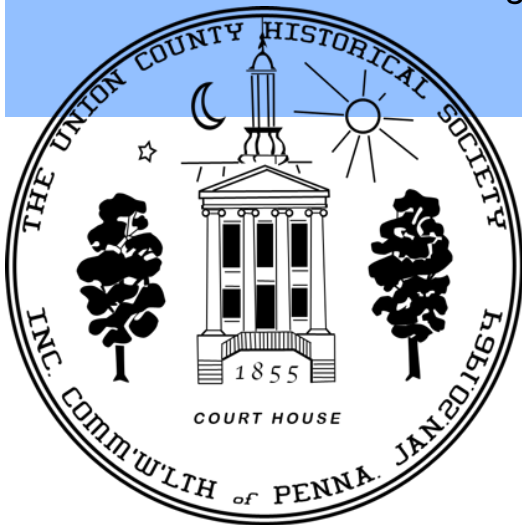


# Union County Historical Society

"Preserving the Past for the Future"

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## Quick Calendar

### August 16-19 RURAL HERITAGE DAYS

Dale-Engle-Walker House  
Strawbridge Road, Lewisburg

#### Wednesday, August 16 Noon - 4:00 PM

Activities, Games and Food  
Fun for children of all ages

#### Thursday, August 17 7:30 PM

*Casting Iron in Pennsylvania*  
presentation by Tom Rich

#### Friday, August 18 6:00 PM

Hay Ride and  
Tour of Historic Grove's Mill

#### Saturday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

*Metalsmithing in Union County*  
All day chicken and corn roast,  
fresh ice cream, wagon rides,  
exhibits, demonstrations.  
Opening of new wagon shed.

### Sundays through October 29

#### Dale-Engle-Walker House

Tours and Exhibits 2 - 4 PM

*From Forge & Furnace to Finished Product Exhibit*

#### September 17 2:00 PM

##### at Bucknell University

Tour of the historic Bucknell campus  
with Bucknell professor Russell Dennis.

#### October 12 7:30 PM

##### at the Laurelton Community Center

*The History of Dolls and Clothes*  
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#### November 9 6:00 PM

##### Annual John B. Deans Dinner and Program

*The Farringtons and the Political Culture of  
Moonshine in Central Pennsylvania*  
by Bruce Teeple  
at The Carriage Corner Restaurant, Mifflinburg

The Union County Historical Society office & research library is located in the Union County Courthouse,  
S. Second Street, Lewisburg PA 17837. Hours are M-F 8:30-noon and 1-4:30.



Have you visited our Web site? [www.unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org).



**From the President's desk –**

With the spring school tours completed, the summer season is upon us. Many thanks to our new Education Coordinator, Linda Estupinan Snook, for preparing the schedules and making arrangements with the Mifflinburg and White Deer schools to enable the fourth graders, teachers and parents to enjoy a most interesting tour of historical places in Union County. Linda went all out to insure success of the tours by accompanying the tours and making sure docents were available at the appointed locations. At the Red Bank School students were surprised to find a teacher on duty, in period dress, to conduct a sample classroom recitation. Thank you Linda! This fall the Lintown fifth graders will have an opportunity to experience our school program.

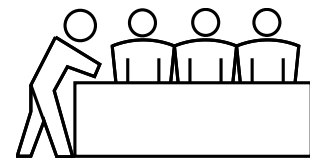
The summer season brings new programs. The Dale-Engle-Walker house is open every Sunday afternoon from 2 to 4 PM for tours from June through October. We are anxious to have some of you volunteer as tour guides. We will provide training. With the addition of speaker stations strategically located in the house and wagon shed from which the Dale family describe their life on the farm, the tour guide's job is even less of a chore. So call the office and sign up for a couple hours of instruction and you are on your way. Your pay consists of an expanded knowledge of pioneer life in Union County, meeting interesting folks who often have stories to share and the sense of accomplishment for making a contribution to your community. Priceless!

Our big event of the summer is our Rural Heritage Days celebration. August 16 – 19 all roads lead to the Dale-Engle-Walker property. Jeannette Lasansky and her committee have come up with another outstanding program. The theme this year is Rural Metalsmithing. There is a presentation on Casting Iron In Pennsylvania, plus activities and exhibits on tinsmithing, blacksmithing and other metal crafts. And there will be many demonstrations on farming in the nineteenth century.

Please note the insert in this newsletter. We have lost one of the pillars of the Historical Society. Our Society and the communities in Union County are mourning the death of our vice president, former president and long-time board member, Gary W. Slear. Gary's passing is an incomparable loss to his family and to the Society. Our prayers and thoughts are with his family during this most difficult time.

*David Goehring*

**CHANGES TO THE UCHS BOARD**



With regret, the board has accepted the resignation of Terry Eberhart of Lewisburg. Due to demands of his business, he felt he could not devote the time and attention to the board at this time.

In September, Jean Ruhl and Judith Blair will be voted on to the board.

Jean Ruhl, Lewisburg, is a life member since 1963 and past board member. She served on the education committee and as copy editor of many of the Society publications like Rural Delivery, Union County, PA and Heritages. Her father was the first treasurer of the Society. She and her family have been major donors supporting a wide variety of Society projects. Jean graduated cum laude from Penn State with degrees in journalism and education, and a master's in English. She taught high school English, social studies and journalism in PA and NJ, and later worked in sales and accounting for a NJ corporation. She is active on other community boards.

Judith Blair, Millmont, will be nominated to a second term on the board. She has served since 2003 and is on the program committee. She is a regular "Friday Volunteer" at the society office and host at the Dale-Engle-Walker House. Judith has recently retired from the Union Snyder Area Agency on Aging. She is involved with many community organizations, including Trails End Girl Scout Camp, Union County Sportsmen's Club, Union County Resources for Housing, the West End Library, West End Senior Center and Hartley Township Community Center. She is a member of the Mifflin County Retired Teachers having been a speech therapist and English teacher in the Mifflin County School district.

Long-time board member Jeannette Lasansky will fill the unexpired term of Bob Brouse until 2007.

## NEWS

### 2007 Calendar

Debuts during Rural Heritage Days, August 16-19

A great assortment of historic photos  
from around Union County

Civil War Unit ~ Family & Social Gatherings ~ Workers  
Railroad Depot & Locomotive ~ Service Station ~ Houses

*Members price is \$4.50 plus .27 tax /*

*Non-members price is \$5 plus .30 tax*

Available in the society office after August 28

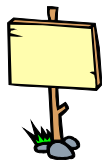
The 2007 calendar in process.



The Society is very grateful for the work of Alan Richard of RichardHouse Photo Restoration in developing the calendar. Many old photos are in poor condition and require restoration work before being digitally scanned and made ready for the printer - Mifflinburg Telegraph. We thank the Telegraph for their work and support of our historic calendar project. This project is also made possible by contributions from those businesses featured in the calendar. Let them know you value their support of the Historical Society.

### Society Receives Grants

The Society has received support from the 2006 Union County Commissioners Tourism Fund for two projects. Billboard advertising for Rural Heritage Days was supported with \$1000. Another \$1000 was awarded for our Union County Historic Sites Car Tour CD, a work in process.



This year, the total amount of funds requested exceeded the funds available in the Tourism Fund. Total

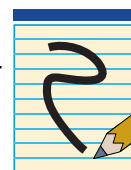


requests equaled \$128,243 and available funds equaled \$67,135.46. This fund is made possible through the room tax paid by visitors at our county hotels, inns and Bed & Breakfasts. The Susquehanna Valley Visitors Bureau is the administrator of the Tourism Fund.

In awarding the grant, SVVB director Andrew Miller wrote "I applaud your hard work and dedication to projects that encourage visitors to the Susquehanna Valley..." The Society appreciates their support.

### Cabin Fever Report

The Society has raised over \$1000 from our Cabin Fever sale which began in March with sales at the Society office. We have also been fortunate to have use of a display case at Roller Mills Antique Mall, Lewisburg, where we continue to generate sales.



Items offered include donations from members to the society expressly for the sale, such as pottery, glassware and books. Also offered are items deaccessioned from the Society collection - these pieces may lack Union County connection or be duplicates of better pieces in the collection.

Members and friends of the Society who have antiques or collectibles they wish to donate for the next Cabin Fever Sale may do so at any time. Simply call the office at 524-8666.

### Welcome New Members who have joined since February 2006!

John C. Coe, Jr., Rush, NY  
Terry & Linda Eberhart, Lewisburg, PA  
Cheryl Ferguson, Rockville, MD  
Toni Ferrara, Lock Haven, PA  
E. & R. Gottschall, Watsonstown, PA  
Vonnie Henninger, Rebersburg, PA  
Mary Lynn Miller, Mifflinburg, PA  
Virginia Nunley, Panama City, FL  
Helen G. Parks, Milton, PA



*We appreciate your support  
and anticipate your active  
involvement in the Society.  
Look for volunteer opportunities  
throughout this newsletter.  
Questions? Ideas? Call the office at 524  
-8666 or talk with any member of the board.*

## **RURAL HERITAGE DAYS at the Dale-Engle-Walker House**

Strawbridge Road, Lewisburg

(Directions: from Route 15 in Lewisburg, take Route 192 west for 1.5 miles to Strawbridge Road, then drive 1.5 miles to the house. Penn DOT signs posted.)

### **Wednesday, August 16, Noon - 4:00 PM**

Children's old-fashioned games  
Animal exhibits ~ Pony cart rides ~ Food  
Ice cream made with hit & miss engine  
Tours of original 1793 kitchen  
Demonstrations of butter & soap-making



Fun for children of all ages!

### **Thursday, August 17 at 7:30 PM (Accompanying Exhibits Open at 7:00 PM) Presentation: *Into the Crucible, the Story of Iron Making in Union County* by Tom Rich**

Over a century ago furnaces roared in Union County as men toiled to refine iron from ores that were dug from the Montour and Shamokin Ridges. Hammers rang in forges and foundries as the cast iron from the furnaces was wrought and formed into basic products for use on farms, factories and homes.

During his presentation at the Union County Historical Society's Rural Heritage Days, Tom Rich will explain the basic process of iron smelting that was used in the huge stone furnaces at Winfield, Glen Iron, and White Deer. He will talk about the methods used to obtain the raw materials: iron ore, charcoal, anthracite coal and limestone. And he will discuss some of the prominent people who developed the iron-making industry of 19th century Union County along with the workers who gave their labor and sweat to bring it about. In addition to historical pictures and illustrations, Tom will have some hands-on materials and artifacts on display to help bring this local history alive.

Tom Rich is a professor of mechanical engineering at Bucknell University. For over a decade he has studied the technological history of Pennsylvania. He has written an electronic book (CD) titled *Building Pennsylvania - Part 1* that covers historical topics on Pennsylvania's canals, lime and cement industry, iron and steel industry, and waterworks. He is currently working on Part 2 that covers the coal, lumber and oil industries of the Commonwealth.

Rich is a member of the Union County Historical Society Board and webmaster of the site [www.unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org). Check it out!

This presentation is at the Dale-Engle-Walker House, Strawbridge Road, Lewisburg. Reservations are needed as there is limited seating. \*Call the Society at 524-8666 to reserve your place.





**Friday, August 18 at 6:00 PM  
Hay Ride & Tour of Historic Grove's Mill**

Enjoy a hay ride over country roads from the Dale-Engle-Walker House to the historic Grove's Mill.

The nineteenth century brick and stone mill is on the site where a mill was established by A. M. Baer in 1788. The mill is operated by water from the race off Buffalo Creek.

Reservations are needed for this popular event. Fee is \$6/adults and \$3/children. Please call the society office at 524-8666 to reserve your place.

**Saturday, August 19 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

**Rural Metalsmithing**

- All Day Chicken & Corn Roast ~
- Fresh Ice Cream
- Activities & Exhibits on Rural Metalsmithing
- Blacksmith ~ Tinsmith ~
- Wheelwright ~ Gunsmith ~
- Open Hearth Cooking ~
- Old-Fashioned Standing Seam Tin Roofing
- Wagon Rides ~ Oxen
- Hit & Miss Engines Making Souvenir Rolling Pins & Boxes, Threshing & Binding Wheat ~
- From Forge & Furnace to Finished Product* exhibit from UCHS collection
- Opening of New Wagon Shed & Exhibits



**Saturday, August 19 at 12 Noon - Raffle Drawing** for print by Bradley Shoemaker  
*The Walker House at Dale's Ridge, an historic view of the Dale-Engle-Walker House.*



Members, have you sent in your raffle tickets?

The last chance to purchase raffle tickets is during Rural Heritage Days. The winning ticket will be drawn Saturday, August 19 at noon. See any UCHS staff or volunteer for tickets at \$1 each or \$5 for 6. Proceeds support the work of the Historical Society.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **Dale-Engle-Walker House Tours**

This historic house, built by Samuel Dale c. 1793, is open for guided tours every Sunday until October 29. Come see the restored house, the Dale Library, the original kitchen with furnished hearth and the exhibit *From Forge & Furnace to Finished Product*.



### **UCHS Tour of Historic Bucknell Campus Sunday, September 17 at 2:00 PM Lewisburg, PA**

On Sunday, September 17, 2006, Russell Dennis, a faculty member in the Education Department at Bucknell University and UCHS board member, will conduct a tour of the historic Bucknell campus. The tour will begin at 2:00 PM and will last for approximately 1½ to 2 hours. The tour will start at the steps of the Biology/Rooke Chemistry Building facing Dent Drive. Parking is available in the Marts Hall parking lot in close proximity to this building as well as along Moore Avenue. The tour will require walking up and down paths on a fairly steep hill. Comfortable walking shoes should be worn. The Bucknell Education Department is a co-sponsor of this event. The rain date is the following Sunday, September 24, 2006.

When the charter was signed for the University at Lewisburg in 1846, there were no buildings on the campus. By the mid-nineteenth century, the university consisted of four different parts: the Academy, the College, the Female Institute and the Theological Department, which were housed in different buildings on different parts of the campus. In 1868, the Theological Department was “removed” to Upland, PA and was reorganized as the Crozer Theological Seminary. By 1917, both the Academy and Female Institute ceased to exist, and Bucknell University consisted of a coeducational college and a school of music.

Recently, Bucknell was awarded a campus heritage grant from the Getty Foundation to prepare a preservation plan for the historic Bucknell campus. The tour will focus on both the historic buildings and landscape architecture of the Bucknell campus from the construction of the first building in 1849 to the creation of the campus plan developed by Jens Larson in 1932, which guided the development of the campus into the 1960’s. The major focus of the tour will be on the original campus before the purchase of the 170-acre George Baron Miller farm in 1920. The tour is free of charge and open to the public.

### **The History of Dolls and Clothes Thursday, October 12, 7:30 PM at the Laurelton Community Center**

On October 12, Laura Ruckle will present a program on the history of dolls in general and, more specifically, on the clothes worn during the period prior to the Civil War to the present. Various dolls from the speaker’s collection will be displayed during the program.

Laura Ruckle, was a charter member of the Susque-Hannah Doll Club for 38 years. She has lived with her farmer-husband in western Union County for 52 years and was the art teacher in the Mifflinburg Elementary and Middle Schools for thirty years. Laura has a collection of 1400 dolls, most of which are housed in the “Doll House” that was built by her husband. She welcomes single and “van” visitors to see her dolls, however it is necessary to telephone for an appointment.

This program will be presented in the Laurelton Community Center, located in the village of Laurelton. From Route 45 take Route 235 towards Laurelton. The center is along Route 235 approximately one tenth of a mile south of the intersection with Weikert Road. The program is open to the public and is free of charge.

**Annual John B. Deans Dinner and Program  
Thursday, November 9, 6:00 PM  
at the Carriage Corner Restaurant, Mifflinburg**

***The Farringtons and the Political Culture of Moonshine in Central Pennsylvania*** will be presented by Bruce Teeple following the annual dinner. This talk focuses on how the people of the region, as well as their social and political institutions, responded to the Federal government's prohibition of alcohol.

Bruce Teeple is a local historian, free-lance writer, and community columnist for the *Centre Daily Times*. A graduate of Penn State in history and political science, Teeple worked in the University's Office of Physical Plant for over thirty years as an equipment operator. He also served as curator of the Aaronsburg Historical Museum for twenty years and co-edited *Glimpses of the Past* and *In Schadde vun Rundkopp (In the Shadow of Roundtop)*. In 2002, the Centre County Historical Society recognized Teeple's presentations on central Pennsylvania history in area schools and before various organizations. He has served on several committees for the American Association for State and Local History and recently was on the grant review committee for the History Channel's *Save Our History* program. Teeple is currently writing a book: *As Good As A Handshake: The Farringtons and the Political Culture of Moonshine in Central Pennsylvania*.

Dinner will be buffet with choice of entrees and sides, salad, dessert and beverages. Annual awards in recognition of contributions to the Society will be presented. The program will follow.

\*Reservation forms for the dinner and program will be sent to local members in the fall. Others who wish to attend may contact the society office at 570-524-8666 to make reservations.

We look forward to seeing you at this always-popular event.



**Herald Angels: Christmas Music in Pennsylvania 1820-1920**

The Union County Historical Society is pleased to announce the release of the CD *Herald Angels: Christmas Music in Pennsylvania 1820-1920*.

Originally produced as a vinyl record by the Society in 1982, the recording has been long unavailable. Requests over the years for copies of the recording prompted the society to produce a CD version.

Contained on the new CD is the title tract Herald Angels, and 9 more old-fashioned Christmas songs including Old Santa Claus, O Christmas Tree, and 2 German carols. Lyrics to all songs, and brief historical notes, are provided.

Performers in 1982 were Carolyn Beckie, Dale Burkhart, David Dunn, Harriet Fries Bresenhan, Betty Lou McClure, Jamee McClure, James McClure Jr., Charles Root; and accompanists Annette Burkhart and Darina Tuhy.



A great holiday gift!

The *Herald Angels* CD may be purchased from the Society. Price for members is \$13.50 plus \$2 shipping; and tax of .81 if mailed to PA address. Non-members' price is \$15 plus \$2 shipping and .90 tax if mailed to PA address. For more information, call the Society at 524-8666 or visit our Web site [www.unioncountyhistoricalociety.org](http://www.unioncountyhistoricalociety.org).



## ARCHIVES AND MUSEUM REPORT

The Archives and Museum Committee started the year moving over 50 boxes of small objects to the Dale-Engle-Walker collections area, thereby completing a slow two-year transition to the new facility. On March 26th, the committee held an open house for members only.

The open house showed how objects are physically numbered, cataloged on sheets with that information being entered into a computer. The open house also showcased archival storage materials and our facility which includes customized walls for hanging framed items and all new shelving, the latter being funded primarily by member Jean Ruhl.

The newly constructed wagon shed at the Dale-Engle-Walker property will have a substantial part of the collection of farm vehicles and tools on permanent view. This exhibition has been made possible through the generous giving of farming objects to the Society by Paul & Phyllis Heim. Gary Slear had been working with the Heims on this gifting effort. The wagon shed will open for public viewing starting at August's Rural Heritage Days.

The past six months the committee members have also been busy with the gifting and purchasing of hundreds of items.

Gifts to the Society have come from:

- Henrietta Inkrote: 2 Rosedale Dairy cottage cheese containers
- Nancy Lou Kunkle Murray: 1950-56 Lewisburg Dragon High Lites
- Gary & Donna Slear: 2 Rosedale Dairy cottage cheese glasses; Edwin D. Mensch advertising yard stick
- Robert Seebold: box full of old photos and ephemera
- Daniel and Nancy Sachse: various invoices from the Union National Bank c. 1900-1901 and the Dreisbach store; Berge ice pick; Lewisburg memo book 1937; material from the Buffalo Valley Farmers' Association; Wolfe ephemera
- Hertha Wehr: ABC Bull book 1961, a Holstein decal, and a cow stomach magnet
- Carmen & David Arndt: framed 1979 drawing of the Union County Courthouse by Jeanette Campbell
- Don Houser, Dewart Antique Emporium: 6 invoices from the 1920's: West Milton Garage, J. Ray Keiser coal in West Milton, Chester G. Grove groceries in West Milton, C. W. Steese flour in Lewisburg, C. Driesbach general hardware in Lewisburg, and Laurel Park Flour Mill
- Leola Dornsife: many mint condition Dornsife (Lewisburg) funeral home fans
- Jeanette Campbell: three framed prints of Lewisburg streetscapes
- Rural Heritage Days Committee: 2005 memorabilia of turned bat, pen, wooden prize
- William Slear: a wide variety of Union National Bank material including calendars from as early as 1902, Lewisburg circus poster, 2 basketball posters
- Mrs. Donald Rine: several one-room school group pictures from 1910-1930s including one by Lewisburg photographer J. Brown and one of the Moore School
- Bob Libby: Sesquicentennial newspapers, buttons and banner
- Mrs. H. Fertig: Pennsylvania House papers and a wooden mug
- Dr. Richard Klinetob: Wilson glass milk bottle, Rosedale dairy cream cheese box, neck yoke, 4 wooden pulleys, corn planter, two-horse harness, hinges, root puller, cross cut saw and blade, wheel skid, double tree, and rope
- Elva & Harry Fritz: nine old school books and one photo album from Lewisburg family c. 1906 with 18 choice pieces
- Rick and Gary Slear: business card and braided rug of Beulah Slear
- Owen Anderson: forged hinges and bolts
- Phyllis & Paul Heim: Millville wagon, wooden post hanging rack, one-horse sleigh, various single trees and double trees, harness, horseshoes, various misc. items to hang on the shed walls, potato plow, Millville bobsled, horse cultivator, horse drawn plow, grain drill, scalding troughs, scoop to dig out house cellars, and tongues
- Terry and Patricia Troup: hog scalding trough and hanging hooks
- Gary Spangler: framed Sunday School certificate



Purchases in 2006 have included to date:

- An 18th century sheet iron and forged coffee roaster for the Dale-Engle-Walker House hearth, a large early 19th century cast iron cooking pot with bail, a wrought iron food chopper, and a wrought iron broiler, all purchased with a state grant for the Dale-Engle-Walker 1793 hearth
- Rare manuscripts: New Berlin diaries from 1879 and 1887; act to incorporate New Berlin railroad company in the 1850s
- Lewisburg advertising pieces from: Heiser (Lewisburg) druggist, Dreisbach Paints; a rare menu from the Baker House, Lewisburg Trust pieces, Deitrich & Gamble 100 pound feed bag, M. L. Hummel "meats" advertising thermometer, B. O. Daubert blotter, Zimmerman Plumbing and Heating blotter, E. L. Wagner Grocery calendar, Blair's (meats) recipe book, Arthur Amick 1957 Christmas blotter, Murray Rohland (building supplies) Lewisburg thermometer
- Other county advertising pieces acquired include: thermometer from Finck's Grocery, West Milton; Victory Vitamins booklet from Mifflinburg Farmers Exchange, Cromley's in Cowan, Federal Food Stock box cover from Mifflinburg
- Dairy items secured include: Zi-We "Extra Order" piece, a paper ash tray from Wehr's Dairy, and 2 sales slips for the Dale's Ridge dairy
- Postcards, some quite rare, of: New Berlin 1912 fire; New Berlin train station with box and passenger cars; Allenwood of TRC hunting party taken by Fuller on November 23, 1912; Mazeppa, Laurelton, and Weikert colored cards; Mifflinburg street scene and a scene near Camp Westfall; a rare view of the Civil War monument in Lewisburg. Other cards of a rare Hairy John State Park view, different views of Stone Villa Haven, the Sunday school room at the Dreisbach Church taken by Stephen Horton
- White Deer Mills invoice 1924 and a Laurelton Foundry invoice 1920s
- POSA "Washington Camp" ribbon (Winfield) and a Lewisburg PHC Circle badge
- "Dead Gamers" 4 large format photos from 1908 and taken in Allenwood; train photos from the Benjamin Kline collection: 4 from Laurelton Lumber Co. and one from the Kulp Lumber Company
- A quilt designed by Mary Koons and made by Mrs. Stoltzfus, that features Mifflinburg post cards in the "attic windows" pieced pattern
- Green Dragons (Lewisburg High School) souvenir deck of playing cards

To keep the collection in order, museum consultants worked two days on the collection in March and April and will return in August to catalog the collection in the wagon shed. They are paid through a Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission grant. Also supported by these funds was former intern and Penn State graduate Becky Keister who worked for ten days in April with Jeannette Lasansky - organizing collection boxes and creating spread sheets on the thousands of paper and advertising items in the collection that need to be easily accessed (school, church, and agricultural material, ledgers, deeds, invoices and letterheads, Lewisburg/ Mifflinburg/ countywide advertising items, New Berlin imprints, Pennsylvania House catalogs, area publications and area authors' books, military and POSA material, bank material, and the Linn/Focht/Foster collections). The spread sheets help provide access to what specific items the Society owns without having to physically see the items.



### **Call for Microfilm Sponsors**

The Society needs one or more members to contribute to funds for microfilming newspapers, directories and other documents. This material is used by researchers, genealogists and our staff, providing invaluable primary source information.

Donations can be made now or when renewing your membership - simply note your intentions on the form. For more information on this important project, please call us at 570-524-8666.

## THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS AT THE DALE-ENGLE-WALKER HOUSE

**Many thanks** to those who lent a hand or sent in financial support for our Dale-Engle-Walker property or both!

Work in the farm fields in the winter and early spring was under the leadership of the late Gary Slear: Eric Imgrund on burn piles along with Jake Engle, Wayne McDiffett, John Tonzetich, David Goehring, Jeff Trop, and many Bucknell students organized by Saskia Medaline. During this summer Dan Manbeck is working two mornings a week on a wide variety of yard chores;

Work on the wagon shed and house yard included: Bill Clemens, Jeannette and William Lasansky, Diane Meixell, Sue & Brian Auman and their daughters;

Additional gifting to the wagon shed has come from Emma Murphy, Betsy Robertson, Geneva Crow, Mary Maher, and Jean Ruhl;

Work on the house included painting by David Arndt and general cleaning and oversight by Jeannette Lasansky.



The Society's **3rd Annual Rural Heritage Days** are made possible by those who worked on the following areas:

- Overall publicity: Jeannette Lasansky, our office staff, and the Union County Tourism Fund including our first billboard!
  - Event/exhibition heads: Bill Clemens, Bill Deitrick, Diane Meixell, Jeannette Lasansky, Eli Reiff, Ruth-Alice & Gary Spangler, Ted Strosser, and Mark Cromley
  - Special presentations and demonstrations: Wanda Boop - soapmaking; Bill Callahan and Eli Reiff - animals; members of the Buffalo Valley Antique Machinery Club and Mark Cromley in particular; Leo Eby with draft horses and oxen coming all the way to Union County from Clearville, PA; Brad Mertz, wheelwright from Milton; Peggy Gelnett - hearth cooking; Scott Gelnett - tinsmithing; Stephen Miller, gunsmith; Kathleen Reiff - butter making; Stanley Reiff and J. Paul Marti - pony rides; Sally Miller & Amanda Reiff - games; Jeannette Lasansky - 1793 kitchen tours; Jim Sauers, shingle maker; Samuel Yoder and family - soft ice cream with hit and miss engines from McClure and the Blylers from ElimSPORT
  - Helping move vehicles and other equipment in anticipation of the wagon shed's opening: Gary Spangler, Mike, Joe & Dan Manbeck; Eli & Seth Reiff, Jake Engle
  - Parking: Dave Oberlin, Jeannette Lasansky, Carol & Dan Manbeck, and Venture Club
  - Support staff for food: Bill Clemens, Jake Engle, Diane Meixell, Bill Deitrick; Eli, Eli, Jr. & Kathleen Reiff; Glen & Ruth Zimmerman;
  - Other support for Childrens' Day and Grand Event: Nancy Curran, Bill & Billy Deitrick, David Goehring, Pat Longley, Valerie Mertz, Maggie Miller
  - Cast Iron Talk: Tom Rich
  - Hayride & Mill Tour: Alan Ard, Curtis Falck & Bessie Grove of Grove's Mill, David Goehring, Eli Reiff
  - Volunteer coordination: Carla Watson
- Other thanks go to Emily Blair who has designed our Web site card with the assistance of Tom Rich (Webmaster) and Jeannette Lasansky.

### **Do you have some free time? We could use your help.**

The Society office is staffed by member volunteers on Fridays. Training is provided for this interesting job that involves greeting and assisting visitors to our library. You need only work one morning or afternoon per month. Call the office or just stop in to find out more.

There are also opportunities to be actively involved in the Society by serving on a committee. What appeals to you? Archives/Collections...Education...Genealogy/ Research...Marketing...Programs... Special Events. Or you could volunteer to design our display cases at the county courthouse. **Call us!**

## RESEARCH LIBRARY UPDATE



### Added to our family books and newsletters are:

*Our Beaver Family: The Ancestors and Descendants of Myrl Samuel Beaver and Mary Noretta Jorgenson* by April Kristin Mills. Copies available from Ms. Mills. Ask the office.

*Keister Family of Union County* by Glenda Sheaffer.

*Groffdale Conference Mennonites in Snyder & Union County, PA 2006* - map and listing. Donated by Eli Reiff.  
*Keefer Family Newsletter* issues for 2006.

*The Millmont Times* monthly editions through August 2006.

*Now and Then: A Magazine of History, Biography and Genealogy* 2006, Muncy Historical Society and Museum.  
*Snyder County Historical Society Bulletins* for 2006.

### Added to the library are:

Gordon, Joan Morse, *The Road Taken: A Journey in Time Down Pennsylvania Route 45*. Given by the author.

Kalp, Lois, *Silhouettes, The Historic, Memorable and Notable Women of Union County Pennsylvania 1785-1985*, Lewisburg 1985. Donated by the Public Library of Union County.

Motter, Alton, *History of the Lewisburg Council of Churches*. Donated by Gayle Pepper.

Rote, Nelle Fairchild Hefty, *Nurse Helen Fairchild WWI 1917-1918*. Given by the author.

Taber, Thomas, *Union County Railroads*. Given by the author.

Venios, George S., *Chronicles and Legends of Milton I and II*. Given by the author.

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**Bressler**, Abraham and Susanna (nee ?); Son Johannes mar. Katherine Lenig b. 1795.

**Schell/Shell**, Jane Elmyra b. c. 1850, d. after 1906, lived in Vicksburg, Union County.

**Schlotter**, John, b. 8 Jan 1778 d. 1852, Union County & Maria/Mary Wald b. 1771, d. after 1850.

Contact: Dorothy J. Drake, 25 Wilson Avenue, Parlin, NJ 08859-1665.

**Grogan/Grugan**, Charles c. 1750-1790, & Nancy E. Butney. Children: James, Alexander, Margaret.

Contact: Kirk Grugan 570-772-8687

**Sleigh/Slee**, Francis (1785-1867) married Mary Lisle (1786-1850) Philadelphia. Children: John, Elias, Hugh, Joseph, Nathaniel, Francis, Isabella, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Sylvester.

Contact: Jan Slee Berg, 2631 Blue Rock Drive, Beavercreek, OH 45434. 937-426-7019



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