

**CURATOR'S REPORT**  
**THE BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**AUGUST 11, 2020**



**STEWART R. SAYLOR FAMILY CABIN**

**NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP**

**HARVEY S. & ELIZABETH SMITH'S  
FORMER FARM HOUSE**

**JULY – A BUSY  
TIME OF THE  
YEAR!**

**COUNTING OUT  
RAFFLE TICKETS FOR  
THE DUES  
PAYING LETTERS!**

**GARY ESTNICK  
WITH OTHER  
VOLUNTEERS NOT  
PICTURED!**



**MUD PIKE CONSTRUCTION IN FRONT OF THE WEBSTER  
"BUDDY" AND ROBERT FOOR RESIDENCES**

# BERVALON FARM CONSTRUCTION

SMILEY BROTHERS' DAIRY FARM

JULY 29, 2020

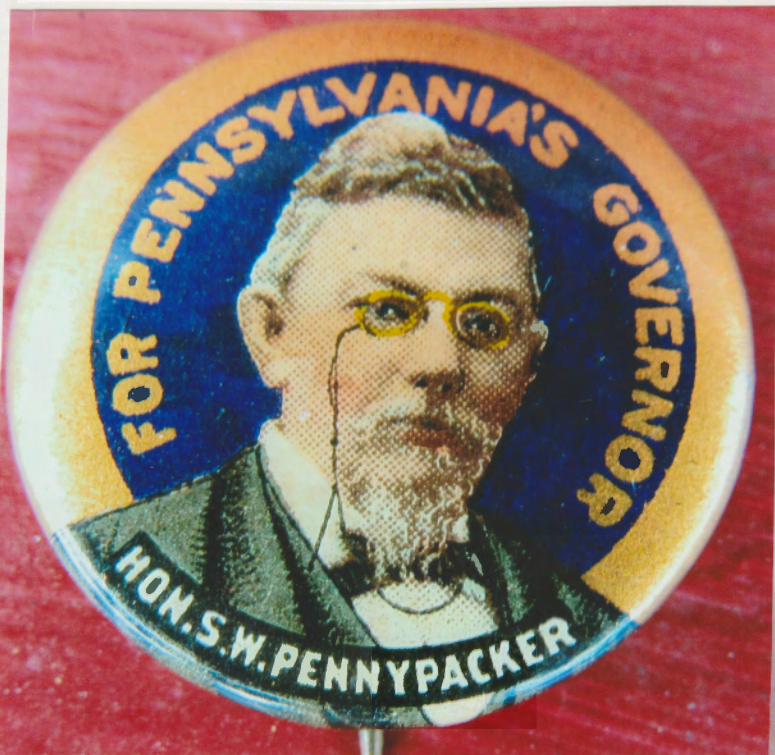


BROTHERSVALLEY TOWNSHIP

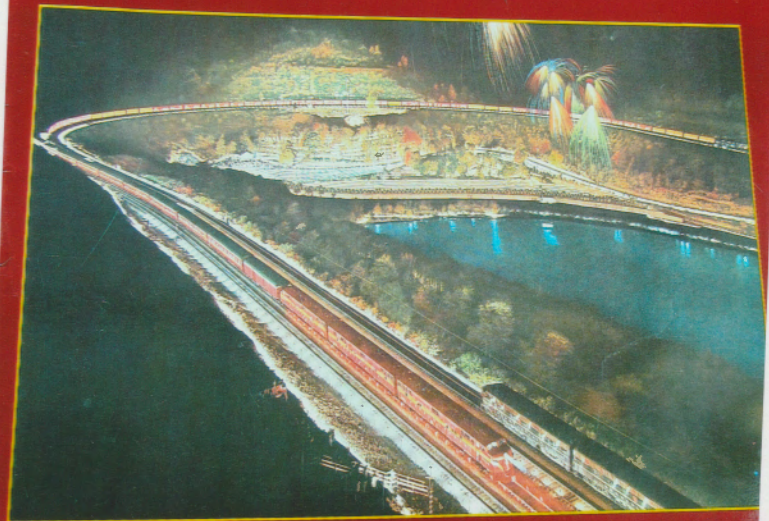
**POLITICAL PINS – LOCAL & PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIES DONATED BY LUANN & RON WALKER**



**SEVERAL BERLIN BOOKS**



**HORSESHOE HERITAGE**



**THE STORY OF A GREAT RAILROAD LANDMARK**

**DAN CUPPER**

## **BILL MERRILL DONATES A BERLIN COKE BOTTLE WITH CONTENTS INCLUDED!**



When Bill Merrill presented BAHS with the above pictured coke bottle and its contents on August 3, he shared that he purchased the bottle at the Berlin auction of Elbert "Obb" and Elsie Saylor. The Saylor's formerly operated Saylor's Superette along Cumberland Street in Berlin.

### **OTHER DONATIONS:**

**Jim Ingrodi** donated a number of items that included the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Cornerstone – Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Berlin - as well as the 2005, 1994, 1998, 1984-85 and 2009 Directories from the same congregation. He also donated a number of back issues of our Memos.

### **REFLECTIONS OF STONYCREEK REPRINTED**

We have had 25 reprints made by Beggs Brothers Print Shop in Confluence of the popular soft covered history, Reflections of Stonycreek, which are available at our office building for the cost of \$25.00 each.

On **July 30, 1965**, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed a measure creating **MEDICARE**, which began operating the following year!

# DONATIONS

On July 29 the volunteers finished stuffing more than 700 envelopes to send to our members with the annual dues notices, a letter saying we needed to cancel having our annual banquet because of the coronavirus pandemic, and raffle tickets. The letters were mailed bulk rate. As this report is being presented, we are recording membership dues as well as money derived from the raffle sales. The drawing for the raffle items will be held on September 3 at 6:30 p.m. in conjunction with an abbreviated annual meeting to be conducted in our office-genealogy building.

**John Landis** donated three horse collar hames and a rail bender in memory of the Robert Walker Landis Estate while his brother **Bruce "Chip" Landis** donated spare replacement handles for plows and cultivators. **Clare (Lane) Nickel** donated a 1923 Berlin deed for a property sold by the Cyrus Musser Estate to Harry Menges. **Terry Rhodes** donated a snowmobile helmet used in the 1970s. **Richard Berkley** hauled mulch and with assistance from **Daniel Weighley, Jr.** spread the mulch around the barn area. **Carol and Ken Miller** have been caring for the flowers around our facilities, which are beautiful like always under their care. **Terry and Carol Rhodes** cleaned the basement display area of our genealogy building. **Russ Hillegas** changed the filters in our office building and **Darrel McClintock** replaced inner workings in our office commodes. **Tammy Rohrs** has assisted Leanne Calvert with organizing work in the vault area.

**Debbie Baker** donated a 1964 Somerset County Plat Book from the Reid and Jean Walker Estate. **Larry Pritts** donated a program booklet for the Berlin Brothersvalley school production of Into the Woods. **Kathy Ogline** donated an antique picture frame with an unidentified women's picture that was purchased many years ago at the Thelma Saylor Estate Auction. **John Long and Gary Estnick** re-installed the sign at the corner of Vine and Main St. directing visitors to our facilities. **Cathy Webreck** donated school memorabilia while Tom and Jeanie Lowry donated a rope bed and a steamer trunk all from Rose Webreck.

**LuAnn and Ronald Walker** donated a number of Berlin history books, a book on Horseshoe Curve at Altoona and the Johnstown Flood of 1977; also a pin advertising the old Somerset County Court House, a Ken Lafferty Key chain, a video cassette of Berlin's Centennial Parade; and political buttons for S. W. Pennypacker for PA Governor and a button for Landon Knox (GOP). **Christine Trent** donated a 1953 Bervalon and a Christmas record by Robert E. & Marcia Montgomery from Berlin Brothersvalley Schools Festival bands and chorus. **Kay Ann Cober** made a substantial donation for the John and Lucille Lichvar Sports Memorial library.

**DAVID R. HAY, CURATOR**