

# **CURATOR'S REPORT**

## **THE BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**NOVEMBER 13, 2018**



**LEE M. EMERICK**

**HOME OF THE LATE ELWOOD M. AND HAZEL (MILLER)  
EMERICK**

**FAIRHOPE TOWNSHIP**

# Eric R. “Ike” Ankeny

As proprietor of the former Cook’s Store

Owned from June 5, 1984 to August 2, 1988



**E**ric R. “Ike” Ankeny stands behind the counter at his Northampton Township Store during the four years that he was the proprietor of what formerly had been Cook’s Store along Brush Creek. He purchased the store and property on June 5, 1984 from Jack J. and Paula L. Jarosz, who owned the store approximately five years. Cook’s Store was sold in 1979 to the Jarosz family, who operated the store and sold gasoline. They, in turn, sold the store to Eric R. “Ice” Ankeny on June 5, 1984. Eric specialized in selling groceries, cigarettes, tobacco products, dairy products as well as luncheon meats and cheeses. He sold the property on August 2, 1988 to Gregory J. Chonko. Greg re-opened the country grocery and provided mechanical work for the community. Greg discontinued the store’s operations when he became a full-time employee with PennDOT a few years later.

# SHOCKEY'S CENTRAL HOTEL

423 MAIN STREET, BERLIN

Owned by Lewis Shockey 1928 -1947



Left to right: George "Hezzie" Glessner, an employee, and Lewis Shockey, owner. The hotel later passed into the ownership of William Dahl of Meyersdale, a short-time owner. Dahl was followed by Tony Lishia when the hotel and bar room became "Lishia's Hotel". A later owner was Jeff Grove when the business was known as "Hunter's Inn". The hotel was later lost to a fire that also destroyed the adjoining apartment owned by Luther Clark. Lewis Shockey's grandson, Edward Reed donated this photo to the Berlin Area Historical Society on October 18, 2018. In the early 1900s the Central Hotel was owned or operated by A. B. Falknor.

## DONATIONS TO BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**Miriam Schrock** donated a Ken Lafferty Chevrolet advertising mirror and holder; her husband Eugene Coughenour's Navy c-bag and dress tam along with her father, Robert Schrock's composition book while attending the Walker School. **Harry Emerick** of Pittsburgh and members of his family toured the one-room Glade School. **William Semo** donated his 2018 survey of the Elias Cober farm cemetery near Pine Hill. **Larry Pritts** donated two 1965 bills on letterhead paid by the Berlin Sportsmen and a 2018 program booklet for the Somerset County Sportsmen's League. **David Castano** donated a carving of a coal miner in memory of his wife, Judith (Mack) Castano, who died Sept.30.

**Ed Reed** donated a picture of his Grandpa Lewis Shockey and George "Hezzie" Glessner (pictured in this report) inside the former Shockey Hotel. **Andy Ankeny and Doug Bell** donated a photo of Eric "Ike" Ankney when Ike owned the former Cook's Store (picture included in this report.) **Barry Landis** donated a doily that was made by Nellie (Zorn) Miller, the mother of the late Eleanor Engle, a Berlin Brothersvalley elementary teacher and a miniature pitcher that belonged to Eleanor Engle.

**Beverly Adams** donated Bill Raupach's Navy white and a tailor-made blue uniform. Beverly believes that Bill, a Korean War veteran, might have been the only Glencoe Navy veteran. **Jim Ingrodi** donated a 2002 edition of the American Rifleman magazine.

### WICKER BABY STROLLER



The above pictured wicker baby stroller was donated by Dean Snyder. It originally belonged to Jay and LaRue Walker of Stonycreek Township.

# WALTER “SCOTT” LANE

## GREAT GRANDSON AND GRANDSON OF FORMER BERLIN MEAT MARKET MERCHANTS!

Many times you’ve heard BAHS Curator say that you never know who is going to walk through the door at the Berlin Historical Society – often someone from the past that you haven’t seen in 25 to 50 years. That scenario played out again on October 17, 2018 when Walter “Scott” Lane of Johnstown entered our door for a visit after purchasing sausage at Bingman’s Meat Market in Berlin. What a pleasant surprise since I haven’t seen Scott, now retired, in more than 40 years. He grew up in the Arlington, VA area as the only son of George Franklin Lane, Jr. and Eleanor (Williams) Lane and a grandson of former Berlin residents, George Franklin Sr. and Erma (Hay) Lane.



**KATHRYN (HAY) GRIMM AND SCOTT  
LANE**

What made the visit even more special was the fact that Scott’s second cousin, Kathryn (Hay) Grimm was working with her husband, Keith, on recording inventory. How nice to share in the visitation among the four of us. Scott and his wife, Gina (Butler) Lane, reside in the Westmont area of Johnstown in their retirement and are the parents of two grown children: Jacob Scott Lane and Caitlynn Leanne “Catie” Lane.

Scott’s ancestors had a prominent place in the history of Berlin. His grandfather, George F. Lane, Sr. (1891-1937) was engaged in meat market and grocery interests; first in connection with the Penn Mar Supply Company and later as a junior member of Walter S. Lane and Sons in Berlin and afterwards with his brother, John Lane as the Lane Brothers. Their business (for some years) was located on Berlin’s lower diamond where Roger Clarke operates his business.

Scott’s father, George Franklin Lane, Jr. (1918-1976) was living in Arlington, Va. where he passed away. Scott’s Uncle Robert H. Lane (also deceased) resided in Hobbs, New Mexico. It was delightful to catch up with Scott’s life and to present him with an application for BAHS membership. He was already familiar with our Memos through reading them at the home of his cousin, Frank S. Lane, Jr. and his wife, Donna in Bowie, Maryland. Scott’s great grandparents also included the late John Allen and Elizabeth (Bowman) Hay of Brothersvalley Township.

**MIRIAM (SCHROCK) COUGHENOUR ADMIRES PHOTO OF HER CHILDHOOD “SUGAR GROVE” NEIGHBORHOOD AND THE FORMER SALCO SUPPLY COMPANY STORE!**



**EDWARD REED DONATES PHOTO TAKEN INSIDE SHOCKEY’S HOTEL WITH HIS GRANDPA LEWIS SHOCKEY AND GEORGE “HEZZIE” GLESSNER!**

It has been another interesting month and again we are thankful for our regular volunteers and those devoted to doing the complete inventory of all our collections!

On October 24, 1939 nylon stockings were sold publicly for the first time, in Wilmington, Delaware. On October 24, 1940, the 40-hour work week went into effect under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938.

**DAVID R. HAY, CURATOR**