

CURATOR'S REPORT

THE BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

FEBRUARY 10, 2026



FORMER E. H. MILLER COMPANY
(EDWARD H. MILLER & ROY MILLER)

(A PHOTO FROM THE COLLECTION OF C. SCOTT MILLER)

621 SOUTH STREET

BERLIN

BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD SECRETARYS



BETTY CHANEY, LEFT, WITH CINDY FLAMM

After serving as our faithful secretary for the Board of the Berlin Area Historical Society for many years, Betty Chaney has taken the position of Assistant Board secretary. In this picture she is instructing the newly elected board secretary, Cindy Flamm, with some of the jobs handled by the board secretary.

RECENT DONATIONS

Maria Craig donated a flow blue pitcher and a relish dish. **Larry and Pam Custer** loaned us their Berlin Class of 1970's 55th year reunion picture to copy for our archives. **Eugene and Emily Bittner** donated a stereoscope and two boxes of viewfinder pictures; post cards, several beaded pocketbooks and miscellaneous items. One beaded pocketbook made in the 1880s belonged to Lizzie (Levy) Altfather and was given to her granddaughter, Evelyn (Altfather) Engleka. Another beaded pocketbook was a Christmas gift in the 1930's to Evelyn from her parents, Lewis and Helen (Miller) Altfather. Another beaded pocketbook was hand made in the 1880s or before by Marguerite Dively (Levy) Valentine. Also donated was a beaded pocketbook (1930s) made by Evelyn Engleka's Aunt Isabelle Chonetts. Emily Bittner also donated a kimono made for her by Aunt Ruth Engleka and a sweater set made by her Grandmother Martha (Frahlick) Engleka.

C. Scott Miller allowed us to copy a picture of the E. H. Miller Company's building at 621 South Street in Berlin. Edward H. Miller and his brother, Roy Miller stand in front of the building. **Ruth Ann Kimmel** donated a variety of books that included "Stemwinders", In the Laurel Highlands, Pastors and People, two copies of two Centuries of Brothersvally Church of the Brethren, Complete book of Crochet; Buckstown - The Village and its Church, and numerous school books.

Donald Stotler donated four arrowheads. **Dale Deem** donated two advertisement pens: one for Keidel Hardware & Electric and one for the Philson National Bank. **Rennie Lehman** donated two photos: a 1908 Old Home Week post card of the arches erected on Berlin's lower diamond and a 1914-1915 picture of the East End School pupils in Berlin.



Dan Weighley was kept busy in recent weeks keeping our sidewalks open during our winter blasts of snow and extreme cold temperatures. **Tom Croner and Gary Estnick** have kept the Heffley and Hofford clocks wound and running. **David and Virginia Hay** along with **Jonathan Hôh** have made a donation to our endowment fund in memory of David R. Fritz. **Clyde Housel** has published his book, "The Ghosts of Shaw Mines - And the Memories of a boy who grew up there" which is available for purchase on Amazon. Clyde's parents, Peter Franklin Sr. and Sadie Marie (Christner) Housel are interred in the Pine Hill Lutheran Cemetery.

KEEP THE DATE: Saturday, August 8, 2026 when the Somerset Antique Show will be held on the streets of Somerset. (Under new management). Vendor space is available. Contact Barb Will at sgherbs@yahoo.com Thank you to our volunteers for all your services!
DAVID R. HAY, CURATOR

THEN (1944) AND NOW (2025)

THEN - BRUCE HAUGER FARM AND NOW -
GREG & JUDY CRONER - BEACHDALE FARM



**THEN (1944) - THE ALBERT BRUCE & ALICE (BAUGHMAN)
HAUGER FARM. PICTURED DONATED BY HAROLD JAMES HAUGER,
A GRANDSON.**



**NOW (2025) - GREG & JUDY (SHAFFER) CRONER'S BEACHDALE FARM
A PHOTO TAKEN BY CAROL SAYLOR**



**THE RODDY ONE-ROOM SCHOOL HOUSE HIDDEN AWAY
IN THE MOUNTAINS OF NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP.**

**PICTURES DONATED BY KAREN GLESSNER
FROM HER MOTHER, MARJORIE HAY'S PHOTOS**

**RODDY SCHOOL
RUTH BITTNER,
TEACHER.
HAZEL, EUGENE
AND FOSTER
BITTNER**

**FOSTER BITTNER
IN THE RODDY
SCHOOL.**





LARRY & PAM CUSTER LOANED PICTURE TO COPY

**BERLIN BROTHERSVALLY CLASS OF 1970
55TH YEAR REUNION AUGUST 30, 2025**

SEATED (L TO R): CONNIE (PRITTS) WILL, BONNIE (BITTNER) GARY, JO ANN (SARVER) SIPE, KAREN (DARR) MILLER, ANN (REAM) SLIFCO, AND JOYCE (ENGLEKA) MURPHY.

SECOND ROW: KIM (BROWN) SAYLOR, THERESA (SUHRIE) FOCHMAN, RUTH (PRITTS) GILBERT, BARBARA (SUDER) BARNICK, PAM (VAUGHAN) CUSTER, AND ARLENE (SIPE) SUDER.

THIRD ROW: GARY POORBAUGH, MIKE SAYLOR, DONNA (TATALEBA) HUSTON, JACK WEIGHLEY, TIM WILLIAMS, CHARLIE MILLER, CINDY (EMERICK) ANDERSON, DOROTHY (SLIFCO) KLOTZ, AND CAROLYN (LESLIE) RASTRELLI.

FOURTH ROW: DAVE PLATT, DAVE BALTZER, CALVIN PYLE, LARRY CUSTER, AND GAREN BLACK.