

CURATOR'S REPORT

THE BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

JANUARY 14, 2014

Since the Memos went mailed out in December, we've been steadily recording the 2014 dues payments that have been coming in from our many members. Since our last meeting in November, we've been relatively quiet except for visitors coming in for short transactions or visiting. We've missed the volunteer services of Gary Estnick, while he's been recuperating from knee replacement surgery, and are eagerly looking forward to him returning to action in 2014. There's always accounting, pictures to be filed, news to digest, and other projects so time always goes quickly at BAHS. Between Christmas and New Year's our volunteers took a vacation but telephone numbers were available for persons needing our services.

AN AUSTRALIAN VISITOR

On the cold afternoon of December 11, our volunteers welcomed a visit from our member Mary "Blondie" Cook, who lives along Brush Creek, and her granddaughter Anne-Marie Cook, a resident of Brisbane, Australia. "Blondie" was eager to introduce her granddaughter to the BAHS facilities. Even though it was an extremely cold day, we opened up the barn since Anne-Marie was especially interested in photographing the old gasoline-powered wash machine and vintage cream separator that the Cook family donated to BAHS during the past year.

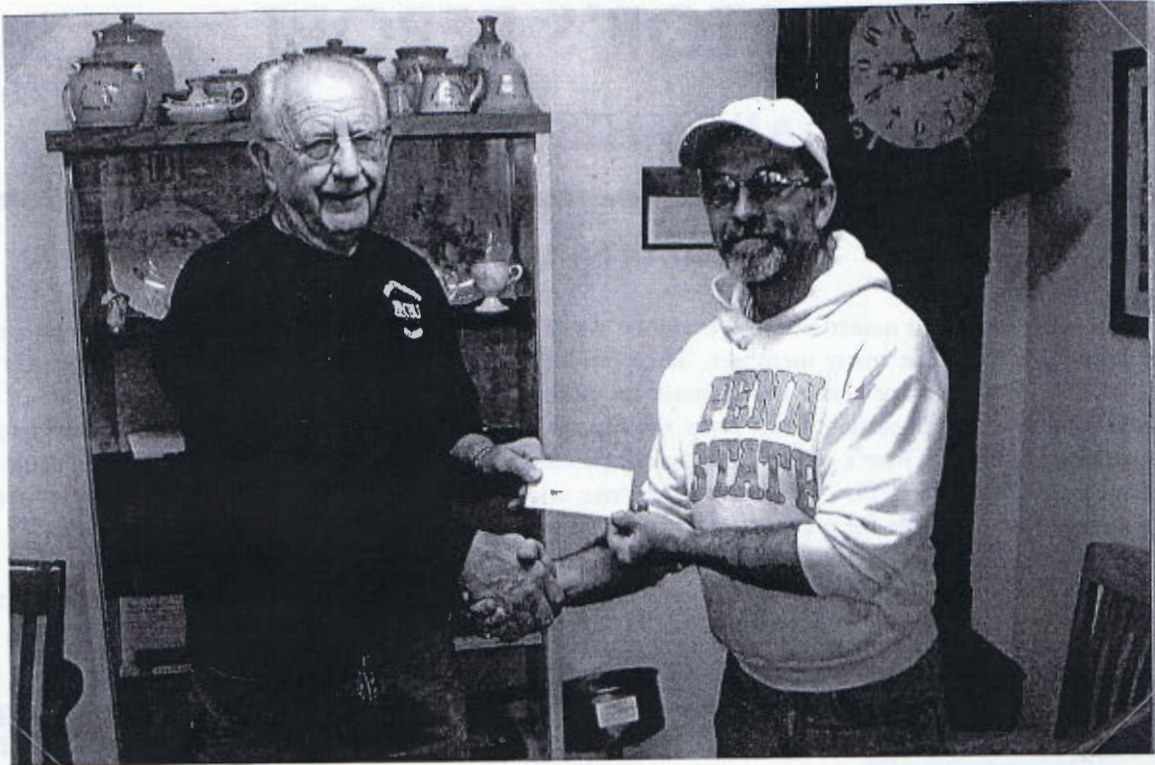
Anne-Marie grew up in California and is the daughter of Clifford B. Cook, who is enjoying his retirement walking his dog and looking after his Northampton Township home.

DONATIONS

Doris Moore has donated two 1964 photos of the ground breaking ceremony for the construction of Berlin's community fire hall and additional memorabilia. **The Elsie Beachley Estate** donated obituaries and funeral cards while **Ronald "Bud" Harkcom** donated a copy of the May 10, 1929 Berlin Record. **R. Don Williams** donated letterhead from the former Taylor Motor Company in Berlin, a roof "snow bird" used for catching snow and other memorabilia. Photos have been donated by **Audrey Twombly**. **Anna Belle Bockes** donated 1990 NBWP and Philson Bank calendars. **Bob and Barbara Miller** donated a Crystal Bottling Company beverage bottle. **Ed Landis** donated three local key chains.



MARY "BLONDIE" COOK
ANNE-MARIE COOK



BERLIN VETERAN'S HOME DONATES \$2,000

In December the Berlin Veteran's Home Association donated a check for \$2,000 to BAHS to be applied toward the cost of purchasing a digital microfilm scanner/reader with computer interface to be used in the Berlin Historical Society day-to-day operations. This picture of Bob Schmucker, a director of the Berlin Area Historical Society, shows him receiving the check from Terry Rhodes, a director of the Veterans Home Association. Terry also serves as a director of BAHS. This picture and similar information was also published in *The Daily American* and *The New Republic* newspapers. Some months before this presentation, Berlin Veteran's Home Association also presented \$4,000 to BAHS. Both donations are earmarked for the microfilm scanner/reader project.

- **Miriam (Schrock) Coughenour** has presented \$200.00 to our endowment fund in loving memory of her husband, Eugene Coughenour. **New Life** members include **Rusty Ogburn** and **Shane P. Taylor**. **Betty (Underwood) Boyer**, retired librarian at BBHS, has donated a Sto-Gars Cigar box from the former G. E. Fogle Cigar establishment.
- **Pastor Ralph Landis** has donated book number 2 - which includes additions to his life's story since the publication of his original book, "Go Ye Therefore!" **Leonard Gary** has donated ball caps from Berlin's Sesquicentennial celebration and the 1994 Whiskey Rebellion. **Mary Susan Cober** has donated the obituary of her great grandpa, **Elias Cober**, who was killed in an accident on his farm near Pine Hill in 1916.
- **Irene Shultz** and **David Weigle** have donated collections of Chichonian yearbooks. **Mike Merrill** brought in a WW I registration card for **Clarence William Tipton**, from the estate of his son, **Leland Tipton**. **Lee Lowry** has donated a photo of the former **Harrison Ringler** farm in Stoneycreek Township. **Barbara Miller** has donated a 2002 Visitor's Passport for **United Flight 93**. **Jeannie (Keidel) Williams** has donated a Berlin Fire Department coffee mug from 1985. **Mary Louise Mowery** donated church booklets and a **Stutzman** family photo.

A thank you is extended to our faithful volunteers for all they do to keep the wheels moving smoothly!

David R. Hay, Curator