



# UNION COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER  
Winter - Spring 2017



Lois Dale of Delaware, Ohio (left) and her daughter, Carolyn Dale Dunkin, of Marysville, Ohio donated a ladder-back rocking chair that has been in the Dale family continuously, once belonging to Samuel Futhy Dale. The ladies brought the chair from Ohio on their visit to the Dale/Engle/Walker House in September, 2016.



Edgar Shields of Chagrin Falls, Ohio (left) and Harold Shields of Maine, sit on chairs made c. 1860 by their great-grandfather, James Shields of Taylorville, Union County. The family donated the set of six plank-bottom spindle-back chairs, plus one slipper chair, to the society. Messrs Shields visited the society and the Dale/Engle/Walker House in November 2016, on a family trip to Virginia, Ohio, Maine, and Pennsylvania.

The **2017 *Raise the Region* fundraising drive** will be in **March**. Watch for notice of this exciting event. *Raise the Region*, First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania, strives to raise much needed funds for area organizations and non-profits (such as your Union County Historical Society). Donations to UCHS will be used to digitize some of the old newspaper we have on microfilm, such as the *Lewisburg Journal* (1910-1952) and *Mifflinburg Telegraph* (1862-2002). Newspapers are a great source of information on people, places and events in the community and the world.



Do you have your 2017 Calendar?  
History of Union County Playing Cards?  
*Color Me Union County* Coloring Book?  
For sale at the UCHS office and through  
the website - use PayPal for easy buying.



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Dear UCHS Members and Friends,

For several months I have been making trips which necessitate driving for three hours (one way). Six hours total driving is a long time when the views are the same piece of interstate and construction zones again and again. To entertain and educate myself during the long stretches, I listen to the Great Courses offered in CD format. I manage four lectures in the three hours, and recently I completed a course of 48 lectures entitled "Turning Points in American History" by Professor Edward T. O'Donnell, whose course I highly recommend.



One of the points O'Donnell's lectures often made is that history is full of surprises, which in retrospect appear almost inevitable. But nothing in history was inevitable. It could have been different. The kind of change which changes the trajectory of events, which no one saw coming and after which things were never the same, is the result of individual decisions. Who within the context of the 19th century expected or could foresee the ramifications of the end of slavery, the outcome of the battle of Antietam (1862), the 19th Amendment giving the vote to women (1917), the New Deal (1933), Einstein's letter to Franklin D. Roosevelt (1939), suburbanization (following 1945), the birth of television (1950), The Pill (1960), the showdown in Birmingham, Alabama (1963), Watergate (1974), the personal computer (1975), the collapse of the Soviet Union (1989), and 9/11 attacks (2001)? This list names some of O'Donnell's "Turning Points," each of which with their attendant unanticipated consequences changed the course of history, as did inventions such as rail transportation, automobiles, and air travel. History is exciting: just when we think things will never change, they do and in ways we never imagined!

The UCHS provides resources and programming to researchers into the past who want to investigate their own "turning points," who want to understand the contexts of what came before and what came after. For those who want to know how people lived, how they endured hard times, and what they did to survive another day, the UCHS can provide resources and suggestions, and as one finds the answers, the UCHS can provide outlets for that newly gained knowledge that we all can learn from.

In the coming year, the Union County Historical Society will have an emphasis on the nation's entry into World War I, 100 years ago, and how that war affected Union County and the people of this place. Other topics will include buggy manufacturing, barn architecture, and Union County's landscapes and green spaces. I hope to see you at these programs. Drop by the office in the courthouse and say "Hello." Read the latest *Heritage* book, and buy a deck of cards, each card sporting an historical photo of Union County. We have history for you!

Best wishes,  
Lois Huffines, President

**UNION COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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**Welcome New Members**

- Anthony Dale, Ridgefield, CT
- Catherine & Robert Gessner,  
New Columbia, PA
- Ken & Jeanne Hafer, Winfield, PA
- David Kinney & Kate Waldo, Stayton, OR
- Edgar Shields, Chagrin Falls, OH
- Ellen Wilch, Arlington, VA
- and
- Claire Campbell, Linda & Lonnie Hill,  
Jean P. Klingler, Georganna Kresl,  
Kathryn Morris, and Susan Welteroth,  
all of Lewisburg

**Thank you members and friends**

- Ed Campbell, Dave Mensch,  
Maryellen Paulhamus,  
and Jean-Paul & Bernadine Richard  
for unrestricted donations;
- Terrance Tran for donation  
in memory of Betty Bears; and
- Marj Kastner for donation for technology  
upgrades and for related tech support.

**Thanks to those who decorated and  
staffed the society's booth  
at Christkindl Market**

- Karen Gardner, Beth Hackenberg,  
Doug & Karen Hovey, Lois Huffines,  
Diane & Jim Lengle, Pam & Paul Mauger,  
Evelyn Miller, Kim & Steve Ranck,  
Glenda Sheaffer, Linda & Barry Swartz,  
Bruce & Michelle Teeple, Susan Waggoner,  
Deb & Mark Wehr, and Murrie Zlotziver
- Always a fun and successful event!*

**The Union County Historical Society office and library** welcomes members and visitors Monday through Friday 8:30-4:30 – located in the county courthouse, 103 S. 2nd Street, Lewisburg, PA.

For those who cannot make the trip, **research services are provided**, including looking up a single document (ex. will or obituary), researching family files, compiling a family history from local records and ancestry.com. See Primary Resource List, PA Records Chronology and Fee Schedule on our website. Please send an email inquiry with your research questions first. We will advise.

### 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).

LENGLE, David C.: Jack & Shirley Sharer; jsharer@psu.edu

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### Research Library Update

#### Added to family histories:

"The Frenchman's Tract" added to Emilie F. Jansma's *Weikert, Homes & Homesteads, Cabins & Camps* Keefer Family Association Newsletter, Volume XXIX, # IV, December 2016

#### Added to the library:

*Memories, Reflections and Dreams: Albright Care Services 1916-2016: An Illustrated History.*

Donated by Albright Care Services of Lewisburg.

New Berlin Heritage Association Bulletin Vol. XXXXIV 2016. (The society has back issues for research.)

Digital file of old slides of covered bridges, mostly in PA, but also other areas. Prepared by John & Ida Dersham from the society's slide collection.

**Did you know?** The UCHS has on microfilm, the tax assessment records for the townships that later became Snyder County for the years 1792 to 1881.



#### Thanks to our "Friday Volunteers"

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

In addition to helping visitors to the office, volunteers may take on projects such as researching courthouse and society records, organizing books, arranging displays, looking up obituaries and news reports.

*Are you interested in volunteering in the office on Fridays one morning or afternoon per month? Contact or visit the office.*

#### SUMMER INTERNSHIPS AVAILABLE

To qualify, undergraduates students must attend an accredited four-year PA college/university, *and* be eligible for financial aid, *and* live in Union, Northumberland or Snyder County. Internships are intended to enhance the student's education and compliment their field of study (such as history, business, education). Work at the society office (M-F) may include research, writing PR, data entry, and general office tasks. Interns may also serve as guide or host on Sundays at the Dale/Engle/Walker House. *Letters of interest must be received at UCHS by February 28.* For more information, please contact Linda Rhoades-Swartz: 570-524-8738 or info@unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org.



**February Programs  
at the Dale/Engle/Walker House,  
1471 Strawbridge Rd., Lewisburg**

The Dale/Engle/Walker property is many things: the site of a two-mile walking trail beside the Buffalo Creek and atop a high ridge; a working farm in Buffalo Township outside of Lewisburg at which there are historical re-enactments; a late 18th-/early 19th-century architectural gem, and home to the Dales, Engles, and Walkers, as well as a slave site from 1793 until the 1840s.

Since 2003, the Union County Historical Society has presented new material by those working in the field of Black History, locally and statewide, during February Black History Month. Included have been diverse topics such as the Underground Railroad, both its myth and reality, Pennsylvania's African-Americans serving in the Civil War, the trades and backgrounds of area African Americans, and the importance of local, regional and national archives and historic sites. Exhibits accompanying the talks at Dale/Engle/Walker have focused on local artifacts, including old black dolls from New Berlin and Hartley Township; the documents on which research is based, such as wills, letters, newspaper advertisements, manumission papers; and oral histories.

**February programs are free and open to the public**, and are supported, in part, by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC).

Exhibit viewing and discussion will be available starting at 1:30 pm both Sundays, Feb. 19 and 26. A 1793 hearth tour where the Dale's slave Dinah worked presumably along with others, will also be an option following the presentations.

***The Julia Quest*  
Sunday, February 19, 2017 at 2 PM**

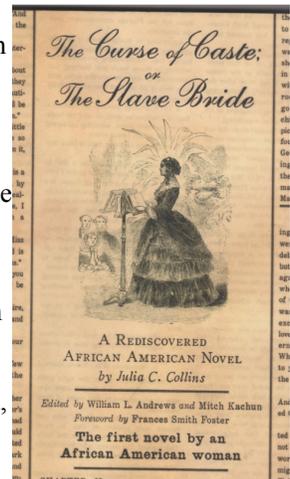
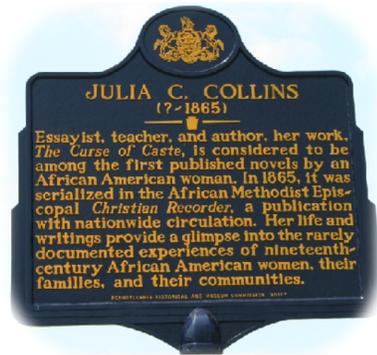
by researchers Jane Luther and Mary Sieminski both of Lycoming County, PA

Presenter **Jane Luther**, a resident of Jersey Shore, has family roots in Hartley Township dating from at least 1830. She has information that suggests that she is related to African American author Julia Collins through her great-grandparents.

Co-presenter, **Mary Sieminski**, a retired librarian from Williamsport, is the manager of the Lycoming County Women's History Collection and is fascinated by local and women's history. Mary writes a monthly column on Lycoming County women for the Williamsport *Sun Gazette*.

Their subject, **Julia C. Collins**, is the author of *The Curse of Caste; or the Slave Bride*, the first novel published by an African American woman. The book was written in 1865 while Collins was a schoolteacher for the African American children of Williamsport. A Pennsylvania state historical marker commemorating her was placed on the River Walk in Williamsport in 2010. Sadly, little is known about Collins' life, not her name at birth nor when or where she was born.

Jane Luther and Mary Sieminski are determined to change that and have been searching for traces of Julia for eight years, discovering many links to Julia in Union County. They will take the audience on a journey — of how they have traced these links and others in Williamsport and Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, New York, and Connecticut.



**Directions** to the Dale/Engle/Walker House: from Rte 15 in Lewisburg, take Rte 192 west for 1.5 miles, turn north onto Strawbridge Road and continue 1.5 miles to the site. Drive up the lane to the parking area near the house. Signs are posted.

***Dead or Alive: African-American Access to End-of-Life Healthcare in Union County***

**Sunday, February 26, 2017 at 2 PM**

by historian Kate Hastings of Watsonstown, PA

**Kate Hastings'** current research asks the question: "Did African American residents of Union County have equal access to health care, particularly at the end of their lives?"

Her presentation uses data from public health records of citizens of Union County in the mid-20th century to determine whether there were patterns of disease and access to care that were race-specific. The effects of Spanish Influenza, tuberculosis, and polio will be discussed, as well as the changing patterns influenced by the introduction of antibiotics.

Hastings, who teaches at Susquehanna University, has presented other talks in our Black History series since its inception, and has been an inspirational resource for others. She has published on several aspects of local black history that focus on working communities of free African Americans in Union County, particularly those living in Lewisburg, Winfield, and Hartley Township since the early 1800s. Her work is featured in the UCHS *Heritage* series, *African Americans in Union County: Slave and Free*, available at the UCHS office in the Union County Courthouse, and from [www.unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org).

**Buggy Town**

By the end of the 19th century, Mifflinburg had earned the nickname "Buggy Town" for the number of manufacturers and buggies made in this small borough. The industry adopted new trends in manufacturing, marketing and financing. At the same time, manufacturers enjoyed the support of the businesses in Mifflinburg and beyond.

**The Mifflinburg Buggy Museum** preserves the property of William A. Heiss, one of Mifflinburg's buggy makers. The Museum complex includes a modern Visitor Center with changing exhibits, the Heiss family home, the original buggy factory, the reconstructed carriage house and the showroom. The Museum has recently expanded its collection to include automobiles. Guided tours of the historic buildings allow visitors to step back in time and learn about the manufacturing and selling process as well as peak into the lives of the Heiss family.

Bronwen Anderson-Sanders began her career with the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission working at the Daniel Boone Homestead, the Conrad Weiser Homestead, and Washington Crossing Historic Park. She also worked as Tour Director at the Historical Society of Talbot County, Maryland. Mrs. Sanders began working at the Buggy Museum in 1997, becoming executive director in 2000. Visit [www.buggymuseum.org](http://www.buggymuseum.org) for information on this fascinating local museum.

***Becoming Buggy Town***

**Thursday, April 20, 6 PM**

Program and Dinner

at Christ's United Lutheran "Four Bells" Church  
13765 Old Turnpike Road (Route 45), Millmont, PA

**Bronwen Sanders**, Executive Director of the Mifflinburg Buggy Museum, will focus on the factors that helped Mifflinburg achieve the status of *Buggy Town*. According to Sanders, "Although we are still counting, still discovering buggy makers, Mifflinburg was home to 90 separate independent manufacturers over an 84 year period. That phenomenal occurrence did not happen in a vacuum, it took many parallel industries and businesses to catapult the town to this standing. My presentation will discuss banks, hardware stores, dealers and buggy makers, as well as their marketing efforts."



The program will follow a dinner of roast turkey, vegetables, dessert, and beverages, served family-style at the "Four Bells" Church in Millmont.

**Pre-paid**

**reservations are required.** Local residents will receive detailed information and reservation forms in March. Others who wish to attend may contact the UCHS office by phone: 570-524-8666, or email: [info@unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org).

## COLLECTIONS NEWS by Tony Shively and Jeff Spotts

The Union County Historical Society's mission is to collect items made in Union County and items associated with Union County businesses, for the purpose of preserving the county's heritage. Some of the items collected by the Society focus on area blacksmiths and tinmiths, quilt makers and milliners, politicians, and businesses like Pennsylvania House and Bechtels. Old business ledgers can be used for research. Period cookware in the 1793 hearth, books in the 1804 Dale Library, and farm implements in the wagon shed aid in the interpretation of the Dale/Engle/Walker property.

### We are thankful for the following Gifts and Donations:

- Isabella O'Neil from the Special Collections of the Bucknell Library Archives: Lewisburg, Millmont and Hartleton photographs, booklet entitled "Nineteenth Century Furniture Making in the Central Susquehanna Valley;" scrapbook, ledger and other memorabilia from Ralph "Ernest" Ruhl's Print Shop, souvenirs of Ray's Church Sunday School and the Pike School, *History of Ray's Church, Lewisburg Saturday News* Poster.
- Kathy Dye of Lewisburg: 150th Anniversary booklet from the Beaver Memorial Methodist Church, Bucknell University Class of 1941 Reunion Book, memoriam books from the visitation of Ford Birchard and Roy Birchard, writings and poems by Ford Birchard, Purity Candy Co. fan.
- David F. Doss of Allen Park, MI: real photo postcard of the Evangelical Orphanage, Lewisburg.
- Robert Seebold of New Columbia: Numerous sports award certificates from the late 1950's issued to Graham Showalter from the Lewisburg Joint High School and Davidson College.
- Diane Reigle of New Berlin: Campaign button for "Elect Walter's Union County Corner."
- Owen Mahon of Lewisburg: An unused potato bag from the L. N. Reitz Potato Farm, Lewisburg.
- Chris Brown, Montrose, CO: A letter written to Mrs. E. W. Hamilton in Lewisburg dated January 16, 1848.
- Elaine Wintjen of Lewisburg: Community Map & Information Guide for Lewisburg, *Lewisburg Standard Journal* Relocation Guide 2016.
- Patricia Ruth Robb of Lewisburg: Booklet entitled "Our Sentimental Journey Down Memory Lane to Vicksburg" published in 2000.
- Dave Noll of Mifflinburg: Booklet with information pertaining to a WWII veterans program held in West Milton on August 24, 1946.
- Helen McCahan of Selinsgrove: *The Millmont Times* from May 2002 through September 2011.
- Gary Baylor of Lewisburg: a copy of an article written by Mike Bezilla and published in *The Keystone* magazine, Vol. 39 Issue 1, pertaining to the Lewisburg & Tyrone Railroad.
- Steve & DeElma Kline of Beavertown: Fan from Beckley's of Mifflinburg, Mifflinburg High School *Nautilus* yearbooks from 1925, 1927, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, and 1935.
- Ardith Wilkins of Allenwood: Faith Lutheran Chapel, White Deer, PA 50th Anniversary photo DVD, anniversary booklet, anniversary bulletin, and anniversary laminated bookmark.
- Leroy Kling of Mt. Pleasant, SC: A one pint Sunnyside milk bottle, Ramsey School record from 1892/1893, Yocum Public School Souvenir from 1912, baptism certificate from 1909, confirmation certificates from 1921 and 1922.
- John Poss of Gastonia, NC: Envelope addressed to Andrew Leiser, Esq, of Lewisburg.
- Central Pennsylvania Vintage Iron Club: A wooden framed wagon body hoist.
- Lois Dale of Delaware, Ohio: Samuel Futhey Dale's rocking chair.
- Doris Marino of Lewisburg: A Union County Civil War Monument 100th Anniversary Pin.
- Royal Gorge Regional Museum & History Center of Canon City, CO: A small wooden box containing the name of S. H. Fillman and dated September 29, 1865.
- Kent Lewis of Lewisburg: 1902 Harrison Addition blueprint drawn by A. B. Stewart.
- Nancy Weyant of Lewisburg: Numerous slides and photographs from the collection of her father, Frederick C. Strong.
- Susan Green of Easton, MD: Photographs, letters and genealogy material relative to the Walters, Miller, Arbogast families.
- Charlotte Winter of Lewisburg: Lewisburg area advertising items, including menus from numerous area restaurants.

## COLLECTIONS NEWS Cont'd

### The society made the following purchases July 1 – December 7, 2016:

From eBay: Souvenir sterling silver 5 o'clock tea spoon from Mifflinburg, U. H Eisenhower cabinet photo, Eisenhower real photo postcard of Judge W. M. Blind's residence in New Columbia; real photo postcard (RPPC) of Matthew Cowden home in Lewisburg; RPPC taken in Winfield and postmarked 1908; RPPC from 1908 of the Evangelical Church in West Milton; RPPC of Syphers Store; RPPC of Spring Garden baseball team; Mifflinburg, PA greeting postcards; Hairy John Park postcard; Western Area Joint Senior High School postcard, two postcards taken at Central Oak Heights, Winfield postcards; William Walls political card; metal film canister including a roll of Lewisburg negatives; Ira W. Keister, (Winfield) advertisement with thermometer.

New Berlin Day purchases: Wooden wheelbarrow manufactured for C. Driesbach & Sons of Lewisburg, L. N. Reitz potato bag, *Lewisburg Saturday News* subscription advertisement, and a handwritten letter from William Joyce of Lewisburg to Mr. Joseph Fearon of Dry Valley dated March 10, 1847.

Other purchases: Photographs of the Lew Reitz farm at Brookpark from the 1920's, and the Buffalo Presbyterian Church from 1928 and 1930; ashtray from Colonial Printing of Lewisburg.



➡ **Wanted:** photos of diesel train engines coming through Lewisburg, Lewisburg-Tyrone and PA RR, for a UCHS member. Please contact the office and we will pass along your message.

➡ **Wanted:** 2007 Phone Directory for Union County, for researcher of county business history. If you have one, please drop off at the society office, mail, or contact us for pick up.  
*Did you know?* the society has county phone directories for 1944-2015 plus several earlier years.

## Union County History

Dear UCHS Members:

The October issue of **ACCOUNTS** of Union County History is now on line. You can see your copy at: <http://www.unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org/Accounts/Oct2016/TOC.html>

There is much to fascinate you:

**Jean Hormell tells the story of Allenwood and the Allenwood Store**, a business founded by her great-great-grandfather, HP Allen, in 1861. In 1880 Mr. Allen built the impressive brick building so visible today as you drive through Allenwood.

**Richard Nornhold provides a primer on rifles** made by Union and Snyder County gunsmiths. More than 100 gunsmiths comprised the Upper Susquehanna School, crafting these rifles, renown when they were made, and avidly collected today.

**Douglas and Mary Candland describe the more than two-hundred-year-old farmhouse** on Stein Lane, Lewisburg, they have lived in for the past 48 years. A tenant farm, a veterinarian practice, and then a medical office, the Candlands uncover the house's history through interviews and a careful search of property records.

**Tom Walker solves a mystery** involving the address on letters sent home by his father during World War II. The address on the envelopes, 104 Market Street, New Berlin, doesn't match where his family lived. Read how Walker solves this mystery.

**Sidney Dreese introduces us to a short-lived newspaper** in Mifflinburg of the 1850s and 1860s, the *Union County Press*, that reveals how the home front supported the war effort during the Civil War. Finally, **ACCOUNTS** presents lists compiled by **Jeannette Lasansky and Richard Sauer, of businesses in Lewisburg and Union County**, now updated to 2016. Looking at the businesses' locations, wares, and founding dates, you will be amazed at how many multi-generation businesses have formed the commercial fabric of Union County.

I would be delighted to talk with you about writing an essay for **ACCOUNTS**. Message me by email.

Tom Greaves, Editor, **ACCOUNTS** of Union County History  
[greaves@bucknell.edu](mailto:greaves@bucknell.edu)

## Annual Dinner/Program Awards Presentation

The Union County Historical Society presented awards for Outstanding Service at the Annual John B. Deans Dinner /Program held on November 10, 2016 at the Carriage Corner Restaurant in Mifflinburg, PA.

The program *Nineteenth-century Pennsylvania German Houses in Union County* (and the patterns of family and community use of space which shape house form and siting, some patterns still evident in present-day Amish and Mennonite houses) was presented by **Chris Macneal**, Architect and Senior Associate with Kieran Timberlake Associates, Philadelphia, PA. Chris is writing our next *Heritage* publication, available in the summer of 2017.

**Awards** are given to individuals who have had impact through specific and outstanding project(s), or service(s), that support the appreciation and understanding of local and regional history.

**Thomas Greaves** of Lewisburg was recognized for his design, development, and nurturing of the Historical Society's online journal ACCOUNTS, the latest of which can be accessed at: <http://unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org/Accounts/Oct2016/TOC.html>.

**Paul Mauger** of Lewisburg was recognized for his past service as Executive Director at Slifer House, and as a valued member, committee worker and volunteer of the Union County Historical Society.

**Nancy Neuman** of Lewisburg was thanked for her service as President of the Lewisburg Cemetery Association, for managing the logistics of the cemetery, coordinating the work of its board members, promoting community awareness of the cemetery's value, and giving cemetery tours.

**Margaret Kastner** of Lewisburg was acknowledged for her service as the Webmaster for the Lewisburg Cemetery Association, and web development for the Union County Historical Society. The Cemetery website is <http://lewisburgcemetery.org/index.html>. The Union County Historical Society website is <http://www.unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org>.

## Dale/Engle/Walker Property Update by Jeannette Lasansky, Property Manager

Community Work Efforts Combine to Make the Union County Historical Society's Dale/Engle/Walker Site Including the Linn Conservancy's Dales' Ridge Trail Ready for Coming Seasons

On a gorgeous November 12th morning, a fall work effort at the Dale/Engle/Walker property involved nearly 30 Bucknell students and staff, coordinated by assistant property manager Eric Imgrund, Union County board member Doug Hovey, and property manager, Jeannette Lasansky. Extensive raking, removal of invasive plants and fallen branches were among the top priorities and were completed.

Bucknell Professor Jeff Trop along with Nicola Certo and nine other Bucknell Environmental Club members worked with Dale's Ridge Chief Trail Steward retired Professor Tom Travis, Linda & David Elton, Diane Lengle, and eight members of BU's Kappa Sigma-Alpha Phi. Other Bucknell students: Jake Malavsky, Owen Parent, and Joe Elvin, assisted in moving heavy items in the Dale House and to the wagon shed before joining the others in raking and cutting operations. William Lasansky and Fred Swanger, an assistant property manager, provided logistical support, including food and beverage for the participants.

Earlier in the week, New Enterprise Stone, located in Winfield and along Rte 192, provided time and materials in the restoration of the parking area for the Dale's Ridge Trail and sections of the farm lane as arranged by Mike Erdley, of New Enterprise. New Enterprise, formerly known as Eastern Industries, has helped maintain the parking area, trail entrance and farm lane since 2001, while Dave Gutelius Excavating in Mifflinburg has maintained the property's south lane that is used in special events. Geoff Goodenow, Linn Conservancy Coordinator, has been instrumental on other aspects of the Dale's Ridge Trail parking area restoration since the new Strawbridge Road Bridge was completed a year ago.

**The next work effort** at the 1793 farm property will be either the morning of **Saturday March 25 or April 1, 2017**. To express an interest in helping on such efforts contact the Historical Society at [info@unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org), or one of the volunteer property managers.



The House in Spring

## INTERPRETIVE AND SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE *by Diane Lengle*

Interesting 2017 Spring-Summer season of tours and events at the Dale/Engle/Walker House

We will kick off the season with **Dairy Month events on Sundays, June 4 and 11**. The house will be open from 2 to 4 PM, with tours offered at 2:15 and 3:00.

**Celebrate Rural Heritage on Saturday, July 8** will focus on the years 1914-1940, highlighting Liberty Gardens, canning and preserving, old tractors, and woodworking on a wood lathe.

The house will be open for **tours** again on the **first and second Sundays in September and October**.

### More I / SE Members Sought

The Interpretive/Special Events committee members have a wonderful time at historical society events, but we could use some help. One specific area would be persons interested in the tool barn – explaining the equipment to visitors. You don't have to be a public speaker or make a large time commitment, and we can give you background information on the items. Sometimes just being on hand at events is a great help – selling the homemade ice cream, helping kids with activities, explaining what's growing in the gardens. If you are interested, please contact Diane Lengle at [dianelengle@gmail.com](mailto:dianelengle@gmail.com) or (570) 966-1783, or contact the UCHS office at [info@unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org) or (570) 524-8666.

Watch for more information in the summer issue of the newsletter and on the society website.



## Seeking the Next Editor of ACCOUNTS



Dear UCHS Members,

As you may know, I have been the editor of the Society's on-line journal, ACCOUNTS of Union County History, since its founding some 6 years ago. I am now at work on February's issue, which again will contain some very good reading.

It is, however, time for the journal to have a new person at the helm. This is a call for persons who would like to be the Editor for some years to come. Would you be that person?

What's entailed is this:

- The journal comes out twice a year (February and September) and contains 6 articles each. Each article needs editing to prepare it for publication – usually correcting typos, suggesting better phrasing here and there, formatting it to ACCOUNTS style, and adding the author's illustrations.
- I create the Front Matter and End Matter of each issue, consisting mainly of the Table of Contents, message from the Editor, and issue index.
- The completed issue is then put on line by the Society's webmaster.
- The largest task, and a very rewarding one, is stimulating authors to write what they know. It involves spotting a potential, interesting article, and inviting the person to write it up. About half of the articles come in of the author's volition, while the others emerge at your invitation.

Both you and the authors have the satisfaction of directly augmenting the permanent record of Union County's history.

While the editor has a fair amount to do, I have not found that it's a heavy burden. Rather, it allows me to serve the Society and our county's history in a focused and creative way, using time and effort I would be volunteering anyway.

*Are you interested in being editor and adding your own creative touch?* I'll be happy to answer your questions. Final choice is made the Society's president and the Society's Board.

*Tom Greaves*, Editor, ACCOUNTS of Union County History  
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