



The Historical Society of Trappe Pennsylvania

For the preservation of the history, ancient buildings and land marks
of the Trappe area.

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Dear Members and Friends:

I wish to thank everyone that supported our Spring tour to Germantown. Again we had a beautiful day and enjoyed a well planned tour. The committee of Robert Ulle, Kathleen Hoisington and Betsy Ross deserve alot of credit for the success of the tour.

We enjoyed another successful event and that was our June 14th Flag Day Banquet meeting when we had one of our largest attendances on record. The program, which was about the cemeteries in Montgomery County, proved to be more interesting than could be imagined. Mrs. Vivian Taylor of Trooper, gave a very informative talk on the history thru facts learned in the cemeteries.

We wish to thank the Collegeville Flag Company and June Marshall for the small American Flags that served as favors. Also, Alice Sauer for the table flowers and for playing the piano.

We want to thank the Provident National Bank for the framed photograph of the directors of the Collegeville National Bank taken about 1912. Also, our thanks to Dr. & Mrs. Ivan Hess for donating the 1815 Liquor License issued to David Dewees. Both these items will hang in our headquarters museum.

The next event the Historical Society will be involved in will be the Grange Fair on Saturday, July 25th. There we will operate a gift table and last chance to buy raffle tickets as the winning tickets will be drawn near the close of the Fair. This is the Ways and Means committees effort to make some money for the Society.

Thank you, everyone for your support!

Elmer Funk, President

Historian's Report -

Attached to this news letter is a typed copy of the handwritten inventory which was made after the death of Mary Catherine Dewees. I thought it might be of interest to the members to read of the numbers of farm animals and fowl that she raised and the value placed on them at that time (1857). Also included are household items, although not described as specifically as the farm implements. Would that we could know what the "sundries in the garret" were. We would be glad to receive as donations, or on long term loan, items that would match those listed as nearly as can be determined by research of the period (approximately 1790 to 1857 - covering the years of her marriage to David Dewees and her widowhood).

Eather O. Keller, Historian

COPY OF ESTATE INVENTORY
MARY CATHARINE DEWEES

A true and perfect inventory and just appraisalment of the Goods and Chattels rights and credits which ever of Mary Catharine Dewees late of Upper Providence Township Montgomery County in the State of Pennsylvania.

25 tons of hay	10 ea	\$250.00	Amt brought up	\$2518.25
25 tons straw	8 ea	200.00	Ox cart	10.00
30 Bu wheat	4.00	300.00	Wagon and ladders	40.00
100 " rye	.60	60.00	Do and bed	40.00
600 " oats	.28 @10	168.00	Dearborne Wagon	20.00
14 acres wheat in the ground	@5	140.00	horse cart	35.00
9 " rye "	" @5	45.00	Wheelbarrow	3.00
500 bu corn in the ground	@50	250.00	lot of oak boards	20.00
11 head of fat cattle	@20	220.00	Coal stove	1.50
9 steers	@30	270.00	Chairs table & bench	2.00
1 pair work cattle		100.00	21 chairs @40	8.40
3 milch cows	@25	75.00	9 do cane seat	8.00
1 bull		20.00	Rocking chair	2.00
2 calves	@2½	5.00	8 day clock	5.00
14 hogs	@6	84.00	Breakfast table	1.50
9 pigs	@2½	22.50	1 dining do	5.00
25 geese	@.50	12.50	2 do 5 -	10.00
17 turkeys	@25	4.25	Card do	3.00
50 pair of fowls	@30	15.00	2 side do 6	12.00
Jack horse		20.00	1 table	1.00
---- do		20.00	Crockery ware	5.50
----- mare		40.00	70 yds carpet @30	21.00
G-- y bay mare		50.00	45 do @20	9.00
Threshing machine		70.00	Wardrobe	12.00
Winnowing mill		10.00	Bureau	4.00
Grain mill		40.00	2 stands & 1toilet @1.50	4.50
2 plows	@6	12.00	1 stand	.25
1 So & two hoe harrows		1.00	1 do	1.50
2 harnesses	@ 4½	9.00	1 do	.25
		<u>2518.25</u>		<u>2803.65</u>

Amt Brot over \$2803.65

Stands & glass	\$ 1.00
Chairs 6	2.00
Minature sideboard	4.00
6 looking glasses	5.00
Sundries in garret	30.00
2 beds & bedding @15	30.00
1 do do	10.00
1 do do	12.00
1 do do	8.00
1 do do	4.00
1 do do	10.00
100 Gl Vinegar @15	15.00
Empt. bl ---in cellar	5.00
Buckwheat	3.00
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	\$2942.65

Taken and appraised by us the subscribers the first day of October one thousand and fifty seven

J. F. Rambo
George Yost

Montgomery County S.S.

On the first day of October 1857 before me the subscriber one of the justices of the peace in and for the said county came the avobe named J. F. Rambo and George Yost who being qualified according to law do declare that the above inventory contain a just and tru appraisement of the goods and chattles the rights and credits of the said Mary Catharine Dewees deceased as far as the same came to their knowledge. Witness my hand and seal

David Beard

DOINGS AT THE TAVERN -

BUSY, BUSY, BUSY - That's the only way I can express what's been happening around the tavern since we last wrote to you. First, the renovation work is nearly completed, a fresh coat of paint over some new plaster work does wonders for the walls and ceilings. Second, the Gift Shop in the Tavern is almost completed. It will carry a variety of merchandise for all occasions; birthdays, holidays and especially Christmas and Easter. Remember ALL paid up members receive a 25% discount on any purchase of any Wilton product. For those of you who truly enjoy authentic hand-dipped candles, we have a variety of colors and sizes at discounted prices to please everyone's taste. Third, the restroom facilities are completed and in total working operation, thanks to Bud Frey who did all the work. We are truly grateful for his service. Fourth, the Collogeville Community Club, under the direction of Mrs. Barbara Cornish, spent several days at the tavern planting new trees, bushes and a variety of other plants for the herb garden and under the giant pine tree next to the driveway. Again, many thanks to all the men and women who did such an outstanding job for the Society. Our hats are off to them once again. Fifth, the quilting ladies have once again taken up residence within the tavern walls for another season of fine quilting. And just to make sure that the ladies were comfortable in their new surroundings, our 5 month old daughter Abigail made a surprise visit to see the ladies on their return. Joshua is too busy growing up to worry about what's happening around the tavern. As always, Linda is doing everything for everybody and always willing to lend a hand where ever needed.

There's a lot planned for the rest of 1981 - A Flea Market, Raffles, Garage Sales, Dinners, An Open House Tour and many more. To make sure you don't miss any of it make sure that your 1981 dues are paid up in full. Remember it all goes for the upkeep and preservation of the Tavern.

Have a good Summer and if we don't get a chance to see you at the Dinner on June 14th, have a good and safe July 4th.

The Bullards,
Mark, Linda, Josh & Abi

CORPORATE FUND -

Dedication of the Corporate Membership Fund plaque was conducted by President Elmer Funk at the Flag Day banquet meeting, witnessed by 80 members and guests. Inscribed on an attractive title plate is the logo of the Historical Society of Trappe, bearing symbols of the rich historical heritage of the area in which corporate members have had important development roles.

The name of each corporation which joined financially thus far is engraved on a gold colored plate, individually mounted on a beautiful walnut shield, with room for additional Corporate members. Displayed prominently in the main room of the Dewees Tavern Headquarters, the following are included to date: First Savings & Loan Association, Pottstown; Landes Agency Insurance Company, Trappe; The Times Herald, Norristown; W. D. Pattern Company, Trappe; Collogeville Flag & Manufacturing Company; Superior Pacific Tube Company, Lower Providence; Grouse Nuclear Energy Service, Inc., Linfield; Uniform Tubes, Inc., Trappe; Moorehead Caterers, Trappe; Renninger's Market, Schwenksville.

At the ceremony, Louis B. Krug, who chaired the Corporate Fund Membership Committee with the Rev. John C. Shetler, announced the grand total of its funds received thus far to be \$2,500.00. This constitutes a major contribution to the extensive renovations to the headquarters interior as well as to the work of the Society's museum and library.

Corporate Fund continued -

Louis Krug expressed appreciation to Mrs. Alice Sauer, Publicity Chairman, who cared for typing and mailing for the Fund committee, and to Mr. Richard Holcomb, 2nd Vice President, who procured the plaque. He also thanked Mr. Phillip Rothwein, Provident National Bank Manager, for providing a framed photograph of the principals involved posing before the entrance of the Collegeville National Bank in 1912, celebrating its complete renovations then completed. Corporations have been invited to submit local historic materials and photographs for inclusion in our museum and library.

Dr. Ivan Hess, 1st Vice President, also presented the framed original of a liquor license for Dewees Tavern, dated 1835. Mr. Paul Angelilli, who had spoken to the Society in November, presented for the library an 8mm sound film of the movies he had taken of the Crossing of the Schuylkill at Parkerford in September, 1977.

Members were invited to make personal contact with other potential contributors of funds and memorabilia in continuing and expanding the Corporate Fund Membership Drive.

Membership -

Just a reminder for those who have not paid there dues for 1981 - Please pay them. We have eight (8) new members: Lee Veith, Alan D. Markley, Carole J. Stanton, Richard Hoisington, Mrs. Caroline L. Rahn, Anthony L. Giangulio, Mary Haldeman, and Beverly Reichenback.

Special memberships: Life - \$100., Muhlenberg - \$50., Dewees - \$25., Schrack - \$10., Annual dues - \$4.00, Student - \$2.00.

Make checks payable to the Historical Society of Trappe and mail to Mrs. Charlotte Rosser, 347 Main Street, Trappe, Pa. 19426.

Charlotte Rosser, Membership Chairman

NOW HEAR THIS -

Our Society's quilting bee has been given a beautiful quilt top that was assembled by a Trappe resident.

We have completed this quilt and hope to realize some revenue for our Society by selling \$1.00 chance tickets. We will have this quilt on display at our various activities thru the Summer and hope to reveal a happy recipient at our next annual Armistice Day Dinner meeting on November 11th. Will you help to make this a worthwhile endeavor by purchasing a ticket which will be enclosed in a future newsletter? Thank you.

Anne and the Quilting Bees

THANK YOU -

A big Thank You to Mr. and Mrs. Donovan Moore who have donated more magazines to our library. These magazines are current issues, some on wild life and others on our early American Heritage. They are for you to enjoy reading at the library.

SUMMER HOURS AT THE HEADQUARTERS -

The museum will be open during the summer months on Monday, 10 to 2 p.m. when the quilting ladies will be there. The library & museum will be open Friday, 10 to 2 p.m. when Robert Ulls will be there; on Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m., Mrs. Esther Keller will be there. Groups will be received for tour by calling the Bullards, 489-1797. You will be welcome to visit and see all the work and improvements which have taken place.

"MINI" TREASURER'S REPORT 4/1/81 - 6/15/81

BALANCE, Checking Account 3/31/81	\$ 606.97	
RECEIPTS	<u>3130.36</u>	
	\$3737.33	\$3737.33
LESS EXPENDITURES		<u>2361.71</u>
BALANCE, CHECKING ACCOUNT 6/15/81		\$1375.62
Balance, Statement Savings (Provident)		131.41
Balance, First Family Federal		<u>673.45</u>
GRAND TOTAL (Inc. Bal. Library Fund, \$512.01)		\$2180.48
Outstanding Loan Due Dr. Ivan W. Hess		(2100.00)

Note: A full and complete itemized report will be made following the end of the second quarter, June 30, 1981.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Eugene Moyer
L. Eugene Moyer, Treasurer

RECIPE OF THE MONTH = What better way to start off the summer months than with a sure fire fresh strawberry dessert. This months recipe is delicious.

STRAWBERRY PANDOWDY

4 cups fresh strawberries - sliced in halves
 1/3 cup brown or maple sugar
 2 teaspoons lemon juice
 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
 1/8 teaspoon black pepper
 1/4 teaspoon ginger
 1-1/2 cups flour
 2 teaspoons baking powder
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1/4 cup sugar
 2 eggs
 1/2 cup milk
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 1/3 cup melted butter

Spread strawberries over bottom of greased 9-inch baking pan. Sprinkle with sugar, lemon juice and spices. Combine flour with baking powder and salt in bowl. Beat in eggs, sugar, milk, vanilla, and butter, blending well. Spread over berries. Bake in 400 degree oven for 25 minutes. Serve warm from pan or turn out onto plate. Serves 6.