

PENNINGTON RESEARCH ASSOCIATION, INC. 2007-2008 REPORT OF THE ARCHIVIST

The deposit of materials to the Archives at Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana, has been few during 2007-2008. This is a natural happening after the inundation of materials of PRA, INC., including business records, copies of Pennington Pedigrees, incorporation information, miscellaneous publications, individual family genealogies, photograph albums, scrapbooks and so on. During this past year we received the family Bible of Dr. George Edward Pennington and Julia Etta Pennington of Broken Bow, Nebraska, including an election card in 1909 with his photograph. We have also received various genealogical materials which are in process of sorting and filing. In 2008 we will continue to identify items to be digitalized. With volume 1-10 of Pennington Pedigrees published last year, volumes 10-20 will be high on the list of things to be digitalized.

One of our challenges at the Archives has been the change of staff. Plans that had been discussed and actions agreed upon have had to be reorganized. Dr. Thomas Hamm, Director, expects to have new positions filled by this fall.

One of the great and unexpected resources we gained in placing the Pennington Archives at Earlham is Dr. Thomas Hamm. Dr. Hamm is a noted Quaker historian and a member of the larger Pennington family and a mine of information about individual Quakers, Quaker families and places of Quaker settlement in the United States as well as abroad.

We continue to welcome gifts of Pennington Family materials, especially genealogies, printed histories, photographs, family publications and so on. These can be sent to the **Pennington Archives % of the Friend's Collection, Earlham College, 802 National Road West, Richmond, Indiana 47374-4095**, or to me. Clearly identifying them will be of much help.

We are grateful indeed for the special gifts to the Archives which help us continue the digitalization projects, make our annual contribution to Earlham for the care and maintenance of the Pennington materials, and in the future, for the purchase materials which will enhance the research value of the collection.

My appreciation to Gene Pennington and Dr. Thomas Hamm for their continued suggestions and support and to our donors.

Sincerely,

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