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JACOBSTURG PRIMITIVE ENCAMPMENT

SEPTEMBER 22-25

BENADE HOUSE AREA, ACROSS FROM PARKING LOT

Features again include the ox roast, over an open pit, to be ready by Saturday noon, September 24. The Jacobsburg Historical Society will have snacks and soft drinks for sale as usual.

The focus in the Encampment area will be on Henry firearms and their contribution to the evolution of the United States, according to a statement agreed upon by the Society and Park officials. The statement continues with the thought that the period to be depicted will span the Revolution through the Civil War.

Thursday night, the 22nd, and Friday will be devoted to camp set-ups. Tepees and Indian dress, along with Daniel Boone type outfits, will be in evidence. Traders of all sorts will be on hand.

Saturday and Sunday, 24th and 25th, will be the big entertainment days for the public. Open House on Sunday, September 25, at the Henry Homestead will display in particular Henry guns and Henry family items.

Back at the encampment area shooting events featuring aggregates for prizes to be awarded on Sunday at 5 o'clock will be going on both days. Shooting on Saturday will start at 9:00 a.m.

The Primitive Run on both sides of the Bushkill will be planned in such a way that onlookers will see the entire event.

On Saturday, too, the Northampton militia, Allentown, will demonstrate a military encampment of the late 1700's with drills and showings of camp life.

At the Bake House on the premises, Cliff Wright will do bread baking with sunflower flour, and there will be a kettle soup demonstration over an open fire.

At 6:00 p.m., Robin Williams, a professional story teller will expound on folk and Indian tales around a camp fire. The Lenape Indian Organization will demonstrate Indian dances. Later in the evening, folk music will be furnished by David Frey, owner of Daniel's Coffee House, Bethlehem.

On Sunday the shooting will be over at 4 o'clock. On Sunday, too, along with all the other activity, special music will be provided by Angelo Spinoza on the guitar, mandolin, banjo, dulcimer, and other older stringed instruments.

Don't miss these two entertainment-packed days!

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Virginia Lopresti

There was a break in the digging routine the week of July 19. Girl Scouts from the Nazareth area were holding a day camp in Jacobsburg State Park. Every morning a different group of girls came to trowel an area of the dig. But first they were shown pictures and artifacts of the historical site and given a background for the work. Our two Manpower Girls instructed them and guided them as they worked along the outside of the west wall. This we consider the back of the hotel and is at the second floor level of our 1780 building.

Again the most abundant artifacts found were pieces of broken window pane. The girls found buttons and early English ceramic bits and pieces. Thursday, however, was the red letter day: an 1890 Liberty Head 5-cent coin was found. All the girls had to be shown (two at a time) the occupied phoebe nest in the south wall of the Inn. The departure of the third offspring was recorded in the daily archaeological journal.

A small tree in the doorway at the northern end of the building was taken out--roots and trunk. It was positioned on the patio, and the top branches reached only to the picnic table. A large tree near the southwest corner of the Inn was also removed. It measured 9 in. in diameter and was 55 ft. tall. A marred tree in the center of the northern half of the floor measured 6 in. in diameter and was 46 ft. tall. A large tree in the west end had roots going through the stone wall. Stones and artifacts were removed from between the roots and dirt, and a stone parapet was placed to protect it.

In the northern area we worked around the base of a huge fireplace. Because of the size of it, we thought it must have furnished heat in two different rooms on the second floor. It was originally 5 ft. wide but had been increased in width to 8½ ft. The windows on either side were at different heights. The window toward the back in the north wall was 1½ ft. higher than the window toward the front of the Inn. A window in the south wall was at exactly the same height as the rear window in the north wall. We assume it was placed thus because of the higher elevation of the original soil here along the Minisink Trail. In the living level of the north half of the hotel, we found leftover coal and ashes.

We found bricks, some of which had vitreous centers, evidently carried there from the forging areas in Jacobsburg. Our investigations revealed that the east wall of the building was 30 in. below the living level, while the stone wall at the north was only 6 in. below. The latter wall rested on red clay.

A huge flat stone was uncovered sliding down the west wall. This proved to be the doorsill in the second floor level west door and had been moved by the bulldozer in the 1930's. The west wall, too, at several places had been pushed inward, and was reinforced with a second stone dry wall.

Along the east wall, we were surprised to find numerous jaw bones that resembled pig skeletons. We discovered more whole bottles to add to our collection in this room. One was a Willibald Kuebler and another a

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SAMUEL, ABRAHAM AND WILLIAM WARD

By Charles M. Sandwick, Sr.

Among the younger children of Abraham and Sarah (Fehr) Ward were Samuel (1821-1892), Abraham (1824-1897) and William (1827-1887). They were grandsons of Benjamin and Barbara Ward and also of John and Eva Rosina (Geist) Fehr. The 1874 Atlas of Northampton County reveals that the residence of Samuel Ward was then in Plainfield Township on its boundary with Bushkill Township, less than twenty rods south of Henry Road. Abraham lived on the north side of Henry Road, west of Boulton, a little more than halfway from the Henry Homestead to the corner where Henry Road meets the road from Cherry Hill to Jacobsburg. William's residence, we were surprised to learn, was the Benade house, now a center of attraction in Jacobsburg State Park.

Samuel Ward was born in Plainfield Township 14 Feb 1821 and died at his home near Belfast 25 Nov 1892. His wife was Susanna Sigman who was born 10 Mar 1822 and died near Belfast 1 Dec 1894. In the 1850 census of Bushkill Township, Samuel was listed as a gunsmith; in 1860, same township, he was a rifle maker. In 1870, in Plainfield Township, he was a filer. Samuel and Susanna and several of their children are buried in the old cemetery behind the Union Church (now St. Luke's U.C.C.) near Belfast.

Samuel and Susanna (Sigman) Ward had at least ten or possibly eleven children, of whom the baptisms of nine are recorded in the old register of the Union Church. (1) Mary Ann, b 27 Mar 1846; d Stockertown 29 Feb 1904; m 8 Oct 1869 John H. Riegel of Stockertown, b 26 Apr 1842 (or 1841); d near Edelmans, Plainfield Tp 27 Sep 1928; both bur Forks Church Cem. Among their children were Charles Riegel, Bangor; Anna; Mrs. William Yeisly, Edelmans; B. Frank Riegel, b 24 Feb 1870, d 25 Jun 1962, m Ida C., b 19 Mar 1873, d 27 Dec 1945; John Samuel P., b 9 Jun 1879, d 6 Jun 1887. (2) Emma, b 7 Jun 1848; d by 1892; m Hiram Johnson. (3) Ellen C., b 30 Sep 1849 as given in her baptismal record although her tombstone in Hay's cemetery, Easton south side, incorrectly gives her birth date as 30 Sep 1858; d So. Easton 19 Jun 1917; m 21 Jun 1884 Howard A. Wyker, b 30 Nov 1858; d 9 Apr 1933. Child: a daughter, m Albert Phillips.

(4) Josiah Abraham Ward, b 15 Jan 1852; d 9 Jun 1877. (5) Caroline, b 9 Oct 1853; d 9 May 1862. (6) Louise Cornelia, b 24 Feb 1856; d 18 Apr 1862. (7) Joseph Henry, b 8 Apr 1857; d Bethlehem 5 Jan 1916; m Emma E., b about 1859; d Bethlehem 6 Jul 1940. Children: Caroline S., b about 1878, m Brinkley; Lillian M., b about 1880, m Alter; Anna E., b about 1883, m Dippery. (8) Amanda, b 29 Mar 1859; d 28 Apr 1862. (9) Charles, b 22 Jan 1861; d 3 Oct 1865. (10) or (11) Charles A., b 3 Jan 1866; d Bethlehem 29 May 1931; m Brodheadsville, Monroe Co PA 19 Jul 1884 Mary Elizabeth Williamson, b 23 Jan 1867; d 1906; dau of William and Emma S. (Sweitzer) Williamson of Belfast. Charles A. and Mary E. (Williamson) Ward and the parents of both of them are buried in the Williamson lot in the new part of the Union Cemetery at Belfast.

Amanda L. Ward was born 15 Mar 1864 and died 3 Dec 1865. Her grave is in the old part of the Union Cemetery at Belfast. She may have been the tenth child of Samuel and Susanna (Sigman) Ward, since another daughter of theirs named Amanda had died in 1862. On the other hand Amanda L. may

have been a child of Abraham and Sabina E. (Rodenbough) Ward. No baptismal record has been found for her. Her name could not possibly appear in a census record since none was taken during her brief lifetime. Her small, plain stone is near that of James Ward (1860-1862) and is similar to it. The baptismal record of James identifies him as a son of Abraham and Sabina. Can anyone help us to identify Amanda L. Ward?

Abraham Ward was born in Plainfield Township 19 Dec 1824 and died in Palmer Township (now Wilson Borough) 25 Sep 1897. His wife was Sabina E. Rodenbough who was born 19 Dec 1828 and died in Easton 23 Feb 1899. The graves of Abraham and Sabina are in Easton Heights Cemetery. From 1875 to 1876 they lived in Easton. From 1887 until 1897 their home was on 17th Street between Ferry and Lehigh in what was then Palmer Township. The census of 1850 listed Abraham as a gunsmith in Plainfield Township. In 1860 he was a day laborer and in 1870 a miller, both times in Bushkill Township.

Abraham and Sabina (Rodenbough) Ward had at least eleven children. (1) Tilghman, b Plainfield Tp 21 Nov 1847; res 1897 Tiffin OH; still living there in 1929. (2) Allison, b Plainfield Tp 6 Mar 1849; res Forks Tp 1872, Schoeneck 1876, near Phillipsburg NJ 1879, and Philadelphia 1899; m 30 Nov 1872 Rosanna Henriette Lind, b 17 Jun 1854, dau of Philip and Elisabeth (Whitesell) Lind. Children: Minnie Matilda, b 23 Nov 1874; Monroe Milton, b 31 May 1876; James Edward, b 22 Jan 1879; possibly others. (3) Lovene, b about 1850-1; quarryman; res Palmer Tp 1880 and 1890; Easton 1899; m Maria C., b about 1853-4. Children: Jennie O., b 24 May 1873; m Bangor 8 Oct 1891 Alvin H. Hahn, b 5 Apr 1862; Mary S. ("Mamie"), b about 1876; Milton L., b about 1882; possibly others.

(4) Jeremiah Ward, b 12 Sep 1852; d 9 Mar 1889; res Palmer Tp (now Wilson Boro) near Forest House; blacksmith, RR brakeman; member St. Luke's Luth Church, Easton; m Emeline (also called Emma), b 19 Oct 1859; d 20 Jan 1919; both bur Easton Cem. Children: Robert Benjamin, b 18 Oct 1876, d St. Luke's Hospital, Bethlehem, 12 Dec 1902, two days after loss of leg at Fullerton while working as brakeman for LVRR, m 17 Jan 1901 Hannah E. Brotzman, b Williams Tp 20 Jan 1881, dau of Ephraim Brotzman, (one child, Charles Ward); Nellie M., b 5 Feb 1882, d 15 Apr 1886; Birda E., b 11 Feb 1884, d 16 Oct 1905, m Easton 9 Dec 1899 Charles H. Seiple, b Williams Tp 3 Apr 1879, son of Joseph Seiple, (one child, Ethel Seiple).

(5) Agnes E. Ward (twin), b Bushkill Tp near Belfast 26 Jan 1854; d Easton 7 Dec 1923; m Easton 28 Jun 1877 John O. Foster, b Ashburnham MA 9 Nov 1855; d 19 Sep 1931; both bur Easton Hgts Cem. Children: James A., b 1878, d 1932; George E.; John W.; possibly others. (6) Sarah Rebecca (twin), b Bushkill Tp near Belfast 26 Jan 1854; d Easton 26 May 1929; m 30 Nov 1872 Herman Santee, b 10 Jul 1851; d Easton 18 Aug 1927; son of John and Leah Santee; both bur Easton Hgts Cem. Children: Mazie M., b 1876, d 1945, m Fulmer; Elizabeth, m Kludenten, res Fort Worth TX; John Frank; possibly others. (7) Elmira (or Almira), b Bushkill Tp 28 Jun 1856; d in interval 1880-1888; m 26 Dec 1874 Peter H. Stofflet, b about 1852-3. Child: Allen H., b about 1880.

(8) Milton Ward, b Bushkill Tp 8 Jun 1858; d Allentown PA 23 Sep 1913; furniture maker; m Mary Ellen, b 23 Nov 1865; d Allentown 18 Jul 1907; both bur Easton Hgts Cem. Child: Mary S. (9) James, b Bushkill

Tp 27 Dec 1860; d 28 Apr 1862; bur Belfast. (10?) Amanda L. (possibly their child), b 15 Mar 1864; d 3 Dec 1865; bur Belfast. (10) or (11) Emily Melissa, b Bushkill Tp 26 Feb 1867; d 27 May 1889; m Oscar R. Henritz (also called Ritzy), b about 1863; son of David and Elizabeth Amanda (Young) Henritz; res Cherryville, Lehigh Tp. Children: Wesley David, b 16 Dec 1883, d 15 Sep 1884; Idella May, b 11 Feb 1885, res Lehigh Tp 1906; Olive Rebecca, b 9 Sep 1886, m Green by 1903. (11) or (12) Abraham, b Bushkill Tp 23 Aug 1870; d Easton 19 Jun 1898; unmarried; bur Easton Hgts Cem; member of the firm of Ward and Sheppard, proprietors of the Forest House, Palmer Tp (now Wilson Boro).

William Ward was born in Plainfield Township 23 Apr 1827 and died in Bushkill Township 19 Jan 1887. His entire adult life was devoted to farming in Bushkill Township. In the latter part of 1849 or early 1850 he married Anna Ballantine Semple, of Easton, who was born in New Jersey 21 Jan 1829 and died in Nazareth 11 Jun 1900, a daughter of William and Marrion Semple. The graves of William and Anna are in the old part of the Union Cemetery at Belfast.

William and Anna B. (Semple) Ward had eleven children, all born in Bushkill Township. (1) Alfred, b about 1851; blacksmith, Bushkill Tp, 1870; m Emma E. Rice, b about 1855, dau of Josiah and Susanna Rice; res Freemansburg. Children: William H., b about 1874; Ulysses V., b Freemansburg 20 Sep 1876, m Freemansburg 5 Oct 1897 Addie Zimmerman, b Union Co PA 1 Mar 1877; Lillie M., b about 1880; Ruth S., b about 1884; Wesley P., b 1890; possibly others. (2) Camilla E., b about 1852; m Easton 25 Jan 1873 Jonathan Hampton; res So. Easton. Children: Annie Mary, b Nov 1873, d 19 Dec 1877; Matilda Janetta, b 4 Apr 1875; Laura Isabella, b 27 Mar 1877; William Henry, b 13 Aug 1878, d 16 May 1879; David Elmer, b 18 Apr 1882; Russell Stewart, b 25 May 1889; Ellen E., b 29 Oct 1892; possibly others.

(3) Isabella Agnes Ward, b 17 Sep 1853; d 1 Jul 1935; m Easton 16 Jul 1874 Edward Clinton Neigh, b Easton 4 Nov 1851; d 6 Apr 1893; son of George P. and Rachel Neigh. Child: Helen May, b 1 Feb 1884; possibly others. (4) John J., b about 1854-5; farm laborer, Bushkill Tp, 1870; res Helena OH 1900. (5) Mary Ann (or Marian), b about 1856-7. (6) Matilda Rebecca, b 24 Apr 1858 (bap 8 May 1858, Union Church, Belfast). Both Marian and Matilda R. were married. One of them was the wife of Edward S. Kline of Somerville NJ. The other lived in Easton.

(7) William Henry Ward, b 29 Jan 1860 (bap 12 Feb 1860, Union Church, Belfast); res Ashtabula OH 1900. (8) George, b about 1862-3; m Nazareth 4 Oct 1884 Elizabeth Smith ("Lizzie") of Little Gap, b about 1867-8; d 18 Mar 1921; res Aluta 1900. Children: Floyd, George, Myrtle, Emma, Florence, Carrie, Irene, possibly others. (9) Anna M., b Oct 1864; d 1954; m Howard Hertzog, b 12 Nov 1875; d 16 Dec 1903; res Nazareth. Two children. (10) Maria, b about 1867-8; m Simon Unangst, b about 1858; d Williams Tp 13 Dec 1936; bur Old Williams Cem. Child: Theresa, b about 1887; possibly others: a dau m William Strouse. (11) Margaret Elizabeth, b Nov 1870 (bap 11 Dec 1870, Union Church, Belfast); m Schoeneck 28 Jul 1898 Elmer P. Boerstler, b Upper Nazareth Tp 22 Apr 1864.

(Next from the Jacobsburg area, Charles Sandwick
will discuss the Gold family)

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Horlacher beer bottle. But the prize was a Philadelphia Dyottsville Glass Works bottle. Our research revealed the works were in the Kensington area of Philadelphia.

Our first metal shank button was found in the second week of July. More were located later in the north half of the room at the west wall. Here also were found a large 1842 one-cent coin and our oldest coin to date--an 1817 penny. We also found a one-hole wooden button and a five-hole wooden button. It was our conclusion that the stairway ascended to the second floor along this wall.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Open House Dates, Henry Homestead--September 25 and October 3

Next Board Meeting--September 7

Research Committee Meeting--September 21

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JACOBSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING--OCTOBER 20

John Schlamp, president, has appointed the following committee for our annual meeting at the Stockertown Memorial Hall: Janet Gum, Althea Neuner, Charlotte Sayre, Peggy Shuttleworth, and Louise Young.

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NOTES AND NEWS, JACOBSBURG STATE PARK

Dale Prinkey, superintendent, reports on an unusually successful "Twilight at Jacobsburg" musical series, Sunday evenings, 7 o'clock, at the Park Amphitheatre during the past summer.

The final program is scheduled for September 11: The Water Gap Dixieland Band directed by Roger Acker.

If you have missed these musical free treats, make it a point to attend this last one. Enter from the Parking Lot on the Belfast Road from Rt. 115. The Park Staff has fashioned a stage with lighting. They turned a natural bowl effect into a fine amphitheatre with benches placed on flat areas all the way to the top. There are plenty of places for your own yard chairs. As late as this last September date, sweaters might be in order.

The Easton daily paper, The Express, and the Jacobsburg State Park acknowledge their appreciation to the U.S. Recording Companies that provided funds in whole or in part for the instrumental music for these performances through the Music Performance Trust Funds, as arranged by Local 577, American Federation of Musicians, Bangor/Stroudsburg.