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#### Raymond Holstein Stereograph Collection Donated to the Library Company



The Raymond Holstein Stereograph Collection consists of approximately 2000 Philadelphia images and represents five decades of collecting. Mr. Holstein and his wife began collecting stereographs in the early 1960s after finding approximately 20

in his mother's home. He soon decided to focus his collecting on images of Philadelphia, the city where he grew up. Buying material from dealers, auctions, antique shows, and most recently e-bay, Mr. Holstein amassed a truly phenomenal collection of Philadelphia views. Contained in the collection are photographs from Philadelphia's most important late 19th-century photographic studios including those of Robert Newell, James Cremer, Montgomery P. Simons, the Langenheims, and John Moran.

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#### Digitizing the Teitelman Collection of American Sunday-School Union Woodblocks and Imprints: A Pilot Project in Summer 2011

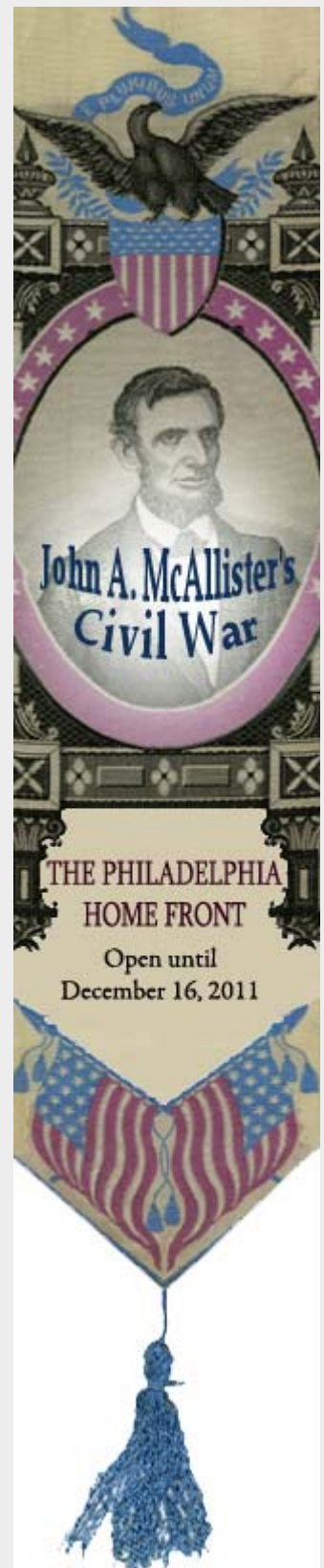


This past summer, we completed a pilot project to catalog and digitize a sample of the woodblocks that came to the Library Company from the estate of S. Robert Teitelman. The Teitelman Collection of American Sunday-School Union Woodblocks and Imprints contains some 6,500

woodblocks. Based in Philadelphia, the Union was the largest publisher of children's books in 19th-century America. Their mission was to fill all the reading needs of the American child, and the millions of small, attractively illustrated books they published did indeed contribute to the intellectual and moral development of generations of American children.

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### Current Exhibition in the Library Company's Louise Lux-Sions and Harry Sions Gallery



"John A. McAllister's

## Nineteenth-Century Philadelphia Street Views from the Library Company on HistoryPin.com

The Library Company has contributed several early photographs of Philadelphia to HistoryPin, a site on which the public is invited to overlay historic images on present-day Google street views. Archives and individuals around the world have added to the site, "pinning" images in time and space. The Library Company decided to focus on uploading some of its earliest photographic views of Philadelphia, which date from the mid 19th-century, since PhillyHistory.org has contributed many late 19th- to mid 20th-century photographs to the HistoryPin website. Users can refine geographic searches by date and can contribute stories to individual images. Intern Brett Tobias assisted with the Library Company's contribution.



An internationally recognized website, HistoryPin in early July launched a new version which gives users the ability to create tours and also includes a Smartphone application, allowing users to explore content while on the move. To view the Library Company's profile on HistoryPin, go to <http://www.historypin.com/profile/view/LibraryCoPhila/>.

## Henry Melchior Muhlenberg (1711 - 1787): Pastor, Penman, Politician



**Friday, October 7, Reception at 5:30 p.m., program at 6:00.**

Join us for a small exhibition and a talk by **Wolfgang Splitter** of the Center for United States Studies at Martin Luther University in Halle, Germany, commemorating the tercentenary of the birth of Muhlenberg, patriarch of the Lutheran Church in America.

[Click here to register online.](#)

## James Peale Lecture

**Monday, October 17, Reception at 5:30 p.m., program at 6:00.**

**Dr. Carol E. Soltis**, Library Company Trustee and Curator at the Philadelphia Museum of Art's Center for American Art, will discuss the work of the artist James Peale, focusing on our recently-acquired portraits of Zachariah and Susannah Knorr Poulson. Co-sponsored by the Center for American Art.

[Click here to register online.](#)

## Photograph Collections from the Library Company now on PhillyHistory.org

The Library Company has recently partnered with PhillyHistory.org by providing several photographic collections to its website. Run by the Philadelphia Department of Records, PhillyHistory.org includes photographs and maps from the Free Library of Philadelphia, the Philadelphia Department of Records, the Philadelphia Water Department, and the Philadelphia Office of the City Representative. The Library Company is honored to be the first non-governmental organization to join the consortium.



## Civil War: The Philadelphia Home Front"

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### September Ben's Lens

This month's Ben's Lens is part of our new Raymond Holstein Stereograph Collection and features a model of an unidentified building. The photographer J. W. Hurn operated a studio in Philadelphia during the 1860s and 1870s, but there is no reason to assume that the model shows a Philadelphia structure. Included in the Holstein Collection are two other Hurn stereographs in which a model of a building tentatively identified as Windsor Castle is displayed. We welcome any suggestions from our readers about what building is shown here and why the model might have been photographed by Hurn.

[Click here for the September Ben's Lens](#)

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