barrenness among Women hardly to be heard of . . . all commonly Marry before they are Twenty Years of Age, and seldom any young Married Woman but hath a Child in her Belly, or one upon her Lap."

Other accessions of books and pamphlets include three gifts of Daniel Maggin: Dryden's *State of Innocence* (1677) and *Cleomenes* (1692), and Byron's *Hours of Idleness* (1807). From Louis Silver

comes the *Roman Historie* (1609) of Ammianus Marcellinus. Donors of other books and pamphlets include John F. Fleming, Helen M. Sims, Mary B. Hulsizer, Fred Sisser III, Mr. and Mrs. Albert R. Koehler, and the late Irving S. Kull, Rutgers professor-emeritus of history. Joseph S. Roebing has presented William Wood's *New England's Prospect* (London, 1635) and one of the rare publications involved in the 1769 boundary controversy between New York and New Jersey, the four-page "plain and full State of the Demands of . . . New York," dated July 18 of that year and caption-titled: *To the Honourable His Majesty's Commissioners* (etc.).

From the continuing flow of books, pamphlets, and other material of all kinds presented by Charles A. Philhower, it would be possible to single out many items of special interest. For the present, let it suffice to mention one of these in particular: Morgan Edwards, *Materials towards a History of the Baptists in Jersey* (Philadelphia, 1792). Notwithstanding the author's intention to publish 500 copies, this is a very rare little volume and not sufficiently known. Although focused upon the New Jersey Baptist congregations existing at that time, it contains descriptive material of real value concerning the respective communities, something about the local individuals, and also biographies of the ministers, past or incumbent. It is hoped that some means can be found to reprint this work.

MANUSCRIPTS

The development of Paterson, N. J., as a pioneer "industrial park" (as modern parlance has it) is a landmark in the history of American manufacturing. This was the project of an organization known as the Society for Establishing Useful Manufactures, founded in the 1790's, its promoters and members including Alexander Hamilton, Governor William Paterson, and other notables of the day. The whole plan, based on the availability of substantial water power for operation of the projected factories, was generally successful, and Paterson continued as a leading manufacturing center for many years.

Among the parties concerned was Nicholas Low, a prominent New York merchant. Included in a body of his papers (about 900 items) presented by Philip D. Sang are fifty-nine letters written in 1794 by Peter Colt, manager of the project. These tell in detail about the beginnings of the enterprise, the problems of construction, trans-

portation, negotiations with participating companies, etc. In one letter, Colt explains that public tours of inspection through a certain plant should be suspended, since the presence of strangers distracted the children from their work!

Another substantial gift of Mr. Sang added some 200 items (c. 1790-1810) to the Robert Morris papers, of which he had previously presented an even larger group. Many of the papers deal with Morris's agency for certain lands in Bergen County, N. J., and the adjacent New York area. In the same gift were received a number of other, unrelated items, interesting and valuable in various New Jersey settings. Special mention should be made of an unusual Civil War journal of Lt. Col. Samuel J. Hopkins. Its contents were evidently put together after the war, an expansion of material from a contemporary war diary. It contains many pasted-in documents relating to his field service and also to a tour of recruiting duty in Morristown, N. J. His comments on desertion are particularly interesting.

Of the other manuscript accessions recorded since our last *Journal*, several are of special interest. One is an autobiography and a journal-like "periodical" of Rev. Isaac W. Brinckerhoff, received from the estate of a descendant through Miss Helen M. Sims. The "periodical" was written during the Civil War while he was at Port Royal, S.C., working as a Freedmen's Bureau agent. Earl S. Miers, Rutgers '35, has presented a sketch book kept by R. L. West (son of the better-known artist, Benjamin West) during a visit to America in 1799-1800. It contains about a dozen pen drawings of scenes in New York State, with accompanying word descriptions of these localities.

From the Piscataway Baptist Church (Stelton, N. J.) have been received seven volumes of its early records dating from 1781. Mrs. Samuel Schwartz has presented two volumes of the Neshanic (N. J.) Reformed Church building-committee records, 1759-72. These volumes were the source of two articles published 1918-19 in the *Somerset County Historical Quarterly*. Four boxes of Vermeule family papers (Raritan Valley locale) are the gift of Fred Sisser III; these are a useful companion to the papers received earlier from the Cornelia Vermeule estate through the kindness of Mr. Bayard Thomas, a family friend, confidante, and legatee.

Another group of New Jersey papers, some of them letters re-

ceived by Revolutionary War governor William Livingston, has been acquired as a gift of Mr. Daniel Maggin. Robert F. Metzendorf has presented seven early New Jersey acts, 1727-65.

Additional manuscript gifts have been received from Mrs. Robert S. Powell, Mary B. Hulsizer, John R. Anderson, Mrs. Sidney P. Noe, Myra Clark Applegate, Nathaniel Weyl, Marcus S. Wright, Mrs. Helmut von Erffa, Maurice Edelman, Dr. Theodore Thayer, Alice H. Kennedy, and John, Harry, and William Farley.

DIARIES

We are considerably occupied at present with diaries, having undertaken an analysis of the Library's holding in this line. Descriptions of the individual diaries are being prepared which may later be published in some form.

A brief listing of the recently-acquired diaries follows, together with names of the respective donors:

Brown, John M. Diary, 1825-27, 1832-38, Salem, N. J. Young Quaker storekeeper. *Charles A. Philhower.*

Cooke, Harriet R. Diary, 1885-86, New York City. *Same donor.*

Eddy, Lucy H. Diary, 1830, New York City. *Same donor.*

Hunt, Samuel F. Travel journal, 1868, Egypt, Italy, etc. *Same donor.*

Reyerse, George. Journal, 1752-71, Bergen County, N. J. Proprietary agent for the Ramapo tract. *Same donor.*

Skinner, Rhoads. Civil War diary, 1862. *Same donor.*

Trimmer, Edward C. Diary, 1883, Quakertown, N. J. *Same donor.*

Vail, Rebecca. Diary, 1847, Green Brook, N. J. *Same donor.*

Webster, Isaac. Diary, 1852-56, Plainfield and Franklin Township (Somerset County), N. J. *Same donor.*

Webster, Isaac. Journal of a Western trip, 1850. *Same donor.*

Hopkins, Samuel J. Civil War journal, 1862-65. *Philip D. Sang.*

Abeel, Gustavus N. Travel journal, 1862, Europe. *Mrs. Carroll Maury.*

Appleton, Agnes M. Diary, 1856-57, 1859-64, Haddonfield, N. J. Microfilm. Original owned by Norman C. Wittwer.

Cutler, William P. Diary, 1857, Marietta, Ohio. Railroad affairs. *Irving S. Kull.*

Elmer, Lucius Q. C. Diary, 1810-14, Bridgeton, N. J. War of 1812, etc.

- Haines, William K. Civil War diary, 1862-64. Microfilm. Original owned by Frank J. Sleeper.
- Hamilton, Ellis. Civil War journal, 1863-64. *Rev. Anthony Reif.* [Haward, Peter?] Journal of a Western trip, 1804 (?). Typescript copy. *Mary B. Hulsizer.*
- Honeyman, John. Journal of business dealings, 1862-73, Oldwick, N. J. *Mrs. Mabel Eick.*
- Honeyman, John. Journal of evangelizing activity, 1858-62, Oldwick, N. J. *Same donor.*
- Honeyman, John. Journal of a Western trip, 1855. *Same donor.*
- Knox, Aletta V. Diary, 1828-31, Brooklyn, N. Y., and Raritan, N. J. Schoolgirl. *Mrs. Elizabeth V. Atkinson.*
- Knox, John P. Diary, 1841-82, Utica, N. Y., St. Thomas, W. I., etc. Reformed and Presbyterian clergyman. *Same donor.*
- Newkirk, Sarah Cordelia. Diary, 1887-88, Washington Territory. *Fred Sisser III.*
- Place, Anna M. Diary, 1912-18, New Rochelle, N. Y. *Same donor.*
- Place, Anna M. Travel journal, 1909-10, Europe. *Same donor.*
- Reid, Joseph V. H. Civil War diary, 1862-63. Microfilm. Original owned by Mrs. John C. Forsyth.
- Rowland, William. Diary, 1849-50. California gold rush. *Irving S. Kull.*
- Shumway, Robert G. Travel journal, 1849-50, San Francisco to Panama. *Mrs. Ray D. Murphy.*
- Smith, Benjamin T. Civil War journal, 1861-65. Microfilm. Original owned by Mrs. Joseph R. Wood.
- Smith, Hatfield. Diary, 1836-41, New Brunswick, N. J. Miller.
- Snow, George H. Civil War journal, 1862-63.
- Southwick, Mary F. Diary, 1872-76 (scattered), Flemington and Trenton, N. J.
- Stephens, Amzi C. Diary, 1851, Mount Olive Township, N. J. Microfilm. Original owned by Mrs. Margaret S. Zimmermann.

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We regret to report that, since the foregoing paragraphs were written, Mr. Charles A. Philhower has died. He has long been a friend of the Library, a generous donor to its collections and has been a warm personal friend of the writer.

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