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TENTH ANNUAL COLONIAL CRAFT FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, JULY 16, 1983, 11:30-6:00

4-H CENTER, 4 MILES NORTH OF NAZARETH--BROAD ST. EXTENDED

The attached sheet challenges each one of us to make 1983's Festival the biggest success yet. Notice we need help the night before to set up (Joe DiGerlando in charge) and we need help the same night to clean up.

Please be sure to indicate how you will help, sign the sheet, and return to Hilton Rahn, Jr. The address is at the end of the first paragraph, attached sheet.

Don't forget to use your patron ticket for free parking; otherwise the charge will be \$2.00.

FEATURES

Amy Trbuza has been chairman of crafters this year, and Carolyn Hickernell has been instrumental in securing ads for the booklet.

New exhibitors include Shirley Frey, Nazareth, basket weaving; Steve Segan, chair caning; Dale Brooks, member of SPA Chapter 14, Forks of the Delaware Archaeological Society, exhibiting with the Loprestis; Mrs. Rolf Dech, tole painting; and carver Richard Hujsa, wood and antler carving.

We welcome back the Engelbrechts with stained glass; Eva Smith and her cornhusk delightful doll creations; the Russells with their spinning demonstrations and natural dyeing techniques; and Carroll Tobias and her creative silver smithing.

FOOD AND ENTERTAINMENT

Betty Morris and Althea Neuner are planning many goodies: beef barbecues, hot dogs with sauerkraut, baked beans, ham and cheese sandwiches or either alone, lemonade, ice cream cups and coffee.

Ellis Neuner and Matt Morris will preside over the draught birch beer.

Carolyn Metzgar's husband again will be calling everyone for baked goods, and Beatrice Pritchard will have many plants for sale.

Hilton Rahn, Jr., Bethlehem, again is chairman. He has arranged for John Morrow and horse to demonstrate a Civil War Encampment situation; also the Ed Kozlowski Nazareth Square Dancers will present two programs, one at 2:30 and the second at 3:30. Colonial music will be performed by the Angelo Spinoza Group. Mrs. E. P. Yeakel will be on hand with storytelling for youngsters, and Joe Lopresti will be tour guide to the Lopresti archaeological Jacobsburg and Boulton digs, all for free.

1982 FIELD JOURNAL, Continued
Virginia Lopresti

We had the usual visitors in the summer of 1982 and also some unusual ones. Mr. Bernard Smith from Snydersville, Monroe County, says he has his grandfather's ledger and docket. His grandfather was Samuel Barnes, Justice of the Peace, blacksmith, and gunsmith from Hainesburg, N.J. Mr. Smith understands that his grandfather got his gun barrels from the Henrys.

Another visitor was Mrs. Sterling Kelchner, 81 years old, who said she was the step-greatgranddaughter of Jesse Harwi, Jr., from Jacobsburg. She was accompanied by her husband and great-grandson, Matthew, from Butztown. The Kelchners live in Hecktown.

As the digging and sifting continued, we soon realized that the floor of the Inn was on two different levels, the northern half being 18 in. higher than the southern half. This would account for the two different levels of doors leading inside from the patio. Our small cellar to the south of the Inn was soon filled with rocks. We decided to reinforce the east wall with a dry wall with the building stones found on the inside. For mortar, the tumbled stones seemed to have only clay with a small amount of lime. There was considerable plaster from the walls of the upper two floors. Some was painted red, some light blue, and some white. There was practically no visible wood left from the interior.

As J. A. (Lopresti) surveyed the site from the south doorway in the middle of July, he estimated that it would take 150 working days to complete the inside of the Inn. Actually, however, it took only half that number because of the structure of the interior. We found about a dozen bricks held together by cement near the south wall fireplace. They were the result of some earlier redecorating. Next to the bricks we found a beautiful doorsill. It was 2 ft. 5 in. to 3 ft. 5 in. in length, 1 ft. 5 in. in width, and 5 in. thick. We are sure it was the doorsill from the door into the southern half of the building--the doorsill of the north door is still in place. The stone was standing on edge and was moved to the east wall. Behind it we discovered that the living level of the west part of the southern half of the Inn was higher than the east part. In excavating this area, we found fewer artifacts, so we are assuming this area was used as a storage area and everything was removed and sold from the former store.

Then as we worked our way north, we found a stone wall at a right angle to the west wall. It created an area 12 ft. wide by 19 ft. long. Here is where our imagination took over. Was this an original cabin and was the Inn built around it in 1780?

We also had some volunteer diggers in the summer of 1982: Linda was a school teacher from Center Valley and came twice a week; Anita brought her 14-year-old son along from Slatington. Our women helpers were asked to investigate the area outside the north wall. Their efforts were rewarded mostly with a collander of broken window pane. However, as they dug more deeply along the wall, they found lovely bits of hand-painted early English ceramics.

CRAFT FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS

SUMMER CRAFT FESTIVAL, JULY 16, 1983, 11:30 TO 6:00

4-H CENTER, BUSHKILL CENTER, PA.

(BROAD ST., EXTENSION, NAZARETH)

WE NEED LOTS OF HELP TO MAKE OUR CRAFT FESTIVAL SUCCESSFUL. THERE ARE MANY WAYS IN WHICH YOU CAN HELP. SOME OF THEM ARE LISTED HERE. PLEASE CHECK OFF WHAT YOU WILL DO AND MAIL THE WHOLE SHEET BACK TO HILTON N. RAHN, JR., 3640 MARK TWAIN CIRCLE, BETHLEHEM, PA. 18017.

NAME _____ TEL. _____

_____ CRAFTS - I can demonstrate a craft or display a collection of interest

_____ I will assist with Parking - (2 hour shift -- to be assigned)

_____ I can distribute Posters in

_____ EASTON

_____ BELFAST

_____ NAZARETH

_____ WIND GAP

_____ BETHLEHEM

_____ STOCKERTOWN

_____ ALLENTOWN

_____ EMMAUS

_____ SLATE BELT

_____ TREXLERTOWN

_____ BUSHKILL CENTER

_____ OTHER AREAS

_____ I will contribute to the Baked Goods table (cakes, cookies, candy and pies, especially)

_____ I will contribute to the Plant Table

_____ I will assist in the Kitchen (2 hour shift -- to be assigned)

_____ I will help sell Baked Goods or Other Items

_____ I will assist in setting up the Festival on Friday, July 15, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

_____ I will assist in cleaning up the Festival after 6:00 p.m., Saturday, July 16.

REMEMBER THE DATE. JULY 16 WILL BE HERE ALMOST BEFORE YOU KNOW IT. THERE IS A FANTASTIC AMOUNT OF WORK TO BE DONE, BOTH IN ARRANGING FOR THE EVENT AND STAFFING THE VARIOUS BOOTHS AND EXHIBITS. THIS IS OUR FESTIVAL, SO LET'S ALL WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS.

HILTON N. RAHN, JR.
CHAIRMAN

THE FAMILY OF MICHAEL WARD

By Charles M. Sandwick, Sr.

Michael Ward was born in Plainfield Township 26 Oct 1818, the fourth child and second son of Abraham and Sarah (Fehr) Ward. According to the records of Forks Church he was baptized 13 Dec 1818. The sponsors were his uncle and aunt, Michael and Elizabeth (Heitzman) Fehr. About 1840 or '41 Michael Ward married Sarah Moyer who was born near Schoeneck 23 May 1822, daughter of Matthias Moyer, a basket maker in Bushkill Township.

In 1850 Michael Ward was a farmer, residing in Bushkill Township with his wife Sarah and four children. In 1860 he was listed as a teamster, still in Bushkill Township, with wife Sarah and six children. At some time, according to his obituary in the Easton Argus, he kept an inn in Plainfield Township; later he conducted the American Hotel in Bethlehem, and about 1872 became landlord of the Central Hotel in Easton. It was there that he died 27 June 1877. His grave is in the Belfast Union Cemetery. The Central Hotel, known originally as the Red Lion Tavern and later as Opp's Inn, was on the northeast corner of Fourth and Northampton Streets, where the Lafayette Hotel now stands. Sarah (Moyer) Ward outlived her husband by nearly thirty-three years. She died in Easton 17 Apr 1910 and was buried in Easton Cemetery.

Michael and Sarah (Moyer) Ward had nine children, all born in the Jacobsburg area of Bushkill Township. (1) Josephia Eliza, b 15 Jun 1842; d Easton 19 Jan 1925; m 9 Nov 1861 Adam Shiffer, b 2 May 1838, son of George and Maria (Fehr) Schiffer. (2) Francis W., b 30 Mar 1844; d Easton 30 Oct 1891; filer (1866) Henry Gun Factory; m Caroline Shiffer, b 4 Feb 1847; d 19 Jan 1888; dau of George and Maria Schiffer. (3) Benjamin Franklin, b 9 Mar 1846; d Easton 27 Jan 1904; m 11 June 1870 Permillia Margaretha Hawk, b Kunkletown, Monroe Co PA 5 Jul 1852; d Easton 19 Sep 1926; dau of Joseph and Elizabeth (Hess) Hawk. (4) Louisa, b about 1849; d young. (5) Harrison M. ("Harry"), b 26 Oct 1850; d 11 May 1862. (6) Amelia R., b 27 Jul 1854; d 23 Jul 1908; m Erastus Daniel Hawk, b Bath PA 16 Feb 1844; res Allentown PA; son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Hess) Hawk. (7) Alma Francesca, b 28 Jul 1856; d 6 Jan 1869. (8) Emma Matilda, b 10 Aug 1860; d 16 May 1862. (9) Ellen Jane, b 5 Jul 1862; d 27 Aug 1862. Several of the children who died before 1870 were buried in the Belfast Union Cemetery.

Adam Shiffer was born 2 May 1838, son of George and Maria (Fehr) Schiffer, and was baptized in the Plainfield Reformed congregation. His father was a son of John and Catharine Schiffer, and his mother was a daughter of George and Susanna (Yohe) Fehr. Adam Shiffer, therefore, was a great-grandson of Conrad and Rachel (Ward) Schiffer, and also of John and Eva (Geist) Fehr. The 1870 census of Bushkill Township lists Adam as a merchant. Later he was a partner in the firm of Shiffer, Hartman & Co., wholesale hats, at the southwest corner of Fifth and Northampton Streets, Easton. Except that he was living in 1925, we have no subsequent information about him. On 9 Nov 1861 he married Josephia Eliza Ward, who was born 15 Jun 1842 and died in Easton 19 Jan 1925, daughter of Michael and Sarah (Moyer) Ward. Adam and Josephia had a son, George E. Shiffer, born

about 1862 or '63, who married Georgia A. Browne. George and Georgia had at least three children, Dr. Leigh Browne Shiffer ("Lee"), who was born in Easton 13 Jul 1890; Carl Allen Shiffer, born there 16 Mar 1895, and Claire Shiffer, who was a minor living with her mother in Newark NJ in 1911.

Francis W. Ward (1844-1891), the second child and eldest son of Michael and Sarah, worked in the 1860's as a filer for the Henry Gun Factory in Boulton. He later became landlord of the Union House, which was originally the Bull's Head Tavern, located on the east side of South Third Street, Easton, south of the present Masonic Building. He was married to Caroline Shiffer (1847-1888), daughter of George and Maria (Fehr) Shiffer. Their only daughter, Minerva A. Ward, born about Aug 1861, was married 14 Oct 1886 to Edwin F. Kitchen, who was born 23 Sep 1860.

Benjamin Franklin Ward (1846-1904) was the third child and second son of Michael and Sarah. In the 1870 census of Bushkill Township he was listed as a merchant, the vocation he followed most of his life. In that year he was a resident of Cherry Hill, as was his brother-in-law, Adam Shiffer. On 11 Jun 1870 he married Permillia Margaretha Hawk (1852-1926), daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Hess) Hawk. About 1874 they moved to Easton. Benjamin was in business at the corner of Fourth and Northampton Streets as representative of the White Sewing Machine Company. The family lived at 1119 Ferry Street. Benjamin and Permillia were charter members, in 1886, of St. Luke's Lutheran Church at the corner of Eleventh and Ferry Streets, and Benjamin was a member of the original church council. The Wards had two children born in Easton. (1) Alma Gray Ward, b 1 Jun 1881; d 14 Dec 1881. (2) Frederick Erastus Ward, M.D., b 10 Nov 1882; d 3 May 1949; m 2 Apr 1907 Ruth Barndt Williams, b Easton 16 Oct 1884; d 11 Mar 1980; dau of Dr. Cyrenious and Margaret L. (Barndt) Williams.

Dr. Frederick Erastus and Ruth B. (Williams) Ward had four children. (1) Frederick Williams Ward, M.D., b Berwick PA 23 Mar 1908; m (1) Allentown PA 27 Dec 1941 Marguerite A. Isreall, b 22 Feb 1920; d 21 May 1942; m(2) Jersey City NJ 22 Jun 1946 Catherine E. Ambry, R.N., B.S., M.A., b New York NY, dau of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Ambry. (2) Robert Benjamin Ward, b Easton 21 May 1909; d Drexel Hill PA 2 Feb 1974; bur Easton; m Evelyn Youngkin. (3) Ruth Katherine Ward, b Easton 23 June 1914; d 20 Dec 1973; m Charles W. Vrtacek, b 15 Sep 1914; d 28 Jul 1971; residents of Old Saybrook CT; both bur Easton Cem. (4) Jane Louise Ward, b Easton 24 Nov 1915; d New York NY 30 Jul 1960; bur Easton Cem; unmarried.

Dr. Frederick W. Ward has been a member of the Jacobsburg Historical Society since the early days of its organization. His gifts of a Henry rifle and of various books for the Society's collections have been noted from time to time in The Jacobsburg Record. Dr. Ward served with the Army Medical Corps for five years prior to his second marriage. Three years of his wartime service were spent in North Africa, Italy and Corsica. Captain Catherine Ambry, Army Nurse Corps, served as chief nurse on the U. S. Army Hospital Ship Acadia. Dr. Frederick W. and Catherine (Ambry) Ward have three children, all born in this county. (1) Frederick Ambry Ward, b 20 Jul 1947; m 30 May 1970 Denise Elaine Norris, b 20 Oct 1948,

dau of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Norris. (2) Ambry Ruth Catherine Ward, b 11 Jun 1948. (3) Michael John Ambry Ward, M.D., b 11 Dec 1949; m 30 Jul 1972 Amy Gibbs Lindquist.

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The preceding article has been limited to the family of Michael and Sarah (Moyer) Ward and their descendants. The families of Michael's younger brothers, Samuel, Abraham, and William, who remained much longer in the neighborhood of Jacobsburg and Boulton, will be featured in the next article. That article will conclude the present series on the Ward family.

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We notice that the Easton Hospital annual meeting minutes carry the following announcement:

Frederick W. Ward, M.D., formerly Associate in the Division of Internal Medicine, Department of Medicine, who achieved emiratus standing in 1982, was recognized for his 36 years of service. He was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation.

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RESEARCH COMMITTEE NEWS

At the June 15 meeting at the home of Jessie and Charles Sandwick, Virginia Lopresti exhibited some recent artifacts from the Lopresti digs endeavors: glass marbles, perhaps made in Sandwich, Mass., area, one with American gold speckles, and an American manufactured spoon handle made of coin silver.

Charlie is asking that anyone interested in gravestone rubbing should please get in touch with him soon. He hopes to lead a team of the Belfast Union Churchyard in July or August. This is the church known at one time as the Henry Church. He notes that rubbing is accomplished by reflected light, rubbing with cobbler's wax, or by use of wax crayon (black). The object, of course, is to keep extant, the almost obliterated names, dates, and sayings on eroded stones. This should prove to be an interesting outing--sign up!

Chairman Sandwick also reports that the next Jacobsburg/Boulton family to be presented in The Jacobsburg Record will be the Gold family.

Next meeting of the committee will be July 27.

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BENADE HOUSE

This structure will soon be open to the public as a new historical interpretive center. The Spring House in front has had repairs made to windows and roof, and when the building is finished, plans are afoot to ask George Dech to teach gun making there.

SUNDAY EVENING CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Again this year at the Benade House (across from the Park parking lot) we happily announce the sponsorship of "Twilight at Jacobsburg" on Sunday evenings by The Express and Jacobsburg State Park. These musicals are possible through the U.S. Recording Companies which provide funds in whole or in part for the instrumental performances through the Music Performance Trust Funds, as arranged by Local 577, American Federation of Musicians, Bangor/Stroudsburg. Bring your own chairs, come and enjoy!

Future concerts include: Nancy and Spencer Reed, guitarists, July 17; Gina Bertucci Ensemble, two flutes and bassoon, July 24; Pocono Chamber Orchestra, directed by Steve Mathieson, July 31; Rick Chamberlain Brass Quartet, August 7; Bob and Aralee Dorough, flute and piano, August 21; and Water Gap Dixieland Band, directed by Roger Acker, September 11.

The sponsoring groups also provide music for all Henry Homestead Open House Sundays.

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TOM PAXTON, SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

Tickets are \$3.00 for this well-known folk singer of the '60's and '70's who will appear in concert on the above date. Place: the Amphitheatre near the main parking lot. The Church of the Arts (across from the Nazareth National Bank) and the Martin Guitar Co. are the sponsors. Profits will benefit some nonprofit organization, says Dale Prinkey, Jacobsburg State Park Superintendent. Tickets are available from either one of the sponsoring groups.

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BLACK POWDER SHOOT AND ENCAMPMENT

SEPTEMBER 22-25

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OPEN HOUSE DATES AT THE HENRY HOMESTEAD

July 24 (old fans), August 28, September 25, October 3

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SUN INN TOURS

The Sun Inn announces two five-day trips for the rest of 1983. A Finger Lakes trip is planned for July 22-26, \$380 per person, double occupancy plus \$20 for nonmembers of the Society.

The second trip is scheduled for September 20-24 to Boston and Cape Ann, \$500 per person, double occupancy plus \$20 for nonmembers. Contact Jean P. Wesner, 64 Wall St., Bethlehem, PA 18018.

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Do Jacobsburg members have suggestions for day trips? See M. Morris.