



GREENE-DREHER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MARCH 2017 NEWSLETTER

2012 - 2016 Capital Campaign Final Report



Virginia Rohrbacker with her daughter Sandy Toy presented the first donation for the Capital Campaign to President Ruth Altemier in front of the site of the future storage barn. The barn was constructed in less than a year after the campaign began. On July 13, 2013, Project Manager Roger Altemier, President Ruth Altemier and Past President Bill Brennan cut the ribbon to mark the completion of the storage barn construction.

Ruth Altemier was president of the historical society in 2012. She had a vision to build a storage barn to house our growing collection of agricultural artifacts and to make needed structural and energy-efficient improvements to Peggy Bancroft Hall and directed the board of directors to develop a capital campaign funding plan. Ruth was critical in identifying community resources to augment our members for the project. With the support of our members and the community, we were successful.

The goal of the 2012 Capital Campaign was to raise \$30,000. Beginning with the first donation to the campaign by Virginia Rohrbacker, we surpassed our goal raising \$30,001. Donations of labor and material were made by Edwards Sand and Stone, Jim Gifford Paving, B & W Excavating, VanBuskirk Construction and Steve Drake.

We could not have constructed the storage barn without Roger Altemier, our Project Manager. He advised us on the barn design, excavated the site, directed the contractors and provided the finished landscaping. Rock blasting and excavation began in August 2012, just five months after we launched the campaign. Roger was invaluable in helping us select the best contractors for the best value. By December 2012, we had the barn under cover

and we patiently waited for spring to complete the work.

Beginning in February 2013, Roger coordinated with contractors and interior barn work resumed. The storage barn was completed and officially dedicated with a ribbon cutting ceremony held in conjunction with our annual Open House on July 13, 2013.

The following additional projects were completed with the remaining Capital Campaign funds over the past four years:

- Repairing and re-enforcing the metal fire escape
- Major electrical improvements including a new electrical breaker
- Replacing hot water heater with an energy-efficient tankless water heater
- Purchasing an energy efficient propane room heater for first floor
- Removing chimney above the roof line which was deteriorating
- Purchasing bookcases for museum library
- Capital Campaign donor recognition sign

We sincerely thank everyone and every organization which made our vision a reality.

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**Welcome to Our
Newest Members!**

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President's Message

Through the winter months, the Board of Directors and our Standing Committees have met to plan the society's activities for the 2017 season. There are many informative programs and enjoyable events on our calendar for our members and public to attend. Additionally, the Board has developed our 2017 operating budget. We are also looking ahead by forming a Five-Year Plan to keep abreast of changing times, including the importance of social media, and the ongoing preservation and maintenance of our museum buildings.

I am delighted to comment on the completion of our capital campaign project, which began in 2012. This was a monumental accomplishment for a small society. The generous financial support of our members and the community allowed us to reach our planned goal of \$30,000. With conscientious planning, contractor and material sourcing by the Board of Directors and project manager Roger Altemier, we were able to achieve not only building our storage barn, which houses our agricultural artifacts, but also the much-needed safety improvements to Peggy Bancroft Hall. The result is a beautiful historical site, open to the public and supported by our local businesses and citizens. Congratulations to us all for a job well done!

Thank you to our renewing and new members and to our 2017 Business Partners for your monetary donations, and thank you to our in-kind donors for your valuable labor and supplies. You keep the Greene-Dreher Historical Society a thriving organization and a vital entity in our community.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our Soup Luncheon on March 4, at 11:30 in the Community Room of the Hemlock Grove United Methodist Church. I will save a seat for You by the dessert table!

Jeanne Brown



President Jeanne Brown and Directors Ruth Altemier, Diane Smith, Linda Kramer, Bob Lederer and Bernadine Lennon at one of the board's winter planning meetings.

Upcoming Events

GDHS Events

March 6, 11:30. "Soup Luncheon", Hemlock Grove United Methodist Church
April 3, 1:00. "Honesdale's Own - Christy Mathewson"
April 20, 10:00. Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup. Meet at Dutch's Market
May 1, 1:00. "The Great War"
May 6, 9:30. "Historic Cemetery Tour"
June 5, 1:00. "History of Skytop Lodge"

Note: All events at Peggy Bancroft Hall except where noted. The public is invited to all of our events.

Family Reunions

Akers Family Reunion - June 4, 12:30. Albertson Park, Stroudsburg, PA
Beischer Family Reunion - June 24, 11:30. Moravian Church, Newfoundland, PA
Carlton Family Reunion - August 6, 12:30. Hemlock Grove United Methodist Church, Greentown, PA
Olsommer Family Reunion - August 12, 1:00. Falls Pavilion, Promised Land State Park, Greentown, PA

Note: Bortree & Rohrbacker Family Reunions dates will be in June Newsletter.

Veterans of World War 1

April 6, 2017 marks the 100th anniversary of the United States' entry into World War I. As part of the society's Veterans History Project, we identified 119 men and women with ties to Greene and Dreher Townships who served in the military or in a civilian capacity supporting the war. Their information will be included in a newly created World War I display at Peggy Bancroft Hall and in future publications. Please contact Bernadine Lennon, Veterans History Project Coordinator (balennon@att.net or 570-857-0882) regarding additions or corrections to the list below or if you can provide photographs for these veterans. We continue to solicit photographs and information for any military veteran (whether or not they served during wartime) from any time period who lived in Greene or Dreher Townships or attended local schools.



World War I



CPL Russell G. Barnes, Army
PFC Lawrence Barnes, Army
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PVT Leo C. Gilpin, Army
PFC Roscoe A. Gilpin, Army
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PVT James Phillips, Army
PVT John B. Phillips, Army
1SG Oliver W. Phillips, Army
PVT Charles H. Polley, Army
PVT Clifford A. Price, Army
PVT Herman A. Rake, Army
PFC Lewis E. Rake, Army
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PFC John C. Walter, Army
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CPL Arthur L. Wesser, Army
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PVT Robert Wilson, Army
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PFC Myron N. Ziegler, Army

Collections Committee Report

Jeanne Brown, Chair, 570-676-3443

Thank you to the following donors for their contributions to our collections and research files between November 2016 and January 2017.

Ruth Altemier – 1911 Photograph of Ethel Beisher as a child

Homer Butler – Over one hundred photographs of local families, including the Butler family

Doris Bortree Goerlitz – Alfred Dawson Bortree genealogy; original property deeds 1835-1965, Alfred Dawson Bortree Homestead, Sterling Township, Wayne Co.

Bernadine Lennon – Burn View Cottage brochure, c. 1940; Postcard *The Vindobona, In the Heart of the Pocono Mountains, Newfoundland*

Nancy Osienski – Moravian Church Sunday School Cra-

dle Roll and Baptism Certificate for Ruth Ellen Haag, 1913

Madeleine Reilly – 1938, 1939 Keystone yearbooks; Class of 1946 Alumni Banquet booklet; Army Air Force Technical Training Command book, Private Carlton Drake trainee; vintage wrought-iron plant hanger; ESSO Map, *WWII The World Island Fortress, Europe*

Linda Scott – Booklet, *Prayers for Female Schools*, No 177

Diane Smith – 1943 Pocket Guide, *Army-Navy-Marine Corps Insignia*

Marie Walter – WWII United States Marine Corps dress uniform worn by Private First Class Charles John Walter

“Whittlin’ and Carving” Exhibit

We are seeking guest exhibitors for our July 8, 2017 Open House which will feature a "Whittlin' and Carving" exhibit. Wood carvers, whittlers or anyone who has a wooden item hand-carved by a family member or friend are invited to showcase their carved items which will be displayed on our exhibit table in Peggy Bancroft Hall. Please contact Jeanne Brown, 570-676-3443, for more information.

Veterans History Project

Bernadine Lennon, Coordinator, 570-857-0882

Over 200 military veterans from Greene and Dreher Townships have been documented since we launched the society's Veterans History Project in September 2016. This information will serve as a record of our local veterans, and may be used for scholarly and educational purposes by the Historical Society and general public. We particularly appreciate the assistance of the following donors (many of whom we have never met or are not members of the historical society) who have been generous in sharing information and photographs for their relatives whom we identified through research since November 2016: Joan Bancroft, Richard Bancroft, William Banks, Carole Cavanaugh, Rod Denig, Barbara Diefenderfer, Maureen Haggerty, Janice King, Stacy Lang, Dr Jeffrey Martin, Barbara Blitz Perkins, Trudy Krieger Pickard, Don Polley, Betty Roach, Shawn Short, Bettijane Twiss, Joy White, Cynthia Wrestler and Janette Yarmosh. Any veteran, living or deceased, who served during peacetime or wartime and who attended our local schools or lived in Greene or Dreher Townships will be included in this project.

New Member Application

Annual membership includes four issues of *The Greene Hills of Home* and GDHS Newsletter.

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