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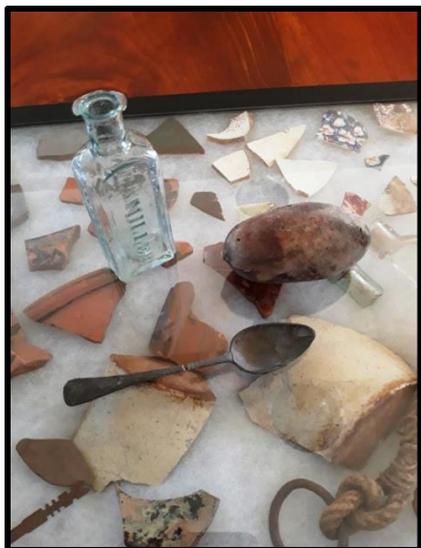
If Walls Could Talk



In April of 2014 my husband and I packed our belongings from Lake Meade and made our way to the historic town of East Berlin. Having completed many projects on our past homes and holding a special feeling for this beautiful town, Dave was looking for new challenges. We did not expect that maintaining the Jacobs' House would be a mini-architectural dig.

Initially, I started working around the hand dug well. It was there that I found an interesting assortment of transferware, ironstone and fragments of bottles. The more I dug the more excited I became and soon I was digging in the area known as the 'tater patch'. This parcel of land lies to the east of our home. It was there that I found pieces of redware, crocks and what may have been some Indian arrowheads. Some of the redware was beautifully decorated and appeared to vary in the glazing and decorative design.

On the western side of our property there remains a building which was once a harness shop. As I prodded my shovel into the ground to prepare for a flower bed I was greeted by the sound of metal hitting metal. I could picture the men discarding iron and scraps out the window. Much of this was corroded and appeared to be in the ground a very long time.



When Dave began to restore the harness shop windows and after removing the frames he was surprised to find a pewter spoon, a medicine bottle from E. T. Miller, Druggist, York, PA and what appears to be a potato which was interesting because of the 'tater patch being so close to this building. Also found was horse related roping resembling a bridle and a uniquely patterned small key.

I encourage you to dig in your own backyard; you will be surprised what you may find.

Submitted by Mary Titzell

A message from the President...

Greetings to the membership and family of the East Berlin Historical Preservation Society.

I trust that you are all as well as can be expected given the times we are all enduring. Look in on others as time goes on; being connected and keeping in contact is even more important now.

As expected, we promised ourselves that if we ever could find the time, we would accomplish everything on "The List". Well instead we are in that time-out mode. The gardens, lawn, fence, repainting, repairs, plantings, bread baking, canning and healthy exercising should all be spectacular by now. It is time to take out the air conditioners and have the furnace cleaned. Don't forget the firewood; cut, split and stacked ready for the evening campfires.

The society has been active with the continuation of necessary activities and seeing to business matters. We will be having a board meeting soon to discuss the calendar as well as looking at current matters of the organization.

The general meetings are canceled for the near future due to the current mandates restricting us and concern for and by members. Notice of new dates will be provided as things evolve and we can again have open meetings.

Plans for upcoming events are evolving as necessary:

The Christmas **Craft Show at the Log House** is currently on schedule. More information is contained in this issue.

The **Christmas Party** is in limbo. My personal view is that we should have it, although I would like to hear from the membership on this matter. A chairperson and helpers are needed; please contact me.

The **elections for our society officers** this November will be discussed and adjusted at the next board meeting.

We are looking at **possible programs for next year**. Any and all past or current committee members please give us some of your inside ideas and help.

We are a society of members. We look to each other for some aid and assistance with the work we do. We need to help with minor jobs as well as the bigger stuff.

A volunteer is anyone that can give some time or skill. If you can teach a subject, file for grants, or just plain old lick a stamp we have a need. You must be sick of free time by now.

I can be contacted at Rfoxfire1745@Gmail.com Please, I do not do political stuff, so don't you either!

Enjoy the fall weather and the coming of the holidays, all of them!

Thank You,
Richard Fox, President

Membership

I want to thank each of you for your membership in our Society. Your membership helps us maintain our four historic buildings: log house, school house, Swigart's Mill and Red Men's Hall. These buildings are very important to the history of the town of East Berlin; we are preserving the past for the future.

As a reminder, your membership in the Society is based on a calendar year and membership renewals are due by December 31st of each year. A copy of the 2021 membership form is included in this issue of *The Berlin Informer* and a printable membership form is also available on our website: ebhpspa.org

Thank you in advance for your prompt membership renewal.

Mary Titzell, Membership Chair

Information Please

The Society has been so busy over the years raising funds to restore and maintain buildings that it is easy to forget that our mission includes a wider concept of preservation. Files at Red Men's contain hundreds of folders under family names, a number of genealogy volumes donated to the Society, research publications and much more. That being said, the answers to information requests are sometimes difficult to find and our readers may very well have facts to share.

Below are some samples; can anyone out there help fill these requests?

Information re: Jesse Myers, married to Anna Marie Swigler. Buried in EB Union Cemetery. Location of their Adams Co. farm? Parents of both?

Does anyone have pictures of the land and farms that were displaced by Lake Meade?

History of Baker's Watering Trough Road and Baker's School Road?

Hamilton election house – once offered to/given to EBHPS? Current owner?

Info about: Henry Allen Philips (1867-1947)
Michael B. Philips (1841-1893)
Samual Bosserman (1832-1907)
Michael Bushey (1808-1893)

East Berlin mill worker George Myers, died 1875

Please send any information to: ebhps@comcast.net or leave a clear message at 717-259-0822. I will add it to the files and forward it to the contact.

Submitted by Bev Judus

Log House Christmas Craft Show

Good news!

We are holding the annual Log House Christmas Craft Show. Due to current conditions, we will open the show November 27 and 28 only from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will require our shoppers to wear masks. The high quality of items for sale will be maintained and we are confident people will be shopping for those special gifts as always.

Submitted by Jane Fox

Hands at the Hearth

The hearth was lit on September 20th for a day of cooking and eating at the Society's log house. Our menu included a roast of lamb, potato balls, spinach tart, French rolls and a pear tart for dessert.

On cook day Becky LaBarre from Renfrew Farm Museum in Waynesboro joined us. Becky contacted our group and invited us to demonstrate hearth cooking at their cook house at Renfrew in December. If you need a getaway it's a nice drive to Waynesboro. The grounds, buildings and museum are beautiful. There are picnic tables and easy walking paths, so take a day to explore.

Submitted by Jane Fox

Receipt for Spinaige (Spinach) Tart (from Guliema Penn)

9" crust prebaked at 400 degrees for 5 minutes.

Filling:

- 1 package frozen spinach (defrosted, chopped, and drained)
- 4 egg yolks
- 1 C. cream
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. sugar
- 2 tbsp. melted butter
- grated nutmeg

Beat egg yolks, then mix in rest of ingredients, adding spinach last

Pour carefully into crust. Bake at 350 for 35-40 minutes.

*nutmeg and sugar to taste

*parmesan cheese is a modern addition

Hope you try this easy and delicious tart and impress your family and friends.

More Reflections on Life During Covid-19...

Quarantining this summer has been busy and enjoyable for me; lots of grass to mow, flowers to enjoy and a big vegetable garden to work in. It's been great, but I've been thinking, "What am I going to do this winter?"

I don't enjoy shoveling snow as much as gardening but it would get me outside. Maybe I should conquer my fear of yeast breads and try new recipes or tackle organizing the house. I'm trying not to panic, as you can see. So, have you been thinking how you will spend winter in quarantine?

Submitted by Jane Fox

2020 Calendar of Events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
October 21	Board Meeting	6 p.m.	Red Men's Hall
November 18	Board Meeting	6 p.m.	"
<u>November General Meeting/Election to be determined</u>			
November 27, 28	Log House Show	10 - 4	Log House
December 12	Holiday Dinner(?)	6 p.m.	Red Men's Hall
December 16	Board Meeting	6 p.m.	"

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2021 MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL FORM

Please complete this form, enclose your 2021 dues payable to EBHPS, and mail to:

EBHPS Membership Chairman
PO Box 73
East Berlin, PA 17316

NOTE: EBHPS memberships run from January through December. Membership renewals are due by December 31st of each year. Renewals not received by January 31, 2021 will be removed from the active membership list and will no longer receive *The Berlin Informer*.

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Please check one of these categories:

- Individual \$15.00
 Couple \$25.00
 Student (under the age of 21) \$10.00

I would also like to make a contribution in the amount of \$_____ to the (check the appropriate box(es) below):

‡ The **1764 Preservation Fund** (used exclusively for the preservation of the Society's maintained historic buildings. Amount if split contribution: \$_____)

‡ The Society's **General Fund** (used for day-to-day operations of the Society). Amount if split contribution: \$_____

If no split designation is made, all contributions will be put in the 1764 Preservation Fund.

NOTE: Your additional contribution may be tax-deductible. Please consult your tax preparer or accountant.

