

CURATOR'S REPORT

THE BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MAY 9, 2017



**ALICE JEAN AND THE LATE CLAIR "TINY" MUSSER'S
FAMILY RESIDENCE IN
STONYCREEK TOWNSHIP!**

PRESESENTATION OF A DANIEL HEFFLEY GRANDFATHER CLOCK TO THE BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY!



BEN F. AND MARYLOU (LANDIS) WALKER AND FAMILY! FRONT ROW: MARYLOU WALKER. SECOND ROW (L TO R): JONATHAN WALKER (SON OF JIM WALKER); BEN F. WALKER, BERT WALKER, AND JIM WALKER. BERT AND JIM ARE SONS OF BEN & MARYLOU.

Some exciting moments in the history of the Berlin Area Historical Society occurred on Saturday, April 22, 2017 when two vehicles arrived in Berlin conveying the Ben F. and Marylou (Landis) Walker family. Loaded on the back of a pick-up truck was the 1843 Daniel Heffley grandfather clock that has been owned by the Pittsburgh couple for many decades. Marylou and Ben Walker have presented the clock to BAHS on the condition that it remains displayed with the other artifacts at the Berlin Area Historical museum.

The clock was made in Berlin by Daniel Heffley (1813-1887), who was a clock and watchmaker from 1841-1870. He and his brother, Annanias Heffley (1816-1876), also a clockmaker, were both apprentices and next door neighbors to Samuel Hoffard, (1801-1845) clockmaker, who lived on the Upper Diamond of Berlin, where the clock shop was also located where he built numerous clocks.

The Walker's grandfather clock was given by Ben F. Walker's great grandfather, Henry N. Coleman to his wife, the former Mary Ann Wingert. After retiring from their farm in Brothersvalley Township, Henry and Mary Ann Coleman

resided in the last house on the right side of Broadway as you travel southward toward Garrett.

The Daniel Heffley grandfather clock has found a permanent home in the middle of two other early Berlin grandfather clocks in the back display room at the Berlin Area Historical Society. Tom Croner is working to get the historical clock up and running for the society. Present to assist the Walker family in carrying the historical clock into the BAHS display room were President Jim Suder, Stewart Saylor, Robert Platt and David Hay. The clock was taken apart for transportation from the Walker's long-time home in Pittsburgh. Ben and Marylou have downsized and relocated to Verona, PA in recent months. Information about clockmakers Daniel and Annanias Heffley (sons of John Heffley, a tanner) and Samuel Hoffard has been supplied by Gary Estnick from two publications available at BAHS: Clockmakers Outside of Philadelphia and Pennsylvania Clockmakers and Watchmakers.

Ben F. Walker is a son of long-time Berlin residents: Bertram Stuart and Margaret (Groff) Walker. Bert Walker was a former Principal of the Berlin High School. "Doc" and Marylou were members of the Class of 1943 at Berlin Brothersvalley High School. Marylou is a daughter of Elwood S. and Bertha (Philson) Landis, who resided on the former Elwood Landis farm, which later was owned by Marylou's twin brother and his wife, Edwin P. and Marcella Landis.

BOB PLATT WELCOMES HIS SECOND COUSIN ROBERT LEE FRITZ, JR. OF NORTON, OHIO TO THE BERLIN AREA!



Bob Platt's Grandma Mrs. Henry (Goldie Fritz) Platt and Bob Fritz, Jr.'s grandfather, Walter Levi Fritz of Ohio were siblings.

A VISIT WITH WILLIAM HENRY RAUPACH IN GLENCOE!

On April 14, Curator Dave had the pleasure of visiting with Bill Raupach, retired CSX Railroad employee, at his home in the Village of Glencoe. Bill is the oldest native son still residing in Glencoe. He is quite knowledgeable of Glencoe's history and many of the families that earlier occupied the homes in the railroading village.



WILLIAM HENRY RAUPACH

In our April Curator's Report appeared an advertisement from the George Vang Company offering employment with good wages in the spring of 1944 for a Glencoe area job. To find out what the George Vang

Company was planning to do in the Glencoe area, a telephone call was made to Bill Raupach, who was able to supply the answer. Then a few days later, Curator Dave drove to Glencoe to take some photos of the village for a possible calendar page in the proposed 2018 calendar for the Berlin Area Historical Society.

By hearing the name of the George Vang Company, Bill knew that firm was hired by the former B & O Railroad to move a section of the Wills Creek near Roddy's Curve so that a bad curve in the railroad tracks could be eliminated. Bill said the area was near the bad curve where a 1912 accident occurred on the railroad.

As a teenager in 1944, Bill recalls going with other Glencoe kids to watch the men working on the job along the railroad. The advertisement said that laborers were wanted with a full week's work promising to net \$46.90.

After graduation in 1948, Bill followed his father, Henry Carl "Harvey" Raupach and grandfather, William Henry Raupach into the employment of the B&O Railroad, where he was employed for 44 years prior to his personal retirement.

DONATIONS TO THE SOCIETY

Cathy Webreck donated the 2000-2001 Brothersvalley FFA scrapbook, a First National Bank thermometer and rare coin coasters, a cut-out of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, a certificate plaque honoring Florence Sarver for 20 years of service with the Berlin Area Ambulance Association, jackets that belonged to Jim "Curly" Sarver, and 1970s Mountaineer shirts.

Carol Leydig donated a raffia basket she made in fifth grade in Margaret Coughenour's class. **Dr. Martin Dudas** donated a monetary donation to our endowment fund in memory of Calvin M. Will. **Arlene Suder** donated a child's sewing machine, a Kraft cheese box, an Allied Milk Producers bottle, a Brotherton Garage key holder, Penn Lines magazines, and various newspaper clippings.

THE PASSING OF BETTY MENHORN, FORMER HOME ECONOMICS TEACHER AT BERLIN BROTHERSVALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Betty (Stouffer) Menhorn, 91, of Chambersburg died April 2, 2017 at Providence Place Retirement Home where she had resided since 2008. Many will remember the years when Betty taught Home Ec. in the Berlin Brothersvalley High School and resided along the Brotherton Road in Brothersvalley Township in the home now owned by Chad Webreck and formerly by Earnest Smith.

Betty was a 1944 graduate of the former St. Thomas High School and Indiana University of PA, where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Home Economics Education. She taught Home Ec. For 34 years – first at the Berlin Brothersvalley High School and later at James Buchanon High School in Mercersburg. In both schools, Mrs. Menhorn sponsored FHA clubs and took students to the State Farm Show each year where they displayed individual window exhibits and did demonstrations. She took students to the Farm Show 29 years in succession.

A celebration of her life was held at the First Lutheran Church in Chambersburg on April 29.

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS FOR YOUR SERVICES!

DAVID R. HAY, CURATOR

SHANKSVILLE-STONYCREEK

THIRD GRADE ELEMENTARY - 1949



First row (l to r): Elsie Fritz, Audrey Baughman, Sally Glessner, Sandra Livengood, Faye Walker, Velma Custer, Marty Keller, Virginia Stull, Barbara Glessner, Dorothy Spangler, Betty Smith, Ruth Ann Kimmel, Shelby Hillegas, and Nancy Glessner. Second row (l to r) Elwood Zimmerman, Philip Hostetler, Larry Collingwood, Connie Sarver, Nancy Zerfoss, Jane Ann Wetzel, Jane Mostoller, Beverly Wentz, Mary Spangler, Kenneth Manges, Calvin Fulton, and Ronald Mostoller. Third row (l to r): John Hoover, Wilson Sorber, James Stiffey, Charles Nibert, Arthur Becker, Ori Dupstadt, Billy Wiltrout, Terry Hillegas, Barry Horner, Larry Pritts, and Miss Myrtle E. Ross, teacher.

Thanks to Larry Pritts for loaning the picture and for identifications!