



**Finding aid
of the records
of the**

**Bethlehem Businesses and Trades
1750 – 1854**

BethBus

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2011**

1.1 Reference Code

BethBus

1.2 Title

Bethlehem Businesses and Trades

1.3 Date(s)

1750-1854

1.4 Level of Description

Item level

1.5 Extent and medium of the unit of description (quantity, bulk, or size)

27 boxes

2.1 Name of Creator

(mostly) Moravian Congregation of Bethlehem

2.2 Administrative / Biographical History

Various smaller and larger trades existed under the supervision of the Moravian Church in Bethlehem. Under the General Economy (1741-1762) various artisans supplied the community with necessary goods and services and provided a source of income for the church's missionary activities through dealings with the local non-Moravian population. Those who plied trades in this economy received food, clothing and shelter, but no pay.

In 1762 the General Economy was discontinued and management of the trades was reorganized. Some were privatized, with the artisan paying rent for the property. Others were managed by the Single Brothers, and some, such as the smiths, were kept under direct control of the congregation, with the artisans receiving a salary and a percentage of the profit. A supervisory board (Aufseher Collegium) regulated trade and commerce.

Except for the farms, most of the trades were located near the town center. Many were in the Industrial Quarter, located along - and often powered by - the Monocacy Creek just west of Main Street. Among these were the grist mill, fulling mill, dye house, tannery, tawery, butchery, oil mill complex, and waterworks. Others, such as the bakery, the tailor shop, and the shoemaker were operated within the Single Brothers House, and the weavers worked in the basement of a stone house on Main Street. Pottery was made, and livery services were available, along Main Street, as were the smiths, the apothecary's shop, the wheel-wright, and the hat maker. The sawmill and the building for making soap were on Sand Island, a strip of land on the north bank of the Lehigh River, a bit east of the mouth of the Monocacy.

Following the incorporation of Bethlehem as a borough in 1845, the Church ceased to exercise authority over community affairs. Land and businesses could then be owned privately and operated without regard to the church affiliation, of lack thereof, of the owner.

2.3 Archival History

The records were preliminary organized by Lothar Madeheim during the 1970s. The current finding aid was prepared by Pauline Fox (CLIR project) during 2011.

2.4 Immediate source of acquisition or transfer

Not known

3.1 Scope and content

The collection contains financial records (ledgers, journals, cashbooks, etc.) and sometimes inventories for most of the trades. The records are far from complete. It appears that for each trade a sample of records was preserved.

3.2 Appraisal, desctruction and scheduling information

n/a

3.3 Accruals

3.4 System of Arrangement

The records are arranged in alphabetical order by trade.

4.1 Conditions governing access

Unrestricted

4.2 Conditions governing reproduction

4.3 Language/ scripts of material

German, English; German script

4.4 Physical characteristics and technical requirements

4.5 Finding aids

Finding aid in reading room; online finding aid

5.1 Existence and location of originals

5.2 Existence and location of copies

5.3 Related units of description

Also see the general financial records of the congregation (Warden) as well as of the Single Brothers.

5.4 Publication Note

6.1 Note

7.1 Archivist's Note

Organized by Pauline Fox

7.2 Rules or Conventions

DACS; ISAD (G)

7.3 Date(s) of descriptions

2011

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01. Apothecary's Shop

The apothecary's shop started in 1743 as an enterprise of the congregation. It was taken over by Dr. Eberhard Freytag from the congregation on February 1, 1796. For further information, see Jeannette Barres Zug, "Die Apotheke/Moravian Apothecary founded in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, 1743" (Bethlehem Keepsakes, Bethlehem 1982).

- 1** **Inventory (Inventaruum der Apothece [sic]), February 9, 1757, 1757.**
Apothecary.
1 folder
German, Latin

- 10** **Bottle labels from Simon Rau & Co., Druggists, 156 S. Main St., Bethlehem, Pa., 20th cent..**
 1. "Listerine"
 2. "Lime Water"
 3. "Glycerin and Rose Water"
 4. "Hyposulphite of Soda"(Envelopes were previously numbered "20" elsewhere.)
1 folder
Language:

- 2** **Inventory, January 21, 1762, 1762.**
Heading on first page: "An Inventory of Medicines, Books Utensils and Chirurgical Instruments belonging to the Apothecary's Shop"
1 folder
German, Latin

- 3** **Inventory book, February 21, 1765-March 23, 1768, 1765 - 1768.**
Heading on first page: "Inventory of Medicines, Books, Utensils, Chirurgical Instruments and outstanding Debts belonging to the Apothecary's Shop"
Bound in red Herrnhut paper (in good condition)
1 folder
German, Latin

- 4** **Inventory book, April 8, 1769-April 29, 1790, 1769 - 1790.**
Heading on first page: "Inventory of Medicines, Books, Utensils, Chirurgical Instruments and outstanding Debts Belonging to the Apothecary's Shop"
From 1776 onward the inventories list the values of only the various categories but do not list the individual items.
1 folder
German, Latin

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- 5 **Inventory book, 1791-1794, 1791 - 1794.**
Cover bears the name of Dr. J. Eberhard Freytag.
1 folder
German, Latin
- 6 **Inventory, February 1, 1796, 1796.**
Cover states the apothecary's shop was taken over by "Dr. Eberhard Freytag to his own account."
1 folder
English, Latin
- 7 **Ledger, 1765 - 1790.**
According to an inlaying note Historic Bethlehem has a typewritten copy of this ledger up to p. 75 (leaving out pp. 76-93).
1 folder
Language:
- 8 **Agreement regarding management and salaries, 1781.**
Agreement is between Jeremias Dencke, Warden, and Johann Matthaes Otto and his assistants Christian Friedrich Kampman and Timothy Horsfield regarding the management of the apothecary, and their salaries.
1 folder
Paper is foxed
German
- 9 **Two agreements between Warden Johannes Schropp and Dr. Eberhard Freytag, 1791, 1796.**
The 1791 agreement regards Freytag's employment as apothecary on account of the congregation. The 1796 agreement regards the transfer of the apothecary's shop for Freytag's own account. The 1796 agreement was amended in 1807.
1 folder
German

02. Bakery

- 11 **Ledger A (Haupt-Buch vor die Beckerey), 1762 - 1773.**
1 volume
German
- 12 **Ledger B (Haupt-Buch vor die Beckerey), 1774 - 1805.**

The first 96 pages of this book were used as Ledger B for the Bakery during 1774-1795, after which those pages were sealed shut. (The seal has since been broken.)

In 1804-1805 the remainder was used as a waste-book (daybook) for the General Diacony. Many loose bills, receipts and memos were pasted onto those pages.

1 volume

German

13 Booklets of Lists of Bread Purchased (Brod-Büchel), 1767 - 1770.

1. Little bread book of the Sisters' House, 1767-1769

2. Little bread book C of the Single Brothers Kitchen, 1767-1770

1 folder

German

14 Daybook A (Tage Buch vor die Beckerey), 1762 - 1765.

1 folder

German

03. Blacksmith

The first blacksmith shop was opened in 1743, and in 1750 the trades of blacksmith, nailsmith, and locksmith moved into one building, and remained in one building until the 1780s. For further information, see Charles A. LeCount, "The Blacksmiths of Early Bethlehem" (Bethlehem Keepsakes, Bethlehem 1982).

112 Ledger A (Haupt-Buch vor die Schmiede), 1762 - 1766.

1 folder

German

113 Journal of blacksmith and gunsmithy (Huff and Waffen-Schmidt), 1753 - 1755.

1 folder

Fair

German

114 Journal ("Blacksmith Book"), 1761 - 1762.

1 folder

German

04. Building Inspection

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Responsibilities under "Building Inspection" included oversight of matters such as plans and prices for erecting or remodeling buildings. Two other branches of Building Inspection were the management of forestry and of brickmaking, both essential for construction and maintenance of buildings.

- 15** **Ledger A (Haupt Buch vor die Bau Inspection), 1762 - 1766.**
1 volume
German, English
- 16** **Ledger B (Haupt Buch vor die Bau Inspection), 1766 - 1804.**
A list of debts owed in 1803 is included.
1 volume
German, English
- 17** **Journal (Haupt Buch für die Bau Inspection), 1797 - 1805.**
1 volume
German, English
- 18** **Daybook B (Tage Buch vor die Bau Inspection), 1763 - 1766.**
1 volume
German, English
- 37** **Price list for wood and labor, [1762].**
1 folder
German
- 38** **Plans and diagram for remodeling a farm, 1772.**
1 folder
German
- 39** **Price lists for wood and lumber, 1791 - 1796.**
1 folder
German
- 40** **Masonry calculations and diagrams for new store, 1793.**
1 folder
German
- 41** **Masonry calculations for Widows House and Farm #1, 1794.**
1 folder
German

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reference number

- 42 **Inventories, 1800 - 1802.**
1 folder
German
- 43 **Memorandum: Draft agreement with carpenters for building a house, 1801.**
1 folder
German

05. Building Inspection: Forestry

Forestry and the harvest of wood for lumber was one of the three branches of Building Inspection.

- 19 **Ledger B (Haupt Buch vor die Försterey), 1763 - 1768.**
Covers are missing.
1 volume
fair
German
- 20 **Ledger C (Haupt Buch vor die Försterey), 1768 - 1789.**
1 volume
German
- 21 **Ledger D (Hauptbuch vor die Foersterey), 1789 - 1797.**
1 volume
German
- 22 **Ledger (Foersterey Hauptbuch, 1799), 1798 - 1803.**
Although cover is dated 1799, dates of actual entries begin in 1798.
Loose lists dated 1801 and found in this ledger are included.
1 folder
German
- 23 **Ledger (Schulden Buch für die Foersterey), 1807 - 1822.**
An 1816 list of wood that was cut was found in this ledger and is included.
1 folder
German
- 24 **Ledger (Schulden Buch für die Foersterey), 1822 - 1828.**
1 volume
German
- 25 **Ledger (Schuldenbuch der Foersterey), 1831 - 1838.**
1 volume

The reference number is the number on the left of the title.
In order to request or cite items, you need the name/abbreviation of the record group and the
reference number

some German

- 26 **Journal (Journal der Försterey), 1801 - 1814.**
1 volume
German
- 27 **Ledger (Schuldenbuch der Försterey), 1837 - 1843.**
1 volume
Language:
- 28 **Ledger (Schuldenbuch der Foersterey), 1842 - 1849.**
1 volume
Language:
- 29 **Ledger, 1849 - 1851.**
About half of the book is blank.
Loose memos, perhaps related to Warden J. C. Brickenstein, found in this ledger are included.
1 volume
Language:
- 30 **Bills for Wood, 1810 - 1849.**
1. 1810-1812
2. 1820-1828
3. 1830
4. 1831
5. 1832
6. 1833
7. 1834
8. 1835
9. 1836
10. 1837
11. 1838
12. 1839
13. 1840
14. 1841
15. 1842
16. 1843
17. 1844
18. 1845
19. 1846
20. 1847

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21. 1848
22. 1849
1 box
German, English
- 31 **Daybook (Tage Buch vor die Försterey), 1771 - 1792.**
1 volume
German
- 32 **Daybook for deliveries of firewood, 1829 - 1834.**
Heading above first entry: "Fridrich Stuber, gefahren"
1 folder
some German
- 33 **Cash Book, 1846 - 1851.**
Inscribed on first page: "Forest Accounts by Saml. Schultz"
1 folder
Language:
- 34 **Bills for Fences, 1840, n.d..**
1 folder
Language:
- 35 **Lists from auction of driftwood, 1850.**
1 folder
Language:
- 36 **Inventory, May 31, 1851, 1851.**
1 folder
Language:

o6. Building Inspection: Brick Kiln

Management of brickmaking was one of the three branches of Building Inspection.

- 44 **Account book for brick kiln ("Andreas Högers Rechnung über die Ziegelhütte"), 1762 - 1763.**
1 folder
Language:

07. Butchery

- 45** **Ledger A (Haupt Buch vor die Butscherey), 1762 - 1763.**
Both covers are missing. Some pages are loose.
1 folder
fair
German
- 46** **Daybook for the stockyard (Tage Buch vor den Vieh Hof), 1757 - 1762.**
Section headings include Butter and Milk.
1 folder
German
- 47** **Daybook (Tage Buch vor die Butscherey), 1762 - 1763.**
1 folder
German
- 48** **Daybooks A and B, 1762 - 1764.**
1. Meat-book A for the General Economy and institutions in Bethlehem (Fleisch-Buch vor die Oeconomie und Anstalten), July 14, 1762-January 16, 1763. Columns are headed by kinds of meat: Rindfl. (beef), Kalbfl. (veal), Schaffl. (mutton), Schwfl. (pork), and Geschlinge (inner parts such as heart and liver).
2. Meat-Book B (Fleisch-Buch Sowohl Was Henrich Krause von Christian Eggert bekommt als Was Christian Eggert von Henrich Krause), January 2, 1764-August 27, 1764. For many years, Krause was the butcher and Eggert worked in the community food storage (Keller).
Both of these are thin pocket-size and paper-covered books.
1 folder
fair
German
- 49** **Daybooks, 1767 - 1770.**
1. Meat book B (Fleisch Buch), January 29, 1767-October 19, 1767.
2. Meat book C (Fleisch-Buch), October 19, 1767-September 6, 1768.
3. Meat book (Fleisch-Buch), August 1, 1769-July 31, 1770.
These are thin pocket-size and paper-covered books.
1 folder
German

08. Copper foundry

- 50 **Ledger A (Haupt-Buch vor die Rothgiesserey), 1762 - 1764.**
The copper founder also worked as a brazier, or bellcaster (bell caster).
1 folder
German

09. Dye Works

- 71 **Annual Statements of Dye Works, 1764 - 1780.**
1 folder
German
- 72 **Annual Statements of Dye Works, 1781 - 1792.**
1 folder
German
- 73 **Ledger C (Haupt-Buch vor die Färberey), 1776 - 1814.**
1 volume
German
- 74 **Inventories found in Ledger C, 1808 - 1814.**
1 folder
German
- 75 **Daybook (Färberey), 1763 - 1769.**
1 folder
Fair
German
- 76 **Recipes and instructions, in English, [1750 - 1826].**
These papers belonged to Matthew Eggert, manager of fulling mill and dye works 1814-1826.
1 folder
Language:
- 77 **Recipes and instructions, in German, on smaller papers, [1750 - 1826].**
These papers belonged to Matthew Eggert, manager of fulling mill and dye works 1814-1826.
1 folder
German

- 78 **Recipes and instructions, in German, on larger papers, [1750 - 1826].**
These papers belonged to Matthew Eggert, manager of fulling mill and dye works 1814-1826.
1 folder
German
- 79 **Miscellaneous bills and receipts, 1806 - 1821.**
1 folder
German, English

10. Farms

- 198 **Cash, Team, and Farm book, 1822 - 1826.**
Title on cover is "Cash Team and Farm Book".
Cash Accounts as "Received" or "Paid" daily during April 1822-April 1823 are on pages 1-24. Later dates continue through November 1826 from page 51.
Weekly "Team Account" entries are on pages 25-44.
Weekly or monthly "Farm Account" entries are on pages 49-50.
Last few pages list subscribers to German-language "Readinger Magazin", and Furniture and Wood hauled for Sun Tavern.
1 folder
English
- 51 **Ledger A (Haupt-Buch vor die FARM), 1762 - 1764.**
1 volume
German
- 52 **Ledger B (Haupt-Buch vor die FARM), 1764 - 1771.**
1 volume
German
- 53 **Ledger C (Haupt-Buch vor die Farm), 1771 - 1802.**
Last page lists several settlements as of 1806. "Thus all in This book is closed."
1 volume
German
- 54 **Account books A and B, in ledger-format, for one-third from three Farms, 1769 - 1794.**

1. Account book A. Inscribed on title page: Accounting for one-third from the three farms namely: the former Burnsides Plaz, the Crown Tavern, and the former Weygandt's Plaz (Berechnung des Drittels von denen Drey Plantagen nemlich: Auf des ehemaligen Burnsides Platz, Beyn Gast Hause zur Krone, und Auf des ehemaligen Weygand's Plaz), May 1767-May 1769.

This is a small, paper-covered book.

2. Account book B. Inscribed on title page: Accounting for one-third from the three farms namely: the former Burnsides Plaz, the Crown Tavern, and the former Weygandt's Plaz (Berechnung des Drittels von denen Drey Plantagen nemlich: Auf des ehemaligen Burnsides Platz, Beyn Gast Hause zur Krone, und Auf des ehemaligen Weygand't's Plaz), May 1769- May 1771.

"Notes on Bookkeeping" from the 1781 "Buchhalten der Gemein Diaconie überhaupt" state that for the farms "Debited are all building costs, taxes, repairs; credited is the third of all produce."

This book also includes entries from 1784-1794 concerning Gemein Diaconie, mills, expenses of Ferry, fees for ferriage, and salary of Massa Warner, ferryman, (Wie auch der Ferry vom 5ten April 1784 bis 1794). A page listing rates for ferriage as of January 1767 is pasted inside the front cover.

1 folder

German

55 Ledger (Farm Buch), 1794 - 1802.

Many entries regard stage coach and other means of travel.

1 volume

some German

56 Ledger, 1802 - 1804.

Perhaps the book might be attributed to the General Diacony, as some entries appear to have been made by an administrative person, suggesting the book may have belonged to Warden John Schropp.

Many entries regard stage coach and other means of travel.

1 volume

some German

57 Ledger, 1824 - 1852.

Loose lists and bills found in this ledger are included.

1 folder

some German

58 Daybook A (Tage-Buch vor die Farm), 1762 - 1763.

1 folder

German

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- 59 **Daybook of Livery Stable and Farm**
"Tage Buch über das Fuhrwerck in Bethlehem. Vom 30ten September 1762 bis 26ten April 1763. inclusive des Tage Buchs der Farm zu Litera A. Vom 1ten Septem. 1763 bis ult. Apr. 1764.", 1762 - 1764.
1 volume
German
- 60 **Daybook B (Tage Buch vor die Farm), 1764 - 1767.**
1 volume
German
- 61 **Daybook C (Tage Buch vor die Farm), 1767 - 1772.**
1 volume
German
- 62 **Fragment of a daybook, 1772 - 1775.**
1 folder
Poor
German
- 63 **Account Book A for crops (Frucht-Rechnung), 1762 - 1763.**
1 folder
German
- 64 **Lists of crops (Von die Plantagen an Frucht die Schochs): Wheat, corn, other (Weizen, Korn, haber), 1808 - 1828.**
1 folder
German
- 65 **Account books of crops, 1832 - 1836.**
1. Lists of grain crops, 1832-1834
2. Listing of the farmers who sent produce to the Administrator [as rent?].
Inscribed on first page: "Büchel für die Bauern die Frucht für dem Vorsteher aufgeschit haben und wie viehl von 1836"
Both of these are thin pocket-size books.
1 folder
some German
- 66 **Account books of crops, 1838 - 1841.**
1. List of crops and acreage, 1838
2. Account book for grain, 1838-1839

3. Account book of crops, 1840
4. Account book of grain, 1841-1842
1 folder
Fair
some German

67 Account books of crops, 1845 - 1849.

1. "Pl.[antation/Farm] No. 1", 1845-1848
2. "Plant. No. 2", 1845-1847
3. "No. 4", 1846-1847
4. "Plant. No. 6", 1845-1847
5. "Pl. No. 9", 1845-1849
6. "Grain wanted", 1846-1848

These thin pocket-size books most likely belonged to Warden J. C. Brickenstein.

1 folder
Language:

68 Other: Correspondence between Frederick Beutel of Bethlehem and Samuel Sitgreaves of Philadelphia concerning purchase of horses, 1798 - 1799.

1 folder
Language:

11. Ferry

69 Ledger (Haupt Buch vor die Ferry), 1763 - 1784.

Entries concerning the Ferry 1784-1794 are also found in later pages of Farms - Account Book B.

1 folder
See also Farms - Account Book B, BethBus 54.2.
German

70 Daybook B (Tage-Buch vor die Ferry), 1775 - 1794.

Many entries specify details such as one-way (einmal), round trip (nüber u. rüber), and wagons with or without horses.

1 folder
German

12. Fulling Mill

- 80** **Ledger A (Haupt-Buch vor den Walck-Müller), 1762 - 1768.**
1 folder
Language:
- 81** **Annual settlements of accounts, 1763 - 1765.**
Most of the papers name Richard Poppelwell (with variant spellings), who was fuller 1759-1771.
1 folder
some German
- 82** **Ledger, 1768 - 1802.**
1 volume
German, English
- 83** **Ledger, 1819 - 1824.**
1 volume
Front cover loose
German
- 84** **Ledger, 1821 - 1826.**
1 volume
German
- 85** **Loose papers found in ledgers, 1824 - 1830.**
1 folder
German, some English
- 86** **Daybook A (Tage-Buch vor die Walck-Mühle), 1762 - 1767.**
1 folder
German, some English

13. Grist Mill

- 100** **Book of Promissory Notes, 1818 - 1841.**
This printed book is largely blank. Cover is inscribed "for the Bethlehem Mill. 1818".
1 folder
Language:

- 87 **Ledger A (Haupt-Buch vor die Mahl-Mühle), 1762 - 1763.**
1 folder
German
- 88 **Ledger B (Haupt-Buch vor die Mahl-Mühle), 1763 - 1769.**
1 volume
German
- 89 **Ledger C (Haupt-Buch vor die Mahl-Mühle), 1769 - 1781.**
1 volume
German
- 90 **Ledger E (Haupt-Buch vor Die Mahl-Mühle), 1790 - 1803.**
1 volume
German
- 91 **Daybook (Tag Buch vor den Frucht Boden), 1758 - 1759.**
1 folder
German
- 92 **Daybook (Buch vor Bethlehemmer Mühle), 1759 - 1761.**
Inscription on first page adds "in which the daily intake and outgo of grain is written" (vorinnen Die Tägliche Einnahme und Ausgabe von Frucht eingeschrieben wird).
Quantities of outgo (Aus Gabe) and intake (Ein nahme) of grain are in separate parts of the book. Totals of money (Geld) are listed at the end.
1 folder
German
- 93 **Daybook (Mühl-Buch), 1761 - 1762.**
Quantities of outgo (Aus Gabe) and intake (Ein nahme) of grain are in separate parts of the book. Totals of money (Geld) are listed at the end.
1 folder
German
- 94 **Daybook A (Tage-Buch vor die Mahl-Mühle), 1762 - 1764.**
Quantities, amounts, and money are listed together under each date.
1 folder
German
- 95 **Daybook B (Tage-Buch vor die Mahl-Mühle), 1764 - 1768.**
1 folder

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reference number

German

96 Daybook C (Tage-Buch vor die Mahl-Mühle), 1768 - 1775.

1 folder

Fair. Spine is loose.

German

97 Daybook, 1798 - 1825.

Entries are organized into several non-continuous sections. Some pages are sewn together.

1 volume

German, English

98 Daybook, 1823 - 1825.

Paper cover is inscribed "Tage Buch der Mahlmühle für 1823".

1 folder

Language:

14. Hat Maker

99 Daybook (Tage-Buch vor die Hutmacherey), 1754 - 1759.

1 folder

German

15. Hauling

101 Daybook, 1796 - 1803.

This paper-covered book contains entries concerning hauling of wood, grain, and other items. Some are organized in ledger-style accounts. Many pages are blank.

1 folder

German

102 Daybook, 1806 - 1809.

Cover is inscribed "Schlachter Buch" but content concerns a variety of items.

1 folder

German

103 Daybook, 1815 - 1822.

Through May 1818 entries are in daybook style. From June 1818 it appears more like a ledger, with an index added on back of first page.

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German

16. Linen Printery

- 115 **Pages from daybook of linen printery (Tage-Buch vor die Leinwand Druckerey), 1774 - 1775.**
1 folder
Poor
German

17. Lumber and Coal

- 199 **Journal of Lumber and Coal Yard, 1838 - 1842.**
1 folder
English

18. Millwright

- 116 **Ledger A (Haupt-Buch vor Christoph Christensen Mühl-Bauer), 1762 - 1765.**
A millwright was also known as a wheelmaker.
Covers are missing, and gatherings plus several pages are loose.
1 folder
Poor
German
- 117 **Daybook of Wagon-Maker (Wagner), 1753 - 1758.**
A millwright was also known as a wheelmaker or wagon-maker.
This book appears to be incomplete.
1 folder
Poor
German

19. Nailsmith

- 104 **Ledger A (Haupt-Buch vor die Nagelschmiede), 1762 - 1768.**
1 folder
German
- 105 **Ledger B (Haupt-Buch vor die Nagelschmiede), 1768 - 1789.**
1 folder
German

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reference number

106 Journal (Vor die Nagel Schmiede), 1760 - 1762.

1 folder
German

20. Oil Mill

The oil mill for extracting linseed oil from flax was built in 1745. After a 1752 enlarged structure was subsequently destroyed by fire, an even larger complex was built in 1765 to contain several processes: pressing linseed oil, stamping tanbark, milling snuff, softening hemp, and grinding grains. The oil extraction process was largely managed by the Single Brothers. Built in the lower Industrial area along Monacacy Creek, it was practical in 1832 to add the town waterworks to the mill complex. After being shut down in 1913, the building was razed in the 1930s, and today only the outline of the foundation is discernible.

For more information, see "The Bethlehem Oil Mill 1745-1934: German Technology in Early Pennsylvania" by Carter Litchfield, Hans-Joachim Finke, Stephen G. Young, and Karen Zerbe Huetter, published by Olearius Editions 1984.

107 Ledger (Contra Buch für Gideon Helwig), 1814 - 1822.

Gideon Helwig was oil-miller.
1 volume
German

108 Ledger, 1822 - 1823.

First page is inscribed "Oil-Mill, September 1st, 1810" but pages 1-38 were cut out. Pages 39-47 are in ledger-style, mostly for accounts of John Hall and Thomas Chr. Lueders. The remainder of the book is blank except for brief index at end.

Cover is inscribed "Gidion Helwigs Buch für Ths. C. Lueders & Kampman"
1 volume
German

109 Descriptions and diagrams of equipment for drying, 1814.

1 folder
German, English

110 Miscellaneous financial papers of Gideon Helwig, 1821 - 1824.

Found in G. Helwig's ledgers, these papers contain accounts with individuals, some correspondence from Fr. Kampmann and Thomas C. Lueders, and lists of debtors to Helwig's estate.

1 folder
German

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21. Pottery

- 111 Daybook (Töpfer-Buch), 1752 - 1760.**
Entries are mostly about setting up tile stoves. Some pages are torn or missing.
1 folder
Fair
German

22. Saw Mill

- 118 Inventories, 1779 - 1789.**
Inventories are from years 1779, 1781, 1782, 1787, 1788, and 1789.
1 folder
German
- 119 Ledger A, 1762 - 1765.**
1 folder
German
- 120 Ledger B, 1765 - 1782.**
1 volume
German
- 121 Ledger C, 1783 - 1795.**
1 volume
German
- 122 Lists of debtors found in Ledger C, 1784 - 1789.**
1 folder
German
- 123 Ledger [D], 1795 - 1805.**
1 volume
English
- 124 Ledger E, 1805 - 1827.**
A folder of loose papers found in Ledger E is included.
1 volume
English and German
- 125 Daybook A, 1762 - 1764.**

- 1 folder
German
- 126 Daybook B, 1764 - 1768.**
Page headings indicate whether the work concerned Bethlehem or another local source, and about the size and kind of work.
1 folder
German
- 127 Daybook, 1775 - 1792.**
Page headings indicate whether the work was done for Bethlehem residents or for other local persons (Fremde), whether logs were purchased or bartered, and about the size and kind of work.
1 volume
English and German
- 128 Daybook, 1793 - 1808.**
Section headings indicate whether the work was done for Bethlehem residents or for other local persons (Strangers), whether logs were purchased or bartered, and about the size and kind of work.
An 1803 bill for work by David Bischoff was inserted inside the cover.
1 volume
English
- 129 Daybook, 1808 - 1826.**
Headings indicate the size and kind of work.
A small section at the ends lists Expenses of the sawmill, such as maintenance and taxes.
1 volume
English, some German
- 130 Daybook, 1792 - 1826.**
Headings indicate the size and kind of work.
1 folder
English and German
- 131 Cash book, 1821 - 1826.**
These few pages are held in a cover made from newspaper Der Pennsylvanische Demo..., of January 19, 1821, signed by "Chr. Knauss".
1 folder
English and German

- 132 **Booklet of lists of orders for wood, 1850 - 1851.**
Only 10 of the 240 pages are used.
1 folder
English

23. Shoemaker

- 133 **Ledger (Schuldenbuch für die Schuhmacherey des ledigen Brüderhauses in Bethlehem), 1800 - 1803.**
1 volume
German
- 134 **Ledger, 1826 - 1860.**
Loose papers found in this volume, with a blotter paper cut in the shape of a sole, are included.
The book was probably kept by shoemaker Frederick William Woehler (1795-1860).
1 volume
German
- 135 **Account Book, 1755 - 1761.**
Periodic weekly to monthly totals during 1755-1757 are entered under names of Bethlehem Economie, Nazareth, other communities, and only a few personal names. Entries during 1758-1761 seem to have been later inserted into available space.
Front cover of paper-covered book is loose.
1 folder
Fair
German
- 136 **Account Book, 1757 - 1759.**
Periodic weekly to monthly totals are entered under names of Bethlehem, Nazareth, other communities, and a few personal names.
1 folder
German
- 137 **Account Book of Edward Thorp (Schuhmacher Arbeit), 1765 - 1766.**
Weekly or monthly totals are entered for Girls Boarding School (Mädgen Anstalt), Boys School (Knaben Anstalt), Older Girls Choir (Grösse Mädgen), and Bethlehem Economie.
A small paper-covered book.
1 folder

German

24. Soap making

- 151 **Ledger A (Haupt-Buch vor die Seiffensiederey in Bethlehem angefangen den 27ten Martii 1762), March 1762 - March 1763.**
1 folder
German
- 152 **Ledger B (Haupt-Buch vor die Seiffensiederey in Bethlehem Angefangen den 23ten Martii 1763 bis 27th May 1769), Mar 1763 - May 1769.**
1 volume
German
- 153 **Daybook A (Tage-Buch vor die Seiffensiederey in Bethlehem Angefangen d. 27ten Merz 1762 bis 17ten Novbr 1764), 1762 - 1764.**
This book is pocket size.
1 folder
German
- 154 **Daybook B (Tage-Buch vor die Seiffensiederey in Bethlehem Vom 19ten November 1764 bis 27ten May 1769), 1764 - 1769.**
1 folder
German

25. Spinners

- 155 **Spinners account book (Spinner-Buch Von Decbr 1756-Mart 1758), 1756 - 1763.**
Monthly entries under names of individuals are subdivided under headers indicating type of product: flax thread, yarn, hemp thread, utility yarn, yarn for feet, stocking yarn, and rope.
The lower portions of pages [2-21] are headed "Bethlehem the 30th October 1762" and list other entries under such headings as General Diaconat, Baronie Nazareth, Interest, Bonds, Land, Buildings, Trades, and Wages.
1 folder
German, some English

26. Stage Coach and Livery Stable

- 138 **Ledger (Stage Waggon Accounts), 1763 - 1764.**

The reference number is the number on the left of the title.
In order to request or cite items, you need the name/abbreviation of the record group and the reference number

A list (plus a copy) of subscribers, dated October 29, 1764, is on page 29 of the ledger. A loose handwritten list of October 10 is also included.

1 folder

German, some English

139 Lists of Invoices, 1764 - 1765.

1. October 13, 1764 - December 19, 1764

2. December 20, 1764 - October 1, 1765

The lists itemize goods transported between Bethlehem and Philadelphia.

These are not actual books, but small pages of paper fastened vertically with string so as to hang, perhaps for easy practical access.

1 folder

English

140 Way Bills, April 1827, April 1827.

Waybills are pre-printed forms that list names, destinations, and fares of passengers transported between Bethlehem and Philadelphia.

1 folder

English

141 Way Bills, May 1827, May 1827.

Waybills are pre-printed forms that list names, destinations, and fares of passengers transported between Bethlehem and Philadelphia.

1 folder

English

142 Way Bills, June 1827, June 1827.

Waybills are pre-printed forms that list names, destinations, and fares of passengers transported between Bethlehem and Philadelphia.

1 folder

English

143 Daybook, 1814 - 1819.

Inscription on first page: "Philadelphia, Nazareth, & Lancaster, Stage Book May 26th 1814"

Names, destinations, and fares of passengers are listed.

1 folder

English

144 Daybook, Oct 1841 - Mar 1842.

Inscription on first page: "New Line Stage Book 1841"

Names, destinations, and fares of passengers are listed.

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Days are separated into "Down bills" and "Up bills".

1 folder

English

145 Daybook , Jul 1844 - Dec 1844.

Inscription on first page: "Philadelphia, Bethlehem, Nazareth 1844"

Names, destinations, and fares of passengers are listed.

Days are separated into "Down bills" and "Up bills".

Front cover is loose.

1 folder

Fair

English

146 Daybook , Jul 1845 - Dec 1845.

Inscription on first page: "Philadelphia, Bethlehem, Nazareth Stage Book, July 1st 1845" followed by "No. 9" on second page

Names, destinations, and fares of passengers are listed.

Days are separated into "Down bills" and "Up bills".

1 folder

English

147 Daybook , Jan 1846 - Jun 1846.

Inscription on first page: "Philadelphia, Bethlehem, & Nazareth".

Names, destinations, and fares of passengers are listed.

Days are separated into "Down bills" and "Up bills".

There are scribbled drawings and some pages have been torn out.

Inside the front cover are written magical instructions on how to learn your future mate.

1 folder

English

148 Daybook , Jan 1847 - Sep 1847.

Inscription on first page: "Philadelphia, Bethlehem, & Nazareth Stage Book Jan 1st. 1847"

Names, destinations, and fares of passengers are listed.

Days are separated into "Down bills" and "Up bills".

1 folder

English

149 Lists of Receipts, Jul 1850 - Sep 1850.

The reference number is the number on the left of the title.

In order to request or cite items, you need the name/abbreviation of the record group and the reference number

First page is inscribed: "Peoples Line Philadelphia Bethlehem and Allentown July 1st 1850 No. 2." This booklet seems to be a compilation of daily receipts in columns headed by name of each driver. Total quarterly settlements are on the last three pages.

The cover is from an August 1850 Philadelphia newspaper.

1 folder

English

150 Livery Stable Account Book, Apr - Jun 1842.

Entries are under names of clients who rented horses as livery or for farmwork, or who boarded their horses.

There is no cover.

1 folder

Fair

English

27. Tailor

156 Ledger (Schneider Buch Von 1755 bis 1758), 1755 - 1758.

1 folder

German

157 Ledger (Schneider Buch angefangen in Juny 1761-1762), 1761 - 1762.

1 folder

German

28. Tannery

The process of "tanning" at the Roth-Gerberery used organic tannins from plant bark and leaves to soften the animal hides. The resultant leathers were suitable for use in furniture, implements, and luggage.

158 Ledger [A] (Gerberery Buch), 1762 - 1765.

Inscription on first page: "Tannery book for every month through the year 1764 the month of April both tannery and oil mill" (Gerberery Buch auf alle Monat durchs Jahr 1764 Sowohl Gerberery als Öhl-Mühle.)

In 1764 the oil mill was moved to the Single Brothers House.

1 folder

German

159 Ledger B (Haupt-Buch vor die Roth-Gerberery in Bethlehem 1765), 1765 - 1827.

Loose papers found in Ledger B are included.

The reference number is the number on the left of the title.

In order to request or cite items, you need the name/abbreviation of the record group and the reference number

1 volume
German

- 160 Daybook (Tage Buch vor Die Roth Gerberey ...), 1762 - 1768.**
Full inscription on first page: "Day book for the Tannery, containing everything daily outgoing and incoming of the tannery as well as the oil mill, started April 1, 1762" (Tage Buch vor Die Roth Gerberey darinnen alles enthalten was Täglic ausgeht und einkömmt sowohl Gerbhaus als Öhlmühle angefangen April d. 1ten 1762 Bethlehem)
1 folder
German

29. Tawery

The process of "tawing" at the Weissgerberey used minerals plus other products such as eggs and salts to increase the softness of the leathers. These products were suitable for finer products such as gloves.

- 161 Ledger A (Haupt Buch vor die Weissgerberey in Bethlehem Vom 25ten Martii 1762 bis 21ten April 1766), 1762 - 1766.**
1 folder
German
- 162 Ledger B (Haupt Buch vor die Weissgerberey in Bethlehem 1766), 1766 - 1802.**
Entries run from April 21 1766 through May 27, 1802.
1 folder
German
- 163 Agreements found in Ledger B, 1781, 1791.**
Both agreements are with John Theobald Kornman, master tawer. One is the 1781 agreement, the other a copy with a 1791 addendum.
1 folder
German
- 164 Receipts found in Ledger B, 1785 - 1794.**
1 folder
German
- 165 Inventories and list found in Ledger B, 1799 - 1800.**
1 folder
German
- 166 Daybook (Tage Buch vor die Weissgerberey in Bethlehem), 1757 - 1762.**

The reference number is the number on the left of the title.

In order to request or cite items, you need the name/abbreviation of the record group and the reference number

Entries cover April 1, 1757 to January 25, 1762.

1 folder

German

167 Daybook A (Tage-Buch vor die Weissgerberey in Bethlehem angefangen d. 25ten Merz 1762), 1762 - 1764.

Entries are from April 6, 1762 through June 4, 1764.

1 folder

German

168 Daybook B (Tage Buch vor die Weissgerberey in Bethlehem Vom 5ten Junii 1764 bis 10ten April 1766), 1764 - 1766.

Entries are from June 5, 1764 through April 10, 1766.

1 folder

German

169 Daybook C (Tage-Buch vor die Weiss-gerberey in Bethlehem 1766 bis 1769), 1766 - 1769.

Entries are from April 26, 1766, through April 21, 1769.

1 folder

German

30. Taverns: Crown

The Crown Inn, on the south bank of the Lehigh River, was built and opened in 1745 as the Lehigh Valley's first place of public entertainment. Related to the business of ferry service, the Crown was closed in 1794 when a bridge was completed. It was demolished in 1857 to make way for a passenger rail station.

170 Inventories, 1779 - 1791.

Inventories are dated for each year 1779 - 1785, 1789, and 1791. Another is dated 1783 on first page and then includes other sections dated 1784 through 1789.

1 folder

German

171 Ledger A (Haupt-Buch vor den Gasthoff die Krone in Bethlehem Angefangen den 27ten Martii 1762), 1762 - 1794.

The original inscription on first page included "und die Ferry", which was later crossed out. Entries for Ferry, however, are included.

1 volume

German and English

The reference number is the number on the left of the title.

In order to request or cite items, you need the name/abbreviation of the record group and the reference number

- 172 **Daybook A (Tage-Buch vor den Gasthoff die Krone in Bethlehem Angefangen den 27ten Merz 1762 - 1764), 1762 - 1764.**
1 folder
German and English
- 173 **Daybook (Tage Buch vor die Crown Tavern Bethlm April 6ten 1778), 1778 - 1794.**
Early pages were cut out. Pages are numbered from "32" as double pages.
1 folder
German

31. Taverns: Eagle

In December of 1823 the Eagle Hotel, with attendant livery stable, was opened in the remodeled former diacony store building on Market Street. In 1843 it was rented to Caleb Yohe, who purchased it in 1851 (when Bethlehem was incorporated), and sold it to George Myers in 1874.

- 174 **Ledger, 1824 - 1844.**
Pages 1-35 list salaries within 1823-1825.
Heading on page 37 is "No. I Journal of the Eagle Tavern in Bethlehem" yet entries are in format of a ledger.
1 volume
English
- 175 **Daybook, 1824 - 1825.**
Inscription on cover: "Eagle Tavern Day Book"
Entries are from April 21, 1824, through November 30, 1825.
1 folder
English
- 176 **Lists of construction expenses, [1823].**
1 folder
German
- 177 **Lists of items (Sachen) and debtors (Schulden), 1828.**
Includes:
1. List (Inventorium) of items which Mr. Wells purchased (kauflich übernimmt), April 1, 1828. These include utensils and supplies.
2. List (Inventory of items on which Mr. Wells paid interest (das erste Jahr verinteressiert). These include pieces of furniture, listed under each room.
3. List of debtors (Schulden) as of April 1, 1828
Zebulon Wells was landlord of the Eagle Hotel from 1828 until a sheriff's sale in autumn of 1832.
1 folder

The reference number is the number on the left of the title.

In order to request or cite items, you need the name/abbreviation of the record group and the reference number

- English
- 178** **Lists of items returned from Mr. Wells, October 23, 1832, 1832.**
1 folder
English
- 179** **Lists of articles to Mr. Brong, 1833 - 1836.**
The earliest list is dated April 24, 1833, and the latest is March 21, 1836.
Philip Brong, of Allentown, became landlord in April of 1833.
1 folder
English
- 180** **Vendue Book, 1833.**
The book contains lists of items, purchasers, and prices at public auction on April 26-27, 1833.
1 folder
English
- 181** **Deeds, 1851, 1874.**
1. Deed from Philip Goepp, Administrator, to Caleb Yohe, 1851. Very poor condition.
2. Deed from Caleb Yohe to George Myers, 1874
1 folder
Fair
English
- 200** **Daybook, 1825 - 1828.**
Inscription on cover: "Eagle Tavern Day Book Dec. 1st 1825"
Entries continue through March 4, 1828. Most are under headings Liquor and Provisions, Sundry Persons, and Expences. A few are under Kitchen Expences, Furniture, Cattle and Poultry, New Building Account, Repairs, and Cash.
1 folder
Language:
- 201** **Newspaper "Northampton Whig", 1832.**
Inscription "Eagle Tavern" on first page may indicate this item was available in lobby for patrons. Published in Easton, Tuesday, February 14, 1832.
1 folder
Fair
English

32. Waterworks

- 182** **Lists of contributions for new pipes, 1786.**
Wooden water pipes were replaced by lead pipes.
1 folder
German
- 183** **Bills and receipts for pipes and work, 1786.**
1. Bills and receipts
2. Booklet of income and expenses (Einnahme und Ausgabe)

1 folder
German
- 184** **Bills and receipts for pipes and work, 1791 - 1793.**
Many of these concern Anthony Schmidt, a locksmith and metalworker.
1 folder
German, English
- 185** **Lists of expenses for pipes and work, 1802.**
1 folder
German
- 186** **Bills and receipts for pipes and work, 1802 - 1803.**
Items are pasted into small booklet.
1 folder
German, English
- 187** **Lists of expenses of Bethlehem Water Company, 1837 - 1850.**
1 folder
German, English
- 188** **Legal agreements, 1838 - 1850.**
1 folder
English
- 189** **Lists of houses and assessments for water, 1843 - 1847.**
1 folder
Most good, one poor
English
- 190** **Ballots and reports for elections of officers, 1846 - 1849.**

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reference number

- 1 folder
English
- 191 Notices of meetings of Board of Managers of Bethlehem Water Company, 1846 - 1850.**
1 folder
English
- 192 Lists of stockholders in Bethlehem Water Company, 1845 - 1850.**
Some lists are in a booklet.
1 folder
English
- 193 "Report on the Water Supply of Bethlehem", 1874.**
Report was prepared by engineer Henry P. M. Birkinbine of Philadelphia. A map of drainage area of Lehigh River is included.
1 folder
English

33. Weaving

- 194 Ledger A (Haupt-Buch vor die Zeugmacherey in Bethlehem Angefangen den 27ten Marti 1762 bis 1ten Apr. 1766), 1762 - 1766.**
1 folder
German
- 195 Weaver's Book (Zeugmacher Buch), Aug 1753 - Mar 1756.**
Entries for materials received and goods delivered were made weekly or monthly.
1 folder
German
- 196 Daybook B (Buch vor Die Zeugmacherey litra B), Jan 1756 - Mar 1762.**
Though titled on the cover as a "daybook" (Tage Buch), entries are made weekly or monthly. An opening Register lists sections for materials received, items made, wool and yarn for making stockings, and cash. Pages 179-182 are missing.
1 folder
German
- 197 Daybook (vor Die Strumpf Weberey), Jun 1761 - Mar 1762.**
Though titled on the cover as a "daybook" for the stocking-weaver (Strumpf-Weber Tage Buch), entries are made weekly or monthly.

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Entries are in sections for materials received, hosiery made for local communities, and cash.

1 folder

Fair

German