

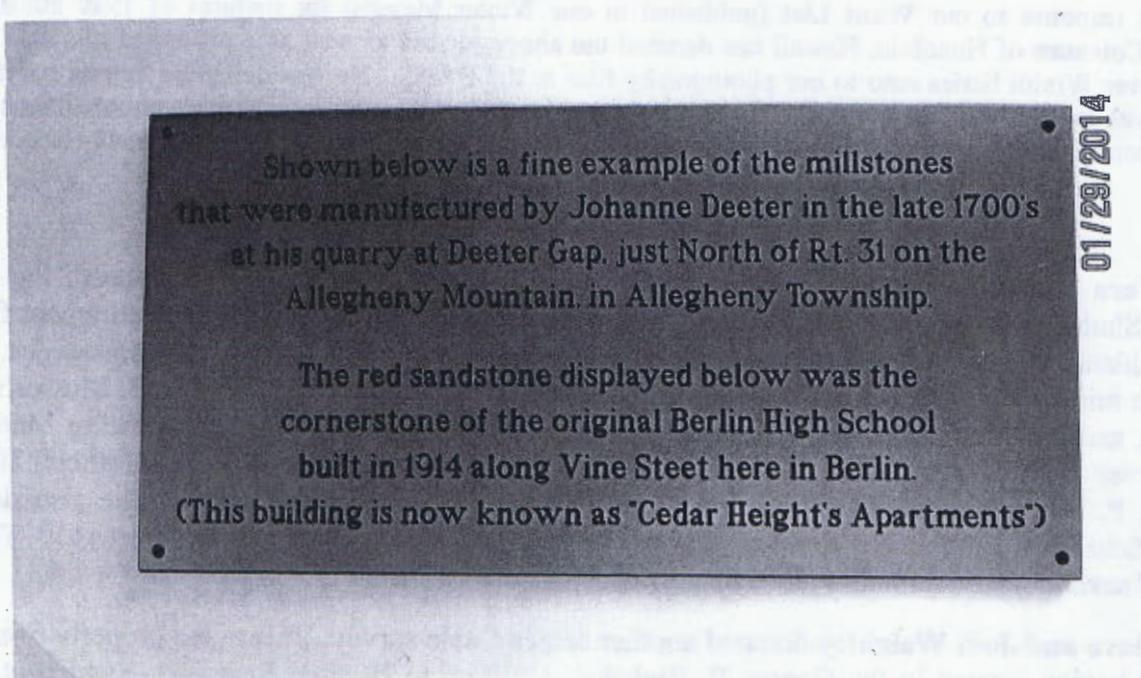
CURATOR'S REPORT

THE BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

FEBRUARY 11, 2014

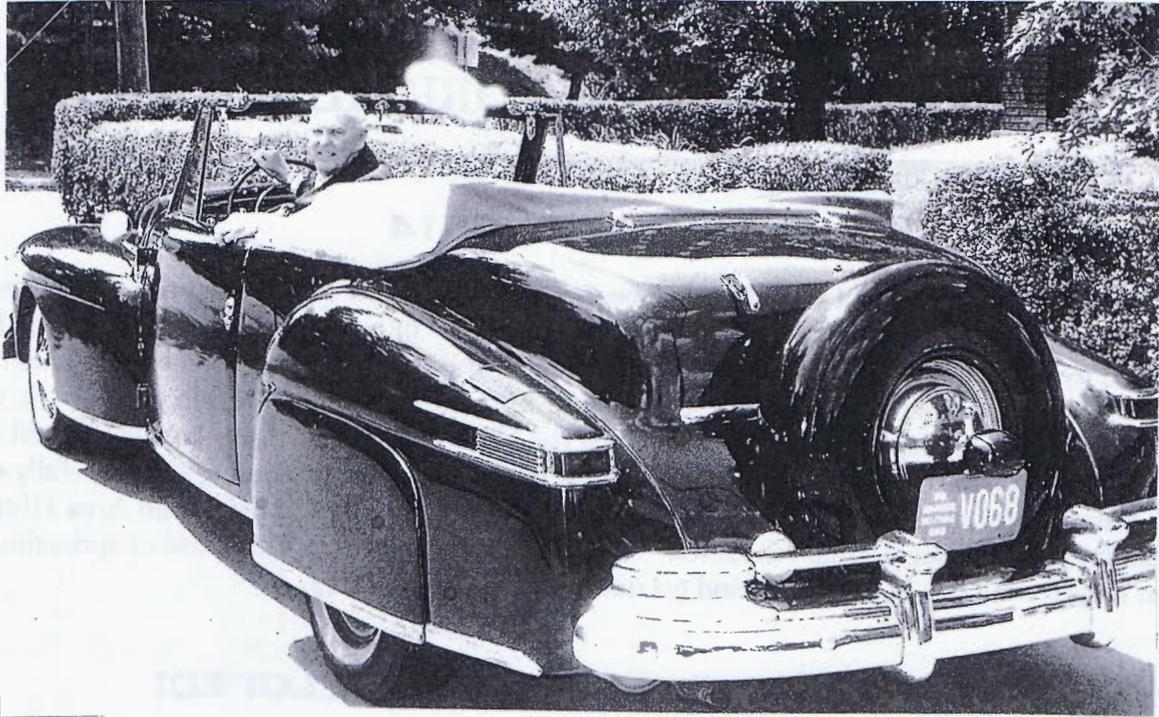
In the approximately eight years that I've been volunteering at BAHS, I can't remember a winter when it became necessary to cancel opening our facilities because of inclement weather caused by heavy snow storms, ice, or extreme cold weather. I can remember a wintry day when volunteering under Paul E. Pritts, long-time curator, when a snow storm came up in the midst of our afternoon. It was a treacherous drive home to Somerset (especially along the Wills hill) and Paul was greatly relieved when he received word that I arrived home safely. We know that better days are coming and hopefully easier weeks of winter will be ahead of us so that our Somerset County Schools and the Berlin Area Historical Society can function on our normal schedules. We're going to appreciate the arrival of springtime this year when we put away our snow shovels and get our lawn mowers running!

NEW INFORMATIVE PLAQUE DEVELOPED!



Various discussions have been held among our BAHS volunteers and officers about preserving the history of various items that have been acquired or donated to our Society. This plaque was developed by President Jim Suder to record the history of both the millstone and the red sandstone cornerstone that are displayed in front of our genealogical building. This helps preserve the information for the future. Although volunteers have been recording information about donated items for many years, there are stories and histories behind various items that need to be written and displayed for future knowledge of our community. According to an oral conversation your curator had with the late Paul E. Pritts, Jacob Yutzy and Ezra Stull are believed to be the stone masons that constructed the stone wall along Vine Street many years ago that's on our property. Periodically visitors comment on the wall or inquire about who was responsible for its construction.

PAUL JACKSON COLEMAN'S 1947 CONTINENTAL CABRIOLET



In response to our **Want List** (published in our Winter Memos) for pictures of 1940 autos, **Paul Jackson Coleman** of Honolulu, Hawaii has donated the above picture as well as a picture of his 1948 Rolls-Royce Silver Wraith Series auto to our photography files at the BAHS. He was delighted that he could share pictures with us and after he received a "thank you" note, he looked through several more photo albums and is excited about sending us some additional automobile pictures that include his parents former 1948 Hudson auto.

ADDITIONAL DONATIONS

Vera Shultz has donated a number of historical items that she and her husband, the late J. William Shultz collected through the years. This spring Vera plans to relocate to a retirement facility in the Ashland, OH area after Auctioneer Jesse Maust conducts a public auction at her residence. Vera donated a mink stole neck piece, a motor pestle from the Brallier's Drug Store, Earl B. Musser's baby petticoat, and a variety of older legal documents. The donations include an interesting March 15, 1915 survey by J. M. Cable and Son of the division lines for the farming land of (brothers) Howard and Earl P. Walker in the Sandy Hollow farming community near Brotherton. She also donated George Schober's (notice the spelling) ledger, Paul Trimpey's booklet – "Somerset, 150 Years a County," several historical books and various miscellaneous items.

Dave and Joni Weighley donated another James Cable survey. It lists the property owners of land and homes located in the George P. Brubaker Addition to Berlin's East End – which is in the process of being framed to hang on our walls. **Leanne Calvert** donated older music and **Anna Belle Bockes and Nancy Miller** donated Philson and NBWP calendars. **Barbara Croner** donated to our endowment fund in memory of Colleen Mauro. **Merle Caton and sons, Mark and Gary**, donated \$250.00 to our endowment fund in memory of Owen Caton. **Helen Woolslayer, John Tataleba, and Bill Keller** donated photos. (John's photos show improvements being made to the Macdonaldton Dam more than a decade ago while Bill's photos include the former St. Luke's "Mountain" Church and the one-room Hillegass School in the Sarver Church area.) **State Representative Carl Walker Metzgar** has donated a new flag for our flag pole. **Stephen & Sarah Miller** donated a 2014 calendar from their Miller's Olde Roxbury Store. **Edward Landis** donated miscellaneous local advertising articles and a 1948 Centennial booklet from the Mt. Zion (Hay's) Reformed Church. **Buster and Dorothy Schrock** donated miscellaneous sport memorabilia.

Thanks again to all our faithful volunteers! **David R. Hay, BAHS Curator**