

Union County Historical Society

"Preserving the Past for the Future"

Winter & Spring 2011



Newest exhibits at the UCHS office and the county government center include souvenir and commemorative items from around the county.

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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E-option Please let us know if you prefer a PDF, full-color newsletter sent via e-mail by sending us an e-mail: hstoricl@ptd.net. This saves the Society on printing and postage costs. Thank you!

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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HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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**Welcome New Members
who have joined since August 2010**

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Welcome New Life Members

Elaine Campbell, Lewisburg
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Thank you to Life Members

Robert Donehower, Maryellen
Paulhamus, Thomas Rippon, Jean Ruhl
and Nancy Wheaton for unrestricted gifts;
Jeannette Lasansky for gift to the
Dale Library and unrestricted gift;
David Mensch for gift to the Dale/Engle/
Walker House, and
Shirley Swartz for gift for photo scanning.

Thank you to Members and Friends

Isabell Reedy Powell of North Carolina for
donation for research assistance;
Leon & Linda Hoover, Eli Reiff,
Jeff Spotts, Marvin & Vera Zimmerman,
and Noah & Elsie Zimmerman
for donations for research by Jack Fisher;
and Lynn Hoffman for donation
in memory of Ruth Muffly.



A Message from the President

Dear Sojourners into History,

John W. Gardner once said, "History never looks like history when you are living through it. It always looks confusing and messy, and it always feels uncomfortable." On a personal level, those days when what we are doing no longer makes sense, when we are tired and out of sorts, those days might, indeed, turn out to be in retrospect a great learning, a new understanding, or an insightful turn in our lives. But we will not know that until much later, when we can see those days in perspective. The context of our lives might be messy, but when we look back, we can make meaning of what we endured.



Local history is like that, too. Our communities evolve over time. What looks today like a confused mess may in the future turn out to be the beginning of growth, a startling new initiative, or an important transition. We will not know until later whether we have made history today. We will not know until we remember and interpret the meaning of those days. Remembering and interpreting are what the Union County Historical Society does so well. Through its resources and programming, the Society interprets the past, giving meaning to the confusion that Gardner was talking about.

When I was working on *Lewisburg*, a pictorial history just published by Arcadia Press in its *Images of America* series, I followed Lewisburg's growth through the photographs in the Society's collection. I was interested particularly in one Lewisburg building. The Dreisbach Building is large, and plays a significant role on Market Street. Built in the 1870s, it was first a hardware store. The building went up in flames on May 11, 1941, killing two firemen when a brick wall blew out. The company rebuilt it and continued its business until 1961. After that it was a furniture store for a time; when I came to town it was a women's clothing store (Brozman's). Other businesses moved in and out. Today it is the fully renovated Barnes and Noble Bucknell University Bookstore. Wow, what a history for one building! It still enlarges Market Street with its presence. We may look back to this day and wonder what role a branch of a chain bookstore played to keep Market Street a special place. Then we will be able to take our meaning of the Dreisbach Building.

Join in the adventure of making visible the history of Union County, as we bring alive the memories of the past and try to understand them. Come to the Society's programs, and bring your insights into your community's past. Most of all, enjoy the past. It is a great place to rest before moving on.

Best wishes, *Lois Huffines*



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February Black History Month Programs
At the Dale/Engle/Walker House, Strawbridge Road, Lewisburg

Sunday, February 13 at 2 PM

**"People as Property
at the Samuel Dale House in Union County"**
Tour of original 1793 hearth

Author/UCHS vice president, Jeannette Lasansky's talk will set the Dales' ownership of Dinah and at least one other slave until 1840 within the context of Pennsylvania's slave history and the cultural traditions of the English settlers versus their German neighbors.

After the program, visitors will be offered a tour of the Dale house's original 1793 kitchen and hearth, furnished with period cooking implements.

This program is free and open to the public, suitable for older students as well as adults. For more information, contact the Society at 524-8666 or e-mail hstoricl@ptd.net.

Sunday, February 27 at 2 PM

"Pennsylvania's United States Colored Troops"

Richard Sauers, author and Packwood House Museum Executive Director, will discuss the pre-1863 Northern US states' efforts to raise African-American units, and the details of Pennsylvania's role in recruitment and training of African-American troops, known at the time as United States Colored Troops. Sauers' talk will cover the development of Camp William Penn, recruitment and training of white officers, and the history of the eleven USCT regiments from Pennsylvania.

The program is free and open to the public, suitable for older students as well as adults. For more information, contact the Society at 524-8666 or e-mail hstoricl@ptd.net.

Concurrent Exhibit: **"African-Americans, Free and Slave in Union County 1790 -1890"**
can be viewed just before and after both February programs.



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.

Friday, March 11 from 9 AM to 4 PM and

Saturday, March 12 from 9 AM to 4 PM

Maple Sugaring

At the Dale/Engle/Walker property, 1471 Strawbridge Road, Lewisburg

Joe Sharp will demonstrate the process of making maple syrup and maple sugar. Mr. Sharp will have tapped some trees near the Dale/Engle/Walker House, and will discuss tapping as well as the sugaring down process, on an ongoing basis both days, as he boils maple tree sap at the corn crib by the Dale/Engle/Walker house. Come experience this end-of-winter rural tradition.

Maple syrup will be available for purchase.

Sharp's demonstration is a free, public program of the Union County Historical Society. Home school, private and public school classes are welcome to attend. Parking is available for cars, vans and buses. For more information, please call the Historical Society at 524-8666.

Note: Researcher Jack Fisher has compiled a history of land ownership of Samuel Dale, including deeds, maps, and related documents, showing Dale's purchases in Kelly, White Deer and Buffalo Townships, original patents and warrants. This helps us understand when and where the Dale family settled in Union County.

Programs

Thursday, April 14 at 7:30 PM

"Christy Mathewson"

At the Union County Sportsmen's Club, Weikert

Bob Gaines will present a program on famed baseball pitcher Christy Mathewson. 2011 marks the 75th anniversary of the first inductions into the National Baseball Hall of Fame. Mathewson was one of the first five players inducted in 1936, along with Babe Ruth, Ty Cobb, Walter Johnson and Honus Wagner.

Christy Mathewson's love of baseball began as a child when he played for town teams, prevalent in the 1890s. In 1898 he entered Bucknell University where he played baseball, basketball and football; was an honor student, class President, and member of Glee Club, Band and Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Mathewson began playing for the NY Giants in 1901, and in 12 seasons won 20 or more games per season. He joined the Cincinnati Reds as manager in 1916. His career was interrupted by service in WWI as Captain in the Army Chemical Warfare Division in France, after which he returned to the Giants in 1919 as assistant manager and pitching coach. Following treatment for TB (a result of gas exposure in WWI) he served as president of the Boston Braves.

Christy Mathewson, his wife, Jane Stoughton of Lewisburg, and their son Christopher are buried in the Lewisburg Cemetery.

Dinner

This program will follow dinner at the popular Sportsmen's Club in Weikert. Local members will receive dinner reservation information in the mail. Others interested in attending may call the Society office at 570-524-8666 or email historicl@ptd.net.

Thursday, May 12 at 7:00 PM

"Union County Celebrations"

At Mifflinburg Bank & Trust
Route 45 (E. Chestnut Street), Mifflinburg



Nada Gray, of Lewisburg, will present a program on past celebrations in Union County as we prepare for the 200th Anniversary of the founding of the county. Nada is an organizer for the Union County Bicentennial Committee and a Life Member of the Union County Historical Society.

Come hear about the many events that have marked important points in our history, and the possibilities for our 2013 celebrations.

Education Coordinator's Report

by Linda Estupinan Snook

During 2010 there was an increase in classroom presentations in the Linntown (Lewisburg) system as well as several presentations to home school students. Spring is an especially busy time at Linntown Intermediate School - we added a demonstration and hands-on candle-making activity as well as the discussions of the Revolutionary War. The new lesson based on the lives and contributions of women to the Revolutionary War effort has appealed to the classroom teachers, and generates a healthy discussion among the students. We also participated in History Day in May at Linntown.

A Girl Scout Troop from Danville came to La Vieille Maison Des Livres to hear the presentation on women in the Civil War. This troop has booked two other events - a walking tour of Mifflinburg in March, followed by the Sheary Grant presentation on Dr. Christ and Sarah Chamberlin. The scouts have also requested a day at Red Bank School in May.

In December a letter announcing a new program on Dr. Theo Christ and Union County women involved in the Civil War was hand delivered to Lewisburg and Mifflinburg Area Social Studies Coordinators, and sent to the Warrior Run and Milton Area Social Studies Coordinators.

Spring will find us again in the classrooms with the Revolutionary War and candles as well as coordinating the tour bus schedule for Mifflinburg Area Schools with some interesting additions being planned.

Looking forward to the future!

Collectors Note

The Society has a glass case at Roller Mills Antique Mall, St. Mary Street, Lewisburg (just off Rte. 15). We sell area advertising items, old postcards and greeting cards, early glass and china, books, and more - items that have been donated for us to sell, and items deaccessioned from our collection. As items are replaced by better examples, deaccessioned pieces are sold or given to other groups, as appropriate. This allows the Society to continue to add to our collection.

We thank Craig Bennett and the staff of Roller Mills Antique Mall for their support.



COLLECTIONS



Archives & Museum Committee by Jeff Spotts

Following an unexpected, early December snowfall, members of the Archives and Museum Committee reflect over the year and remember warmer days. First, we welcome new members Steve Wilver and Tom Greaves, both Society Board members, who are sure to make important contributions over the months and years to come.

We reflect back over a warm Friday evening when, as part of *Rural Heritage Days*, Mary Jo Spangler and Sue Mapes, committee and board members, very successfully coordinated an old-fashioned country vendue, now more commonly known as a public auction.

Consignment items, donated items, and duplicate materials from the Society's collection were sold from the Dale/Engle/Walker porch on Strawbridge Road, Buffalo Township. Local auctioneers Lori Hess-Lauver, Ken Hassinger, and Michael Weaver entertained the crowd with a fast paced auction. More than 70 people lined the yard and drive, listening to the patter of the auctioneer that drew surprises and excitement. The bidding started at 5 PM and ended around 9 PM, just as the sun set behind Dale's Ridge. The auctioneers, as well as clerks Tammy Boop and Amy Rhoads, volunteered their time to make this a very successful event for the Historical Society. Those who didn't purchase items supported the food stand handled by the Hartley Township Volunteers - a group that provides their goods at local auctions throughout the county.

Bidding was rapid and the Society's total proceeds, after expenses related to advertising, totaled about the same as the Committee's big purchase of the event - a percussion long rifle built by John Dreisbach, Jr. (1800-1867), a maker of rifles born just outside Mifflinburg on Ridge Road.

The Society would be remiss in not thanking the many volunteers, donors and consignors that made this event a success and, hopefully, an event to be repeated in the future.

Auctions around the valley offered very few buying opportunities over the course of the year but committee members Jeannette Lasansky, Gary Spangler, and Jeff Spotts braved cold temperatures on December 5th (although the auction was, thankfully, held inside) to make a very important purchase for the Society's collection - a sleigh built in New Columbia. The sleigh includes a tag, which reads "Wm. H. Blind, New Columbia, Union County, PA" Not only is this a rare sleigh, but it also added an item from an area of the county that is not as well-represented in the Society's collection. It is anticipated that the sleigh will find a home in the Wagon Shed at the Dale/Engle/Walker property and be available for the public's viewing when the property opens again for tours in June 2011.

As always, gifting in the second half of the year has helped the collection grow. The following gifts were received from:

- Bucknell University: Dowry Account Book of John Zellers UC 1851-1873;
- Gary Spangler: Linntown 5th Grade 1961 Photo;
- Kathleen Reiff: 1939 Mifflinburg Nautilus yearbook;
- Sue Mapes: three photo-litho postcards of Mifflinburg: "The Willows," Mifflinburg High School, and Main Street;
- Jane Courter: check journal #49 from the Union National Bank 8/23/1913-4/18/1914 and Weekly Cash Balance Ledger from the Union National Bank, Lewisburg 5/11/1920-2/7/1925;
- Jeffrey D. Hill eight photographs from Lewisburg and copy of 1867 Civil War discharge papers of Emanuel Wolfe of Union County;
- Russell Dennis: from his sister, Evelyn Dennis Baker's estate, three real photo postcards of West Milton plus many photographs and clippings;
- George Reish: an arrowhead found west of the Susquehanna River below RiverWoods retirement community, Herman & Leiser advertising fan, small gilded Lewisburg souvenir pitcher and vase, G. Hartman's nut dish with Soldiers' Monument (Lewisburg) on it, Dr. Heiser (druggist) glass, Lewisburg ruby red souvenir glass tooth pick holder, coal shuttle, boot, tumbler, and dish, decorated Lewisburg Fair glass, framed pictures of the Groover Store and other important Lewisburg images;

Gifts continued:

- Irvin and Jeanne Reichly: Bertolett family ledger (1903-11), Franny E. Fisher's birth certificate, graduation certificate, photos from 1899-1918; Fisher Men's Furnishing advertising cup c. 1927 (Lewisburg), Herbert Grice graduation certificate (1918), nine printed frakturs from 1776 on, scrapbooks about Lt. George H. Ramer, Congressional Medal of Honor soldier in the Korean War, along with his photographs, and diplomas from LHS and Bucknell University;
- Elaine Wintjen: advertising pencil of Nelson Longacre CPA, New Berlin;
- Jeannette Lasansky: 2011 calendars for Zimmerman's Harness Shop, Hartleton, and Peking Gardens Chinese Restaurant, Lewisburg;
- Ralph Gordon: Lewisburg yearbooks from 1929, 1932, 1937, 1938; and
- Jim Saunders: local advertising pieces, BZ Motors pen/can opener, Prowant's Mens Wear shoe horn, Bowersox ice scraper/ bottle opener, Lewisburg National Bank coin purse and nail trimmer.

Sleigh by coach & carriage maker William H. Blind of New Columbia.

William H. Blind (1843-1912) was the son of Conrad Blind (1810-1883) who immigrated from Germany in the 1830's and

Catherine Seibert (1805-1892). William served in the Union Army during the Civil War: June through July 1863 in the 28th Emergency Infantry Regiment during General Lee's invasion of Pennsylvania and the battle at Gettysburg, and February through August 1865 in the 74th Infantry Regiment.

In 1867, William purchased a lot on the north side of Front Street (now Main), New Columbia. He married Anna (Susannah) Peterman of Milton, and had three sons: Ernest (1869-1896), Charles (1872-1933) and William (1873-1908).

The map of New Columbia in the 1868 *Atlas of Union & Snyder Counties* shows William Blind's wagon shop ("W. Sh.") and blacksmith shop ("B.S. Sh."). For over 40 years (1868 Tax Assessment List through 1910 Federal Census), William is listed as a "Coach Maker" or "Carriage Maker." In addition, William was elected an Associate Judge of Union County, serving five years starting January 1901.



E-Bay provided opportunities to bring the following items back to the county:

- Local advertising items: calendar from Ike's General Repair, Mifflinburg (1982), West End Service Station, Mifflinburg (1938), and Bechtel's Dairy (1969); piggy bank of Culp's Food Market, Mifflinburg; advertising yard sticks from Yocum's in Allenwood, BZ Motors and Lewisburg Hardware, and Klose's Fuel in Mifflinburg; thermometer in original box for William Yohn, J.P. candidate, C.M. Shoemaker advertising artist's pallet, plastic hanging bank of Lewisburg Trust and Savings Bank, Pennsylvania House post card and knives, Citizen's Electric "Buy War Bonds" 1943 pocket calendar, Mifflinburg American Legion Ladies' Auxillary cook-book, invoice from White Deer Flour Mills, R.M. Griffey 1882 & Burrey's thermometers;
- Books printed in New Berlin: Glaubenslehre and Kirchen-Zucht Ordnung dev Evangelischen Gemeinschaft 1817 and David Collier's Cinleifung zum Richtigen Berstande 1845;
- Trade cards: J.W. Shaffer/merchant & tailor, Charles Miller/grocer, J.W.C. Swartz/Singer dealer, Elmer Hauk/lumber, siding, & flooring, and J.C. Gundy/stove dealer (all of Lewisburg);
- "Welcome Home Day," Lewisburg, Penna November 11, 1946 letter, envelope, and ticket from the Campus Theatre;
- Real photo postcards of Stone Villa Haven, Central Oak Heights central administration building with Shikellamy monument in 1954, and Lewis Thomas card of cottages at Devitt's camp;
- Four photos of the Lewisburg/Milton/Watsontown trolley with conductors, and old Federal Penitentiary photographs;
- Souvenir glass hatchet from Buffalo Crossroads, Lewisburg ruby red souvenir glass pitcher, and ash tray from KEO Restaurant, Mifflinburg.

Local purchases included:

- A tailor's iron cast in Lewisburg by Mitchell;
- Richardson root beer mug from the Weikert Store;
- Long rifle by John Dreisbach, Jr. and
- 19th-century sleigh by William H. Blind (researched by Jack Fisher).

RESEARCH LIBRARY UPDATE



Added to our family books and newsletters:

Edelman Family of Union County PA. Given by researcher Rev. Dr. Robert S. Stoudt, Harrisburg, PA

Emery Family: Descendants of Jacob Emmerich 1728-97. Given by Shelly Emery, Danville, PA

Haines and Sandel Family Record by J. Elwood Moyer. Given by Ronald A. Moyer, San Antonio, TX

Keefer Family Association Newsletter, Volume XXIII, No. 4 Dec. 2010

King Family (descendants of Wm. King 1745-1802 and (1) Rachel Tharp and (2) Martha Reed);

Metzger Family History (descendants of Joseph Metzger 1803-1872 and Elizabeth);

Sinclair: Family of John W. "Jack" Sinclair and Catherine Mistdarfer, and

Mitsdarfer Family (descendants of Andrew Mitsdarfer 1825-1904 and Barbara Neuland).

Given by researcher John C. Shedlock, Mifflinburg, PA

Thompson Family (descendants of John Berthier Thompson 1731-1817 & Nancy Ann Chambers)

updated. Given by researcher Kenneth Thompson, Brevard, NC

Wilt and Aumiller. Descendants of George Wilt 1742-1807; Descendants of Conrad Aumiller b. 1705.

Given by researcher Emma M. Murphy, Vestal, NY

Added to the library:

Looking Thru Lewey's Lens 100 Years Ago, by Marlin Thomas. Photographs by Lewis Donaldson

"Lewey" Thomas of White Deer Valley. **NOTE:** also available @ \$15 + tax, \$4 s/h from UCHS.

Not Frail Flowers: Six Civil War Nurses Who Made a Difference. Gift from author Linda Estupinan Snook.

Pennsylvania Ghost Towns, by Susan Hutchison Tassin. Gift of Charlie Hufnagle.

Pension Applications for Union County Civil War Soldiers, by Mary Belle Lontz. Given by the author.

Indexed Data on Office Computer

Birth dates c. 1825-1885, from Marriage License Applications (Prothonotary office);

Marriages 1845-1898, from Union County newspapers;

Obituaries (Death Notices) c.1850-1905, from Union County newspapers;

Union County Tombstones: all names on tombstones, except Lewisburg, which is separate listing.

New Electronic Publication: *Building Pennsylvania* by Tom Rich, outlines the historical development of four major technologies: canals, iron and steel, lime and cement, and waterworks. Over 700 pages of text, charts, tables, illustrations and photos tell the story of human ingenuity and toil. On CD for PCs.

NOTE: available @ member price \$22.50 + 6% PA tax, (non-member price \$25 + tax) and \$4 s/h.

UPCOMING RESEARCH & PROGRAMS

The American Civil War began April 1861.

In recognition of this 150th anniversary, the Union County Historical Society is researching the war in relation to local history. We will also study the Underground Railroad and the role of free black residents, civic groups and church congregations in supporting this "road to freedom."

The Civil War will be a focus of research and programs for the Society and other area historical groups for the next several years.

Opportunities

We encourage high school and university students to get involved - primary source material is available for school projects and theses.

Volunteers are needed to help with research, and to be involved with programming: if there is a topic or person of interest to you, please contact the Society at 524-8666 or hstoricl@ptd.net.

Not Frail Flowers: Six Civil War Nurses Who Made a Difference



Linda Estupinan Snook, of Mifflinburg, presented an entertaining and informative program based on her book: *Not Frail Flowers: Six Civil War Nurses Who Made a Difference* at our annual dinner November 2010.

Linda is a Civil War re-enactor, and the Historical Society's education coordinator.

Not Frail Flowers details the lives and war experiences of these brave, determined Union County women. The book is available for research in our office, and is for sale at Linda's shop, La Vieille Maison des Livres, in Mifflinburg.

RESEARCH Cont'd

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.



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RUHL: Robert Stoudt, 4808 Tamar Dr., Harrisburg, PA 17111
SANDEL: Ron & Yvonne Moyer, 8607 Wood Cave, San Antonio, TX 78251-2238
SARVIS: B. Spangler, 992 Fairview Ave., Ephrata, PA 17522-1319
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SLENKER: Paul W. Bennett, 700 Tofrees Ave, # 205, State College, PA 16720
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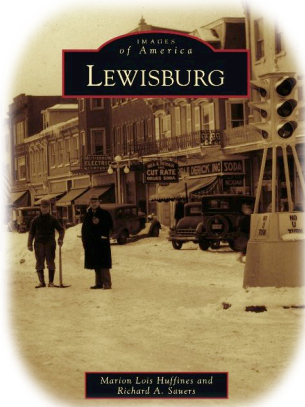
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HARTLETON BRIDGE: Gerry Kuncio, 3280 William Pitt Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15238-1361
LAURELTON FOUNDRY: Donald H. Parker, 740 Middle Creek Rd., Beaver Springs, PA 17812
LINNTOWN SCHOOL (Yearbooks): Rebecca Roush Aikman, 273 Scio Village Ct., Ann Arbor, MI 48103

WANTED We have had requests for the following out-of-print Heritage books. If you have a copy available for sale, please contact the UCHS office 570-524-8666.

Heritage Volume V, 1976 - articles on Slifer, Lowery, Teddyuscung, Mathewson, Ray's Church, & more;
Heritage Volume VIII, 1982 - articles on Hartleton, Laurelton, Millmont, Glen Iron;
Heritage Volume IX-X, 1984/1986 - Centennial History of Lewisburg;
Heritage Volume XII, 1990 - articles on Mazeppa and Buffalo Crossroads.

NEWS

It's Here!!! A pictorial history of Lewisburg!



The Union County Historical Society has published **Lewisburg** in collaboration with Packwood House as part of the *Images of America* series by Arcadia Publishing. This 128-page volume, authored by Lois Huffines and Richard Sauers, shows the history of Lewisburg, Kelly and East Buffalo townships from earliest beginnings until recent times, through wonderful period photographs. As Lois Huffines notes, "*Lewisburg* will enable readers to connect to their past, remember their own earlier days, and gain a better understanding of how earlier history influenced the town we know today."

The Lewisburg volume is the first of four in anticipation of Union County's Bicentennial celebration in 2013. Watch for *Union County River Towns* next, *Mifflinburg* and surrounding towns in 2012, and *New Berlin* in 2013. Great for reference and for gift-giving!

Contact the Society to order. Member price is \$19.79. Add \$1.19 tax for PA residents, shipping \$4.

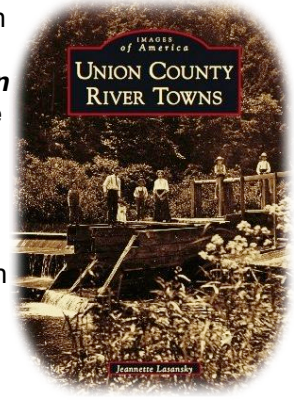
It's Coming Soon!! River Towns

Leading up to Union County's Bicentennial celebration in 2013, **Union County River Towns**, the second in a series of four books on Union County places, will be available in August 2011.

The 220 photos with their extensive captions and introductory text will focus on Allenwood and the outlying towns of Spring Garden and Alvira; Devitts Camp, White Deer, New Columbia, West Milton and Central Oak Heights, and Winfield.

Primary author Jeannette Lasansky has been working closely with Ardith Wilkins, Sharon Herald, Terri Stump, Bill Clemens, Jack Fisher, Susan Ohl Wirth, and Alan Richard among others. Bill Clemens and Alan Richard have been making all the image scans—many more than we are able to include.

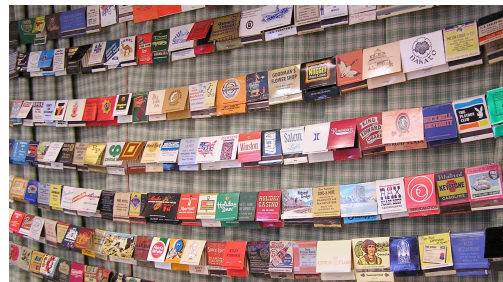
Members can contact the UCHS office to reserve the book (expected member price is \$19.79 plus 6% sales tax for PA residents, and shipping will be \$4).



The **2011 Calendar** features great old photographs from around Union County. Price is \$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.

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

New Exhibit! The Union County Courthouse lobby will feature items from the collections of courthouse staff. Beginning in January, with Merrill Swartz's impressive matchbook collection (shown), the exhibit will change monthly. Be sure to see these interesting collections when you visit the Society or other courthouse offices.



Photos Sought Do you have old photos or photo postcards of Union County businesses, farms, parades, trains, schools and school children; family, political and civic gatherings? We especially seek photos of the northern and western portions of the county, including Hartleton, Laurelton, Mazeppa, New Berlin, West Milton, and Winfield. Images may be donated or loaned for use in the calendar project or upcoming books. Please contact us to discuss this opportunity to share your photos with others.

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

Dale/Engle/Walker: Never a Dull Moment

We continue to work on the property's landscaping needs: Creative Plantscapes added 25 new plants to the garden behind the house. This year we hope to have our 2nd and possibly 3rd Eagle Scout projects in this area of the property. One project would expand the landscaped area around the house while the other would be to put in an irrigation system. Hepners Landscaping and Irrigation Systems of Lewisburg has already committed to providing the irrigation system supplies to the project at no cost. Such a system will involve electrical costs and free labor by the scouts. All in all, this area of the property has become vastly improved. Stay tuned and enjoy when you are at the house.

Volunteer Roxy Carl's tiered gardens were beautiful this past spring and summer. Also, Hackenberg's Tree Service was hired to remove dead limbs on a tree by the drive up to the house - much needed as that is a tree that demonstrators sit under during *Rural Heritage Days* in August.

A Wedding

On October 23rd we hosted our first wedding ceremony at the house (a rental for a couple of hours of use). Board member Deb Wehr was on site as the Society representative during the event. It was a beautiful day and just the right temperature for that time of year. Remember us for your family reunion or other special event.

Fall Work

In early November, we had a terrific fall workday organized by Bill Deitrick. A combination of Society and Linn Conservancy volunteers: Tom Rich, Deb Wehr, Diane Meixell, Mary Jo Spangler, David Goehring, Carl Oberheim, and Geoff Goodenow supervised and worked alongside Bucknell students from Chi Omega sorority, and Theta Chi and Chi Phi fraternities. Everything on our "wish" list was done and more. Plus, people had a good time, making the property "shine."

On the more mundane side, our sediment issue with the water at the house has been monitored monthly by Fred Wert, our general contractor, and is vastly improved. We will continue to follow sediment issues until we feel we better understand them.

Maple Sugar

In addition to our winter programming for Black History Month at the Dale/Engle/Walker property (see page 3), we are planning a maple sugaring demonstration led by Joe Sharp.

On Friday, March 11 from 9 AM to 4 PM and on Saturday, March 12 from 9 AM to 4 PM, Joe will show how to make maple sugar and syrup, using sap tapped from the properties trees.

This fun and educational event is free and open to the public. School groups are welcome to attend. Call for details: 524-8666.

A Meeting of Cultures: Pennsylvania Germans and Their "English" Neighbors

Rural Heritage Days 2011 theme will be "A Meeting of Cultures: Pennsylvania Germans and Their "English" Neighbors." This will be interpreted in a variety of ways by the demonstrators, in the main exhibit as well as in a related evening presentation on Thursday, August 11, and a musical event on Friday evening, August 12. (We hope to have music of Celtic origin - Samuel Dale was Scots-Irish).

Leadership and organization for *Rural Heritage Days* is changing for 2011: Diane Meixell & Mary Jo Spangler will head Children's Day, Deb Wehr will chair Saturday's big event, Bill Clemens

will head food, and Jeannette Lasansky will head publicity efforts and the committee. New committee member Andrea Bashore will be joining Jonathan Bastian, Mark Cromley, Bill Deitrick, Diana Lasansky, Ruth-Alice Spangler, and the others just mentioned.

New demonstration possibilities include scythe cutting, pump boring and scherenschnitte (German papercutting). We are seeking a master gardener for raised bed possibility, and to have more children participate as apprentices.

Put *Rural Heritage* dates August 10-13 on your calendar. We'll keep you posted!

Suggested reading: Check out the article "**The Reptiles and Amphibians of Dale's Ridge Pond**" by Triston Stayton in the *Linn Log* edition for Fall 2010. As the weather warms in Spring, you can explore this area, and all of the Dale's Ridge Trail, with friends and family. Go to the Merrill W. Linn Land and Waterways Conservancy website: www.linnconservancy.org.

PEOPLE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Outstanding Service Awards

Union County Historical Society president Lois Huffines presented awards for Outstanding Service at the Society's John B. Deans Annual Dinner on November 4, 2010.

Outstanding Service Awards are given to individuals who have had impact through specific and outstanding projects and service that support the appreciation and understanding of local history.

Paul and Phyllis Heim, of Lewisburg, were recognized for their significant donation of farm equipment - from hand tools to field implements to horse-drawn vehicles - to the Wagon Shed museum at the



Dale/Engle/Walker site; for their interpretation of the House and Wagon Shed to the public during summer tours and at *Rural Heritage Days*; and for their long-standing support of the Historical Society.

Gary Spangler, of New Berlin, was acknowledged for building the collection of farm equipment for the Wagon Shed at the Dale/Engle/Walker site - through donations and purchases;



restoring, installing, maintaining, and interpreting the collection for the public at *Rural Heritage Days*; and for his on-going participation on many other projects, and support of Society.

Transitions

David Milne has served as the Treasurer of the Union County Historical Society since he was appointed to the position on October 27, 2005. His presence has been a steady influence of common sense as he had guided the Society in the careful management of its financial investments. We will miss David as he leaves the Board at this time in order to devote more time to his family.



Born and raised in New York City, David Milne served in the U.S. Army and then earned a Ph.D. at Cornell University. In 1964 he, his wife Marcia, and their three sons moved to Union County, where David was professor of Psychology for 35 years, including 10 years as chair of the Department of Psychology, at Bucknell University.

It is with sincere gratitude that the Board lauds David's work; all who have worked with him on the Board, and in the office, wish him well.

Andrea Bashore, a newcomer to the Board, will assume the position of Treasurer of the Union County Historical Society. It is with pleasure that we welcome Andrea, who has also worked as a Friday volunteer for the Society.

Andrea Bashore lives in Lewisburg (Kelly Twp). She has a B.A. in Sociology and French from Bloomsburg University and holds an M.A. in American Studies from Penn State University. She is the former Historic Site Administrator of the Joseph Priestley House, a Chemical and National Historic Landmark, in Northumberland, PA. Her current position is Administrative Assistant with the Upper Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Andrea comes to the Board with extensive administrative and budgeting experience.

VOLUNTEERS

As always, we thank our Friday Volunteers Judith Blair, Jack Fisher, David Goehring, Tom Greaves, Marj Kastner, David Milne, Glenda Sheaffer, and Jack Spooner, and our computer/tech. advisor Tom Egan.

We are grateful for the help of researchers Mickey Campbell, Jack Fisher, Mary Belle Lontz and Glenda Sheaffer, for work with death and marriage records, property searches, local and family history.

Got time? Volunteers to staff the office on Fridays are always welcome - learn about local history while assisting visitors with research and helping on office projects.

How about joining the Education Committee (plan or participate in programs for students), Program Committee (select topics and speakers), or Bicentennial Planning Committee. Or is scrapbooking your thing - we can use your help. Please give us a call. **Become an active part of your Society!**

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