

CURATOR'S REPORT

THE BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SEPTEMBER 11, 2018



THE HISTORICAL 1830 RESIDENCE OF
ROBERT & DONNA SCHMUCKER
STONYCREEK TOWNSHIP

LETTERHEAD FOR THE HAY'S MILL FARMING
 IMPLEMENTS BUSINESS OF

EPHRIAM E. BOGER

Hays Mill, Pa., *Dec 15th 1902*

Mr Madison Shober

Beachdale Pa

Bought of **E. E. BOGER,**

Farming Implements,

BUGGIES, WAGONS, HARROWS, CREAM SEPARATORS

. . . Plows, Fertilizers, Etc. . . .

FARM MACHINERY, ST. LOUIS, FOR SUBSCRIBERS

Hay Rake

22 00

Bolts

75-

Ref for corner 3rd drill

13 12

Twine

9 75-

Drill Ref

1 95-

47 57

\$47 57

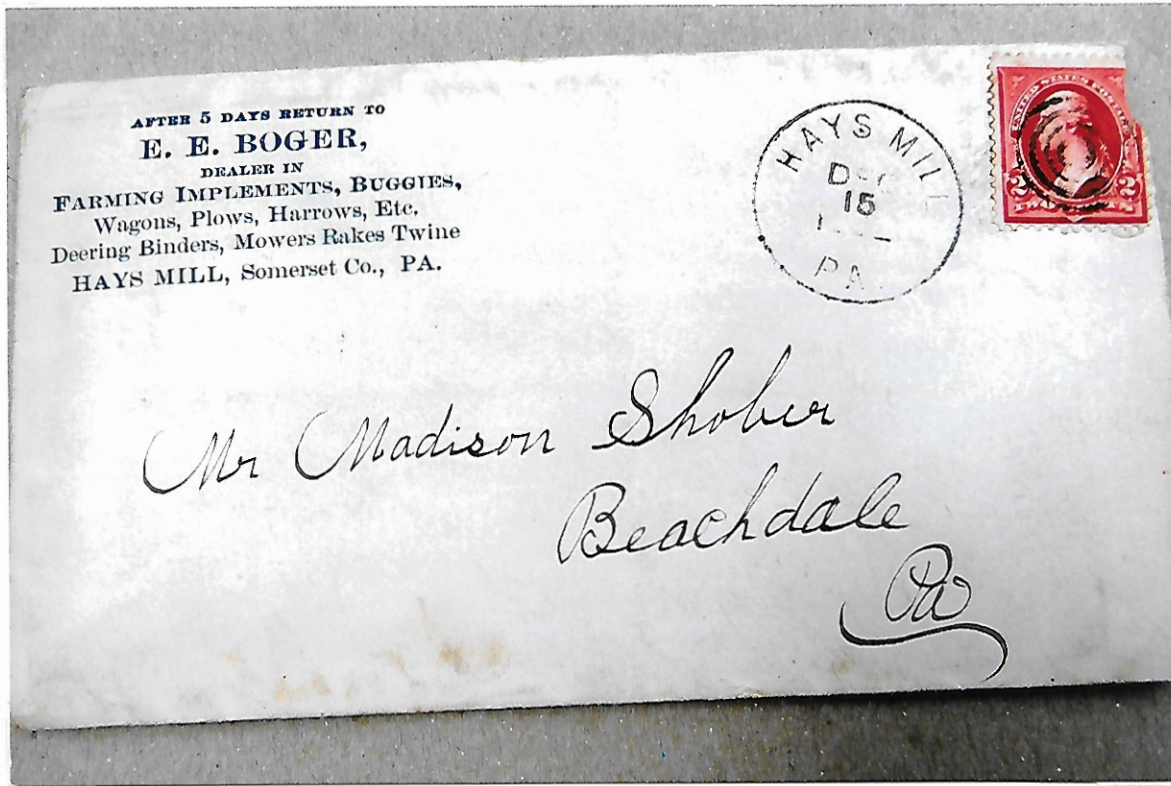
*Mr Shober I would like to
 settle up all old accounts
 so please send me check
 to close the account*

*Oblige yours
 E. E. Boger*

1901

This bill was issued on December 15, 1902 by E. E. Boger to his first cousin-
 once removed James Madison Shober of the Shober family farm at Beachdale.
 Fred E. Bittner allowed BAHS to copy the letterhead and bill as well as the
 envelope listing additional information. The envelope carries the December 15,
 1902 post mark from the former Hay's Mill Post Office. (See adjoining page!)

A 1902 POSTMARK FOR HAY'S MILL – A RARE GEM!



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e are indebted to Fred E. Bittner for allowing BAHS to copy the above envelope addressed to (James) Madison Shober at the Shober family farm near Beachdale. The envelope carries the postmark of Hay's Mill. The post office operated out of the second floor of the Hay's Mill gristmill while it was owned and operated by Jacob Becker and his son, George Becker.

The Hay's Mill Post Office closed in the early years of the 1900s. Meyersdale Post Office absorbed the patrons in Hay's Mill and the surrounding area. Alphonso "Allen" Boger, a nephew of Ephraim E. Boger, was the first rural carrier for Hay's Mill using a horse as he made his rounds to the patrons' homes. Ephraim E. Boger, a farmer and farm implement dealer, bought the grist mill from the Becker family about 1915 and was assisted by his sons, Baden and Homer P. Boger in its operations for a small clientele of neighbors and friends.

In the 1940's after Homer P. and Sadie Boger acquired the farm and the "idle" grist mill, Home dismantled the structure because it would have required much expense to restore the roof on a large structure that really wasn't needed in the community. For some decades, Homer S. Boger (son of Homer P. Boger) owned and restored the cubby holes of the Hay's Mill post office, which was displayed in his Meyersdale home. In more recent years the former Hay's Mill postal case passed to another generation of the Boger family.

Ephraim E. Boger was a first cousin of Mrs. George Washington (Leah Berkley) Shober, who was the mother of (James) Madison Shober of Beachdale.

THE SARVER CHURCH IN ALLEGHENY TOWNSHIP



This picture of the Sarver Church in Allegheny Township was donated by Craig J. Cameron of Altoona. Jon Evans of Perry Hall, MD has contributed this information on the church's history, being a grandson of Rev. Evans: "Upon graduation from Moody Bible Institute in 1924, the Rev. Charles Wesley Evans conducted worship and preached at Sarver Church until moving to Hyndman in November 1927. Thereafter Rev. Evans was at Fairhope, Comps, and Kennells Mill in Somerset County."

The Sarver Church was once part of the Evangelical and United Brethren denomination and later became the Sarver Community Church. It has been a family owned cabin and in recent times has returned to being the Sarver Community Church. Some remember when the Rev. Leonard Day was serving as pastor. The Berlin Area Historical Society would be happy for additional history of this historical house of worship.

BURKHART BURIAL GROUND

LOCATED ON THE FARM OF THE PITTSBURGH ZOO'S INTERNATIONAL
CONSERVATION CENTER (ICC) NEAR GLEN SAVAGE



**TWO OF THE 10 PHOTOS TAKEN IN 2006 BY FRED E. BITTNER.
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LABOR DAY DINNER IN MACDONALDTON 2018



Stephen Shen, OFM Capuchin, (left) of St. Gregory Catholic Church in Macdonaldton and SS Philip and James Catholic Church in Meyersdale and Capuchin Friar Mark Pattock of St. John the Baptist Parish and Retreat Center in New Baltimore enjoy greeting each other Labor Day Sunday in Macdonaldton.

At the top right is John Drabish enjoying a chat with Stephen Shen, OFM Capuchin.



Pastor Mark Pattock, OFM

SARA (CRONER) ATKINSON DONATED CARVINGS OF THE FIFE & DRUM CORPS AND OTHER BERLIN AREA MEMORIBILIA!



The above four carvings of the Berlin Fife & Drum Corps were donated by **Sara (Croner) Atkinson and her husband Ackie** during the weekend Sara returned to Berlin for her 60th graduation class reunion. The carvings represent the work of woodcarver David P. Castano of Coudersport (Columbia Carvings). Dave's wife, Judy is the daughter of Joseph and Nina (Conn) Mack, who were both natives of the Macdonaldton area. Also in Sara's donated collection were the following bottles: Modern Dairy; Berlin Bottling Works; Soda Water, Berlin; a Berlin coke bottle, and a Ken Lafferty Chevrolet key chain. There were also ink wells from the Berlin schools and a butter patty dish from Shockey's Hotel. Sara's mother, Dorothy (Hay) Croner-Suder was 99 years of age at the time of Sara and Ackie's visit.

OTHER DONATIONS:

Linda McClintock donated a listing of Somerset County students who passed the 8th grade high school examination. **Leanna Coughenour** donated a metal bottle opener, a Warren Harding campaign button, a leather post card and a picture of the 1978 honor guard taken during a Berlin parade. **R. Don William** donated a 2003 Nine for Nine miner's calendar. **Joe Fisher** donated an original story he wrote on Harry Fisher for **whom the Berlin American Legion Post 445 is named.**

ADDITIONAL DONATIONS AND HAPPENINGS

Marge Claycomb donated three boxes of cookbooks, which were picked up by Lori Carver for use in obtaining recipes that might be useful for her column in the Memos. **Joseph Hughes, Jr.** donated \$150.00, which was the cost of two visits he made to BAHS to provide advice on the mold and mildew situation that was noticed in the vault.

Joe Hughes and Ron Hillegas went over the heating and air conditioning system. They determined that if the system is properly operated, it will take care of humidity problems. A new dehumidifier has also been purchased for use in the vault when the office is open to the public. **Terry Rhodes** set up the dehumidifier and agreed to take care of changing filters and regulating thermostats each season.

Craig J. Cameron donated an early 1900s photo of the Sarver Church in Allegheny Township. **Butch Leazier** donated his mother, Marie Leazier's certificate presented in celebration of her induction into the Pennsylvania Voter's Hall of Fame; Philson National Bank advertising matches; a 2000 Tom Shannon calendar and a 2002 Kenny Ross calendar. He also donated a **rare** Dahl's Hotel Bar - Tap Room (Phone 2963) framed advertisement and other miscellaneous items. Dahl's Hotel operated for a **short time** on Main Street where Shockey's Hotel, Lishia's Hotel, and Hunter's Inn were also located. **George and Carolyn Custer** donated Lambert family genealogy charts and three American White Cross gauze bandages.

It was a busy, busy summer – especially beginning with the many members remitting money for the annual banquet, paying annual dues, and taking chances on the quilt, maple basket, and church afghan that were given away at our annual banquet. A **special thank-you** to all our volunteers in our daily activities and those assisting Stew Saylor, Treasurer, in recording the financial transactions. Helping to record transactions were Gary and JoAnn Estnick and Curator Dave.

In appreciation, David R. Hay, Curator

DID YOU KNOW?

July 20, 1969 – Astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin “Buzz” Aldrin became the first men to walk on the moon after reaching the surface in their Apollo 11 lunar module. **July 20, 1977** – A flash flood hit Johnstown, killing more than 80 people and causing \$350 million worth of damage. **July 20, 1976** – America's Viking 1 robot spacecraft made a successful, first-ever landing on Mars.