

CURATOR'S REPORT

THE BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MARCH 10, 2015

THE VILLAGE OF ROXBURY



What a rare and special picture this is of the Village of Roxbury – estimated to have been taken in the early 1930s. This and a variety of other Roxbury Store, community and family pictures have been donated by Ruth Ann Kimmel, widow of Jay E. Kimmel of Stonycreek Township. Jay and Ruth Ann (Kimmel) Kimmel owned and operated the Roxbury Store after the many decades of ownership and operations by prior owners Lester Engle and his father-in-law Lewis E. Musser.

Bob Platt, who has retired from the Fairhope Post Office, visits us regularly and has delivered the many pictures from his Aunt Ruth Kimmel. It's interesting to have Bob walk through our doors because of the interesting treasures he delivers to the Berlin Area Historical Society. Jay E. Kimmel was a son of Ernest E. and Mary (Marteeny) Kimmel while Ruth Ann's parents were Mathias and Blanche (Seifert) Kimmel.

FORMER LEWIS E. MUSSER GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORE IN ROXBURY!



After Lewis E. Musser operated his general merchandise store in Roxbury for many years, the store's ownership passed to his son-in-law and daughter, Lester and Mabel (Musser) Engle. They, too operated the store for many years. They sold gasoline through pumps in front of the store as well as directly across Route 31 (Roxbury Auto Service). In 1930 they sold gasoline for 18 cents per gallon and kerosene sold for 15 cents per gallon. Ruth Kimmel donated above picture and the baby shoes.



MRS. ERNEST (MARY MARTEENY) KIMMEL'S BABY SHOES!

STONYCREEK NEWS

THE BERLIN RECORD – January 4, 1895

Plenty of snow now and farmers are taking advantage of it. They cleaned up E. A. Walker's and W. J. Glessner's lime house. I. C. Burket started his new kiln also and expects to do a booming business. He has the 90 foot vein of limestone. Dan Glessner opened a new lime and coal mine and is also burning lime. Allen Will opened a new lime and coal mine on Alex Walker's farm.

Dan Glessner took a trip to Ohio and he intends to stay two or three weeks.

John Werner has moved his steam saw mill to J. M. Topper's mountain farm.

George Fisher of Bedford County moved to the J. M. Topper farm.

John Topper is storekeeper and gauger at the Mountain Distillery.

N. E. Miller has a new cutter now for the girls.

W. F. Brant is the boss trapper. He can catch the farm cats.

THE BRITTANY ROOM 423 MAIN STREET – BERLIN

"NOW AIR CONDITIONED"

423 MAIN ST.
BERLIN, PA
267-4213

THE BRITTANY ROOM

• DAILY LUNCHES •	• DINNERS •
Wed.: Hot Turkey Sandwich\$2.75	Fri.: Baked Haddock\$5.25
Thurs.: Bacon Cheeseburger\$3.25	Sat.: Ham Steak\$5.50
Fri.: Reuban Platter\$3.75	Sun.: Stuffed Chicken\$5.25
Sat.: Tacos (all you can eat)\$3.50	
Sun.: Stuffed Chicken Breasts\$5.25	

All Dinner Specials Include
Potato, Vegetable, Soup & Salad Bar
With Home-made Soups and Bread

Reservations Accepted But Not Necessary
Mon. thru Sat. 6 A.M.-9 P.M.
Sunday 10:30 A.M. to 9 P.M.

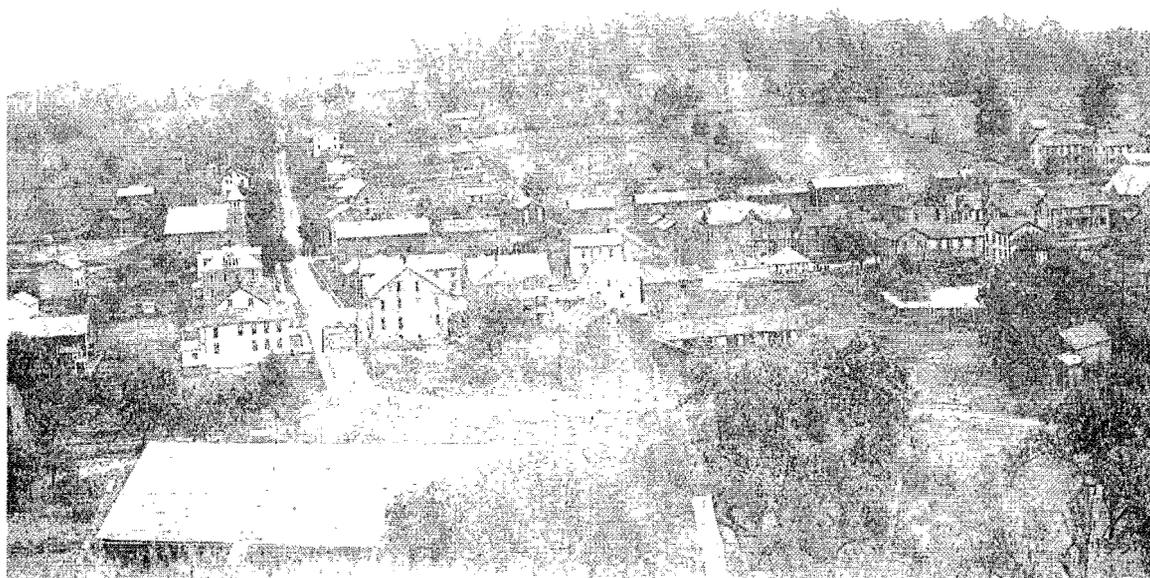
Oct 1987

This advertisement appeared in a local newspaper in October 1987 to advertise this public eating establishment that was located behind the bar area at Hunter's Inn in Berlin. Jeff "Clevi" Grove, a graduate of Berlin Brothersvalley High School in 1966, was the proprietor of both the Hunter's Inn as well as The Brittany Room. Berlin Area Historical President Jim Suder remembers dining in The Brittany Room – which was named in honor of Jeff and Gail (Lynch) Grove's oldest of three children. Brittany Lee Grove graduated in 2002 from Berlin Brothersvalley High School.

Jeff's mother, Neva (May) Grove-Lishia assisted with food preparations at both Hunter's Inn as well as in The Brittany Room. She and her husband, Anthony "Tony" Lishia operated the same hotel-tavern enterprise as Lishia's Tavern prior to their step-son and son, Jeff Grove assuming ownership.

Hunter's Inn was destroyed by fire on Sunday, December 26, 2004.

SHANKSVILLE POSTCARD— DONATED BY SHIRLEY FLAMM



DONATIONS FROM MIRIAM (SCHROCK) COUGHENOUR



The above headline was one of the memorabilia items that Miriam (Schrock) Coughenour donated after dismantling a scrapbook that she kept during the 1940s. Can you identify the hands that are holding the newspaper headlines? Miriam, who is the widow of Eugene Coughenour, also donated a number of other newspaper articles from her scrapbook, WW II ration books, a 1951 Bervalon yearbook, a 1932 Mountaineer yearbook and the publication, "Glimpses of Life in Somerset County in the 1890's".

ADDITIONAL ITEMS RECEIVED FROM THE FAMILY OF JEANNE MERRILL-COLEMAN

Many history books, family genealogies, and research materials from the personal library of the late Jeanne Merrill-Coleman have been donated by her sons, Bill and Mike Merrill. A special thank-you to Gary Estnick for putting together a written inventory of their donations. A complete listing is available in our daily log book at BAHS. This listing includes the majority of the items.

Donations include: Eash Family Record and History; The After Life by Karen Rae Mehaffey; 44 Years of Life of a Hunter by Meshaca Browning; Virginia Fraktur; Mourning Becomes America; Joseph Johns Family History 1768-1970; Collection of Laurel Messengers, a collection of W. G. Beeghley's Genealogies; Descendants of Barbara Hochstedler and Christian Stutzman; Daniel S. Beachy Family History, Genealogy of the Putman's, Meyersdale's Centennial; Reflections of Stonycreek; Gnaegi Family History (3rd edition); and Brown's Miscellaneous Writings.

Also: Pennsylvania German Society (1935, 1939, and 1941); Draketown Past and Present; Churches and Cemeteries of Lancaster County, PA; Genealogy of Jacob Mast; Genealogy of Michael Korn Sr. (1949); Descendants of Jacob Hochstetler; Garrett Centennial; Reiman, Rieman, Reaman & Rayman Family History; Coleman-Stern Family; Will Family History; Folk Art in Stone (Southwest Virginia); Salisbury Centennial, Davidsville 150th Anniversary (1981); Berlin Lutheran and Reformed Church Records; Two Centuries of Church of the Brethren of Western, PA; Two Centuries of Brothersvalley Church of the Brethren; Springs Mennonite and Jennerstown Church programs; and Berlin Methodist Church Sunday school records.

Also Census Records of 1850 for Addison, Elk Lick, Lower Turkeyfoot, and Southampton Townships; 1880 Somerset County index and 1810 Somerset County.

ADDITIONAL DONATIONS:

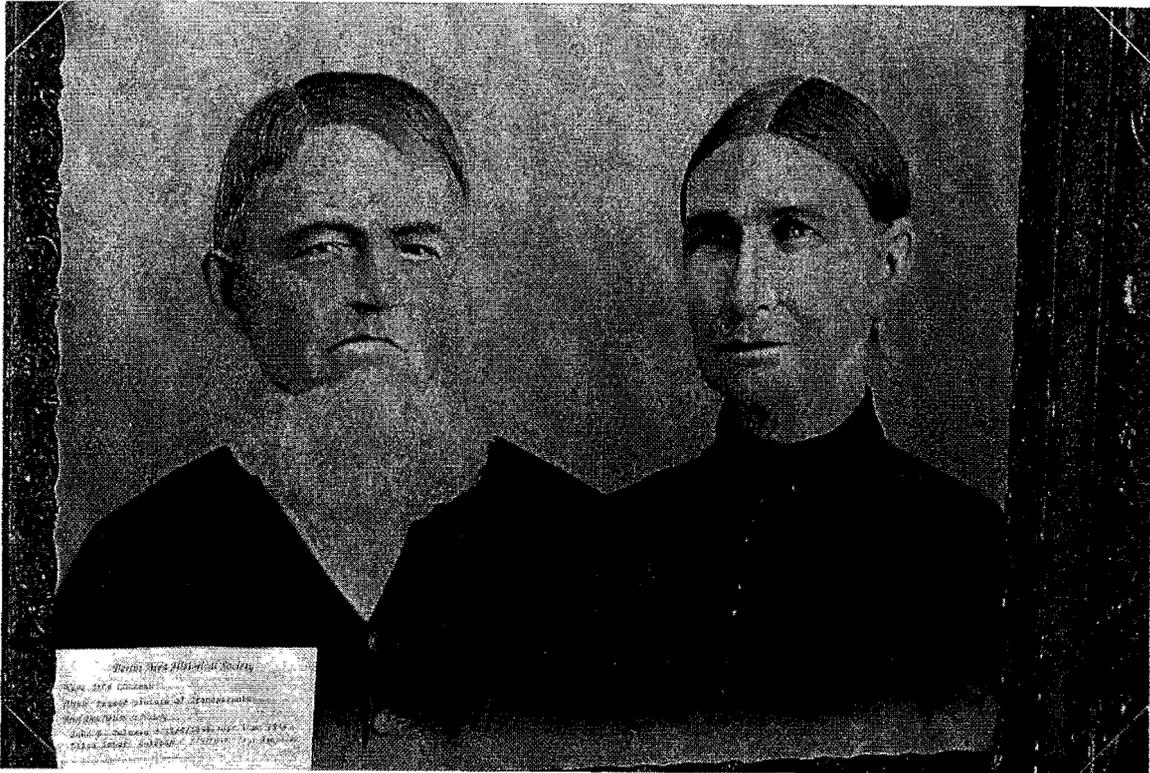
R. Donald Williams donated postcards and a collection of our Memos; **George and Carolyn Custer** have donated advertising coffee cups for Somerset Trust Company and the 390th Anniversary of Maple Mountain Manor and a pen advertising Shoemaker Brothers' Clothing Store in Somerset. **Mike Merrill** donated his father, Bill Merrill's flight pants and Clarence Tipton's baptism certificate. **Hazel Hillegas** donated pictures

The old platform rocking chair that has been restored by Aaron Kinsley was from the Joe and Doris Saylor estate. Funds to have the chair restored have been provided by the three Saylor children: Daniel Saylor, Nancy (Saylor) Spochart, and Joni (Saylor) Thomas.

WANT LIST: Short stories or memories pertaining to the Roxbury Store or to the Roxbury community as well as pictures of former residents of that area. Thank you to the many persons who have donated treasures to BAHS and to our volunteers for the many things they do to keep our center operating. Thank you to the Memos staff for the interesting publications! We hear many favorable comments!

David R. Hay, Curator

JOHN J. AND ELIZA (IMHOFF) COLEMAN



This picture is one of the large photographs displayed in the basement of the genealogy building. On March 2, 2015, I decided to record information about folks who grace our displays. John J. Coleman died December 8, 1894 at the age of 70 years, 10 months, and 29 days. His wife, the former Eliza Imhoff, died August 9, 1900 at the age of 75 years, 8 months and 21 days. They are interred in the Mt. Zion (Hay's) Church Cemetery. The picture was donated to BAHS some years ago by Paul Jackson Coleman, a great grandson.

John J. and Eliza Coleman lived along what is today Grange Road in southern Brothersvalley Township in the house (or in an earlier house on the same property) where Michael and Greta (Meese) Durst reside. Many of us remember the same house being the former residence of Harvey W. and Dessie (Wedge) Bittner.

John and Eliza Coleman were the parents of the following children: Sarah Elizabeth Burkholder Buckalew; Lewis Albert Coleman (the grandfather of Paul Jackson Coleman), Ellen, who married Simon Glotfelty; Somerset County Sheriff Andrew Coleman, and Frank Coleman, who re-located to Ohio. John and Eliza Coleman also raised a granddaughter, Emma (Stuck) Dickey, who married Morgan Dickey. Emma was a daughter of Sarah Burkholder-Buckalew, who once operated a small store in her home in Pine Hill.

I'm hoping that Stew Saylor, our genealogist, might be able to do some research to show who the parents were of both John and Eliza (Imhoff) Coleman.