

To Ms. Bailey and the PAEP,

Please accept my deep appreciation for your funding of the environmental internship at the Pennsylvania State Archives. The result of this scholarship was both a general article on Dr. Joseph Rothrock, the “father of Pennsylvania Forestry.” (to be submitted to the PHMC’s Heritage Magazine) as well as the submission of a more in-depth academic piece to the Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography on Rothrock and his philosophies in comparison to those other early conservationists. In these respects, the environmental internship, I hope, will have added both to general knowledge of Dr. Rothrock’s significant contributions to Pennsylvania as well as greater academic understanding of the role he played in our state’s history.

The internship has been of great importance to me as it broadened by understanding of Pennsylvania history, especially in relation to conservation, forestry, and the environment, and exposed me to the significant work under way by the staff of the Pennsylvania State Archives. The internship provided me with the opportunity to be involved in document processing and restoration, deepening my appreciation for this important work in preserving our past and helping to guide our future. Moreover, the work I did on preparing both articles on Dr. Rothrock not only furthered my abilities in research and academic articles, but also will serve as an important entry on my resume as I apply to various graduate schools. Again, please accept my thanks for your funding of the environmental internship.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Swanger