

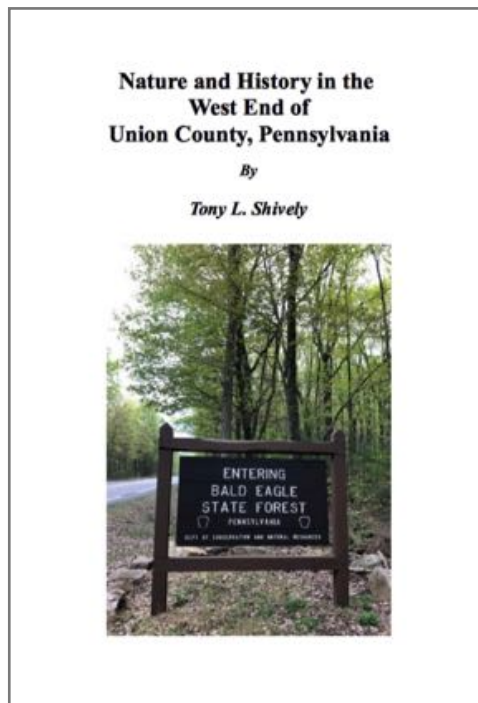


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“Exploring Union County’s past to inform the present and future.”

Nature and History in the West End of Union County, Pennsylvania. Heritage 2020, Volume XXVII
By Tony L. Shively



The 2020 *Heritage* volume has arrived!

In this latest volume in the Historical Society’s *Heritage* series, you will read about land management in western Union County, the healing power of nature, and the commitment and leadership of Raymond B. Winter, his colleagues, and the CCC to heal the scars left by the timber industry. Read the story of Hairy John’s State Park, Sand Bridge State Park, and Bald Eagle State Forest; “mountain man” Sammy Osenbaugh, and wardens Miles Reeder and Art Snyder; and much more.

Author Tony Shively has provided a detailed history of human endeavors and nature in the West End based on his familiarity of the area and that of the people he interviewed.

Nature and History in the West End of Union County, Pennsylvania is FREE to UCHS members who renew for 2020. **Pick up your copy** at the UCHS office. Or contact us to request shipping.

Additional copies are \$20 for UCHS members; non-member price is \$22. Shipping is \$5. To order, contact the Society at info@unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org or call 570-524-8666. Mail check to UCHS, 103 S. 2nd St., Lewisburg, PA 17837.

Book signing with author Tony Shively

Nature and History in the West End of Union County, Pennsylvania

March 19, 2020 4:30 – 6:00 pm
at the Union County West End Library
45 Ball Park Road, Laurelton, PA



Author Tony Shively will be at the West End Library to sign copies of the newest Heritage publication *Nature and History in the West End of Union County, Pennsylvania*. Stop in any time between 4:30 and 6:00. If you already have a copy of the book, please bring it with you. Remember: UCHS members with dues current for 2020 receive the book for free as a “thank you” for membership. Books will also be available for purchase – a great gift for neighbors, relatives and friends of the West End.

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Dear Society Members and Friends,

The future of this organization depends on your enthusiastic support. Whatever the level or the form it takes, all of that support helps us advance our mission.



One member, Marcia Kantz Milne, recently donated her family's 230-year-old log cabin to the Dale-Engle-Walker farmstead. This cabin provides an exciting opportunity to show how decision making reflects changing needs and materials.

Here are some examples to give you an idea. If you own a log cabin today, would you pack the spaces between the logs, as they did 200 years ago, with sticks and mud? Or would you make a more practical and permanent seal with a cement mixture, even though cement products didn't come on the market until the 1890s?

The windows in the Milne Cabin also help us understand how people increased interior light and air circulation. When erecting a cabin, the goal was to get a roof over your head as soon as possible. Most cabins went up in a less than a week. Windows were not a priority because glass was expensive. One early tax was even based on how many glass panes a house had. Paper smeared with grease was a cheaper alternative to window glass on this frontier, but it didn't take long for hungry varmints to end that practice. Decades later, as glass became more available and affordable, people began setting window frames in their cabin walls.

There aren't any signs of a fireplace or chimney along the walls of this cabin. We don't know if wood for heating and cooking burned in a stone-lined hearth or a cast-iron stove. Those early fires, most likely, vented smoke out through a chimney in the center of the roof ridge.

A central chimney makes sense. Travelers needed to know if the owners of lodging places spoke English or German. The number of chimneys and their position offered one clue. You see, ethnic Germans, such as the Kantz family, tended to have houses with one central chimney. Chimneys in the gable ends usually indicated that the owner spoke English.

Public historians discourage interpretations that create a hallowed past based on media images and expectations. Using available evidence to tell a credible story allows us to appreciate the realities of long ago.

Please join us on May 3, 2020 when your historical society formally dedicates the David and Marcia Milne Cabin at the Dale-Engle-Walker House.

Thank you for your support. *Bruce Teeple*

UNION COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAMS

Native Americans of Central Pennsylvania

Thursday, February 22, 2020 at 11 am
at the Public Library for Union County, 255 Reitz Blvd., Lewisburg, PA



Many of the ideas we have about the people called "Indians" or "Native Americans" come from movies, television, or books loaded with obsolete information. Over the past fifty years, historians have questioned everything we think we know about the Original People.

Join local historian Bruce Teeple as he shares these changing perspectives. The program is free and open to the public.

Please call the library at 570-523-1172 to reserve seats.



Women's History in Union County, Pennsylvania

Sunday, March 8, 2020 1:00 - 3:00 pm
at the Campus Theatre, 419 Market St., Lewisburg, PA

Union County Historical Society will join the League of Women Voters in celebrating the centennial passage of the 19th Amendment. This event will include a review of Union County's reactions before and after women began voting.



The Liberty Bell in Union County September 1915

Women's Suffrage in Central Pennsylvania

Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 6:30 pm
at the Union County West End Library
45 Ball Park Road, Laurelton, PA

Mass media images play an important role in the attitudes we have toward social change. The movement for women to gain and exercise their right to vote was no different. How did those images affect people's changing perceptions of women? What were the arguments against women voting? How did Union County's papers promote the 19th Amendment?

Join Bruce Teeple in discussing this historic voting rights movement. The program is free and open to the public. Please call the library at 570-922-4773 to reserve seats.

Dedication of the Milne cabin

Sunday, May 3, 2020
at the Dale-Engle-Walker House, 1471 Strawbridge Road, Lewisburg, PA

The Milne cabin dates to 1789 when Union and Snyder counties were part of Northumberland County. The cabin was built as a frontier trading cabin on the Tuscarora Indian Path at Middlecreek in Kantz, (now Snyder County), Pennsylvania. It was restored by Kantz descendants in 1998 when it was moved to the property of David and Marcia Milne in Lewisburg. The cabin was recently donated to the society by Marcia Milne, moved from her property, and restored at the Dale-Engle-Walker site.



The cabin is 16'x22' with a full story and a partial loft, front and back doors, and windows on all sides. Added to the Dale-Engle-Walker property, this historic cabin – completely and thoroughly documented – presents a fuller story of the site. When Samuel Dale purchased the property in 1785, there was a log cabin in which the family lived for a period of time before construction of the limestone house.

Join us as we celebrate the addition of this historic cabin to the Dale-Engle-Walker historic site.

Additional information and updates are posted on our website: www.unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org.
Programs are supported by a Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission grant, and by your membership.

1967 "Doughboy" Dinner

World War I veterans were honored at a "Doughboy" Dinner at Post 182, American Legion, in Lewisburg on May 26, 1967. Unfortunately this wonderful photo does not provide a list of those present at the event.



Perhaps readers will be able to identify the men in this photo? If so, please contact the society. And when you look at your own collections, remember to label the photos *IN PENCIL* on the back.

Union County Town Bands Project – Photos and Information Sought

Matthew Wagner is working on a book detailing the history of town bands in Union County prior to the development of high school bands. He has identified 40 town bands in the county from 1825 to 1935.

Matt is looking specifically for photographs and/or information on the following bands:

From Lewisburg - Cornet Band and Citizens Band, Cameron Fire Co. Band and Drum Corps, American Legion Drum & Bugle Corps, G.A.R. Band, Jr. O.U.A.M Band, and the Pross Drum Corps. From Mifflinburg - Three Link Band and String Band. Also, Mazeppa Orchestra, Glover's Buffalo Crossroads Band, Sower's Buffalo Valley Band, Kelly Crossroads Band, White Deer Drum Corps, New Columbia Band, and Allenwood Cornet Band.



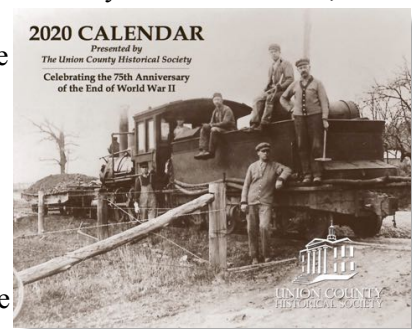
If you have any information to share, or any photos, please contact him at mcwagner.mcw@gmail.com or phone 570-850-3981.

2020 Calendar

Don't miss these historic photos: ice hockey on the Susquehanna; Pennsylvania Canal warehouse in Lewisburg; New Berlin-Winfield narrow gauge train and workers; J.J. Newberry c. 1942 and 1962; Evangelical Children's Orphanage and saxophone band; 1915 local suffragists; unusual White Deer covered bridge; Mifflinburg Post Office carriers Edelman, Hoffman, Yoder, and Klose; W. Milton grammar school class of 1939 with teacher Leroy Keifer; Devitt's camp nurses Gudykunst and Foresman.

Also WWII Heimbach's Lumber employees paper drive; WWII Lewisburg Honor Roll; August 16 1945 *Lewisburg Journal* "Japanese Surrenders"; 1944 naval ship USS *Union* (named for Union County).

Win a free calendar by identifying the railroad "potty crew," and the members of the New Berlin Rosedale baseball team, 1946 West Branch champs, shown on the back cover.



Purchase your calendar at the UCHS office, Laurel Market, and at branches of Mifflinburg Bank & Trust, and Susquehanna Community Bank. Only \$6. Mail and Email orders accepted; add \$3 postage.

Union County Historical Society welcomes members and visitors Monday through Friday, 8:30 - 4:30
Office/library is located in the county courthouse, 103 S. 2nd Street, Lewisburg.
Members enjoy FREE use of the library. Non-member donation is \$5/day. Assistance is available.

Research services are available for those who can not come to the office. Please email first.

- Fees:**
- General genealogical search (one family) – \$50 includes copying up to 20 pages of documents. Extensive searches requiring additional time /fees can be arranged.
 - Search for will, 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 (printed or digital) are accepted for the society's library. Please email to make arrangements.

Added to the library:

A Chronology of Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania 1700–1967, by William M. Schnure, 1918 (reprint)
Keefer Family Association Newsletter, latest issues.



Recent Genealogy Searches and Their Researchers

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

- MOWREY, John b. 1837 + Mary Stambaugh (Stambach) d. IN / MAIZE, Elizabeth + John Mowrey:
Michelle Mowrey Beary, the.bearys@protonmail.com
- HERBSTER, Jacob, d. c. 1831 Snyder County. also Catherine Bowersox + Anthony Herbster d. 1842:
Jean Sears, 111 Charleston Dr., Oxford, OH 45056; searsjl@miamioh.edu
- DERSHAM, Jacob H. 1840-1903: Suzanne Telfer Remington, 81 Country Club Dr., Rochester, NY
14618; suzremington@yahoo.com
- CONDON, John & Rachel of Mifflinburg: Stephanie Condon, 1202 Broadway, Altoona, PA 16601;
kryptonite@gmail.com
- REAMS, Benj. c. 1797-1847+ AURAND, Suzanna; Levi Reams 1826–1901 IL + Magdalena Shoemaker
1827–1884: Kimberly Florsheim, 4508 Hollow Ridge Dr., Wichita Falls, TX 76309;
kimberlyflorsheim@yahoo.com
- LEPLEY, Jennie (Euphenia) 1864–1927 / ALBRIGHT, Harry (Henry) 1866–1899, Philadelphia:
Diane Naglee, 44159 Banta Rd., Baker City, OR 97814;
- KEEFER, Henry d.c. 1829 White Deer + Mary; Wm Keefer (moved to IL); Henry B. Keefer 1807–1874
Union County + Mary Ulrich d. before 1850, + Sarah Scherry (Cherry) 1822–1898 Union Co:
Roberto Espinosa, 4 Old Farm Rd., Danbury, CT 06810; bob.espi@sbcglobal.net
- REAM, MaryAnn (died KS), Samuel Ream & Anna Salome Aurand (died IL) [John Jost Aurand branch]:
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- LAURELTON CENTER: Emily Jansma; efjansma@gmail.com



COLLECTION NEWS by Tony Shively

The Archives and Collections Committee of the Union County Historical Society fosters the collection of Union County manuscripts, ephemera, local advertising, and decorative arts through gift and purchase.

The Archives Committee would like to thank everyone who donated and gifted to the society during 2019. Your gifts and donations to the collection of materials held by the society supports its mission of enhancing the appreciation and visibility of Union County History. The following donations and gifts have been accepted by the Union County Historical Society Archives Committee since August of this year, with thanks to:

Sue Weitzel-Joiner of Wrightsville, PA for donating numerous envelopes and invoices that were sent to the Weitzel & Company clothing store in Wrightsville from the Kurtz Overall Factory of Mifflinburg from the 1930's.

Carol Brann of Lewisburg for donating several photographs, including one taken at the old Lewisburg River Bridge during the 1936 flood, as well as a booklet from 1918 entitled "History of the Hoffman Family" by Mrs. Edward Hoffman Historian of West Milton, PA.

Janet Wolf of Lewisburg for donating a Tariff Of Rates for Union County during the year 1905; a book entitled *Mainstream of America* from 1956; a soft cover book entitled *Susquehanna Flood Scenes 1936* containing photographs of various towns along the river, including Lewisburg; and six black and white photographs of flooding in Union County that took place in March 1936.

Susan Wagner of Lewisburg for donating a booklet from 1977 entitled "Sky Song" containing poems by Bettyanne Galloway.

Ms. Joan M. Pursley of Denton, TX for donating a photograph of a huckleberry party in the mountains of Union County from 1902; photograph of David R. Pursley; the marriage book of Asher Harter and Helen Pursley from 1922; a pamphlet from the PA State Village of Feeble Minded Women published in 1916; a soft cover book entitled "Susquehanna on the Rampage" from 1936; school photograph taken at the Swengel School in 1897; and a 1949 Senior Class photo from the Montandon School .

Randy W. Hackenburg of Boiling Springs, PA for donating numerous items that belonged to Dewey Libby, including two WWI Navy caps; six report cards of Dewey's during the time he attended the Hironimus School west of Weikert; twenty WWI letters sent by Dewey during his military service to his mother, Ida Libby of Millmont; and photograph of Dewey and his sister taken 1898.

Kenneth Kessler of Folsom, PA for donating four Pennsylvania General Assembly Law Books covering the period from 1682-1801, 1857, 1862 and 1863.

Rachel Lee of Kinderhook, NY for donating a decorated box with advertising for The Margaret J. Gundy Shoppe in Lewisburg.

Linda Basom of Lewisburg for donating printing blocks containing views of the interior and exterior of St. Paul's EUB Church, the church choir and activities, as well as Lewisburg Boy Scout Troop activities.

Ken Kerlin, a vendor at the Silver Moon Antique Market, for donating two large Erdley's Dairy signs.

The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission of Harrisburg for donating a copy of a book entitled *The Way It Was As I Remember* by Marlin K. Fertig; and two paper items pertaining to Lewisburg from 1838 and 1852.

Thomas Fegley of Germantown, MD for donating a two volume set of books entitled *The Susquehanna and Juniata Valleys Pennsylvania* published in 1886 by Everts, Peck & Richards; and a book entitled "Centennial History of Lewisburg, Containing also a Chronological History of Union County" written and published by I. H. Mauser in 1886.



Tina Smith of Mifflinburg for donating the membership and financial records maintained by the Mifflinburg Civic Club from the 1940's through 1998.

Cynthia Pick of Lewisburg for donating the following items: a large photograph of Dr. John Arbogast Sr. taken at the studio of Lewisburg photographer Donald Ross; a history book on Bucknell University (1810-1890); "Union County Today" booklet from 2011; a booklet on the 19th century architecture of Lewisburg; *Reflections of the Past* (hardcover book); a small box from Catherman's Candy store in Lewisburg; *Rural Delivery* (Hardcover); *The Story of a County* published in 1963; *The Fort Augusta Story* (1756-1956); cloth money bag from The Lewisburg National Bank; Fornwalt's University Book Store metal ruler; Lewisburg Lions Club cap; Union County Day pamphlet from 1970; interior view of Haines Shoe Store in Lewisburg; framed view of Market Street in Lewisburg; framed advertisement for the Lewisburg Opera House; booklet entitled "Union County and the Civil War"; medicine bottle from Lewisburg druggist Chas. A. Smith; can and bottle opener with advertising for B. Z. Motors; medicine bottle from Dr. Ralph Steans of Lewisburg; Evangelical Home Products postcard; hand carved item from MTMK Woodcraft Gallery of rural Lewisburg; ice pick with advertisement for C. G. Berge of Lewisburg; metal ashtray with advertising for J. Fred Zeller, Jeweler, of Lewisburg; shoe button hook with advertising for A. J. Ireby of Lewisburg.

The society made the following purchases since August of this year:

A rain gauge with advertising for Satteson's Mower Service in Lewisburg; bookmark with advertisement for James L. Schwartz Home for Funerals in Mifflinburg; advertising card for H. C. Derr, Dentist in Lewisburg; admission ticket for the Union County Agricultural Society in Lewisburg; Carte de Visite by Lewisburg photographer Cornelius of Victorian home in Vicksburg; envelope from Ready Pay Grocery in Lewisburg; four trade cards including John H. Chambers of White Springs and Mifflinburg, J. T Smith Drug Store in New Berlin, Chas. S. Bell Cabinets of Lewisburg, and William Kockler – tobacco, cigars, and pipes in Lewisburg;

Jersey Cereal Food Co. letter; J. F. Reber & Co. of Lewisburg pamphlet from 1922; milk bottle opener with advertisement for N. E. Koch; calendar from Aikey's General Store in Lewisburg 1967; Allenwood School yearbook from 1953; photograph of a group of hunters from the Half Way Rod and Gun Club near Half Way Dam; one quart glass milk bottle from Wehr's Dairy of Mifflinburg; milk crate from Crystal Spring Dairy of Lewisburg; thermometer with advertising for W. E. Chappell, Jeweler of Lewisburg; thermometer with advertising for Stamm's TV and Appliance Store in Lewisburg; small pencil with advertising for Burry's Coal – Esso Oil in Lewisburg; and a pennant on a bamboo cane from I.O.O.F. of Lewisburg (1914).



Members & Friends,

Let's keep in touch! Please update your mailing and email address so we can send you timely notices of programs and our newsletters.

Thanks to those who have renewed their membership for 2020. You are entitled to a FREE copy of the latest Heritage book – visit the UCHS office to pick up your book or contact us to request shipping.

Not renewed yet? You can do so via US mail (use the form on the back page), in person at our office (and get your book), or on our website using Paypal.

Visit our website for information on programs, publications, and resources. And we'll be posting board and committee minutes on the website soon.

Volunteers are always welcome for committees and office help. Contact us.

The Board & Staff at UCHS



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