GIFTS AND ACQUISITIONS

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BOOKS

The Library has acquired a number of interesting English titles. Prominent are Oxford University, Carmina Quadragesimalia ab Aedis Christi Oxon (Oxford, 1723), two volumes; Mahlon Dickerson’s copy of Considerations on the French War (London, 1794); and Algernon Charles Swinburne, Ode on the Proclamation of the French Republic, September 4th, 1870 (London, 1870). Received through the Van Deventer Fund were E. M. Forster’s copy of Goldsworthy Lowes Dickinson, Jacob’s Ladder (London, 1887); Hilaire Belloc, Verses and Sonnets (London, 1896); Maurice Baring, In Memoriam, Auberon Herbert (Oxford, 1917); and John Drinkwater, Tides (London, 1917).

Professor Richard Schlatter, of Neshanic, has presented some good seventeenth and eighteenth century English imprints, including An Essay towards the Deciding of the so Much, and so Long Controverted Case of Usury (London, 1661); William Saywell, Evangelical and Catholick Unity, Maintained in the Church of England (London, 1682); John Groome, The Dignity and Honour of the Clergy (London, 1710); and Daniel Neal, History of the Puritans or Protestant Non-Conformists (London, 1754), two volumes.

Continental European works received include Girolamo Razzi, Miracoli di Nostra Donna dal P. Don Silvano Razzi monaco di Camaldoli Raccolti nuovamente (Florence, 1576); Progressos Academicos dos Anonymos de Lisboa, Primeyra Parte (Lisbon, 1718); and Joachim Heinrich Campe, Theophron; oder Der erfahrne Rathgeber für die unerfahne Jugend (Hamburg, 1783).

Among items of United States interest are John Lind, An Answer to the Declaration of the American Congress (London, 1776); Elias Boudinot, An Oration . . . Agreeably to a Resolution of the State Society of Cincinnati, on the Fourth of July (Elizabeth, 1793); Oram’s New-Jersey and New-York Almanac for 1806 (Burlington, 1805), Frelinghuysen Fund; Joseph Bellamy, Works (New York, 1811), first volume only; and Joshua Sharp, Stewart’s East & West New-Jersey Almanac for 1813 (Trenton, 1812), Frelinghuysen Fund.
Veteran United States Senator Clifford P. Case '25 has deposited the remainder of his official papers at Rutgers. It is the third archival deposit by the former legislator, the previous two having been made in 1961 and 1971. The latest addition constitutes about one-half of the 250 cartons of Case material now at the Library and bears on his last three Senate terms (1961-1979). Included are working files (material relating to legislation either on the Senate floor, in committee, or both); political files (data on local, state and national issues; Republican Party matters; and each of Mr. Case's election campaigns); general subjects files; bills files (copies of bills and resolutions introduced by the Senator); New Jersey state files; press releases; radio and television transcripts and releases; voting record analyses; scrapbook; and photographs.

All of the Case Papers have been processed and inventoried and will soon be available to interested researchers. Those lately received are especially significant, since they chronicle the years when he was the ranking Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and a member of its Appropriations Committee. Besides his papers, Mr. Case provided his expertise as a guest lecturer in political science classes at Rutgers during the 1979 spring semester. In recognition of his extraordinary services, the University is raising funds to establish an endowed Clifford P. Case Professorship of Public Affairs, to be filled by nationally recognized scholars in that field.

Additional deposits have been made by the Consumers' League of New Jersey. Some three cartons and five boxes of records include the files of former League president Mary L. Dyckman (held office 1944-1956); data on legislation relating to child labor, price control, minimum wage, migratory labor, consumer protection, etc., 1956-1975; president's correspondence, 1971-1972; and minutes of annual meetings, 1972-1977. Miss Dyckman's files contain correspondence, reports, memoranda, etc., involving child labor legislation, 1940-1973; files concerning the Student Services Committee, 1941-1945; material on migratory farm labor, 1941-1966; files on minimum wage and workers' compensation legislation, 1932-1965; presidents' correspondence, 1950-1960; and miscellaneous, 1937-1978.

One carton of records of the New Jersey Society, Order of the Founders and Patriots of America, is a gift of the Genealogical Society of New Jersey. The material consists of correspondence, 1896-1908; letterbook,
1897-1903; minutes of the national organization's annual meetings, 1902-1916; membership lists, 1896-1911; by-laws, lists of officers, 1896-1912; and miscellaneous reports, certificates, etc., 1897-1905. This gift complements the records of the Genealogical Society of New Jersey, on deposit at the Library, as well as numerous other holdings of genealogical interest.

The Library's collection of diaries and journals continues to grow, with the addition of three military journals, two of which record Civil War experiences. Robert Raymond Honeyman's narrative is the gift of Norman C. Wittwer, of Oldwick. Honeyman (1836-1873) raised an infantry company which became part of the 31st New Jersey Volunteers, and his regiment spent the period covered by the journal (October 8-November 29, 1862) in camp preparing for the march on Fredericksburg. The journal of Sergeant William Howard Clairville (1825-1910) traces in full and graphic detail the role of Battery B, First New Jersey Artillery, in the 1862 Peninsular Campaign. Accompanying the journal are five letters to Clairville's wife written during the campaign and detailed narratives of the battles of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. The Clairville Papers are a gift of the writer's grandson, Charles F. Clairville, of Metuchen. Robert Edgar Welsh (1892-1966) was inducted into the Army during World War I and arrived in France shortly before the armistice. He remained abroad until the summer of 1919 and was attached to the Garden Service, where his unit was assigned to operate several farms. The journal (May 27, 1918-September 4, 1919), accompanied by some sixty wartime letters and cards, was presented by Norman C. Wittwer, of Oldwick.

Some material of local interest has also been received. Jay W. Thornall, of Cranbury, has given twenty-two letters sent to his ancestors, Manning and Deliverance (Freeman) Thornall, of Woodbridge, 1817-1861; miscellaneous Thornall family correspondence, 1839-1845; and minutes and financial records of Parsonage Land School District No. 16 (Woodbridge), 1830-1856. Also acquired (Chapman Fund) were an unpublished history of and notes on Fredon Township, Sussex County, by George Watson Roy, 1926, and some fifty early twentieth century photographs of Fredon and Newton (Sussex County). Another addition (Chapman Fund) is the treasurers' book of the Warren County Medical Society, 1828-1905.