

# CURATOR'S REPORT

THE BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**JUNE 14, 2022**



**WILLIAM J. & ANITA MILLER HOME**

(FORMER ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH)

**LAMBERTSVILLE**



**IT'S A BIRD, IT'S AN AIRPLANE!  
NO, IT'S A WOODPECKER'S HOLE!**



**BOARD MEMBERS: (L TO R): JOHN LONG, LARRY PRITTS AND  
STEWART SAYLOR**



**THIRTY-FIVE FIFTH GRADERS AT BBHS ENJOY MAY 9, 2022 TOUR**



## IN A GARDEN OF FLOWERS

If **Tulips** would find **Lady Slippers** at the bed of **Sweet Williams**, would it create a scandal in a **garden of flowers**?

Would **Touch Me Nots** explode, would snap dragons, snap, would **Tiger Lillies** roar, and would **Dew Drops** fall from the eyes of **Weeping Willows**?

## BERLIN BROTHERSVALLEY SCHOOL MENU 1976

March 1 - 5, 1976

- Mon: Chili Con Carne  
C. Slaw - Italian Bread  
Pineapple Sl/Frosted Grahams  
Milk-butter
- Tues: Pizza/peperoni  
Tator Tots/B. Corn  
Pear Half/Peanut Butter Cookie  
Milk-butter-bread
- Wed: T. Cheese Sandwich/½ D. egg  
Tomato Rice Soup  
Carrot & Celery Stix  
Gelatin/apricots - Spice Cake  
Milk-butter
- Thur: BiCentennial Menu (Melting Pot)  
Melting Pot Stew  
Dutch Delight Salad  
English Crumpets/butter  
Chinese Almond Cookie  
Settlers Milk
- Fri: Cheese Dreams/pickle  
B. Broccoli/French Fries  
Gobs/Apple Sauce  
Milk-butter-bun

## SUMMER IS THE SEASON THAT BUGS US!

## PHILIP HAY

1819-1901



Son of Peter Simon and Elizabeth (Walker) Hay.  
Grandson of Pioneer Simon Hay and Anna Marie (Shaver) Hay.

Philip Hay and wife, Anna Olinger Hay were the prominent residents of "Fairview Farm" in Brothersvalley Township, which is owned by Jim and Lissa Paxton in 2022.

11 children were born to Philip and Anna Hay's marriage: William P.; Miss Elizabeth; Hiram P.; Silas Sylvester; Peter S.; Mrs. Millard (Malinda) Walker; Mrs. Wilson (Clara) Walker; P. Ephraim; Mrs. Lewis (Sarah) Berkley; Mark; and Luke. We have an 11 page genealogy of his children and grandchildren.

His framed picture was donated by David R Hay, Curator.



# **HOLLEN FAMILY'S ONE-HORSE SLEIGH BECOMES A NEW ACQUISITION!**

On the afternoon of May 17, 2022, a one-horse sleigh (in mint condition) was donated to the Berlin Area Historical Society by Charles and Cindy Hollen from Northern Cambria. Tom Calvert transported the new acquisition to Berlin in his Ford pick-up truck to the barn at BAHS with curator David Hay traveling along. It was a trip of approximately 62 miles made on a beautiful spring afternoon. The Hollen couple has sold their ten-acre property near Barnsboro and Spangler in Cambria County with plans to re-located nearer to Indiana, PA where their daughter and her family reside.



**CINDY AND CHARLES HOLLEN BEHIND THE RESTORED  
ONE-HORSE SLEIGH THEY'VE DONATED TO BAHS!**

The sleigh had been stored for the past 38-years in one of the Hollen family's storage buildings. Prior to their ownership the sleigh had been owned by Charles' parents, the late Richard (1915-Dec. 24, 1990) and Rebecca (1915-2003) Hollen, who lived about five miles away in St. Benedict. Richard, who worked in the coal mining industry and was a lover of horses, had restored the sleigh. He enjoyed



**THE 75<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF**  
**DALE EUGENE & BETTY G.**  
**“ETTA” (MARKER) CUSTER**



**BETTY “ETTA” AND DALE E. CUSTER HONORED BY THEIR FOUR SONS AND FAMILY IN HONOR OF THEIR 75<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. They were married on May 31, 1947.**



**DALE AND ETTA CUSTER WITH THEIR FOUR SONS:  
LEFT TO RIGHT: ALLEN EUGENE, ETTA – MOTHER; GREGORY LEE;  
MARK WAYNE, DALE – FATHER; AND LARRY DALE.**



hooking one of his horses into the sleigh and gliding over the snow in Cambria County. A picture of him riding in the sleigh also accompanies this story thanks to his son and daughter-in-law, who allowed us to copy an old photo from their family album.



**MORE THAN 40 YEARS AGO, THE LATE RICHARD HOLLEN IS PICTURED GLIDING ACROSS THE SNOW IN HIS SLEIGH BEING PULLED BY ONE OF HIS PRIZED HORSES.**

An auction was slated to dispose of contents from the Hollen's home and storage buildings along Nicktown Hill Road on May 21 with Auctioneer Wayne Templeton in charge. Prior to the auction, Charles had also sold some of his prized classic car collection. In recent years, Charles had been selling used autos at his property while his wife was serving as a Notary Public.

Knowing that the sleigh would be under roof and taken care of by the Berlin Area Historical Society, the Hollen family was delighted to donate the sleigh as a new acquisition to our barn. The couple and extended Hollen family members look forward to a future time when they can travel to Berlin and view the sleigh in its new display area.

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Some years ago the boroughs of Barnesboro and Spangler merged together to form the community of Northern Cambria!





**HELPING WITH THE INVENTORY:  
SHIRLEY GARY, KAREN BITTNER, AND LEANNA COUGHENOUR**



**HELPING ORGANIZE OLDER NEWSPAPER ITEMS:  
CAROLYN PAYNE**



## TOURING OUR FACILITIES



**LEFT TO RIGHT: CALLIE WELCH, MEGAN (ELDER) WALKER – TEACHER, AND BEN GARY**

On May 16, 2022 Megan Walker, a teacher at the Berlin Brothersvalley High School, accompanied two of her advanced students for a tour of our facilities. The students are Callie Welch and Ben Gary. Gary Estnick provided the tour with Bob Platt showing them the computer data base he uses to assist persons in tracing their ancestors.

### **DONATIONS:**

**Doug Bell** donated a cloth Bicentennial calendar, 3 aluminum beverage glasses, Plaid and S&H green stamp booklets, a 1990 Philson National Bank calendar, which was the last year for the Philson Bank; an early proposal of an architectural drawing for the proposed new borough building, and miscellaneous items. **Rich Berkley** replaced outside insulation on the heat pump. **John Long** worked on the door to the office building and improved handles on the outside cultivators in front of our barn.

**Beggs Printing** donated \$200 to our endowment fund - \$100 each in memory of Earl Boyer and Jim Suder. **Rick Naskali and his assistant (Security One)** worked on the smoke detectors and security system at our office and Heritage Haus. **Lee and Lorraine Woida** donated a miniature rocking chair handcrafted by Frank Woida, Lee's dad. **Robert Schmucker** donated the 1940 10<sup>th</sup> annual printed report of the Stonycreek Valley Community Association. Thank you to all our volunteers, **David R. Hay, Curator.**