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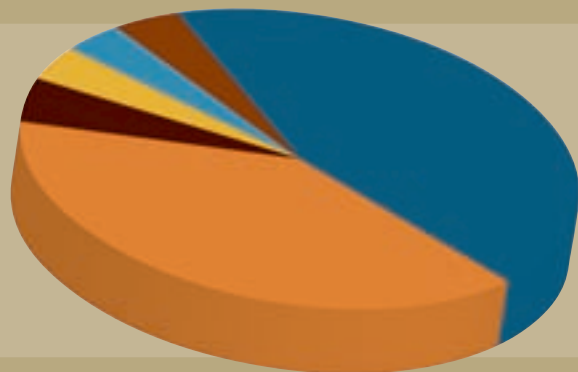


Our collections continue to expand! No other library in the world reports holding a copy of the thesis – Disputatio inauguralis de rasura documentorum – written in 1676 by Francis Daniel Pastorius for his law degree from the university in Altdorf near Nuremberg. Pastorius (1651- 1720) was a friend of William Penn and came to Pennsylvania in 1683 with Mennonite and Quaker settlers who founded Germantown, the first German settlement in America. This year, we also have acquired (donation from his family) the personal papers of Dr. William Parsons, Professor of American history at Ursinus College and author of *Persistent Minority*, an outstanding introduction to Pennsylvania German history and culture; a 19th century memory book of the writings of the DeBenneville family (courtesy of the Moravian Archives); B.J. Tetlow’s *Susanna Heebner fraktur*; and Sam Kriebel’s own bee hives (no bees), just to name a few of the intriguing and unusual additions. We continue to work on designing creative spaces to store, display, and interpret these objects.

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