

Archive Report Solebury Township Historical Society April 2015

As I wrote in the March archive report, we now have a system for accessioning and cataloging the archives. Our next step was to find a volunteer with well-honed Excel skills who would be willing and able to turn our notes into a file to be posted on our website. Jane Melson Yates is delighted to do this. She is a gem. Beth Carrick has assured us that these Excel files will be easy to work with and will be comparable in format to the map files. After much trial and error, blood, sweat and tears, I think we are on the right track. We can now tackle the Waring files—which cover many areas and span decades—with confidence.

I was not at the school house last Wednesday since I was suffering from a nasty bout of flu. Again, I am thankful for our efficient, unflappable volunteers. Rita Flack and Marilyn Lanctot started the 2015 archive file with the memorabilia which Priscilla Waring has brought in several weeks ago. Jane Melson stopped by with her triplet daughters. While Marilyn and Jane discussed ways to clean up and make consistent the work Jane has done on the spreadsheet, Rita (who attended a one-room school in Perkasio) told Jane's daughters stories of life in a one-room school house. Thanks to our new cataloging and indexing, Rita and Marilyn were able to find the girls' grandfather's—Jim Melson—second grade school records, including how he did in readin', writin' and 'rithmetic.

We are beginning to build up and make available archives which should be valuable for those researching a number of aspects of Solebury Township's history.