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 and for all who renewed for 2023.

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Dear Society Members and Friends,

One thing I never doubt is the satisfaction I get from working with young people.

Years ago, a fellow showed me a family heirloom his father had just given to him. It was a sword carried by his ancestor throughout the Civil War. According to family tradition, the first-born son of every generation received that sword on his twelfth birthday. And now that sword was his.

He asked if he might find any information about his ancestor. We looked through a well-worn volume of regimental history and reviewed the list of this long-dead soldier's campaigns. Imagine our shock, though, when we turned the page and stared at a picture of that ancestor. Not a drawing. An actual photograph from the 1860s.

I have rarely witnessed a joy as pure and intense as when this kid saw that image before him. Here was a face to go with what had been merely a name from the past. It was a moment when two souls, bound by the threads of memory and family, blended into the fabric of history, and broke through the dimension of time to greet each other.

I never saw that fellow again. From what I heard, he did well in school before heeding his true calling. He didn't become a minister, a teacher, or a historian. He didn't follow in his ancestor's footsteps by becoming a soldier. No, he decided to pursue his passion for public service by heading out west and fighting forest fires.


One morning's headline said it all. A plane taking him to a fire had crashed. There were no survivors.

Tragedies like this are part of the price we pay for living. How many of us, though, can claim that we've led our lives and ended our days, in the words of Joseph Campbell, by "following our bliss"? This young person did, and it was an honor and a privilege to have been present at the moment he took that first profound step toward the responsibility of adulthood and citizenship.

Bruce

Explore history!

What's in the News, Union County?
1849




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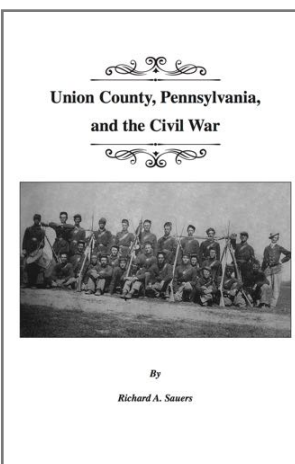


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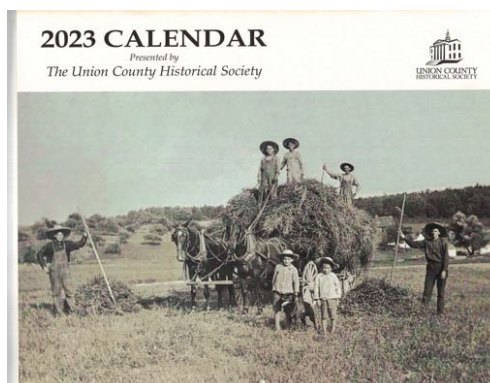
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Union County, Pennsylvania, and the Civil War by



historian Rick Sauers tells the story of Union County citizens' Civil War experience: soldiers and ladies aid societies, politics and politicians, pre-war slavery and abolitionism, and post-war issues. An excellent account of Union County in the mid-1800s. Available at the UCHS office and on our website.

The **2023 Calendar** has great old photos of Mazeppa, New Berlin and Mifflinburg; the Lewisburg-Milton-Watsontown trolley; Buffalo Valley Motor Company, and Hess gas station in Lewisburg; Memorial Day in Allenwood, Winfield lime kilns, Shively barn in White Springs, Enos Oldt's Penns Creek sawmill,



Pete Pursley in Theo Hartman's hack, Mrs Benfer's 1912 class picnic, Lewisburg 1950 Little League team, and the Hartman farm near New Columbia (cover). Available in the UCHS Office and selected local banks. Or by mail: \$7 plus \$3 s/h.

What was daily life like in the Susquehanna Valley 175 years ago?

What's in the News, Union County? 1847-1848 details how political, social, technological, and economic changes slowly affected central Pennsylvania.

Four pages of news came once a week out of the office of O. N. Worden and his *Lewisburg Chronicle*. As with most newspapers across the country, it was a mouthpiece for a political party, in this case, the Democratic party of Andrew Jackson and Southern sympathizers. Stories of enslaved people fleeing north, though, began trickling in, eventually leading Worden to change his editorial position as citizens questioned the “peculiar institution’s” realities.

Advertisements illustrated how the Industrial Revolution affected local markets.

Paper technology was changing with profound effects. Instead of recycling rags to produce paper, manufacturers began using wood pulp, and paper became cheaper and more available, thus satisfying the growing demand for books and magazines.

Americans had more leisure time to read those materials, reflect on different perspectives, and participate in the political process.

Most newspaper items focused on local news, but there were national stories, too. After Samuel F. B. Morse received a patent for his telegraph, wires spread across the country to make communication instantaneous. Readers were thrilled by the latest dispatches as Generals Zachary Taylor and Winfield Scott led their forces in the middle of a three-year war with Mexico.

For over a hundred years, journalism has been called “the first rough draft of history.” The flowery language, the twisted syntax, and the spelling and grammatical errors you’ll see in the booklet are exactly as printed in the original. These excerpts capture the atmosphere of mid-19th century Union County as witnessed by one of its newspaper editors. They are the raw materials that help us craft the collected narratives we call “history.”

What's in the News, Union County? 1849 is the second in a series examining how this area met its challenges and moved forward. We hope you’ll appreciate how much we have in common with that period and how much things have changed.

Telegraph lines crackled as each week’s newspaper told story after story about the new El Dorado called California. Gold fever dangled promises of easy riches, but reality set in when dispatches from local fortune-hunters detailed the hazards and frustrations dashing hopes and dreams.

Europe’s revolutions and famines in 1849 didn’t affect Union County immediately, although waves of immigrants fleeing these disasters over the following years forced Americans to repeatedly re-define their national identity.

A worldwide, eleven-year cholera pandemic that killed over 150,000 in the US alone, was still fresh in Union County’s memory. No one knew what caused this dreaded disease at the time, but local papers reported on methods promising to prevent it.

Cotton was king, and the industrial scale enslavement of African-Americans making it possible was reaching its peak. Unresolved disputes arose over the plight of enslaved fugitives, creating cracks across the political landscape. Old allegiances broke apart, with a disaffected hodge-podge of temperance, nativist, and abolitionist forces eventually transforming portions of the old Whig party into what became the Republican party.

The rivalry between Lewisburg and New Berlin also began heating up in the pages of local papers. This resulted six years later with half of Union County splitting off to create Snyder County.

The Pennsylvania Railroad opened the Appalachian gateway in 1849, with its first tracks linking Harrisburg with Lewistown. Steam-powered locomotives, rather than canal boats pulled by sluggish mule teams, symbolized a country on the move. The new routes of transportation also allowed central Pennsylvania to welcome celebrities such as General Tom Thumb and President Taylor.

More money and leisure time permitted Union County residents to buy a piano from a local dealer, and have their pictures taken in a local studio. And a new dentist was advertising the latest procedures to alleviate suffering.

What's in the News, Union County? booklets are available at the UCHS office or website.

Archives Committee Report by Tony Shively

The Packwood House

As many people know, the Packwood House Museum in Lewisburg recently dissolved, resulting in the lifetime collection of John and Edith Fetherston being turned over to the Sacred Heart Church in Lewisburg, following the direction of Edith Fetherston's will. The church was obligated to liquidate the collection, and in doing so the contents of the Packwood House were turned over to an auction house in Downingtown, PA to be sold to the highest bidders. The 27-room Packwood House was the largest museum in the county, and today it is a mostly vacant building. The onset of the pandemic, no visitors or programming, along with other difficulties, resulted in the museum being shuttered, and its demise spiraled into reality.

While the Fetherstons collected items from all around the world, their collection also included items directly linked to the history of Union County. All of those items were sold at four online auctions held December 9 and 10, 2022, along with auctions held January 19, and February 9, 2023. Many unique historical artifacts important to the county's 210 year history, and also important to the Union County Historical Society, are no longer a part of the county. It is an unfortunate and sad situation, but there was little the society could do. We were able to acquire some of the items at the four auctions, but most of the Packwood House collection has been purchased by collectors and antique dealers within and outside of Pennsylvania.

Although the financial resources of the Archives Committee of the society were limited, at each of the auctions we attempted to keep historically relevant pieces in Union County. Unfortunately, some of the items in the Packwood House auctions escalated beyond our budget and slipped our grasp. Whenever historically significant pieces are advertised at an online auction, open to people all around the world, they can become untouchable from the society's standpoint.

Archives Committee members were grateful for several residents of Union County who stepped up to assist financially in our online bidding efforts. We thank those who contributed to the effort to preserve history! We were grateful to UCHS member and Union County native Rick Sauers of Colorado who purchased items at the December online auction and donated his purchases to the society. We appreciate the support of people with similar interests, and those who have a passion for preserving local history.

The New Berlin Heritage Association was also able to acquire items important to New Berlin history from the Packwood House auctions. Ultimately the goal is preservation of our local history to benefit the interests of all county residents.

The Committee is also grateful to the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Lewisburg for their donation of personal papers and photographs that were in the Packwood House collection. The church donated many archival boxes with information about John and Edith Fetherston, their family histories (including the Kelly family of Union County), photographs, and other material. We are particularly grateful to Mark Moyer from Sacred Heart who facilitated the transfer from the Packwood House to the Union County Historical Society.

WPA model houses from Packwood collection



We are also grateful to UCHS Archives Committee member Phyllis Dyer, who opened her former store building in Winfield to the society as a place to temporarily house the collection of Packwood material that was given to the society.

While much of the material we received has a direct connection to the county and will be preserved by the Archives Committee, other materials and photographs had no connection to the county. Archives members reached out to the Bertrand Library at Bucknell, and other historical organizations around the country in an effort to preserve the material. Several boxes (nearly 40 pounds) relative to Muscle Shoals, Alabama, have been shipped to a historical association in that city for preservation. Other boxes will be distributed to like-minded organizations in New York. The Archives Committee was pleased to share this material with other historical societies and organizations.

The society could use your support. That support might be in the form of financial donations to continue acquisitions, dues-paying memberships, or perhaps you might be interested in volunteering to support the ongoing efforts of the Union County Historical Society. The loss of the Packwood House Museum is unfortunate for Union County and its history. However, there are organizations like the Union County Historical Society and the New Berlin Heritage Association that are endeavoring to preserve the past for the future.

If you, or anyone you know, is willing to assist the efforts of the Union County Historical Society with its mission of preserving the county's history, you are encouraged to contact the society office at (570) 524-8666 or info@unioncopahistory.com, or you can send mail to the Union County Historical Society, 103 South 2nd Street, Lewisburg, PA 17837.



The Union County Historical Society Office is open to fully vaccinated visitors. Masks are requested. Members have free use of the library. Non-members are asked for a donation. Please call or email ahead of any visit to UCHS so we can advise you on the current office hours.

Research services are provided for those who cannot visit the office. Please email your research questions to info@unioncopahistory.com.

Fees: • General genealogical search (one family) – \$50 includes copying up to 20 pages of documents.
• Search for wills, letters of administration, or orphans court record – \$5 plus \$1/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.

See www.unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org / Research Resources for documents list and more.

Donations of Union County family histories (print or digital) are accepted for the library.

Added to the reference library:

Riehl, Ben (compiler). *The History of the Buffalo Valley / Union County Amish, 1836-1891 and Immigrant Christian Stoltzfus*, undated. 131 pages.



German-Pennsylvania Association, ed. *Mit Pennsylvanisch-Deutsch darich's Yaahr, 2006*. In German. 159 pp.

Carr, Kurt, ed. et al. *The Archaeology of Native Americans in Pennsylvania, Vol 1, 2, 3*. University of Pennsylvania Press, Philadelphia, PA. 2020. Donated by Ralph Seeley.

Dunkerly, Robert M., *A beautiful Solemn Scene: The Lewisburg Ceneterary*. Heritage Books, 2013.

In addition to a reference copy, the office has several copies for sale. Please inquire.

Archives & Collection Committee Report by Matt Wagner

Revised Criteria for Items Donated to the UCHS Collection

The UCHS Archives & Collection Committee is always grateful for the artifacts and photographs gifted to us. The UCHS Board recently revised the criteria for accepting donations for our Collection.

The society accepts:

- Documents, photographs, and artifacts with a direct connection to the history of Union County.
- Documents, photographs, artifacts that have a direct connection to the Dale-Engle-Walker property's original owner, Samuel Dale, and subsequent owners and tenants.
- Artifacts and equipment that are representative of the period when the farm was operated as a dairy farm preceding and during the occupation of the Engle Family.
- Artifacts and equipment related to the history of farming throughout Union County.
- Business Ledgers and other records related to Union County businesses and industries.
- Advertising items and ephemera which represent Union County businesses and industries.
- Personal Diaries of Union County citizens.
- Furniture manufactured or crafted by Union County furniture makers.
- Quilts and woven bedspreads crafted in Union County will be accepted.
- Guns crafted by Union County gunmakers.

In view of space limitations, the Committee cannot accept some items. Following are general guidelines for items we will not accept.

- We will not accept records of institutions, clubs, or organizations which are currently active. Exception will be considered where the organization would otherwise dispose of such records; UCHS may accept these items if it is the only viable means to ensure the preservation of those records.
- As a general rule, we cannot accept clothing items such as dresses, caps, hats, police, firemen, and military uniforms. Exceptions may be made in some cases based on review by the Archives Committee. Exception may be made for military uniforms dating prior to 1900.
- Military weapons which date after 1900 will not be accepted as part of the UCHS Collection at this time. Guns crafted by Union County gunsmiths will be accepted.
- As a general rule, family bibles will not be accepted. The Committee would be interested in copying any genealogical information that may be contained in family bibles and the bibles returned to the owner. We also will not accept hymnals published after 1860.
- We do not accept yearbooks, annuals, and alumni records from Bucknell University, Lewisburg Area High School, or Mifflinburg Area High School. These items are available for research purposes at those institutions and local libraries. We encourage potential donors to contact those institutions to donate these kinds of items.

Potential donors who have any further questions, please contact the UCHS Office.

Correction: 1937 in Mifflinburg and Western Union County DVD – in reference to the Mifflinburg Implement & Auto Co.: Wolfe is correctly spelled with an “e” at the end. Elmer Wolfe did not own the business in 1937; he served in WWII, and was the owner in 1947. (Mr. P. Shade may have been an earlier owner.) The business was also called Mifflinburg Farmer Supply Co. Information provided by Wolfe descendent Janet Sulzer of State College (814-360-2181).

Senior Service Project Report by Lewisburg High School student Tori Vonderheid

A recent donation of photos, cards, and documents about the Lenhart, Matthews, and Koch families provided the following family story.

Technical Sergeant Charles R. Lenhart Sr., Co. L, 27 Inf., W.W. II, died in the Battle of Luzon on March 30, 1945 at age 23, and was buried in the Unites States Armed Forces Cemetery Santa Barbara, #1, Philippines, with the highest military honors. In 1949, Charles' body was returned from the Philippines to Mifflinburg to be reburied.

The Battle of Luzon was a land battle of the Allied Forces and the United States colony of the Philippines against Japan. The battle lasted from January 9 to August 15, 1945, resulting in an Allied victory.

Charles Lenhart had been stationed in the South Pacific for almost three years. Preceding his entry into service, he graduated from Mifflinburg High School and joined his father in the draying business. In 1941, at age 19, Charles married Erma Matthews, 18, a graduate of Lewisburg High School. Charles Lenhart entered the Armed Forces in February 1942 just prior to the birth of their son, Charles R. Lenhart Jr., in 1943.

After Charles Sr.'s death, Erma married Donald Koch in 1948, a member of the Armed Forces who served in the Army ski troop in Italy. After the war, Donald worked for 42 years at Philco Ford, Watsonstown, as a cabinet maker. Erma was a long-time employee of Evangelical Hospital. Donald died in July 1987 while on vacation in Ontario, Canada. Erma died Jan. 7, 2008.

Charles R. Lenhart Jr., attended Lewisburg High School and Williamsport Area Community College. He was employed as a custodian at Milton Area Senior High School and had two sons. He died Feb. 3, 2014.



If you have similar family memorabilia, remember to write names, places, and dates on the back of photos, and use a scrapbook or archival file box to store these irreplaceable documents.

Civil War Testament Returns to Union County by Matthew C. Wagner
Mifflinburg Free Press – February 9, 2023

An exciting aspect of historical research is the unexpected discovery of new information.

During the last week of December, the Union County Historical Society received an email from Terri Cooney Zeckman, a native of Mifflinburg who resides in Dacula, Georgia. Terri communicated that she had spoken to a gentleman, Doyle Garrett, from Vidalia, GA, who had in his possession an 1862 New Testament that had belonged to Isaac Zellers of Mifflinburg. In July 2021, I published two articles about Civil War musicians from the Buffalo Valley. One of those musicians was Isaac Zellers from Mifflinburg, who served as a bugler in the war. Mr. Garrett was interested in returning the Testament to Union County. My correspondence with Terri led to a phone call with Mr. Garrett that ultimately resulted in the Testament being sent to me. The information from Garrett, along with my own research, reveals an interesting story of how the book began its journey in Mifflinburg, ended up in Georgia, and its return to Union County.

First, a little information about Isaac Zellers. In 1862, 23-year-old Isaac enlisted in the Civil War. Isaac served as a bugler with Company D, 150th Regiment of the PA

Volunteers. Isaac was wounded in one of his legs during the Battle of Gettysburg on July 1, 1863.

It must have been a severe injury because he spent the rest of the year

recuperating in hospital and was later discharged due to his disability.

Isaac never completely recovered from his injury and suffered complications for the rest of his life. In the accompanying photograph, showing Isaac in his later years, his ankle appears to be bandaged.

Following his return to Mifflinburg, Zellers worked as a blacksmith and small-time buggy maker. The double house at 216-218 Market Street was originally the Zellers shop. Zellers also had the distinction of being the leader of the Mifflinburg Cornet Band, also known as the Zeller's Cornet Band, for a few years in the 1880s. He also organized the Swengel Cornet Band in 1884. Sometime between 1886 and 1890, Zellers moved from Mifflinburg to South Williamsport where he died in 1912. His remains were returned to be buried in the Mifflinburg Cemetery.

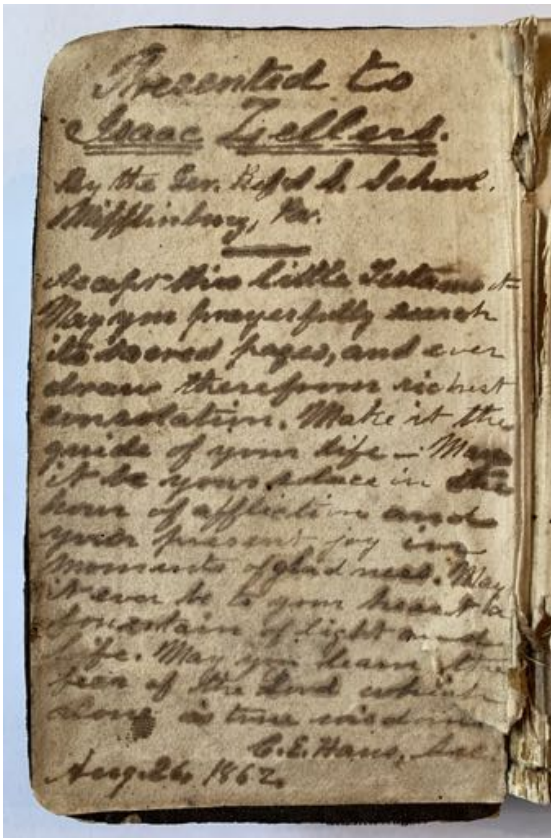


Isaac L. Zellers (1839-1912)

Military Record of Zellers being wounded at the Battle of Gettysburg

150 Pa.	
Isaac Zeller	
Co. D 150 Reg't Pa. Infantry.	
Appears on	
Company Descriptive Book	
of the organization named above.	
DESCRIPTION.	
Age	23 years; height 6 feet - inches.
Complexion	dark
Eyes	hazel; hair dark
Where born	Mifflin Co., Pa.
Occupation	Blk.
ENLISTMENT.	
When	Aug 22, 1862
Where	Mifflinburg
By whom	W. H. ...
Remarks	Wounded in leg at Battle of Gettysburg July 1, 1863. Sent up to ...
Austin	

Returning to the story of the Testament. The Testament was given to Zellers in 1862 by the Sunday School of the German Reformed Church (now St. John's UCC), prior to his departure for the war. The inscription on the inside cover follows:



“Presented to Isaac Zellers by the Ger. Refd. S. School, Mifflinburg, Pa. Accept this little testament. May you prayerfully search its sacred pages, and ever draw therefrom richest consolation. Make it the guide for your life. May it be your solace in the hour of affliction and your present joy in moments of gladness. May it ever be to your heart a fountain of light and life. May you learn the fear of the Lord which alone is true wisdom. – C.E. Haus, Sec., Aug. 26, 1862.”

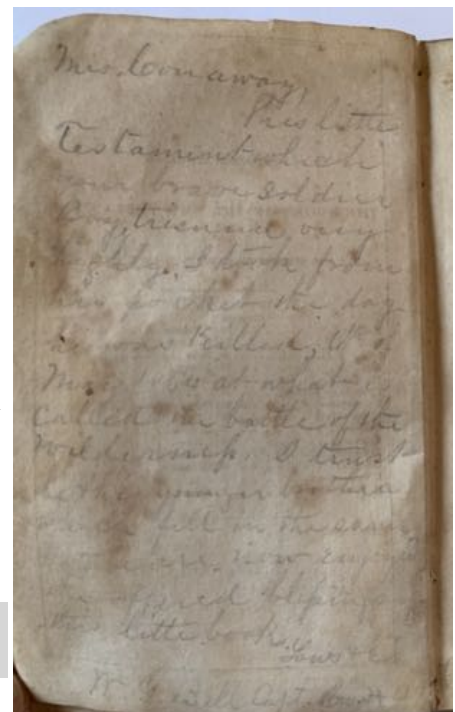
Zellers carried the Testament with him during the war. After being wounded at Gettysburg on July 1, 1863, Zellers was transported to a hospital.

Mr. Garrett told me that it was common for soldiers and residents living near the battlefields to scavenge battle sites, confiscating anything they could find. Garrett conjectured that some of Isaac's belongings, including the Testament, were likely left on the battlefield after he was transported to the hospital, and that a Confederate soldier by the name of Charles R. Conaway found the Testament and took possession of it.

Charles R. Conaway was with the 49th Georgia Infantry, which fought at Gettysburg. His father, also named Charles, and a brother, James, also fought in the battle. The father Charles was killed at Gettysburg. The younger Charles and his brother continued to serve with the 49th GA Infantry until both young men lost their lives in the Battle of the Wilderness on May 6, 1864. The Testament was found with Charles's body by Capt. William G. Bell, who also served with the 49th. Upon returning to Georgia, Bell gave the Testament to the boys' mother, Mary. The Conaway family lived in Warren County, Georgia. Bell had written a poignant message to Mary on the inside front page:

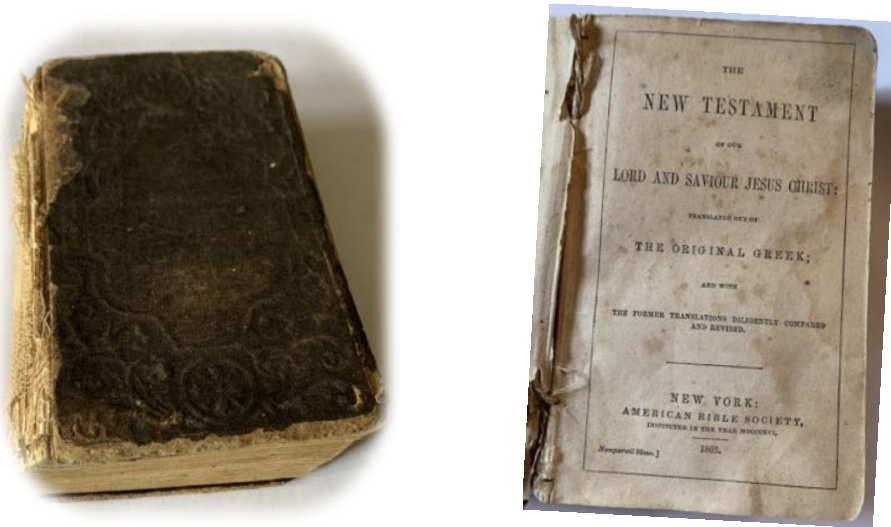
“Mrs. Conaway – This little Testament, which your brave soldier boy treasured very highly, I took from his pocket the day he was killed, 6th of May 1864 at which is called the Battle of the Wilderness. I trust that [he and] his brother, which fell in the same battle, are now enjoying the offered blessings of this little book. – W.G. Bell, Capt.”

Capt. William G. Bell's faded inscription on the front endpage.



Garrett told me that he became aware of the Testament in 1972 when a customer entered the store in Vidalia, GA, where he lived and worked at the time, and they began talking about Civil War history. The woman told Garrett of the Testament she had in her possession and he negotiated with her to purchase the Testament. Sometime in late 2022, Garrett had a conversation with his cousin Sandra Couch about the book. Sandra and her husband are longtime friends of Terri and Earl Zeckman. Upon learning that Terri and Earl were from Mifflinburg, Garrett mentioned the Zellers Testament to them. Email communication with Terri, and a phone conversation with Garrett, led to his donation of the book to the Union County Historical Society. The Testament arrived two weeks ago, and it is now in the Society Archives at the Dale-Engle-Walker House. The Society is grateful to Mr. Garrett for his thoughtfulness in wanting to return the Testament to Union County.

It is amazing how a simple discussion of Civil War history led to this turn of events. It was humbling to hold an item that had been carried by two Civil War soldiers from both sides of that conflict. The book possesses an interesting and poignant story.



SOURCES:

The New Testament, American Bible Society, New York, 1862.

Conversation with Terri Zeckman.

Information from Doyle Garrett.

Transcription of inscriptions by Karin Fullam.

Mifflinburg Telegraph, 26 Aug 1862, p. 1.

Mifflinburg Telegraph. Feb 27, 1884, p. 1.

Zellers photo courtesy of Zellers descendent (Ancestry.com).

Zellers Military Record – National Archives and Records Administration.



Recent Genealogy Searches - If you have information to share, contact UCHS or the researcher

MINEGAR, Michael: 1734 Sussex, NJ (?) – 1812 Northumberland Co., PA + Elizabeth. Daughter Elizabeth 1766-1838 + Samuel Sunderlin 1758-1837, Clearfield Co., PA. Seeking parents of Elizabeth Sunderlin; marriage; etc. [Minegar appears in Turbot Twp., Northumberland Co., and Lycoming Co. Referred to Sussex Co., NJ, Northumberland Co. for Minegar] Nick Williams; thewds@milwpc.com

ROSS. Jacob Valentine Ross I 1758 NJ – 1854 Buffalo Valley PA + Mary Eave Van Horn 1791 Clinton Co., PA – 1881 Lewisburg. Jacob Valentine Ross II 1835 – 1907 W. Buffalo Twp, Union Co. Eliza Jane Ross 1827 – 1913 + Alexander C. Hutchison 1826 – 1877; + Alexander P. Hutchison 1827 – 1898. [sent obit for Mary Eave, etc. Referred to Lycoming Co. for VanHorn.] Tammy Lerner; tmlerner@gmail.com

BOYER, Leonard d. 1832 + Margaret Berger d. 1851 [wills sent]; Philip Harman d. 1839 [deeds and will sent]; Samuel Moyer + Eva Kline, seeking parents [Eva d/o John Kline]. Marion Painter, 87396 HWY 202, Astoria, OR 97103; skipperswife212@gmail.com

WINGARD, Samuel 1823–1888 Centre Co., PA. Leonard Wingert + Susanna. Seeking family info. Found Samuel + Mary Miller 1828–1906 in Centre Co. w/ children in 1850-1880; Leonard in Union Co. 1830, 1840, death unk; Susanna d. after 1850. [No wills, LOA, deeds] Others found include: Jacob Wingart b. 1807 + Mary b. 1809; Henry b. 1828 + Eliz. b. 1832; Esther 1810-1864 + David Kleckner. Jeanne Webb, 146 Village Drive, Boyertown, PA 19512; 610-781-8662 (no email)

MOYER, Mary c.1801–1856 + Henry Benner, mar 1829 by Samuel Wilson (per Annals of Buffalo Valley). Seeking marriage record [*no official state or county marriage records 1790-1851*], cemetery record [Mary 22 Aug, 1801-5 Oct 1856 and Henry Benner 25 Feb. 1799-11 Feb. 1841, New Berlin Cemetery]. Nancy Myers, nancy.myers_dar@yahoo.com.

REESER, Daniel 1760 Berks Co.–1831 Buffalo Twp., Union Co. + Susannah, son Benjamin 1790 - 1855. [no will or LOA, no tombstone; in *Annals* in 1804, 1817] Nathan Roberts, robertsnathan218@gmail.com

TIBBENS, Eliza c.1826– d/o Jacob Tibbens d.c.1826 + Margaret Dorman (+John King) d.1874; Eliza + Jacob Boop 1847, children Sarah, Edwin, John, Mary, c.1856 moved to Stephenson Co., IL. Seeking birth records for Eliza, her children [*no official state or county birth records 1790-1851*]. Tombstones: Marg't King w/o John, d. April 5, 1874; 80 y., 5 m., 28 d.; John King May 3, 1802-March 25, 1880; 77 y., 10 m., 22 d. Lincoln Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery. Jayne Staley, dejmstaley@gmail.com

YEARICK, Simon. Seeking info, Rev. War service. [Old Elias Church Cemetery, Mifflinburg, Tombstone says "June 27, 1755 - Feb 5, 1831. 75y, 7m, 8d." Will filed 1831, Deed for Simon & Barbara 1817] Barbi Bryson Harris, Cape May County NJ, 609-226-1226, b.bryson.harris@gmail.com

FELTY, Jonathan 8 June 1845 Snyder County–1926 Indiana s/o Joseph and Polly. Seeking birth documents. [*no official state or county birth records 1790-1851*]. Referred to Snyder County for family information. Roger Felty, duckmanrf@gmail.com

TREIBLEY, Kenneth Eugene of New Columbia, PA, 23 Nov 1946–14 Sep 1967, Sgt 4th Bn, 23rd Inf, 25th Div., Vietnam. Seeking obit. [Info. from Union Co. VA Office] Bill Killian, wkillian@smjuhsd.org

SWENTZEL, Jacob + Elizabeth Leebrick, Henry 1806–, Wm Philip 1810–, Jacob 1819–, George 1823– in W. Buffalo Twp, Mifflinburg, Union Co. Seeking information. [Deeds for Henry & Catherine 1832, George & Elizabeth 1858, 1860, 1870. Obit for Elizabeth] Family moved to Centre Co, PA, Elizabeth d. IL; George was a carriage maker, moved to KS. Fortunato Fred Scimeca, fscimeca@ptd.net

FORSTER, Thomas Wilson b.c.1821 Lycoming Co., PA. [Fosters in Union Co. not connected. Thomas W Forster of Lock Haven: <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/175589133/thomas-w-forster>]. Holly Marie Howard, hollymarie.howard@yahoo.com

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