

CURATOR'S REPORT

THE BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2013

PRESENTING A HOMER K. CRONER HARDWARE CALENDAR

Dorothy (Hay) Croner-Suder and her son-in-law and daughter, Eldred and Sara (Croner) Atkinson, all of York, visited the BAHS on September 4 and were in attendance at our annual banquet on September 5. Dorothy is 94 ½ years old and retains wonderful memories of her early life growing up on her parents' (Walter E. and Anna Hay) farm along Route 160 in Brothersvalley Township. She was an employee for many years of the Philson National Bank in Berlin. After the passing of her first husband, Homer C. Croner, Jr., who was the father of Sara and the late Ronald H. Croner, Dorothy remarried the late Ernest Suder. They resided for many years in Berlin before relocating to the York area to live close to the Atkinson family.

Dorothy and Sara are pictured presenting a 1934 calendar from the Homer K. Croner Hardware Company in Berlin. Dorothy's in-laws, Homer C. and Edna (Brick) Croner were the founders and owners of the well-known hardware store that was conducted in the Croner Building, which also housed apartments, along Main Street in Berlin. The York members of our society also presented interesting Walker School photos from when Dorothy attended that one-room school along Route 160, a variety of miscellaneous items that included an old scrapbook that belonged to the late Ida Belle (Werner) Suder, who as a step-mother assisted in raising Ernest Suder. Ida was a well-known historian and the second wife of the late John M. Suder. Ida was first married to Harry Bittner, a Glencoe native, who was the father of her son, Donald Bittner, who along with Ernest Suder grew up at the Suder farmette and attended the one-room Walker School.



Left to right: Sara (Croner) Atkinson and her mother Dorothy (Hay) Croner-Suder are shown presenting a 1932 calendar from the former Homer K. Croner Hardware Store in Berlin to the Berlin Area Historical Society.

ARBOR RESTAURANT AND NEW BALTIMORE RESTAURANT



Bill Keller donated matches with advertising from his former establishment, The New Baltimore Restaurant and Bar, Joyce's Restaurant operated by Joyce Knotts, and the former Arbor Restaurant operated by Joe and Peggy (Friedline) Krepelka for a short time along Diamond Street in Berlin.

BERLIN BRETHERN CHURCH'S CARILLON OF BELLS



On October 11, 1970, Paul J. Coleman (center) officially presented the Carillon of Bells to the Berlin Brethren Church. Included in the picture accepting the plaque are Karl H. Hay, left, as well as the Rev. Ralph Mills, the long-time pastor of the Berlin Brethren Church.

On October 11, 1970 the Carillon of Bells was dedicated at the Berlin Brethren Church "to the glory of God and the service of man." It was given in loving memory of Mary (Esken) Coleman – the wife of John W. Coleman – by her son, **Paul Jackson Coleman**. This plaque was displayed at the church for many years. In September, it was presented to BAHS (through Darlene Hillegass at Paul's request) along with this picture, a copy of the church's dedication program, and a picture of Mary (Esken) Coleman.

ANNE (DICKEY) HYNICKA DONATES TREASURES!

Anne (Dickey) Hynicka of Lancaster County donated a variety of items to BAHS, traveling to the Berlin area in August with her son, Steve, to attend the annual Morgan Dickey family reunion. Among the items she donated were a picture of Ephraim Dickey, a brother of her grandpa Morgan Dickey; a tea strainer and a cherry seeder; a ruby red cup; and the WW I canteen of her father, R. Earl Dickey. She donated five SAD irons, one self heating iron (Akron Lamp Company in its original box) and a figurine. The figurine was given in memory of Miss Emma Glessner from her childhood neighborhood while all the other items were given in memory of Anne's grandparents, Morgan and Emma (Stuck) Dickey, former of "Belfast Farm," which in 2013 has passed into the ownership of Jonathan Dickey. Anne's husband, Richard Hynicka passed away in recent months.



ANNE (DICKEY) HYNICKA

and her son

STEVE HYNICKA

08/18/2013

Harry Caton has donated two copies of his **Caton Genealogy**. **John Hoffman** (Brothersvalley Township Supervisor) has donated a shovel used in the groundbreaking of the new section of Route 219 to be constructed between Somerset and the Meyersdale area. **Joan Donner** donated a seltzer bottle from the former Berlin Coke plant. **Butch Leazier** donated several baseball uniforms and caps from the 1960s. **Sue Sarver** of Friedens donated a Berlin Sesquicentennial book. **Kathy Grimm** donated information about John Hay, a brother of Pioneer Simon Hay.

Berlin Brothersvalley High School donated the 2013 Bervalon. **Joyce Knotts** donated a NBWP football souvenir and a 1999-2000 BBHS elementary yearbook and Laurel Messengers. **Mike Merrill** donated a Glessner and Woytek (East End Tavern) key chair. **Lynn Brant** donated a large screen computer monitor, which is already in use in the office. **Darlene Hillegass** donated photos.

Internet service was installed at BBHS on Sept. 25, 2013 by **John Troha** of Comcast. John grew up outside Glencoe and just moved home to Somerset County with a promotion from Comcast after living in Virginia.

Linda McClintock donated two Highland dolls, post cards, a metal box containing dominoes, farmer's almanacs, a pencil box, a whistle and miscellaneous items. **Mary Alice (Crowe) Zimmerman** and **Doris (Miller) Malas** donated several books. **Ethel (Maust) Brant** donated a Fletcher bible. **Barbara Miller** donated photos and a Philson bank pouch.

ADDITIONAL DONATIONS:

Include an 1881 silver dollar presented by **Dorlan W. Hay**. Your curator had a delightful day visiting Dorlan and Norma Hay and their daughter, Brenda, in Pine Grove Mills on September 10. **R. Donald Williams** has donated a Modern Dairy thermometer and place on loan a meat ladle from former butchering activities. **Harold Weigle** donated a CD with 2008 – 2013 obituaries, engagements, marriages, and anniversaries taken from the Somerset Daily American.

Edith Hoffman donated a Lion's Club calendar while **Dick and Rose Webreck** donated a Naugle Feed Store calendar. **Bob Platt**, Postmaster at Fairhope, donated a thumb drive of his genealogy records (roughly 17,000 names.) **Josephine Estnick** donated a photo of the Second Society of Farm Women taken in 1988. **Joe Bingman** donated a 1954 sales slip that was issued to Zimmies Lunch, once located on the lower diamond in Berlin in the same room where the B & C Diner later operated. The same room is currently a section of the building owned by the Roger Clarke family.

Ken and Carol Miller spent September 16 trimming the shrubbery behind the Heritage Haus and in front of the genealogy building. The flowers at both locations were extremely beautiful again this year.

BURDINE WILSON'S BUSINESS

ATTENTION

You can now get the following articles repaired cheap.

Shoes, Rubbers, Boots, Galoshes, Leather Coats, Tires, Tubes, Rain Coats, Hot Water Bottles, Gloves, Auto Floor Mats, Auto Running Boards, Auto Tops, Rubber Hose, Suit Cases. In fact anything made of Leather, Rubber or Cloth.

Also Auto Chains repaired, or material to repair.

Call me up

Phone 132-M

B. WILSON

304 South Street,
Berlin, Pa.

Joe Bingman also donated the Burdine Wilson advertisement that is pictured on this page. Burdine's business was located at 304 South Street in Berlin.

Once again we are greatly appreciative of our many volunteers and the hours they donate to the operations of the BAHS. **David R. Hay, BAHS Curator**

GLESSNER AND WOYTEK KEY CHAIN



GIVEN BY
MIKE MERRILL

BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S ANNUAL BANQUET

There were approximately 235 members and friends in attendance at our annual dinner meeting on Sept. 5 at the Berlin Community Building. Mike Shealer, a teacher in the Berlin Brothersvalley Schools, presented an interesting program pertaining to Gettysburg.