

LIBRARY CORNER

by Don Moyer

>> CLARIFICATIONS <<

It was recently brought to my attention that two sentences in the Fall Tattler on page 7, column 2, created some confusion among our readers. First, "... books and periodical and books not germane to the Tulpehocken ...". The second, "We will not accept donations of materials not germane to the local area or local families." It seems that some readers confused "germane" with German. the word "germane" means according to Webster, "closely or significantly related to."

We want and need material germane, closely or significantly related to, the Tulpehocken. We no longer have the capability to handle Aunt Nell's collection of maps of post WWII Germany or books such as a list of Tennessee Volunteers in the Civil War. Maybe nice to have, but until we expand, there is no room.

There is some confusion about two sets of books in our collection. In the same issue of The Tattler was an article titled "Bates History of Pennsylvania Volunteers" which is correct, found on page 8, column 1. However within the article, it states, "They purchased a new printing of Samuel P. Bates,

'History of the Pennsylvania Volunteers' in the 'Great Rebellion'." The inclusion of "Great Rebellion" led to at least one inquiry asking us to look up a Revolutionary War Soldier in the set. The article failed to mention that the books are in reference to the Civil War, not the Revolutionary War.

The correct title is "History of Pennsylvania Volunteers, 1861 - 5; Prepared in Compliance with Acts of the Legislature" by Samuel P. Bates. The ten volumes gives a brief history of the units that served and the names of those who served in the units. The index is an additional four volumes.

Our Revolutionary War records of those who served is titled "Genealogical Abstracts Revolutionary War Pension Files", by Virgil D. White, four volumes. The volumes are alphabetized by the soldier's last name.

It must be noted that the White books are based on the records presented by descendants of Revolutionary War Veterans seeking a pension based on a spouse's or parent's serving in that conflict.

Historical note: During the Civil War, soldiers shared a two man tent. Some men and their wives took advantage of the situation. Not wanting to be separated, they enlisted together, shared the same tent and went to battle together! I would be interested to know if your grandmother or great grandmother was a Civil War Vet.

QUERIES

1. Carole Breilh Vercellino, 7442 Maywood Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94588 is a descendant of Philip Klein/Kline who served in the Revolutionary War as a soldier and teamster driving from Reading to Baltimore for George Washington. He was born 9 Dec. 1763 and died 22 July 1834. He mrd. Elizabeth Adams 20 Mar. 1785. Carole seeks information on his place of burial and place of birth. Can you help her?

2. Martha Kahle Neal, P.O. Box 989, Washington, PA 15301 is looking for the death date and burial place of Frederick Weiser, b. 24 Dec. 1728, son of Conrad Weiser. On 3 Dec. 1751 at Christ Lutheran Church near Stouchsburg, he married Anna Amelia Zeller, b. July 1729 and died in 1801. Where is she buried? All of the children of Frederick and Amelia Weiser married into the Kehl Family. Hanna, b 1758 mrd 3 Nov. 1782 to John George Kehl; Anna Catherine, b. 1760, mrd 28 Nov. 1780 at Christ Lutheran Church, near Stouchsburg, John Jacob Kehl; Salome mrd 21 Dec. 1790 at Schwartzwald Ref. Ch. to John Michael Kehl, Sarah b. 1761 mrd. John Peter Kehl; and John mrd. 15 May 1781 at Christ Lutheran, near Stouchsburg, Justina Kehl. Are Salome and Sarah the same Person? The Schwartzwald Ref. Ch. records only state the names as Johnnes Kehl and Salome Weiser. Where was Sarah and John Peter Kehl Married?

3. Susan Cunningham, 34 Phelps Ave., New Brunswick, NJ 08901-3700 is seeking the parents of Sarah Bennethum (1838-1905) of Womelsdorf. She was the daughter of one of the two John Bennethums who lived in Womelsdorf at that time. In the 1850 Census she was listed with another family where perhaps she worked as a mother's helper. She married Jeremiah Bennethum, definitely a cousin but of undetermined degree, on 4 Jan. 1860 at Zion Church, Womelsdorf. Jerry was the son of David and grandson of Johannes, both tanners in Womelsdorf. Sarah is

believed to be buried in Robesonia and her husband (1840-1922) a Civil War veteran is buried in the Delp (his son-in-law's) plot at Shulter's Church in Alsace Twp. Please note that the name is spelled "Bennethum" or "Benadum".

4. Ricardo Barrera, 19465 Hemmingway St., Reseda, CA 91335 is seeking information on three families: The first is Lydia Miller possibly the daughter of John and Hannah Miller found in the 1850 census of Swatara Twp., Lebanon Co. Her name also appears in an index to the Blue Mountain church. (Note 1: In checking the pages listed, the name Lydia Miller appears twice as the wife of Jonathan and once as a sponsor.) The second family is Enoch Binckley b ca 1822 who mrd. Maria Anna Gunckelman b. ca 1829 in the Tulpehocken Trinity Reformed Church 26 Dec. 1846. Who is Enoch? How does he fit in the Binckley/Binkley family. The third family is Maria Anna's, who are her parents (Note: Gunckelman is more than likely Kunkleman. There are many spelling for both names.) Enoch and Maria Anna moved to Schuylkill Haven in the mid 1800's.

5. Don Moyer, P.O. Box 43, Morrisville, PA is trying to unravel the family of Elijah Penn Smith (30 Nov. 1820 - 16 May 1881) of Womelsdorf mrd. Franny S. Brubaker. He was a son of John Smith. Was his mother Emma C. (Filbert) Smith? Who is Samuel Elijah Penn Smith? son of John and Emma (Filbert) Smith? Are these two the same person? What is the correct family and children of Elijah Penn? Finally, who is Mary E. (Womverton) Smith wife of Elijah Penn who had a dau. Olive Elizabeth Smith b. 27 Dec, 1877, Bap. 1 Sep. 1878 in Womelsdorf.

Did you know that the short form of a Pa. death cert. cost more than the long form and has less information? The long form includes the names of the parents of the deceased.

**A WORD ABOUT OUR VOLUNTARY
FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTORS**

We are indeed most fortunate in having members who continue to make annual voluntary financial contributions to our Society. The names of some of them are listed below in bold type who generally do so during the holiday season. The amounts given vary year to year.

Most of this money is used at the donors request, for acquiring artifacts for the museum, or the genealogical library. While others are given with no strings attached. Both of these worthy Society objectives place the importance of providing a lasting memorial to our ancestors and their offspring. Is there a more laudable, or praiseworthy tribute one can bestow upon a past loved one?

DONATIONS

Beatrice E. Sheidy . . .	\$1,000.00
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	\$2,295.00

This editor will be forever grateful to all of these donors, along with a handful of our volunteers, who work behind the scenes receiving little credit for the services they perform weekly. Our retiring President, **Vernon Reifsnyder**, who served seven years, our faithful Membership Secretary, **Sara Parsons**, for the past three years, both of whom did a superb job. The two **Don Moyers, Charlotte Moyer**, our new President, **Shirley Brown**, and

Prof. L. P. Breininger, who continues to provide outstanding exhibits in the Livingood Museum Room.

Also want to commend **Beatrice E. Sheidy**, who is retiring from the Board of Directors, after serving six years, and **Mary Ann Bugg**, who served three years.

**FUNDS ARE BEING SOLICITED FOR THE
RENOVATION OF LAVATORIES & THE
CARPETING OF BATDORF MEETING ROOM**

At our recent Board Meeting, it was decided to make an attempt to improve the appearance of the Batdorf Meeting Room. The consensus of opinion was to install a commercial grade carpet and repaint the walls.

The rest rooms also require sprucing up since the painted floors like in the meeting room, are peeling. The concrete block walls in the lavatories should be covered with a more hygenic surface than paint. Ceramic tile, or a non-porous material, such as formica, was suggested and met with unanimous approval. These materials are very costly.

An estimated bid of \$1,800 has been received for carpeting the floor in the meeting room, while the tiling of the walls and floors in the toilets are in the \$4,000 bracket. In round figures we are looking at \$6,000 to do a top drawer job to meet with the rest of the standards of our building.

All contributions of \$25 or more will get the donor's name listed in future Tattlers.

"It is not so important to remember who said it, as much as what is said."

LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

Showalter Line in America
Donated By Rachael M. Anderson

Burkholder & Reed Families
Donor - Dorothy Saufley
of Lebanon, Pa.

Society purchased 11 bundles of
Strausstown, Robesonia &
Womelsdorf Parish Records at Sale

E. Penn Smith's Prayer Book
Published 1841
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Pioneers Around Delta Ohio
Indexed - Volume I
29 May 1974 - 26 May 1976
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Schuyler C. Brossman

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"Bethel & Tulpehocken School
Pictures" Compiler & Donor
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Compiler - Rick Hostetter
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Saul Family History
Compiler - Dr. J. I. Saul
Donor - Shirley M. Brown

The Dundore Family in America
Compiler - Nathan Dundore
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From These Roots
History of Church of Brethren
Author - Elmer Q. Gleim
Donor - Sandra Kauffman

The Helm Family Back to 1660
Donor-Author - Anonymous

MUSEUM ACQUISITIONS

Childs Rocker w/carpet upholstery
Georgia Spangler

E Flat Base Horn Owned & Played
by Charles "Rip" Mattes in the
Womelsdorf MinneHaHa Cornet Band
&

A 5 gallon Can w/ Label belonging
to former Satandard Chemical Co.
of Womelsdorf.

Donor - Sara Leiss Morris Starr

NEW BASHORE BOOK RELEASE

**FRANCES BASHORE FRANCIS
COLLECTION**

A collection of family group sheets prepared by the late Frances Bashore Francis has been compiled in book form. Her records include the descendants of Johann Jacob Bashore (1) Anna Gertrude and (2) Anna Christina Maurer, concentrating on the Bashores who lived in Bethel Twp. Berks County, PA. The book contains 424 pages 8 1/2 x 11, soft cover and velo bound. It contains approximately 12,000 descendants covering sixteen generations.

Cost is \$35, plus \$4 postage
PA residents add \$2.10 Sales Tax

MAIL CHECK W/ORDER PAYABLE TO:
Tulpehocken Settlement Historical
Society, 116 North Front Srreet,
P.O. Box 53, Womelsdorf, PA19567

In future 'Tattler' issues, additional summaries of the various towns in the Tulpehocken will be listed from this directory. It is always interesting to learn, how some family ancestors were involved in business etc. at a certain age in their lives.

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At the end of 1996 our paid up membership roll totals are 470 including 105 living life members. This report concludes my tenure of 3 years in office.

WISHING YOU A JOYOUS
HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

Membership Secretary
Sara A. Parsons

PLEASE NOTE, THE PAYMENT OF MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE BASED ON THE CALENDAR YEAR, MEANING, BY JANUARY 1st ALL DUES FOR THE YEAR 1997 SHOULD BE PAID. IF NOT, PAY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THANK YOU

DUES FOR 1997 ARE STILL \$15.

RIPPLES

ALONG

THE

TULPEHOCKEN

THE READING EAGLE JULY 26, 1907

THROWN FROM WAGON AND KILLED BY TROLLEY CAR NEAR WOMELSDORF

While Henry W. Scheetz, tenant on one of William McLean's farms about one mile east of this place, was sitting on the rear end of a load of grain, drawn by four mules, the team was struck by car 59, of the Reading and Womelsdorf trolley line about 100 yards west of the tollgate crossing at 2.09 o'clock, yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Scheetz, was thrown from the vehicle, landing directly in front of the car and he was instantly killed. The team was driven by Walter D. McClean, son-in-law of the unfortunate man, and was coming out of the field about 95 feet from the crossing at a point where the view of the track was obstructed by a row of trees.

The trolley car struck one of the rear wheels, causing the opposite wheel to break down and throwing the contents of the vehicle to the pike. Mr. Scheetz caught hold of a tree to the rear of the wagon, but the branch that he held broke. Both the driver and Mr. Scheetz being slightly hard of hearing, they did not notice the approach of the car.

The motorman, Harry Shank, of this place, claims that he pulled his whistle at the customary place about 300 yards from the crossing, and after seeing the same was clear, he opened his brakes and left the car glide, it being down grade at this point. When near the crossing he saw the mules coming from the field at a point only about 125 feet distant. He at once rang his bell, reversed the motor and applied the brakes, but the car going at a rate of 30 miles and hour, he was unable to hold the car at so short a distance.

Dr. Frank R. Sallade, of Womelsdorf, was at once summoned, but Mr. Scheetz was dead when the physician arrived. The body was wedged under the trolley and he died before he could be taken out. It was found that he had a

compound fracture of the left forearm, fracture of the right leg, fracture of the skull, right ear was torn away completely, fracture of the nose, fracture of the ribs on both sides. Some of the ribs protruded from the body. There were numerous other bruises and cuts.

Coroner R. E. Strasser, was once notified and he arrived on the scene at 6:30 PM and empanelled the following jury: John J. Sallade, Daniel M. Bobb, Jefferson T. Good, Frank S. Kreitzer, Lewis F. Miller and Lemon Shimp, all of Womelsdorf, who after viewing the body and hearing testimony, rendered the following verdict. "That Henry W. Scheetz came to his death by being struck by traction car No. 59, in charge of Conductor, Harry Moyer, and Motorman, Harry Shank, while coming out of a field with a wagon loaded with grain and that it was accidental."

The jury censured the traction company for running the trolley cars at such a high rate of speed at this point. It being a stopping place and a dangerous crossing.

The deceased was a widower and a retired lumber dealer and resided with his daughters. Annie, who was keeping house for him, and Mrs. Walter McLean, who together with the following sons survive; Willard---- (article was incomplete)

THE READING EAGLE
Thursday May 5, 1904
BERNVILLE

Thieves stole a number of chickens from the roost of the hen house of Thomas C. Kalbach at night. The entrance gate to the lot was left open by the thieves and feathers were found scattered in the hen house.

A number of farmers commenced to plant corn.

Mr. & Mrs. John H. Seibert and child of Reading, visited the family of C. M. Richardson.

Frank Katzaman, supervisor of the 1st precinct of Penn township, moved the stone crusher to the quarry of Wm. Reber. D. S. Wengert is operating the crusher. A number of the teams are hauling the spalls to the east of town.

Thomas C. Kalbach is hauling goods from Mohrsville station to replenish the furniture store of Kalbach Bros.

Cherry and Plum trees are in blossom.

Thomas J. Brossman, of Lower Heidelberg, candidate for the Director of the Poor; Howard L. Greenawald, candidate for District Attorney; Henry S. Machmer, candidate for the Legislature of Lower Heidelberg, were campaigning in Bernville.

Aaron G. Haag, register assessor, of the 1st precinct of Penn, is registering the voters and school children.

The Bernville High School closed after a term of eight months.

H. E. Ahrens, of the creamery firm of Ahrens & Richardson, left for Texas where he received the contract to build a trolley road 60 miles long. Mr. Ahrens, is making arrangements to get the necessary machinery. His son will have supervision of the construction of the road.

THE READING EAGLE
December 1, 1906
SHARTLESVILLE

The new chapel organ of the Shartlesville Union Sunday School was dedicated on Sunday afternoon and evening in Frieden's Church. Rev. H. C. Kline and Rev. R. S. Appel of Hamburg, and Rev. D. D. Trexler, of Bernville, delivered excellent addresses. Musical Director, James F. Naftzinger and his choir rendered a number of fine selections. The attendance was large.

The Upper Bern School Board met at the publichouse of A. J. Haag and paid the teachers for the second month. In some of the schools the attendance has been poor. The Board has decided to enforce the compulsory law to the

letter, and has instructed the Secretary to send legal notice to the parents of children who do not attend regularly.

Mrs. Sallie Berger and Mrs. Lizzie Herbine, of Strausstown, were guests of Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Albright.

William Yerger, returned from a hunting trip to Clinton County. He and his party succeeded in killing two deer and a bear.

The harness sale of William H. Nagle, saddler, was well attended.

Mr. & Mrs. John Bagenstose, Mr. & Mrs. Jerome S. Balthaser, of Centreport, visited Mr. & Mrs. Adam Degler.

Frieden's Church Sunday School will hold a festival on Sunday evening, December 23. A Christmas service entitled "The Christmas Vision" will be rendered. The school is having rehearsals several times a week.

Francis Rentschler, accepted a position as hostler at the Shartlesville House, E. H. Long, proprietor.

Irwin Yoder, who was accidentally shot while out gunning, was accompanied to Reading by Dr. J. M. Brause, where an x-ray examination revealed that a shot is lodged in the bone about one and one-half inches from the eye.

Thomas Stoudt, caught a large gray fox.

E. R. Wagner, proprietor of the Shartlesville tannery, pays the following prices for hides. Ox hides over 75 pounds, 10c per pound; ox, cow, and heifer hides, 9c per pound; bull hides, 8c per pound. After Saturday Dec. 1, a commission of 25 cents will be allowed for each hide for bringing the same to the tannery.



town is abundantly supplied by pipe, with excellent water from the springs of the South Mountain. (The town is supplied with water, not pipe). It is a delightful place as a summer resort, there being two good hotels for the accommodation of the public. It contains also 2 churches, 2 stores, and a furnace. Population 300.

Adams, Reuben - blacksmith
Bechtel, David - mica quarry
Brown, F. J. - horse dealer
Conrad, John A. - physician
Dunkelberger, H. R. - shoe'mkr
Grimes, Benj. S. prop. - Eagle Hotel

Ferguson, White & Co. - fur'ce
Fidler, Wm - cigarbox mfr
Fidler & Helder - carpenters
Filbert, H. W. - general store
Filbert, J. F. prop - Robe'nia House

Henry, J. B. - flour mill
Himmelberger, Tyson - J.'Peace
Keppel & Reber - coal, grain
Lindenmuth, Wm. - shoemaker
Machmer, J. M. - cigar store
Moyer, Eman'l - wagonmaker
Noll, Amanda - milliner
Noll, G. B. - gen'l store
Palm, Henry - butcher

Phila., Rdg, Pott'le Tel. at depot
Phila & Rdg. R.R. - James E. Moore, ticket & express agent
Reed, Samuel - tin store
Sheeler, W. R. - lime mfr
Swartz, F. H. - fancy poultry
Tice, John A. - saddler
Wagner, Newton - butcher
Wenrich, Nathan R. - blacksm't

WERNERSVILLE

A village of about 400 inhabitants, is on the Lebanon Valley Branch of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, forty five miles from Harrisburg, and nine miles from Reading. It contains one church, two stores, a creamery coach shop Etc. In its vicinity, are located four sanitariums.

Binkley, Josiah - hotel
Brown, Frank - blacksmith
Deppen, J. W. - hotel
Deppen & Wenrich - gen'l store
Fiant, H. L. - blacksmith
Groh, F. - propr. sanitarium
Hain, H. H. - horse dealer
Klopp & Co. - grocers & creamery
Knorr, Jonathon - coal, grain
Ludwig, R. S. - baker
Maurer, John - shoemaker
Myers, John M. - physician
Petticoffer, John - hotel
Preston, James H. - propr. sanitarium
Roether, John - carriage mfr
Seitzinger, Wm H. - vet'y sgn
Spohn, Chas. - just' of peace
Stark, John - woolen mill
Walter, Rob't & Co. proprs. sanitarium
Wantz, J. S. - flour mill
Webber, A. M. - coal, grain
Werner, Levi B. - tinsmith
Wertz, Geo. W. - flour mill
Wenrich & Deppen - proprs. sanitarium
Wolfesberger & Son - cigarbox mfrs, etc.
Yoder, F. S. - saddler
Young, Andrew M. - P. M.



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& Saturday

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etc. and thus far found only two. An 1886 directory and another for the year 1911. They contain a lot of good information."

For example, did you know Stouchsburg, at one time, had a population edge on both Robesonia and Wernersville? Of course one has to consider Stouchsburg is thirty odd years older than both of those towns. Today, Stouchsburg's citizens number approximately half of what they did in those years since families were much larger during its founding days.

The following brief summary of each town and their business establishments are given in the directory.

STOUCHSBURG

A village 1 and 1/2 miles from Sheridan Station, on the Lebanon Valley Branch of the Philadelphia & Reading R. R., has a population of about 500, and is striving to build itself to the railroad. It was formerly a post town on the Reading & Harrisburg turnpike, and contains several fine hotels and stores.

Bickel, Mrs. Kate - milliner
Boltz, M. H. - cabinetmaker
Cooper, H. W. - photographer
Deck, W. Z. - Justice of Peace
Fegley, Mrs. Rebecca - mil'ner
Fisher & Yocum - gen store
Hacker, J. B. - carriage mfr
Heckman, Geo. - harnessmaker
Kapp, George J. - tailor
Keiser, Samuel - gen store & postmaster
Kline, J. G. - shoemaker
Klopp, A. C. & Sons - lumber
Klopp, William - tailor
Lindenmuth, Wm - shoemaker
Mertz, John prop - Marion H'tl
Moyer, Isaac L. proprietor - American House H'tl & dryg'ds
Newcomet, I. W. - physician
Potteiger, Adam N. - farm implements
Reed, E - stoves & tinware
Reed, F. G. tailor & saloon
Reichert, Wm. H. - car'ge mfr
Thirwechter, M.S. - convey'r
Smith & Yocum - cigar mfr
Urich, G. P. Justice of peace

ROBESONIA FURNACE

Is situated on the Lebanon Valley Branch of the P & R RR 4 1/2 miles from Harrisburg, and 12 1/2 miles from Reading. The

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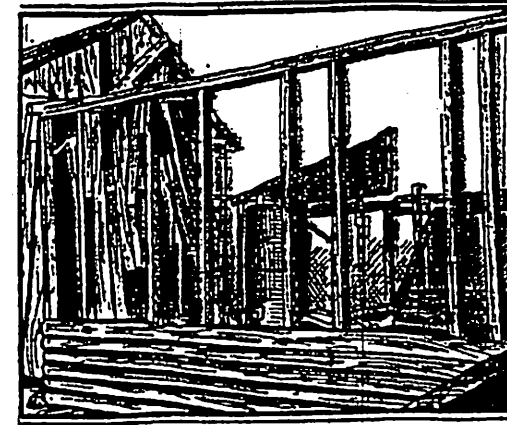
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READING, PA., MONDAY, MAY 9, 1904.

"SAFETY" FUSE FOUND; LED TO SCENE OF EXPLOSION
DAMAGE DONE AT WOMELSDORF BY DYNAMITERS
ON SATURDAY NIGHT-CHURCH DAMAGED AND
PEOPLE THROWN OUT OF THEIR BEDS



ONE END OF THE BUILDING AFTER EXPLOSION

The Womelsdorf Town Council will hold a special meeting this evening to consider the matter of offering a reward for the arrest of the hosiery mill dynamiters. Citizens are in favor of making the amount \$500.

It is likely that Hiester & Hirst, proprietors of the business, will also offer a reward. The explosion has been reported to District Attorney Wagner.

Hundreds of people visited Womelsdorf on Sunday to look at the ruins of the hosiery mill. They were from Reading, Harrisburg, Lebanon and surrounding townships.

It is reported that the explosion was heard in Wernersville, Robesonia, and Stouchsburg.

An examination of the premises on Sunday shows that a fuse had been laid from the engine to the outside of the building. Expert handlers of dynamite say it is known in the trade as a "safety" fuse. The engine was blown to atoms and pieces of iron were sent flying all over the borough.

A piece of the iron damaged the brownstone base of Filbert & Son's store a square away, and a piece demolished the cornice of the residence of George Birch, 1 and 1/2 square distant. Limbs of trees were torn off

and the Union Church was slightly damaged. The flying metal punctured holes in tin roofs and pieces were found three squares from the factory. A piece of iron was driven through the sides of the barns owned by Dr. H. B. Hamaker, and Andrew Schoener, and then tore off the top of the doctor's buggy.

Hundreds of windows were broken in all sections of the borough, and it is alleged that several people were thrown out of their beds by the concussion.

The east end of the factory is a total wreck. The structure is owned by Alpheus S. Behney. Residents of the borough are at a loss to understand the affair, as the firm of Hiester & Hirst, as well as Mr. Behney, have the respect of the community.

Editor's Comment: It was rumored weeks later that a disgruntled worker named "Honikle" Moyer, who had been discharged several days prior to the explosion, was the culprit. However, nothing to substantiate these charges could be found by this editor that were published, and whether this man was ever brought to trial is unknown. Can any of our readers shed any light on this matter?

BOOK FOR SALE - JUST RELEASED

HISTORY OF ZION GERMAN REFORMED & UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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DATED MATERIAL



Snow Date - Monday February 17, 1997



Doors Open 7:00 PM - Program Starts 7:30 PM

Guest Speaker - Gail Ford
Representative of H & R Block
Subject - Origin of Taxes



CONRAD WEISER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
102 South Third Street
Womelsdorf, PA



Monday February 10, 1997

REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING

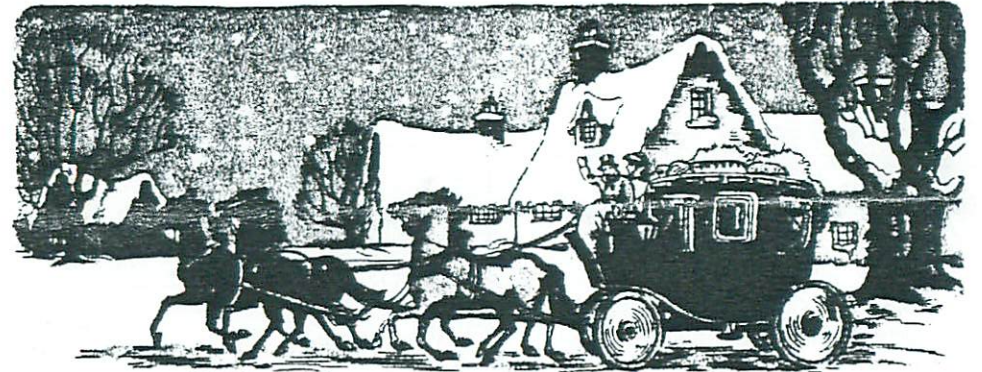


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19-Winter Newsletter-96

NO.47 TULPEHOCKEN SETTLEMENT HISTORICAL SOCIETY, WOMELSDORF, PA



Belated Greetings

WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

OUT OF THE PAST

Several months ago, Frank Hoffa, dropped by for a brief visit. As usual, Frank had a few items of interest that he donated to the Society, prior to his departure for his home in Florida. In the past, the memorabilia consisted of articles clipped from newspapers, or historical

publications. Also included were valuable history books relating to the Tulpehocken, Berks County area. On this occasion, he said; 'Earl do you have any personal use for this sort of book' and handed me an 1883 Boyd's Business Directory. 'Oh!' I answered 'I've been searching for old directories such as this for years at the flea-markets,