

# CURATOR'S REPORT

## THE BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

JUNE 11, 2013

The month of June provides a beautiful time of the year – often a time when vacationers drop in at the historical center to do genealogical work or donate items they want to have preserved for the community. It's fun to begin each volunteer day; you never know what interesting person is going to walk through the door! In this report, you'll notice pictures of a few of our special visitors during the past month.

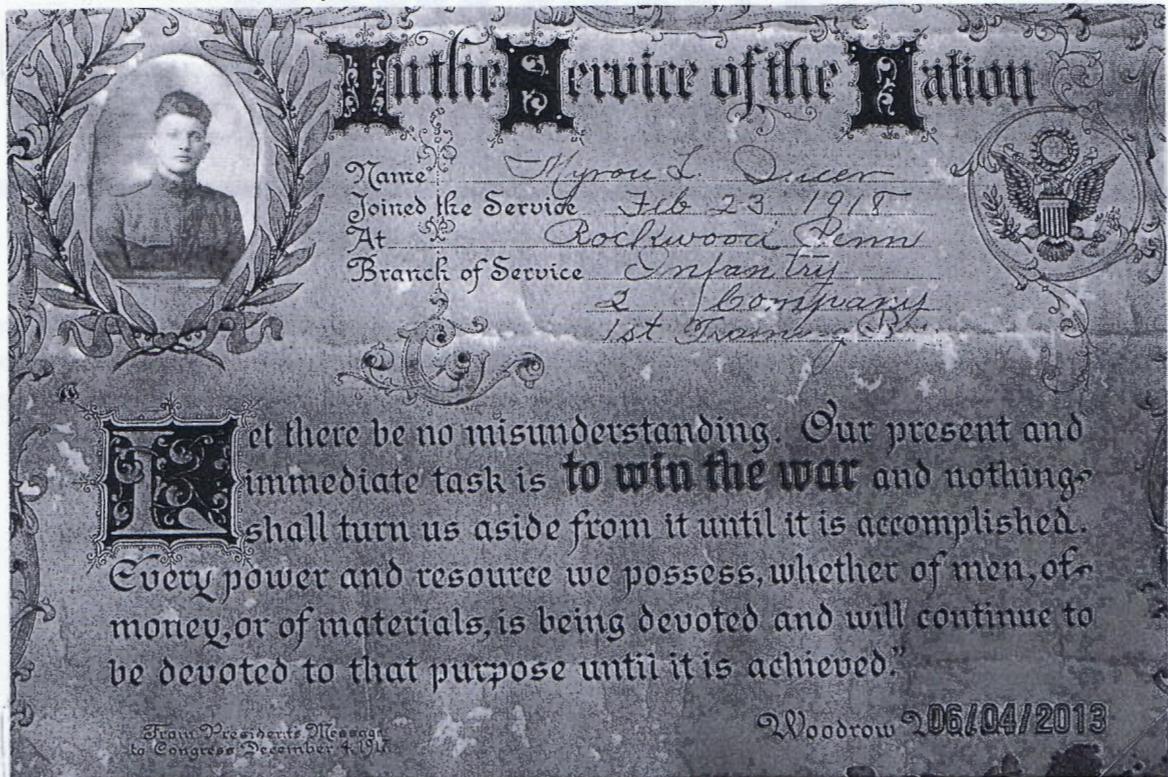
### LUTERI'S RESTAURANT'S HOME COOKING!



**JOYCE (LEYDIG) KNOTTS** donated this sign that formerly hung outside Luteri's Restaurant along East Main Street. During the ten-year period that Joyce owned the restaurant, it was known as Joyce's Restaurant. Joyce also donated a glass block that came out of the same restaurant when it was torn down. She donated DVD's that show the demolition of Ginny's Restaurant as well as the 2012 construction of the new Citizen's Bank.

- **Virginia Miller** has donated 1951-1955 Bervalons, class pictures and school books. **Betty Chaney** has donated Vol. 2 (Cumberland Valley) of the Somerset County Historic Resource Survey. **Ruby W. and Neil R. Miller** donated the family bible of Ruby's grandparents, Weldin G. and Estella M. (Ringler) Will. It was Weldin's son, Reon Decosta Will (father of Ruby) who changed their surname to Wills. **Mike Boyd** has donated a Dell computer. **Virginia Rhoads** donated a box of almanacs.
- **Bob Platt** donated information on the Shanksville Post Office. **Joan Landis** donated a number of old maps (1700's) of our area. **Jim Suder** provided a tour of BAHS to three German's – **Rudy Lentz, Heinrich Broder** (photographer), and **Kate Thomas**. They gave us a souvenir (Berlin Buddy Bear) from their Berlin, Germany. They are making their rounds to the various Berlin's in the USA and have added some Berlin, PA memorabilia to their Berlin USA collections, which will be displayed in Washington, D.C.

## MYRON L. QUEER'S WW I SERVICE TO OUR NATION



Thomas Quinn donated Myron L. Queer's framed WW I certificate. It includes Myron's picture and information that he entered the service February 23, 1918 at Rockwood, serving in the Second Company, First Training Battalion of the Infantry. Grandson Blaine Quinn made the delivery.

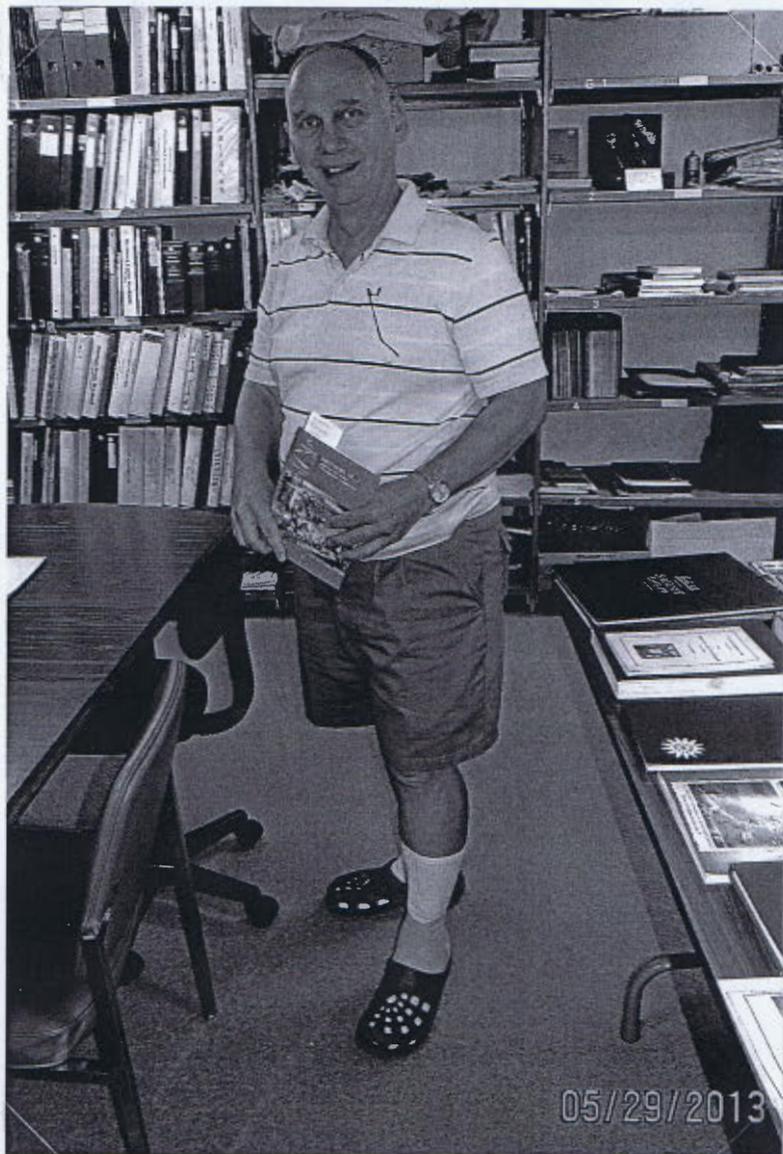
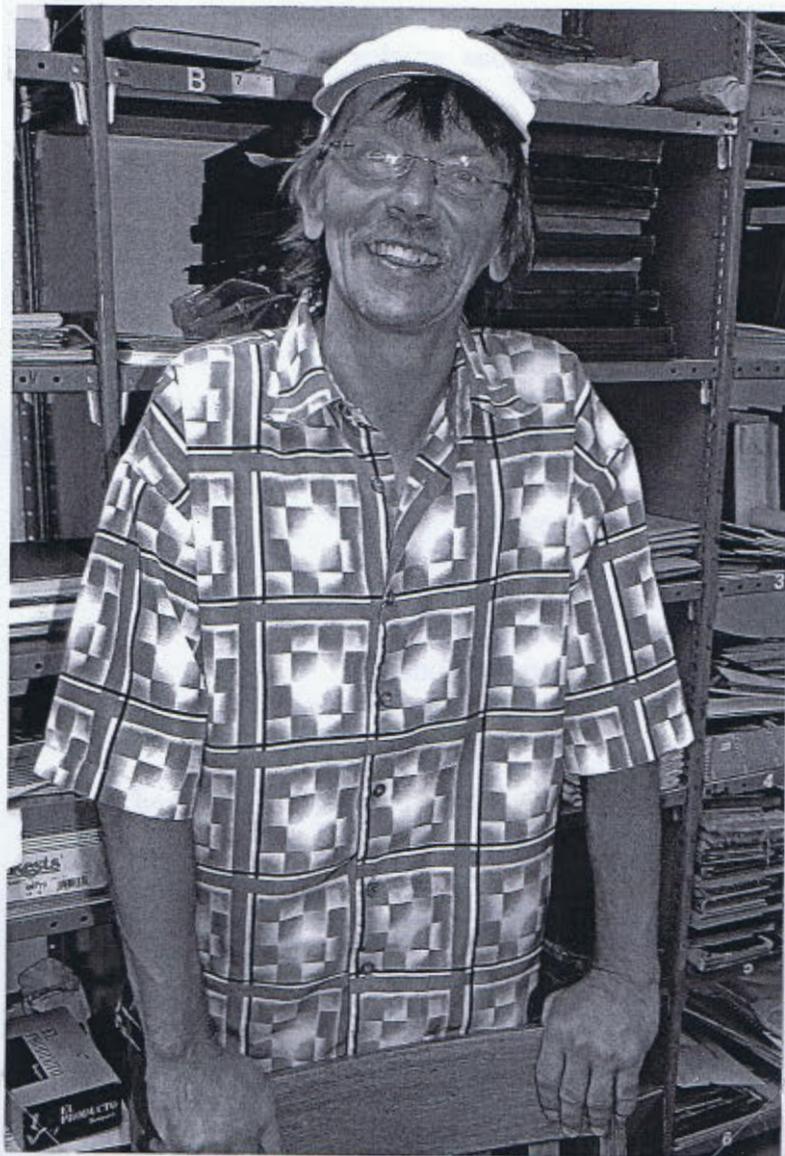
## KEN AND CAROL MILLER IN THE HERITAGE HAUS GARDEN



Ken and Carol Miller pressure washed the back porch area of the Heritage Haus. Ken created a new screen for over Pious Springs. Carol, Ken and their crew will again be tending the garden so we can expect to see another beautiful display this summer.

- **R. Donald Williams** donated a ledger which contains clippings that include remedies for many ailments of our earlier generations. **Ruth Holland** donated books.

## AMONG OUR INTERESTING VISITORS



On the left is **DAN COSLIC** of Spokane, Washington, who made two visits to BAHS to visit and to do some genealogical research while he was in Berlin visiting with his parents and sister. He is the son of Lester and Laverne (Suder) Coslic and once earned a merit badge for taking a genealogy class for the Berlin Boy Scouts that was taught by your Curator. Dan is now 49 years old! At the right is **JOHN REGIS BITTINGER** of Cumberland, MD. who also visited with us twice in the course of doing genealogical research and buying several historical books. He has a great sense of humor so you can be sure that we had fun with him! He's originally from the Grantsville, MD area.

### BERLIN'S CLASS OF 1948

There were 22 members of the Class of 1948 at the Berlin Brothersvalley High School that gathered on May 25, 2013 at the Berlin Community Building for their 65<sup>th</sup> year reunion. Among those in attendance were Anna Mae (Johnson) Weighley and Lewis W. Berkley.

## THE CHANEY-HOLLER SISTERS



L to r: Darlene (Chaney) Twigg of Cumberland, MD, Violet (Chaney) Thomas of Hyndman, and Pauline "Polly" (Holler) Long of Ohio, who also enjoys summer time at her cabin along Wambaugh Hollow Road near New Baltimore. Darlene was a member of Berlin's Class of 1965, Violet was in the 1961 class, and Polly in the 1956 class, before she relocated to Boswell her senior year.

**DAVID RHOADS** (right picture) was doing research on his Buckman ancestors during his June 5, 2013 visit. He's a son of the late William and Catherine "Cae" (Musser) Rhoads. Dave is holding a copy of "The Country Carpenter", which was written by his mother. Copies are on sale at the BAHS.

## THE WEIGHTS OF A BUSHEL

(Taken from an 1860's ledger donated by R. Donald Williams that includes clippings including remedies for ailments and illnesses existing long ago.)

The following table shows the number of pounds of various articles contained in a bushel:

Wheat – sixty pounds  
Corn (shelled) – fifty-six pounds  
Corn (on the cob) – seventy pounds  
Rye – fifty-six pounds  
Oats – thirty-two pounds  
Barley – forty-eight pounds  
Buckwheat – fifty-six pounds  
Irish potatoes – sixty pounds  
Sweet potatoes – fifty pounds  
Onions – fifty-seven pounds  
Beans – sixty pounds  
Bran – twenty pounds  
Clover seed – sixty pounds  
Timothy seed – forty-five pounds  
Hemp seed – forty-five pounds  
Blue-grass seed – fourteen pounds  
Dried peaches – thirty-three pounds

**GRAPE VINES** should be trimmed before the sap runs!

