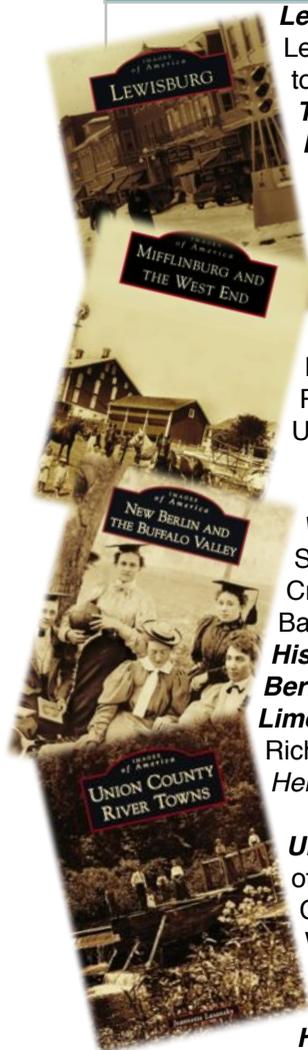


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SPECIAL BOOK PACKAGES FOR MEMBERS

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Lewisburg, the pictorial history of Lewisburg, Kelly and East Buffalo townships. PLUS **The History of the Federal Penitentiary at Lewisburg**. UCHS *Heritage* Vol. XX. **Both books \$35**

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Remember these fun decorations?

The History and Magic of Honeycomb, with actual honeycomb examples, color photographs and illustrations; explores the use of honeycomb in party decorations, cards, packaging, construction and aerospace. PLUS the companion book **Holiday Paper Honeycomb: Collecting Guide**, a history of the Beistle Company in Shippensburg, PA, the largest American manufacturer of honeycomb tissue-paper products, and a guide to their products, with original prices, descriptions and detailed illustrations. **Both for \$25.**



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**Welcome New Members
who have joined since July 2014**

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Thank you to Life Members

David E. Mensch, Maryellen Paulhamus, and
David Goehring for their unrestricted
donations, and Gary Cronrath for donation
toward the 2016 *Heritage* book.

Thank you to members

Jim & Lois Dale, Bernadine Richard and
Jeannette & William Lasansky for donations
for the Dale/Engle/Walker House;
Lois Huffines for donation for film digitizing;
Jerilyn Reniger and Janet Williams for
unrestricted donations.



The President's Message
The Pleasure in Giving and Receiving

Several recent donations bring to
mind the avenues that gifting offers to the
donor and the recipient—in this case, the
Union County Historical Society.



One of the oldest county
newspapers recently found its way to us.
The *Union Times* of New Berlin came
from Betty Lou McClure of Lewisburg.
Along with photos and paper ephemera—all very much
appreciated—came the news from 1816-17 printed on
paper made from cloth rags and in a type that said
“very old” even if there had been no year on its mast
head. Monetary gifts from other individuals, designated
for covering the costs of microfilming such rare items,
then enabled us to make these, the earliest
newspapers in the county, readily available for others.

A great layered applique quilt made west of
Spring Garden on Route 44 in Gregg Township in the
1850s was gifted to the Society by a descendent, Judy
Read. The sewing needles of Moore or Irwin ancestors
drew with fine and sometime double quilting lines on
this family heirloom. Both abstract yet recognizable
shapes such as the pineapple, a symbol of hospitality,
is seen on fields of white fabric. Red, green, and
orange floral shapes were sewn in layers, applied on
top of the white material. The Moore/Irwin quilt is a
classic appliqué from the northeastern-most part of our
county. This was a treasured item when made and a
treasure now.

Several letters written to Cyrus Hoffa of Mazeppa
by friends enlisted in the Union Army during the Civil
War were saved and then given a new home by long
time member and supporter, Jean Ruhl. The letters
reside in their colorfully printed envelopes that speak to
a different time. They are composed in a careful script,
now a dying art. Then there is the content waiting to be
analyzed and put into context. Which aspect of this gift
is most interesting one might ask.

Receiving such gifts is just the beginning of the
Society's involvement. Gifts trigger other giving as
volunteers gift their time: cataloging, boxing and
otherwise caring for items; deciding when and how to
exhibit or for others to study old newspapers, phone
directories, correspondence, and ledgers. Those who
research and write as in our online ACCOUNTS series
or *Heritage* volumes enlarge the sphere of giving yet
again as they collect, ponder the objects or documents
with their layers of meaning.

Thus acts of giving have a cycle that goes on
and on. We thank you for giving in one or many ways.
Jeannette Lasansky



COLLECTIONS

Archives and Museum Committee ~ Jeff Spotts



As the holiday season comes and goes and we settle in for winter, we look back over the year and appreciate such accomplishments as a successful auction that raised funds for the Union County Historical Society's Archives and Museum Committee (Committee) through the sale of duplicate items, items not fitting within our mission to collect articles made in the county or important to interpretation of its history. While it's natural for a historical society to look to the past, we also look forward to 2015 and beyond. While our goals can only be met through the reader's continued financial support and donations of items, there is one asset that each reader possesses that they may not consider as an asset at all. That asset is time.

Time is always at a premium. While we each often focus on creating more time, the ability to donate two hours per week (a bit over one percent of a week's total time) could have a lasting impact on the Archives and Museum Committee.

Our Committee is in need of volunteers who like to attend auctions, review items added to the UCHS collection, eBay aficionados, and especially those who would enjoy cataloguing our collection. Without your one percent donation of time, we face very negative impacts to staying ahead of organizing the UCHS collection so that historically significant items are preserved and available now and for future generations.

We often ask for financial and item donations; we ask now for one percent of your time (which is far less than you would spend attending our three meetings per year and work sessions). If you would like to donate your time on a regular basis to the Society's archives and museum work, please contact the office at 570-524-8666 or info@unioncountyhistoricalandsociety.org, and you will be put in touch with the Chair, Jeff Spotts, to discuss how we can focus your time and talents to continue to grow as the County's historical organization and leave a lasting legacy.

Gifts: We appreciate the following donors for items received since July 2014:

- Jean Ruhl: box of local history and genealogical material including Chamberlin material and 5 letters to Cyrus Hoffa of Buffalo Cross Roads during the Civil War;
- Doris Marino: The University of Lewisburg and the Civil War by J. Orin Oliphant 1963 and crocheted baby cap made by Vera Strassner of Lewisburg in 1921 for daughter Valeida Strassner;
- Betty Jane Mincemoyer: 1968 Annual Pilgrimage to Old Buffalo Church;
- Judy Read: five-layered appliqué quilt made by Elizabeth Moore Irwin of the White Deer Valley in mid-1800s;
- Betty Kratzer and Larry Smith: Union County dog tags from 1921-1941;
- Estate of Martha Rice Reed: Minutes and some treasurer's records of the Lewisburg Thursday Sewing Bee 1940-2006;
- Diane Lengle: advertising fan of the Evangelical Lutheran Brethren churches in Mazeppa, Sunrise, Forest Hill and Pleasant Grove and IOOF consolidation notice in 1970; and
- Charles Schworer: five local RR blueprints from 1937 including the track into the Federal Bureau of Prisons, Lewisburg.

Purchases made by the Committee:

- 2 rare Gutelius woven coverlets made in Mifflinburg;
- 1833 confirmation certificate of Suzanne Reish printed by Peter Montelius of Mifflinburg;
- Cabinet photo of May Day celebration taken by Lewisburg photographer Hunter who took over the studio run by Pross;
- Postcards: generic greeting card for Cohn (Pardee) and for Foresman's store in New Columbia, real photo post cards of Blue Spruce Inn on Rte 15 north of Lewisburg, Laurelton's Main Street, West End hay-gathering farm scene by photographer Urs Eisenhauer, Smith's Winfield Quarry truck; and Winfield's iron furnace, brick furnace house, and railroad station;
- Sassaman's Barber Shop, New Berlin 1941 calendar; church offering "red stocking" Christmas coin holders, Diehl's Chevrolet advertising key ring, Purity Candy ash tray, Benfer & Reber booklets, and early envelopes with advertising.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February Programs at the Dale/Engle/Walker House

1471 Strawbridge Rd., Lewisburg

Since 2003, the Union County Historical Society has made programming at the 1793 Samuel and James Dale home — a slave site until at least 1840 — part of its educational and interpretive mission. Slavery and the Underground Railroad are part of the discussion on Sunday afternoon tours, June through October, at the Dale/Engle/Walker House, and the focus of the *Heritage* book *African Americans in Union County: Slave and Free*. We continue to research this aspect of local and national history.



Brady Thompson served in the Union Army in the Civil War.

On **Sunday, February 8 at 2 PM**, sisters **Frances Spiller and Helen Williams**, who grew up in Lewisburg and now live in Northumberland County, will reminisce about the **African-American families of Union County** they knew. The sisters' roots in Union County extend back more than 160 years, and their local family includes a Civil War veteran buried in the Lewisburg Cemetery. Watsontown resident, **Kate Hastings** will moderate the conversation. Hastings, a professor at Susquehanna University, has done extensive research on African Americans, particularly in Milton, Lewisburg, and Hartley and Union Townships in Union County.

On **Sunday, February 15 at 2 PM**, researcher and writer **Jeannette Lasansky** will give an illustrated talk about the **primary source material** that has yielded information about slave and free African-Americans, including handwritten letters, tax assessments, census records, wills, manumission records, sale bills, "passports," written remembrances, photographs, cemetery records, and broadsides. Some of these items are in county courthouses, and historical societies or universities such as the Kroch Rare Books and Manuscripts at Cornell University. Other documents or items are still in family hands. Lasansky will point out how these records are less complete thereby making research more difficult.

The programs and exhibit "Primary research documents for early African-Americans" for February's *Black History Month* are open to all, free of charge, and suitable for children age 8 and older.

Directions to the Dale/Engle/Walker House: from Route 15 in Lewisburg take Route 192 west for 1.5 miles, turn north on Strawbridge Rd and continue 1.5 miles to the site. Drive up the lane; parking is available at the house. Signs are posted.

Autosomal DNA: Good News, Bad News, and Even More Mysteries

Tuesday, March 3, 7 PM

at The Public Library for Union County, 255 Reitz Blvd., Lewisburg, PA

Marj Kastner: "The family story about my grandmother's grandfather, Archibald, was that he and his brother drowned in Lake Michigan while trying to save a peg-legged man. Well before the internet, my eldest sister worked very long and hard on all branches of our family tree, but she was not able to find the truth behind this story or anything about Archibald's parents. She knew from his marriage record that he had been born in Cape Breton about 1846, married in Saginaw, Michigan in 1867, and that one of his witnesses (and presumably brother) was Joseph. The now widely available autosomal DNA testing has led me to one third cousin-once-removed, one fourth cousin and one fifth cousin who descend from Archibald's grandparents. DNA results, plus traditional genealogical methods, helped me find my Scottish heritage, and the true story of the peg-legged man."

This presentation by Marj Kastner, retired Bucknell professor of Chemistry and new UCHS board member, will briefly describe autosomal DNA (as opposed to Y-DNA and mitochondrial DNA) and the related statistics, the differences among the commercial companies and how some of the DNA results may not be as conclusive as the DNA companies and TV shows suggest.

The program is free and open to the public.



UCHS Members: Attend four programs during the year and receive FREE the definitive county history book *Union County, Pennsylvania: A Celebration of History* by Charles M. Snyder.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Millmont Times

Thursday, April 9, 6 PM

Program and Dinner at the Union County Sportsmen's Club, Weikert, PA

Tony Shively, a lifelong resident of Millmont, will share a PowerPoint presentation focused on his monthly publication, *The Millmont Times*. The April 1, 2015 issue of the local newsletter will be the 180th, and the last one published by Shively. Over the last 15 years he has endeavored to preserve the history of some of the people and places from the West End of Union County. During that time he has spent many hours interviewing people and conducting research that was incorporated into the stories and articles preserved on the pages of the local publication. Shively's presentation will review the origins of the newsletter as well as some of the interesting and fascinating people and places he has encountered over the years. The evening program will be a reflective and sentimental journey regarding *The Millmont Times* from its inception in May of 2000 through April 2015.

The program follows a buffet dinner at the Sportsmen's Club. Reservation forms will be sent to local members in March. Others interested in attending, please contact the Society at 570-524-8666 or info@unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org.

You're Kidding, Aren't You? An Offbeat View of Local History

Sunday, April 12, 1 PM

at the Campus Theatre, 419 Market St., Lewisburg, PA

So you think you know your local history, do you? OK, try this: *Brush Valley's Mary Geis Hartzell once won a contest against a group of men from Buffalo Valley. Doing what? Drinking whiskey? Cutting grain? Or arm-wrestling?*

Learn the answers to this and over 40 intriguing, unusual and humorous questions about local history at *You're Kidding, Aren't You?* a game sponsored by the Union County Historical Society. Join host Mark Lawrence of radio station WKOK as two teams of local residents match wits with the audience in answering quirky questions about topics ranging from Pennsylvania Dutch powwow remedies, to beauty pageants, to Civilian Conservation Corps camps. See who wins and how!

Tickets are sold on a first come basis: \$10 general admission and \$1 for high school students and children. Stop by the UCHS office or send names and check to the Union County Historical Society at 103 South 2nd Street, Lewisburg, PA 17837. On April 12, remaining tickets will be sold at the Campus Theatre box office starting at 12:30.

In Plain Sight: The Quilts of Our "White Top or Nebraska Amish" Neighbors

Sunday May 17, 2 PM

at the Dale/Engle/Walker House, 1471 Strawbridge Rd., Lewisburg, PA

Jeannette Lasansky will give a talk on certain Amish quilt traditions in Pennsylvania, drawing upon her knowledge of the "White Top or Nebraska Amish" who have settled primarily in Mifflin, Centre, Union, and Columbia counties.

Lasansky has written extensively on Pennsylvania material culture: quilt-making, pottery, and basket traditions, as well as historical blacksmith and tinsmith traditions. Her researching and writing have also been presented in media shows, movies, and exhibits starting in 1977. The results have often been published, but the focus of this Union County Historical Society program has not but is in plain sight—on area clothes lines, in house interiors, and at our farmers' markets. Lasansky will explain the similarities and differences in rural cultural groups.

The audience will see first hand: rugs, chair pads, haps, and quilts as well as hats and clothing of this, the most traditional plain sect group. The palette of their quilts reflects the fabrics used in men's, women's, and children's clothing.

Books on Pennsylvania's quilt traditions by the historical society's Oral Traditions Project will be on sale just that day; some are currently out-of-print. Some are featured in a book by Lasansky, *A Good Start: the Aussteier*, that details the male and female dowry traditions from the 1700s for Pennsylvania-Germans as well as English groups like the Quakers and Anglicans.

If the weather is good, the talk will be held outside, so bring folding chairs. If the weather is inclement, the program will be indoors with chairs provided. The program is free and suitable for all ages.



Union County History

Once Upon a Time in Union County

Are you interested in research and local history? Why not share your insights with others and write an article for *Once Upon a Time in Union County* in the *Daily Item* and on the society website.

The format is simple: write about a person, place or event in local history – a factual piece on local history or how Union County was influenced by larger national issues (see articles on WWI and DDay for example) – in 300 to 600 words (that's one to two double-spaced typed pages).

Recent articles covered the Pardee Lumber Company; William Cameron, founder of the Wm. Cameron Fire Company; Mifflinburg's Record-setting Chautauqua in 1925, early photography, and 1930's pre-WWII correspondence. You can read all 84 past articles on our website. Click on *Once Upon a Time in Union County* and select a title that interests you.

Here are some topics that could be explored: Why is Mifflinburg's Market Street called Market Street when the stores are on Chestnut Street? What is the oldest building in your town, who built it and lived in it? Who are the Civil War soldiers buried in your town's cemetery? What is the origin of these town names: Allenwood, Glen Iron, Laurelton and Winfield? (You can read about Mazeppa in *Once Upon A Time*.) Was local historian R. VB. Lincoln related to the 16th US president? Who were Margaret Gundy and Mary Koons and where were their shops?

We will help you write a print-ready column, and then send it off to the newspaper and our website. We have lots of photos that can accompany your article. Or perhaps an old photograph will inspire you, and the column will "write itself."

Send your article, your draft, or even a great idea to UCHS via email or send hard copy by mail to UCHS, 103 S. 2nd St., Lewisburg, PA 17837.

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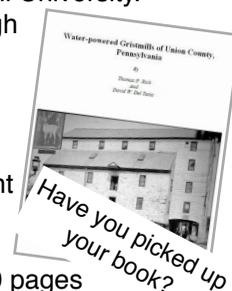
Water-powered Gristmills of Union County

By **Thomas P. Rich**, professor emeritus of mechanical engineering, and **David W. Del Testa**, associate professor of history, Bucknell University.

The history of the county is told through the stories of forty gristmills and the people who operated them in every corner of the county, within both an international and statewide historical context, and the historical development of gristmill technologies and their impact on the growth and physical landscape of the county. Contains 260 pages of text, drawings, and historical photographs.

Heritage Vol. XXIV is a great resource for those seeking genealogical information on mills that played a part in their families' histories.

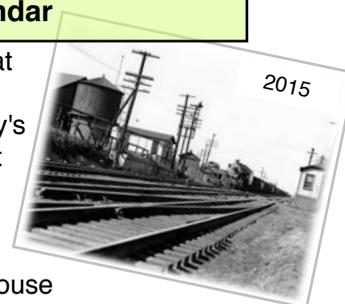
FREE to members (+ \$5 for shipping). Additional copies \$23.75 + \$5 shipping.



2015 Calendar

Photos of the railroad at W. Milton, an early 1900s Chautauqua circle, the county's first jail, Neyhart's Restaurant and Weidensaul's Livery, the Yoder's 1910 Oakland car, Lewisburg Chair Company employees c. 1918, Forest House Hotel with Dieffenderfer family, I.O.O.F. Lewisburg parade, Mifflinburg baseball team, Old Mifflinburg Grammar School class c. 1898, Sassaman's Glen Iron store, Chestnut Hunting Camp members, and Charles Oldt's stave mill near New Berlin.

Buy the calendar at the society office, the Open Door Gallery in Lewisburg, Country Farm & Home in Mifflinburg, Laurel Market, and at branches of West Milton State Bank and Mifflinburg Bank & Trust. **Cost is only \$6.**



Take a Trip Through History

On the Road: History Throughout Union County, a car tour on CD, is an enjoyable way to visit the countryside and towns in Union County. Dozens of sites spanning 200 years of county history are in this self-guided tour with stops in New Berlin, Dry Valley, Winfield, Lewisburg, Buffalo Crossroads, White Springs, Mazeppa, Hartleton and Mifflinburg. Visit the original county courthouse, cemeteries, mills, Plain Sect settlements, historic houses, and Bucknell University. Maps and instructional material included.

The CD is narrated by area residents: John C. Snook from Mifflinburg, a Seebold descendant; Peggy Ulmer from Lewisburg, a Gundy descendant; Nancy Showers from New Berlin, a Ross family descendant, and David King of Mifflinburg, a descendant of 19th-century Union County Amish residents.

Buy or order from the society office or website. **Cost is only \$10 for a great trip through history.**

ACCOUNTS

Become a published author. Make permanent what you know of our county's history.

We invite Society members to contribute essays to the Society's on-line journal, ACCOUNTS of Union County History, now in its fourth year of publication with six articles per issue. If you haven't looked at ACCOUNTS you can find any issue simply by going to www.unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org and clicking on an issue in the ACCOUNTS box.

In the most recent issue you'll find essays on the Susquehannocks, an account of a soldier from Union County who was with Custer at the Battle of the Little Big Horn, accounts of Native American attacks and retribution, the Union Seminary in New Berlin, and restoration of a log house in Mifflinburg.

Essays can be about historic episodes, people, buildings, businesses, groups, families, celebrations, and the countless factors that make up Union County's history. You don't have to be an expert, an experienced author, or trained researcher: just put down what you know. ACCOUNTS articles range from four to twelve double-spaced pages. Additional guidance is found at the end of every issue.

We are ready to work with you to shape a draft and prepare it for publication. Just get in touch with either of us. Know someone we should contact about authoring an essay? Let us know and we'll do the inviting. We want to hear from you. Let's not allow the history we know today to disappear tomorrow.

Tom Greaves, greaves@bucknell.edu ~ Sidney Dreese, sdreese@albright.edu
Co-Editors, ACCOUNTS of Union County History

UCHS & SPOOM to host a Tour of Union County Gristmills

Mark your calendars for April 16 through 18 for a tour of Union County Gristmills and local history. Come and be a SPOOMER for one to three days in April! SPOOM is the national Society for the Preservation of Old Mills. The Mid-Atlantic section of SPOOM in conjunction with the Union County Historical Society will host this program. It is a follow-up to the UCHS Bicentennial *Heritage* edition *Water-powered Gristmills of Union County, Pennsylvania*. The tentative program includes visits to H&C Grove's Mill, Johnson's Mill, Sampsel's Mill (Penns Creek Pottery), Fort Titzell and Titzell's Mill site, as well as the LeRoy Massacre site, the Mifflinburg Buggy Museum and Elias Church. Local coordination of this event is being handled by Bill and Sharon Lynch and Tom Rich. The exact schedule of events, costs and registration details will follow via a UCHS email when finalized.

MICROFILM



The society's microfilm files include newspapers from 1834 onwards, and phone directories starting in 1899. Newspapers and directories are an invaluable aid in researching the history of local families, businesses and events.

Donations are sought to pay for microfilming the *Mifflinburg Telegraph* newspaper for 2003 through 2014, and local phone directories for 2012 to 2014. The name of the donor, or for whom donated, can be put on the microfilm box as a remembrance. Any financial support you can provide to support this project is appreciated. Send donations to the UCHS office and indicate whether for newspaper or directory and any preferred year.

RESEARCH LIBRARY UPDATE

Added to our family books:

The Bennyhoff Family c. 1640-1940 Switzerland, Germany, Pennsylvania, Illinois. By Carl Green

A Study of Henry Hunsicker the Gunsmith by David Laidacker, donated by the author.

Violet Road, Buffalo Twp, Union County, PA: Selected Families (Dauberman, Diehl, Eidem, Heimbach, Krick, Walker) by Ray Moyer, donated by the author.

Wittes and Gilbert - Isaac Wittes 1818-1867. Donated by Kathy Wittes

Added to the library:

From The Heart of Pennsylvania: In today's rural Pennsylvania, artistic excellence carries on a tradition spawned more than two hundred years ago. Gunsmithing book by Paul Gosnell.

The Millmont Times 2014 issues to date.



Recent Genealogy Searches and Their Researchers

If you have information to share, contact UCHS at 570-524-8666 or info@unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org or contact the researcher (address and/or email is below).

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When Then Becomes Now by Bruce Teeple

Last year, a local historical society asked me to narrate a video they planned to sell as a fundraiser. The society had digitized, edited and spliced short films of the region taken by a local businessman back in 1937. Since movie cameras and film at that time were too expensive for most people, the society was fortunate to get these films. The clips were of villages, schools, students, stores and mills, as well as the area's two Civilian Conservation Corps camps. There was even coverage of a fire and rescue drill by the fire company. Little things, such as seeing a gas station attendant wiping windshields and checking oil, had me trying to remember when people stopped providing those services.

As we concentrate on preserving history for the future, it's easy enough to take our present world of "selfies," shopping malls and smart phones for granted. But when all those places and things have gone the way of railroads, hometown department stores and quartz crystal radios (and they will), someone will surely look upon *our* times as *their* "good old days." Is anyone actually filming today for posterity?

The photographer didn't realize how much we'd appreciate his documentary of the seemingly mundane. He was capturing *his* time for *his* contemporaries, not for us 75 years later. He didn't identify anything or anyone. *They* knew who and where the subjects were. *We don't*, other than recognizing a few extant storefronts and landmarks, or relying on the faded memories of those school kids from long ago.

Google Maps' aerial and ground views are fine, but they're incomplete. Is anyone archiving all those images before they're updated? Perhaps you could have a small army of amateur videographers take street-by-street, house-by-house views of your town. You may also want to intersperse the shots with interviews of neighbors, asking them to "say hello to the future," and share what they think is important.

Undertaken as a community project, this sort of video time capsule would be an interesting (and relatively inexpensive) way to raise our neighbors' historical consciousness. Not only would it make us all aware of our immediate landscapes in ways not always seen, it would also help us appreciate the role of change in our lives.

So how can you make your successors' jobs easier if you were to undertake a similar project? Here are a few suggestions, although I'm sure you can add a few of your own:

Look at some old photographs and maps. What information aren't they conveying? Put yourself in the place of a visitor from the future. Think of the questions they'd ask and the difficulties they'd have in getting oriented today. Establish some simple guidelines and questions.

Use a topographic map or similar reference to give future viewers some context. That road, house or shopping center probably won't be there 100 or 200 years from now.

Consider having a variety of people from all different ages and backgrounds participate in, or even do the filming.

Identify everything and everyone. Make sure a date accompanies your film. Don't forget to place everything within a context: What came before? What's happening now?

We've all slapped ourselves on the head, wishing we had caught an image or made a recording for posterity. With photographic technology so cheap and available, what better gift could we give our tomorrows than a slice of today? *Courtesy of the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH)*



An Afterword by M. Lois Huffines

Bruce Teeple narrated an introduction to the digitized film, now on DVD, *1937 in Mifflinburg and Western Union County*. As Bruce describes above, the film provides 36 minutes of life and daily routines from the town of Mifflinburg and surrounding villages. The film was literally rescued from a trash can. As a DVD, it has brought back to many individuals and their families vivid memories of relatives and friends, some long gone; other viewers were excited to see younger versions of themselves. It took months of interviews and research to identify the places shown on the film because that information had not been recorded. Recently come to light is a similar 16mm film of 1937 in Lewisburg. It is also being digitized, and after more months of interviews and research, it will become available to the public.

What I find most gratifying in discovering these gems from the past is when someone viewing the DVD suddenly yells out, "That's my sister!" "There's my father!" "Look, it's old Joe—with dark hair!" The memories flood back, and the stories of long ago pour from the heart. In the film, street scenes with factories, stores, schools, fire halls, and churches, some of which no longer exist, come alive with people doing what they always did—living a life and building a community. There they are now, in 1937!

PEOPLE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The society's **Annual John B. Deans Dinner and Program** was held on November 6, 2014 at the Carriage Corner in Mifflinburg. **Harold JR Erdley** – a second-generation fire-fighter, life member of the New Berlin fire company, charter member of Lewisburg Professional Fire Fighters and EMTs, Sergeant at Wm Cameron Engine Company in Lewisburg, and adjunct instructor at the PA State Fire Academy – gave an excellent presentation on the history of fire fighting in New Berlin.



Awards for significant contributions to the appreciation and preservation of local history

The award for Outstanding Service was presented to **Glenda Sheaffer** of Mifflinburg. Glenda was born in Lewisburg. Her father was in the Air Force and the family lived in Arkansas, Texas and Idaho. Glenda returned to Pennsylvania one week after graduating from high school in Idaho. She holds a Certificate of Accounting from Susquehanna University, and worked for the Commonwealth of PA for 25 years, last as a caseworker for the Union County Assistance Office, retiring in 1999. She volunteered as a local and national disaster volunteer worker for the American Red Cross, making eleven national trips, including to NY after 9/11 and two assignments after Hurricane Katrina 2005/2006. Since 2007 she has worked as an instructor at Hoover's Bernina in Mifflinburg.



Marj Kastner, left, and Glenda Sheaffer

Glenda started genealogical research in 2000 after realizing that she had women in her family with empty family trees. She has received old photos and documents from both sides of the family. She still enjoys the hunt for details and mysteries to be solved, and has a 93 year old grandmother who continues to share family information. Glenda is a life member at Snyder and Union county historical societies and recently joined the Northumberland and Huntingdon societies.

Glenda has donated copies of her genealogical work to the society's library and has written articles for our newsletter that engage readers in the genealogy search. Glenda is a dedicated Friday volunteer in our courthouse office, assisting many visitors in documenting their family history.

We are very grateful that Glenda chooses to share her work and her time with the society.

The Outstanding Achievement Award was presented to **Buffalo Valley Antique Machinery & Equipment Association**. Now in their 29th year, Buffalo Valley Antique Machinery and Equipment has been a partner with the Union County Historical Society's Rural Heritage Day events since the event's inception.

With a strong base of 208 members from the area, Buffalo Valley Antique Machinery and Equipment collects, shows, operates and interprets a large variety of antique farm equipment including hit-and-miss pieces. They own early farm equipment as individual members and as a group. A major acquisition has been an attraction at our events: the Nichols Shepard steam engine.

In addition to being at the Dale/Engle/Walker farm with lathe, shingle maker, box maker, bailer, thresher, tractors, and more every year since 2004, Buffalo Valley Antique Machinery and Equipment goes annually to the big Penns Cave and Loyalsock shows, and to many parades, including Watsonstown, the 4th of July in Lewisburg, Milton's Harvest Festival, and the Fireman's Carnival in Mifflinburg.

Accepting this Achievement Award on behalf of the Buffalo Valley Antique Machinery and Equipment Association – a lifetime member of the UCHS – are their representatives **President Mark Cromley and Pete Wertman**.



Bill Deitrick, right, presents Award to Pete Wertman and Mark Cromley.

OUR DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS



Mary Belle Lontz has provided the society with a wealth of information on the history of this area, Union, Snyder and Northumberland counties, and the families who lived here.

She wrote an invaluable index to Linn's *Annals of Buffalo Valley*, and has indexed the new Arcadia books, as well as many family histories. She compiled *Tombstone Inscriptions of Union County*, upon which later listings were based. Her transcription from microfilm of the 1850 Union/Snyder county census – the first census showing all household members – is an important research aid (along with subsequent census transcriptions). Other books provide information on deaths and marriages, local boroughs; and central PA soldiers who fought in the Revolution, War of 1812, Civil War, Mexican War, Spanish-American War, Philippine Insurrection, WWI and WWII.

Mary Belle earned a degree in Elementary Education from Bloomsburg State Teachers College (Bloomsburg University) and several advanced degrees. She taught school locally for many years.

Mary Belle is a Life member and Past president of the Union County Historical Society, member of the DAR, Daughters of the War of 1812, Daughters of the American Colonists, Indiana Society Pioneers, and past president of the North Central Chapter #8 Archeology Society.

Mary Belle continues her research on local history. Her books are available for in our library.



Jack L. Fisher specializes in land research.

He will trace a property back from the present ownership to the earliest, from deeds in the county office and through tax and census records. His completed documents include detailed maps and a wealth of information on the property. Jack also does family history research for those seeking to know about their Union County ancestors. He has about 30 years experience in genealogy and land research.

Jack is the fifth great grandson of John Fisher, one of the earliest settlers in Union County in 1769 (then Berks County, later in 1772, Northumberland County), and fourth great grandson of Michael Fisher, an SAR-certified, Revolutionary War Soldier who served in the local, Northumberland County militia.

The son of Fred J. Fisher, Sr. and Jean M. (Allabach) Fisher, Jack was born and raised in White Deer, Pennsylvania, attended White Deer Elementary School (1960), Milton High School (class of 1966), and received a degree in accounting from Penn State University (1973), and an MBA from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH (1989). He served in the U.S. Navy from 1967-1971, Petty Officer 2nd class, Avionics Technician, specializing in air-intercept radar.

Jack is retired, but the primary care-giver for his 90-year-old mother.

Those interested in land or genealogy research can contract with Jack through the UCHS office. Land research is on a case-by-case basis.

Research Services

Genealogical research ranges from the search for a single document (such as a will or obituary) to complete family history. Fees are \$7 (single document) to \$40 and up (full search) depending on complexity. Please inquire.

Deed searches are negotiated on an individual basis. Send queries to the society office.

DIY: Staff and volunteers will help visitors doing research at the UCHS office and courthouse: Monday through Friday, 8:30 - 4:30 (closed noon to 1:00). Members may use the library for free; non-members are asked for a \$5 donation. Copies are \$.50/page. Check our website for resources and family histories available.

Friday office volunteers

Judith Blair, Kathy Brady, Jack Fisher, David Goehring, Tom Greaves, Beth Hackenberg, Doug Hovey, Marj Kastner, Dan & Gloria McDavitt, and Glenda Sheaffer.

In addition to assisting visitors to the office, volunteers take on projects like organizing books, arranging displays, looking up obituaries and news reports, searching on ancestry.com, and writing articles (see Dan McDavitt's *Once Upon a Time* article "Flood Years of the Susquehanna's West Branch").

Are you interested in volunteering in the office on Fridays one morning or afternoon per month? Contact or visit the office.

Board of Directors

Joining the UCHS Board are Marj Kastner and Bruce Teeple

Margaret "Marj" Kastner

grew up in South Bend, Indiana, graduating from Indiana University at South Bend (BSEd) and Notre Dame (PhD in Chemistry).

Dr. Kastner taught at Bucknell University from 1984 to 2013. Her teaching at Bucknell was primarily X-Ray Crystallography, and general chemistry, as well as a Foundation Seminar on genealogy called "Family History and History's Families." Outside of the Chemistry Department, Kastner served terms as Pre-Health Professions Advisor, Chair of the Education Department, and Assistant Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Kastner currently serves as the Treasurer and Web Master for the Lewisburg Cemetery Association and regularly volunteers in the UCHS courthouse office.

Marj's eldest sister, Kay, infected Marj with the disease called genealogy. Kay gave Marj her two major brick walls. Using a combination of visits to courthouses and local historical / genealogical societies in Maryland, Virginia, Ohio, Michigan and Ontario, and exploiting autosomal DNA, Marj broke those walls, of course creating new brick walls. She loves the hunt!



Bruce Teeple is a writer, local historian, speaker, and columnist for the *Centre Daily Times*. A graduate of Penn State in history and political science, he served for nineteen years as curator of the Aaronsburg Historical Museum. He edited and co-authored *Glimpses of the Past* in 1994 and *In Schadde von Rundkopp (In the Shadow of Roundtop)* in 1999. In 2010, the Union County Historical Society published his chapter, "Post-Abolition Slavery in Pennsylvania (And How They Got Away With It)." He has also contributed chapters to the *Small Museums Toolkit* and most recently, to *Zen and the Art of Local History*, both published by Rowman and Littlefield.

Since 2004, Teeple has served as a state judge for the National History Day in Pennsylvania competition. He is also secretary and chairs the scholarship subcommittee for the Small Museums Committee of the American Association for State and Local History, and serves as editor of AASLH's Small Museums Online Community.

Teeple gives talks on local history before a variety of church, school, scout, and social groups. He has presented papers and chaired sessions at several regional and national conferences. He also reviews grant proposals for the Institute for Museum and Library Services and for the History Channel's *Save Our History* program; teaches adult education classes through Penn State's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute; and coordinates over 150 volunteers for Penn State's annual Native American pow-wow. Teeple is currently writing *As Good as a Handshake: the Farringtons and the Political Culture of Moonshine in Central Pennsylvania*.

Bruce Teeple will serve as Secretary on the UCHS Board.

Program by Marj Kastner

March 3 at 7 PM, *Autosomal DNA: Good News, Bad News, and Even More Mysteries* at the Public Library for Union County, 255 Reitz Blvd, Lewisburg. See page 5.

Lois Huffines Named Vice President

Lois Huffines retired in 2007 as Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs and Professor of German and Linguistics at Bucknell University. Since retiring, Lois has served as president of the Lewisburg Kiwanis Club and the Union County Historical Society. Huffines chairs the society's publications committee, and wrote two of the four Arcadia pictorial history books: *Lewisburg* and *Mifflinburg and the West End*. She supervised digitizing the 1937 *Mifflinburg and Western Union County* film and is currently working on a vintage film of Lewisburg, as well as the upcoming *Heritage* book.

Programs by Bruce Teeple

February 2 at 7 PM, *History of the Amish* at the Public Library for Union County, 255 Reitz Blvd, Lewisburg.

February 23 at 6:30 PM, *Down and Dirty: Civil War Medicine* at the Union County Library in Laurelton.

These programs are free and open to the public.

EDUCATION

Memory Quilt Presentation: a Gift from the Gutelius House Museum to Mifflinburg Intermediate School

Last spring during one of two local history events organized by the Union County Historical Society, the Mifflinburg Gutelius House staff focused on local textiles, and students signed Memory Squares with their classmates. Led by Lorraine Lenhart the squares were quilted into a colorful quilt which was recently presented to the Intermediate School. Leroy and Jennifer accepted on their class's behalf.



Left to right: Sharon Lynch of Union County Historical Society, Leroy Simpson, Linda Bollinger, Lorraine Lenhart, Anna Raschi, Karen Fritz, and Jennifer Bowersox.

SUMMER INTERNSHIPS AVAILABLE

Undergraduate students are encouraged to apply for a summer internship at the Union County Historical Society.

Students must meet these requirements:

- attend an accredited four-year PA college or university, and
- be eligible for financial aid, and
- live in Union, Snyder or Northumberland County.

Paid internships positions are available for one or two students who are currently enrolled in college or university.

Internships are intended to enhance the students education and compliment their fields of study. Applicants should have an interest in history, research and writing, and non-profit organization development. Work at the historical society office (open Monday through Friday) may include genealogical research, writing newspaper columns and press releases, designing the 2016 calendar of historic photos, member support through correspondence and data entry, and general office tasks. Interns may also serve as tour guide or host on Sundays at the Dale/Engle/Walker House.

Letters of interest must be received at UCHS by February 28.

Please contact Bob VanHorn at UCHS 570-524-8738 for more information.

Education is a valued tradition in Union County, Pennsylvania

Attention: Scouts, Home Schools, Sunday School Classes, Public and Private Schools, Civic Clubs
You're invited to experience the turn of the century one-room Red Bank school house.

Would you and your organization like to meet in a historic setting? Through a collaboration of the Union County Historical Society and the West Buffalo Township you have the opportunity to use the 1886 little brick schoolhouse for your spring meeting.

- May 1-18 from 8:00 AM– 7:00 PM we will schedule your group.
- The building will accommodate up to 40 people.
- There is drinking water and toilets, but no kitchen facilities.
- Donation of \$20.00 requested.
- To schedule and for more information call Sharon Lynch at 570-837-5710.



Nancy Miller portrays a Red Bank School marm and offers encouragement to Mifflinburg 4th graders who are practicing the art of writing with a quill pen.

David Goehring, school master for a day, looks on approvingly as students work diligently to improve their penmanship.



The 1793 Dale/Engle/Walker Historic Home and Farm

As the late Charley and Rosie Walker's vision for their homestead (1957-2001) enters its 14th year under Society ownership, we can note two significant steps taken.

One is our moving ahead with seeking National Register status for the house. Since ten years ago, when the property was deemed "eligible" for the recognition, we know so much more about the house and its inhabitants from 1793-1840. This was when Samuel Dale was the head of the household, followed by his youngest son James. Our research has revealed this as a slave site from its inception and until 1840 when the census recorded a male slave there, 55 years or older. Earlier there was a female slave, probably Dinah, at the house and growing older as the years passed. This makes the Dale House unusual as it is more than an imposing Georgian-style limestone building but was also a house that mirrored some of the patterns of slave holding in the Northeast or until Pennsylvania passed its total abolition law.

To help the historical society secure a National Register designation, we have hired consultant Emily Cooperman of Philadelphia, who has guided other projects through the process, that was started earlier for the Dale House by local architect Ted Strosser. A restricted fund has been set aside to underwrite this effort. Several gifts including the Helen Royer Bequest will be used for this purpose. Other donations are welcome.

A second part of our present vision is to have the property overseen and cared for by volunteers, both members and friends of the society. To this end, member Bill Deitrick from the New Columbia area has served as an active, determined, and creative Assistant Property Manager. Bill's experience as a farmer and as head of the Union County Conservation District, has been invaluable. Bill is unable to continue as he had, and two others have agreed step up to those volunteer responsibilities: Eric Imgrund, who has worked on the property in many ways in matters of earth moving, and Fred Swanger who lives directly across the road from the Dale house. Eric and Fred join us in our effort to be the very best caretakers we can be in implementing the collective vision of the Walkers, our members, and the general public. It takes a team and I would like to thank the following people in particular for giving of their time and expertise in 2014: Bill Deitrick, Bob Van Horn, Gary Spangler, William Lasansky, Jim Arndt, Fred Wert, David Goehring, Dan McDavitt, Tim Bittner, Geoff Goodenow, Ben Hoskins, Deb Wehr, Diane Lengle, Sharon Lynch and A-1 Lock and Key. They make my being Property Manger that much easier.



Jeannette Lasansky

Dale/Engle/Walker House Guided Tours and Exhibits Sundays 2 to 4 PM June through October 1471 Strawbridge Road, Lewisburg, PA

This historic property opens for the season on Sunday, June 7, offering guided tours of the house, the furnished original hearth, wagon shed with tools and farm equipment, milk house with dairy display, and two new exhibits.

The house is open Sunday afternoons from 2 to 4, June through October. Those interested in serving as hosts or guides at the house on one or more Sundays during the summer are encouraged to call the society office. Training is provided. This is a wonderful way to support the society and the Dale/Engle/Walker property, and to learn about local history while meeting visitors from near and far.

Like us on FACEBOOK



The Union County Historical Facebook site has grown to 360 followers. Every time a posting is placed on the page, 360 individuals will see the listing. In the last month the following people were reached: 1149 in USA, eight in Germany, two in France; one each in Canada, Austria, United Kingdom, and Egypt. The Facebook page allows the Union County Historical Society an opportunity to make the history of the county more visible to residents of the county and to those in other states and other countries. If you have "liked" the page, please share the postings with your friends. Hit the "like" button to help our numbers grow. The link to the Union County Historical Society Facebook page can be found on the UCHS website: <http://www.unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org>.

Kathy Brady

SOCIETY EVENTS: Looking Back and Looking Ahead

Christkindl Market, 2014

Many thanks are extended to Glenda Sheaffer, Diane Lengle and Kathy Brady, who comprised the Christkindl Market Setup Committee. These volunteers donated their time, creativity and energy to plan and implement the decoration of the UCHS booth, provided safe-keeping of the cash box and further contributed by staffing the booth during the Market.

Bruce & Michelle Teeple, Kim & Steve Ranck, Doug Hovey, Beth Hackenberg, Duain & Joyce Shaw, Sharon Lynch, Marj Kastner, Jamie Wagner, and Jeannette Lasansky filled out the schedule to staff the booth, and we heartily thank them all!!

Kathy Brady provided snowflake-making design and expertise. She made some of these three-dimensional flakes for our booth last year and they caught the eye of many shoppers! So we decided to put together kits with instructions and paper squares needed to make 3 snowflakes: small, medium and large. The Setup Committee met



to prepare these kits right after Thanksgiving. We made 39 kits and 17 were sold during the three day Market. The remainder are in the UCHS Courthouse office and available for those who would like to craft some pretty decorations and have some fun at the same time!

Also sold at Christkindl were Family Heirloom Weavers' table runners and table squares designed by Lewisburg weaver Jacob Angstadt (1809-1880), and Alabama weaver J. Lovell (1800s). New this year were Fraktur squares, based on old Pennsylvania designs. They compliment the Belsnickle, Snowman and Peace & Plenty runners that are traditionally sold by the society at Christkindl Market.

A big Thank You also to our office staff Bob Van Horn and Elaine Wintjen for procuring weavings from Family Heirloom Weavers, collecting books to be sold, and making sure the little details (like cash in the box, clear price lists prepared and having a fire extinguisher on hand) were ready for us.

At least 20 people were directly involved with planning, implementing, and staffing for our successful Christkindl booth.

Deb Wehr

Communities of Union County Rural Heritage Day July 11, 2015

Plans are underway for *Rural Heritage Day*, to be held July 11, 2015 at the Dale/Engle/Walker property. The theme this year is "Communities of Union County," highlighting our county's communities of craftsmen, agriculturalists and other skilled workers.



Along with many fine demonstrators who have participated in the past years, we will once again have some new faces demonstrating some old, and fascinating skills that have ancestral ties to our county. Come and see how our

German ancestors made a basket from an oak log, and witness roof shingles taking shape from pieces of split tree trunk! Gutelius weaving will be represented, as well as Widow Smith's gun barrel boring with a wooden machine!



This year the bridge over Buffalo Creek on Strawbridge Road, next to the Dale/Engle/Walker property lane, will be closed for replacement. Therefore, we will reverse our *Rural Heritage Day* traffic flow. Visitors will arrive from Rte 192 and turn north onto Strawbridge Road, continue 1.5 miles and see signs indicating entry to the grounds at the corner field lane. There will be clear directional signs posted along the way. Visitors will then park and walk past the admission table and down the farm lane to the grounds among the house and out-buildings, where demonstrations will be on-going from 10



AM to 5 PM. To exit, vehicles will be directed south of the buildings and onto the normal farm lane which will deliver them back to Strawbridge Road. Traffic flow will be down-hill.

Admission will be \$5 per adult and \$2 for students in grades K-12. Admission is free for children under school age.

Step back in time with your family and friends for a fun day at Union County Historical Society's ***Rural Heritage Day!***
Saturday, July 11, 2015 from 10 AM to 5 PM

Union County Historical Society
Union County Courthouse
103 South Second Street
Lewisburg, PA 17837

Return Service Requested

Membership in the Union County Historical Society supports programs, historic sites tours and Red Bank one-room school experience for county students, and the growth of our collection of Union County photos, postcards, account books, diaries, and items made by Union County crafts people. Membership also enables us to maintain the 1793 Dale/Engle/Walker House which offers tours, exhibits, programs and *Rural Heritage* events. Members receive the biennial *Heritage* book, newsletters, a discount on books and free use of our extensive reference library.

Mail this form to:

Union County Historical Society, 103 South Second Street, Lewisburg, PA 17837
(570)524-8666 ♦ info@unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org ♦ www.unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org

Name(s) _____
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Please circle membership level:
Student (K-12)..... \$10
Individual \$30
Family \$45
Contributor..... \$100
Patron \$150
Lifetime (individual) \$500

The Union County Historical Society is a non-profit organization. Membership is tax deductible. In addition to membership, donations specific to the Society's work: education, the collection, genealogy, the Dale Library or the Dale/Engle/Walker property, are gratefully accepted. Unrestricted donations are used as the Board of Directors feels there is a need. The Society is prepared to accept gifts of appreciated property and planned giving, such as bequests. Thank you for your support.

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, articles, resource list and more.