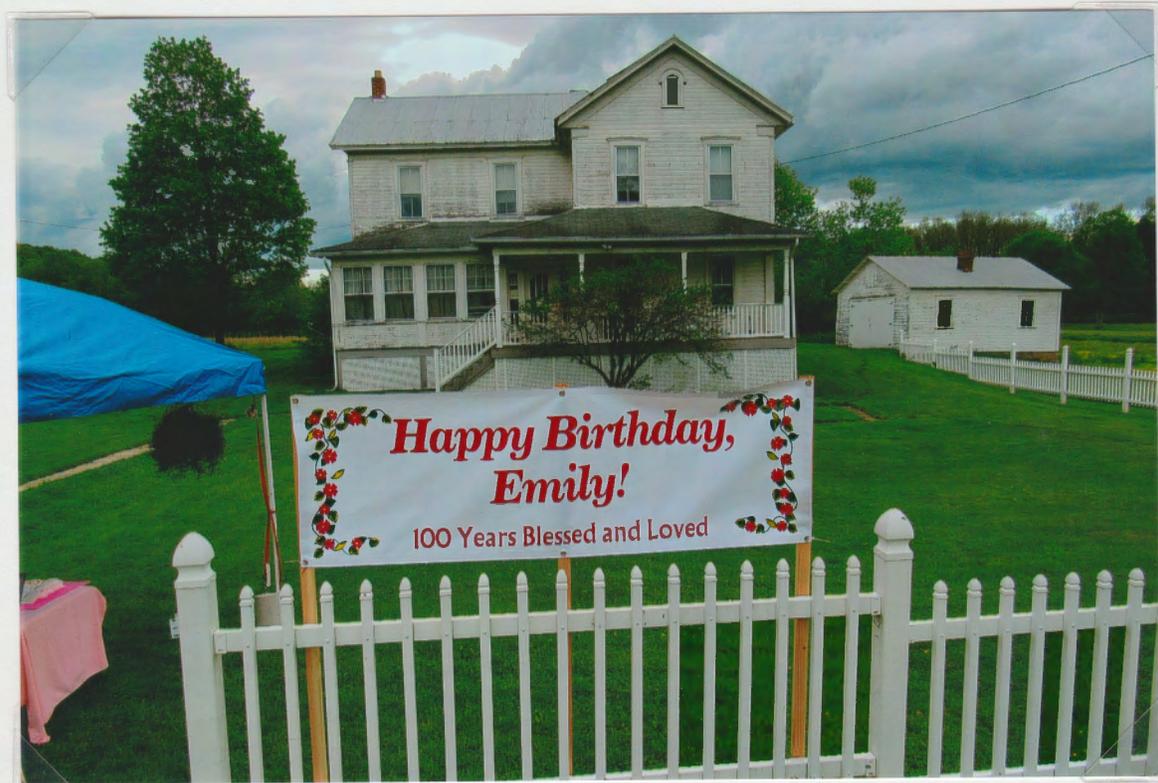


CURATOR'S REPORT

THE BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

JUNE 9, 2020



**A DRIVE BY CELEBRATION OF THE 100TH
BIRTHDAY OF A BELOVED FAMILY MEMBER,
NEIGHBOR AND FRIEND!**

**THE HOME OF EMILY GRACE FRITZ AND THE
LATE HENRY FRITZ**

**THE SUGAR GROVE NEIGHBORHOOD
BROTHERSVALLEY TOWNSHIP**

EMILY GRACE FRITZ

100 YEARS YOUNG!

MAY 28, 2020



May 8, Emily was seated inside the white fencing at her century-old farm house to wave and exchange greetings with the parade of admirers driving by flashing congratulatory signs, leaving birthday cards, and exchanging smiles – all in honor of a blessed and greatly loved member of the community.

Already that evening more than 200 birthday cards were received through the surprise card shower. Although plans didn't materialize for a public gathering to socialize and celebrate with Emily, many cars passed by the Fritz home between 6 and 7 p.m. Grandchildren and great grandchildren were on the scene to assist with the celebration. Present were grandchildren: Jennifer (Hay) Gilmore and Jeremy W. Hay, along with their spouses and five grandchildren.

Emily is the daughter of the late Charles L. and Rose Ella (Dreyer) Maust, having grown up on the family's farm in Brothersvalley Township. After her marriage on August 28, 1949, Emily moved to her current home with her husband, Howard Henry Fritz while also sharing the farmhouse with Henry's parents, Robert Lincoln and Emma Elizabeth (Cober) Fritz. Emily and Henry were blessed with 56 happy years of marriage at the time of Henry's passing on February 1, 2006. The couple's daughter is the late, Ellen Hay, the wife of William N. Hay, Jr. They also partially raised David R. Miller, whom they've considered as being a special son.

Along with being a homemaker, mother, and farmer's assistant, Emily served many years as Brothersvalley Township tax collector.

In the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, Emily Grace (Maust) Fritz of the Sugar Grove neighborhood along Brothersvalley Township's Salco Road was honored by family, neighbors and friends in a drive-by birthday celebration. During the early evening of her 100th birthday on



JUNE 1, 2020 DETOUR ALONG THE MUD PIKE!

Detour to be placed on Route 3010, Mud Pike improvements project

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) announced prime contractor, New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co. Inc., will place a detour on the Route 3010 (Mud Pike Road) improvements project starting today in Brothersvalley Township.

The contractor will place a 6.9-mile detour on Route 3010 for a pipe replacement that will follow Route 2031 (Garrett Shortcut Road) and Route 2047 (Berlin Plank Road). The detour will be placed for no longer than 30 days.

Overall work on this project consists of the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the existing roadway of Route 3010 (Mud Pike Road) and Route 2031 (Garrett Shortcut Road) and the

construction of a left-turn lane on Route 2047 (Berlin Plank Road). Route 2031 (Garrett Shortcut Road) will be reconstructed on a new alignment to provide adequate sight distance at the intersection of Route 3010 (Mud Pike Road) and Garrett Shortcut Road.

Also included is the replacement of two bridges; one over Millers Run and one over Tubs Run.

Other work to be completed includes drainage, guiderail, signing, traffic signal upgrades, wetland mitigation, stream relocation and other miscellaneous construction.

This work will mostly take place under daylight traffic control as needed. Delays may be possible. There also will be one additional 30-day detour that will take place in the

2020 construction season.

More details will be available closer to the detour timeframe.

All work on this approximately \$11.7 million project is expected to be completed by mid-November 2020. All work is weather dependent.

Normal highway and bridge construction projects in Pennsylvania remain paused as part of the commonwealth's efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

This project is part of critical work that continues statewide, addressing safety needs and work needed to eliminate roadway restrictions that could impede the ability for the movement of life sustaining goods and services.



BERLIN'S 2020 GRADUATING CLASS!

To add to our files of graduating classes from BBHS, we need a group picture of the 2020 graduates. Does anyone know of a 2020 class picture? We will enlarge and make this one serve the class if we can't get a more official one. We need someone to identify these seniors!



**EAST MUD PIKE ROAD AT
OLDMILL ROAD**

MAY 31, 2020

IMPROVEMENTS

The gate in front of Pious Springs has undergoing some needed improvements with Ron Schrock and John Long taking charge. A special thank you to Gary Estnick for recording our improvements with a series of photos.

John Long built the new rose trellis with Ken Miller assisting John with the installation. Tom Calvert donated the locust posts.

Ken and Carol Miller will be putting down mulch around the lawn and flower beds. Richard Berkley volunteered to put mulch covering in front of the barn. Dan Weighley does our lawn mowing. Martha Lowry cleans our genealogy building once each month.





LOOKING DOWN THE HILLSIDE TOWARD GOODTOWN MAY 30, 2020

PERSONAL THOUGHTS AND DONATIONS!

I have missed our volunteer days, our board meetings, and being out among the community during these past 2 ½ months. As life is beginning to return more like we have known in the past, I look forward to our small groups that gather at the historical center to share news of the community as well as to enlighten each other on important things pertaining to our communities in past years. While various volunteers continued their work during the coronavirus pandemic, times were just not the same.

The total has reached **\$1,580.00** given to our endowment fund in memory of Thomas I. Maast (Maust) by friends and loved ones. A complete listing of those who donated is available for the asking at our office. A \$50.00 donation to our endowment fund has been made by **Susan C. and Lee Landrith** in memory of Susan's Uncle Eugene Eppley of Johnstown, who has donated cameras and numerous other treasures to BAHS over the years. **Beverly Truscott** donated S&H Green stamp booklets; a Bureau of Mines (1930) manual of first-aid instructions; Bituminous Mining Laws of Pa (1937) and a 1941 Basic Army Field Manuel soldiers' handbook. The **David E. Baker Estate** donated 1953 and 1954 Bervalon yearbooks. **Tamera (Witt) Forgan** donated a Revolutionary War Registry. Report cards for Lewis Elmer Maust from the Sandy Hollow School were donated by **Gwen Engle Ottaviano**.

Larry Walsh donated a 1977 Berlin history book from the Tipton Estate. We received updates on the Shanksville history project to add to the original manuscript – an ongoing project of Lee Lowry and Mary Kathryn Foy.

Looking forward to the re-opening of the Berlin Historical Society and many other special activities that are so special to our communities.

David R. Hay, Curator