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CROSBY MILLIMAN: Guest Speaker at Annual Meeting

As we tread on the heels of Fall in all it's brilliancy we are reminded of the approaching annual meeting. This year the feast and festivities will be held Thursday, October 20, at the CANDLELIGHT INN. The guest speaker, Crosby Milliman, is the curator of the "Benedict Arnold Historic Museum" in Gardiner, Maine.

Milliman will hold you spellbound as he recounts Benedict Arnold's often hazardous march to Quebec in 1775. The purpose of the expedition - invade Canada. Under the orders of George Washington, newly appointed Commander in Chief of the Revolutionary Forces, Arnold, with 1,100 troops including some Pennsylvania and Virginia riflemen, began the perilous trek to Quebec. Washington and Arnold agreed that seizing Quebec and keeping control of Champlain would foil any plans the British may have to invade from the north.

John Joseph Henry, brother of William Henry II, at the age fifteen, left home without his father's permission, to join the Pennsylvania riflemen enlisted to aid Arnold's expedition.

Crosby Milliman will speak about the expedition with excerpts from John Joseph's journal.

Crosby Milliman is a graduate of the Naval Academy. A professional engineer, Milliman is employed by the Bath Iron Works ship building company in Maine.

Mr. Milliman has personally traveled the same route taken by Arnold and his men. In 1975 there was a reenactment of the expedition, including the participants clad in authentic uniforms.

THE FAMILY OF LIEUTENANT ABRAHAM HELLER AND THE JOHN HELLER PUZZLE

By Charles M. Sandwick, Sr.

The will of Abraham Heller (1751-1824) of Bushkill Township, farmer, was dated 16 Jul 1824 and proved 1 Nov 1824. In it he mentioned his wife Elizabeth; sons John and Abraham to have real-estate in Bushkill and Plainfield Townships; granddaughter Sarah, daughter of John; and son Simon. The residual heirs, after the death of his wife, were to be his sons Simon, Abraham and John; daughter Sarah, wife of Michael Frantz; daughter Elizabeth, wife of George Reb; and daughter Catherine, wife of George Metzger. He named as executors his sons Simon, Abraham and John. The witnesses were John F. Wolfe, Joseph Werner and William Henry, all of Northampton County. (File no. 3638; will book 5, page 78.) Of the three witnesses, John Frederick Wolle (1785-1860) was a son-in-law of William Henry II, of Nazareth; and William Henry III (1794-1878) was a son of William Henry II.

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Abraham Heller was an officer in the militia company commanded by his brother, Captian Jacob Heller, in the Revolutionary War, serving first as ensign and later as lieutenant. The men of this company were mostly from the vicinities of Belfast, Jacobsburg and Wind Gap, in the north-central part of Northampton County.

Abraham Heller was born in Lower Saucon Township 8 May 1751 and died in Bushkill Township 16 Oct 1824, son of Johan Simon and Louisa(Dietz) Heller. He was burried in St. Peter's Cemetery, Plainfield Township, southeast of Wind Gap. Before 1775 Abraham Heller married Elizabeth Germanton, who was born 8 May 1749 and died 26 Aug 1834. Elizabeth's parents have not been identified.

Abraham and Elizabeth (Germanton) Heller were the parents of nine children. The first, (1) Simon, was born 1 May 1775 and died 17 Apr 1849. Simon's wife was Maria, who was born in April 1777 and died 20 Apr 1848. Simon and Maria Heller had at least two children: Elizabeth, born 1 Feb 1800; and John, born 4 Aug 1803 and died 2 Mar 1842.

The second child of Abraham and Elizabeth (Germanton) Heller was (2) Sarah, who was born 14 Apr 1777. Before 1795 she married Michael Frantz. The third child of Abraham and Elizabeth was (3) Christine, who was born 7 Apr 1779 and died young.

The fourth child was (4) Abraham, Jr., who was born 25 Oct. 1781 and died 31 Mar 1834. By 1810 he was married to Barbara, whose maiden surname we haven't learned. They had eleven children baptized in the Reformed congregation of Plainfield Township, who were born in the interval 1810-1832.

The fifth child of Abraham and Elizabeth (Germanton) Heller was (5) Elizabeth, who was born 31 Oct 1783 and died 3 Mar 1860. By 1803 she was married to George Peter Reb, who was born 22 Nov 1775 and died 16 Apr 1853, son of Michael and Catharine Reb.

Next was (6) Jacob, born about Nov 1786, who died in July 1801 and was buried in Plainfield Township 27 jul 1801. The seventh child was (7) Catharine Susanna (called Catharine), who was born 27 Oct 1789. Catharine was married to George Metzger. Presumably, the next child was (8) John Heller. We are still mired down in the task of unscrambling the records of two or more men named John Heller. The John Heller enigma will be dealt with in the next issue of the Record.

The last child of Abraham and Elizabeth (Germanton) Heller of whom we have any record was (9) Susanna, who was born about 1773, died in 1801, and was buried in Plainfield Township 29 May 1801. According to her burial record in a register of the First Reformed Church of Easton, she was Abraham's daughter and was eight years old.

NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee (John Morrow, Alan Ruppert, Mary Ann Vincent) present the following nominees for Board membership for a three-year period: William Henry Atherton, Robert Frick, Nancy Houck, Matthew Morris, Barbara Morrison, Bob Newell, Catherine Schlamp, Phillip Schroeder and Earl Van Norman.

According to the Society Bylaws, these names must be in the hands of members for consideration for at least ten days before the election. Nominations from the floor are welcome; just be sure the person being named has agreed to serve.

Our open house features so far this year have been:

April

Tim Lubenesky of Copley and Bob Hujisa of Bath, with their tool display. Tim also showed us how to square-off a log. The Northampton Conservation School provided us with a large tent to house our April display. This was arranged by George Kreitz.

May

Bob Newell had all the Henry Guns out on display and George Deck showed us how to make a long rifle.

Also in May we conducted a tour for the Mount Holyoke Alumni Association of Lehigh Valley. Charlotte Sayre and Jim Wright enlightened the members on the Henry's. Earl and Mary Ann showed them the springhouse. We received a very nice "thank-you" and a gift for our efforts.

Kathy Sigofos, who manages our kitchen for open house, is going to have displays of seasonal food whenever possible. This will add a touch of realism to our kitchen. In May she had rhubarb crisp and it was sure good!

We had our Spring dinner meeting and Hope Luman talked about her research on the Henrys. Hope presented a fine program and one of the interesting things shown was how the gun production fluctuated over the years.

June

We had camps set up for four eras the Henrys supplied guns.

Jack Lippencott	-	Revolutionary War
Jack Morrow	-	War of 1812
Jim Wright	-	Civil War
Ed Radowitch & Daughters	-	
Fred Herschman	-	
Bob Frick	-	Mountainman era
Don Lotti	-	
Bob Fernsler (Ephraim)	-	

July

Board member John Morrow (and of course his wife Janet) had a 8 lb 14 oz baby girl "Jenna" on July 8th, 1988. Congrats!! During our July open house, we featured a gentleman from Red Bank, N.J., Henry Kluim. Mr. Kluim is a saddler and he demonstrated some leather working for us.

We hope you have visited the homestead this year. If not, please make an effort so you can see our new acquisitions and of course the Henry guns that are always on display at Open House.

Some time in the future we would like to have a gathering on the lawn of the Homestead. Just an afternoon and early evening of fellowship and light refreshments and a chance to get to know each other. Please let us have some in-put from you as to your interest. Write-J.H.S. Box 345 Nazareth, Pa. 18064

Many thanks for all the wonderful displays, demonstrations and information these people shared with us!!

NEWS AND NOTES

Bob Newell's book is now available:

"HENRY OF BOULTON

A Pennsylvanian Gun Making
Family and It's Firearms"

The cost is a mere \$9.95 and is available through Louis Goldberg Books in Nazareth. The book features guns from the JHS collection.

Thankyou and goodbye to our dear friends, Reginald Banks, Jr. and wife Mary, who are moving later this month. Reginald held the position as Treasurer for three terms. He also assisted in photographing and assembling slide shows. When work was needed in the repair of the Homestead property, Reginald was there to volunteer his services. Mary was very active in helping with the semi-annual meetings and Christmas parties.

The Banks are moving to Austin, Texas to be closer to their daughter, Polly Gava and her family. They will surely be missed by all. BEST OF LUCK IN YOUR NEW ADVENTURES!!!

James and Linda Wright have co-authored a book titled "Place Names of Northampton County Pennsylvania". The book is available at the Homestead during open house, or you can call their residence.

PLEASE MEET ---

BOBBI MORRISON, our new Publicity Chairman. Bobbi and her husband Hug reside in Bethlehem. They have three grown children.

Bobbi, a Business Administration graduate of Cedar Crest College, currently is a secretary at both the Moravian Academy and Gaidula Assoc. of Bethlehem. She is also on the Sun Inn Preservation Assoc. Evergreen Committee.

In the past, Bobbi has been a tour guide for the Sun Inn and HBI.

ALYN DELP, the new Editor of The Jacobsburg Record. Alyn resides at 605 Pawnee St., Bethlehem, with her husband David and two daughters, Jennifer and Sarah.

She is currently enrolled in classes at Northampton Community College, taking courses in Journalism.

Alyn can be reached at (215)691-5509. Please help her by giving her any pertinent information for The Record.

WELCOME ABOARD, BOBBI AND ALYN!!!

A word of explanation is long overdue re the lapse in publishing The Record. Bea Schlamp had to give up the responsibility because of the demands of her job. Applicants for the Editorship did not beat a path to our door. We apologize for not having kept in touch with you, our members.

CALENDER OF EVENTS

September 25- Open House 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.
War of 1812

October 11- JHS Fall Trip
Wheaton Village
A bus trip and luncheon. The Wheaton Village, Millville, NJ tour includes: Museum of American Glass, glassblowing demonstrations in the replica 1888 Glass Factory, crafts and Trades Row, 100 year old schoolhouse, train ride and much more!
Total cost is: \$32.50/member; \$37.50/non member.
Reservation deadline is October 4, 1988.

October 20- Annual Meeting
This years annual meeting will be held at:
THE CANDLELIGHT INN
4431 Easton Ave.
Bethlehem
Cash bar 6:00 p.m.; dinner 6:30 p.m.
The dinner will cost \$15.00 per person, which includes a small donation to the JHS. Applications are in the mail.

October 23-Open House 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Autumn Harvest
The harvest is celebrated by the Apple Fesrival, at the Homestead.

October 23- Banade House 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
"The Iron Master"
The Jacobsburg Enviromental Education Center introduces Richard Pauling, from Hopewell Furnace. Pauling will discuss the history of the Iron Industry.
Please register by calling the center: 759-7616.

December 4- Open House 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Christmas!

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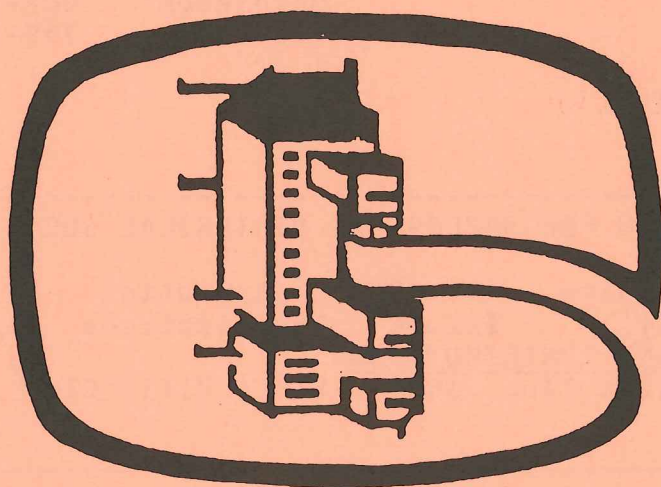
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