

# **CURATOR'S REPORT**

**THE BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**FEBRUARY 13, 2024**



**HOME OF STEPHEN J. AND ANNA MAE  
(FOCHTMAN) HANKINSON**

**HOME BUILT FOR STEVE'S PARENTS,  
JAMES A. AND MARY ETTA (HILLEGASS)  
HANKINSON**

**NEW BALTIMORE**

## EATING IN THE FIFTIES

Pasta had not been invented. It was macaroni or spaghetti.

Curry was a surname.

A take-away was a mathematical problem.

Pizza? Sounds like a leaning tower somewhere.

Bananas and oranges only appeared at Christmas time.

All chips were plain.

Oil was for lubricating, fat was for cooking.

Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and never green.

Cubed sugar was regarded as posh.

Chickens didn't have fingers in those days.

None of us had ever heard of yogurt.

Healthy food consisted of anything edible.

Cooking outside was called camping.

Seaweed was not a recognized food.

'Kebab' was not even a word, never mind a food.

Sugar enjoyed a good press in those days, and was regarded as being white gold.

Prunes were medicinal.

Surprisingly muesli was readily available. It was called cattle feed.

Pineapples came in chunks in a tin; we had only ever seen a picture of a real one.

Water came out of the tap. If someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than gasoline for it, they would have become a laughing stock.

The one thing that we never ever had on/at our table in the fifties ... was *elbows, hats and cell phones*.



**TONY THE TIGER**

**AT YOUR BREAKFAST  
TABLE WITH FROSTED  
FLAKES!**





## **GARY ESTNICK AND MAYLA (HAY) YODER**

Participating in a trip down memory lane featuring the former Modern Dairy in Berlin during the years when it was owned by the John Edward Hay family. Mayla is a daughter of the late John Edward and Dorothy Hay, who owned Modern Dairy between 1966 and the early 1970s. Gary was an employee of Modern Dairy in 1966 and 1967 and has interesting remembrances to share about delivering the milk to mom-and-pop stores in the Meyersdale and Salisbury areas.

Mayla and Gary are shown displaying a few advertising items for Modern Dairy that are part of the collections at the Berlin Area Historical Society. Also participating in the discussion was Curator David Hay, who was scheduled to do a presentation on the Modern Dairy and other former Berlin dairies at the February 1, 2024 dinner meeting of the Laurel Highlands Bottle Club.



## DONATIONS:

**Richard Berkley** donated four books on early deep coal mining in Pennsylvania. **Scott W. Coy** made a generous monetary donation to be used toward the Saylor log house project. **David Suder** donated 1967 editions of the Somerset American.



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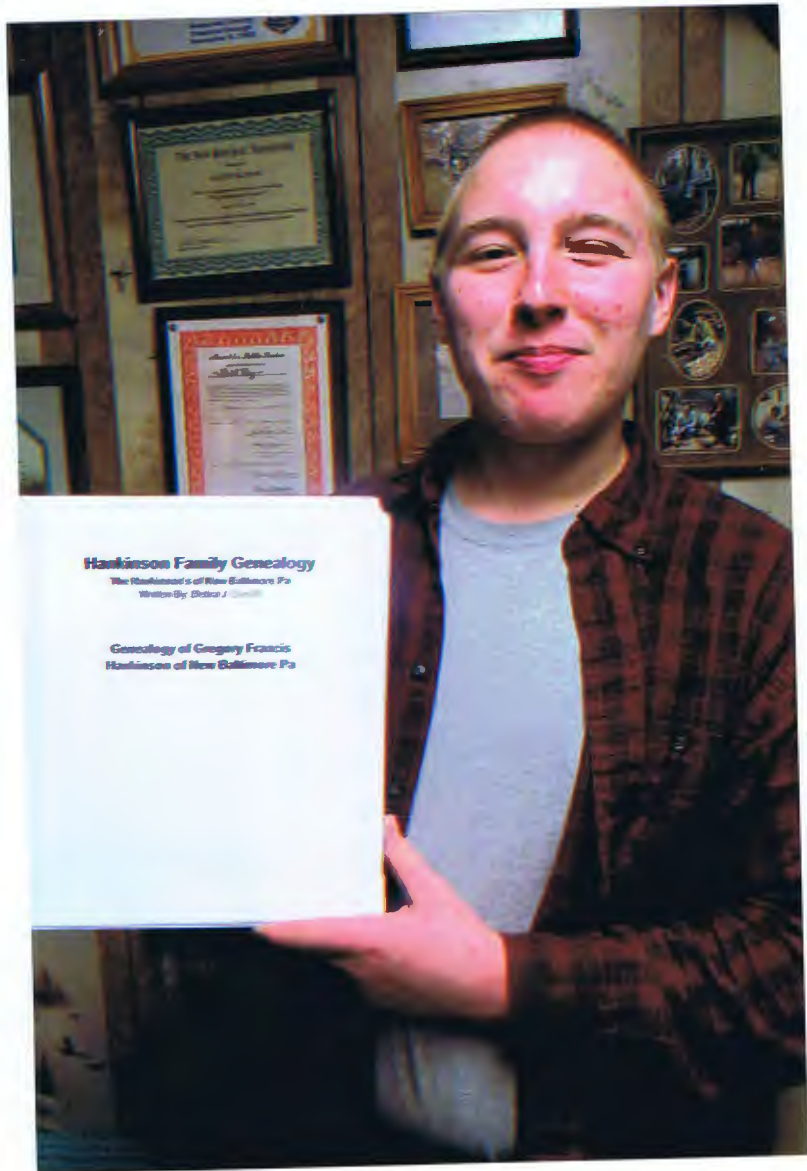
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January provided some winter days when we were closed because of the snow and ice. When the schools are closed, we automatically don't open the office that day. We were happy for the January thaw and the opportunity to return to a more normal schedule.

**David R. Hay, Curator**



**MASHALL DICKEY  
DONATED A COPY  
OF THE GREGORY  
F. HANKINSON  
FAMILY HISTORY  
TO THE BERLIN  
AREA HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY.**