

CURATOR'S REPORT
THE BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

AUGUST 8, 2023



**FORMER FARM HOME OF CAROL
(LUDY) WEIMER AND THE LATE
MIKE WEIMER**

NEW HOME IN APRIL 2013

NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP



EXCAVATION FOR THE BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S NEWLY ACQUIRED LOG HOUSE FROM HUNTINGDON COUNTY.

KEN MILLER AND JOHN LONG WORKING AT THE SITE FOR THE LOG HOUSE ON JUNE 30, 2023



EXCAVATION AT THE GREG CRONER FAMILY LOT FOR THE FOUNDATION FOR BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S LOG HOUSE – JUNE 30, 2023



**PEDRO
AND HIS
DAD,
ROGER
CLARKE
LAID THE
FOUNDATION
BLOCKS
FOR THE
LOG HOUSE!**



**BRIAN BLACK AND
DAVID FLAMM DUG
THE FOUNDATION
FOR OUR LOG HOUSE!**



GARY ESTNICK SORTS THROUGH A COLLECTION OF MEMOS DONATED BY LAVERNE COSLIC AS PLANS WERE MADE FOR HER TO DOWN-SIZE INTO A SMALLER BERLIN HOME.



NANCY (PHILSON) KOPF DONATED THIS LEADED GLASS SIGN FROM THE PHILSON NATIONAL BANK THAT SHE HAD IN HER PSESSION IN FLORIDA FOR THE PAST 40 YEARS.



JACOB MILLER SHARED ABOUT THE BEAR FAMILY VISITING THE SHANKSVILLE AREA IN THE 1920S.

Jacob Miller, curator at the Somerset Historical Center, delighted an audience of nearly 60 persons at the annual picnic of the Berlin Area Historical Society on July 20, 2023 in the social room at Unity United Church of Christ in Stonycreek Township. Jacob kept our attention while sharing the bear story that visited the Shanksville area for a seven-year period during the 1920s. BAHS has in our museum area two of the bear paws that were involved in the Landis family's tale of boyhood pranks.

The appearance of the bear tracks remained a mystery until the late Everett Landis relayed the true story about the bear family in a taped interview over 60 years after the incident.

Everett was about 14 years old when the bear tracks began appearing. Coming from a highly skilled family of artisans, Roy and Everett Landis (brothers) had no trouble carving realistic looking bear paws from blocks of chestnut wood. The claws were made of wire.



THE NEW COOK BOOKS HAVE ARRIVED

Megan Evans, left, and Tammy Rohrs display the exciting new cook book - a project of the Berlin Area Historical Society. Much of the editing and preparation for the cook book was completed by Megan. Copies are available for \$10.00 each. Makes a nice gift for someone special!



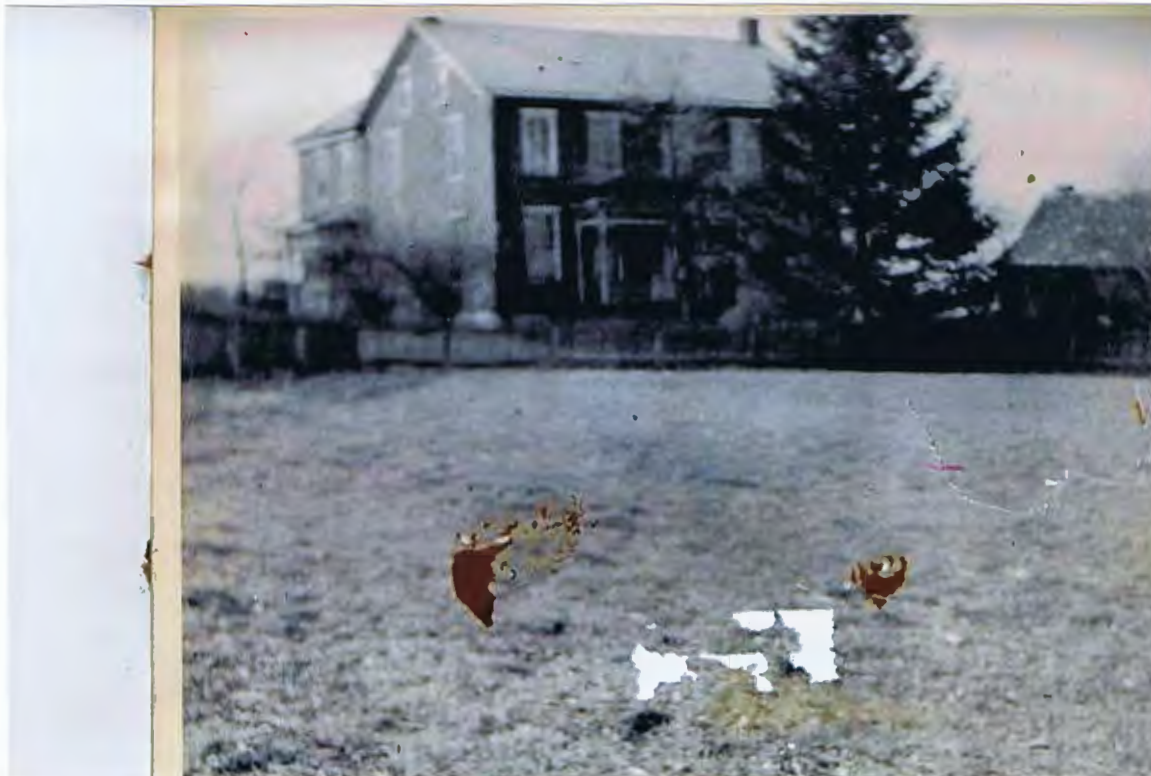
**MARCELENE (HARTMAN) AND KARL BRICK
MARRIED OCTOBER 27, 1956 - NEARING 67 YEARS**

LARGE COLLECTION DONATED BY KATHERINE (HEIPLE) GUMBERT



BERLIN ADVERTISING CUP FROM "SUSIE" GUMBERT WHICH ORIGINALLY BELONGED TO CLARA BERKHEIMER

On July 14, 2023, Karen Hillegass and granddaughter Taylor delivered boxes of items donated by Katherine "Susie" (Heiple) Gumbert, wife of Harry Gumbert. The donations included advertising items from Modern Dairy – salt and pepper shakers, thermometers and a clipboard; Clara Berkheimer's glasses; a Fred Groff advertising tin and from Paul and Donna Miller's Western Auto. Also a book "Telling on Myself" by Alvin Alonzo Cober; an E. H. Miller container with advertising – Rodda's Chocolate Cream Drops; A. B. Cober's 1911 Jerusalem Red Letter New testament; Pictorial directories from Berlin and Brotherton Churches of the Brethren; a Salem Church group picture, and the Johnstown Flood Story by George E. Gore. Also a Pennzoil Safe Lubrication kit; post cards; a fan belonging to Sarah Berkheimer; a communion cap; PA Turnpike decal, Bedford Springs dish that belonged to Elizabeth (Berkheimer) Heiple, John & Son dish, Johnstown Flood Memorial (Unknown plot) commemorative dish, and Two Centuries of the Church of the Brethren that belonged to Mr. and Mrs. Milton Heiple; and a pocket knife with advertising from Fred W. Brant and the Honorable A. B. Cober. Also a 1937 Berlin commemorative booklet and a Meyersdale Centennial booklet; and other miscellaneous items.



**THE SAMUEL MUSSER FARM IN BROTHERSVALLEY TOWNSHIP.
(WHO OWNS THE FARM IN 2023?)**

**COULD THIS BE THE HOME OF MARY WILL AND THE LATE JIM WILL?
(THE FORMER ROBERT AND EMMA SUDER FARM HOUSE)**



**THIS SHOWCASE WAS DONATED BY THE MEYERSDALE AREA HISTORICAL
SOCIETY. TOM CALVERT AND BROWNIE SHOBER TRANSPORTED IT FROM THE
MEYERSDALE TRAIN STATION TO BERLIN.**

**THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS
FOR ALL YOU DO!**

DAVID R. HAY. CURATOR