



# UNION COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter Spring & Summer 2016

## Susquehanna River Valley Heritage Alliance *Time Traveler's* Passport Program



The Union County Historical Society is part of the Susquehanna River Valley Heritage Alliance, which is offering a **Passport Program** to stimulate interest in our youth and their families in local history. The passport lists participating organizations, incentives and opportunities to learn about area history. Each participating site offers a different and unique experience whether it be tours, artwork, exhibits or games. Over 18 sites in four counties are participating this year in this exciting program. The program will run from **June 1 until August 16.**

**OVERVIEW:** Participants will need to visit five heritage sites and have their “passport” stamped. Students/adults who turn in their stamped passport will be eligible for a grand prize drawing. **Passports will be handed out at each participating site or historical society:** Dale/Engle/Walker House, Elias Church/Center for Performing Arts, Fort Augusta and Hunter House Museum, Hotel Edison, Joseph Priestly House Museum, Mifflinburg Buggy Museum, Milton Historical Downtown Walking Tour, Muncy Historical Society, Packwood House Museum, Post Office New Deal Artwork and Sculpture, and the World of Little League Museum. **Members are encouraged to participate in this exciting program. Contact the UCHS office for more details.**

**Cross-Membership Benefits** – This year the UCHS is in a collaborative effort to garner more support for our historical sites throughout the area. We, along with the following sites, have agreed to offer two **free tours** to those who present a paper Membership Identification (of any level) to any of the participating museums/sites: Mifflinburg Buggy Museum, Slifer House Museum, Packwood House Museum, Joseph Priestly House Museum, Dale/Engle/Walker House, and Northumberland County Historical Society Sites. **UCHS Members, please cut out the Membership Identification below to be used for this year’s tours at participating historic sites.**





**UNION COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

2016 Membership for the Union County Historical Society

Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_

This pass entitles you to two free tours at the following locations:  
Mifflinburg Buggy Museum, Slifer House Museum, Packwood House Museum, Joseph Priestly House Museum, Dale/Engle/Walker House, and Northumberland County Historical Society Sites.



**Union County Historical Society** office, 103 S. Second Street, Lewisburg, PA 17837  
570-524-8666 ~ info@unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org  
[www.unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org)



**OFFICERS & BOARD**

- M. Lois Huffines, President
- Sharon Lynch, Vice President
- Bruce Teeple, Secretary
- Kim Ranck, Treasurer
- Karen Gardner
- Doug Hovey
- Marj Kastner
- Mike Molesevich
- Jeffrey Spotts
- Susan Waggoner
- Eric Wagner
- Ardith Wilkins

**Welcome New Members**

- Candy Bloom, Watsonstown, PA
- William Buttorff, Winfield, PA
- A. Elena Cogdell, Arlington, TX
- Ruth I. Dunn, Petersburg, KY
- Robert Sieczkiewicz, Lewisburg, PA

**Thanks to those who donated to the society during the 2016 *Raise the Region* fundraiser:**

- David Beckley, Linda Bollinger,
- Karen Gardner, Lois Huffines,
- Margaret Kastner, Ella Jane Kunkle,
- the Lasansky Family, Diane and Jim Lengle,
- Diane Meixell, Mike Molesevich,
- Catherine Platusich, Kim Ranck,
- Jean Shackelford, Jeffrey Spotts,
- Linda Swartz, Susan Waggoner,
- Colby Wesner and Ardith Wilkins.

*The Society raised twice as much as last year thanks to generous donations and matching gifts from Raise the Region sponsors.*

**Thanks for donations from**

- Douglas E. Berman in memory of Betty Beers,
- Jeannette & William Lasansky for funds for microfilming and Dale/Engle/Walker care, and
- Isabelle Powell for research.



Dear Fellow Historians,

I have recently returned from a three-week trip to southeast Asia, and I was reminded yet again how similar the benefits of traveling are to the benefits of doing history. Traveling, beyond the joy of seeing new landscapes and confronting new cultures, enhances our lives by presenting a place where people live and think differently than we do. It challenges us to understand the other, and in the end, inevitably, we learn more about ourselves in the comparison. Doing history is similar: we find the people who lived differently in a time that presented its own challenges. The lifestyle was different, the everyday concerns were different, and the context in which life was carried out was different from what we know today. Again, in the end, we learn more about ourselves by looking at the world that preceded us.



Doing history answers the question of why things are the way they are. History explains the present by looking at what came before, and it is perhaps the only place to find the answer to the why-question. History explains who we are. This is true when we research the history of our individual family, of our community, and of our country. We live on a planet with great human diversity. Let us dive into the richness of the past and search it for the lessons it has to teach us.

The Union County Historical Society does local history and does it well. It has the resources, both online and in hand, to track individual histories of local families, businesses, industries, community celebrations, schools, and places of worship. It has ledgers and minutes, contracts and signed oaths, addresses and maps. Come to the Society office to research your interest; come to the Society programs for an in-depth look at local historical processes. Find yourself and your community in history! Local history is where the big generational movements ultimately begin and are experienced.

I hope to see you soon at a Society program or at the Dale/Engle/Walker House this summer, where you can explore a home and hearth built in 1793. It's exciting to see the world through the lens of history and learn how it all happened.

*Lois Huffines, President*

**The Dale/Engle/Walker House**  
 1471 Strawbridge Rd., Lewisburg  
**OPENS FOR THE SEASON ON SUNDAY, JUNE 5**



photo by Mike Molesevich

**Visitors are invited** to this historic property on **Sundays from 2 to 4** in the afternoon for guided tours of the house and furnished original hearth, the wagon shed with vintage tools and farm equipment, and the milk house with dairy display. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for students age 12-18, free for children under age 12.

**The house** was built in 1793 by Samuel Dale, a Scots-Irish immigrant. Dales lived there until the mid-1800s, followed by tenant farmers such as the Chappells. The Engles bought the property in 1929 and established the Dale's Ridge Dairy and farm. In 1957, Charles and Rosemary Walker purchased the property and began restoration of the

house, which they would later bequeath to the historical society, with a conservation easement with the Linn Conservancy. The historical society maintains the property as an interpretive historical site.



**EXHIBITS:** *Milkin' It: Union County Dairy History* features local milk bottles, caps, boxes and advertising; there is a set of locally-made paint-decorated chairs; and other selected items from the collection on display.



The **Dale/Engle/Walker House** will be open on Sunday afternoons from June until the end of October. **Special events** celebrating our **Rural Heritage** will be held on selected Sundays throughout the summer:

- Sunday, June 5 – Celebrate Union County's Dairy History and Dairy Month at our Ice Cream Social. Admission to the property on this day will include ice cream, and a tour of the house and exhibits, especially the *Milkin' It* display of county dairy items (open 1 to 4 PM on June 5th).
- Sunday, June 19 – Roger Curran will highlight the architecture of the house during the tour.
- Sunday, July 10 – Blacksmiths will be forging metal items and children will be able to participate in a special activity.
- Sunday, July 31 – Nada Gray will demonstrate egg scratching.

**CELEBRATE RURAL HERITAGE Saturday, July 9, 10 AM – 4 PM**, rain or shine  
 Watch a "Priestley in America" presentation, and conversation with "Samuel Dale."

See demonstrations of steam engines, blacksmithing, tating, spinning and weaving, egg scratching, chair caning, hornsmithing, and the washer woman. There will be children's games and activities, animals for petting, and pony cart rides. The Dale's Ridge Ramblers musical group will perform. Food vendors will sell lunch and beverages. Admission fee is \$5/adult; \$2/child 12-18; free for children under 12.



Watch for details of summer events at the Dale/Engle/Walker House posted on the society website [www.unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org), via email and in newspaper releases.



**Directions** to the Dale/Engle/Walker House: 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. For larger events, follow directions of parking attendants to designated areas.

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

This spring, volunteer action at and for the 1793 historic site came from several directions. The first occurred on March 26 when nearly 50 — friends and members of the UCHS and the Linn Conservancy — joined Bucknell student organizations as all lent their time and skills to address winter's



yard debris, Dale's Ridge Trail maintenance, garden mulching, cleaning the milk production house and tool storage area, cutting ash tree stumps from the slope behind the house, and clearing invasive plants at several locations. That was followed by the reinstallation of the Dale's Ridge Trail parking lot fencing by volunteers from HGR for the Linn Conservancy in early April. We await a plan from a Bucknell class on Environmental Design which may help the area adjacent to the parking area and the canoe access to Buffalo Creek both look and function better. Stay tuned!

We will look forward to a fall cleanup in early November. Do let us know if you are interested in helping on such invigorating activities. In the meantime, we have washed windows and are about to scrape and paint the window trim on the north side of the house for the first time since the summer of 2001. This will be an ongoing project as we move around the building, having done the porch ceiling and floor recently. We are also researching the possibility of having a different approach to cooling and heating as we continue, like any homeowner, to do better at tightening up and being even more efficient.

With our plants pushing up and out in Rosie Walker's tiered gardens and Maude Engle's large rock garden, folks have shared their enthusiasms about the property, and new ideas are being implemented for our seasonal opening (June through October) starting on June 5.

### **These new ideas include:**

- A **"Can YOU Find ME?" scavenger game** for our younger visitors;
- **Laminated guides** for visitors, an exterior "walk around" on the house masonry; and totally new illustrated texts for our Sunday afternoon guides and hosts that focus on the **Engle family time at the farm and house (1929 -1957)** and the **Walkers' time there (1957-2000)**, and one for the **1793 original and fully furnished hearth** – focusing on gender, technology, and cultural exchange between English and Pennsylvania-German households in the area.
- **An updated host/guide document will include new information** about the log house that predated the 1793 stone house and its attached ell. A fire that occurred "at my father's house," while Margaret Dale Simonton and her husband were visiting relatives on their wedding trip in 1819, necessitated the subsequent building of the stone ell through which today's visitors pass. Also, we plan to add some information about Samuel Dale's support for general public education.

**On Friday, June 3rd, a hosting/guiding/exhibit training session will be offered for those wanting to host or guide in the summer months** and a second training /refresher session will be held in late August for those who cannot host or guide until the late summer/fall months. **Please let us know if you would like to attend either session and help host or guide, as well as meet interesting visitors.**

**Remember** the Dale/Engle/Walker property can be rented for a formal photography session, a family reunion, a wedding ceremony, or full wedding with ceremony, reception, and meal. All have been done on the Dale/Engle/Walker property, and we make sure the house and grounds look their very best for the occasion. Rental rates are from \$50-\$500 depending on the length of time and complexity of the preparation and coverage. Members get a 10% discount on big events.

## May Program

### *History of the Ku Klux Klan in Central Pennsylvania*

at the Union County Public Library, 255 Reitz Blvd, Lewisburg

**Thursday, May 12 at 7 PM**

Historian Bruce Teeple has been researching the Ku Klux Klan – through newspaper accounts and other sources – and will discuss its history and activities in central Pennsylvania. 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, however registration is required. **To register** for the program, please call the Union County Public Library at 570-523-1172.

## "Pedal Through the Past" Bike Ride



**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 are asked to wear florescent vests, or clothing to help with visibility, and any other gear deemed necessary by the rider. Please bring water and snacks.

Each date is limited to ten participants. *Please arrive 10 minutes prior to departure.*

### **"Pedal Through the Past" Bike Ride Dates:**

**Sunday, May 15** (Rain date May 22) 1:30-4 PM

**Sunday, June 5** (Rain date June 12) 1:30-4 PM

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

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 two weeks prior to the date of the ride.

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

## "You're Still Kidding, Aren't You?" The County History Quiz! Round 2

On Saturday, March 19, 2016 at the Campus Theatre in Lewisburg, the epic battle continued! The team from Mifflinburg – **John Showers, Michael Sundberg and Kelly Walter** and the team from Lewisburg –



**Kathy Swope, Nancy Neuman and Paul Mauger,** competed for the "gold cup of lore" in the local history quiz program, with lively audience participation. WKOK radio host **Mark Lawrence** served as



master of ceremonies. Joining Lawrence on stage was **Bruce Teeple**, event creator and UCHS board member, and **Lois Huffines**, UCHS board president, keeping score. The gold cup was won, by a narrow margin, by the Lewisburg team, evening the score against Mifflinburg who won last year. And a fun time was had by all!

## COLLECTIONS NEWS by Tony Shively and Jeff Spotts

Members of the Archives and Museum Committee recently cleaned the wagon shed at the Dale/Engle/Walker House in anticipation of tour season that will feature selections from our collection. This reminded us to remind Society members and friends to continue to keep us in mind as we each do spring cleaning. As one can see from the following list, our collection continues to grow through purchases and gifts. **We are grateful for the following gifts since July 2015 from:**

Edwin Ney: five colored prints by *Davis Gray*

Dale E. Ranck Jr. & James Schwartz: *Dale A. Ranck* undertaking license, New Columbia 1900

Jim Walter: large framed 1938 *FOX Theatre* (Mifflinburg) movie poster, large framed *In The Heart of Pennsylvania* poster from Oral Traditions quilt exhibition and symposium at Bucknell (1985), *Mifflinburg Bank* calendar, 10 cabinet photos from the Slear, Haus and Pross studios (Mifflinburg early 1900s), wooden ruler *O.R. Laney's 5 & 10 store* (Mifflinburg)

Bill Deitrick: twelve *Pennsylvania House* catalogs, newsletters, and invitations (1970-1991); large wooden Pennsylvania House plaque, and a *White Deer and Loganton Railroad* timetable (c. 1908)

Jeannette Lasansky: *Game of Historic Union County* (2000), Oral Traditions postcards (1977-1981), Lewisburg bumper sticker, newspaper articles, program and memorabilia relative to the closing of *North Ward School* in Lewisburg, and Peking Garden calendar (2013)

Susan Colon: *Mifflinburg 2008 Oktoberfest Mug*  
Karen Gardner: photos of horse and wagon in front of *Hill's Drug Store*, of *Fire Proof Garage*, and of *Dairy Co-Op* building on Fairground Road c. 1950s; grammar school program, poster with photo of *L. Roger Wainwright and his Blue Band*, Bucknell (1908), reprint of Mal Musser's Collegians, and receipts from various local businesses

Lois Huffines: history and records of the *Lewisburg Club* (1996-2006)

William Reamer: cookbook published by Ellen S. Spivack of *Deep Roots* (1975) and a David Ginter rocking chair

Owen Mahon: framed Lewisburg High School pennant (1919) and class photograph (holding the pennant)



Elsbeth and Richard Steffensen: four handmade oak splint baskets

Diane Lenge: brochure from the 21st annual 4th of July Celebration in Lewisburg, flyer from the 2013 New Berlin *Buffalo Dedication Ceremony*, pin of *100th anniversary U.C. War Monument*, map to historic sites in Union County, photos of annual Christmas tree auction (2015)

Elaine Wintjen: glass candy jar from *West Milton State Bank*

Ardith Wilkins: *White Deer Service Station* metal advertising thermometer and inserted family photos (Ardith & cousin Jerry Cummings, c. 1957)

Dave & Kathy Dye: postcard of Federal Courthouse, Lewisburg High School memorabilia, *Grenoble's Jeweler* invoice, Bucknell University memorabilia,



Lewisburg High School newsletter (1936), booklets and historical information relative to *Beaver Memorial Church*  
John Dersham: CDs containing JPEGs and TIFFs of photographs from Mifflinburg, Lewisburg and New Berlin

Joyce Hoffman: Original Vicksburg and Fairfield School photographs and memorabilia as well as CD containing identical material

Robert Linn: CD containing photographs from Linn family albums

Bill Mattern: certificate issued to John B. Linn from PA State Treasurer (1870)

Bonita "Bonnie" Stahl: CD containing photographs of county schools: Cowan, Buffalo Crossroads, Millmont, Red Bank, Mifflinburg, Forest Hill, and Cornelius

Fred Blyler: CDs containing photographs of the Dieffenderfer, Blyler, and Hopp families.



**Purchases at 2015 New Berlin Day:**

photo of *Jessie Cornelius*, New Berlin blacksmith late-1800s; painted cardboard pictures of a chef and a “Dutch washer woman” by *E. Mitchell* of Mifflinburg (1958), calendar of J.D.S Gast & Son, Mifflinburg (1911); *Central Pennsylvania College* attendance record of H.S. Bowersox (1890); and large cobalt-decorated salt glaze commemorative 1976 pitcher by William Lasansky for the Union County Bicentennial Committee.

**Other purchases from late summer 2015-current include:**

**Real photo postcards** of Devitt Camp, Dead Gamers in Allenwood, White Deer Drum Corps, Camp Westfall, and Winfield, New Berlin, New Columbia, and Mifflinburg Street scenes, and of Union County Fair when in Lewisburg, Central Oak Heights, and Brook Park.

**Advertising items** include (a nib pen) Lewisburg Planning Mill, a toy truck from Yoder’s Restaurant near Hartleton (1994), embossed milk bottle Benfer Dairy (New Berlin), Erdly’s Dairy one quart milk cone, political cards for S. F. Benfer, Charles H. Bernhart and Francis E. Brown and also a New Columbia Lutheran Church commemorative ceramic plate 1906-1981 and a New Columbia cabinet photo of snow scene; coin banks for the Lewisburg Trust & Safe Deposit Company and West Milton State Bank; and invoices from Craten C. Rote, from M. M. Rote Tinware (both of Mifflinburg).

**Photographs** of the Elias Church in Mifflinburg, at the Mifflinburg Railroad Station as the Bellefonte Sesquicentennial train made its way through Union County (1956), of a train on the L & T Railroad near Weikert during a snowstorm (February 1918), West Milton cabinet photos including one of John Leiser farm and another of the Royer home in Millmont.

**Plus:** An advertisement from Zimmerman’s Esso of Mifflinburg, E. Datesman (grocer) booklet, invitation to a Sock Social at West Milton, a small whisk broom from H. L. Klose of Mifflinburg, an unused envelope from the Union Seminary in New Berlin, I.O.O.F. postcard invitation for meeting in Mifflinburg (1931), address card for Greene and Adda Shively, Millmont, price list from M. M. Mensch Printing (Mifflinburg), W. E. Chappell Jeweler thermometer (Lewisburg), a Lewisburg Memorial Post VFW glass ashtray, Lewisburg Fireproof Garage pocket calendar, Buffalo Cross Roads Home Makers Club cookbook, and Matt Ross’s painting business card.

*Correction* from previous newsletter: a wagon body lift was donated by the Central PA Vintage Iron Club for the Dale/Engle/Walker wagon shed.

**Exhibit items needed.** The Interpretive/Special Events committee hopes to do an exhibit at the Dale/Engle/Walker House this summer that will show **how elections used to be**. The emphasis will be on **local elections and local candidates**, and **issues and campaigns for state and national offices** going back as far as possible. Materials pertaining to the 75th anniversary of **FDR's Four Freedoms speech** would be added. Anyone having or knowing of relevant materials – posters, buttons, articles, campaign items of all kinds – that might be loaned for the summer is asked to contact Susan Waggoner, 570-966-9983, susan\_wagon@yahoo.com, or the UCHS office. Thanks for your help.



Ballot Box

### NOMINATIONS TO THE BOARD

**Lonnie Hill** of Lewisburg has been a resident of Union County most of his life. His interest in Union County began in fourth grade when he studied Pennsylvania history. “As our county changes in demographics and residential and commercial expansion continues, it is important to preserve the past and the present. In a few short years the present will be a part of our past.”

**Murrie Zlotziver** of Mifflinburg has a broad background in human service, program development, education and technology, in diverse settings in Ohio, Louisiana, Connecticut, California and Pennsylvania. Recently, as Mifflinburg Elm Street Manager, he was involved in the development of the Elias Church as a performing arts center.

Election of the new board members takes place at the September meeting. Watch for details.

**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).

COLLINS, Julia: Mary Sieminski, 419 Shady Knoll, Montoursville, PA 17754; mlsieminski@gmail.com  
DEVITTS CAMP: Ed Slavishak, slavishak@susqu.edu  
REEDY, Jonathon and descendants (especially birth & marriage documentation): Isabelle Reedy Powell,  
400 Avinger Lane, Apt. 439, Davidson, NC 28036; powell1439@gmail.com  
WOODWARD, Martha Dewing (central PA artist; studied in Paris, worked in Miami, Provincetown, etc.):  
Mary Sieminski, 419 Shady Knoll, Montoursville, PA 17754; mlsieminski@gmail.com  
WWII returning troop train and parade; German POW train and transport to CCC Camp – seeking  
dates of and information: Ethel Snook, 570-524-0730, epsnook2@ptd.net



### Research Library Update

#### Added to family histories:

CLAPHAM, Dan, Willima, Henry, et al.

Files for BURD/BIRD, FRANK, HAMILTON, donated by compiler Justin Houser, Bellefonte, PA 16823

SMITH, Adam et al, with extensive documentation: donated by compiler Peter Westloe, Oceanside, CA

Civil War soldiers: SMITH, Reuben J., death notice and family details; ROUSE, Ezra, death notice and family notes; HENDRICKS, Jacob, letters to/from; from Snyder County records, Mary Belle Lontz.

#### Added to the library:

*The Chronicle*, Journal of the Historical Society of the Susquehanna Conference of the Union  
Methodist Church, issues to date.

“Soldiers Buried in Mifflinburg, PA” compiled by Charles Marlyn Steese, 1940, and

“Shikelimo Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution 1926: Revolutionary Soldiers”  
compiled by Mrs. W.C. Bartol, 1926. Donated by Jenny Shifler, Franklin Co. Historical Society.

“One Hundred and Fifty Years of Progress...First Lutheran Church, Mifflinburg, PA” donated by Norman  
Richards of Weaverville, NC

Snyder County McClure Bean Soup article by Mary Belle Lontz.

Civil War articles by Mary Belle Lontz: Company A correspondence, Mazeppa soldiers, Samuel Ruhl and  
Josph Gutelius, Orwig's Battery; nurses Annie Bell, Sarah Elizabeth Dysart, Lida Houghton  
Green, Sarah Chamberlain, Malinda Spegelmyer.

Telephone directories for April 2013 through April 2015, on microfilm.



**Genealogical research services** are provided by UCHS staff and volunteers, for a single document (such as a will or obituary) to a family history. Fees are \$5 (per document) to \$50 and up (full search) depending on complexity.

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

### Thanks to our "Friday Volunteers"

Judith Blair, Kathy Brady, 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.*

The Spring issue of **ACCOUNTS of Union County History** is on line for you to read. Here's the link: <http://unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org/Accounts/Feb2016/TOC.html>

The **Spring 2016** issue contains articles for those who enjoy good stories, and others who relish definitive new research.

**Carl Catherman** describes growing up in the 1950s in Vicksburg, and **Anna Burrey** describes her family's former store in Vicksburg, Burrey's Store. **Deb Wehr** describes the rise, heyday, and abrupt end to Buffalo Valley's logging industry. **Nancy Neuman** describes the history of the stone chapel in the Lewisburg Cemetery, together with that of The Vault. **Rick Sauers** tells the stories of the many Lewisburg newspapers, starting with the first in 1824.

The Spring issue also contains the **Cumulative Index** to all back issues of **ACCOUNTS**. You'll find it easy to locate that article you vaguely remember, to see how often members of a particular family were mentioned in the more than 60 articles published so far, or to steer a youngster to sources for a good school paper.

**Call for New Articles and Essays:** Got an historical story to tell? I invite you to write an essay for **ACCOUNTS**. Several dozens of your friends and neighbors already have. I'm here to help you shape it into an essay for **ACCOUNTS**.

Here are a few of my own ideas to get you thinking: I'd like to see more in print about:

- Enoch Miller, mid-county designer and builder
- Specific gun and rifle makers in the county
- Village stores and other businesses (like the Burrey Store in this issue)
- The story of a buggy manufacturer and/or the building where the work was done
- The generations of a family who settled in Union County
- A dramatic event – flood, fire, political struggle – that shaped our county's people
- A church or congregation with deep roots in the county
- A citizen – well known or little known – whom we should remember.

Sound a little daunting? Look at past issues and you'll say to yourself, "I could do something like that."

Be in touch. [greaves@bucknell.edu](mailto:greaves@bucknell.edu)

Tom Greaves, **ACCOUNTS** Editor

### The Dale/Engle/Walker House and Trail "Spring Clean up."

With nearly 50 people on hand and pre-event planning we got so much done on Saturday March 26th:

- the best branch/twig/leaves-free yard, followed by removal of the many piles and buckets of debris;
- an Adopt-a-Road cleanup along the entire length of Strawbridge Road;
- trimming along the trail/farm field edge in the uppermost field;
- ash tree stump cutting, invasive plant and ash removal on the slope behind the house;
- a clean out and sweep of the milk production house;
- painting the entrance-way fence and the milk house;
- mulching the entire tiered and larger garden areas by the house;
- repair and infill of the lane's pot holes with gravel;
- trimming dead bushes by the red shed; and more!

Thanks to: Fred Swanger, Barbara and Bob Thomas; Doug Hovey, Jeff Trop and Ben Hoskins; Geoff Goodenow and Conservancy (Bucknell) interns Keerthana Krishnaraja and Alexa Gorski; brothers of Kappa Sigma; members of the Botany Club, Order of Omega, and Bucknell students Michelle Archambault, Anya Lilaonwala, Lauren Miller, Madeline Melch; Tom Travis and BU students on the trail; Eric Imgrund and his heavy equipment a few days before, and the Lasanskys for providing glazed sour creams and cool water for all. It was a beautiful spring day, too.



Union County Historical Society  
Union County Courthouse  
103 South Second Street  
Lewisburg, PA 17837

Return Service Requested

**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

Name(s) _____	Please circle membership level:
Address _____	Student (K-12)..... \$10
City _____ State _____ Zip _____	Individual ..... \$30
Email _____	Family ..... \$45
Phone (H) _____ Phone (W) _____	Contributor..... \$100
	Patron ..... \$150
	Lifetime (individual) ..... \$500

Like us on FACEBOOK

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.



**The Union County Historical Society office / reference library** is in the Union County Courthouse, 103 S. Second Street, Lewisburg, PA 17837. Hours are M - F 8:30 - 4:30 (usually closed noon - 1:00)  
570-524-8666 info@unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org

Visit our website: [www.unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org) for events, articles, resource list and more.