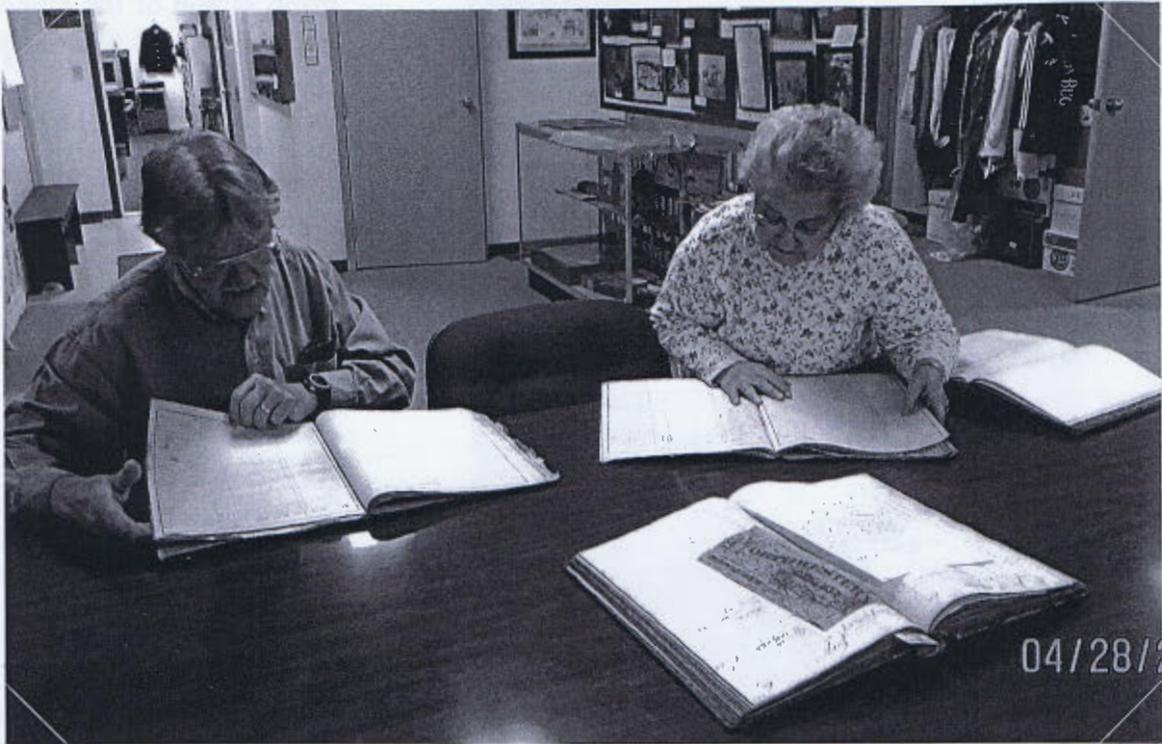


CURATOR'S REPORT

THE BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MAY 13, 2014

EXAMINING LEDGERS PURCHASED AT THE AUCTION OF VERA SHULTZ AND THE LATE J. WILLIAM SHULTZ



Volunteers Gary Estnick and Anna May Weighley examine old ledgers

The April 26, 2014 auction at the Vera Shultz and late J. William Shultz home along Wills Church Road brought a large crowd of persons together for the disposal of household, beekeeping, historical, and miscellaneous items. Many neighbors and friends for miles around attended the auction with interest in bidding upon items and to extend well wishes to Vera as she was preparing to relocate to Ashland, Ohio. Both living children: Joan Merrill of Muncie, Indiana and John Shultz of Ashland, Ohio and members of their families were in attendance.

Through the years, Bill Shultz enjoyed attending auctions. In conversations exchanged with your curator when he met up with Bill at auctions, Bill was always verbal about obtaining historical items for BAHS. He would often say, "It's important to purchase historical items when they become available so they're preserved for the community!" With that thought in mind, your curator purchased four journals (at reasonable prices) that are pictured above. Two are **1870 Berlin High School Attendance Records** (male and female pupils for February 1875 are listed with this report.) The other two ledgers are from the Berlin business establishments of **Philson's Store** and **Dr. John Garman**, listing many local customers and patients. Your curator also donated a shoe-box filled with local historical agreements and 1904 and 1905 letters written to Dr. Ezra Saylor that he purchased at the Shultz auction.



J. WILLIAM SHULTZ

**Past President of the Berlin Area
Historical Society**

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS
DONATED BY VERA SHULTZ**

Shortly before Vera Shultz' auction, your curator visited her home for the second time to pick up additional items that she and her family desired to be donated to BAHS. The items included three Navy WW II dress uniforms, a top coat, gaiters and two caps which Bill often wore in parades or veteran's activities. There were also miscellaneous items including two Fairview School pictures and a picture of the

former Jay Musser farm. The Shultz home is being sold to neighbors, Don and Cheryl Glessner and will become their retirement home. There were some sad moments when your curator picked up the Navy uniforms (especially the white one), remembering that the accompanying picture of Bill wearing the white uniform was taken at one of the dinner meetings of the Berlin's Last Man's Club.

BERLIN HIGH SCHOOL

**February 1875 – J. B. Whipkey,
Teacher**

Male pupils: Mark Collins, John A. Philson, Harvey L. Meyers, Norman Helff, Clifton Heffley, Charles Fisher, Harvey C. Diveley, Jacob M. Cober, Robert C. "Denner" Heffley, James E. Krissinger, Robert Philson, William Philson, S. P. Brubaker, and William Weyant.

Female pupils: Rohanna Knepper, Olive Heffley, Annie M. Heffley, Lizzie Masters, Mary Straufs, Addie Gardill, Kate Mervine, Annie Musser, Maggie Garey, Ella Masters, Amelia Straufs, Irene Johnson, Agnes Shoemaker, Belle Fisher, Annie Fichtner, Annie Helff, Susan Powell, Annie E. Heffley, Lottie Holsinger, Rosie Krissinger, Elizabeth Ferrell, Bertha Forney, Ellen Gardill, Emma Garey, Mattie Lane, Clara Poorbaugh, Catharine Garey, Mary Platt, Annie Gardill, Minnie Reidt, Clara Heffley, Kate Garman, Emma Reidt, Maggie Heffley, and Annie A. Heffley.

Visitors: Cevilla Knepper, Mary Engle, Professor D. W. Will, Captain Heffley, John Heffley, Jacob C. Philson, Secretary, Charles Krissinger, Levi Shoemaker, Joseph Mason and M. William Rink.

DEEP SPRING FARM

THEN - JACOB M. AND ELIZABETH
(BEACHY) MUSSER FARM RESIDENCE



NOW - 2014 - THE FARM HOME OF JEFFREY
S. AND PAMELA (SANNER) MOORE



THE ORIGINAL SANDY HOLLOW SCHOOL IN BROTHERSVALLEY TOWNSHIP!



Bob Bauermaster of Brotherton allowed us to copy the above picture of the original Sandy Hollow School House in Brothersvalley Township. His father, the late Claude Bauermaster was one of the teachers at Sandy Hollow. This school house burned down and was replaced at a nearby location by another building, which currently is the residence of Roger and Jayne Platt. In the background is the current Roger Platt farm, formerly owned by his parents, Clyde and Ruth Platt, and earlier by his grandparents, Galen and Minnie Platt. When this picture was taken the farm was owned by Emanuel "Mony" and Emma Knepper. Third person from the left is Minnie Adams, who later married Galen Platt. Four lady from the right is Orpha Grace Mostoller (wearing a white blouse), who later married Claude Bauermaster. The tall man in the back row (to the left of the notation "me" is probably Lewis Knepper, son of "Mony" Knepper, who became a minister.

Bob Bauermaster also allowed us to copy his 1908-1909 term picture of the Plank Road School, where his father, Claude Bauermaster (far left) was once the teacher. He also allowed us to copy several additional pictures including a reunion picture of his Shanksville Stonycreek High School, Class of 1945.

Carol Leydig has donated several cookbooks, booklets entitled "The Spirit of Friendship" and "Nature's Remedies, a 1927 Art Needlework catalogue from Frederick Herrschner, Inc. of Chicago. **Floyd and Elizabeth Brant** donated a sled, a roller conveyer, a quilt frame with stands, and two apple stirrers. They also allowed us to copy the story, "The Right Hand of Robber Lewis." The first scene of the story takes place at the White Horse Tavern in our area. **Ken Miller** donated a package of Philson National Bank matches.

NEW BALTIMORE RESTAURANT AND BAR

history of the concentration camp where Anne Frank was held prisoner, and a 1902 Heidelberg Catechism.

BRUBAKER ADDITION BLUEPRINT IS FRAMED!

In early May Aaron Kinsley delivered the framed blueprint of the Brubaker Addition to Berlin, which he framed in his workshop. The blueprint was donated by **David and Joni Weighley** and is very informative about early property owners in that area of Berlin. Aaron Kinsley is also working on making rustic shutters for the spring house.

WILLIAMS, in the southeastern part of Fairhope Township, is a former small village along the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. A brick plant was established at Williams by the Savage Fire Brick Company in 1892.

FAIRHOPE TOWNSHIP was formed by the Somerset County Court in 1891 out of adjoining parts of Northampton, Southampton, and Allegheny Townships. It takes its name from the village of Fairhope.

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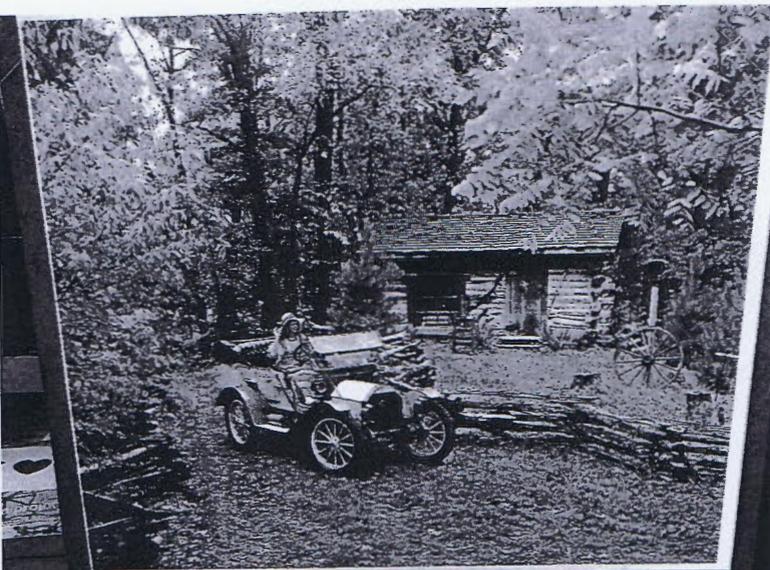
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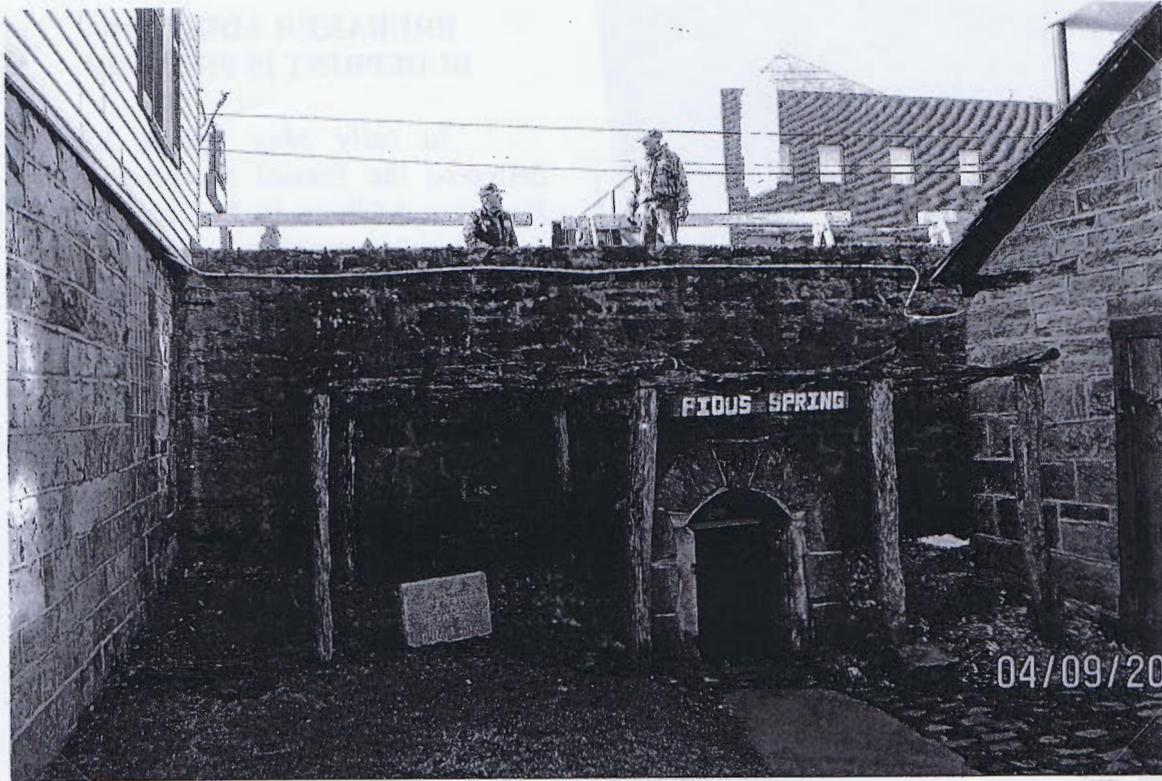


Bill Keller has donated a 1984 New Baltimore Restaurant and Bar calendar. He is a former owner of that business establishment and has interesting stories to share about its operations. Bill also donated a newspaper from July 1967 that shares about the Detroit Riots. At that time Bill was residing in Wayne, Michigan. He served in the Army from 1954-1976 and later worked ten years for the Ford Motor Company.

Bill also donated a (very small) "Nixon new penny" as well as chips advertising both the East End Tavern and Lishia's Hotel. He donated a brief

Tom Blubaugh donated two Pine Hill School photos. Richard Berkley Donated two 1969 relief maps of Eastern United States that includes our area.

REPLACING THE FACING STONES AND REFINISHING THE FENCING ABOVE PIOUS SPRING!



Pictured above are Ken Miller and Larry Pritts

Portions of both April and May were devoted toward improvements made above Berlin's historical Pious Springs on the property of the Berlin Area Historical Society. The stone work was completed by **Roger Clarke**, stone mason of Berlin, who was hired by the Board. **Ken Miller** (assisted by **Larry Pritts** and other persons) took on the job of scraping the finish off the old fencing and applying fresh coats of new finish. On this picture you'll notice the marker for Pious Spring lying on the ground under the grape arbor. The Pius Springs Women's Club has taken on the project of changing the wording on the historical marker. A special thank-you goes to all the persons, who assisted with the project and helped re-lift the fencing back onto the facing stones for permanent attachment on May 6.

WANT LIST: Pictures of the former Charles Knepper, Emanuel Knepper, Galen Platt, and Clayton Hoffman (Bauermaster) farm buildings. Old time pictures of Fairhope and the Umbrella Rock. History and early pictures pertaining to the former Ida's Store in Shanksville.

A special **thank-you** to our faithful volunteers for all they do to complete the work in our office and to the many persons who donate items to BAHS. Special thanks to individuals who continue to donate historical items to the Berlin Area Historical Society.

David R. Hay, Curator

FAIRHOPE is a small village located southwest of the central part of Fairhope Township. It was laid out after the close of the Civil War. It received its name from the fact that its citizens had good prospects of a railroad being built through the village.