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When the library reopened on February 2nd, after being closed for the month of January for the **Big Dig 2016**, researchers came back to find some wonderful new features. Please join me in thanking Pamela Powell (Photo Archivist), Margie Baillie (Assistant Librarian), Dan Lindley (Volunteer), and others, all led by Ellen Endslow (Director of Collections/Curator), for their invaluable efforts to improve our services and aid our mission.

Here are a few highlights from the **Big Dig 2016!**

Chester County Cemetery Project:

- Cemetery materials from many parts of the collection re-filed into one system
- All materials rehoused using acid-free materials and boxes
- Index created, including information on location, denomination, etc.
- Cemetery plot maps rehoused in the reading room for easy access
- Fragile plot maps encapsulated in mylar

Digital viewing station for easy in-house access to:

- Family bible records
- Passmore Williamson's prison visitors' book
- Gilpin register and Hopewell Cotton Works sample book
- Maps and atlases
- Searchable finding aids for CCHS manuscript and photograph collections
- New index to the cemetery collection
- Chester County place names index (for access to the map collection)

Estelle Cremers Papers:

- Processed using acid-free materials and best practices
- Finding aid created

Church materials reorganized by denomination:

- Rehoused using acid-free folders and boxes
- Reorganized by denomination

If you wish to perform research directly from The Oaklands Cemetery
please use the link shown below:

www.oaklandscemetery.org/InfoRequestForm.pdf

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