

CURATOR'S REPORT

THE BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

FEBRUARY 13, 2018



FORMER FARM RESIDENCE OF
HARRY "BROWNIE" & MABEL SMITH

NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP

CHAIR DONATED BY THE ANDY DEETER ESTATE



The Andy Deeter Estate donated a collection of photos, a superintendent administrator's notebook (AIU8) of Educational Services and the above pictured chair, which was a 1936 new Berlin High School administration chair.

OTHER DONATIONS:

Susan Dupstadt donated a 1931 yearbook, The Mountaineer! Mary Foy donated a Shanksville school picture and Grady family photos.

VICKI SUE GROFF'S DONATIONS

Vicki Sue Groff donated many items from the estate of her parents, Donald "Bud" and Dorothy (Leslie) Groff. The items include a baseball signed by local ball players, a collection of interesting photos pertaining to the Groff family, the National Lincoln Service Station and to Berlin. She also donated souvenir pictorial booklets for both the 1907 and 1937 Berlin celebrations; Mountaineer newspapers, the 1930 Berlin Grad Memos yearbook, a book entitled Somerset County - The Highlands of Pennsylvania; and the Somerset Sesquicentennial booklet, as well as items pertaining to Bud Groff's induction into the Somerset County Baseball Hall of Fame in 1999. There are also a number of baseball team photos from many years ago.

DONATIONS OF CHRISTMAS ITEMS PRESENTED TO THE HERITAGE HAUS!

Nancy Custer, wife of Don Custer, contributed her crocheted snowflakes to the Heritage Haus Christmas collection. The beautifully done snowflakes are various patterns and sizes. According to Carol Miller the snowflakes go well with the décor of the Victorian Room.

Tammy Rohrs donated Victorian Christmas tree tinsel

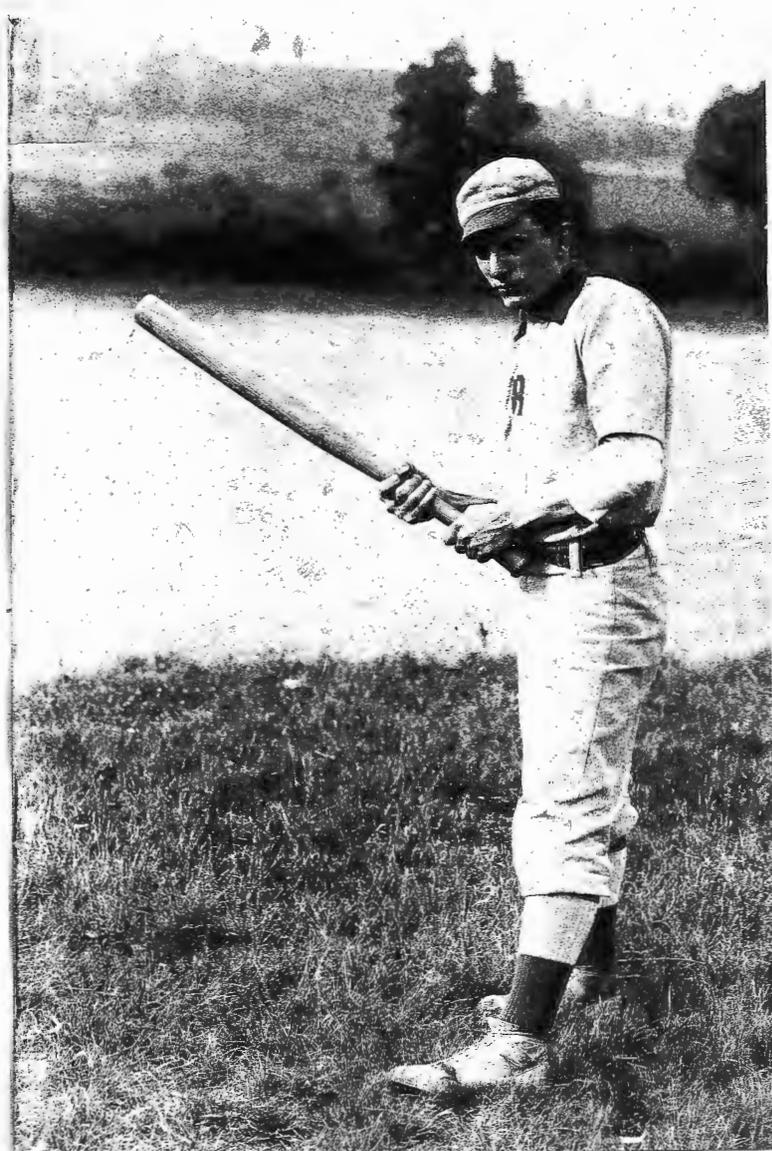
ROBERT L. "COXY" GROFF

INDUCTED 1999 INTO SOMERSET COUNTY OLDTIMERS BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

HALL OF FAME!

This information appeared in a story appearing in 1999 in the Somerset American. "Coxy" was one of 8 candidates inducted that year.

"Robert L. "Coxy" Groff grew up in Berlin where he was born in 1877. "Coxy" played independent baseball in Dante, Virginia for the Clinchfield Coal Corporation championship team. He also played in Akron, Ohio for General Tire and Rubber Corporation. He was on at least two championship teams there. Later he played for the championship team of the Clymer (Pennsylvania) Coal Company. He often talked about the great rivalry among the four big rubber companies: General, Firestone, Goodrich, and Goodyear. Robert played one year in the Ohio/Pennsylvania League. He was an infielder, playing second and third base, and also a catcher. In the early 1900's, Robert played in various independent leagues in Somerset County. He died on October 11, 1974."



ROBERT L. "COXY" GROFF

DONATIONS FROM THE DONALD "BUD" GROFF ESTATE!



APRIL 22, 1924 – ROBERT L. "COXY" GROFF IN THE MIDDLE OF MAIN STREET, BERLIN

BERLIN ELEMENTARY TEACHER – PAULINE PRITZ



MEMORIAL DAY – 1957. MISS PRITZ HOLDING THE HAND OF VICKI GROFF

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Presented in 1999 to Coxy's family

THE B&O DEPOT BELOW BERLIN



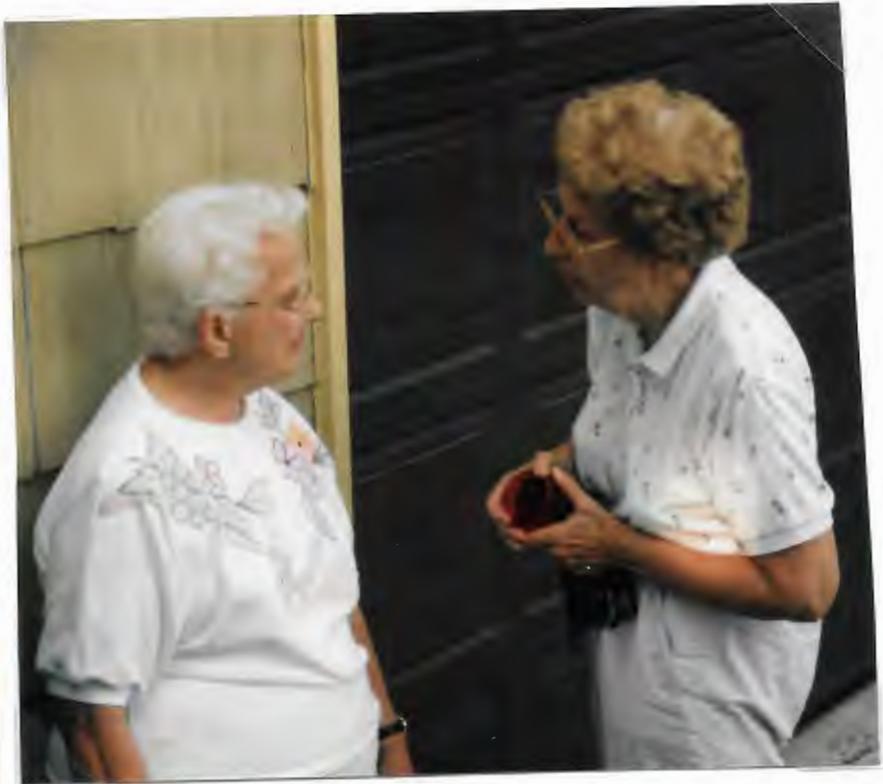
TRAIN AGENT Q. O. COOK

BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S SUMMER PICNIC – AUGUST 1995



HOSTED AT 'THE BARN' IN
BROTHERSVALLEY TOWNSHIP
BY BILL AND CAE RHOADS

CAE – AUTHOR OF THE COUNTRY
CARPENTER!



Above: Cousins Emma (Flamm) Pritts and
Janet (Wilhelm) Bender

Left: Cae (Musser) Rhoads

WHAT'S NEW IN OUR COMMUNITY?



LARRY PRITTS, THIERRY DRENNING, AND GARY ESTNICK

While completing our work at BAHS, many different subjects and personalities of our community are discussed by the various folks who drop in at the historical center. If you have a question concerning our community, chances are good that someone will be able to provide information. When Stew Saylor and Bob Platt are in the office, we have a wealth of information available through their computerized archival files. They are also knowledgeable about various programs they can go into to find needed information. The wonderful files of BAHS and the many genealogies and reference materials provide answers to satisfy many questions and for our research visitors.

The small groups that gather on our work days are reminders of what it was like decades ago when neighbors and friends gathered around the pot-bellied stoves in the “mom and pop” stores that were once scattered around the country and in our villages.

This is the second winter that Thierry Drenning has been helping us out with snow shoveling around our facilities. We appreciate all our volunteers, our board of directors, and the many things they do to keep the wheels turning at the historical society. **David Hay, Curator**

