During 2006 the Pennington Archives at Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana, has continued to develop its collection and working policies with the help of Dr. Thomas Hamm, Earlham College Archivist.

The handling of our archival materials is affected by the rapid rise of computer technology, scanning abilities and the world-wide cooperative efforts of libraries and other research facilities. Genealogical materials for example can be search locally, regionally as well as internationally with new digitalized records added daily. The preparation and organization of materials with searchable facilities takes much time and thought. Gradually our Pennington Archives will be added to data banks which will make them available to some extent from home computers.

While not a complete inventory of our holdings at this writing, the following will give an overview of the contents of the Pennington Archives which are housed within the Friend’s Historical Collections at Earlham College, and encourage continued donations of materials as well as development funds:

- Pennington Papers: the Reverend Montague Pennington.
- 1640 Deed of Henry Askew to William Spensley & Henry Pennington.
- 1663 Deed of Joseph Pennington to Christopher Rawlinson.
- Cumulative Index of Pennington Pedigrees, vols 1-27.
- Cumulative Index of Pennington Cousins’ Courier as of January 1996.
- Birth Records of Pennington’s (all states).
- Birth, christening and marriages of Pennington's in England by counties, from the LDS Family History Center.
- Birth, christening and marriages of Pennington by states (as of 1992), from the LDS Family History Center.
- Census Indices of Pennington’s, 1600-1849, England.
- Pre-revolutionary Pennington’s and the Decennial Survey of Colonial Pennington’s, 1640-1799, by Robert E. Sloan.
- 1700-1810, Pennington’s in Census Indices.
- 1850 Census of Pennington’s in the US.
- Names, religions and migrations of the Pennington’s, by Robert E. Sloan.
- Passengers and ships prior to 1684 to Penn’s Colony.
- Passengers to America, edited by Michael Tepper.
- Pennington in the Complete Book of Emigrants, Britain, 1607-1660, by Peter Wilson Colgham.
- 1614-1775, Pennington’s in bondage.
- Pennington’s in the DAR Index.
- Genealogical aids collected by Fran Pennington
- Pedigree of Sir Josslyn Pennington, deeds and charters, London 1878.
- Dennis Pennington, a recollection, by John W. Ray, Modell Satori and Nadine Seacat.
- The Pennington’s, from Big Buffalo to the Ouachita, by Joe Edward Fulmer, 1996.
- Letters, family group reports and histories sent to John French, prior to 1998.
- Pennington Pedigrees, 1968-to date.
- Books published by Pennington authors, 1681ff, donated by the Reverend Jasper Green Pennington (6 boxes)
- The Betty Inman archival collection (4 boxes), deposited in July 2006.
- Photos, letters from Brian & Laurie Pennington, POB 157, Newton Massachusetts 39345.
- Index of the 1881 English Census covering surnames Pennington, Penington, Pinington, Pinnington, from R. P. Bailey, 3215 River Crescent Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21401, 11 April 1997.
- 1775 Bond of John Cooper to John Pennington, November 2, 1775.
During the rest of 2006 and into 2007 we expect continued donations of materials from our membership and friends and the identification of projects which can be worked on by volunteers. Financial gifts continue to help us with digitalization efforts of basic tools such as Pennington Pedigrees, Family Group Genealogies, significant research articles and so on.

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The Reverend Jasper Green Pennington  
Archivist, July 2006