



UNION COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

News! for Late Summer and Fall 2016

2017 CALENDAR

Remembering the US entry into “The Great War” a century ago in 1917, the **2017 calendar** features newspaper clippings and photos taken throughout the county around the time of WWI: Troop M of the 1st Cavalry Regiment of the Pennsylvania National Guard,



recruitment offices in Lewisburg, Christopher Mathewson and Captain Samuel Wolfe (both of whom fought in WWI). Also pictured are a stone crusher at Limestone Ridge and the furnace at Glen Iron, the White Deer-Watsontown Ferry, West Milton and Swengel bands, Mazeppa School, Union Seminary baseball team, Kline farm in Limestone Township, New Berlin Creamery/Rosedale Dairy, Forest Hill store, and D. H. Anderson’s “Big Store” at Buffalo Crossroads.

Cost is \$6. Pick up your calendar at New Berlin Day on August 27, at the UCHS office (M-F), at the Dale/Engle/Walker House (Sundays 2-4:00) and at selected merchants and local banks. Mail orders accepted: send check for \$6 plus \$3 S/H to the UCHS office. Need more than one calendar? Ask for shipping cost.

HISTORICAL PLAYING CARDS

Our latest and newest project: **historic playing cards**. Each card features a photo of a memorable Union County



site, event, or person, with an explanatory caption. Card players will be entertained by their game of choice *and* get a small history lesson on Union County. Our mission is to keep our history alive.

The card project was organized by summer intern Dan Bower and UCHS board member Karen Gardner, and supported by local businesses and individuals (see page 2).

At only \$9 per deck, this is a *unique must-have gift* for friends and family. And don't forget to get a deck for yourself!

Available NOW at the UCHS office, the Dale/Engle/Walker House, and selected sites throughout the county. Mail orders accepted: send check for \$9 per deck plus \$3 S/H. Please inquire on cost to ship multiple decks.

HISTORICAL SITES COLORING BOOK

The reprinted coloring book *Color Me Union County* features 14 historic buildings in Union County, including a schoolhouse, train station, covered bridge, the courthouses, historic mill, barn, and homes. The accompanying text describes each historic building.



The price is \$5 per book, with a standard set of crayons included. Available at the UCHS office (M-F) and the Dale/Engle/Walker House (Sundays 2-4 PM). Mail orders accepted: send a check for \$5 plus \$4 S/H to the UCHS office. Please inquire on cost to ship multiple coloring books to the same address.

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Thank You!

Weis, Inc. for supporting Dairy Month Programs; and Walmart for supporting Celebrate Rural Heritage events; Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission for program support; Community Foundation /Paul & Catherine Ernst Fund; and members Wm. Becker and David Goehring for generous donations

Thank you for donations to the NEW! Playing Cards project from:

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Hello Fellow Historians,

The year 2016 celebrates many anniversaries, but one that you might have missed is really worth celebrating. President Lyndon Johnson signed into law the **National Historic Preservation Act** on October 16, 1966. This act was a recognition that the federal government has a role and responsibility in protecting the nation's historic buildings and spaces. State and local governments could now petition for financial help in preserving their own histories.

The statewide Conference on Heritage, held on June 6 through 8, 2016, in Lewisburg (!) was part of the Preservation 50 celebration of that Act. It included walking tours of Lewisburg, lectures and presentations, and a symposium on flooding in Pennsylvania's historic river towns. The venue was, appropriately, Lewisburg's beautifully renovated and restored Campus Theatre, itself a remarkable achievement of preservation.

On signing the Preservation Act, Lyndon Johnson stated, *"The bill that I will now sign helps enrich the Spirit of America."* That spirit needs the continued nourishment and support from all of us. As one conference speaker reminded us, "There is no clamor from the public or its representatives for preservation." We have to do it! The motto of the Union County Historical Society, "preserving the past for the future," is more than a catchy phrase. It is a call for action and support. Our historic spaces and buildings are being lost to the wrecking ball, often in the name of urban renewal. These are places that helped form us and our community, making us who we are. Whenever historic buildings are threatened, ask, "How will we remember what happened here and be able to show our children and grandchildren what it was like?"

Let me give one example. As did many towns, both large and small, Lewisburg lost its railroad stations: the Pennsylvania Railroad passenger and freight station at North Second and St. John Streets, and the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad passenger station at Market and South Fifth Streets. Only the freight station on South Fifth Street survives. These railroad stations are where the commerce that grew Lewisburg happened: where goods were exchanged and transported, where soldiers left their families for training and war, and to where the lucky ones returned. This is where the growth of Lewisburg gained its energy, where visitors came and went, where residents with big sighs of relief returned home from travels and distant work. What can we show our grandchildren? The repurposed freight station saves a piece of those memories, keeping it alive by housing the offices of Lewisburg Borough. Few people know of the railroad station that once graced St. John Street. Even the tracks are gone.

Let us be grateful for President's Johnson's foresight. Support preservation efforts of the historic buildings and spaces important in our past, and tell the stories they represent. Save the memory.



Lois Huffines, President

UPCOMING PROGRAMS and EVENTS

Some Remarks on the Business History of Lewisburg

with Rick Sauers

Monday, August 15, 7 PM

Union County Public Library, 255 Reitz Blvd., Lewisburg, PA

Author and historian **Rick Sauers** will present a talk about Lewisburg's business history. He will include a list of century businesses (100 years or older), discuss how Market Street has evolved over time by examining some buildings and the businesses inside each, and address other aspects of this subject. His talk will be accompanied by a slide show.

Sauers is a Lewisburg native and a former director of the Packwood House Museum. He co-authored, with Lois Huffines, the *Images of America: Lewisburg* book for Arcadia Press, and has written or co-authored more than two dozen books. He is currently the director of the Western Museum of Mining & Industry in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The program is free and open to the public. **Please call the library** (570-523-1172) to reserve your place.



Pedal Through the Past Bike Ride

Sunday, September 18 (Rain date September 25) **1:30-4 PM**

beginning at Red Bank School, Mifflinburg



Tour the back roads of Mifflinburg with bike tour guide **Mary Sullivan** as you discover the little known history of the Red Bank area. Photos of area "landmarks" and historical highlights will be shared.

The bike ride, recommended for ages 12 and older, will cover six to seven miles in about 2 1/2 hours, with frequent stops at historic sites. The tour begins at Red Bank School on Red Bank Road (2 miles north of Mifflinburg, turn right off Forest Hill Road). Participants are to supply their own bikes, and wear florescent vests or clothing to help with visibility, and other gear necessary for the rider. Please bring water and snacks *and arrive 10 minutes prior to departure*.

The cost is \$5 per person. **Prepaid registration is required.** Please send check, indicating the number of riders in your party, to the Union County Historical Society, 103 S. 2nd St., Lewisburg, PA 17837.

Further information and questions can be directed to the UCHS office at 570-524-8666 or info@unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org and to Mary Sullivan at 570-966-4320 or msulliva@pct.edu.

Massacre & Murder in the Susquehanna Valley:

A look back at the Lee Massacre and Pine Creek Indian Murders

with Kathy Swope

Thursday, September 29 at 6:30 PM

at the Herr Memorial Library, 500 Market St., Mifflinburg

The Lee Massacre and the Pine Creek Indian murders highlight the atrocities that were committed by both the native inhabitants and the settlers, reflecting the tensions and the feelings of anger and resentment that were infused in the settlement of Pennsylvania's frontier in the late 1700s..

Kathy Swope, of Winfield, serves on the board of Lewisburg Area School District and the Pennsylvania School Boards Association. She is interested in and has written about local history, and helped organize Union Township's bicentennial celebrations.

The program is free and open to the public. **To register**, please call the Herr Library (570-966-0831).

Propaganda
with Bruce Teeple
Thursday, October 13 at 7 PM
Union County Public Library, 255 Reitz Blvd., Lewisburg, PA

As part of our centennial commemoration of World War I, *Over There, Over Here*, Bruce Teeple will give a presentation on the effects of the government's propaganda campaign on Union County during the war. The United States entered "The Great War" in 1917. Look for more programs on WWI during 2017. The Society has a great Heritage book for purchase, *Union County's Role in WWI* by Charles M. Snyder.

Bruce Teeple is a writer, local historian, speaker, and columnist for the *Centre Daily Times*. A graduate of Penn State in history and political science, he served for many years as curator of the Aaronsburg Historical Museum. He currently serves on the board of the Union County Historical Society.

The program is free and open to the public. For **reservations**, please call the library (570-523-1172).

November Dinner & Program

19th-century Pennsylvania German Houses
Thursday, November 10, 6 PM
Annual John B. Deans Dinner and Program
at the Carriage Corner Restaurant, Mifflinburg

Architect **Chris Macneal** will present the program at the November dinner meeting. He will talk about the 19th century Pennsylvania German houses in Union County and the perpetuation of patterns of family and community use of space which shape house form and siting. Some of these patterns are still quite evident in present-day Amish and Mennonite houses.

The program follows a buffet dinner with choices of entrees, sides, salad, dessert, and beverages. Awards for contributions by individuals or groups for historic preservation and service will be presented. Society publications, including the 2017 calendar, coloring book, and playing cards, will be available for purchase at the dinner.

Local members will receive reservation forms for the dinner/program in the mail. Others interested in attending can contact the Society at 570-524-8666 or info@unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org.

Heads Up: The Union County Historical Society will co-sponsor with the **Historic Barn and Farm Foundation** (HBFF) a conference on June 16-17, 2017. On Friday evening, a dinner program will feature a lecture on barn architecture by architect Chris Macneal, and on Saturday, the conference group will tour 6 or 7 barns of historical and architectural importance in Union County. Historical Society members are invited to join in conference activities. Look for more information in the next newsletter.

IDEAS SOUGHT

Is there a topic you would like learn about? Or someone you want to give a talk? Will YOU present a program for the society?

Do you have suggestions for events or programs at the Dale/Engle/Walker House?
Activities that would be fun for children and families?

Do you have information to share on an historic event, place, or person? A link for our website? Know of book we should acquire for our reference library?

Here are some ideas those of us in the office came up with: a Victory Garden, programs on Federal and Victorian architecture and interior design, antiques show and tell, genealogy round table.....

Please send us your ideas and suggestions. Use the subject line "IDEA" in your email, or write us a note, or give us a call. **We look forward to hearing from YOU.**



Events at Dale/Engle/Walker by Diane Lengle

Tours, Exhibits and Demonstrations

When the Interpretive/Special Events Committee started to plan for this summer, we thought that we would try something new to add interest, since there had been a decline in the number of visitors for Sunday tours. So we planned for demonstrators, artists, or musicians to be at "Sunday on the Porch" twice per month.



Since June was Dairy Month we started the tour season with an Ice Cream Social. The first Sunday the skies opened up and rain fell heavily. We moved from the lawn to the porch and hoped for the best. Imagine our surprise when a line of cars came up the drive. We had 32 visitors that afternoon, who did not mind one bit sitting on rockers on the porch, eating ice cream and chatting... some even recognized old friends. And all enjoyed the tours.

We decided to have a repeat the next Sunday and that day was beautiful. Again we had over 30 visitors for the tour and ice cream. An interesting observation was how many people asked about the trails and the property. And how many were local residents who had never been to the house. Since then we have had Roger Curran speak on architecture, a blacksmith demonstration, and Nada Gray teaching paper star folding.

"Sunday on the Porch" at Dale/Engle/Walker:
August 14: **Sharon Witmer – watercolor artist**
August 28: **Ruth Burnham – knitter / weaver**
September 11: **Pompeii Soaps demonstration**
September 25: **Leo Armbruster – musician**
October 16: **Martha Hockenberry – weaving placemats from repurposed material**
October 30: **turnip and pumpkin decorating.**

We have already seen improvement. Everyone who comes always appreciates the tours, the history of the house and the beauty of the property.

The Dale/Engle/Walker House is open Sunday afternoons from 2-4, now through October.

Directions to the Dale/Engle/Walker House, 1471 Strawbridge Road, Lewisburg: 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.

Celebrate Rural Heritage – July 2016

A very successful **Celebrate Rural Heritage Day** was held July 9 at the Dale/Engle/Walker House. A beautiful day always helps and we had a sunny one. Our success was measured in the number of families who attended, the number of children running around and riding the pony cart, the visitors who



learned about crafts and skills from the time period of the house: 1790 to 1970.

In the house, visitors met summer intern Dan Bower wearing a military uniform from between the two World Wars, which brought a lot of questions.

The "Milkin' It" exhibit highlights the history of the farm during the Engle's time, and the dairy industry in Union County. To go along with the Engle Dairy theme our volunteers wore aprons and housedresses from the 1950s. As one woman said "you don't see people with aprons anymore, but I remember my Grandma always wearing her apron."

The Dales Ridge Ramblers and the Country Twirlers Square Dancers added lively music while the presentations of Dan McDavitt and Ron Blatchley provided historical background.

This year there were two food vendors: Country Lane School with chicken platters and Cawley's Moonbeams: Relay for Life with pulled pork. Add home-made ice cream and no one went away hungry.

Another highlight was the antique wheat binder – all were fascinated to watch how this worked and see the wheat stacks formed.



We were so pleased with the number of young helpers we had. Zeb presented paper making, and several young ladies helped make corn dollies for the entire day. We have youth who are interested in being a part of the event.

In a changing world, it is great to have a day to step back in time to what we think of as a simpler life and **celebrate our rural heritage.**



COLLECTIONS NEWS by Tony Shively and Jeff Spotts



I recently prepared for a yard sale and soon discovered that I had items long forgotten. Unfortunately, I did not find any rare Union County-made items but it is important to remember, in the waning months of summer as you consider a yard sale or other cleaning projects, that the Society actively collects, as you can see below, a broad array of objects that you may have stored in your garage or home. Items, such as an ash tray from a now closed business, help the Society to document businesses and interpret larger historical themes such as the societal views of smoking and associated adjustments in advertising. This is not an anti-smoking message but a reminder that the reader should consider donating items which further the Society's mission. Contact the office at info@unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org or 570-524-8666 to arrange for your donation. We appreciate all gifts to the collection. *Jeff Spotts*

We thank the following donors for **gifts** received since April 2016:

- Dr. Richard H. Klinetob of Milton: Wilson's Dairy of Mifflinburg, PA one pint milk bottle.
- Karen Gardner of Lewisburg: 1954 calendar from Western Auto in Lewisburg, Bucknell University Hand Books from 1903 and 1947, book entitled *Thirty Years as President of Bucknell, Baccalaureate and Other Addresses* by John Harris, a leather tobacco premium from Bucknell.
- Jeannette Lasansky of Lewisburg: Kelly Mobile Homes pen, D.O.W. Inc. pencil, Celebrate Rural Heritage (2016) postcards, advertisement for 2016 PA Statewide Conference on Heritage held in Lewisburg during June 2016.
- Ardith Wilkins of Allenwood: Cyanotype photo of Edith Wertz of Kelly Cross Roads.
- Elaine Wintjen of Lewisburg: Fero Vineyards & Winery tote bag.
- Harold & Gloria Walter of Lewisburg: scrapbooks of newspaper articles and other memorabilia pertaining to Lewisburg and surrounds areas.
- Isabella O'Neill of the Bertrand Library at Bucknell University: 1772 warrant for land along Buffalo Creek granted to William Wilson by Thomas and John Penn, DVD of "Our Town Lewisburg," Beaver Memorial Church dedication, League of Women Voters flyer, SEDA newsletter from 1971, UC Federation of Women's Club Picture Project from 1965, Union County Sesquicentennial flyer, Walking tour of Mifflinburg Sesquicentennial, Worship programs from Central Oak Heights, *The Story of a County*, SEDA Citizen's Guide, 1890 post card invitation for social, folder of material relative to Ludwig Derr, Sunday evening prayer meetings at the Baptist Chapel, and a photograph of the Faith Lutheran Church.

The society made the following **purchases** since April:

West Milton State Bank coin banks, West Milton State Bank photo from 1920; trade cards from Kline & Hoch and Aaron Dennis, both of New Berlin; trade cards from the Lewisburg Saturday News (B. K. Focht editor & publisher) and E. F. Dean of Mifflinburg; Christ's United Lutheran Church cookbook; 12" ruler from Village Square Variety Store of Mifflinburg; decals from West End Auto of Millmont; souvenir sterling spoon from Clyde Peeling's Reptiland of Allenwood; sharpening stone from Wehr's Beverage of Mifflinburg; jar opener from Murray W. Rohland of Lewisburg; ash tray from Buffalo Valley Nursing Home in Lewisburg; advertising rain gauge from Roy G. Martin Mobile Milling Service of RD Lewisburg; 1885 cabinet photo taken by James Haus of Mifflinburg; postcards of Hairy Johns State Park, Mifflinburg, Winfield, and Cowan.

➔ **WANTED:** a 2012 Union County Historical Society calendar, by a member/collector. If you have one to spare, please contact the UCHS office; or mail us the calendar and we will pass it along. Thanks!

The Union County Historical Society office and library welcomes members and visitors
Monday through Friday 8:30-4:30 – located in the county courthouse on S. 2nd Street in Lewisburg

Recent Genealogy Searches and Their Researchers

If you have information to share, contact UCHS at 570-524-8666 or
info@unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org, or contact the researcher (address and/or email is below).

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BILGER, Joel, Fred'k Bilger & Catherine Boyer, John George Adam Bilger & Eva Huth: Glenn Bilger,
33 Little Birch Lane, Milford, DE 19963

SPANGLER: location of Christian Spangler's homestead: Evonne Henninger, eeh1@psu.edu



Research Library Update

Added to family histories:

Keefer Family Association Newsletter Volume XXIX, Issue #2, June 2016



Added to the library:

Navigator by Lt. Spencer W. Walker. Lt Walker (1925 New Berlin - 2013 Newtown, PA) was a navigator with a B-24 crew in the 492nd Squadron, 7th Bombardment Group, 10th Air Force, based near Calcutta. He flew 25 missions in the China-Burma-India Theatre from November 1944 to April 1945. Walker tells his story through narrative and letters sent home.

Genealogical research services are provided by UCHS staff and volunteers. We will look up a single document (such as a will or obituary), search material in family files, compile a family history from local records and ancestry.com. See *Primary Resource List* and *PA Records Chronology* on our website for details on available records.

Fees are \$5 + copying charge (per single document) to \$50 and up (full search) depending on complexity. It is best to send an email inquiry with your research questions first. We will advise.

Deed searches are negotiated on an individual basis. Please inquire.

Donations: The Society accepts Union County family histories as printed or digital files for the society's genealogical library.

Thanks to our "Friday Volunteers"

Judith Blair, Jack Fisher, David Goehring, Tom Greaves, Marj Kastner,
Dan & Gloria McDavitt, Glenda Sheaffer, Bob Stoudt, and Susan Waggoner

In addition to helping visitors to the office, volunteers take on projects such as researching courthouse documents and society reference material and on-line resources, looking up obituaries and news reports, organizing books, and arranging displays. ***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.***

NOMINATIONS TO THE BOARD

Nominations for the board are voted upon by UCHS members present at the September meeting, this year held on September 29, 2016 at 7 PM at the Herr Memorial Library, 500 Market Street, Mifflinburg.

The slate of nominees up for election are:

Secretary: **Bruce Teeple** (renewed 2-year term to 2018)

Treasurer: **Kim Ranck** (renewed 2-year term to 2018)

Doug Hovey (a second 3-year term to 2019)

Lonnie Hill of Lewisburg, attorney, with a life-long interest in history
(remainder of Beth Hackenberg's unexpired term and a first 3-year term to 2019)

Murrie Zlotziver of Mifflinburg, with a background in human service, program development,
education and technology (a first 3-year term to 2019)

Continuing to serve are:

President: **M. Lois Huffines** (to 2017), Vice-president: **Sharon Lynch** (to 2017)

Karen Gardner (to 2018), **Mike Molesevich** (to 2017), **Jeffrey Spotts** (to 2017),

Susan Waggoner (to 2018), **Eric Wagner** (to 2017) and **Ardith Wilkins** (to 2018)

ACCOUNTS of Union County History is on line

Here's the link: <http://unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org/Accounts/Feb2016/TOC.html>

Last fall **ACCOUNTS** celebrated its 5th birthday and we're already halfway through year six. **ACCOUNTS** is here to stay, recording specifics of Union County's history available nowhere else.

The Spring 2016 issue continues our record of proudly publishing (1) the stories of county residents, (2) the work of committed history researchers, and (3) benchmark history data and analysis. All three are key parts of our county's historical record. Use this web address to see the issue:

<http://unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org/Accounts/Feb2016/TOC.html>

The Spring issue contains articles on: mid-20th century Vicksburg, the 19th century logging industry, the gothic chapel of the Lewisburg cemetery, and the story of 19th century newspapers in Lewisburg. Whatever happened to Vicksburg's one-room schoolhouse? Who was Vicksburg's colorful "Jerry" Burrey? Where were the county's sawmills located and where did the logging railroads run before the trees ran out? What is the now unused "Vault" in the Lewisburg cemetery and why was it built? When was the first newspaper published in Lewisburg (it was remarkably early) and how many different newspapers were published since (a shockingly large number)? The Spring issue contains the answers to these and a vast number of other significant questions. Two computer clicks and you're there.

Too, the Spring issue contains a comprehensive index to the first five years of **ACCOUNTS**, allowing you to find specific articles, and see what's been written about various topics, families, and individuals (ideal for student history papers). Each issue is individually indexed, but the 5-year combined index hugely cuts the effort to find what interests you.

I earnestly invite YOU to publish in **ACCOUNTS**, putting what you know in the record for all time. Don't let your recollections die when you pass. Writing an essay for **ACCOUNTS** is not hard; just write what you know. I'm here to assist. Together we can build our county's historical record. Let me hear from you.

Tom Greaves, Editor
ACCOUNTS of Union County History
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Dale/Engle/Walker Property Update

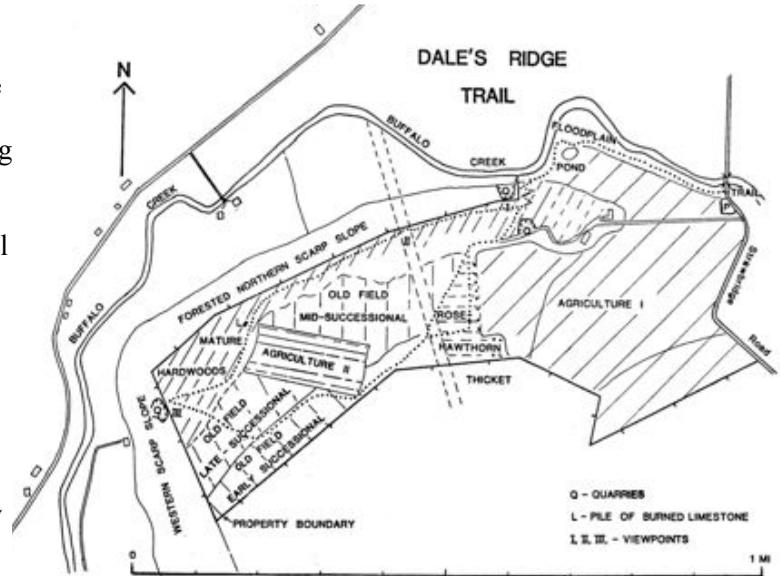
by Jeannette Lasansky, Property Manager

Since April, the Dale's Ridge Trail parking area has been returning to a more normal appearance, and it now looks quite good. The one live cedar tree (from before the bridge construction) is re-installed and thriving along with three small ones. Orange-topped stakes were placed at the south end of the rail fence where we might plant one to three other small cedars when we can. Other improvements include moving the bike rack to beside the trail entrance and planting small native dogwood, etc. We should see the PennDOT sock removed soon and some flat stones placed to direct foot traffic to the east of the kiosk and onto the trail.

On June 1, I met a familiar face, Mike Erdley of New Enterprise Stone and Lime (NESL, formerly Eastern Industries) and the firm's head construction guy. We walked the lane and looked at the parking area. Mike has replied about whether refurbishing the Dale's Ridge Trail parking area can be a "freebie" as it has been from time to time since 2001. On July 7, Mike wrote that they were soon ready to do the trail parking area and the lane entrance as well as lane pot holes. Geoff Goodenow (Linn Conservancy coordinator) and Fred Swanger (an assistant property manager) will cordon off the parking area once NESL decides on a work date. Extra donated gravel for lane work will be placed in the southwest corner of the barnyard. The riparian trail area does not need new material at this time.

Thanks to Susan Waggoner and Geoff for plant donations; to Geoff for coordinating the work efforts at the Trail parking area and watering the plants through a particularly arid time, and to Doug Hovey for his knowledge of boundaries and rules, and watching changes in the parking area while I was away in the spring and early summer.

The Dale's Ridge Trail offers a variety of habitats: floodplain, mature hardwoods, and former agricultural fields. The two-mile trail is open dawn to dusk. Leashed dogs are allowed. Parking is available in the lot just off Strawbridge Road. The trail is maintained by the Merrill W. Linn Land & Waterways Conservancy. For information on this and other locals trails, and Linn Conservancy events, visit the Conservancy facebook page and website www.linnconservancy.org.



A group of board members and Dale/Engle/Walker people knowledgeable about split air cooling and heating systems: Mike Molesevich, Eric Wagner, Doug Hovey, Fred Wert, and members William and Jeannette Lasansky, met to discuss the plans and bids from the four firms we solicited. The Finance Committee will review funding options prior to the late-August UCHS Board meeting.

Thanks to contractor Fred Wert for gifting his time and materials to fix porch rot caused by ants, to Phil at A-1 Lock & Key for an on-site diagnostic, and to the Lasanskys who footed half of the buildings' window washing bill. In doing that job, we found some sash rot that is now on our "to do" list. Just like at home, there is always something to be done. Underwriting of building maintenance and "big ticket" items is always appreciated.

A fall work morning effort will take place on a Saturday in the first half of November. Let us know if you want to help: lasansky@bucknell.edu or lrs@uniocountyhistoricalsociety.org

The Dale/Engle/Walker House invites visitors to this historic property on Sunday afternoons from 2 to 4, for guided tours of the house with furnished original hearth, the wagon shed with vintage tools and farm equipment, and the milk house with dairy display. Current exhibits: *Milkin' It: Union County Dairy History*, and *Union County Collects*.

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for students age 12-18, free for children under age 12.

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Membership in the Union County Historical Society supports programs, historic sites tours and Red Bank one-room school experience for county students, 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 *Rural Heritage* events. Members receive the biennial *Heritage* book, newsletters, a discount on books and free use of our extensive reference library.

New, renewing and gift memberships: please mail this form to:
Union County Historical Society, 103 South Second Street, Lewisburg, PA 17837

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____	Individual \$30
Email _____	Family \$45
Phone (H) _____ Phone (W) _____	Contributor..... \$100
	Patron \$150
	Lifetime (individual) \$500

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The Union County Historical Society is a non-profit organization. Membership is tax deductible. In addition to membership, donations specific to the Society's work: education, the collection, genealogy, the Dale Library or the Dale/Engle/Walker property, are gratefully accepted. Unrestricted donations are used as the Board of Directors feels there is a need. The Society is prepared to accept gifts of appreciated property and planned giving, such as bequests. Thank you for your support.

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