

# **CURATOR'S REPORT**

## **THE BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**OCTOBER 8, 2024**



**FORMER HOME OF MARLENE  
BOYER NEAR SARVER CHURCH**

**ALLEGHENY TOWNSHIP**

## CATON COUSINS VISIT FOR RESEARCHING



**EDWARD E. CATON AND HARRY DAN CATON**

On September 9, 2024, volunteers were delighted to greet these two Caton cousins who were researching the Gardner family, who once owned the Allegheny Township farm where the Caton cousins' grandparents, Harry William and Edna (Burkett) Caton lived and raised their large family. They found information about the location of a farm cemetery on the Caton family farm. Edward, a 1974 graduate of Berlin Brothersvalley Township, is married to the former Karen Lohr and resides near Schellsburg. Ed is the son of William and Helen (Monnett) Caton. Harry Dan Caton of Edgewood, New Mexico is a son of the late Harry A. "Skinny" and Harriett (Showers) Caton, also of the Albuquerque, New Mexico area. His dad always had interesting stories to share on his visits back to the Berlin area.

As Stew Saylor searched for information for the cousins, it was interesting to hear stories of the cousin's grandparents' farm, tucked away in a secluded valley in Allegheny Township. Grandma Edna climbed a steep hillside on her frequent trips to the mailbox, which was located near the Paul Boyer place in the Sarver Church Community. Only a deteriorating house remains of the Caton farm buildings in 2024.



**BERLIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S 48<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DINNER**



**CHECKING THE RESERVATIONS: TAMMY ROHRS, CINDY FLAMM & BETTY CHANEY**



**MATTHEW  
DODD  
PRESENTING  
SONGS &  
STORES –  
DOWN ON  
THE FARM!**



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**ON BEHALF OF THE BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, ROBERT BLUBAUGH PRESENTED RUTH ALICE SAYLOR WITH HIS ARTISTIC WALL HANGING OF THE HUMBLE LOG HOUSE. A THANK-YOU TO RUTH FOR SUPPLYING FUNDS FOR THE LOG HOUSE IN MEMORY OF HER HUSBAND TERRY SAYLOR**



**PRESIDENT LEANNE CALVERT PRESENTS A FRMED PICTURE OF THE GLADE ONE-ROOM SCHOOL TO ROBERT SCHMUCKER UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE BAHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS. PICTURE BY ROBERT BRANT PHOTOGRAPHY.**





## LESTER COSLIC'S TRELLAS ERECTED IN THE PIOUS SPRING'S GARDEN

On September 5, 2024, Ken and Carol Miller erected the above trellis over the walkway to the society's barn in the Pious Spring's garden. This trellis was formerly located at the home of Lester and LaVerne Coslic home until their residence was sold following Lester's passing. The trellis was donated to the Berlin Area Historical Society by LaVerne (Suder) Coslic in memory of her late husband.

Ken Miller has power washed the flower box/signage in front of the genealogy building and added a new coat of finish to the display where Carol has beautiful flowers growing. While Carol was involved in late summer clean-up work in the garden, Ken repainted the steel fencing along Main Street. Once again, Carol and Ken have cared for another beautiful garden while overseeing the Heritage Haus.



# WHITACRE – STUCK DONATIONS

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**FREDERICK "FRED"  
AUGUSTUS STUCK**

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# ITEMS FROM MARY (ENGLEKA) HOSTETLER

DONATED SEPTEMBER 13, 2024 BY HER DAUGHTERS



**MARY PATSY AND MARY (ENGLEKA) HOSTETLER IN 2008 AT THE MACDONALDTON LABOR DAY WEEKEND DINNER.**

- Macdonaldton and Altfather Mill photos. Winter postcards. Other photos.
- Notebook filled with class reunion and anniversary newspaper clippings.
- Berlin Class of 1940 reunion programs. Mary's 1960 20-year identified photo. Mary's 1965 – 25 year identified group photo.
- Somerset County Historic Resource surveys (1) Berlin – Brothersvalley Township and (2) Shanksville-Stonycreek Township.
- 1905 & 1908 Berlin Commencement Exercises – names of graduates
- 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary booklet (2011) - Trinity United Church of Christ in Roxbury
- Berlin Homecoming book: 1837-1937. Berlin Area History – 1777-1977
- Berlin & Brothersvalley Township – book of businesses.
- Notebook filled with stories and histories for Macdonaldton's Centennial
- Notebook – My Somerset County stories by David Hay
- Notebook – featuring Somerset County history and stories.
- Collection of Memos. Mary's been a long-time BAHS member.
- Many Berlin High School yearbooks. Ranging from 1930-1984 but not including all the years. Check at BAHS for a complete listing.



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