



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 all those who participated in the Trappe Day events, held on September 21st. It turned out to be a highly successful day. To start off the day, the weather was ideal. Augustus Lutheran Church kindly welcomed us in their morning service. Then an excellent lunch was served by the Lamb Hotel. The afternoon was retracing the steps of Washington's Army from the Zion Lutheran Church, Spring City, to our headquarters in Trappe. All the hosts and hostesses along the way were very friendly and informative. Thanks to all who made our celebration a success.

Our next important event will be our semi-annual dinner meeting at Keystone Grange Hall, Trappe, on Tuesday, November 11, 1980 at 6:45 p.m. The cost for home style turkey dinner will be \$7.00. Please call in all reservations to Norman Holcombe, 489-7266.

President

PROGRAM - The program for the banquet on Tuesday, November 11, 1980 will be home movies on the Crossing of the Schuylkill River at Parkerford and The Wagon Train at Valley Forge on July 2-4, 1976. Movies were taken and will be shown by Mr. Paul Angelilli of Bridgeport, Pa.

Marjorie S. Krug,
Program Chairman

AT THE TAVERN - Much has happened at the Tavern since we last reported. First, we had "Trappe Day" with 62 people in attendance, one of the largest turnouts since the Bi-Centennial. Second, there is a beautiful new, dry, cement basement floor in the residence side. Much thanks goes to Mr. Tom Miller, the contractor and his staff. Thirdly, there is a beautiful new restroom in the museum side of the building. Again thanks to Tom Miller as well as Elmer Funk and Bud Frey for their help. Although not completely finished, it will be within a week or so.

There was such a tremendous outpouring of help from the membership in regards to the needed firewood that we must apologize that we weren't able to get to everyone to collect it. However, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

We are currently about 90% completed with the redecorating of the building and are looking forward to the Christmas Open-House. This will be our biggest Gala affair of the year and we want everyone to attend. Be sure to mark on your calendar December 7, 1980.

Linda, Mark and Joshua
Bullard

HISTORIAN'S REPORT - As an example of how some things never change, the following appeared in Henry M. Muhlenbergs Diary, Vol. III, page 436:

July 31 Tues. Last night our neighbour Muller behaved wretchedly and drove his family out of the house. They sought refuge with us. We were disturbed three times today by our drunken neighbour A(ndreas) M(uller). This frightens my wife and stirs up her convulsions.

At the time this was written, Andreas Muller and H. M. Muhlenberg were next-door neighbors, no other houses being between the two. Andreas Muller lived at that time in our tavern and Muhlenberg lived, of course, in the present Grimison house.

We hope to have our exhibit of Trappe artifacts in conjunction with our December Open House. Please let me know if you will loan textiles, furniture, tools, books, etc., made by or used by folks in this area in bygone years are desired. Please call me at 539-9065 if you can help.

Esther Keller,
Historian

CURATOR'S REPORT - TOUR TO GERMANTOWN

Because of the success of our first small group tour to Germantown, the Society is offering another this Fall. Registration will be honored on a first come, first served basis. The itinerary for the day is as follows:

- 9:00 a.m. Leave from Dewees Tavern
- 10:00 a.m. Tour of Mennonite Meetinghouse and Museum in Germantown
- 11:00 a.m. Tour of Cliveden, built 1764 by Judge Benjamin Chew
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch at Cliveden Barn. Menu: Chicken Crepes, fresh and home made
- 1:30 p.m. Concord School House, built 1775
- 2:00 p.m. Tour of Wyck House, built 1690, renovated 1825. A Quaker home
nine generations.
- 3:00 p.m. Leave to return to Trappe
- 4:00 Arrive back at Dewees Tavern

The cost for the day is only \$13.00, which includes all admissions fees, travel, and lunch. Transportation will be by van.

Germantown is the earliest German settlement in Pennsylvania, and from there the Germans and others came out to the Trappe, Goshenhoppen, Falkner Swamp, etc. Trappe's Bright Bringhurst came from a Germantown family. And Germantown was the center of the Battle of Germantown, which Washington fought just after his march through Trappe.

The day for this tour is Friday, NOVEMBER 21st. Send your reservations to Robert Ulle at the Dewees Tavern, 303 Main Street, Trappe, Pa. 19426 or call him at 1-257-6010.

Robert Ulle,
Curator

August 26, 1980

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A GLANCE AT THE PAST (article appearing in The Independent newspaper, Collegeville) and written by Robert Ulle, Curator)

For those who have the senses with which to appreciate them, there is nothing quite so fascinating as an old book. The leather covers, perhaps cracked with age but more probably well oiled and cared for over the years, greet the eyes with a promise of unknown treasure. The smell of old paper made to last centuries comes to the nostrils and intensifies as covetous hands unclasp the brass hooks which hold the covers to each other. As the clasps fall silently away, the volume reveals page after page of curious manuscript, filled to the margins with the stories and histories of long ago. If you will join us, we will now light the lantern for reading, put the rocking chair in motion, and open the Journal of the Trappe.

STRANGE BELIEFS OF THE INDIANS

Many, many years ago, before the stone bridge spanned the Perkiomen Creek, before the Lutheran Church called Augustus faced the virgin woods like a six-sided fortress, a tale was told along these creeks and hills. As the campfires still blazed with evening wood, and children still stared at the starry skies, old grandmothers would tell of the fiercest of animals in the woodlands - the Great Hairless Bear, or amangachkiatmacjqe. The immense creature (some thought it was a spirit) attacked and ate any humans it could find. Since its heart was very small it could not be easily killed; the easiest was by breaking its backbone, and many brave warriors had lost their lives attempting to free the land from its terror.

This was a story of the Lenni Lanape Indians who lived in the area later called the Trappe. Of these Indians there were three groups of clans - and the clan called Unami, or Turtle, lived here, threatened by the Great Hairless Bear. The Iriquois Indians, and the arriving white settlers. They lived along the stream called Pakohoma - the cranberry place - which flowed into the Ganhowikan, which the new white men called der rauschende Stroh, or Schuykill. They built their towns and villages of round-roofed huts through the area - at the junction of the Pakohoma and its west branch, at Johnson's Island near Layfield, and elsewhere. Much of this area was deeded to William Penn in 1684 by the Indian Maughoughsin for 2 coats, 4 stockings and 4 bottles of cider. More can and will be told of these original people, who fell back into the forests at the approach of the European, but our tale must now turn to the coming settlers.

One of the first Europeanas to reach out into the wilderness and settle was Heinrich Fry. By 1675, 7 years before the arrival of William Penn, he was camped among the springs

and huckleberrys of later Germantown! In 1717 having obtained 650 acres at Falkner's Swamp, he set out to follow the streams. Up the Schuylkil he came, following the north star, winding his way along the banks of the Skippack Creek to the Towamncing region, where he and Anna Maria Levering, his mate, settled. How she must have loved him, to follow him to this remote spot from their marriage in Germantown's Mennonite meeting in 1692. The neighbors here were only Indians, but they were good neighbors. One evening Henry was visiting a nearby chief and his squaw, and sat with them until late at night. Finally the squaw excused herself. When Henry saw her the next day she was carrying a newly born son! Henry and Anna finally ended their long pioneering lives northwest of the Trappe, in the Frederick township area, where a stone in their memory stands at Bertolet's Burial Ground and meetinghouse, a burial ground founded by the Freys.



REMEMBER - Sunday, December 7th, CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE at the Dewees Tavern.

Details as to time, etc. will follow later. If you are asked to help the Bullards and the Committee make this day "a day to remember" be ready to say "yes." Esther Keller, Historian, needs items for display on the 7th of December also.

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF TRAPPE
Treasurer's Report 6/30/80 - 9/30/80

RECEIPTS:

Borough of Trappe	\$ 500.00
Contributions for Slate slabs	50.00
<u>Corporate Fund:</u>	
Collegeville Flag	50.00
Crouse Group, Inc.	50.00
Superior Pacific, Inc.	250.00
W. D. Pattern Co.	25.00
<u>Fund Raising Projects:</u>	
Grange Fair	160.35
Quilting Project	75.00
Sale of Holly trees	7.00
Sale of Raffle Tickets	80.00
Genuardi's Super Markets	24.70
Gravestone Storage (Markley)	10.00
Historical Research	50.00
Membership Dues	262.00
Rent (Bullard)	630.00
Ross Memorial Gift, Library Fund	300.00
Sales (Deweese)	129.63
State Sales Tax	8.21
	<u>\$2,661.89</u>

EXPENDITURES:

725 Esther Keller, Library Books	45.00
726 Hygienic Ext. Co., Inc., Begin service	25.00
728 Peco, Electric	5.02
729 Lanc. Mennonite Conf. Hist. Society	
Archives boxes, Library	20.75
727 Peco, Gas Heater Contract thru 8/31/81	38.00
730 Hygienic Ext. Co., Inc., Service, July	15.00
731 Robert Ulle, Xeroxing(9.), Library Book(7.)	16.00
732 Evansburg Hardware Co., Glass (Deweese)	17.85
733 John Bruce Dodd, Architect's Fee	100.00
734 Robert Ulle, Consul. Fee, July	160.00
735 Wilton Armetale, Sale items	28.93
736 The Paint Pot, Paint & Supplies (Deweese)	79.53
737 Walter Sauer, Postage (Newsletter)	8.51
738 Peco, Electric	6.76
739 The Paint Pot, Paint & Supplies (Deweese)	34.34
740 Hygienic Ext. Co., Inc., Service, August	15.00
741 The Paint Pot, Paint (Deweese)	64.62
742 Evansburg Hardware Co., Window repair (Deweese)	4.96
743 Wilton Armetale, Sale items	70.69
744 Linda Bullard, Consult. Fee, August	160.00
745 The Paint Pot, Paint & Supplies (Deweese)	93.39
746 Walter Sauer, Postage (Newsletter)	8.58
747 Peco, Electric	5.89
748 Hygienic Ext. Co., Inc., Service, Sept.	15.00
749 Mark Bullard, Supplies (20.83) Hist. P.Card for Library (1.50)	22.33
750 Evansburg Hardware Co., Glaze	9.98
751 The Paint Pot, Paint (Deweese)	137.38
752 Ann Schrack, Postage	10.00

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753	Walter Sauer, Paint (Deweese)	6.00
754	The Paint Pot, Paint (Deweese)	12.15
755	Linda Bullard, Cider & Cups, Trappe Day	14.53
756	T. Miller, Inc., Cap. Improvements (Deweese)	2,775.47
757	The Paint Pot, Paint (Deweese)	112.99
758	Robert Ulle, Consul. Fee, September	160.00
759	Landes Agency, Inc., Insurance	341.00
760	Evansburg Hardware Co., Glass	3.76
	-- Bank Debit for Checks	10.72
		<u>\$4,655.13</u>

BALANCE, Checking Acct. 6/30/80	\$2,584.90	
RECEIPTS	<u>2,661.89</u>	
	\$5,246.79	\$5,246.79
Less EXPENDITURES		<u>4,655.13</u>
<u>Balance, Checking Account 9/30/80</u>		\$ 591.66

Balance, Statement Savings (Provident) 8/31/80	101.13
Cvl. Bldg. & Loan, Cert. #1098 - 8/08/80	647.97
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*GRAND TOTAL	\$2,380.21

(*) Includes Balance, Library Fund (\$709.85)

RECAP

Cash total	\$2,380.21
Less Library Fund	<u>709.85</u>
	\$1,670.36
Less Outstanding Loan, Dr. Ivan W. Hess	<u>2,100.00</u>
DEFICIT	\$ <u>429.64</u>

Respectfully submitted,

L. Eugene Moyer
L. Eugene Moyer, Treasurer

FOR GOOD EATING -

CARROT CAKE

2 cups flour	$\frac{1}{4}$ tsp salt
2 cups sugar	2 large jars (Junior size) baby food carrots
2 tsps baking powder	4 eggs
2 tsps baking soda	$1\frac{1}{4}$ cups Mazola oil
2 tsps cinnamon	

Sift dry ingredients together. Make a well in the middle. Add the carrots, eggs and Mazola oil. Beat for 4 or 5 minutes. Put in greased and floured pan, 12x8x2 inches. Bake at 350 degree for 45 to 50 minutes. (Test with a toothpick if you like) Sprinkle with powdered sugar while still warm.

Compliments of Thelma Rich

LEMON TEA BREAD

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter	1 tsp baking powder
1 cup sugar	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup milk
grated rind of 1 lemon	
2 eggs, beaten	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup walnuts, chopped
$1\frac{1}{2}$ cup all-purpose flour	

Cream butter. Add sugar and grated lemon rind. Add eggs. Sift together flour and baking powder and add alternately with milk. Add chopped walnuts. Bake in greased loaf pan in a 375 degree oven for 35 minutes. As soon as bread is removed from oven, pour over the surface a mixture of:

 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar

juice and grated rind of 1 large lemon.

Let cool 10 minutes before removing from pan. Makes 1 loaf.

Compliments of Clara Gensler

PUMPKIN FRITTERS

(Serve with fresh fish)

1 egg	2 tsps pumpkin pie spice	1 tsp baking powder
$\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar	$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp ginger	$\frac{1}{4}$ tsp baking soda
$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp salt	1 Tbsp melted margarine	
$1\frac{1}{2}$ cup canned pumpkin	1 tsp vanilla	
1 cup all purpose flour	Confectioner's sugar	

Beat eggs, sugar and salt until very light and fluffy. Blend in pumpkin. Sift flour, baking powder and baking soda together. Beat into egg mixture. Add spices, margarine and vanilla. Mix well. Drop by tablespoonsful onto well greased hot griddle or fry in deep hot fat, a teaspoonful at a time. Watch carefully - these scorch easily. Sprinkle with confectioner's sugar.

Compliments of Clara Gensler