

Archive Report November, 2015

Marilyn Lanctot and I worked on accessioning the Clarence Overpeck archive. We also finished writing the introductions for several other files: the Solebury Township Property Tax Records and the School Tax Records. Although all these tax files might seem uninteresting, they all contain considerable amounts of information about the Township and, in one archive New Hope Borough, residents with names, property values, land values and residency which could be a source for someone researching family history.

We have had several email requests: the first for information about the setting for a novel, Edgar Huntley, written by Charles Brockton Brown c. 1780; the second for information on a house on Stoney Hill Road. They both indicated that they would come to the Schoolhouse in the near future to use our library and archives.

On October 21, Kurt Spense, who researches houses for the Doylestown Historical Society, but was asked to search a house on Pidcock Creek Road, came by with his completed work and all his research notes. He has donated his notes to us and they could serve as a model for others who are interested in pursuing a house search. He has begun his work here at STHS last winter and we were happy to have him share the results. Also on the 21st we had a visitor who was looking up a house built c. 1791 on Greenhill Road and found that, although there was plenty of information on the history of the property, there was no mention of the house itself. I have asked Stephanie to see what she can find.

Again, a plea for pillows for these chairs. It will do everyone—workers and visitors alike—a world of good.

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