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ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, October 22, 1987

Stockertown Memorial Hall

PROGRAM: THE CONSTITUTION

Presented by: Attorney Walter L. Peters

Attorney Charles J. Peischl

Detailed information should reach you soon.

J.H.S. FALL TRIP

Wednesday, October 14

Morristown (NJ) National Park

Reservation Deadline: - Wednesday, October 7

You should have received flyers detailing this trip. Omitted from the flyer was the statement to make your checks payable to: Jacobsburg Historical Society.

BOARD NOTES

The Board was treated to two slide presentations at its meeting on September 2nd.

- (1) Bob Newell showed slides of the gun factory and turn of the century Henry guns, rifles and muskets made from photos found in the Whitfield Museum re a study done in the 1930's on historic buildings in the area.

These photos will be used in the book Bob is writing entitled:
THE HENRYS OF BOLTON, PA- A GUNMAKING FAMILY.

We will let you know when it is available.

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SOME DESCENDANTS OF MELCHIOR SCHLAMP

By Charles M. Sandwick, Sr.

In German records, this name is usually spelled Melchior, but in English records the spelling is often Melchoir. On the tombstone of Melchior Schlamp in Forks Cemetery, a compromise was made by spelling it Melchor. In 1850, the census taker in Bushkill Township misspelled it Melger. Regardless of how it was spelled or misspelled, the common pronunciation seems to have been "Meiker."

Melchior Schlamp was born in Wuerttemberg, Germany, 5 Mar 1802. He died 28 Jun 1879 as the result of an accident while unloading hay in his barn in Bushkill Township. He was buried in the cemetery at Forks Church. The Reformed records of Tohickon Church in Bucks County disclose that on 13 Jan 1848 he married Maria Magdalena Klos. She was born 20 Jan 1823. According to the 1860 census, both she and her husband were natives of Wuerttemberg, although we found one record which seemed to indicate that she was Austrian. She died in Bushkill Township 14 Mar 1882 and was buried at Forks.

The surnames Schlamp and Schlamb were often spelled interchangeably. It is possible that the two families are related, although perhaps distantly. Christian Schlamb was born in Weingarten, Baden, Germany, 12 Dec 1812, and died 14 Feb 1890. His wife, Mary Ann, was born 17 Jun 1823 and died in Nazareth 17 Nov 1896, "leaving a large family of grown-up children," according to her obituary in the Northampton Correspondent. Christian and Mary Ann Schlamb were buried in St. Peter's Union Cemetery, southeast of Wind Gap in Plainfield Township. Mary Ann was his second wife. Baptismal records of two of his children in the Plainfield Reformed congregation, in 1846 and 1848, list the parents as Christian Schlamb and Magdalena. The first entry which named Mary Ann as Christian's wife was in 1852. The parents of a boy born and baptized 6 Jan 1850 were given as Christian Schlamb & wife. We do not know whether Magdalena or Mary was the mother of this child.

The register of the Reformed congregation at Flicksville shows that Christian Schlamp (sic) and Magdalena ux (i.e., uxor, Latin for wife) had a son Jacob Melchior, born 29 Jun 1841 and baptized 7 Nov 1841. This suggests the likelihood of a relationship between Christian Schlamb and Melchior Schlamp.

A TRAGIC ACCIDENT

The tragic death of Melchior Schlamp was reported in the issues of Friday, 4 July 1879, of both the Northampton Correspondent (in German) and the Easton Argus, its English counterpart. The English version follows:

"Fatal Accident in Bushkill Township.-- On Friday last, near noon, as Mr. Melchior Schlamp, an aged citizen of Bushkill Township, was engaged in hauling hay into his barn he fell from the top of the load to the floor of the barn, receiving injuries that proved fatal. A boy was driving the team and had just entered the barn when Mr. Schlamp was seen to fall from the load and to strike his head. The injured man was carried into the house, and, strange to say, while conscious, was entirely powerless, unable to move an arm or leg. He lingered until Saturday afternoon, when he died. The deceased was native of Germany, and about seventy years of age. He owned the property on which he died. The physician who attended him is inclined to believe that Mr. Schlamp had a paralytic stroke which caused him to lose his balance and to fall. The remains were interred on Wednesday in the Forks church cemetery.

Melchior and Maria Magdalena (Klos) Schlamp had nine children, all of whom were born in Bushkill Township. Not all of their baptismal records have been found, but some were baptized at the Forks Church and some at the Union Church in Bushkill Township, now St. Luke's United Church of Christ, near Belfast. Their first child was (1) Louisa M., b 22 November 1848; d Upper Nazareth Tp 13 May 1929; bur St. John's Union Cem., Nazareth; m Freemansburg 17 Sep 1892 William Shireman, b Lower Nazareth Tp 5 Aug 1847; d 12 May 1918; son of John and Eva C. Shireman. Their next child was (2) John Henry (1850-1928) of whom more will follow presently.

Their third child was (3) Ludwig Franklin (Lewis F.), b 4 Jul 1851 (bap Forks); d 4 Sep 1900; bur Forks Cem; res (1880) Palmer Tp; m 21 Feb 1880 Sarah S. Fishler of Forks Tp, b 15 Nov 1852; d 15 July 1936; bur Forks Cem. (4) William T. b about 1853; no further information. (5) Susanna, b. about 1855; no further information. (6) George Jacob b 3 Jan 1857 (bap Belfast); res (1918) Orangeville, a township in Wyoming co NY.

Their seventh child was (7) Harry Benjamin, b 10 Jan 1858 (bap Belfast); d Nazareth 17 Mar 1928; res (1890) Bushkill Tp. (8) Amanda Elizabeth, b 5 Nov 1861 (bap Forks); res (1928) Nazareth; no further information. The ninth and last child of Melchior and Maria Magdalena (Klos) Schlamp was (9) Mary Amelia (Mary A.A.), b 20 Aug 1864 (bap Belfast); d 12 June 1935; bur Forks Cem; m by 1879 Milton W. Johnson, b. 1856; d 21 Feb 1939; bur Forks Cem; res (1890) Palmer Tp; res (1928) Tatamy.

JOHN HENRY SCHLAMP(1850-1928)

John Henry Schlamp was born in Bushkill Township 20 Mar 1850 and was baptized 7 Jul 1850, as recorded at Forks Church. He died 21 Jan 1928 at his home near Nazareth, and was buried in Forks Cemetery. He was the second child and eldest son of Melchior and Maria Magdalena (Klos) Schlamp. He married first, before 1878, Ebysenia Sophia Kahler (or Koehler), who was born 1 Mar 1856; was baptized at Forks Church 19 Mar 1856; died in Forks Township 14 Sep 1898, and was buried in Forks Cemetery; daughter of William and Elizabeth Ann Kahler (or Koehler). He married second at Bethlehem 19 Mar 1904 Sarah Rebecca (Stofflet) Abel, who was born in Plainfield Township 30 Mar 1860; died in April 1929, and was buried in Forks Cemetery; daughter of George and Sabina Stofflet, and widow of Charles Abel who died 8 Jul 1902.

John H. and Ebysenia S. (Kahler) Schlamp had three children, at least two of whom were born in Forks Township. Ida Louise, b 14 June 1878; bap Zion Lutheran Church, Easton, 28 Jul 1878; d 30 Jan 1879; bur Forks Cem. (2) Ella May, b 1880; d 25 Apr 1941; bur Forks Cem; m. George D. Abel. (3) Joseph Oswald (1887-1927), of whom more will follow.

JOSEPH OSWALD SCHLAMP(1887-1927)

Joseph Oswald Schlamp was born in Forks Township 14 Oct 1887. He died in Bushkill Township 22 Feb 1927, and was buried in the Schoeneck Moravian Cemetery. He and Flora Margaret Reiss were married at New Village, Bushkill Township, 1 Sep 1923. (Either New Village was identical with Filetown, or they partially overlapped.) Flora Margaret Reiss was born in Ellsworth, Wisconsin, 11 June 1897, and died in Nazareth 23 May, 1987, daughter of John George and Margaret (Roller) Reiss, natives of Alsace-Lorraine.

At Nazareth on 29 Aug 1928 the widow Flora M. (Reiss) Schlamp married second Charles Walter Clewell (1877-1956), son of John Jefferson & Ottilia Josephine (Moore) Clewell, and widower of Edith M. (Cohick) Clewell who died in an automobile accident at Temple, Berks County, 9 May 1925. Charles Walter Clewell had two children by his first marriage: Luther D. Clewell, b 4 Apr 1898, d 13 May 1966, m Isabel Buss; and Eschor Barton Clewell, b 15 Aug 1901, d 17 Jul 1985, m Sadie E. Fleischman. Eschor B. Clewell is remembered by many of our members as the longtime jovial curator of the Whitefield House.

Joseph Oswald and Flora Margaret (Reiss) Schlamp had two children, both born in the Cherry Hill District of Bushkill Township, both of whom are distinguished members of the Jacobsburg Historical Society. (1) Beatrice Emma Schlamp, born 14 Nov 1924, is editor of The Jacobsburg Record. She is also a member of the Board of Directors and manager of the Society's office in the Henry Homestead. She also serves as a museum guide at the Homestead and organizes the Society's bus trips. She is employed in the finance office of the Moravian Church, Northern Province, at Bethlehem.

(2) John Joseph Schlamp, born 27 Mar 1926, was president of the Jacobsburg Historical Society from 1981 to 1984 and continues to serve on the Board of Directors and on various committees. He served for many years as president of the Nazareth National Bank and more recently as chairman of its Board of Directors. In 1985 he was honored by the Alumni Association of Moravian College, his alma mater, for outstanding service to the college.

At Nazareth, on 7 Jun 1952, John Joseph Schlamp and Kathryn Mae Woodring were married by the Rev. Walter H. Diehl in St. John's Evangelical Reformed Church (now St. John's United Church of Christ). Kathryn Mae Woodring was born 6 Dec 1929, daughter of Stanley Robert and Alverna Mae (Schneck) Woodring. Her paternal grandparents were George E. and Susanna (Brinker) Woodring. On her mother's side, her grandparents were George and Thusneldia (Yehi) Schneck of Lehigh Township.

John J. and Kathryn M. (Woodring) Schlamp have four children and two grandchildren. Their children are (1) Karen Louise, born 21 Apr 1954; (2) Kevin Stanley and (3) Keith Charles, twins born 30 Jun 1955, and (4) Kirk John, born 26 Jul 1958. The grandchildren are Michael Kevin, born 15 Sep 1980, son of Kevin and Cindy (Ruth) Schlamp, and Erica Marie, born 2 Nov 1980, daughter of Keith and Lisa Marie (Franczak) Schlamp.

BOARD NOTES - (CONTINUED)

(2) Claude Jones shared with us a visual step by step process of the restoration of the lathe donated by Evelyn Granda which is now in the Benade House, and of the grindstone donated by Jim Weller and which is at the Carriage House.

THANKS BOB AND CLAUDE FOR THESE INTERESTING AND INFORMATIVE PRESENTATIONS.

The following is from Virginia and Joe Lopresti:

Jacobsburg Historical Society
Nazareth, PA 18064

Dear Friends:

We thank you sincerely for the Lopresti Recognition Dinner. We were overwhelmed with all the tributes. We were delighted to find we have so many great friends, especially outside of the Jacobsburg Historical Society. We thank you for inviting them.

But none of it would have been possible without the Jacobsburg Historical Society. We would not have attempted it without your support. The financial backing for tools, films, etc. was greatly appreciated. The hours of digging, the days of supervision, the beauty of Jacobsburg State Park were thoroughly enjoyed by the two of us. It doesn't seem quite fair that we should have had all the joy of discovery and the accolades, too.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Please support the preserving of Jacobsburg History for all time to come.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Joseph A. Lopresti

/s/ Virginia Lopresti

CLAUDE JONES HAS BEEN AT IT AGAIN - RESTORATION, THAT IS ---

This time it's a spinning wheel

The restored spinning wheel at the Homestead was known as a Saxony wheel (somewhere around early 1800) because of its fancy turned legs and uprights that hold the wheel in place; the spokes of these wheels have detailed turnings as well!

In reality it is a flax wheel given to the spinning of flax which in turn is linen yarn. Although wool fleece is spun with ease on these wheels, and with a steady flow of yarn.

The wheel also is very good to ply yarn, two, three strands, or what the spinner can handle.

The replacement parts were two maidens and leather bearings, the orifice and spindle pin, hand threaded, a flyer with hooks made in place, a two-step pulley to drive the flyer and a bobbin with groove to receive the spun yarn; also, a footman which attaches to the crankshaft whereby the wheel is propelled.

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Since it was a fashionable thing to spin in that period, I am sure "Miss Clara" would have found this a wheel to her liking!

"THE WOOD WORM"

Claude A. Jones

HOMESTEAD OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION:

Sunday, September 27: 2 - 5 p.m. - Exhibit will be related to the Constitution - prepared by Jean Haupt and Walter Peters.

Sunday, October 25: 2 - 5 p.m. - Exhibit to be announced.

BENADE HOUSE OPEN THE 2nd and 4th SUNDAYS OF EACH MONTH

JACOBSBURG ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER PROGRAMS:

Sunday, October 11, 1987

2:00-4:00

FROM FLAX TO LINEN...SEED TO FIBER

For the colonists in the 18th century, flax was essential to produce linen, the standard fabric of this time period. Nationally renowned craftsmen, Donald Graves and Michael Colby will demonstrate the historic process and significance of growing flax to produce linen. Authentic tools, methods and clothing will be utilized. Join us at the Benade House.

Saturday, December 12, 1987

Two Sessions: 9:30-11:30

1:00 - 3:00

CHRISTMAS NATURALLY

Discover how the plants of fields and forests may adorn your winter hearth and home. Join us for this popular program, examining seeds, berries, stems and leaves of native wildflowers and discovering unique ways to create beautiful ornaments and utilizing natural materials.

Sunday, February 14, 1988

2:00 - 4:00

INVESTIGATING NATURE'S VALENTINES

Bring a sweetheart or a friend and enjoy this special holiday discovering relationships between animal and plant species. Join us as we investigate spring courtship rituals, special plant and animal relationships, unique behavior and forms of communication that indicate interaction and special relationships in our natural world.

BOB NEWELL AND THE HENRY GUN COLLECTION MADE THE NEWS!! THE 9/10/87 ISSUE OF NEIGHBORS (an Allentown Morning Call Supplement) FEATURED AN INTERVIEW WITH BOB ON HIS FAVORITE SUBJECT.

Thanks, Bob, for your expertise and knowledge and for sharing them with us and our neighbors.

JACOBSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR JACOBSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Student	\$2.50	Sustaining	\$10.00	Contributing	\$15.00
Individual	\$5.00	Family	\$12.50	Organizations	\$25.00
<u>NAME CONTRIBUTIONS</u>					
Tannery Club	\$100	Boulton Club	\$500	Henry Rifle Club	\$1000

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