

Archive Report November 2014

Although I was on vacation for the last half of September and the first half of October, Marilyn Lancot entered the newly re-organized book collection so it is now up to date and can be put on the web site. Rita and Marilyn also finished inventorying the boxes of Waring papers, photos, periodicals, etc. and Marilyn has taken our hand written lists , has loosely categorized the materials and has been listing them on the computer so that we can see what the archive actually contains. We have not discarded anything at this point but I feel that some of the material is not relevant and, when it comes to actually archiving, we will probably discard some of it.

We are also inventorying the Solebury Farmers' Club minutes, record of dues, etc. and will do the same for the smaller collection of Robert Shaw's that deals mainly with the consolidation of the schools in 1937-8. I think that Jesse has been working with the Rivinus collection. Once we know what we have, the next step is to come up with a way of cataloging them which is simple to use, has standard categories, and is comprehensive in scope. Figuring out our system is going to take some time and thought but once done, we hope that it will be able to be used by anyone. Jesse has come up with a draft cataloging scheme which will be our starting point.

We have had people drop in from time to time. Some to look up their newly acquired property, some for pure nostalgia to look at where they spent some of their school years. We have tried to keep a record of who has come by, or emailed a request, and what the results were.

Especially once our archival holdings go on the web site, more people may wish to donate papers and such. For that reason, we are adopting a donation policy.