

CURATOR'S REPORT

THE BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

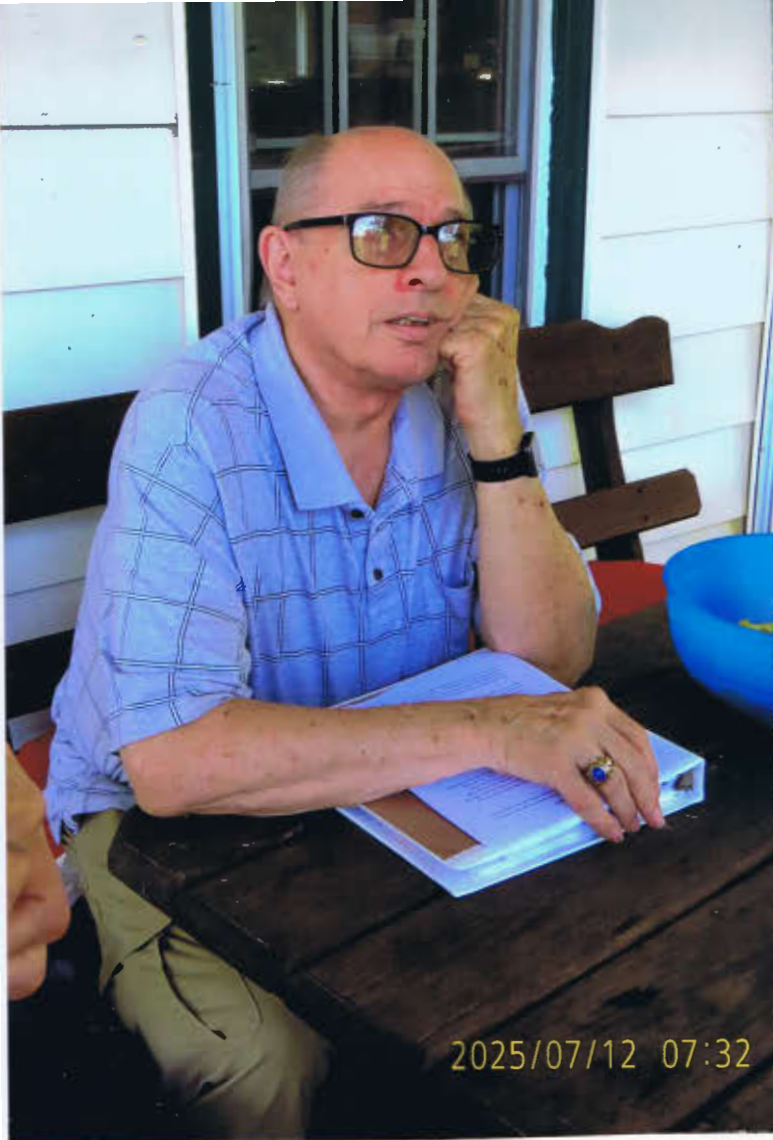
AUGUST 12, 2025



THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT AT THE JULY 12, 2025 MEETING AND PICNIC AT STEWART AND PEGGY SAYLOR'S CABIN. 21 PERSONS, INCLUDING SPOUSES, ATTENDED.

LEFT TO RIGHT: DAVID HAY, GARY ESTNICK, RICHARD BERKLEY, TAMMY ROHRS, ANITA HANKINSON, LEANNE CALVERT, KENNETH MILLER, CINDY FLAMM, BETTY CHANEY, MEGAN EVANS, AND STEWART SAYLOR.

NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP



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STEW SAYLOR & GAIL SMITH SHARING MEMORIES OF THE FORMER HARVEY SMITH FARM IN NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP



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**STEWART SAYLOR,
GAIL SMITH, CAROL
& KEN MILLER
THE SAYLOR CABIN
JULY 12, 2025**

John F. Long

October 21, 1938 ~ July 11, 2025 (age 86)



John F. Long, 86, of Berlin, died July 11, 2025 at UPMC Altoona. Born Oct. 21, 1938 in Stonycreek Twp., son of the late John W. and Lillian (Landis) Long. Survived by his wife of 66 years the former Eloise Gill; son David married to the former Susan Mostoller; daughter Deb married to Doug Lehman; grandchildren: Krista Long and fiancé Drew Matthews, Jennifer (Brad) Retassie, Ilicia Long and fiancée Jenna Gailey, Erin (Jason) Campbell, Lauren (Sam) Rhoades, Katlin (Dan) Rodriguez, and Brian (Selina) Critchfield; great grandchildren: Phoenix, Journey, Lillian, Elenora, Elijah, Julia, JoAnna, Chase, Levi, Ava, Ethan, and Riley; great great granddaughter Emersyn; sister Shirley Cunningham and late husband Richard; niece Kathy Leer; and nephew John Beachley. He was a 1956 graduate of Berlin Brothersvalley High School and the owner/operator of Longs Carpet and Contracting. Member of Berlin Brethren Church, where he was a deacon for many years, Berlin Lions Club, Berlin Historical Society, where he was instrumental in building the log home (Humble House), Berlin Vol. Fire Dept., and a past Berlin Borough Council President. John enjoyed working, lending a helping hand, woodworking, hunting, fishing, shuffleboard, and most importantly spending time with his family. Family will receive friends from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Deaner Funeral Home, Berlin. Viewing from 9 a.m. until a funeral service at 10 a.m. Saturday at Berlin Brethren Church. Rev. Tom Sprowls and Pastor Michael Ragozzino officiating. Interment Berlin I.O.O.F. Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions may be given to Berlin Historical Society, 400 Vine St., Berlin, PA 15530. DeanerFuneralsAndCremations.com

**IN LOVING
MEMORY OF OUR
BOARD MEMBER
AND FRIEND!**



BEAUTIFUL PLANTER JOHN F. LONG CONSTRUCTED SHORTLY BEFORE HIS PASSING.

DONATIONS – HAPPENINGS

Mike Merrill donated a collection of Bernalon yearbooks and an antique garden dust sprayer. **Ira “Bunk” Harding** donated a miniature Lane cedar chest that Johnson & Son’s Furniture Store donated to many high school girls. Bunk also constructed a new frame for the military certificate recognizing the late Myron Queer.

BEAUTIFUL PICTURES AND GENEALOGY NOTEBOOKS

Our board member, **Anita Hankinson** has put together three additional picture and genealogy notebooks for our reference archives. Like others she previously donated, they contain archival collections of family history, genealogy, and information on various villages. Anita takes care of mounting many photographs that members and friends donate as well as pictures from our archives. Stop in the society and spend some time looking at these books. You will be in for a treat. Anita is leading a September 4th workshop entitled “Preserving Family History”. Thank you, Anita, for your beautiful work and additions to our archives!



**APPROXIMATELY 23
PERSONS ATTENDED!**

TOM FISHER DOING HIS FIRST PERSON CHARACTERIZATION OF CIVIL WAR PRIVATE JOSEPH REAM

**CIVIL WAR
REENACTOR
TOM
FISHER AND
HIS
SISTER,
SUSAN
(FISHER)
CLITES
AT THE
JULY 17, 2025
PRESENTATION.**

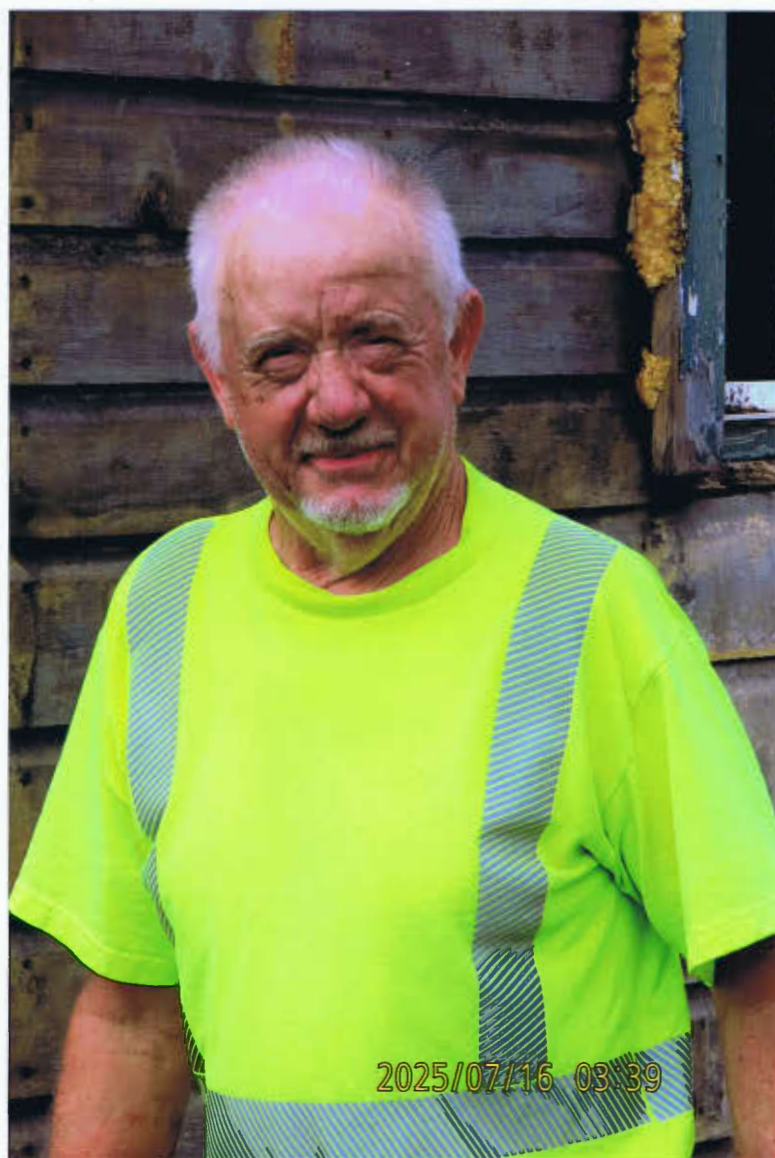




JAMES C. SARVER PREPARING TO TEAR DOWN THIS NORTH STREET HOME

**JAMES C.
SARVER

NEW OWNER
OF THE
FORMER
NAPPIE
GINDLESPERGER
HOME IN
BERLIN.
JULY 16, 2025**





**REGALIA FROM THE FORMER LADY REBEKAH LODGE
AND THE BERLIN LODGE OF THE INDEPENDENT
ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS. (EMILY AND HENRY FRITZ ESTATE).**

**DONATIONS FROM
THE ESTATE OF
EMILY FRITZ—
ONE OF THE LAST
ACTIVE
MEMBERS OF
THE BERLIN
REBEKAH LODGE
NO. 277**



**SECOND YEAR FOR THE MILITARY BANNERS GRACING
THE STREETS OF B ERLIN**



ELMER C. SLTFATHER, FORMER BAHS BOARD MEMBER, AND RICHARD L. BERKLEY, CURRENT BAHS BOARD MEMBER.



PLANNING THE PRINTED PROGRAM FOR OUR ANNUAL SEPTEMBER MEETING – BETTY CHANEY, SECRETARY, AND LEANNE CALVERT, PRESIDENT



1930 BERLIN HIGH SCHOOL BANNER DONATED BY NORMAN MENHORN



**IRA "BUNK" HARDING CONSTRUCTED A NEW FRAME FOR THE MILITARY
CERTIFICATE OF THE LATE MYRON QUEER**

ROBERT BRANT PHOTOGRAPHER



Bob is displaying one of seven beautiful photos of our Humble House. The Humble House committee selected and hired Bob to enlarge and frame seven of Bob's many personal photographs. They will hang in our log house to share the progression of the structure being built in 2024.

WENGERD ROOFING ROOF WORK COMPLETED

In mid-July, Wengerd Roofing completed repair work around the chimney on the Heritage Haus, reroofed the bell tower and the butcher structure, replaced broken snowbirds and a snowbar on the barn and other repair work.

GLENCOE HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE

Check out the Glencoe Facebook page for interesting pictures and memorabilia pertaining to that area. You can join, share or glean interesting data from this site. Also Anita Hankinson and BAHS notebooks have a wealth of pictures and newspaper clippings about the flood and personalities from Glencoe and surrounding area of Northampton Township.

Thank you to all our volunteers for your dedicated services.

David R. Hay, Curator

DONATIONS:

SUZANNE WALKER, CONNIE SLOPE AND BARRY LANDIS donated photos. **CONNIE** also donated several Bervalon yearbooks.

SECURITY ONE

Security One has installed a security system that covers the Heritage Haus, the barn, our Humble House as well as our office/genealogy building. A monitor has been installed in our office to leave us know what is happening in various rooms.