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

THE DALE-ENGLE-WALKER HOUSE 1471 Strawbridge Road, Lewisburg, PA



The Dale-Engle-Walker House will be open on Sundays, June 27, July 18 and 25, August 15 and 29, and September 11 and 26, with free tours at 12 noon and 2 p.m.

The historical society is pleased to be able to again host visitors at the house after so many months being closed due to COVID-19.

Learn how the story of Samuel Dale and the Dale-Engle-Walker House are intertwined with the Susquehanna Valley’s history. The house, built by Scots-Irish immigrant Samuel Dale c. 1793, was rented

to tenant farmers for many years and remained in the Dale family until 1929. Jacob and Maude Engle purchased the property for their dairy farm and made improvements during the 1940s to the house and land, adding an orchard, vegetable and flower gardens. “Charlie” Walker, professor at Bucknell University, and Rosie Walker, a master gardener, purchased the property in 1957. In 2001 the house was given by the Walker estate to the Union County Historical Society which has worked to preserve and restore the house. The house sits on a hillside overlooking agricultural fields in Buffalo Township with Buffalo Creek about 100 yards to the north and Dale’s Ridge to the west. The Merrill W. Linn Land and Waterway Conservancy maintains the Dale's Ridge Trail.

Tours are open to the public and free of charge, although donations are appreciated.

MILNE-DRUCKENMILLER CABIN

The Milne cabin, built c.1789 as a frontier trading cabin on the Tuscarora Indian Path at Middlecreek, came into Marcia Kantz Milne’s family in 1803, when Christian Kantz purchased it from Peter Druckenmiller. The cabin was restored by Kantz descendants in 1998 when it was moved to Marcia and David Milne’s property in Lewisburg. Interested in preserving this important early structure, Marcia Milne donated the cabin to the historical society in 2019. The cabin was dismantled, reassembled and restored at the Dale-Engle-Walker property where it 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 before construction of the limestone house.

Dedication of the historic cabin is planned for September 11, 2021. Watch for more on this event in our next newsletter, announcements to members, and articles in the local newspapers.



Dear Society Members and Friends,

The world can learn much from the past when dealing with this recent public health crisis. For example, it's always astounding how quickly people invoke a vague notion of the Founding Fathers whenever they need to justify dubious judgment, attitudes, and behaviors.



The question is, which Founding Father?

When George Washington commanded the Continental Army, he knew that smallpox could kill soldiers and quickly ruin an army's effectiveness. As a pre-emptive measure during the early years of the Revolution, he ordered all recruits to be inoculated through a crude method known as "variolation." Despite some political grousing, the strategy worked and significantly reduced fatalities.

Let's look at Union County's own Samuel Dale. For nearly 30 years, he served the citizens of north-central Pennsylvania, first as a state representative, then later as a state senator. Dale voted with the majority of the legislature to outlaw "building a playhouse, theatre, stage or scaffold for acting, shewing, or exhibiting any tragedy, comedy, farce, interlude, pantomime or other play." But this vote wasn't necessarily because Dale disapproved of entertainment. After all, he owned nine volumes of Shakespeare's plays. It was most likely intended to prevent the spread of smallpox and other highly communicable diseases in crowded venues.

We can trace other commonly held beliefs directly to the past. Throughout the nineteenth century, public health officials fought smallpox with the cowpox vaccines developed by Edward Jenner. Despite the campaign's success, editorial cartoons, news articles, and pamphlets written by Dr. William Rowley claimed that children born to inoculated mothers had ox-shaped heads and bulging "cow eyes." Other anecdotes insisted that those who received vaccinations had horns growing out of their heads, or worse, engaged in bestiality.

We also find that citizens objected to wearing face masks during the 1918 influenza pandemic. Medical historians, though, argue that this reluctance may have contributed to two powerful reoccurrences throughout 1919 and 1920.

When we register for public school, when we enlist in the military, or when we travel overseas, we need inoculations to protect ourselves and others. How far do you think you would go if you argued otherwise with your commanding officer, your school officials, or with airline pilots?

As even Ecclesiastes tells us, "There's nothing new under the sun." Maybe that's why history matters, too.

For more information about how the story of Samuel Dale and the Dale-Engle-Walker House are intertwined with the Susquehanna Valley's history, please consider visiting the House during our free Summer Sunday tours from June until September.

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Staff Changes

Daniel Bower has taken a job as Archival Data Specialist at the Army Heritage Education Center, Army War College in Carlisle, PA. After working at the society as a student intern while at Gettysburg College, Dan stayed on as Program / Financial Manager. Dan put together the yearly calendar of historic photos, helped catalog the society collection, and oversaw operations at the Dale-Engle-Walker House. We wish Dan the best of luck in his new position.



Welcome new members

Cathleen Wagner, Mifflinburg
Bill Brobst, Bloomsburg

Thanks to Louise Knight for securing new PA Department of Transportation road signs for the Dale-Engle-Walker House, posted on Route 192 at Strawbridge Road.

Thanks to Geoff Goodenow who transplanted black-eyed susans and other perennials by the front door of the Dale-Engle-Walker house, to Kim Ranck who donated and planted peonies and creeping phlox on the wall along the lane, and to Gail Duque who donated the hostas planted alongside the dairy shed.

SHIKELLAMY MONUMENT REDEDICATION at Central Oak Heights

On Sunday, August 1, 2021, at 2:00 p.m., the Union County Historical Society, along with representatives from Central Oak Heights, will rededicate the historic monument commemorating Chief Shikellamy on the grounds of Central Oak Heights (just south of West Milton).

The monument is located on the bluff overlooking the site of Shikellamy's Old Town, which lay in the valley to the south of the hill. The event will recognize the one hundredth anniversary of the date on which the monument was originally dedicated, August 2, 1921. That event included representatives of the United Evangelical Historical Society, the Union County Historical Society, and the Pennsylvania Historical Commission. The proceedings on August 2 will include an address by UCHS President Bruce Teeple, outlining the history of Native Americans in our area and the significance of Chief Shikellamy (died December 17, 1748).

Please plan to attend this event, co-sponsored by UCHS and Central Oak Heights, as we celebrate one of Union County's important historic sites. (Directions: from West Milton, take Rte 15 south to the entrance to Central Oak Heights.)

Union County Historical Society 2022 *Heritage* Publication

Our next *Heritage* publication, about Union County during the Civil War, is by our friend and long-time society member Rick Sauers (past director of the Packwood House Museum in Lewisburg), current curator of the Western Museum of Mining and Industry in Colorado Springs, Colorado (wmmi.org).

Rick is using his extensive knowledge of Civil War history and his expertise in primary source research to comb Union County newspapers, diaries, letters, and other accounts from the Civil War era to tell the story and provide the context for an analysis of Union County's Civil War experience.

The 2022 volume of the *Heritage* series of the Union County Historical Society will be available in November 2021.

Members who renew for 2022 (renewal notices being sent in November 2021) will receive a free copy of historian Rick Sauers' important new book about Union County and the Civil War.

M. Lois Huffines, Editor of the *Heritage*



Lt. Elias Weidensaul, Co. D,
150th Pennsylvania



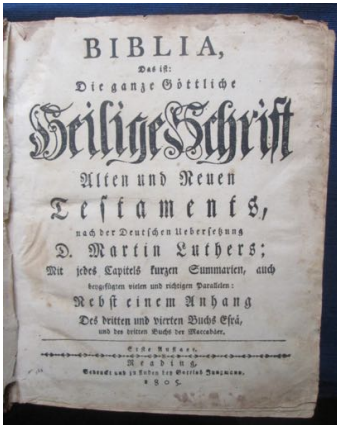
Capt. Thomas Chamberlin, Co. B, 5th
Pennsylvania Reserves (Slifer Guards)

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 since January of this year. 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.

We thank the following for donations and gifts accepted by the Committee:

Anonymous donation: framed tavern license issued to Christian Fisher of Penn Township, Union County (now Snyder County) signed by Simon Snyder, Jr., Clerk of the Court of Union County located in New Berlin, on June 13, 1815. The license was good for one year at a cost of \$8.80.



David and Adele Benson of Bellefonte for donating an 1805 German Bible that belonged to Jacob Maize, Sr. of Mifflinburg. Maize (1777-1836) was a tavern keeper in Mifflinburg.

Ralph Moyer of Millmont for donating a circa 1880s family portrait (18" x 22") from Laurelton.

Evelyn Miller of Mifflinburg for donating numerous books, pamphlets, newsletters, and other items relating to Colonial Products, Yorktowne Cabinets, and Elkay of Mifflinburg.

Doris Gargie of Paxinos for donating a financial statement of E. L. Wagner, treasurer of the Union County Agricultural Society, ballots from the 1926 election of the board of directors of the society, and a large cabinet photograph.

Delores Beard of Turnersville, NJ for donating an Oneida yearbook (Lewisburg High School) from 1947 that belonged to her father, William Beard.

Robert Brouse of Mifflinburg for donating a Lewisburg IOOF Lodge No. 96 Fraternal Ribbon; the membership record book of the Lewisburg IOOF from 1917-1973; bond Certificate No. 63 for money borrowed by the Union County Commissioners on August 31, 1889 from Ella Beale to be repaid by September 1, 1895; and a jewelry box from A. E. Bower of Lewisburg along with Bower's obituary.

Darrell and Elaine Yost of Mifflinburg for donating color photographs taken at the Mifflinburg High School Class of 1941/40th, 45th, 50th, and 60th reunions held at the Bull Run Inn, Susquehanna Valley Country Club, and Carriage Corner Restaurant. Also, a class directory from their 50th anniversary celebration.

Tony Shively of Millmont for donating real photo post cards (RPPC) taken by U. Eisenhower of Millmont; numerous photographs taken on the grounds of the Laurelton State School and Hospital from the 1920s and 1930s; numerous carte-de-visite and cabinet photographs of members of the Ruhl, Schnure, Myers, Harter, Whitmer, Halfpenny, and Kleckner families taken by photographers James Haus and J.C. Slear of Mifflinburg and William Ginter and J.W. Cornelius of Lewisburg; book entitled: *The Hundred Years of Caroline "Hattie" (Bilger) Wenrick*; 1978 *Eagles Way Magazine*; Union County Sabbath School booklets and material from 1937-1938; program from the 2013 Union County Bison-tenial Debate; poster from the Fox Theatre in Mifflinburg (1935); political brochures and handouts from William Yohn District Justice, John Showers (1980), David Rowe (2020), and Katie Evans (2020); the last calendar distributed by Shirk's Store in Millmont from 1988; Millmont P. O. S. of A. booklets and material; Union County West End Fire Company photographs and other items from the 1980s; Lewisburg Chair Company & Upholsters Union Agreement book from 1963; numerous county advertising brochures and pamphlets; Union County Industrial Railroad calendars; reports and booklets from Evangelical Hospital (2000-2001); Comprehensive Plan for Lewis Township (2002); and a book entitled *White Springs United Methodist Church – Millmont Circuit* (1998).

The society has made the following purchases on eBay and elsewhere:

Large cabinet photograph of a barn raising near the village of Swengel in 1911;
1948 calendar from Blyler's Store in Kelly X Roads;
plastic measuring cup with advertisement from Diehl Chevrolet – Cadillac in Lewisburg;
early 1900 photograph of Odd Fellows Hall in New Berlin;
cabinet photograph of Allenwood school reunion;
envelope from Western Penn's Fencing Co., Ltd of Lewisburg;
cabinet photograph taken July 1892 of tents along Penns Creek at Camp Westfall near Trails End;
John F. Shaffer, Tailor and Clothier (Lewisburg) trade card;
postcard calendar (March 1910) from J. Fred Zeller in Lewisburg;
advertising postcard for Revival Meetings at the Holiness Church in Glen Iron;
ashtray from Baker's Body Shop in Lewisburg;
miniature tape measure from East End Auto Sales in Mifflinburg;
match holder from Stahl's Smoke House in Lewisburg;
3 bullet pencils with advertising from various Mifflinburg businesses including Logan D. Miller (insurance), Mifflinburg Farmer's Exchange, and L. W. Strunk & Son (morticians);
two portraits of Judge Harold McClure; photograph of the Hon. H. McClure home in Lewisburg;
photograph of William McClure riding a horse drawn sleigh; photograph of McClure's meadow (summer and winter views); photographs of skating rink at the McClure home;
photograph of the First Presbyterian Church in Lewisburg;
1945 photograph of the Lewisburg High School football team;
and the following real photo post cards (RPPC):
view of the Forest House, aerial view of Bucknell, parade in Allenwood, Main Street in Allenwood, Dry Valley X Roads, Mifflinburg Bank employees, a home in Vicksburg, wintertime scene of railroad station in Lewisburg, view of second floor veranda at the Hotel Hopp in Mifflinburg, three different views of Chestnut Street in Mifflinburg, the gymnasium at Bucknell University, street view in Lewisburg, football team at Lewisburg, Glen Iron School, Glen Iron Store, St. John's Lutheran Church near Kelly X Roads, street view of Laurelton, a home in Laurel Park, Laurelton Lumber Company, Millmont Grammar School, Millmont Railroad Station, homes in Millmont, Mitchell's Store in Millmont, Reber residence in Winfield, Home Coming Parade in West Milton, tents pitched at Central Oak Heights near West Milton, dining hall at Central Oak Heights, Leiser Schoolhouse in White Deer, view of Old Turnpike at White Deer, Hairy John's Park, and White Springs Church.



The society is sad to announce the passing of **Ardith Koch Wilkins**, of White Deer and Allenwood. Ardith brought her accounting experience to the historical society board, and her interest in local history (especially old postcards and photos) to the society's archives/museum committee, Rural Heritage events, and the Union County Bicentennial Committee. She did extensive research on the Widow Catherine Smith and portrayed her at local historical events. Ardith was on the team of researchers for the Arcadia book, *Union County River Towns*. She will be missed.

The society notes the recent passing of **Mary Kay Harper**, of Lewisburg. Mary Kay joined the board of the Union County Historical Society in 2017, bringing twenty+ years experience as a volunteer and Executive Director (1990-2008) of the Montgomery County Maryland Historical Society. Mary Kay was passionate and knowledgeable about the operation of historical societies. She provided a strong voice and an invaluable asset as UCHS determined our priorities and charted future directions. We are very grateful for the time she spent with us.

Recent Genealogy Searches and Their Researchers

If you have information to share, please contact UCHS or the researcher (address / email below). A brief summary of our response is indicated in italics.

BENNER/BROWNAWELL. Mary Magdalena Brownawell 2 Apr 1781 Lebanon County - 3 May 1846 Union County + John Benner d. 1854 Union County [*both buried New Berlin, will for John filed 1854*]; m. 30 Jul 1799 Lebanon Co., PA. Parents Mathias Brownawell + ?Magdalena Wertz, possible siblings Marg't, Eliz., Nancy, Cath., John, Henry, Sarah, Geo. Nancy Myers, 20865 SW Willapa Way, Tualatin, OR 97062-9557; 503-692-5950, 503-743-6572 c; Nanno20@gmail.com

MOWREY, John M. Mowrey b. 1837, married Mary H. Stambaugh; first two children, Elmer E. b. 1862 and Emma "Emmaline" Susanna b. 1886 were born in New Berlin; family moved to Wolcottville, Indiana. Seeking info on father John Mowrey b. 1793 (Mowrer) and mother Elizabeth b. 1795 (possibly Meise/Maize): marriage, children, death. Also for John's sister Lydia b.1830, her marriage (to Levi Kline?) in Michigan in 1870. Also Henry M Mowrey 1828-1858 and his first wife Sarah Elizabeth Benfer b. 1832, children, Harris Nathaniel and Jonathan. Michelle Mowrey Beary; the.bearys@yahoo.com

LEWIS, Elijah c.1801 – Apr 1880 White Deer; daughter Charlotte Elizabeth Lewis 25 Sep 1840 Cameron City, PA – 11 May 1924 Williamsport, PA. [*Elijah + wife Ann, children Josiah, Christian, Charlot (sic) in White Deer in 1850; possibly in Muncy in 1840; Charlotte + Thomas Conner/O'Conner and children in White Deer in 1870, in Elk Co. in 1880, 1900, 1910.*]; Jane Meckley; janemeckley@ymail.com

KLINE, John and Anna Englehart migrated from the area to Stephenson county, Illinois. buried in Eldorado cemetery in Oneco township. *The book "The Kline's From Mifflinburg and Forest Hill" lists Jacob Kline 1806-1869 Mifflinburg + Mary Eliz. Englehart 1806-1887 d/o George + Anna Marie Englehart; Jacob Kline 1765-1849 Mifflinburg: sons include John (died IL).* Ted Beckman, Madison, Wisconsin; zwegpinscher5@gmail.com.

WOLFE, Kenneth Dale, Sept. 27, 1916 Lewisburg, Union Co., PA - Dec. 8, 1961 Muncy, Lycoming County, PA; 1938 graduate of Bucknell. S/o Charles Dale Wolfe and Ada Grace (Miller) Wolfe of Lewisburg. First Lieutenant Kenneth Wolfe buried in Lewisburg. Seeking photo.

WOLFE, Dorothy May, Feb. 12, 1919 Lewisburg, Union Co., PA - Dec. 28, 1978, Lewisburg; member of WWII WACs. Seeking photos of Kenneth Dale Wolfe and Dorothy May Wolfe for a book on same. Sherry L. Jesberger; keystonecrossroads@gmail.com. [*UCHS found one photo of Dorothy in archives.*]

BINGAMAN, Jacob. Seeking will. *Will filed 1881, sent to Kay Coomer, stratford21@comcast.net.*

MOYER, Samuel c.1804-? + Eva Kline 1810-? In Beaver Twp 1850, relocation to Sandusky County, Ohio and then Michigan. Seeking parents and siblings of Samuel and Eva. Marion Painter, skipperswife212@gmail.com

MILLER, Robert S. *obit sought and sent, with copy of African-Americans in Union County.* [Robert's grandson was C. Edgar Patience, renowned anthracite coal sculptor from West Pittston and Wilkes-Barre]. Great-granddaughter Dr. Juanita Patience Moss, 7801 Colonial Springs Blvd., Alexandria, VA 22306; juanitam2@cox.net.

BUSS, George Washington 1835-1893 + Catherine. Seeking her maiden name. George is buried in Pine Knot Cemetery. Sally Jakielaszek, 234 Evane Dr., Depew, NY 14043; saljake1943@gmail.com

MOCKMORE, W. Henry + Margaret Berger Mockmore, in Fairport, Muscatine County Iowa in 1836. *Not found in Union County. Suggest try Berks.* Larry Burke, colaguy68@gmail.com.

STAHL, Jacob. *will 1856 found and sent.* Daniel Stahl, danstahl@roadrunner.com

SHUMAN, Catherine d. 1850 [deed release to Adam and Geo. Wilt, Henry and Eliz Shuman, Conrad Shoeman (sic) 1838 will and deed, descendants of George Wilt from family file.] Jill Weigel, 1609 Sharpe Ave., Nashville, TN 37206; bongojava@comcast.net

MAIZE, John + Elizabeth. Will for Elizabeth filed 1802. Referred inquirer to Northumberland County Historical Society. Nancy Myers, nanno20@gmail.com

FRIES, Jost Heinrich. Sent Heritage Vol VI, 1978 with article on Fries, material from Annals of Buffalo Valley, will filed 1839. Martha Brost, mcb@rap.midco.net.

RED BRIDGE at Kelly Crossroads and mill on Fort Titzell Rd. Mark H. Bowersox; mark.bowersox@live.com



Members, Did you notice our new website www.Unioncopahistory.com on these pages? The new site will be up and running this summer. Our existing website www.unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org will continue to be active and will direct you to the new website when it is "live." Stay tuned!

The Union County Historical Society office is now open to fully vaccinated visitors.

Please call or email ahead of any visit so we can advise you on the current hours.

Research services are provided by our staff. Please email your research questions prior to payment.

- General genealogical search (one family) – fee of \$50 includes copying up to 20 pages of documents, including probate files, deeds, marriage and death data, local and family histories – as available; extra fees for extensive searches and/or additional copying. UCHS staff will advise.
- Copy of specific wills, letters of administration, or orphans court records only – \$5 plus \$1/copied page.
- Obituary search and copy (please provide year and approximate month of death) – \$5 per person.
- Property deed searches are negotiated on an individual basis. Please inquire.

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:

Microfilms of newspapers: *Sunbury American*, Jan 26, 1850 - Apr 21, 1855; *Sunbury American & Shamokin Journal*, May 3, 1845 - Mar 18, 1849; *Sunbury Gazette & Miner's Register*, May 12, 1838 - Feb 13, 1844; *Republican Argus*, May 4, 1808 - Jul 15, 1812. Donated by Rick Sauers.

Union County Times issues for 2020 (on CD).

The Chronicle, Volume XXXII, Spring 2021.
Journal of the Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Compilation of Lewisburg area veterans of WWII. Compiled and donated by James C. Riley, MD, retired, 10890 Grande Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL 33412; 843-301-6729; seamus39@gmail.com

Wertman newsletter January 2021.

Keefer family newsletter KFA June 2021.

Photo album of J. P. Roush (lumber co.) containing family photos c. 1920s, local and trips to the mid-west. Includes Henry Roush of Indiana, J.P. Roush.

Folder of material pertaining to the Walters, Miller, Arbogast families of Lewisburg.

Watson Family History: Descendants of William Watson 1710-2020; donated by Cynthia Watson Stelzer and Karen Orr Watson.



Forest School Day Camp at the Dale-Engle-Walker Property

“The more high-tech our lives become, the more nature we need.”
Richard Louv, author of *Last Child in the Woods*

As schools were forced to shift to virtual learning due to the coronavirus pandemic, another group was immediately affected: student teachers. Even as schools reopened, the requirement to limit the number of people in the classroom meant that universities were challenged to find opportunities for teacher candidates to work directly with children, a requirement for graduation.

Recently, the Dale Engle Walker property became part of the solution to this challenge, serving as the ideal site for Forest School Day Camp, a new outdoor education program for homeschooled children ages 4-9 offered weekly on Thursdays. This community outreach program, offered to any interested family regardless of ability to pay, represents a collaboration between the Union County Historical Society, Merrill Linn Conservancy, Bucknell University’s Education Department, Lewisburg Children’s Museum, and outdoor educator Susan Chlebowski.

Forest School Day Camp is modeled after Scandinavian and UK Forest Schools, and the growing US model of "Forest Days", where each child spends a half day in the woods each week engaged in child-led, hands-on learning, play and skill building. Junior Bucknell education students serve as facilitators and have the opportunity to observe children in a setting that has shown to improve behavior, increase focus and concentration, and bring out skills and competencies that may not be observable in indoor settings. Teacher candidates will also have the opportunity to connect outdoor learning activities to state standards and required teacher preparation competencies. The short documentary *Best Day Ever*, profiling forest kindergartens in VT public schools, describes the model.



Forest School Day Camp also benefits local children who have limited opportunity to socialize and learn with other children during the pandemic. The program was held through the spring, and the children easily adapted to learning and playing in a fully outdoor experience in all types of weather. This model also reflects an alternate role of the teacher, one in which teachers step back and let children self-direct their play and learning through child-led activities based on the children’s interests, curiosity and observations of the natural world.

The evidence-based methods (nature combined with child-led play and learning) used in this program reflect research that shows that these programs benefit children in many ways, including improved holistic health (physical, mental, social, emotional) and improved confidence, independence, motivation, problem solving, and critical thinking. Learning outdoors also supports a child’s complex sensory and motor needs, enhances cognitive and academic learning, and fosters lifelong respect and care for the natural world.

Across the country, outdoor educators and national organizations promoting outdoor learning have scaled up rapidly and openly shared resources to create outdoor classrooms and programs to bring students and teachers outside. Locally, the Forest School Day Camp at the Dale Engle Walker property is one example of cooperative, flexible problem solving within our community, creating a solution that brings safe play and learning to children and broadens the experience of student teachers, preparing them to be part of a growing worldwide movement to expand learning beyond the classroom walls.

I've been overwhelmingly grateful as I spend time at Dale-Engle-Walker for the beautiful property that you have shared with us.

Susan Chlebowski
AMS Certified Montessori Teacher

ARCHIVES & COLLECTIONS NEWS

The UCHS Archives includes a large collection of reel-to-reel tape recordings (a little over 300) of interviews that were done as part of the Oral Traditions project between 1975 to around 1985. The committee would like to transfer the tape data to a digitized format, thereby preserving the voices of those interviewed and making the information available to researchers. Reel-to-reel tapes deteriorate over time and we'd like to preserve the historical data before it is lost.

We are appealing to the membership for financial assistance with this endeavor through member donations. The company doing the work is offering a 50% discount at the moment so we can digitize 80 tapes at a cost of \$1,200. The total project cost is about \$4,000. Individuals interested in supporting this project in any amount may send a check to the Union County Historical Society. Be sure to indicate on the check that it is for the **Oral Traditions Tape Project**.



Meeting on the porch at the Dale-Engle-Walker House on a lovely day in June, members of the UCHS board and archives/museum committee, photographed by Mike Molesevich, clockwise from top left, Bruce Teeple, Eli Reiff, Matt Wagner, Darren Rhyne, Phyllis Dyer, Ralph Sayers, Susan Rapp, and Kathy Swope.



Historical Society Publications include reproduced vintage postcards and an annual calendar with historical photographs; reprints of 1868 Union County township maps. The *Heritage* series includes books on nature and history in the West End, farmsteads and barns, water-powered gristmills, dairy farming, funerals and funeral directing, the Federal Penitentiary at Lewisburg, African-Americans, Samuel Dale, Theodore Sterner Christ, and Union County in WWI.

Publications are available for purchase either at the UCHS office or on the UCHS website.

Need a speaker for your event, scout troop, or social group? Ask about our **Speakers Bureau** which offers talks on a variety of topics including Native Americans, African-Americans, Pennsylvania Germans, and more. There is no fee, but we accept and appreciate donations. To make arrangements, call 570-524-8666 or send an email to info@unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org.

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