

CURATOR'S REPORT

THE BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

JULY 12, 2025



**CABIN OF STEWART & PEGGY
(SAYLER) SAYLOR**

**FORMER HARVEY S. & ELIZABETH (SAYLOR)
SMITH FARM**

**NORTHAMPTON
TOWNSHIP**

THE SAYLOR FARMHOUSE

BY STEWART SAYLOR

Welcome to the Saylor farmhouse at 1891 Glencoe Road, Fairhope, in Northampton Township. I purchased this property in the early 1970s. It includes about 2.2 acres of the surrounding Smith farm. Three of my friends and I purchased it for a hunting cabin.

The first year we used it for hunting was the year of the big snowstorm the Sunday before the first day of deer season. I had to work Monday so I did not stay. We had many guests. There is an old furnace in the basement that kept just enough heat. However, the snow accumulated on the roof of the barn and fell on the road blocking the exit. Electricity was out for two weeks. So, no heat – no hunting. Everyone got out as soon as they could clear the road. The farmhouse was not used again for hunting.

My friends all married before I did and had better uses for their funds. So, I purchased the property. It became my summer getaway from Pittsburgh. My kids still enjoy coming here. It is usually very quiet and the night sky can be amazing with the lack of city lights.

We were here, on vacation, during the August 13, 1984 Glencoe flood. A little of the hillside behind the house slid down the hill and we had about three feet of water in the basement. The small bridge you crossed coming in here was damaged. Dee and Don Smith and I worked to repair it before we could get our car out. One of our fond memories of that vacation was finding a totally soaked white kitten. The kids named her Garfield. Did I mention she was white? She lived with us in Heidelberg for over twenty years. I now keep my cats in the house. But, she had the run of the neighborhood – always home at night. Known by all the neighbors. And she often greeted the kids on their walk home from school.

You might have noticed the Century Farm sign when you turned off Glencoe Road. The property, about 300 acres, has been in the Smith family for over 100 years. Irving Smith told me that the family lived in a house on the other side of the hill behind this house. That house burned and they moved here. A foundation can still be found there. They later added onto the log structure. The logs are only on the first floor. There was no running water when Irving grew up here. When we purchased it there was a water pump in the basement; but, no hot water. Irving kept that old pump running for most of the past 50 years. It has been replaced twice with a modern pump.

I searched the deeds many years ago, hoping to find the age of the log house. However, the descriptions were X number of acres with a dwelling. Prior to the Civil War the property was owned by a Daniel Camp. He did not return after the war. The 1870 Atlas identifies the

THE SAYLOR FARMHOUSE CONTINUED

spring behind the house as the H. Heinmeyer Spring. So, I am guessing the dirt road in front of the house was well used at that time. The spring water was damaged during the flood. I now have a purifying system. So again, water is safe to drink. Many times before the flood, I drank water dipped from the spring.

While you might think the farmhouse is no longer in the Smith family, there is a twist. Irving Smith's mother was a Saylor. Elizabeth Saylor married Irving's father, Harvey Samuel Smith. Elizabeth was a first cousin of my grandfather, Stewart Cleveland Saylor. Irving told me that Uncle Cleve visited here often.

My dad designed and built the current two-level deck during the 1980s. I slept on the upper deck many nights. The current siding, windows and roof were updated during 2016. While I could live here during the summer months, my wife fears little "critters" (one fell from the second floor into the kitchen) and she would not be here with me. So far, that has not happened since the 2016 changes. We added a heating system a few years ago to enjoy Thanksgiving dinners here – usually making it a long weekend. We have been doing that for the last four years. The system would be too expensive for providing heat all winter.



THE SAYLOR FAMILY'S HOUSE ON THE LEFT AND THE SMITH FAMILY'S BARN ON THE RIGHT. TRAVELING FROM GLENCOE TOWARD BERLIN.

By David R. Hay

My Somerset County



Remembering Times Long Gone!



It's hard to imagine that a century ago and later, a covered bridge spanned the Wills Creek in the peaceful village of Glencoe in Northampton Township. I'm not sure when the covered bridge actually was replaced in Glencoe, nor do I know where I could find that answer. The year of 2018 was a difficult year to accept as it claimed the lives of two older retired Glencoe area railroaders that I often depended upon for answers to questions about the interesting community that built up around the railroading industry.

Both William Henry Raupach of Glencoe and Guy Arthur Raupach, Sr. of nearby Northampton Township passed away during 2018. They have left many of us treasured memories, but regrets that we no longer can depend upon their knowledge for valuable history about Glencoe and the surrounding Northampton Township areas.

While I'm not sure if I'll ever know when the Glencoe covered bridge actually disappeared, I greatly treasure some old time photographs of that landmark. I believe I had the opportunity to copy those covered bridge pictures and some 1919 photos taken of Glencoe from the hillside above the community when it was alive with a store, hotel, and a train station. It was a treat to browse through an old photo album that belonged to the late Elizabeth (Leydig) DeLozier, during one of her visits back to the community where she and her siblings were raised. In her youth, her father I. D. Leydig was the owner of the mercantile store in the heart of the village. Trains stopped in Glencoe and provided transportation for passengers to both Cumberland, Maryland and into Meyersdale.

Some of the Glencoe area school students took the train into Meyersdale where they attended high school. Visitors came from the Wash-

A long time gone is the Glencoe covered bridge that once crossed the Will Creek in the small community of Glencoe in Northampton Township!

ington, D.C. area for weekends of skiing and enjoying snow activities in and around Glencoe.

I remember how joyous I was when Elizabeth DeLozier allowed me to page through her old-fashioned photo album with black-and-white photos. It was an honor to copy some of the valuable historical pictures with my camera and to have prints made to add to my personal Glencoe and Northampton Township notebooks. They were delightful old pictures to add immeasurably to notebook/albums that I was already building to categorize the history of that area of the mountain. *JAN 2019*

On December 31, 2018 as Virginia was putting away the Christmas decorations following another Christmas season, I was digging through some collectibles that included extra pictures of the Glencoe covered bridge as well as some personal notes I had made some years earlier on other subjects.

Another subject that I partially covered in my hand-written notes was the policy at my parents' dairy farm for burying smoked hams (preserved in a special brine) underneath the oats stored in the granary on the second floor of the dairy barn. Butchering occurred in the fall or early winter days at the farm with relatives gathering together to assist. Some days later when

GLENCOE UPDATES

MARION

VIRGINIA

(DeLOZIER) COWAN, a daughter of Elizabeth (Leydig) DeLozier mentioned in this newspaper article, divided her time between Glencoe and Mission, Texas, in recent years. Marion passed away on May 10, 2025 at the age of 95 years. The Glencoe home (formerly John and Mary Hartman's home) is currently owned by Marion's daughter, Susan (Cowan) Johnston of Oklahoma. Susan and her three siblings spend time in Glencoe and have become special friends of Curator Dave Hay.

After the passing of Bill Raupach of Glencoe in 2018, his home was sold to Michael Joseph Fleegle and his wife Tina Shaffer-Fleegle. The home sits on the same site where the G. G. DeLozier hotel and residence was once located. Sympathy is extended to the Fleegle family on the passing of Michael Joseph Fleegle on June 26, 2025 at the age of 61 years.

the hams were smoked in our smoke house, they were stored away for winter use in the grain bin.

I remember seeing my mother fishing through the oats to locate one of the hams or myself digging in the heavy-loaded granary for a ham that I would carry to the farm house for use over the family table. In those years the hams seemed safe stored under the oats while barn rats and mice roamed freely and gnawed at the chop that was ground for the dairy cows or at the empty burlap feed bags that were piled up across from the hammermill.

The days of Glencoe's covered bridge and the storage of the hams in the granary are long gone. Other exciting times are currently upon us as we welcome this new month of January 2019 while wondering what major events we will experience as the weeks and months slip by us.

THE PASSING OF AN OLD BERLIN RESIDENCE 736 NORTH STREET



OLDER RESIDENTS REMEMBER THIS HOME AS BEING NAPPIE GINDLESPERGER'S HOME.

A century ago the Crystal Springs Creamery – established about 1895 by Augustus C. “Gus” Floto – was located beside the above pictured home. The creamery was located at the intersection of North Street and the southwestern end of Walnut Street. About 1912 Crystal Springs Creamery relocated to a two-story building located at the southwest corner of Fletcher Street and Fifth Avenue, behind the 310 Diamond Street residence of Gus and Annie (Heffley) Floto. We are interested in learning more about the above building as well as persons who might have lived there. The end of June 2025 the windows were already out of the house in preparation for dismantling it by new owners, James and Carol Sarver. The Sarver’s purchased it from Shannon and Christine Wilson in recent weeks.

DONATIONS:

Sue (Landis) Walker donated a Plank Road School reunion photo. **Tracy Webreck** donated books. **Midge and Fred Bittner** donated candle holders made from Trinity United Church of Christ’s former steeple (1883-1998). **Cheryl Hay** planted flowers around the Humble House. **Denise Wissinger** donated the following items from the home of her cousin, **Harold J. Hauger**: two plates: St. Paul’s Ridge Church and Holy Trinity Lutheran, Berlin; an aerial picture of the Bruce Hauger farm (Beachdale), class reunion picture of 1964 at BBHS; Berlin Sesquicentennial history, Bervalon school yearbooks (1958 through 1966); Mountaineer high school Memo’s (1930 and 1932), and book “Somerset County – The Highlands of Pa.” An **unknown person** donated two ball caps: Croner Coal 1995 and Berlin Oil (Pennzoil). **Mandy (Estnick) Cooper** provided identifications for Berlin’s 2025 graduating class.

GLADE ONE-ROOM SCHOOL SOUVENIR BOOKLETS OF EDISON BAUGHMAN'S.

DONATED BY HIS SON MELVIN S. BAUGHMAN

GLADE SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. 3
Stonycreek Twp., Somerset Co., Pa.
1921



Harry C. Landis,
Teacher

W. H. Kretchman Co. Supt.
M. R. Schrock Asst. Co. Supt.

School Board

A. B. Cober A. P. Kimmel
D. A. Landis J. L. Glessner
J. C. Reiman Geo. Kimmel

PUPILS

FIRST GRADE

Wilson Stutzman Ida Snyder
Mary Imgrund

SECOND GRADE

Thelma Miller Elnora Baughman
Wilbert Spangler Norbert Berkey
Ruby Henry Lucy Henry
Hilda Imgrund Leroy Scott

FOURTH GRADE

Jay Glessner Francis Imgrund
Edison Baughman

SIXTH GRADE

Margaret Glessner Grace Onstead
Ruth Berkey Mary Spangler
Viola Baughman Kathryn Croner

EIGHTH GRADE

Homer Glessner John Glessner
Milton Lowry Steve Thomas
Harvey Berkey Nevada Onstead
Ora Landis Ethel Baughman
Elsie Kimmel Clyde Lowry
John Lowry

GLADE SCHOOL NO. 6
Stonycreek Twp., Somerset County, Pa.
1922

HARRY C. LANDIS, Teacher

PUPILS

Forest Glessner Kathryn Imgrund
Helen Glessner Ida Snyder
Mary Imgrund Wilson Stutzman
Thelma Miller Elnora Baughman
Leroy Scott Ruby Henry
Lucy Henry Hilda Imgrund
Margaret Glessner Jay Glessner
Francis Imgrund Kathryn Croner
Viola Baughman Edison Baughman
Homer Glessner John Glessner
Milton Lowry Ora Landis
Ethel Baughman

W. H. Kretchman, County Supt.
Assistant County Supts.
M. R. Schrock A. B. Cober

SCHOOL BOARD

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J. L. Glessner Geo. Kimmel
W. G. Berkey

GLADE SCHOOL.

District No. 2

Stonycreek Twp., Somerset Co., Pa.

IRA G. CARVER, Teacher

PUPILS

Jay Glessner Kathryn Croner
Edison Baughman Margaret Glessner
Arthur Presume Viola Baughman
Homer Glessner Milton Lowry
Ora Landis John Glessner
Margaret Beal Ira Lowry
Francis Imgrund Elsie Kimmel
Joshua Berkebile Ethel Baughman
Paul Imgrund William Stutzman
Harriet Glessner John Lowry
Edna Landis Harry Landis

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J. J. Reiman

MONTAMOWER DONATED



BRADYN LONG of Blue Springs, MS, donated the pictured Montamower – supposed to be a greatly simplified and efficient lawn mower. Bradyn is a son of Bobby and Tammy (Ware) Long. His grandparents are Randy and Sally (Urban) Ware and Robert Barry & Christine (Blough) Long, all of Stonycreek Township.

DONATIONS AND INFORMATION

EMELINE DIEHL donated some readers to our Glade one-room school. **AMANDA DOWDY** donated a 2025 group picture of the graduating seniors at the Berlin Brothersvalley High School. **BETTY CHANEY** donated a graduation program for Berlin Brothersvalley High School's 2025 graduation class.

RICHARD BERKLEY donated "The Atlas of Pennsylvania" – a coffee table book. **GEORGE CUSTER** donated a 2003 Berlin calendar and two unidentified objects. **ROY OGBURN** donated a December 2003 Daily American story on Chuck Robb. **BRAD FURMAN** donated a Berlin Sesquicentennial history book. **WINDY RIDGE** has trimmed trees behind our log house. **JOHN LONG and RALPH BARRON** cleaned limbs up after the work was completed. **CAROL MILLER** contributed a curtain to the window in the genealogy building that faces the barn.

Karen Bittner, Leanna Coughenour, and Carolyn Payne continued their volunteer work. **Carol and Ken Miller** have been working in the Pious Springs garden.

DAVID R. HAY. CURATOR



THE 60TH REUNION OF THE BERLIN BROTHERSVALLEY HIGH SCHOOL'S CLASS OF 1965.

JUNE 7, 2025 – ITALIAN OVEN, SOMERSET. 26 CLASSMATES AND 16 SPOUSES OR GUESTS ATTENDED

SEATED (LEFT TO RIGHT): MARY BETH (KNEPPER) WILLIAMS, KATHRYN (HAY) GRIMM, SHIRLEY (KEIDEL) VERBOS, AND DONNA (IMGRUND) SOKOL. STANDING – ROW 1, LEFT TO RIGHT: ALAN HILLEGASS, MELVIN BAUGHMAN, DONALD E. QUEER, LYNN DEANER, CONNIE (ZORN) CHRONISTER, DARLENE (CHANEY) TWIGG, NANCY (ATHEY) BARKMAN, LINDA (SHAULIS) RHODES, HOLLY GILES, SALLY (MERRILL) ANCONA, EMILY (ENGLEKA) BITTNER, JOHN SLONIGER, GRACE (NICHOLSON) PRITTS, GLORIA (WILL) HAY, JACK ROBERTS, AND SAMUEL BYRON SAYLER. BACK (L TO R): FRANK PHENNICIE, RICHARD WILL, DONALD GOLBY, KENNETH NORRIS, DAVID McQUADE, MIKE MERRILL, AND A RESTAURANT PATRON WHO JOINED IN THE PHOTOGRAPH. PHOTO BY DAVID R. HAY.