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Summer 2018

“Exploring Union County’s history to inform the present and future”

Events at the Dale-Engle-Walker House
1471 Strawbridge Rd., Lewisburg, PA



WORLD WAR I ENCAMPMENT
Saturday and Sunday, June 9 and 10, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



World War I re-enactors will be on hand throughout the weekend to discuss soldiering. Fireworks display at dusk on Saturday evening, provided by Just Light It, will celebrate the end of The Great War.

On Saturday, military historian Andy Lysiak will speak about WWI military weapons and Troop M, in which many Central PA men enlisted.

On Sunday, General John J. “Black Jack” Pershing (David Shuey) and Captain Dwight D. Eisenhower (Dan Bower) will share their stories at 1 PM.

“Over There, Over Here,” an updated exhibit on how the war affected Union County, and another exhibit featuring Boy Scout memorabilia from the Steve Ranck collection, will be on display in the house.

Tours of this historic dwelling – built by Samuel Dale c. 1793; the site of the Engle family dairy; and the home of Charles & Rosemary Walker – will be offered during the day.

Admission fee of \$5 is good for both days and the fireworks.



As a special remembrance, the historical society has **commemorative T-shirts** for sale featuring World War I **Nurse Helen Fairchild** who died on the Western Front, and **Major Samuel Wolfe** who returned home after the war and continued public service as a Pennsylvania State Senator.

DOIN'S AT THE DEW!
DIGGIN' AND BEE-IN'

Saturday, June 16, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

An archaeological dig led by Kim Mattern will begin at 9 a.m. for registered students ages nine to fourteen. Participants will learn how to select a site, document the excavation area, and carefully unearth artifacts left behind by Native Americans centuries ago. Event limited to 20 students. Advance registration is required; contact UCHS at 570-524-8666 or info@unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org.

Noted apiarists Dave Hackenberg, Preston Boop, and Mary Ann Frazier will share their knowledge about beekeeping beginning at 1 p.m. Honey products will be on sale during the day. No admission fee; donations accepted and appreciated.

Tours of the Dale-Engle-Walker House will be available during the day. The c. 1793 limestone farmhouse boasts early architectural features, and original hearth with period kitchen equipment. See the c. 1930s Milk House, and the Wagon Shed with vintage farm tools and vehicles. World War I exhibits and Boy Scout memorabilia will be on display in the house. Free admission.

Check the UCHS website for updates on these and other events.



Directions to the Dale/Engle/Walker House: from Route 15 in Lewisburg, take Route 192 west for 1.5 miles, turn north onto Strawbridge Road and continue 1.5 miles to the site. On tour Sundays, drive up the lane to the parking area near the house. For larger events, follow directions of parking attendants to designated areas.



Dear UCHS Members and Friends,

The board realized that UCHS needed to increase our public profile this year by raising awareness, extending our outreach, and increasing community collaboration. Activities over the past few months by our staff and volunteers have certainly helped as we work toward achieving that goal.

The Union County Public Library's branches have graciously hosted a variety of our well-attended programs. Topics ranged from forts on the Susquehanna frontier, to Union County's barns and farmsteads, to Central Pennsylvania's fraktur tradition, to the struggle by the region's women for the right to vote.

Since you received our last newsletter, requests for speakers have been flowing into the office.

Newspaper articles have reported on our progress in achieving StEPs certification by the American Association for State and Local History. This self-assessment program helps UCHS keep up with current recommendations, standards, and practices in the field of public history.

UCHS has also joined with the Smithsonian Institution and 265 similar organizations to promote the nation-wide History Relevance Campaign.

During March and April, students from Bucknell's Management 101 course helped prepare a number of vegetable and flower beds around the Dale-Engle-Walker House. UCHS volunteers also have been revitalizing the property with their time, labor, and plants. This includes creating a new gift shop in the house, removing the invasive forsythia off the east end of the porch, and repainting the dairy shed.

We're also working with the Linn Conservancy to re-examine the conservation easement and, as part of our educational mission, to establish more native plants, shrubs, and trees on the property.

Please plan to attend this summer's "Doin's at the DEW." The first, a World War One Encampment and related period activities, will be on the 9th and 10th of June. The following Saturday, June 16, will feature an archaeological excavation by school students in the morning. The highlight of our afternoon programming on the 16th will be several speakers on the importance of honeybees, along with a presentation honoring local apiarist, Dave Hackenberg.

For updates on all events, please visit our website regularly: www.unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org

It's your help and support that will make UCHS and the Dale-Engle-Walker Farmstead an inviting environment at which to learn and play. There's always plenty of work to do, so if you're interested in joining our growing group of volunteers, please contact the UCHS office and join in the fun. You can be sure we'll welcome you with open arms!

Bruce Teeple



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- Theron Dersham, Waynesville, OH
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The Society is grateful for donations from

- Francis Gillott, Mary Kay Harper, Mary Mastascusa, B. Irene Scott, and Ellen Wilch

and those who donated during the 2018 Raise the Region fundraiser:

- David Beckley, Linda Bollinger, Cathy Dennis, Mary Kay Harper, Ella Jane Kunkle, Michael and Carol Manbeck, Diane and Ted Meixell, Catherine Platusich, Kim and Steve Ranck, Mary Lou and Tom Rich, and Jean Shackelford

and for program support from

- The American Legion, Lycoming County Historical Society, Mifflinburg Lumber, Walmart, and the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

COLLECTIONS NEWS by *Tony Shively*

The Archives /Museum Committee fosters the collection of Union County manuscripts, printed ephemera, local advertising, and decorative arts through gift and purchase.

The following donations and gifts have been accepted since December 2017.

Owen Mahon Jr. of Lewisburg, owner of The Open Door Gallery at 430 Market Street, donated 58 matchbook covers of businesses located in Union County, including restaurants, garages and service stations, hotels and motor inns, political, barbershops, auto dealerships and more. Special thanks to Jeannette Lasansky for her efforts in securing this significant donation of Union County memorabilia.

Linda Wilkinson donated numerous WWI era items, including photographs, shoulder patches, medals, shell casings, discharge papers, postcards, her grandfather's WWI footlocker (Fred Wolfe, 108th Infantry) plus numerous other items.

Virginia Zeiber of Forest, VA, donated two original charcoal drawings, one of Francis T. Baker and one of his wife. Baker served as Union County Register & Recorder from 1908-1915 and later represented Union County in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives from 1920-1922 and again from 1926-1938.

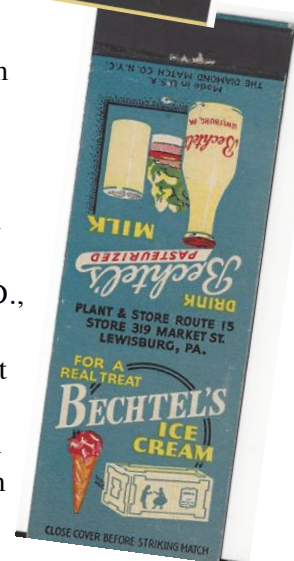
Jeffrey Spotts of Lewisburg donated a 1936 New Berlin calendar from Longstown Tzimmer Shoppe, Jacob Snyder, Proprietor.

Rich Norhold donated three trenails or trunnels from his collection.

Mike and Carol Manbeck of Lewisburg donated three coffee mugs, three fly swatters, five calendars, and several pens and a pencil all with advertising from local businesses or with political advertising.

John Moore donated a booklet that was handed out by A. H. Hill, M.D., in Mifflinburg.

Tony Shively of Millmont donated over 100 items relative to the West End of Union County, including Lewis Township High School and Mifflinburg High School programs, Hartley Township and Laurelton Elementary School photographs, record books from the 1930's from the Hartleton School books, P.O.S. of A. material, calendars, Pennsylvania House Cookbook from 2004 and many other items.



The following purchases were made by the society since December 2017:

A business card from the Lewisburg Inn, advertising covers from the Mutual Live Stock Insurance Co. of Mifflinburg (1885), the Redmen's Review of Millmont (1912), a postcard advertising the Lawrence Motel in Lewisburg, a 1936 invoice from the Laurelton Foundry, a black & white photo of a young boy sitting in a chair next to a Bechtel's Dairy milk box, a 1958 calendar advertising Bergen & Bird Rod & Gun Shop of West Milton and another calendar from Klinger's Self Service Store in Lewisburg, and a hardcover copy of *The Land: A Biography of 13 Square Miles of the White Deer Valley* by Steve and Martha Huddy.

Dale Library at the Dale-Engle-Walker House

These books have been added to the Dale Library, donated by Jeannette and William Lasansky:

- *Calvinism Improved; Or, the Gospel Illustrated as a System of Real Grace, Issuing in the Salvation of All Men.* [Five Lines of Scripture Text] (Paperback) by Joseph Huntington.
- *Olney Hymns On Select Texts of Scripture On Occasional Subjects On the Progress and Changes of Spiritual Life*, 1797, by William Cowper.
- *The Lives of the Most Eminent English Poets; With Critical Observations of Their Works; Embellished with Elegant Engravings*, by Samuel Johnson.

Because of the detailed inventory of Samuel Dale's estate taken at the time of his death in 1804, we know the titles of the 318 books that were in his library. (see partial list on right). The library was researched by the late Wiley Clements of Lewisburg (see *Samuel Dale: A Life and Estate 1741 -1804*, Heritage XXI, 2008) with additional research support from members of local Girl Scout Troup 1096 for their Gold Award in 2002. By searching the Internet and occasionally coming across a needed title in a local collection, the Society seeks to replace many of the titles inventoried in Dale's will. Some of the volumes the Society has collected were printed prior to 1804; others are replications of hard-to-find originals. There are books waiting to be sponsored.

Tom Jones and Quilms travels		25
Four Poems		
History of France	4 vol	6
Salamacus		1
French Spelling book and Grammar		50
Lectures by Blair		75
History of England		50
Godwin's Enquirer		25
French Revolution		38
Political Justice	2 vols	1
Annals of Ireland and Common Sense		25
Acts of Assembly from 1775 to 1781		
Acts of Congress	5 vols	4
Commentaries on the Laws of England	4 vols	1 50
Laws of Tennessee by A. J. Dallas	4 vols	5 50
Journal of the Senate of Tennessee	4 vols	2

Bucknell University "Conservatees" at Dale-Engle-Walker Property

Over four days in the Spring, this small army of students from Bucknell's Management 101 class helped members of the Union County Historical Society and the Merrill Linn Conservancy reinvigorate the landscape around the historical society's Dale-Engle-Walker House. The students dug beds and planted a variety of plants, including native PA species, and removed invasive plants along the Dale's Ridge Trail (maintained by the Linn Conservancy).

Management 101 classes devote a semester developing a project – from inception to finances to completion – for a community organization in the Union County area. The Conservancy and the historical society are glad to have been chosen by this talented group of students for their coursework.

Remember the Dale/Engle/Walker property can be rented for a formal photography session, a family reunion, a wedding ceremony; or full wedding with ceremony, reception, and meal (by your caterer). Rental rates are from \$50-\$500 depending on the length of time and complexity of the preparation and coverage. UCHS members get a 10% discount on big events. Please call the UCHS office for more information, and to schedule any photo shoots.



The Union County Historical Society office and library welcomes members and visitors

Monday through Friday 8:30-4:30 – located in the county courthouse, 103 S. 2nd Street, Lewisburg, PA
Members have free use of society library resources. Non-members are asked for a donation of \$5/day.
On-site research assistance is available for those visiting the UCHS office.

Genealogical research services are offered for those who can not come to the office.

For information, see Genealogy and Local History Research Quicklink on our website.

Please send an email inquiry with your research questions first. We will advise.

Fees:

- General genealogical search (one family) – \$50 includes copying up to 20 pages of documents. Extensive searches requiring additional time /fees can be arranged.
- Probate search for will, letters of administration, orphans court record – \$5 plus 50¢/copied page
- Obituary search and copy (must know year and approximate month of death) – \$5 per person
- Deed searches are negotiated on an individual basis. Please inquire.

Donations of Union County family histories (printed or digital) are accepted for the society's library.

Research Library Update

Added to the library:

African American Pioneer Families from the Mahantango Valley to Jefferson County, PA (including Simmy and Enty Family Research by Elaine Maurer Moran), Steve and Joan Troutman: 2017.

Donated by Steve Troutman.

Cotton in Pennsylvania German Life, Catalog of the Exhibition, Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center: 2005. Donated by Elsbeth Steffensen.

German Military Immigrants from the American Revolution in Pennsylvania by Nancy Rice Kiddo: 2017.
Donated by the author.

Roadside Geology of Pennsylvania, Bradford B. Van Diver: 1990. Donated by Bruce Teeple.

Union County Times 2017 issues.

Warriors, Wampum & Wolves by John L. Moore.



Recent Genealogy Searches and Their Researchers

If you have information to share, please contact UCHS or the researcher (address and/or email below).

BOYER /Snyder County Tombstones: M. Ritzman, 3499 Rt. 235, McAllisterville, PA 17049;
westwyn@embarqmail.com

RANCK family: Kelly Markel, 32 Polly Lane, Montgomery, PA 17752

SLACK / WAGNER: Cori Williamson, 609 Valleyview Dr., Endwell, NY 13760

HUFF: Paula Radwanski, 40 Tague Rd., Tunkhannock, PA 18657

SCHWARTZLANDER: Vickie Young, 5033 Knightsbridge Way, Raleigh, NC 27604

HOUSEL, Jacob d. 1850: Eric Awerkamp, 2960 E. Oriole Dr., Gilbert, AZ 85297

FISHER: Valerie Bieber 1225 Snyder Rd., Milton, PA 17847

BOYER, Frank: Terri Stump, 183 4th St., New Columbia, PA 17856

and Carolyn Shreck, 2311 New Columbia Rd., New Columbia, PA 17856

MELLINGER: Scott Mellinger, 68 Whispering Pine Lane, Birdsboro, PA 19508

SCHELL: Tammy Lobach, rlobach@gmail.com

DENNIS / SMITH: Steve Dale, 311 Cherrington Dr., Harrisburg, PA 17110

JOHNSON family, Carl Catherman, 906 Market St., Mifflinburg, PA 17844; crcath@dejazzd.com

NOGLE family: Sarah Jane Sees, 441 Cameltown Hill Rd, Danville, PA 17821

FOUST: Wes & Narda Foust, Vancouver, WA; nardagenie@gmail.com

MOOK / REISH: Bonnie Stahl, 128 Strickler Rd., Mifflinburg, PA 17844; pafolkartist@hotmail.com

WERTZ / GOODLANDER: James Robison, 324 N. Franklin St., Allentown, PA 18102 jadaro@juno.com

GEISINGER, John & MaryAnn: Gail Windman, Mesa AZ; GailWindman@cox.net

MOYER /FREDERICK /KUNKEL /NESBIT: Mary Ellen Maxell, 7749 Lakemont Dr. NE, Seattle, WA 98115

GILMAN, Jacob: Vicki Pfeffer, 324 S. State St., Suite 100, Salt Lake City, UT 84111

HOUSER, Jacob: David Houser, 1748 Indeenene Ave., Glenview, IL 60026; davidbhouser@icloud.com



Next Generation Historians Honored at National History Day

National History Day®(NHD) is a non-profit education organization that offers year-long academic programs for middle- and high-school students around the world. Students do original research on historical topics of their choosing. The National History Day Contest, has more than half a million students from around the world participating. Students enter their projects at the local levels, with top students advancing to the National Contest at the University of Maryland at College Park.

Students from Midd-West Middle School won the largest share of awards for Region 5 at the third annual National History Day competition held on Saturday, February 24, at Lock Haven University. School districts from over 20 counties across northern and central Pennsylvania comprise this region.

Andrew Romig and Skylar Epley won first place in the Junior Group Exhibit category. Tianna Lauver, Mackenzie Fultz and Sherryvnh Inch placed third. In the Junior Individual Exhibit category, Devon Bowman, Darrin Walter, and Halia Keister placed first, second and third respectively. Molley Herrold and Sheri-Leigh Dickerson also won an honorable mention for their exhibit.

Winners go to Carlisle for the state competition in May. State winners from Pennsylvania will move on to the national competition at the University of Maryland in June.

Other participants from Midd-West were Kayli Hollenbach, Haylee Hamilton, Leah Davison, Angel Burkey, Alyssa Heckman, Ava Graybill, Corbin Snook, Caleb Hulme, Jaden Wagner and Lydia Dehoff. Their teachers are Michael Sanders and Loren Collins.

Several UCHS members – Jim Lengle, Marj Kastner and Michelle Teeple - served as judges at the event. For more information about National History Day, please go to <https://www.nhd.org>

PEOPLE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Dorothy Lucille Bowersox passed away at home with family on April 11, 2018. She was born Dorothy Lucille LeVier in Brookville, PA, in 1925, and grew up in Middle Run near Hawthorne. She graduated from New Bethlehem High School in 1944, then went to work to support the naval war effort in Newport News, VA. In 1947, she married WWII infantry veteran George E. Bowersox, Jr. of New Bethlehem. They settled in Claymont, DE, in 1955 where they raised their sons and lived until 1988. For many years Dottie served as the head store cashier at Sears in Wilmington, DE. Later Dottie and George moved to Newark, DE, where she worked and made many friends at the family's lawn and garden shop.



Dottie had a great love for family and family genealogy. She became the historian for the Bowersox/Bauersachs family, traveling to courthouses throughout Pennsylvania to gather primary documents and information about her family. Before her passing, Dottie donated her extensive genealogical collection to the Union County Historical Society in Lewisburg, PA

Dottie is survived by sons Larry E. Bowersox (Susan) of Lancaster County, PA; and George E. Bowersox, III (Gail) of Newark, DE; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband of 56 years, George E. Bowersox, Jr., by brother Edward LeVier, sisters Leona LeVier Catchpole and Phyllis LeVier Haas.

Services were held April 21, 2018 at the Alcorn Funeral Home, 4065 Brookville St., Hawthorne, PA, Pastor John Phillips officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family asked that donations be made in Dorothy's name to the Union County Historical Society, 103 S. 2nd Street, Lewisburg, PA 17837.

The society is thankful for donations in memory of Dorothy Bowersox from:

Larry & Susan Bowersox, George & Gail Bowersox, Joyce & Edward Kuzmitowicz, Larry McKay; Dorothy's friends in the Village of Redhorn Creek, DE: Dorothy Whittaker, Donna and Mike Ricchuiti, Joanne E. Spence and Lisa M. Daniels; and the Howard family in Wisconsin: Ruth Howard, Kathy Howard, Nancy and Richard Zess, Mike and Michelle Howard, Vic Schwartz, and Lois Crubaugh.

Dorothy L. Bowersox Genealogical Library

The Society has accepted Larry Bowersox's significant donation of genealogical material and Bowersox family history, compiled by his mother, Dorothy (LeVier) Bowersox. Union County was a starting place for Bowersox history in the US, and a logical place to house Mrs. Bowersox's reference material. The Collection includes Bowersox family material, Pennsylvania county histories, immigration lists, will indexes, marriage and death indexes for central PA and surrounding counties, and Ohio. Earlier catalogued books are in UCHS newsletter 2018 #1, page 6. Recently catalogued books are listed below.

Pennsylvania

Farrington and Kirk Family, Herschel Benjamin Rochelle. Hillsborough, NC: Herschel B. Rochelle, Pub., 1983.

My Ancestors and Genealogical History of the Shamback Family by LeRoy F. Shamback. Sunbury, PA” *The Sunbury Daily Item*, 1969.

Atlas of Centre County Pennsylvania from Actual Surveys by and under the direction of Beach Nichols. Philadelphia, A. Pomeroy & Co., 1874 Large format reprint by the Centre County Historical Society.

East Hanover Township Dauphin County Pennsylvania Bicentennial Celebration 1776-1976 Genealogical Research in the State Library of Pennsylvania. State Library of Pennsylvania Department of Education, 1973.

Pennsylvania Area Key: A Study of the Genealogical Record Sources of Pennsylvania. By Florence Clint. Logan, Utah: Everton Pub., 1976.

Books on Maryland and Indiana

Cemeteries of Eastern Greene County, Indiana. Published by the Greene County Historical Society.

Greene County Indiana Abstract of Wills 1825-1904 Books 1-5. Greene County Historical Society, 1981.

Maryland German Church Records. 1770-1840 Vol. 1, Christ Reformed Church Middletown, Frederick County, Translated by Frederick S. Weiser c. 1986.

Books on Ohio

Columbiana County, Ohio 1850 Census. Mansfield, Ohio: Ohio Genealogical Society, 1973.

The Federal Census 1850 for Preble County, Ohio, compiled by Rose Shilt and Anita Short. Mansfield, OH: Ohio Genealogical Society, 1974.

Marion County Family Genealogies: Territorial Days to the Present, by Marion County Historical Society. Chicago, IL: Adams Press, 1980.

Marriage records of Shelby County Ohio, Compiled by Barbara Adams and gene Mozley. Baltimore: Gateway press, 1981. Two volumes.

Ohio Cemetery Records, extracted from The “Old Northwest” Genealogical Quarterly. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1984.

Richland County Ohio, Abstracts of Wills 1813-1873. Anne Lockwood Dallas Budd. Vol. 1. Published by Ohio Genealogical Society, 1974.

Williams County Ohio 1874, 1894 Atlases, 1904 Plat Book, 1864 Wall Map Combined. Columbus, Ohio: Walsworth Pub. Co., 1983.

Wood County Ohio Atlases. Defiance, Ohio: The Hubbard Company, 1982.

Other States

An Index to Some of the Family Records of the Southern States, by E. Kay Kirkham, Genealogist. Logan, Utah: Everton Pub., 1979.

Books in this collection are in the UCHS office and available for use by researchers.

Many Thanks! to those who have volunteered in the office on Fridays this winter:
David Goehring, Tom Greaves, Marj Kastner, and Glenda Sheaffer.

Volunteers help visitors at the UCHS office, and may take on projects including genealogy research, organizing books, arranging displays, looking up obituaries and news reports.

Are you interested in volunteering in the office on Fridays one morning or afternoon per month? Interested in doing research? Contact or visit the office.

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Return Service Requested

Membership in the Union County Historical Society supports programs, historic sites tours, and the growth of our collection of Union County photos, postcards, account books, diaries, and items made by Union County crafts people. Membership also enables us to maintain the 1793 Dale-Engle-Walker House, which offers tours, exhibits, programs, and events. Members receive the biennial *Heritage* book, newsletters, a discount on society publications, and free use of our extensive reference library.

New, renewing, and gift memberships: please mail this form to:
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Patron \$150
Lifetime (individual) \$500

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