

Union County Historical Society

"Preserving the Past for the Future"

Summer & Fall 2010



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Mission

The Union County Historical Society appreciates and values the role of history as the formative context for today's way of life. The Society is dedicated to enhancing the appreciation and visibility of Union County history, and to that end, it collects, preserves, and interprets historical sites, artifacts, and materials related to the history of Union County. It serves the citizens of Union County and those interested in Union County history by providing educational opportunities through exhibitions, publications, tours, and programming related to the history of Union County and by providing access to the historical artifacts and documents in its collections as appropriate to the safety and protection of the materials.

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Dale/Engle/Walker House Tours and Exhibits

Sunday afternoons 2-4 PM
through October

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Rural Heritage Days

Wednesday, August 11, noon to 4

Children and family day

Thursday, August 12 at 7 PM

"Making Do" program

Friday, August 13 at 5 PM

Old-fashioned Vendue

Saturday, August 14, 10 AM to 4 PM

Celebration of rural skills and traditions

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Suffrage and the League of Women Voters

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Annual John B. Deans Dinner and Program

"Six Civil War Nurses Who Made a Difference"

Thursday, November 4 at 6 PM

The Union County Historical Society office/reference library is in the Union County Courthouse, 103 S. Second Street, Lewisburg, PA 17837. Hours are M - F 8:30 - 4:30 (closed noon - 1:00). Visit our website: www.unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org for events, updates, articles and more.

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**Welcome New Members
who have joined since February 2010**
 Elizabeth Bears, Matthew Cunningham,
 Tom Greaves & Phoebe Nelson Oshirak
 of Lewisburg;
 James L. Schwartz and Susan Waggoner
 of Mifflinburg;
 Amanda Killian of Milton;
 Henry Fisher of Duluth, MN;
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Welcome New Life Member
 Dr. Richard H. Klinetob

Thank you to Life Member
 Betty Koons for unrestricted gift

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 for our courthouse office,
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 of quince tree and compostable products,
 Bill Deitrick for donation of bark mulch for
 landscaping at Dale/Engle/Walker House.

E-option

We can e-mail the newsletter to you as a PDF document. Not only will you see full-color photos but also this will save the Society on printing and postage costs. Please let us know if you prefer an electronic newsletter by sending us an e-mail: hstoricl@ptd.net.



A Message from the President

Dear Sojourners into History,
 I have been reviewing pictures of earlier times in Lewisburg for the pictorial history of Lewisburg book that the Historical Society is publishing in collaboration with Packwood House. Again and again I find myself declaring, "How things have changed!"



Of course, we are all aware of the "big" changes in history—landing on the moon, a computer on every desk, Vietnam as today's tourist destination. But in Union County things have changed fast, too. Remember the Lyon's Gift Shop, Prowant's, and Bechtel's? Lewisburg once had an Opera House, a Pennsylvania House Factory which started out as a nail factory, and a privately owned Academy on the corner of Front and St. Mary Streets.

It is more than nostalgia to remember the structures and activities of past times. These times all contributed in indirect ways to our inner landscape as well as to the outer physical landscape. We have memories associated with them. I will tell you one of mine.

I arrived in Lewisburg in 1971. My parents, who lived in the Philadelphia area, helped me move in. They used to visit on occasion, and we would go for walks through Lewisburg to get to know it better. On one of those walks, we passed the Old Academy building and remarked on it. "What is it?" we asked one another. As we walked by, a woman was sitting on her porch across the street from the Academy building. I turned to her and asked her if she knew what it was. "Oh, yes," she said, smiling broadly, delighted to be of help in telling us. I no longer remember her exact words. I do remember being happy, in the company of my parents, and especially walking with my father who died shortly thereafter. I remember the pleased look of the woman who was so happy to share her memory. I think of these things every time I see a picture of the Old Academy. It was torn down in 1975.

Local history ties us to the past. It reminds us of who we are and of those who came before. It helps us honor their accomplishments as we build on them. It allows us to rest, for one small quiet moment, in a memory of someone or something, a gift from the past to the present. Sharing memories brings us all closer together.

Join us as we make visible the history of Union County, as we bring alive the memories of the past and try to understand them. We need each other to do that well. Let us celebrate together the way things were and remember together who we are as a community. I hope to see you at our upcoming events.

Lois Huffines, President



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

7th Annual **RURAL HERITAGE DAYS** - August 11 through August 14, 2010
"MAKING DO: Use, Repair, Reuse on the Farm"

At the **1793 Dale/Engle/Walker House**
1471 Strawbridge Road, Buffalo Township, Lewisburg, PA

Wednesday, August 11, noon to 4 PM, will be the popular "**Children's Day**" with food, fresh ice cream made by the hit-and-miss engine of Samuel Yoder, games, animals, pony and pony cart rides. There will be "take home" activities such as making corn dollies with Diana Lasansky, co-chair of Wednesday's event. Blacksmiths will have a hands-on upset-and-weld demonstration. Sarah Miller, Ted Strosser, and the Spinners and Weaver Guild, all return with their toys, games and Angora rabbit for drop spindle work. New this year: hands-on work with clay and mortar. Groups, especially summer school and pre-school children and their staff, are welcomed. Free admission.



Thursday, August 12 at 7 PM, local author **Nada Gray** will give a talk on the wide variety of "**Make Do**" items on 19th- and early 20th-century farms. Examples include the ingenious repair of broken pottery pitchers by tinkers with inventive tinware handles, wooden plates with a wire staple to hold a crack tight; and eggs dyed with onion skins and then scratch decorated.

The talk complements the "Making Do" exhibit on display at the house.

Reservations are recommended for the lecture as seating is limited. (Call 524-8666 or email hstoricl@ptd.net). Free admission.



On **Friday, August 13 at 5 in the evening**, the porch of the house will be brimming with goods to be auctioned off to the highest bidder as they did in the 19th century when an auction was called a "**vendue**" and when the food served might be an oyster stew rather than a boiled frank or beef barbeque.

Come bid on many local items and collectibles. The event has been organized by Mary Jo Spangler and Sue Mapes, both of whom like the sound of an auctioneer's patter. Items will range from a mighty Millville wagon, highly desirable long rifle or a rare local advertising item, to useful farm tools and house goods. The food wagon will feature chicken corn soup and other good food by the folks of Hartley Township.

Saturday, August 14, 10 AM to 4 PM will be a full day of **good food, demonstrations and activities**: chicken barbecue by Eli Reiff family and friends, homemade ice cream by Steven Beiler of Elimsport, hit-and-miss or steam-driven machines that will do threshing and binding, shingle making, hay baling, or turning bats on a lathe. New this year will be Robert E. Lee, potter, Mihai Epure, a mason working on the barn wall, a rug hooker, a charcoal maker, a dulcimer player, and more.

Relax in a porch rocker, learn, participate, listen to music, and eat, all at an 18th-century farm beside Buffalo Creek. \$3/car donation for parking.

This is a wonderful series of events, held nearby, according to Mary Jo Spangler and Deb Wehr, co-chairs of Saturday's event.

For full schedule of *Rural Heritage Days* events contact UCHS at 570-524-8666 or hstoricl@ptd.net, or visit our website:

www.unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org.

Directions to Dale/Engle/Walker House: from Route 15 in Lewisburg, take Route 192 west for 1.5 miles to Strawbridge Road. Turn north onto Strawbridge Road and go 1.5 miles to the property. Drive up the lane to the parking area beyond the house. Signs are posted. The house is handicapped accessible.

Programs

Thursday, September 9th at 7:30 PM

"Lewisburg Cemetery Bucknellians"

Christ's Lutheran Church, 100 S. Third Street, Lewisburg

Russ Dennis, retired Bucknell University professor and past UCHS board member, will give an illustrated talk on the many interesting Bucknell-associated people who are buried in the Lewisburg Cemetery.

See photos of gravestones and learn about past university presidents; 19th-century professors of metaphysics, rhetoric and oratory, electrotechnics and natural science; a famous sports person, and a Congressional Medal of Honor winner. The program is free and open to the public.

Directions: Christ's Lutheran Church is at the corner of S. 3rd and St. Louis Streets. Park on the street or in the courthouse lot behind the church, on S. 2nd Street.

Thursday, October 14th, 7:30 PM

"Suffrage and the League of Women Voters"

Marlow Hall, Riverwoods, River Road, Lewisburg

The League of Women Voters of the Lewisburg Area will present a panel discussion on Suffrage, the 90th anniversary of the League of Women Voters and history of the local LWV.

Come join us to learn about this major change in American politics, and the impact on our local community. The program is free and open to the public.

Directions: from Rt. 15, take River Road (east at light), to the first right onto Riverwoods campus. Marlow Hall is in the one-story main building on the left.

Thursday, November 4th at 6 PM

Annual John B. Deans Dinner and Program

"Six Civil War Nurses Who Made a Difference"

Carriage Corner Restaurant, Rte 45, Mifflinburg, PA

Linda Estupinan Snook, of Mifflinburg, will present an entertaining and informative program that you will not want to miss. Linda is a Civil War re-enactor, and the Historical Society's education coordinator.

Our popular buffet dinner - with choices of entrees, sides, salad, dessert and beverages - will precede the program.

Awards for historic preservation and service will be presented to area individuals and/or groups.

Local UCHS members will receive reservation forms for the dinner/program in the mail in October. Others interested in attending should phone or email the Society, or visit our website for more information.

Exhibits

An exhibit on new acquisitions (such as this ad for Donehower's store) can be



seen in the case located at the Society's courthouse office. A dairy display is at the Union County Gov't Center at N. 15th St.

Starting in December 2010, commemorative items from bicentennials and sesquicentennials, as well as anniversaries of local businesses, will be on display at the Government Center and at the UCHS county courthouse office. It is time to begin planning our county's bicentennial in 2013. Upcoming exhibits will show how we celebrated in the past.

GRANTS

The Society received \$1933 from *The Edna M. Sheary for Charity Trust* for a Civil War program for ninth grade students in Union County. The program will increase awareness of the impact of the Civil War on people in the county, by offering first person interpretation using local diaries by a Civil War veteran, a soldier/surgeon, and local young women. UCHS Education Coordinator / historical re-enactor Linda Estupinan Snook will develop the program with the local schools.

The Society received a *PA Historical and Museum Commission* grant of \$10,000 for general operating support. This grant covers Linda Estupinan Snook's in-class lessons to our two school districts, and the Red Bank School project. PHMC monies also cover cataloging costs as items are acquired for the Society collection, and office support for education and archives.



COLLECTIONS



Archives & Museum Committee by Jeff Spotts

Since January 2010 the Archives and Museum Committee has been exceedingly busy (as usual). We experienced the departure of valued committee member Forrest Fothergill, who moved to Sycamore, Illinois, and have added new members: Mary Jo Spangler of New Berlin, Deb Wehr of Mifflinburg, and Tom Greaves of Lewisburg.

Many gifts were received, the largest being a donation from Bucknell University of non-Bucknell material, some of which had been housed by the University since the 1950s, including records of the Union County Bicentennial Commission, Tuesday Book Club, and the Business and Professional Women's Club of Lewisburg; 13 boxes of early deeds and maps, business ledgers and photographs of Andrew Leiser, as well as printed books, cards, programs, and performance tickets. More material is coming our way this summer. We will list especially important additions from this group that might particularly aid in research efforts.

We have also been busy cleaning up a few longstanding items. The Committee, like individuals, sometimes put decisions "on the back burner." As we get closer to being "caught up" we can get to those back burner items and are doing so. Jeannette Lasansky, who heads collection's care, worked with our consultants/archivists Susan Shiffrin and Michael D'Angelo in early March and looks forward to the next all-day session with them in late 2010. Deb Wehr has begun to help with the archives and museum's data sheets and collection entry.

The Committee looks forward to the acquisition of much-needed new collections software and two laptops, purchased through an estate gift of the late Mary Maher. The Society had sought state support for this but funding is no longer available due to state budget cuts. Having the software will allow volunteers to do some, though not all, of the cataloging work we have had consultants doing with us for over two decades.

Many thanks for the following items, given so far in 2010:

- By the Jackson County (PA) Historical Society, Bound Volume of the 1835 Lewisburg Democrat;
- By member Gary Spangler, local advertising from Green Ridge Country Market, Fisher's Meat Market and Vicksburg Buggy Shop;
- By member Nada Gray, posters and tabloids from Lewisburg's Fourth of July Celebration 1998, 2001-2003, 2005-2006; North Ward Memory Book, 1855-1984; advertising items from Angelo's Shoes and Mary Koons'; and Korean War 50th Anniversary tabloid;
- By member Jeannette Lasansky, local advertising items from Chatham Vacuums, a Union County Bicentennial redware slip decorated plate, Lewisburg contemporary postcards, West Milton Bank 90th Anniversary bag, Natural Foods Store 30th anniversary bag and pen;
- By member George A. Reish, schoolmaster's desk used by Gideon T. Biehl, which can be seen in the Dieffenderfer/Ruhl gallery at the Dale/Engle/Walker House, and a dozen original photographs of the 1936 and 1946 floods in Lewisburg;
- By Terri Stump, two photo-litho cards of New Columbia;
- By Mary Belle Lontz, 2 real photo aerial postcard views of Sunset Village (motel complex on Rte 15 North) near present Country Cupboard location;
- By Packwood House Museum, a small photo portrait by Nice of Lewisburg;
- By Ralph Culp, seven old photographs, including three related to Red Bank School classes in the 1930s to as late as 1939;
- By an anonymous donor, painted bronze piece that says "Alvira";
- By Gale Stillman Duque, five Bucknell L'Agenda yearbooks 1937-1941 and 57 colored prints of the 2001 4th of July parade;
- By member John Zeller, four photographs of the Frank Zeller store on Market Street, Lewisburg;
- By Leola Dornsife, two photographs of the gathering of aluminum for WW II with Glen Dornsife;
- By members Glen & Ruth Zimmerman, a ZiWe's soda jerk cap and two ZiWe's buttermilk cups;
- By Robert Seebold, a wide variety of local advertising items: pens and pencils, ice picks and tongs, rulers, ash tray, ice cream scoop, key fobs, and a comb;

Items given continued:

- By member Nancy Ruhl, Buffalo Valley Telephone Directory 1935 and 1900-1901 Course Study for the Schools of Union County by County Superintendent D.P. Stapleton; hand-made African American doll possibly made by Esther Ruhl of Hartleton in the late 19th century when her family lived in Hartleton; slides of Lewisburg by Dr. Edgett;
- By Richard E. Dagle, an early wrought iron fireplace hearth crane for the Dale/Engle/Walker kitchen;
- By member Jeff Spotts, souvenir booklets from Red Bank and Creek Schools 1904-1909;
- By Playworld, a 2010 catalog and 24 color photographs of present building under construction;
- By Judy Muchler, a 1976 New Berlin Bicentennial glass mug;
- By Glenn Showalter and Shirley Showalter Boyer, a pitch fork made of hickory in the early 1900s by Millmont resident Jimmy Catherman, and an S.S. Stewart banjo c. 1900 drawn on by Fred Showalter, with signatures of the local band in which he played: Fred S. Showalter, George and Ernest Knouse of Swengel, R.C. Miller and Hilda W. Grove of Millmont, and Forest Harpster of Allenwood;
- By D. Creassler Heasley Jr., 1879 List of Assets of the Lewisburg Building Association; and
- By Ralph Gordon, Union National Bank checks from late 1800s, one signed by John B. Linn.

We have purchased locally:

- A large Paramount Flaky Cheese tin and Rosedale Dairy (New Berlin/New York City) receipt and an ironstone pitcher c. 1890 of the Lewisburg Odd Fellows;
- Rare real photo postcards of the Union County Fair race track, the Eyer Barn in Winfield, a Market Street scene in Lewisburg, three different cards of the Spring Garden's Mill, millrace and creek all taken by Lewis Thomas 1903-1912;
- Advertising fans for Erdley's Coal Spring Dairy and for J. Raymond Royer tires in Lewisburg; advertising calendars starting in 1953 for Strohecker's Coal Yard in Lewisburg, Lee Snyder - contractor, Beck & Beck dry cleaners, C. Dreisbach Hardware, and an advertising bank for Sherm Doebler's Texaco station, all of Lewisburg; 100th anniversary ash tray for the William Cameron Engine Company, Newberry's rulers, advertising rulers from Wayside Furniture in Mifflinburg and Zeigler's Farm Equipment in Lewisburg, ashtray for the American Legion, Lewisburg;
- Great framed and colored litho advertisement for ammunition sold by H. Donehower in Lewisburg c. 1906, and Hassenplug Bridge Sign with the names of Commissioners Wagner, Hickernell and Wetzel.

More real photo postcards have come to find a good home in the Society's collection. This card, a recent gift, features Charlie Ruhl with his horses Doc and Prince, and his new Deering mower, photographed by the Youtz Brothers of McKeesport c. 1907. A note written on the reverse side says that Doc was bought from Sam Youtz and Prince from John Bingaman in 1898 or 1900. (UCHS #2009.15.5)

We have purchased on E-Bay:

- Real photo cards of the Lewisburg High School by Dr. Heiser in 1906, a Slear photo of the Lutheran Church in Mifflinburg prior to 1906, of the Washington School near West Milton, of two rare New Columbia street scenes; also of the United Evangelical Church in White Deer by Stephen Horton, of the Wetzel family of New Berlin and one of George Dietrich son of Simon Dietrich, early Bucknell views including a rare shot of the SEA fraternity house, and of a Laurelton school class with Amelia Schnure;
- Two New Berlin general greeting cards and similar cards from West Milton and Vicksburg; adverting items from Lewisburg Memorial Works/Thomas Ritter and Wetzel's Dodge dealer in New Berlin as well as thermometers from Benner Motors, Mifflinburg, and Penns Creek Mills;
- Geo. Whitefield New Berlin 19th century German book; and
- Rare panoramic view of the new Free Bridge in 1912 on the Montandon side that includes frame house across from the bridge.



RESEARCH LIBRARY UPDATE

Added to our family books and newsletters:

Descendants of James Kelly 1791-1877, by Cynthia Kleckner Howerter, given by Richard Sauers
Keefe Family Association Newsletter Vol. XXIII, #1, March 2010, and Vol. XXIII, #2, June 2010

Lewis Cemetery and the Lewis Family given by Mary Belle Lontz

The Miller Ancestry given by Mary Belle Lontz

The Millmont Times, issues for 2010 to date

The following family histories: Page/Paige, Reedy, Ritter, Emig Rudy, and Snyder, given by researchers John Shedlock and Brianne Strickland



Added to the library:

Index to A Bicentennial History of New Berlin, PA 1792-1992, prepared by Mickey Campbell

Index to Mills of Union County, prepared by Mary Belle Lontz

Index to The Story of a County, prepared by Mary Belle Lontz

Marriage notices from local newspapers, 1850's to 1890's, over 6600 names, and

Death notices from newspapers, to 1890's, 14,600+ names, databases by Mickey Campbell

Recent visitors to our library have been looking into the following families and topics.

If you have information to share, please contact the office or the researcher.

BAKER/HAFER: M.K. Bartholomew, 23 Brown Ave., Milton, PA 17847

BINGAMAN, FILLMAN, PROSS: Carol Bickel, Monkton, MD 21111; cab1941@msn.com

BROWN: Don Kling, 1309 N. Pebble Beach Dr., Gilbert, AZ 85234

DEAN: Thomas L. Dean, 11510 41st Avenue N, Plymouth, MN 55441-1381

DERR: Darnell Williams, 2402 Magnolia Dr., Harrisburg, PA and Kathy Sue Derr, PO Box 132, Washingtonville, PA 17884

EBRIGHT: Karen DeDay, 114 Armory Blvd, Lewisburg, PA 17837

GALER/GAYLOR: Dave & Yvonne Coup, 494 Enderline Rd., Watsontown, PA 17777

HARTLEY, Adam 1873-1930 and Mary Elizabeth 1878-1974: James Hartley, 312 N. Broad St., Selinsgrove, PA 17870; jash39@verizon.net

HARTMAN: Floyd Hartman, Jr., 929 Meade St., Williamsport, PA 17701; bhartman929@comcast.net

HUFF/HOFF: Rick Huff, 4805 Cherry Tree Lane, Sykesville MD 21784

METZGER: Chris & Wayne Baumann, 28 Avenue A, Coudersport, PA 16915

REISH, Peter, KLINE, Abraham, STEESE, David: Susan Murray, 219-866-3081; suzmurray@nwiis.com

MILLER: Betty Wallace, 10940 Old Turnpike Rd., Mifflinburg, PA 17844

ROTE: Sean Potochney, 2408 Walden Way, Marriottsville, MD 21104

SWARTZ: Carol M. Wagner, 2401 Dundor Rd., Port Trevorton, PA 17864



Research note:

BALLIET/BALLARD/BOLYART, WATSON, TROUP(E), and STEPHEN SMITH of Potter/Centre County: families researched by David E. Smith, 419 County Line Road, Grantville, PA 17028; davedsmith@mindspring.com

Civil War Research

April 2011 marks the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War.

The Union County Historical Society and other area historical groups are actively researching the war as related to local history. We are also investigating the Underground Railroad and the role of free black residents and Methodist, Quaker and Mennonite congregations in supporting this "road to freedom."

The Civil War will be a focus of study and programs for the Society and others for the next several years. Volunteers are needed to help with research and programming. We encourage high school and university students to get involved - primary source material is available for senior projects and theses.

Anyone interested is asked to contact UCHS at 524-8666 or hstoricl@ptd.net.

Society's Dale/Engle/Walker Property by Jeannette Lasansky

Spring and summer volunteer work sessions, conducted since 2001 when the Society acquired this historic property, are essential to making the Dale/Engle/Walker site look attractive and welcoming.

On April 10th this year 40 scouts, Bucknell students, and members of the Union County Historical Society and the Merrill W. Linn Land and Waterways Conservancy worked together for three hours on a particularly beautiful Saturday. Together they did a cleanup of Strawbridge Road, gathered winter tree debris, weeded and mulched, and planted an "Engle restoration" quince tree at the house, and cedar trees at the trail parking lot. The work teams also filled the farm lane's pot holes, cleaned the milk house, removed tree stumps and rocks from an acre now cleared of invasive plants, and improved the trail's switchback area.

Society members Bill and Billy Deitrick, Jeannette Lasansky, Steve Wilver, Mark & Deb Wehr, Tom Rich, David Goehring, and Diane Meixell were joined by Conservancy members Dave Hursh, Carl Oberheim, Allen Schweinsberg, Tom Travis, and Ben Hoskins.

Prior to the workday, Roxy Carl (pictured at right) had worked solo on the tiered flower gardens that she has been in charge of for three years, and member Gary Spangler cleaned the Wagon Shed and its displays.

Conservancy Coordinator Geoff Goodenow, BU student coordinator Poppy Goforth, and property managers Jeannette Lasansky and Bill Deitrick marshaled the forces, and planned the tasks and their completion.



The Dale/Engle/Walker Property is Open for Tours Sundays 2 to 4 PM through October

The Dale/Engle/Walker historic site features the Georgian-style limestone house, built c. 1793 by early settler Samuel Dale, with Federal ell added between 1820 and 1840. Guided tours include the original 1793 hearth with period cookware and the replicated 1804 Dale Library collection.

Your tour guide will discuss architecture, early immigration, slavery and the Underground Railroad, and other interesting aspects of Union County history.

The Wagon Shed exhibit features period farm equipment and tools from the Society's collection.

The newly restored Milk House has panels explaining the dairy operation at the farm in the early 1900's. Interactive audio stations enhance the tour experience.

Admission is only \$4/adult, \$2/student grades 7-12, \$1/student grades 1-6, free for preschoolers. Members \$1 off.



Dale/Engle/Walker host John Ruhl enjoys talking with his young visitor on the porch [left] and tour guide Jeannette Lasansky [right] tells young visitors about the original hearth and early kitchenware.

NEWS

Coming soon!!! A pictorial history of Lewisburg!

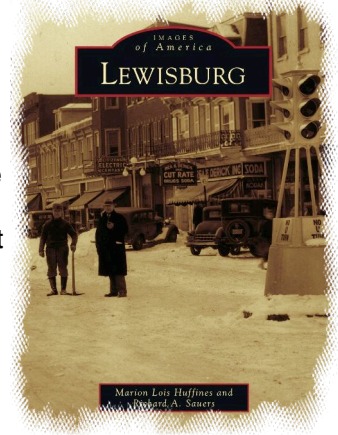
In collaboration with Packwood House, the Union County Historical Society is publishing **Lewisburg** as part of the Images of America series established by Arcadia Publishing. This 128-page volume, authored by Lois Huffines and Richard Sauer, will show through period photographs the history of Lewisburg from its earliest beginnings until recent times.

Lewisburg has always been a center of trade and culture as a river and canal town on the banks of the Susquehanna River. Once served by two railroads and a tiny airport, Lewisburg's bridges and roads connected it to distant cities and rich hinterlands. Even today just seven miles south of Interstate 80, it has the resources of a city but the charm of a small town still surrounded by farms and fields. Elegant 18th and 19th century homes grace its streets, and churches cluster on many of its corners. Named as the Union County seat in 1855, the story of the town and adjacent Kelly and East Buffalo Townships reveals the great story of small-town America. Lewisburg and its surrounding townships prospered on the backs of hard-working people, people with ideas, vision, and a willingness to take risks.

Lewisburg will enable readers to connect to their past, remember their own earlier days, and gain a better understanding of how its earlier history influenced the town we know today. You may even see photos of your own ancestors as well as the preceding configuration of the town's businesses and industries. The river has always played an important role in the life of Lewisburg, and that role will be amply demonstrated by views of Lewisburg as a river town, pictures you have surely never seen before.

The Lewisburg volume is one of four envisioned about Union County in anticipation of the County's Bicentennial celebration in 2013. A second volume on Union County River Towns (other than Lewisburg) will be published in 2011. A third volume on Mifflinburg and surrounding towns is slated for 2012, and a fourth volume on New Berlin and its area will complete the series in 2013.

Arcadia's publication date for *Lewisburg* is October 4, 2010. Reserve your copy by contacting the Union County Historical Society at (570) 524-8666 or hstoricl@ptd.net. The cost will be \$21.99 plus tax and shipping. You will be notified as soon as the books arrive in October. If you live in the area, you can save shipping costs by picking up your copy at the Historical Society's Office in the County Courthouse or at one of the Society's fall programs. These volumes will make great gifts and will bring families of multiple generations together in great conversations about memories of times past.



2011 Calendar

Our 2011 calendar features wonderful old photographs from around Union County. The calendar is still at the low price of \$4.50 (plus tax) for members (\$5 plus tax for the general public). Purchase your copy at the Society office or at selected merchants and area banks.

Do you have old photos or photo postcards of Union County businesses, farms, street scenes, trains, parades, political and civic gatherings, schools and school children? Of particular interest are photos of Hartleton, Mazeppa, New Berlin, West Milton, Winfield, and the northern and western portions of the county. Images may be donated, or loaned for use in the calendar project.

Alan Richard of RichardHouse Photo Restoration does the photographic work for the calendar, which is printed by Mifflinburg Telegraph.

Union County Cemetery CD

A CD is now available listing the readable stones in all the county's cemeteries (except the Lewisburg Cemetery, which has its own CD). This wonderful research tool has been several years in the making. As with many projects, it took far longer than we anticipated.

We thank Tom Finsterbush who did the latest tombstone readings and who has updated our data for the CD. We also thank Joe Manbeck for photographs, and Tom Egan for computer/tech support in completing this important project.

The Union County Cemetery CD costs \$36 plus 2.16 PA tax for members (\$40 plus 2.40 PA tax for non-members). Shipping is \$3.00. Please call or email the Society to order your copy.

PEOPLE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

A Profile of UCHS New Board Members

Tom Greaves of Lewisburg is a graduate of Cornell University Department of Anthropology. He is Professor Emeritus of Anthropology at Bucknell University.

Greaves has researched and written on cultural anthropology issues in the Andean world, and on the contemporary struggles of indigenous groups of the US and Canada and is involved in a number of professional anthropology associations.

Tom Greaves is editor and contributor to *Intellectual Property Rights for Indigenous Peoples, a Sourcebook*, the North American volume of *Endangered Peoples*, and *Vicos and Beyond, a Half-Century of Applied Anthropology in Peru* (expected 2010). He was cultural anthropology editor for the *American Anthropologist*.

A new interest is the anthropology of architecture - the connection of people and their dwellings. Tom and his team of Bucknell students produced a photographic inventory of Lewisburg's Historic District, now on CD. Tom also supervised production of the slide collections of Lewisburg buildings by Catherine DeEtte Edgett (1950s-60s) and Florence Pyle (early 2000s) for the Public Library of Union County.

Tom Greaves will fill the two years of Forrest Fothergill's term that ends in 2012.

Steve Wilver is a current board member from White Deer Township who filled the unexpired term of Josh Muchler in March 2010.

Wilver is a civil engineer for Larson Design in Williamsport. He has a farm background and is the son of Donald Wilver - well known in the area for his historical research.

Steve has worked with his father extensively in restoring several antique vehicles and farm equipment. He is a lifelong resident of White Deer Township and will ably represent that portion of the county.

Steve Wilver is nominated for a three-term ending in 2013.



Nominated for Election to the Board for three-year terms ending in 2013:

David Goehring, who lives in Lewisburg, has long-time family ties to Mifflinburg and the West End of Union County. A current board member, past VP and President, he was born in Pittsburgh.

David received a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Lafayette College and after serving two years as a U.S. Army officer in the Ordinance Corps, he spent his working career in railroads for 41 years: first in the Mechanical Department of the Pennsylvania RR then as Chief Mechanical Officer of the Lehigh Valley Railroad in Sayre, and then at Amtrak in Washington D.C. to help establish the Locomotive Department. He retired in 1994 as Superintendent of Locomotive Maintenance.

David is involved in other community groups, such as the Mifflinburg Buggy Museum, and sings in the Susquehanna Valley Chorale.

Duaine Shaw of Weikert will bring to the Society extensive knowledge of Union County's West End since he is native of Hartley Township and a graduate of Mifflinburg High School. He is nominated for his first 3-year term.

Shaw graduated from The Pennsylvania State University with a BS in Zoology and Entomology and from the University of Michigan with a Masters in Public Health.

He is retired from the PA Department of Environmental Resources (Environmental Health Specialist). He is a former board member of the West End Library and a current board member of Lower Penns Creek Watershed Association.

This slate was presented to the board in March 2010 by the nominating committee (Mary Jo Spangler, Gary Spangler, Sue Mapes, and Jeannette Lasansky) appointed by the president as specified by the UCHS bylaws. These nominees, along with present **Treasurer David Milne** and **Secretary Diane Meixell**, who are up for two-year renewal, will be formally voted on at the Society's September program by current UCHS members present.

At a recent board meeting (clockwise from left): Deb Wehr, Mary Jo Spangler, Lois Huffines, Carol Manbeck (office manager), Sue Mapes, Dave Milne and David Goehring.

PEOPLE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

RIVER TOWNS BOOK PROJECT

A big "thank you" to all those who have been involved in the gathering, documenting, and scanning of nearly 700 photographic images to date. About 220-240 photos will be included in the Society's publication next year - the second in a series of four books leading up to the County's bicentennial in 2013. *River Towns* is scheduled for release in early fall 2011.

Contributing photos, local knowledge, technical know-how, much time and effort on this project are:

Joan Bastian, Gilbert Bennett, Doris Caris, *WNEP 16*, *The Daily Item*, Hattie Fisher, Jack Fisher, Kay Golfieri, Nelson Hauck, Elisabeth, Sara & Susan Helsman, Sharon & Bill Herald, Jean L. Hormel, Bill Houtz, Minnie Troxell Koch, Jeannette Lasansky, Patricia Longley, Harry Mann, Ronald Nornhold, Amos & Corin Persing, Paul Prowant, Alan Richard, Dave & Pam Keefer Russell, Clara Shearer, William (Bill) Showers, *The Standard Journal*, Terri Stump, Jack Wertz, Ardith Wilkins, Donald Wilver, Sr., Sue Ohl Wirth and Elizabeth Yost.

PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to the following for assisting with our Black History Month programs:

For "People as Property" presented by Jeannette Lasansky, on February 14: David Goehring and Tom Rich (parking), Mary Jo Spangler and Deb Wehr (hosting);

For "Safe Harbor" movie on February 28: Mike and Carol Manbeck (set-up), Tom Rich and Jeffrey Spotts (parking), Diane Meixell and Deb Wehr (hosting).

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Many thanks to our long-time Friday Volunteers: Judith Blair, Jack Fisher, David Goehring, Dave Milne, Glenda Sheaffer, and Jack Spooner, whose help we truly appreciate.

New to our Friday roster is Bucknell University Chemistry Professor Marj Kastner, who has a deep interest in genealogy and local history.

We also thank our tech support/computer guru Tom Egan who updates our computer system and occasionally helps out on Fridays, too.

Researchers Mickey Campbell, Jack Fisher, Mary Belle Lontz and Glenda Sheaffer help with obituary and marriage records, property searches, local history, and family genealogies. Sometimes they work in our office, more often than not, they work on their own time. We are very grateful for their help.

Got time? Volunteers to staff the office on Fridays are always welcome. Tasks include assisting visitors doing research, answering phone calls and helping on office projects. In the process, you learn more about Union County and the work of the Society. Training is provided.

If you can spare one Friday morning and/or afternoon per month, or whenever it suits your schedule, please give us a call.

OTHER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The following are accepting new participants:

- Program Committee - meets quarterly
- Special Events Committee - meets quarterly and manages Rural Heritage Days in August
- Bicentennial Committee - meets quarterly

Also needed:

- Exhibit designer - twice per year
- Scrapbooker - at your convenience

To find out more call the office or talk to any Board member. **Become an active part of your Society!**

Collectors Note

We sell antiques, collectibles and books at the Roller Mills Antique Mall, St. Mary Street, Lewisburg (just off Route 15).

The Society has a glass case at this large, local antiques mall, where we offer old postcards and greeting cards, area advertising items, early glass and china, vintage clothes and accessories, books, and more.

Many items have been given to the Society for us to sell. Others are deaccessioned from our

collection - as items are replaced by better examples, deaccessioned pieces are sold or given to other organizations, as appropriate. This allows the Society to continue to acquire articles with a connection to Union County and our cultural heritage.

We thank Roller Mills Antique Mall owner Craig Bennett for his support.

Proceeds from our sales help fund programs and services of the Society.

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Membership also enables us to restore and maintain the Dale/Engle/Walker House, which offers tours, exhibits, programs, and *Rural Heritage Days* events.

Members receive the biennial *Heritage* publication and our newsletters, a discount on books, and free use of our extensive reference library.

Mail this application form to:

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Contact us by: Phone: (570)524-8666 ♦ E-mail: hstoricl@ptd.net

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Lifetime (individual) \$400

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