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1986 DUES ARE DUE!

We have all received reminders that 1986 dues were due January 1. Please make checks payable to Jacobsburg Historical Society and send to P. O. Box 345, Nazareth, PA 18064. We are indebted to our treasurer, Reginald Banks, for these first-of-the-year dues reminders. If you have mislaid the notice please use the Membership Application from the last page of this issue of The Jacobsburg Record.

Remember: a check for \$100 will make you a member of the Tannery Club, \$500 of the Boulton Club, and \$1000 of the Henry Rifle Club. We have Tannery Club members--thank you--and are looking forward to welcoming members into the Boulton and Henry Rifle Clubs.

OFFICERS FOR 1986

At the Board's first meeting in 1986, January 8, officers were nominated and elected. Congratulations to Matthew K. Morris, president; Hilton N. Rahn, Jr., 1st vice president; Dallam E. Blandy, 2nd vice president; Elizabeth L. Morris, secretary; and Reginald M. Banks, Jr., treasurer. Names were presented by Jessie R. Sandwick, chairperson of the nominating committee.

On the last page of this issue is a list of Board members with their respective tenures. Matt will have committees appointed and ready for publication in the March/April issue.

Matt Morris, of course, is a charter member of the Society. Related to the Henry family and having lived just down the road from the Homestead, he has been involved in all our doings. He will be extremely busy, as this is the year he and Betty are moving from their home to one of the newly fashioned apartments in Nazareth in the old 1840 Church that later served as the gym for the Nazareth Hall Academy. To the Morrises, congratulations and best wishes for this momentous year!

THANK YOU TO JOHN J. SCHLAMP

We acknowledge, from 1981 through 1985, the excellent leadership of John J. Schlamp, retiring president of the Jacobsburg Historical Society. John came into the presidency at a difficult time following the death of our first president and leader, Cay Beers. John has given us a forward-looking administration, a stalwart hands-on presidency, supportive of all our programs. Along with the activity, too, John has made available to us the Board Room of the Nazareth National Bank and Trust Co. for our monthly meetings--which courtesy, by the way, he assures us will be continued, along with the services of secretaries. Thank you, John, for an outstanding job. He continues on the Board.

SALUTE TO THE LOPRESTIS

1985 has proved to be the last year for the Virginia and Joe Lopresti archaeological digs in Jacobsburg areas controlled by the State. The new law indicates only professionally trained archaeologists may recover artifacts within State-owned lands. Therefore we are printing the two final reports by Virginia of the Lopresti Field Journal.

We shall miss hearing about new items the Loprestis have found on Henry manufacturing sites and other area historical locations. We salute this couple who have meant much to the founding of the Society. With their vast enthusiasm, they have contributed much in area historical knowledge, and in addition, have been willing to share with school children, as well as others. Theirs has been a devotion to history in many respects. Joe has lent his construction expertise and Virginia her culinary expertise to all our former Park projects. Their faithful showings of artifacts each month at our Open House Sundays have entranced and edified all visitors. Most gratefully we say thank you Virginia and Joe.

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JACOBSTOWN FIELD JOURNAL, 1985
Virginia Lopresti

The summer work in Jacobsburg looked very promising when the Private Industry Council gave us two girls and one boy to help with our archaeological investigations. But our spirits dropped when the same group sent young people to the Wolf Academy in Bath which made J. A. Lopresti's presence there necessary. So we decided most of the time would be spent working on the artifacts we had found at the Inn the previous three summers.

We had some time before Joe's departure, so our first two days were spent measuring the area and cutting the weeds. The Nazareth Neighborhood Girl Scouts were camping at Jacobsburg in July, and they wanted to spend some time with us treasure hunting. We prepared the backyard of the Inn and the area north of the path to the outdoor privy.

We had hoped to begin investigating the site of the blacksmith shop. It had been located on the north corner where the 1700's road went to the Clewell farm and to Abraham Sober's mill. A volunteer visited the site with a metal detector. The detector emitted many sounds along the right of way to the west, but few metal objects were picked up, indicating most of them were buried. The site of the blacksmith shop seemed more promising when the triangle blade of a mower sickle knife was picked up. It was decided to wait for Joe Lopresti's expertise to reveal at which lucky spot we should place our first stake.

Before that could happen, however, we were told by the Park personnel that we could not open any new sites in the Park. We had inklings of this development in 1984 and in 1985. At both spring meetings in those years, those attending the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology were asked for input to the State's proposal for investigating State property. The upshot was the directive that after 1985, only professional archaeologists would be allowed to dig on State-owned lands.

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THE FAMILY OF GOTTLIEB STAUBER

By Charles M. Sandwick, Sr.

It will be recalled that Elisabeth Steiner (1769-1851), daughter of Friedrich Heinrich and Anna (Volz) Steiner, was married at Schoeneck, 4 Nov 1794, to Gottlieb Stauber (1768-1820), a native of North Carolina. In the last article about the Steiner family we promised that the Stauber family would be the subject of the following article. Gottlieb Stauber was a Schreiner, or house carpenter. He and Elisabeth were members of the Moravian congregation at Schoeneck, where their marriage, their deaths, and the births and baptisms of their children were recorded.

The death record of Gottlieb Stauber, in Book Two of the Schoeneck registers, states that he was born at Friedland, North Carolina, 8 Feb 1768, "son of the late Paul Christian Stauber, saddler in Bethabara, and Anna Marie (Metz) Stauber, now living in Salem." The records at the Moravian Archives in Winston-Salem, however, indicate that he was born at Friedberg, not Friedland. The former settlement was eight miles southwest, and the latter five miles southeast, of Salem.

Paul Christian Stauber, with his wife Anna Maria and at least two of their children, arrived at Bethabara, North Carolina, on 9 Nov 1767, having migrated from Pennsylvania. They were accompanied by the families of Andreas Volz and Joseph Holder. The Stauber family settled at Friedberg.

The Bethabara diary has this entry under the date of 3 Mar 1772: "By noon the snow had melted. Br. Stauber, with his wife and four children, Christian, Franz, Gottlieb, and Elisabeth, came from Friedberg with two wagons, and moved into the former tailor house." In 1777, the family moved to the farm near Bethabara formerly occupied by Johannes Steinmann, who had died in 1775. In the fall of 1783 they returned to town, where Br. Stauber was put in charge of the school for little boys.

The terms of Brother Stauber's teaching contract will interest many of our readers. The Bethabara diary has the following entry, dated 30 Nov 1783: "Br. Stauber will begin the school for little boys tomorrow. During the short days the sessions will last until four o'clock. This shall apply to the girls' school also. The parents shall supply their children with fire-wood, books, paper and ink. Br. Stauber promised to teach the children to read German and English, to write and to cipher. On Saturday school shall close at noon. He shall receive 20 pounds a year salary, and Sr. Dixon shall have 12 pounds. The children attending school, that is those four years of age and above, shall have a love feast tomorrow, and one parent from each family shall come with them."

Paul Christian Stauber was born at Frankfurt am Main, German, 26 Dec 1726, and died at Bethabara N.C. 11 Jul 1793, son of Johann Christian and Catherine Elizabeth (Rullman) Stauber. On 28 Jul 1760, in Frederick Township (near Philadelphia), he married Anna Maria Metz, who was born at Rosenthal, Kassel, Hesse, 11 Dec 1738, and died at Salem, North Carolina, 22 Jan 1826, daughter of Conrad and Sibylla (Ockertshausen) Metz. A saddler by trade, Brother Stauber was also a farmer and school-master.

Paul Christian and Anna Maria (Metz) Stauber had six children. Their eldest son (1) Christian Gottfried was born at Skippack, Pennsylvania, 28 May 1761, and died in Salem, North Carolina, 1 Feb 1837. He married at Salem 30 Oct 1791 Anna Maria Baumgarten, who was born near Salem 17 Nov 1769 and died at Bethabara 22 Feb 1827, daughter of Johann George and Maria (Fiscus) Baumgarten. They had eight children. In 1774, Christian Gottfried went from Bethabara to Salem, where he received training as a tailor. He went to Pennsylvania in the fall of 1789 to learn the trade of papermaking, returning to Salem on 21 Apr 1790. From 12 Feb 1807 to 27 Feb 1812 he served as schoolmaster in Bethania.

The second child of Paul Christian and Anna Maria (Metz) Stauber was (2) Anna Maria, who was born at Lititz, Pennsylvania, 2 Apr 1763, and died in Bethlehem 25 Jun 1793 at the age of 30 years and 12 weeks. She was unmarried. The next child was (3) Franz, who was born at Hebron (now Lebanon), Pennsylvania, 12 Mar 1765, and died at Bethania, North Carolina, 28 Sep 1824. He married 24 Apr 1792 Elisabeth Hauser, who was born at Bethania 22 Oct 1768 and died there 28 May 1857, daughter of George and Anna Margaretha (Elrod) Hauser. They had five children. Franz was a potter by trade, having served an apprenticeship under Br. Aust in Salem. In his later years, he lived with his family in a hamlet called Stauber Town, on the outskirts of Bethania.

The youngest son of Paul Christian and Anna Maria (Metz) Stauber was (4) Gottlieb, who was born in Friedberg, North Carolina, 8 Feb 1768, and died at Schoeneck, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, 4 Jun 1820. He married at Schoeneck Nov 1794 Elisabeth Steiner, who was born in Allen Township 6 Nov 1769, was baptized in her 15th year at Schoeneck, and died there 23 Sep 1851, daughter of Friedrich Heinrich and Anna (Volz) Steiner. They had seven children, all born at Schoeneck during 1796-1811. We shall resume their record presently.

The last two children of Paul Christian and Anna Maria (Metz) Stauber were daughters. (5) Anna Elisabeth (called Elisabeth) was born at Friedberg 23 Dec 1771 and died at Bethabara 2 Sep 1801. She was single. (6) Anna Johanna (called Johanna) was born at Bethabara 11 Dec 1774 and died at Salem 5 Aug 1870. She married at Salem 22 Jan 1797 Christoph Vogler, who was born 25 Sep 1765 and died at Salem 9 Dec 1827, son of Philip Christoph and Catharina (Seitz) Vogler.

Gottlieb Stauber (1768-1820) was still in North Carolina as late as 1788, six years before his marriage in Schoeneck. According to the Bethabara diary, on 6 Apr 1788, "Br. Johann Krause came this afternoon, bringing Gottlieb Stauber. They will make the door and window frames for the new building."

An entry in the Salem diary dated 17 Oct 1802 mentions Gottlieb as a visitor: "Soon after five o'clock in the afternoon we had the pleasure of welcoming Br. Benzien and his wife, and with them the single Br. Sebastian Gund, destined for the Brothers House, Br. Nathanael Schober, who went to Pennsylvania with Br. Benzien, Br. Samuel Strub of Bethania who drove their horses, and the married Br. Gottlieb Stauber from Schoeneck who brought their baggage in his wagon. As they entered the town several chorales were blown on the trombones from the church steeple."

The first child of Gottlieb and Elisabeth (Steiner) Stauber was (1) Beatus, a male child, stillborn 15 Jul 1796. Their second child, (2) Maria Susanna, was born 27 Feb 1798 and died 25 Aug 1863. She married at Schoeneck 13 Dec 1818 Franz Thomas Clewell (called Thomas F.), a wheelwright, who was born at Schoeneck 21 Apr 1791 and died there 1 Feb 1866, son of Nathanael and Anna Elisabeth (Klein) Clewell. They had six sons and one daughter.

The third child of Gottlieb and Elisabeth was (3) Christian Heinrich Stauber, carpenter and pump maker, who was born 7 Jul 1799 and died at Filetown 6 Oct 1830. He married at Schoeneck 23 Aug 1823 Dorothea Benade, who was born at Nazareth 26 Jan 1796 and died at Pen Argyl 18 Dec 1881, daughter of Christopher Benedict and Elisabeth (Alleman) Benade. Their only child, Emilie Elisabeth Stauber, also called Amelia (1829-1917), married Peter Fehr (1824-1882). Dorothea married second Gabriel Romig (1804-1872).

The next child of Gottlieb and Elisabeth (Steiner) Stauber was (4) Carolina Lisette (in Nazareth written Caroline Lisetta), who was born 13 Mar 1802 and died at Nazareth 16 Oct 1850. She was married at Nazareth 14 Jan 1827 to Ferdinand Jacob Beck (Jacob F.), who was born at Christian's Spring 20 Aug 1791 and died at Nazareth 26 Mar 1857, son of Christian Henry and Anna Christina (Eyerly) Beck, and widower of Anna Rosina (Levering) Beck who died 3 Jun 1825. Jacob F. and Caroline L. (Stauber) Beck had eight daughters and three sons.

The fifth child of Gottlieb and Elisabeth Stauber was (5) Louise, who was born 24 Aug 1803 and died 13 Mar 1835. She married at Schoeneck 12 Nov 1826 August Heinrich Clewell, who was born at Schoeneck 17 Aug 1798 and died 1 May 1875, son of Daniel and Susanna Margaretha (Klein) Clewell. They had three sons and one daughter.

The next child of Gottlieb and Elisabeth was (6) Carl Friedrich (Charles Frederick) who was born 27 May 1808. Except that his inheritance from his father, in 1820, included tools for the turning business, and that he was living in 1838, we have no further information about him.

Their youngest child was (7) Paulina Henriette, who was born 31 Jul 1811. She married at Schoeneck 12 Dec 1830 Joshua Miksch, who was born in Nazareth 9 Feb 1809, son of Friedrich and Elisabeth (Huber) Miksch.

At the Moravian Archives in Bethlehem we gleaned information for our research on the Stauber family from the registers of the Moravian congregations at Bethlehem, Nazareth and Schoeneck, and also from Records of the Moravians in North Carolina, in Publications of the North Carolina Historical Commission. we thank Dr. Thomas Hauptert, formerly of Bethlehem, Archivist of the Moravian Archives at Winston-Salem, and Mrs. June Laurence, assistant and staff genealogist at that institution, for the Stauber data extracted from the registers of the congregations at Salem, Bethabara and Bethania, North Carolina.

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The Sun Inn Preservation Association and the Moravian College Alumni Association are sponsoring June and September trips to the British Isles. See attached brochure for details.

NEW COLUMN ON CENTER ACTIVITIES

With this issue we are introducing a column by Earl Van Norman, Easton, on work at the Benade House and Spring House areas. He and others, as noted in the November/December issue, are working and studying in these locations every weekend. They do their own cooking and dress in the style of the period from 1740-1790. The invitation is out to join the group.

REPORT FROM THE BENADE HOUSE AND SPRING HOUSE
Earl Van Norman

Another phase of restoration has been completed on the Spring House in 1985. James Lirio, a friend of Joe Lopresti, applied the smooth coat to the walls of the Spring House with the assistance of Joe and his son Paul. This enabled Jim Stephan of Easton, son-in-law of E. Van Norman, to paint the entire interior. The woodwork has been either repaired or replaced and matched as closely as possible to the original by E. Van Norman with the able assistance of Mary Ann Vincent and Ray Rush. Mary Ann is the oil that makes everything go smoothly at the Benade House. Her sassafras tea and delicious stews are a welcome treat. Ray, who is a volunteer to the Center and a direct descendant of Declaration of Independence signer Benjamin Rush, also uses the forge for interpretations and has shown our apprentice Terry Malloy of Forks Township how to use it. Terry has made the new 18th century style window locks for the Spring House to replace the 20th century ones. Dale Prinkey has completed the improvement to the fireplace to allow it to draw properly. He did this with the assistance of Ken Bisbee who, by the way, installed the ceiling. Claude Jones is also in the process of making new windows, fashioned after the original, for the basement of the Spring House. The new windows will provide the much needed ventilation taken away when the glass windows were installed in the original restoration. We will soon look into building a new door for the Spring House. It will match the German-style doors used in this area and the period of the house. All the hardware will, of course, match the period and be forged at the Benade House.

Historical interpretations are an on-going process at the Benade House complex. Bob Frick provides us with his wealth of information, and we depend heavily on his expertise. This quiet gentleman is also our biggest supporter of the living history program. He is always on the lookout for a piece of equipment that will enhance the program, and his presence every Sunday adds much to our portrayal.

We have another man who provides us with much-valued information. His name is Ephraim. Nobody knows exactly where he comes from, but he is always willing to tell the people visiting the Center all about his exploits among the Indians and in the Pennsylvania frontier. He also claims to have been on a first-name basis with a young lieutenant named Washington when Braddock's Army was defeated out in the unsettled section of Pennsylvania near Fort Duquesne.

To have obtained so much knowledge about such things, you would have to assume that Bob and Ephraim have been around awhile. This is not to say they're old, but when the Lord finished his creation on the sixth day, he turned and said, "How do you like it, guys?"

George Dech, a man certainly familiar to all in the Society and in blackpowder circles, has displayed his talents many times at Jacobsburg, and we all look forward to more.

Many other people also have provided us with expert interpretations and craft demonstrations, not the least of which are Don Graves and Mike Colby, who do a tremendous job on the flax program. These two fellows are not strangers to Jacobsburg.

The Northamptowne Militia also provides many people who take time out from their busy schedules to come over and spend the day talking with visitors about military life during the struggle for independence.

The people and the period depicted at the Benade House complex are those of German farmers settling in the Jacobsburg area and the years 1740 to 1790. Everyday colonial living is portrayed, and the history of the Center and the Henrys is also given.

Anyone who is interested in helping us conduct this living history is more than welcome. It would be a wonderful thing for more Society members to share their talents with us and to share the warm feelings we receive from all the visitors. We can lend you period clothes (not costumes -- a costume is something one wears to a Halloween party, or show you the correct patterns for the period and you can make your own. Just contact Dale Prinkey any day at the Center office and he will accommodate you.

As a postscript, I would like to add that in the year 1985, when we first began to keep attendance records, approximately 5500 persons toured the Spring House. These folks came from 17 states and 4 countries. It's really rewarding to share what we have at Jacobsburg with people from California, Oregon, Michigan, Florida, Canada, England, and West Germany. Two ladies, one from Arizona and the other from Minnesota, were surprised to learn we had no indians around here. They remarked there were many in their home states.

Naturally, the bulk of our visitors are from the Lehigh Valley. We have our regulars, who come almost every week to see how we're doing on a particular project, and we have the "first-timers" who are surprised to find such an interesting place so close to base.

Other remarks people say to us or write in our book make all our efforts worthwhile. In among all the "nice," "wonderful," "great" are a lot of gems. One little girl from Bethlehem wrote, "I came upon the scene and saw everyone hardly working." Another little girl wrote, "We ♡ you!" Still another wrote, "I love Ralph ♡!" "Ralph is sure a lucky guy,whoever, he is."

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NEW FACES ON BOARD

We point out two new names on the Board of Directors list, last page: Earl Van Norman Easton, already introduced as the new columnist for the Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center, and Doris Kennedy, Nazareth. Doris is the new head of publicity and will be responsible for letting local newspapers know what is going on in the Jacobsburg Historical Society. We extend a warm and hearty welcome to these new members of the Board and look forward to working with them. The Board meets the first Wednesday evening of the month, 7:30, in the Board Room of the Nazareth National Bank and Trust Co.

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2nd and last contribution, 1985 Field Journal by Virginia Lopresti

Soon after, we learned we no longer had a State Park. The area was now the "Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center." It is only the fourth one set up in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

So we laid out squares in the backyard of the Inn in preparation for young visitors from the Girl Scout camp. When our Private Industry Council people were ready to scream from boredom with marking windowpane and bottle fragments, they were also allowed to dig for history. A few interesting bits of redware and Early English ceramics were uncovered, but the immediate backyard area of the Inn was disappointing.

When the 20 or so girls arrived, they much preferred the area north of the path. The artifacts were more numerous there. In the area nearest the privy, several pieces of twisted wire were found. One proved to be a brooch. We like to think that at one time it held a cameo. Another piece was a 3½ in. long hair pin. It displayed three places that at one time had held tiny stones or jewels at the loop end.

It was during the Girl Scout visit that we found the highlight of the summer. Our veteran girl helper was loosening dirt for the Brownies to trowel through in search of goodies. She spotted and picked up a (brass?) cufflink made of two oblong shank buttons connected by an oblong link. Both buttons were engraved with a fox running through grass. Across the top in tiny letters the word "Tallio" was engraved. It was estimated to date from 1790 to 1800 by Stephen Warfel of the William Penn Memorial Museum Commission. Our first showing of this artifact at an Open House at Boulton elicited this story from Charles Sandwich, Jr.: An American visitor wanted to join an English fox hunt. He was invited to do so. after the adventure, he asked his host, "How did I do?" "Fine," the host replied, "except when you saw the fox you were supposed to say, 'Tallyho the fox,' not 'There goes the S.O.B.'"

Our work on previously found artifacts helped us discover an unusual stoneware article. We glued together some pieces of stoneware and soon discovered it had two rims. It proved to be a ring, 8 in. in diameter and 4 in. high. It certainly never had a bottom, and we are assuming it was a butter or cheese mold. Inquiries, however, have not given us any proof. Our further work at the picnic table under the walnut tree became so uninteresting there were no comments to be made on the project the last two days of the 1985 season.

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DATES FOR 1986 CALENDARS

April 22 - Semiannual Spring Meeting, College Hill Presbyterian Church, Brodhead and Monroe Streets, EaSTON, 8 P.M.
Note the Tuesday date. Program: Claude Jones, narrator, and slides by Reggie Banks on restoration and repair of spinning wheel now on display at Henry Homestead

October 23 - Annual Dinner Meeting, Stockertown Memorial Hall

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