

New Arrivals in the Archives

by Hannah Keeney

The newest things in the archive are the movable shelves put in last spring and me—the new archivist who took over last July! Much of my time has been spent finding my way around the archive and jumping into work.

Most of my effort has been focused on working with collections from the backlog. Although resources from the backlog are not literally new acquisitions, they do become newly available once finished. In choosing projects I have tended to gravitate towards working with congregational records. I enjoy looking at the collections of bulletins in particular and have found that tracing the story of a church community is almost always fascinating in one way or another.

The other day one of my student workers began digitizing the photographs from a set of recently processed congregational records from my home state, Arizona. What began as the records of a single church grew into an effort to trace the timeline of several church plants that have happened in Phoenix since the 1960s. Record group CB541, orig-



New movable shelves approximately double the capacity of the Archives' library collection and provide temporary storage for new archival material in the intake process. Made of metal instead of wood, they provide superior protection to the documents stored there.

inally acquired as the Records of Palm Glen Neighborhood Mennonite Brethren Church (Palm Glen), is now CB541 Records of Phoenix MB Congregations (Phoenix, AZ).

While archival collections and questions keep me busy, we also have a small but steady supply of new books being added to the Anabaptist history and theology collection. One such addition is Samuel J. Steiner's *In Search of Promised Lands: A Religious History of Mennonites in Ontario* published by Herald Press. The book is a comprehensive volume constructing a well-crafted narrative of the diverse Canadian Mennonite and Amish history.

New Archivist Joins Staff

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