

**CURATOR'S REPORT**  
**THE BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**JUNE 9, 2026**



**PAUL E. PRITTS**

**(ORIGINAL CURATOR - BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY)**

**WITH HIS CASE TRACTOR SEPTEMBER 1977**

**BROTHERSVALLEY TOWNSHIP**

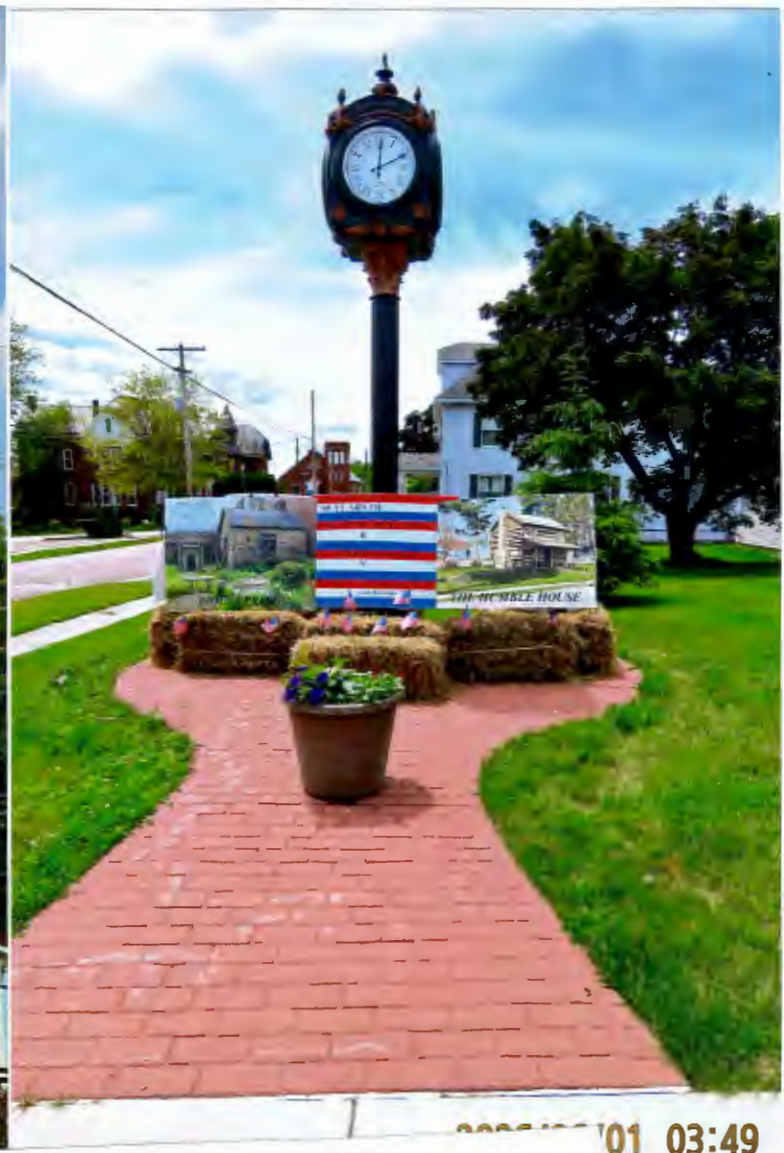


**WHO DO THE ARMS BELONG TO HOLDING THE COCA COLA SIGN? BOB ANSELL DISPLAYING THE COCA COLA SIGN. COCA COLA ITEMS FROM THE HOME OF ELOISE (GILL) LONG AND THE LATE JOHN LONG.**

**ELOISE'S FATHER, RUSSELL GILL & GRANDPA WILLIAM GILL WERE OWNERS OF THE BERLIN COCA COLA PLANT**



**COCA-COLA COLLECTIBLES GALORE FROM THE ELOISE AND LATE JOHN LONG COLLECTION. LARRY PRITTS DISPLAYING ONE OF THE SIGNS. GARY ESTNICK SORTING THROUGH THE MANY COCA COLA TREASURES!**



**MILITARY BANNERS HAVE RETURNED! BAHS 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DISPLAY**



**50 YEARS  
 OF THE  
 BERLIN  
 AREA  
 HISTORICAL  
 SOCIETY**

**(BERLIN'S LOWER  
 DIAMOND)**



**FRONT OF THE GENEALOGY-OFFICE BUILDING  
ALL DECKED OUT FOR THE CELEBRATION!**



**TWO DISPLAY CASES BEING MOVED TO  
THE GENEALOGY BUILDING. BOB ANSELL,  
LEANNE CALVERT, LARRY R. PRITTS AND  
GARY ESTNICK**

**A SUMMER TO CELEBRATE! 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF  
BERLIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY. 250<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE USA!**

# Retired teacher enjoyed life on farm in Glencoe

By TED POTTS  
THE TRIBUNE-DEMOCRAT

**BERLIN** — A woman who enjoyed her life on her family farm died last week at Meadow View Nursing Center.

She was Ida L. Broadwater, 94, who resided here. She was formerly of Glencoe and Somerset. She died Sept. 11.

Mrs. Broadwater was a graduate of the former Indiana Normal School and was a teacher in one-room schoolhouses in the Glencoe and Cumberland, Md., areas before marrying William J. Broadwater.

After the marriage, the Broadwaters made their home on a farm in the mountains in the Glencoe area.

Mr. Broadwater preceded his wife in death.

Mrs. Broadwater enjoyed farm life, said her daughter, Marcella Landis of Berlin R.D. 1.

She said her mother liked working

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with the soil.

She maintained a large garden she referred to as a truck patch. Among the items she grew there were squash, pumpkins, corn and tomatoes, her daughter said.

She did a lot of canning of items she grew in the garden, Landis said.

Her daughter said her mother and father raised sheep, cattle, horses, turkeys, chickens and pigs. They processed a lot of their own meats, she said.

Mrs. Broadwater churned butter and kneaded bread.

She carved jack-o-lantern faces in some of the pumpkins that came from her garden.

She made quilts. She did crocheting, embroidery and tatting.

"She made all my clothes when I went to school," Landis said.

She loved to cook, her daughter

said, noting she cooked about any type of dish.

She particularly enjoyed fried chicken, Landis remembered.

She grew flowers.

"Our yard was full of flowers," her daughter said.

After Mr. Broadwater died, Mrs. Broadwater moved to Somerset.

She was a member of Somerset Garden Club, Somerset County Historical Society and St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Somerset.

While residing on the farm, she attended the Reformed Church, where she taught Sunday school classes, Landis said.

Said her daughter:

"She enjoyed life on the farm. She lived a long and good life. She was a good wife, good mother and a good homemaker."

In addition to her daughter, survivors include a son, Luke J., Berlin R.D. 4, and two grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

JOYCE (LEYDIG) KNOTTS DONATED THE ABOVE STORY PUBLISHED IN THE JOHNSTOWN TRIBUNE DEMOCRAT AT THE TIME OF THE PASSING IN 1998 OF IDA (HOSELRODE) BROADWATER, WIDOW OF WILLIAM J. BROADWATER. IDA'S CHILDREN: LUKE J. BROADWATER AND MARCELLA LANDIS SHARE REMEMBRANCES OF THEIR MOTHER AND GROWING UP ON THE FAMILY FARM OUTSIDE OF GLENCOE.

**SOUTHAMPTON SCHOOL**  
Northampton Twp., Somerset Co., Pa.  
April 22, 1924



Teacher, IDA HASSELRODE

### PUPILS

Carl Leydig  
Arthur DeLozier  
Guy Coughenour  
Bruce Miller  
Lee Coslic  
John Coslic  
Karl Bittner  
Lydia Coslic  
Betty Speicer  
Henrietta Bittner  
Julia Cook

John Leydig  
Gerber DeLozier  
Clayce Coughenour  
John Miller  
Charles Price  
George Raupach  
Millard Crosby  
Marion Miller  
Helen Bittner  
Margaret Cook  
Emma Miller

Emma DeLozier

PRIOR TO HER MARRIAGE, IDA (HOSELRODE) BROADWATER WAS THE TEACHER IN 1924 OF THE SOUTHAMPTON SCHOOL IN NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP. PUPILS IN 1924 INCLUDE THE LISTED PERSONS. (A DONATION BY JOYCE (LEYDIG) KNOTTS. HER DAD, JOHN LEYDIG WAS ONE OF THE PUPILS.

### School Board

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G. J. Bauman  
W. C. Landis

T. A. Martz  
M. H. Bauman  
W. G. Miller



**COACH JOHN LICHVAR**

**KAY ANN (LICHVAR) COBER ALLOWED US TO COPY SEVERAL PICTURES OF HER FATHER, JOHN LICHVAR THAT WERE TAKEN DURING HIS EARLIER YEARS.**

**THIS PICTURE WAS TAKEN WHILE COACH LICHVAR WAS ATTENDING WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE AT WASHINGTON, PA.**

**COACH JOHN LICHVAR TAUGHT PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH FOR MANY YEARS AT THE BERLIN BROTHERSVALLEY HIGH SCHOOL.**

**HIS YEARS OF SERVICE AS COACH LEFT IMPRESSIVE RECORDS FOR BERLIN'S SPORTS TEAMS.**



## DONATIONS

The buildings associated with the Berlin Area Historical Society are sporting patriotic buntings in conjunction with the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our nation. **Cory Will** donated Berlin Brothersvalley Track and Field and volleyball records to the Lichvar Sports Museum. **Mike Merrill** donated an old Division Street marker and a Philson National Bank liberty bell coin bank. **Tom Baker** donated a large framed jigsaw puzzle featuring many different brands of potato chips. **James Payne** made a monetary donation in honor of his sister-in-law, Carolyn Payne, one of our regular volunteers. **Joyce Knotts** donated a Glencoe related story on Ida (Hosselrode) Broadwater and a Southampton School souvenir from April 24 when Ida Hosselrode was the teacher.

We have been the recipient of an amazing collection of Coca Cola items from **Eloise Long and the late John Long** - items related to the former Berlin Coca Cola Plant as well as other Coca Cola collectibles. From the Long home we have also received local advertising collectibles. Pictures of a few things from the Long home appear in this Curator's Report and others will show up in the July 2026 Curator's Report. Eloise's father, Russell Gill and Grandfather William Gill as well as Joseph Chalk were original owners of the Berlin Coca Cola Plant. (Remember when Berlin school tours visited the coca cola plant?) **Stu Kreinbrook** donated an album featuring Berlin's Sesquicentennial and miniature items for our WPA display. **Nancy Merrill** donated two tapes of her December 3, 1990 interview with the late Ralph Lyons. **Karen Bittner** donated Roger Bittner's official membership certificate with the G. I. Joe Club. **LuAnn Walker** donated numerous photos. Thank you to our volunteers for your faithful services.

**David R. Hay, Curator**



**A BEAUTIFUL DAY  
IN MAY WITH  
RALPH GLESSNER'S  
CLASSIC BUICK  
PARKED IN FRONT  
OF THE  
HERITAGE HOUSE  
FOR A PHOTO  
SHOOT!**