

GIFTS AND ACQUISITIONS

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BOOKS

SOME sixty eighteenth and early nineteenth-century New Jersey imprints have been acquired by means of the William Allen Chapman Fund. The collection belonged to the late George C. Rockefeller of Madison, who spent decades studying and compiling New Jersey bibliography, and its acquisition places Rutgers among the largest holders of early printed Jerseyana. Most of the titles are new additions for the Library, and some are apparently unique. Significant representatives include Elias Boudinot's copy of *An Account of the College of New-Jersey* (Woodbridge, 1764); Richard Baxter, *The Saints Everlasting Rest* (Burlington, 1774); John Heard, *The New-Jersey Trooper's Companion* (Newark, 1799); Abraham Hellenbroek, *Voorbeeld der Godlyke Waarheden* (New Brunswick, 1790); *An Account of the Beginnings, Transactions and Discovery, of Ransford Rogers, who Seduced Many by Pretended Hobgoblins and Apparitions, and Thereby Extorted Money from their Pockets* (Newark, 1792); Isaac Watts, *Divine Songs, Attempted in Easy Language for the Use of Children* (Trenton, 1788); and Thomas Gage, *The Traveller. Part I. Containing, a Journal of Three Thousand Three Hundred Miles, through the Main Land of South-America* (Woodbridge, 1759).

Among other recent American additions are Robert Patterson, *Plates Illustrating a New Edition of Ferguson's Lectures on Mechanics, Hydrostatics . . .* (Philadelphia, 1814); and William Carlos Williams, *A Novelette and Other Prose (1921-1931)* (Toulon, 1932), Van Deventer Fund.

European works received include Christian Stock, *Clavis Linguae Sanctae Veteris Testamenti* (Jena, 1727); Raphael Bluteau, *Vocabulario Portuguez e Latino* (Lisbon, 1712); Bernard de Montfaucon, *L'Antiquité Expliquée et Représentée en Figures* (Paris, 1719); Thomas Birch, *A Collection of the State Papers of John Thurloe* (London, 1742); an inscribed copy of Humbert Wolfe, *Stings and Wings* (London, 1935), Van Deventer Fund; Siegfried Sassoon, *To the Red Rose* (London, 1931?), Van Deventer Fund; and Ralph Caldecott, *The Three Jovial Huntsmen* (London, 1912).

MANUSCRIPTS

A number of diaries and journals have been acquired. Recording more than a century of experiences of New Jersey people—at home, travelling abroad or participating in historical events—these additions bring the Library's collection to about 350 pieces.

The diary of Rachel Van Dyke (b. 1793) offers a rare insight into the life of an upper-middle-class young woman in early nineteenth-century New Brunswick. An exceptionally candid and detailed account of her social activities, education and a mutually restrained romantic relationship with her Latin instructor, the diary also provides information on a local storm and flood, the Reverend Ira Condict and the Dutch Reformed Church, and John J. Barker, an artist about whom otherwise little is known. Gift of Mrs. Frederick Frelinghuysen of Princeton, this record covers the period from May 20, 1810, to January 12, 1812, and supplements the 1808 diary of Miss Van Dyke's enigmatic Latin teacher, Ebenezer Grosvenor (1788-1817), already in the Library.

Lewis D. Cook of Philadelphia has presented the Gold Rush diary of Cornelius Wyckoff LaTourrette (1814-1902), a South Bound Brook resident who left the comforts of home for the lure of easy riches in 1849. The account begins on April 3, 1849, with the writer's arrival on the Atlantic coast of Panama and follows his trek across the isthmus, where he boarded an English brig for San Francisco. After several stops along the Mexican coast to replenish supplies, he and some other passengers left the ship near Santa Barbara and travelled the remaining 300 miles on foot. Like most forty-niners, LaTourrette had only moderate success as a prospector and was soon seeking reliable employment. Accompanying the diary are nine long, interesting letters written between March 15, 1849, and August 6, 1851. Six of these, from LaTourrette to his wife, supplement the diary considerably. Those from Mrs. LaTourrette make clear her impatience with the California venture. The accession complements the Library's five other Gold Rush accounts and the records of the New Brunswick and California Mining and Trading Company, one of the many business enterprises organized to exploit the gold fever.

Diaries and journals of three members of Essex County's Freeman family have been acquired. Most important historically is the Civil War journal of Joseph Addison Freeman (1833-1864), an assistant surgeon in the Thirteenth New Jersey Volunteers. Beginning at Gettysburg a

few weeks after the battle, the record follows the division's subsequent movements through Pennsylvania, Virginia, Maryland, Ohio, Indiana, Tennessee and Alabama. Freeman graduated from Princeton in 1852 and later from the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University. Prior to the war he practiced medicine in Somerset and Essex Counties. After the period covered by the journal (July 22-October 31, 1863), he became regimental surgeon and finally an assistant surgeon in the United States Volunteers. He died of pneumonia in December 1864. Also received were the diary of Freeman's sister, Ginevra (b. 1839), covering much of the half-century between 1869 and 1916, and that of her niece, Marion Freeman Condict (b. 1876), 1897-1906. Both center on domestic, social and local matters.

Other personal accounts include those of Sarah Staats Bayles (1787-1870), Anne Pluymert Heroy (1855-1939) and Watson P. Schofield (b. 1892). Gift of Lewis D. Cook of Philadelphia, Mrs. Bayles' diary records religious, family and neighborhood events in South Bound Brook between 1835 and 1851. The travel journals of Miss Heroy, given by her niece, Mary L. Dyckman of Orange, cover three leisurely European trips made in 1912, 1922 and 1926. As an interesting note, the initial voyage begins on board the R.M.S. *Carpattia*, the vessel which about six weeks earlier picked up survivors of the *Titanic* disaster. Sergeant Schofield's military journal, providing a good record of combat and camp experiences in World War I France, was donated by its author.

Some interesting collections of personal papers have been received. Mrs. Edith Ginsberg of Paterson has deposited the papers of her late husband, Louis (1896-1976). Although the elder Ginsberg's traditional poetic style has been obscured by the unorthodox verses of his more celebrated son, his output was considerable, as evidenced by three books and representation in numerous anthologies. The three cartons of material presented consist of drafts and reviews of poems and miscellaneous notes on poetry, 1925-1973; clippings relating to joint poetry readings by Louis and son, Allen, 1966-1976; seventeen cassette tapes primarily recorded in the Ginsberg home and involving readings and conversations with family members and friends, 1976; notes for a poetry course taught at Rutgers, 1973; and various photographs.

The trustees of the estate of Helen Price Roebeling of Bernardsville have given six cartons of important family papers and memorabilia. Included are about forty letters from Washington A. Roebeling (1837-

1926), mostly to his son, John, 1896-1918; some 200 letters from John A. Roebling (1867-1952) to his wife, Margaret Shippen MacIlvaine (d. 1930), 1894-1907; miscellaneous letters from prominent individuals to John A. Roebling and other family members, 1902-1963; ten letters from Emily Warren (Mrs. Washington A.) Roebling (1843-1903), 1894-1900; ephemeral items of the sixteenth through nineteenth centuries; family memorabilia; numerous photographs; and genealogical compilations. The Library had previously acquired extensive Roebling personal and business papers.

Three smaller groups of personal papers have been received. Among them are six letters from Jacob D. Wyckoff, a lieutenant in the First Regiment of New Jersey Volunteers, to relatives in New Brunswick in 1861. Presented by the writer's granddaughter, Elizabeth W. Durham of New Brunswick, the letters deal with camp life, family matters and the religious concerns of a young man facing the uncertainties of military duty. Mary Burr Hulsizer of Pomona, California, has given material relating to her sister and other family members. Included are a volume of photocopies of letters from her sister, Edith Hulsizer Copher (1891-1935), which she wrote as a dietitian with the Red Cross during World War I; a 1957 journal recording the donor's experiences during an eight-month European trip; and several family letters, 1797-1849. Finally, some sixty drawings, twenty watercolors and forty photographs of canal scenes in New York and New Jersey by artist Oliver H. Perry in the 1880's are the gift of his descendants, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver H. Perry of Pompano Beach, Florida.

The Hillsborough Township (Somerset County) Committee has deposited ten volumes of the township's early records through Rutgers Professor Robert Moevs. Included are committee minutes, 1771-1935; register of earmarks, estrays, etc., 1746-1865; accounts, 1790-1839, 1845-1891; and committee minutes kept by the chairman, 1888-1905. These records complement the township poor book, 1760-1799, and tax lists and collector's accounts, 1834-1836, already in the Library.

In its capacity as official repository for material on the Baptist Church in New Jersey, the Library has received the records of Newark's Fairmount Baptist Church, 1860-1965. Presented by Mrs. H. Lindstedt of New Smyrna Beach, Florida, the four cartons contain general correspondence and reports, 1866-1965; clerks' records, 1862-1963; membership rolls, 1860-1894; statistical reports, 1868-1883; Sunday School

Association material; treasurers' and annual reports; and miscellaneous photographs and museum objects.

The Library's holdings of New Jersey genealogy have been enhanced by the compilations of Mabel Day Parker (1880-1964). Gift of her son, Louis Day, Jr. of Philadelphia, the thirteen volumes consist of copies of bible, marriage and church records, gravestone inscriptions, etc., for Essex, Union and Morris Counties. In addition are copies of letters from Mary Crane Shafor to her sister, Elizabeth Crane Day of New Providence, 1841-1883, and a typescript index to John Littell's *Family Records; or Genealogies of the First Settlers of Passaic Valley . . .* (1851). The Parker effort complements the research of the late Charles Carroll Gardner, who specialized in the same geographical area and whose notes the Library acquired in 1960.