

# **CURATOR'S REPORT**

## **THE BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**JANUARY 14, 2020**



**FORMER SHANKSVILLE AUTO  
COMPANY & SWEITZER TIRE**

**SHANKSVILLE**



**THEN AND NOW ALONG THE SALCO ROAD, BROTHERSVALLEY  
TOWNSHIP!**

**THE FRANK FLAMM FARM – 1970**  
**BRANDON FLAMM HOME - 2019**





# **A LARGE ENDOWMENT FUND DONATION**

**HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE WILLARD "DEE" GLESSNER  
ESTATE:**



**W**illard "Dee" Glessner is surrounded by two other members of the 1948 graduation class of the Berlin Brothersvalley High School. All three have been devoted members of the Berlin Area Historical Society. Dee traveled home in his later years from his home in New Braunsfels, Texas to attend BAHS's annual dinner meetings. From (l to r): N. Jane (Frazier) Hay and Anna Mae (Johnson) Weighley.

For the first 11 years of Dee's life he lived on the family farm along Stony Creek Road in Brothersvalley Township with his parents, Willard Daniel Glessner and Mary Mabel (Krissinger) Glessner. When he was 11 years old he and his parents re-located to Roxbury where Dee resided until he graduated in 1948 and then joined the Air Force.




# A HISTORICAL LIBRARY

**JOHN HARVEY & EVELYN MARIE (HILLEGASS) HARTMAN ESTATE:**

**(MANY HISTORICAL BOOKS, GENEALOGIES AND RECORDS FROM THE COUPLE'S GENEALOGY LIBRARY.)** Delivered by their son and daughter-in-law, John Harry and Gwen Hartman.

## A PARTIAL LISTING:

Two copies of Berlin Area 1777-1977; 3 copies of Berlin Sesquicentennial; Go Ye Therefore; McGuffey Readers – Primers 1 to 4 and 6; two Garrett County histories; 'Mongst the Hills of Somerset; History of Bedford, Somerset and Fulton Counties; Pastors and People; Brethren in Colonial America; Leaders of American Secondary Education; Two Centuries of Brothersvalley Church of the Brethren; Pioneer Families of Garrett County; and 3 volume set of Bedford and Somerset Counties.

Also Somerset County School Reports: 1925-1935, 1936, 1938, 1941, 1942, 1944, 1946, 1948-1956, 1958, 1960, and 1963; Laurel Messenger Volume 1971-1980; John Deeter family genealogy of Allegheny Township; 1961 and 1965 Bervalons; original copy of Descendants of Barbara Hochstetler; History of the Reiman, Rayman Clan; The Three Zug (Zook) Brothers of 1742; original copies of the Cober and Brant Genealogies; Historical Review of Pioneer Simon Hay; John and Julian Gindlesperger Genealogy; Alexander and Ellen Pritts Genealogy; a Cober History (reproduction); Jean Shaffer's poetic history of the Valley Grange; and history associated with the Meyersdale Church of the Brethren.

Also Descendants of Susanna Beeghley and Christian Fike; Somerset County Historical Resource Survey – Elk Lick Valley, Volume 1 & 2 and numerous files, genealogical charts, and records collected and added to by John H. Hartman, a past President of the Berlin Area Historical Society.

John Harvey Walker's mother, Edna (Walker) Hartman was deeply involved in genealogical research of the Walker family and her Pine Hill area community. Some of the school reports were collected by John's father, Dr. Guy N. Hartman, who served some years as Superintendent of the Somerset County Schools.

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# CHARLIE STURTZ'S HANDCRAFTED REPLICA OF THE SHIP HOTEL!



AN ADDITION TO CHARLIE'S HOME TRAIN  
DISPLAY IN THE LAMBERTSVILLE AREA!



# THEN & NOW – SLATE HILL ROAD



1972: JAY & NORMA HAUGER – PLEASANT VALLEY FARM



2019: JIM & JANE BLACK – BROTHERSVALLEY TOWNSHIP



**SIGN FOR JOE COMMOTES FORMER GARAGE IN THE  
VILLAGE OF FOGLETOWN**



**SOLD AT ADAM FITZGERALD'S FIRST CONSIGNMENT AUCTION AT THE FORMER  
BENDER'S IMPLEMENT BUILDING IN SOMERSET.**

**UNIDENTIFIED PICTURE GIVEN BY AN UNIDENTIFIED DONOR**



**CAN ANYONE IDENTIFY ANYONE IN THIS EARLY 1900S PICTURE**



## Berlin class of 51 reunion



Submitted photo

Berlin Brothersvalley High School Class of 1951 held its 68th year class reunion July 20, at Hoss's Steak and Seafood in Somerset. Class members attending were from left, front row: Shirley Tataleba, Geneva McVicker, Emma Gene Engle and Eleanor Hoffman. Back row: William Good, Floyd Brant, Donald Gindiesperger, Robert Kimmel, Melvin Shaffer, Elmer Altfather and Tom Wambaugh. Lana Clemens and Betty Foor helped to plan the reunion, but could not attend.

Taken from the Somerset Daily American

### DONATIONS

We have received from **Bill and Kay Ann Cober** the following: \$600.00 toward the John and Lucille Lichvar Sports Archive plus 250 sheet protectors and an 8-pack of binders. Also \$792.50 toward the BAHS Endowment Fund; the booklet "Grace in Thy Favor" by the Rev. Father Elijah J. Bremer which includes history of SS Peter and Paul's Orthodox Church in Goodtown; 2015 Berlin Traditions of winning program; CYR's Fifth Reader and various other sports memorabilia. We received miscellaneous items from **Sarah Miller** at the Olde Roxbury Store.

As we welcome 2020, we appreciate the many services provided by our numerous volunteers and we look forward to the excitement that will be woven into this new year!

**David R. Hay, Curator**

### ON THESE DATES:

**January 5, 1914** – Auto industrialist Henry Ford announced he was going to pay workers \$5.00 for an 8-hour day, as opposed to \$2.34 for a 9-hour day. Employees still worked six days a week; the 5-day work week was instituted in 1926.

**On January 5, 1933** – Construction began on the Golden Gate Bridge at San Francisco. Work was completed four years later. **On January 5, 2004** – Foreigners arriving at U.S. airports were photographed and had their fingerprints scanned in the start of a government effort to keep terrorists out of the country. **On January 4, 1999** – Europe's new currency, the euro, got off to a strong start on its first trading day, rising against the dollar on world currency markets.