

Archive report September, 2015

August is generally slow, with vacations and all. We only had one drop in request which Marilyn handled, but we had four email requests. A woman stopped by looking for information about her family history, but had no real facts as to names or birth and death dates, just that they were buried in the Carversville Church cemetery. Marilyn suggested that we would be happy to help if she could give us more concrete details. The four requests by email were easier to answer. The first two just required a phone call each: one to the Map Store in Doylestown to see if they carried the Patton Maps, a set of four facsimiles of rare Revolutionary War period maps. The store did have them and I emailed this information to Mr. Klotkin, who had asked about them; the second was an inquiry about Julian Lathrop's stint the American Field Service in 1915-16 and, this time, I phoned Julian (Lathrop) Karhumaa who was pretty sure there were letters and other papers at the Lathrop house. Although I have not followed up, I believe that they have been in contact. The third was from a Gina Semmis who was doing family research and thought that the McFerren family lived in Solebury Township during the 18th-19th centuries. I did not find any references to the family in Solebury, but did find references to George McFerren as one of the petitioners to the Court of the Quarter Sessions in 1741 to form a separate Township—Bedminster—from the northern territory of Plumstead Township, and suggested that she should contact the Bucks County Historical Society. Last, is a request from Ellen Reeder for a map of the Reeder holdings at the end of the 18th century. No map found yet, but the research is on-going and we have been corresponding about early Reeder family history.

On Aug. 26, Stephanie, Robert, Marilyn and I spent the afternoon going over the plans for the renovation of the school room and all agreed that it was a good plan in that it would both unify and define certain areas, i.e. have the work area—desk, printer, etc.—moved to the front under the window, use bookcases and file cabinets as room dividers and free up more space in the front of the room for meetings and programs.

We are planning for a long and thorough inspection of our collections on Sept. 30. CCAHA (Conservation Center of Art and Historic Artifacts) has accepted us to participate in the Philadelphia Stewardship Program.

Notes: Rita Flack and Gwen Davis have medical leaves of absence. We hope all will be well and that they will be able to return soon

Now that the laptop has all the files and software installed, Marilyn and I will need instruction in its use.