

CURATOR'S REPORT

THE BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

JULY 12, 2022



**THE FORMER FARM LOG HOME OF EDWARD
C. & ANNA HARTGE ALONG PACK SADDLE IN**

NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP

FREEDOM FOREVER!



INDEPENDENCE DAY - THE FOURTH OF JULY -

Our federal holiday commemorating the Declaration of Independence, which was ratified by the Second Continental Congress on July 4, 1776;

This colorful military calendar picture was found in an old trunk with items from 50 years ago saved by Curator David Hay.

GREG CRONER donated a tamper for explosives. **KARL BRICK** donated two wooden saw horses and sliding scaffolding. **Amanda Dowdy** sold us a copy of the 2022 senior graduating class at Berlin Brothersvalley High School.

RICH NASTALI finished the security project here at our office and at the Heritage Haus.

Calvert Named to Local Extension Office Staff



THOMAS W. CALVERT

UNIVERSITY PARK — Thomas W. Calvert, R.D. 1, Spraggs, Greene County, has been appointed assistant county agent on The Pennsylvania State University staff, effective Oct. 1.

Dr. Russell E. Larson, extension

director, said Calvert will be stationed in Somerset county with offices in the court house at Somerset. He will be associated with County Agent James A. Bochy, Associate Agent Robert C. Antram and Extension Home Economist Mrs. Nova Mayer and Marie Kiefer. He will be in the Southwestern Pennsylvania extension region with Leland H. Bull, assistant director, in charge.

Farm reared, Calvert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Truman R. Calvert, and is a graduate of Waynesburg High. He received a bachelor of science degree in animal husbandry at Penn State this year.

While in college he was active in the Block and Bridle Club, the Campus 4-H Club, and Delta Theta Sigma fraternity. He was a member of the livestock judging team, and took part in the annual Little International Livestock Exposition.

During the summer of 1960 he was employed by the Equitable Gas Company, and while in college he helped pay his expenses by working in the Penn State sheep barns. He was a 4-H Club member for six years.

Oct 1, 1962

- Berlin News -

By R. C. EHRHEART

Sept 1962 Phone Berlin 2902



GERALD ZORN

When Gerald L. Zorn, 18, enlisted in the U. S. Army recently, he became the eighth member of the family to enlist in the armed forces. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Zorn of Berlin. Gerald's five brothers, one sister, his father and his four brothers-in-law, served or are still in the service, making 12 of the family who are or have been in the U. S. armed forces. Gerald is stationed at Ft. Gordon, Ga.

WITH THE COLORS

Edward F. Zorn enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served 3 years and 3 months in World War II. He is married to the former Violet Coleman and now lives in Berlin.

Master Sergeant James J. Zorn enlisted in the U. S. Army before the Korean conflict and is a Korean veteran. He is still in the army and is making a career

of it. He is stationed in Verdun, France, with the U.S. Army Engineers. He and his wife, Odette, toured through France, Germany, Holland, Austria, Switzerland and Italy. James has been in the army 15 years, mostly overseas.

Robert P. Zorn enlisted in the U.S. Navy and is a Korean veteran, having served 11 years. He was on the U.S.S. Leyte when then that ship was blown up a few years ago in Boston Harbor. Robert survived the catastrophe and now lives in Phoenix, Ariz.

R. Stuart Zorn enlisted in the U.S. Marines and is a veteran of the Korean War, having served 4 years. He is married to the former Dorothy Gross of Philadelphia and they reside in Royersford.

Joe M. Zorn enlisted in the U.S.A.F. and is stationed at the Castle Airforce Base in California. Joe is a technician and a veteran of six years of services. His wife is the former Marie Daly of London, England.

Barbara R. Zorn enlisted in the WACS a few years ago and served in Arizona. Barbara is now the wife of Ed two years at Ft. Huachuca, Sgt. Harry Widner, who is stationed in Anchorage, Alaska, with the U.S. Army, Barbara and her one-year old daughter, Kathy, spent the summer in Alaska and returned to Berlin recently. Widner has been in the service 8 years.

Patricia Zorn is married to Richard Claycomb, a U.S. Airforce veteran of the Korean Conflict, who saw three years of service.

Mary Lee Zorn's husband is Adam A. Schroyer, who served four years in the USAF during World War II. They are the parents of two children and live near Philadelphia.

Lillian Zorn is married to Sgt. Harry Conard of the US Army. He has served eight years.

Edward M. Zorn, the father of the seven children who enlisted in armed forces, himself enlisted in the US Navy and served 4 years and 8 months in World War I. He is a descendant of men who fought in the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, and his two grandfathers, Michael Ream and Edward Zorn, served in the Union Army during the Civil War.

JIM & KAY SUDER ESTATE DONATIONS

- Blue Ridge, Governor, and Savoy Theater monthly shows.
- Music reproductions - 18th century
- Two programs for the Blue Ridge Theater
- Kay (Scheller) Suder's Peterson Writing certificate
- Casebeer church photo and Frosty Sons of Thunder photo.

EDWARD ZORN FAMILY'S MILITARY SERVICE

1962



MAPLE SUGAR TROUGH

Roger and Karen Bittner have donated this maple sugar trough to the exhibits in our barn at the Berlin Area Historical Society in June 2022.

The sugar trough was put to use in the Bittner's Sugar Camp during years when Roger enjoyed operating his sugar camp and selling maple syrup and other products.

BERLIN SERVICE STATION ROBBED

A Berlin service station was burglarized late Thursday night or early Friday morning, according to Pvt. Paul Lutz of the Somerset sub-station, Friday afternoon.

The victim, Mrs. Nellie Llewellyn, 62, of 190 Broadway, proprietor of the service station, reported that oil, candy and jewelry was stolen.

Pvt. Lutz said the burglars entered the rear of the building by smashing a window. After removing the goods, they left as they had entered and walked about 100 yards to their parked car.

Police Chief Earl Shultz of Berlin assisted Privates Michael Honkus and Paul Lutz in the investigation. The investigation is being continued, Pvt. Lutz said.

January 6, 1950

POPULATIONS

Brothersvalley Township:

1920 - 3,482; 1910 - 2,912 & 1900 - 1,931

Stonycreek Township:

1920 - 1,041; 1910 - 1,758 & 1900 - 1,824

Northampton Township:

1920 - 640; 1910 - 656; & 1900 - 765

Allegheny Township:

1920 - 747; 1910 - 796; & 1900 - 979.

Fairhope Township:

1920 - 380; 1910 - 556; & 1900 - 556

Berlin Borough

1920 - 1,563; 1910 - 1,336; & 1900 - 1,030

NATIVE FARM BOYS OF THE PINE HILL AREA!


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W. JAY WALKER'S BUICK ADVERTISEMENT ABOVE (1948)

STEWART J. WALKER WAS A SON OF FREEMAN J. AND MINERVA JANE (HAY) WALKER OF "CLOVER HILL FARM" (LEON PAUL FARM). BEGINNING IN 1919 ROY AND STEWART WALKER WERE TOGETHER IN TRISTATE MOTOR CO., AN AGENCY FOR PEELESS, CHANDLER, AND OAKLAND CARS AND FORDSON TRACTORS. LATER STEWART OPERATED A STUDEBAKER DEALERSHIP UNTIL HIS DEATH IN 1937. FROM 1945-1954, W. JAY WALKER OF BERLIN OPERATED WALKER BUICK COMPANY IN STEWART'S FORMER GARAGE AT 361-369 WEST MAIN ST., SOMERSET.

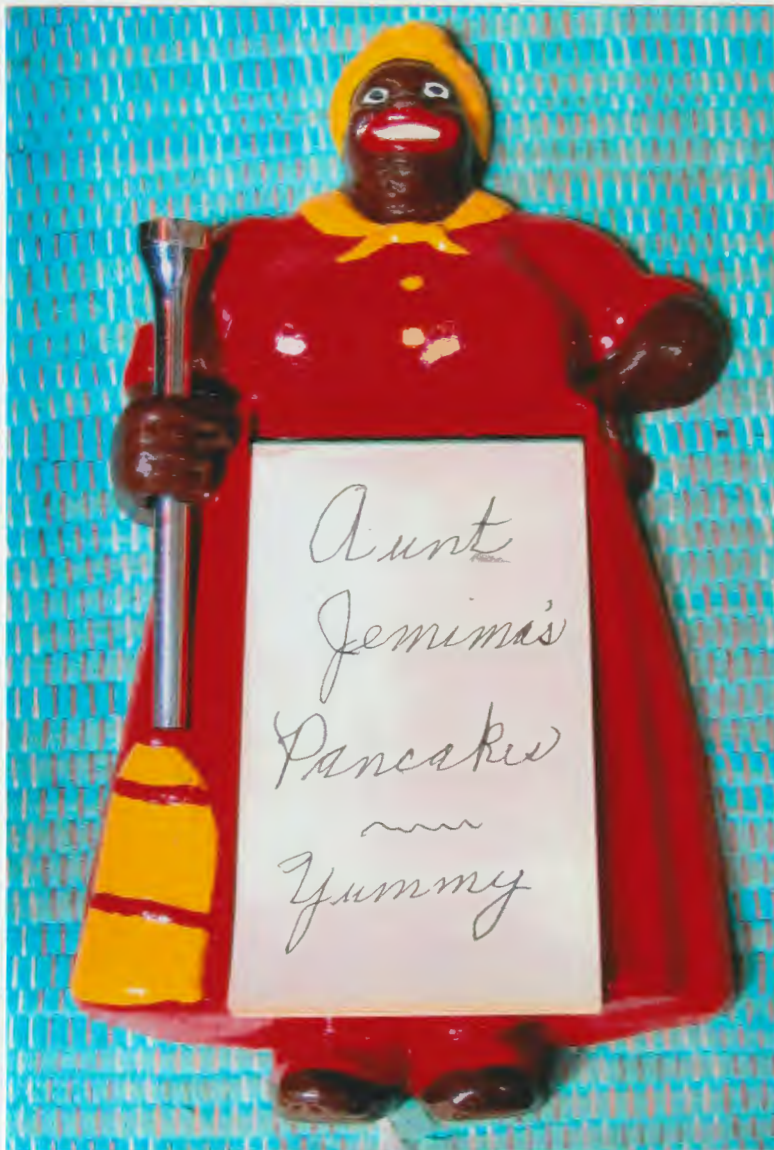
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BETTY MEYERS' DONATION OF LOCAL HISTORY BOOKS

On June 22, 2022, we received a tote containing many local history books from the library of Betty Meyers. These books were included in Betty's collection:

- Early Somerset County by Doyle
- Somerset County (1989 publication of Somerset Trust Co.
- Berlin Area 1777-1977
- Layman-Lehman Tree
- Berlin's Old Home Week 1908 booklet
- Johnstown Flood 1977
- Images of our Past (Somerset County Historical Society).
- Berlin Sesquicentennial book (1837-1937)
- 1938 Bervalon
- Two Centuries of Brothersvalley (Cooper).
- Mennonite Family History booklets
- 'Mongst the Hills of Somerset County
- Eugene Pugh advertising ink blotter.
- A Michael Meyers' deed.
- Benedict Lehman Family History
- 1996 Somerset County atlas/plat book
- Beers Atlas of Somerset County 1876.

VISITORS

On June 22, 2022, we were delighted to have **Charles and Cindy Hollan** of Northern Cambria visit and see the new home for the one-horse sleigh they donated to BAHS in May 2022. They also brought along some upholstered padding that fits into the sleigh that Charles' father gave to them 38 years ago.



**JAY ENGLEKA DISPLAYS
CALENDAR FROM THE
DONALD ENGLEKA GARAGE**

DONATIONS:

Tammy Rohrs donated two history books: *Two Centuries of Brothersvalley* by Austin Cooper and *Descendants of Jacob Walker (1745-1783)* a product of Robert Thomas of Hebron, Nebraska.

INFORMATION:

On July 1, 1963, the U.S. Post Office inaugurated its five-digit ZIP codes.

NEW 'WELCOME' SIGN



RON SCHROCK DISPLAYS THE NEW 'WELCOME' SIGN. HE CREATED THE METAL FRAME WORK AND POSTS TO SUPPORT THE SIGN.

Carol and Ken Miller salvaged the 'welcome sign' from a junk pile at the former residence of Karl "Amos" Miller near Roxbury, which his son Gary Miller gave to them. Ron Schrock created the metal work around the sign and the posts so it can be displayed as a welcomed addition to our Pious Springs garden.

DONATIONS FROM JOHN HARRY HARTMAN

- An 1868 ledger mentioning many Pine Hill area residents.
- Framed picture of the White Horse Tavern
- Berlin aerial photo
- 1966-67 booklet – project of the Berlin High School Elementary School
- 1885 Gruber's almanac Old editions of the Berlin Records
- Last wills and testament of George and Martha Washington
- Various family records from the John H. and Evelyn Hartman collection: Jacob Glessner, Christian Boger, Joel Landis, Hager/Hauger, records of Dr. Irving Miller, Beeghley History; Saylor Family; Hentz Family, Daniel Will, David Welfley, Dr. Ezra C. Saylor, Zorn and Ream.
- 1908 Berlin Old Home Week pictorial booklet. Other miscellaneous items.

A hearty thank-you to all our volunteers for the many things you do!

DAVID R. HAY, CURATOR