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SEMIANNUAL SPRING MEETING -- THURSDAY, APRIL 26

Do plan to come and bring your friends--this is one of our fun times together. The date is April 26 at the College Hill Presbyterian Church, Brodhead and Monroe Sts., Easton. The time is 7:30 P.M., and we have a real treat in store: Dale Prinkey and Mike Jones will show their slide presentation, "Jacobsburg Memories and Dreams." Dale, of course, is Superintendent of the Jacobsburg State Park and Mike is the Environmental Education Specialist, also of the Jacobsburg State Park. The slides are an exploration of the area's natural and historic resources, environmental and historical interpretive activities, special programs, and, of particular interest, plans for the future.

Janet Gum, program chairperson, secured Dale and Mike for this date. Refreshments will be in charge of Althea Neuner, Peggy Shuttleworth, and Mary Banks.

Do plan to come and bring your friends! Correct date is April 26.

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MAY 2 - DUTCH COUNTRY TRIP

Reservations change rapidly so that although in our March 29 letter we reported both buses filled for this trip, by April 7 we can say there are now 10 seats available. Do get in touch with Matthew Morris. The situation changes almost daily. This promises to be a most interesting trip.

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SUMMER CRAFT FESTIVAL JUNE 2 (SATURDAY)

Remember we are planning our Summer Craft Festival for this new date in early June. Be ready to volunteer help. Aimee Trbuza and Hilton Rahn are co-chairmen. Again we'll need volunteers---in the kitchen, for baking all those goodies, for growing all those plants, and we'll need you to be salesmen at all counters. Please be sure to fill out the attached Volunteer Sheet included with this issue and return to Hilton N. Rahn, Jr., Co-Chairman.

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ALL DUES WERE DUE JANUARY 1, 1984

Please send to Mr. Reginald M. Banks, Jr., Treasurer, Box 345, Nazareth, PA 18064. All contributions are tax deductible to the extent provided by law. Your canceled check is your receipt.

Ask a friend to join!

FIELD JOURNAL 1983
Virginia Lopresti

In May 1983 Pen Argyl students held a day-long field trip that ended at Jacobsburg. Twenty young people tried their hand at being amateur archaeologists along the north wall of the Jacobsburg Inn. They displayed great enthusiasm but were rewarded with only a few artifacts--early English ceramics and a few buttons.

The fourth Sunday of June being Open house at the Henry Homestead found Joe (Lopresti) and myself eagerly explaining our summer project to many visitors. We had two groups who were more interested than others, and they asked if they could come to help with the digging. We told them they would be most welcome.

I had attended the orientation meeting at Nazareth High School the previous week to meet our helpers for the summer. Again they were provided by the government agency, the Private Industry Council, formerly Manpower. Our very willing Theresa from 1982 was to help again plus two boys, Ron and Steve, all from Nazareth.

Early Monday, June 27, J.A., myself, and the three PIC youngsters were on the site. We were soon joined by John, Lynn, and Mike, volunteers who lived near Bethlehem, and by Mrs. Carol K. from Pen Argyl. The newcomers were given a history of Jacobsburg and details of the Jacobsburg Inn. The first order of business was to put up our Jacobsburg Archaeology signs and the second job was to cut weeds over the entire area.

Our investigation was to begin at the north end of the patio, the area where a stairway ascended to the second story porch. The loose dirt was thrown into a depression farther north. Two large stones had been left at the edge of the brick patio the year before. We were soon ready to move them into the inside of the Inn for future use. As the boys picked up the top stone, two very frightened garter snakes tried to go in every direction at once. They were soon wriggling in four young hands whose owners were loath to let them go. It was impressed upon them, however, that the snakes were State Park property, and the snakes were released inside the Inn to find a new home. Soon the area was ready for troweling. Again considerable window pane bits were collected on top of the brick surface that extended 6 ft. beyond the northeast corner of the stone building. We knew we were going to have a productive summer when our sharp-eyed volunteers found $3\frac{1}{2}$ tiny blue seed beads and a milk glass button.

On Monday afternoon, Joe and all the boys cut weeds around the well that was farther north of the building. When the archaeology group from Muhlenberg College arrived, Joe took the boys 650 ft. up State park Road to the site of the Lantz home (1870 map). We think the site was a former shoemaker's home and workshop. Our group cut weeds for the female college crew while they staked out the site of a new archaeology dig. On the second day they took elevations from the Bushkill Creek to the site using a transit. They spent three weeks at the site for college credit. The artifacts they found were late 19th and early 20th century glass. They also uncovered the outline of the building. Professor Hope Luhman expects to return to the site in 1984 with a new group of students.

CRAFT FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS

SUMMER CRAFT FESTIVAL, JUNE 2, 1984, 11:00 to 4:00
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. Please return by May 1 in time to report at May 3 Board meeting.

Name, please _____ 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
_____ NAZARETH
_____ BETHLEHEM
_____ ALLENTOWN
_____ SLATE BELT
_____ BUSHKILL CENTER

_____ BELFAST
_____ WIND GAP
_____ STOCKERTOWN
_____ EMMAUS
_____ TREXLERTOWN
_____ OTHER AREAS

_____ I will contribute to the Baked Goods table (cakes, cookies, 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, June 1, from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M.

_____ I will assist in cleaning up the Festival after 4:00 P.M., Saturday, June 2.

REMEMBER THE DATE. JUNE 2 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., CO-CHAIRMAN

CHRISTIAN GOLD'S CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN

By Charles M. Sandwick, Sr.

Christian Gold was born in what is now the southeastern part of Bushkill Township on 25 Oct 1803, the fifth child and fourth son of George and Rosina (Ernst) Gold. Christian and Daniel, twin brothers, were baptized in their parents' home on 22 Nov 1803 by Rev. Johan Friedrich Frueauf, pastor of the Schoeneck Moravian Church. The sponsors for Christian were John and Susanna (Staut) Roth. Those for Daniel were Nicolaus and Susannah (Ehrenhardt) Seyfried. Daniel died 27 Mar 1805 at the age of 1 year, 5 months and 25 days, and was buried in the Schoeneck Moravian Cemetery. Christian lived fifty-five years in Bushkill Township, where he died on 23 Apr 1859. He and his wife Elizabeth were buried in the old part of the Union Cemetery near Belfast.

Christian Gold married Elizabeth Knecht, who was born 2 Jan 1807 and died 2 Feb 1880, daughter of Jonathan and Margaretha (Hauser) Knecht. The wives of Christian Gold and his brother Thomas were sisters. Both Christian and his brother Jacob had farms about a mile southwest of the Jacobsburg Inn, where their brother Thomas was innkeeper. Christian was a lumberman and a farmer. Christian and Elizabeth (Knecht) Gold had twelve children.

Their first child was Anna Caroline, born 10 Sep 1826; died 17 Feb 1851; married Samuel Heinrich August Siegfried (Henry A.), born 15 Feb 1825, son of Paul and Johanna Maria (Clewel) Siegfried. Children (Siegfried): (1) Ellen Clarisse, b 13 May 1846; d 20 Feb 1905; m 24 Dec 1865 Philip G. Schmickley. (2) Maria Louisa, b 29 Nov 1849; d 28 Oct 1907; m 24 Sep 1870 John Joseph Fehr, b Bushkill Tp 15 Aug 1847; d 13 Jan 1914; son of William and Amelia (Fox) Fehr.

The second child was Wilhelmina Charlotte, born 11 Jan 1828 and baptized at Forks Church 24 Feb; died 30 Jul 1828 and was buried in the cemetery behind Forks Church.

Their third child was James W. Gold, born 15 Dec 1829; died 10 Sep 1885; married Adalaide E. Giersch, born 11 Mar 1833; died 11 Oct 1883; daughter of C. William and Elenora (Clewel) Giersch. Children (Gold): (1) Ellen E., b 30 May 1854; d 9 May 1898; m Joseph Andrews. (2) Sarah C., b 2 Mar 1857; d 11 Sep 1936; m Zachariah Abel. (3) Eugene William, b 18 Oct 1871; d 3 Oct 1957; m Nazareth 16 Feb 1895 Gertie J. Michael, B Bushkill Tp 7 Aug 1874.

The fourth child was Stephen Henry Gold, born 30 Apr 1833 and baptized 9 Jun 1833, the first of Christian's children to be baptized at the Union Church near Belfast; died at Nazareth 28 Nov 1909; married at Bath 10 Oct 1856 Mary Ann Remaly, born 1 Jun 1838, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Lightcap) Remaly. Children (Gold): (1) Granville Franklin, b 1 Mar 1857; d Philadelphia 24 Nov 1936; m at Zucksville, 11 Jan 1894 Lydia Elizabeth Keller, b Hamilton Tp, Monroe Co, 8 Mar 1865. (2) Amanda Elizabeth, b 8 Jan 1859; d 3 Oct 1932; m Rudy Hahn. (3) Milton Joseph, b 15 Mar 1861; d Danville Pa 29 Nov 1893. (4) Aravesta M., b 18 Oct 1862; d 30 Aug 1946; m John H. Reph. (5) Sybilla Catharine, b 29 Oct 1867;

d 12 Aug 1872. (6) William Isaac, b 9 Mar 1870; d 27 Dec 1943; m Hattie Kline. (7) Carrie Francisca, b 30 May 1875; d 16 Mar 1912; m Robert M. Getz. (8) Minnie Sarah, b 25 Nov 1876; d 16 May 1961; m Walter F. Kern. (9) (Rev.) Howard Reuben (D.D.), b 2 Nov 1878; d 17 Feb 1959; m 1923 Margaret H. Coover.

The fifth child of Christian and Elizabeth Gold was Samuel, born 17 Dec 1834, who was baptized 22 Feb 1835 at the Schoeneck Moravian Church. He died 1 Nov 1837.

Their sixth child was Louisa Marietta, born 14 Oct 1836, who was baptized "Lovisa Mary" on 11 Dec 1836 at the Belfast Union Church. She died in 1898 and was buried at Moorestown. She was the wife of Levi F. Roth, who was born about 1831 and died 30 Sep 1894 in Bushkill Township. Children (Roth): (1) Maria E., b 1857; d 1928; m Daniel Heckman. (2) Wilson W., b 22 Feb 1860; d 8 Apr 1925; m Sarah Silfies. (3) Mathias F., b 2 Oct 1863; d Aug 1935; m Ellen S. Clewell, b 20 Nov 1867, dau of J. Reuben and Henrietta (Kaske) Clewell.

The seventh child was Melinda, born 30 Jun 1840; died 31 May 1898; buried in Hope Cemetery at hecktown; married John J. Kreidler who died in Lower Nazareth Township 15 Feb 1895. Children (Kreidler): (1) Elmer J., b 23 Jun 1865; d 15 Jan 1933; m 4 Aug 1887 Sarah Elizabeth Beck, b 5 Aug 1866, dau of Jacob and Susanna (Reinheimer) Beck. (2) Edna E., b 23 Jul 1867; d 19 Jun 1928; m Lower Nazareth Tp 27 Sep 1890 William H. Johnson, b about 14 Oct 1869, son of George W. Johnson.

The eighth child was Richard H. Gold, born 11 Dec 1841; died 20 Dec 1907; buried in Fairview Cemetery, Pen Argyl; private in Co. K, 153rd Regt., Pa. Vol. Inf. in the Civil War; shoemaker by trade; married Elizabeth Young. Children (Gold): (1) Minnie E., b 29 May 1869; d July 1949; m 5 Apr 1887 Reuben Harding, Jr., of Pen Argyl, b 15 Jul 1866. (2) (Dr.) Charles E., b 10 Jun 1875; d 5 Aug 1953; m Gertie Speer. (3) Floyd E., b 9 Jul 1884.

The ninth child was Lewis Franklin Gold, born 23 Sep 1843; died 1 Jul 1906; buried in Nazareth Moravian Cemetery; private in Co. A, 153rd Regt., Pa. Vol. Inf. in the Civil War; married 23 Dec 1866 Maria E. Neumoyer, who died 1 Aug 1919 in Nazareth. One child: Alice L. Gold, b 3 Sep 1867 (or '68); d 19 Oct 1918; m Bethlehem 23 Oct 1890 Charles E. King of East Allen Tp, b 5 Jun 1869.

The tenth child was Elizabeth, born 19 Mar 1845; died 28 Mar 1908; married 11 Nov 1865 William H. Johnson, who was born 29 Nov 1840, and died 19 Jun 1902, son of Henry and Dora Johnson. Both were buried in Salem Church Cemetery at Moorestown. Children (Johnson): (1) Jacob H., b 30 Jan 1867; d 7 Jul 1947; m three times, to Mary Schall, Ida Sobers, and Mary Schlegel. (2) Robert G., b 8 Nov 1870; d 21 Jan 1958; m Victoria Haldeman. (3) Elizabeth, b 30 Aug 1871; d 17 Sep 1955; m Howard Seyfried. (4) Eva, b 27 Mar 1874; d 15 Feb 1933; m George J. Raesly. (5) William T., b 26 Oct 1875; d 22 Sep 1956; m Mary Seifert.

The eleventh child was Julianna (Julia Ann), born 10 Aug 1846; died 19 May 1916; married 1 Dec 1866 Michael C. Meyer, born 22 Oct 1841; died at Jacobsburg 30 Mar 1910; buried at Moorestown; son of John and Lydia

(Heckman) Meyer. Children (Meyer): (1) Mary, b 14 Dec 1867; d 21 Jul 1895; m Henry Santee. (2) William H., b 12 Jan 1869; d 1 Sep 1926; res Hecktown; m Amanda Person. (3) John J., b 24 Jul 1870; d 19 Apr 1957; res Bushkill Centre; m Ida Savilla Barthol. (4) Lizzie, b 14 May 1872; d 12 Oct 1958; m Samuel D. Smith; res Siegfried, Allen Tp. (5) James Franklin, b 4 Feb 1875; d 29 Aug 1956; res Nazareth; m Ella Schlegel. (6) Annie, b 20 Sep 1876; d 18 Mar 1964; m Samuel S. Fritz; res Pen Argyl. (7) Alice, b 9 Nov 1878; d 9 Oct 1915; m John Frederick Lehr; res Nazareth. (8) Adam, b 16 Dec 1880; d 7 Dec 1955; res Bethlehem; m Adelaide Newhard. (9) Eva Elizabeth, b 21 Nov 1882; d 20 Feb 1928; m Richard Bath. (10) David Calvin, b 10 Jul 1885; d 19 Oct 1907. (11) Howard Thomas, b 27 Sep 1888; d 7 Feb 1955; m Florence Messinger.

The twelfth child of Christian and Elizabeth was Thomas Jefferson Gold, who was born 2 Oct 1852, and died 26 Nov 1913. He married Mary Alice Hoch. One child: Gertie Minerva Gold, b Hanover Tp, Northampton Co, 4 Nov 1878; d 25 Feb 1950; m Bath 2 May 1896 George W. Achenbach, b East Allen Tp 6 Dec 1875, son of Samuel Achenbach.

Some of our members are descendants of Christian and Elizabeth (Knecht) Gold. Among their forty grandchildren whom we have listed, we wonder how many of our readers have found the names of their own grandparents or great-grandparents.

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BOARD NOTES AND NEWS

We're happy to welcome back to health Joe Lopresti and Louise Young, both oh-so-valuable Board members.

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Again we list the dates to be noted on all calendars:

Spring Semiannual Meeting - Thursday, April 26, 7:30 p.m.,
College Hill Presbyterian Church, Easton
Summer Craft Festival - Saturday, June 2, 4-H Building on Bushkill
Center Road out of Nazareth
Open House Dates. - 4th Sundays, April through October
April 29 (5th Sunday; Easter is the 4th Sunday)
Bob Newell and Jim Wright, from their trip to Fort Henry
in February, plan to give an 1812 impression of the scene
May 7 August 26
June 24 September 23
July 22 October 28
Park Encampment, with a Civil War theme - September 21, 22, 23
(Friday, Saturday, Sunday)
Fall Annual Meeting - October 18 (Thursday), 6:00 p.m.,
Stockertown Memorial Hall
Christmas Celebration, Henry Homestead - Sunday, December 2

We have discussed previously plans for the Spring House on the Benade property across from the Park parking lot. The Society has voted \$750 for flooring and joists in the rehabilitation of the building. Flooring will be of yellow pine, tongue-and-groove style, 1 3/4 in. thick and kiln dried. This building promises to be another in the educational mold so successfully done with the Benade house itself.

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Another A. J. Henry and Son percussion rifle has been given to the Society by a friend, as well as a chest of tools given by Louise Dawson and offered by Bruce Drinkhouse. We say thank you for all such gifts and express our appreciation.

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We are delighted to report that money is on hand for 600-700 copies of Charlie Sandwick's book, an edited version of all the articles printed in The Record concerning families in the Jacobsburg area.

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The Society has accepted Claude Jones's generous offer to repair and recondition the large "walking wheel" on display in the cabin room of the Homestead.

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The most exciting news of which we shall hear further is the plan to make the Homestead barn into a display/information center. Dale Prinkey, Ellis Neuner, Joe DiGerlando, Reginald Banks, Mike Jones, and Matt Morris have met with Jim Hartnett of Lanark Construction Co. to explore possibilities. Joe Lopresti is also a member of the committee. Recommendations include: Exterior - wooden shakes on roof, horizontal siding (2 layers with insulation between). Concrete floor in cow barn. Vapor barrier and herringbone brick floor. Laboratory for archaeology, with water and heat. An area for restoration work on the carriage, sleigh, etc. On the creek side, a classroom, workshop, projection room, and small auditorium. A heated storage area in the forebay. An area to display wagons, carriages etc. Electric heat, possible toilet facilities, septic tank and drain field to service Homestead and barn. Upgrade present water system.

Dollars and cents will be explored, discussed, and reported later.

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Margaret Peters has agreed to serve on the Homestead Committee. This committee plans a housecleaning session before the first Open House on April 29.

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During the Lenten season, the Board is meeting the first Thursday of the month, rather than the first Wednesday.

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Student	\$2.50	Sustaining	\$10.00	Contributing	\$15.00
Individual	5.00	Family	12.50	Organizations	25.00

Name Contributions

Tannery Club	\$100	Boulton Club	\$500	Henry Rifle Club	\$1000
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