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After a year with Covid-19...

Let the Good Times Roll Again!



A great shot showing Cashman's Hardware in Red Men's Hall and some happy teenagers ready for fun. Roger Grim is at the wheel. Can someone identify the other boys and the year?

A Message from the President...

Welcome to the Friends and Members of the EBHPS,

It has finally come to pass, an end to the cold of winter and now the fine days of spring and its blossoms. The buds are active along with the spring peepers. We will now be going on about our plans as well.

Although the continuing changes affect our decisions for gathering together, we should be able to meet once again before long. During the past year we met with difficulties which affected our usual election process. Board members agreed to remain in office for this year and this fall we will resume our usual annual elections.

We need members to step forward to fill the offices of president, vice-president and some board members who will be stepping down. Mary Titzell will be leaving her position as Membership Chair as she and Dave start a new chapter in their lives, moving to a new home south of Carlisle. Please consider joining or even chairing some committees and work parties.

What ideas do you, the membership, have for the direction of this society? We are considering educational offerings for members and nonmembers alike including hearth cooking, fire building, chair caning, scrimshaw, candle making, etc. Weekends? Meeting programs? What are your ideas? This is your society; what are your thoughts?

Our society began with a small group of friends sitting around a dining room table. They started with a love of handmade crafts and decided to sell them on the street in town. It became, eventually, the East Berlin Historical Colonial Day Craft Show. It was nationally known and well attended. Just a few people and look where it took us; no skills, just enthusiastic people

I remain your servant, President Richard Fox

Membership

Thank you to all who have joined and to those who have renewed for 2021. As of March 24 we have 106 current members, including 45 life members. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Submitted by Mary Titzell

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Evidence that people are willing to support well-planned preservation projects...

At a time when many nonprofit historical societies are experiencing great difficulties in maintaining their current properties and programs, several area organizations are planning great steps forward:

The Northern York County Historical Preservation Society (NYCHAPS) has received a \$500,000 grant from the Commonwealth of PA for the Dill's Tavern location to recreate the Eichelberger distillery operation once located at the early site. Grant applications require meticulous planning in great detail, a huge and demanding job the Society clearly did very well.

The Adams County Historical Society has broken ground for their new museum (29,000 sq. ft.) and storage center (4000 sq. ft.) at 625 Biglerville Rd. The new complex will provide increased exhibit space for the Society's extensive collection and include climate controlled facilities.

Still another group, the ***Littlestown Historical Society*** is planning to build a new museum and possibly some satellite locations.

And, a short trip up along the west shore of the Susquehanna, a developer has agreed to move a stone 1841 house, home of Enola's namesake, one third of a mile uphill to a new site where it will be restored and become a museum owned by the **East Pennsboro Historical Society**. A specialty house moving company from Bucks County has been hired to relocate all 300-400 tons of it in early April.

Submitted by Bev Jadus

Goodbye, Old House

The year is 1978 and the Spar house is being "deconstructed", evidently to make room for the Adams County Bank. Mr. Spar was a blacksmith. Notice the East Berlin water tower just north of the log home. The property was owned by John Myers at the time of its removal.



Does anyone you know have pictures of other early East Berlin buildings that have been lost? It would be great to copy them for the Society files.

East Berlin by Occupation 115 Years Ago

The Stonebraker Co. published the Directory of Adams County Boroughs including Rural Free Delivery Routes in 1906-1907. The summary of borough residents below paints a picture of a community with most needed services available locally, employment close to home, and clearly still very much in the horse and buggy era. Listings in the directory include name, spouse, occupation and street with notations for widows and students.

Occupation: **#Employed:** **Occupation:** **#Employed:**

Clothing:

Dress/shirt/ coat makers	16
Milliners	2
Shoemakers	1
Railroaders (engineers, sectionhands)	5
Carriage, wagon, buggy, harness, wheelwright, dealer	6
Hostlers, draymen, teamsters, liverymen	4
Cigar wrapper/manufacturer	13
Agricultural Implements	4
Ministers	1
Stenographers	1
Barbers	1
Physicians	2
School teachers	2
Postmaster	1
General Store	1
Bartenders	1
Marriage Agent	1
Laborers	17
Students	3

Home/Construction:

Carpenters	15
Painters	1
Paper Hangers	1
Marble/Granite	1
Tinner/Plumbers	1
Lumber	2
Mason	3

Food:

Butchers	4
Bakers	3
Millers	5
Brush manuf/makers	3
Blacksmiths	4
Undertakers	1
Jeweler/watchmakers	1
Printers	1
Veterinarian	1
Tellers/Clerks/Cashiers	11
Hardware/furniture	2
Café	3
Insurance	1
Pipe Line Walker	1
Domestics	7
Farmers	7

The good old days? Perhaps. No one foresaw the Spanish flu or Covid 19. What havoc would our current pandemic have caused without our understanding of and treatment for viruses?

Submitted by Bev Jadus

Hearth Cooking

We are sorry we have nothing to report at this time. Most members of the group have received their vaccinations and we are hopeful we can soon return to the hearth. We have not met to plan cooking dates or select receipts. We have had inquiries from new members who are interested in cooking and learning about 1800's food ways.

During the quarantine the hearth group entertained ourselves by sending pictures of breads and food we cooked and baked and inspired each other to try new receipts. I did think I would try to conquer yeast breads but sorry to say, the bread machine was way too convenient. (Sorry Hearthers.)

Submitted by Jane Fox

*****The following lists what would be normal meeting dates, but none are currently active due to Covid-19. Notice will be given when any are able to be held.*****

2021 Calendar of Events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
April 21	Board Meeting	6 p.m.	"
May 19	Board Meeting	6 p.m.	"
June 16	Board Meeting	6 p.m.	"
July 21	Board Meeting	6 p.m.	"
August 18	Board Meeting	6 p.m.	"
September 15	Board Meeting General Meeting	6 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	" "

Adam Shefts- The Victorian Historian

October 20	Board Meeting	6 p.m.	"
November 17	Board Meeting General Meeting	6 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	" "

Rosanne Pellegrino portrays Martha Washington and Christmas at Valley Forge

Election of Officers and Directors

November 27, 28, and (29?)	Log House Show	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Log House
December 11	Holiday Dinner	6 p.m.	Red Men's Hall
December 15	Board Meeting	6 p.m.	"