

CURATOR'S REPORT

THE BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SEPTEMBER 8, 2026



LEAH (LEYDIG) SPICER, DAUGHTER OF ISAIAH DANIEL AND ANNA BELLE (COLEMAN) LEYDIG OF GLENCOE, BEHIND THE WHEEL. (I. D. LEYDIG - GLENCOE MERCHANT.)

LEAH'S DAUGHTERS: BETTY (SPICER) BELL AND ROBERTA "BOBBY" SPICER BESIDE THE NEW 1932 BUICK.

GLENCOE

Neighborhood notebook



DANIELLE SHOUP FOR THE TRIBUNE-DEMOCRAT

The community of Glencoe is in Northampton Township.

Northampton Township

Established: Formed in 1851 by Somerset County Court out of part of Southampton Township.

Early settlers: Philip Poorbaugh, Benjamin Critchfield, Christian Albright, Jonathan Boyer, Jacob Goughenour and Henry Mull. Henry Thomas Weld built the first grist mill in 1845 and first large saw mill in 1848 when the area was part of Southampton Township.

Who or what "put this community on the map": The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad brought prosperity to the township, with the first train making its run in 1869. The small community of Glencoe, which is within the township, was laid out along the railroad in 1870 by David Hay and Hiram Findley. Hay built the Glencoe Hotel in 1874 and the railroad made it a thriving business.

Population: 366.

Square miles: 35.

Budget: About \$70,000.

Most pressing issue: Keeping roads in good shape year around, Drucilla K. Martz, township secretary, said.

— Compiled by Mike Faher and Ted Potts

Next week: Barr Township



DAVID LLOYD FOR THE TRIBUNE-DEMOCRAT

A sign tells motorists they are entering Northampton Township.

May 23, 2002

THE FORMER HARVEY BITTNER HOME IN GLENCOE

Harvey M. and Mary (Kroushour) Bittner raised their family in a two story home across from the front of the Glencoe Reformed Church. Following their passing and an auction at their home, Eugene E. and Hilda (Wiles) Glessner purchased, renovated, and lived in the home. After Eugene retired as the farm manager at the Somerset State Hospital, Gene and Hilda moved to Glencoe. Hilda was a native of Northampton Township. Eugene was a good neighbor and beloved to Glencoe families. After Hilda's passing, Eugene moved to Somerset to reside with his aging parents, Elmer and Grace Glessner. Gene sold the Glencoe home to Daniel Bell. During Daniel Bell's ownership, the home was destroyed by fire and nothing was ever rebuilt on that site.



SUSAN (COWAN) JOHNSTON

DISPLAYS FOUR HAND-BRAIDED RUGS THAT WERE HAND-STITCHED BY HER MATERNAL GRANDMOTHER, ELIZABETH (LEYDIG) DeLOZIER, WHO WAS A NATIVE OF GLENCOE. BOTH OF SUSAN'S GRANDFATHERS: I. D. LEYDIG AND GEORGE G. DeLOZIER WERE FORMER OWNERS OF THE GLENCOE MERCANDILE STORE.

Susan (Cowan) Johnston donated numerous items pertaining to Glencoe from the family's part-time home in Glencoe - items from her mother, Marian (DeLozier) Cowan's personal belongings and earlier ancestors. These items include four hand-braided rugs hand stitched by Marian's mother, Elizabeth (Leydig) DeLozier, who grew up in Glencoe; pictures and genealogy of the family's Coleman, Leydig and DeLozier ancestors in Glencoe with valuable genealogical data recorded in the Hiram and Rosa (Miller) Coleman family bible

Many of these items have been preserved into a special Glencoe notebook by Curator David Hay, a friend of the Cowan family. Marian Cowan has written highlights of her life and had interesting Glencoe history with the materials that were donated. The collection also included a photo album of pictures taken during the Glencoe Flood of 1984. These pictures were likely taken by the family of John W. and Mary (DeLozier) Hartman, whose home survived the flood. The same home later became the summer home of Mary's niece and husband Marian (DeLozier) and Loyal Cowan and more recently has been owned by their daughter, Susan (Cowan) Johnston. Susan's siblings have also enjoyed spending time in Glencoe while enjoying the comforts of the family home.

DONATIONS AND UPDATES

Mary Kathryn Foy and Lee Lowry have donated the latest updated information on their on-going composition entitled "A History of Shanksville, PA (1800-1950)) containing a wealth of information on personalities, buildings and homes in that community. From the family bible of the Justus Walker family that was loaned to us by the **Rockwood Historical Society**, we have developed a genealogy to add to our family history files. **LuAnn Walker** donated news clippings, pictures, fire police and school crossing badges.

On August 8, 13 members of the **Bullskin Township Historical Society** enjoyed a tour of our buildings and later made a \$100.00 donation to our society. **Suzanne Walker** donated a sleeve board that belonged to Cleo Landis. **Scott Miller** donated a Knights of Templar oriental belt. **Mary Martha Werner** donated a 1971 Bervalon yearbook, Berlin's class of 1977 reunion pictures, and a scrapbook of her high school class. **Marcin Foy** donated a Fogle & Long Tobacco Sign.

Mike Merrill donated pictures from the Glencoe flood and Berlin's Sesquicentennial activates, a Keidel's Hardware and Electric advertising thermometer, a Collin's Drug Store advertising fan, an 1876 Beer's Atlas, and military records of Leland Tipton. **Tom Baker** donated additional Snyder of Berlin memorabilia.

Charlotte (Cowan) and Erskine Fulcher donated another Elizabeth (Leydig) DeLozier hand-braided rug, wooden baskets, interesting Glencoe pictures and memorabilia. **Amanda Dowdy** donated a picture of Berlin's graduating Class of 2026. **Mandy Cooper** has identified the graduates in that picture. It was a busy latter part of the month with the recording of banquet reservations, payments of dues, and raffle ticket sales. **Amy (Dively) Bowman** donated Shanksville Chicahonian yearbooks for 1940 and 1949, Stonycreek

Township High School miscellaneous items, and the publication Public Schools of Stonycreek. The exterior of the Glade one-room school has received a new exterior paint job.



Richard Sturtz displays a sapling he found growing through a crack in the floor in our bake or spring house. He has planted the sapling at his home near Lambertsville and will report on its growth



**UPTURNED RAILROAD TRACKS
BOTH MILLER AND FORMER TAYMAN HOUSES
AUGUST 1984 GLENCOE FLOOD**

**PICTURES FROM THE MARY AND JOHN HARTMAN PHOTO ALBUM
DONATED TO THE BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY BY THE
CHILDREN OF LOYAL AND MARION (DeLOZIER) COWAN.**



**THE LARGE TREE PLANTED BY FORMER STORE KEEPER, I. D.
LEYDIG KEPT THE DELAPIDATED POST OFFICE STRUCTURE AND
THE FORMER MARTZ HOUSE FROM BEING SWEEPED FARTHER
AWAY WITH THE RAGING FLOOD WATERS. NOTICE THE RUBISH
IN THE CREEK.**

GLENCOE FLOOD 1984

GLENCOE 15543



PHOTOS TAKEN IN 1973 BY DAVID R.
HAY ON A VISIT TO GLENCOE.

GLENCOE POST OFFICE

Samuel J. & John L. Shumaker built and owned this building in 1871. When built, the men made furniture and coffins in it. Their names could still be seen painted on front of the building July 21, 1971. Sam lived in 1971 in what was the Eli Martz home Recorded by Charles B. Bittner, retired educator, in 1971.

THE VILLAGE'S LAST POSTMASTER ORLENE AMANDA (SMITH) RAUPACH

ORLENE AMANDA (SMITH)
RAUPACH

(1921-2008)

WIFE OF
HENRY "CARL" RAUPACH, JR.

SERVED AS THE GLENCOE
POSTMASTER FROM
OCTOBER 13, 1961 UNTIL THE
GLENCOE POST OFFICE WAS
DESTROYED IN THE GLENCOE
FLOOD IN AUGUST 1984

FAIRHOPE 15538 LATER
ABSORBED THE GLENCOE
MAIL PATRONS.

ORLENE WAS A DAUGHTER OF
CHARLES HENRY & FLORA
BELL (COUGHENOUR) SMITH