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BOARD NOTES AND NEWS

The August 6 Board Meeting will be held at the Homestead, 7:30 p.m. Hilton Rahn, 1st Vice President, will be in charge.

President Matthew Morris is recovering very well from his first new knee operation. Yes, the second knee is to be done in late summer/early fall, and we hope for just as great a success. We are very, very happy to hear the good news.

Speaking of the Homestead, we are further pleased to report that Steve Kalmar, our excellent tenant/caretaker, is recovering nicely from a thyroid operation. We are glad these anxious moments are behind us.

We have always claimed we have a working Board, and sure enough Bill Atherton volunteered to help Steve and keep an eye on the Homestead doings while Steve is recuperating. We appreciate it, Bill, and thank you so much.

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The Executive Committee reports steps taken to repair the malfunctioning sewer line from the Homestead to the septic tank. George Kratzer of Bethlehem is doing the work.

Milton Kelchner of the Cozy Barn of Fireplaces and Stoves, Cherry Hill Road, has agreed to do repair work on the Carriage House, securing doors, replacing boards, etc. Milton is renowned for having built his own home on Henry road and is known as an excellent craftsman and plumbing and heating man.

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The Society's share from the sale of a book to be ready by Christmas is to go into an acquisitions fund for Henry rifles. Participating groups include the Nazareth Heritage Foundation, the Jacobsburg Historical Society, the Moravian Hall Square Museum Craft Shop, and the Moravian Historical Society. Jacobsburg's representative to the committee is Walter Peters who has secured the services of Henry Williams, retired head of Reeves Library, Moravian College. This book, the first in a series of five, will be written by Henry Williams, and will start with Nazareth history beginning 1740. Probable price of the softbound 3½ x 5½ in. book: \$5.00.

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| August 24 | - Mrs. Walter Haupt, Nazareth, will show items from her many historical memorabilia |
| September 28 | - Richard Keck, talented carver now in Delaware, formerly from Nazareth, will show carved and painted decoys |
| October 26 | - William Gold, Nazareth, will bring in his miniatures of Nazareth Historical sites in the Nazareth Square |
| December 7
1-4 p.m. | - William Gold this time will run his H-O gage model train, and we'll have other toys and dolls on display. Cookies and our Jacobsburg Brew will be served
Henry rifles will be on display, and Charlie Sandwick will be present to autograph "Jacobsburg" the Society's book. |

BENADE HAUS REPORT
Earl Van Norman

Well, summer is in full bloom now. The grass is high, but not yet burned, and the trees are hanging low with their burden of leaves completely obscuring the view of the Benade Haus and Spring House from the road. But just because we cannot be readily seen does not mean there isn't any activity going on. The volunteers are still on the job telling visitors all about colonial life in Jacobsburg. Incidentally we have a lovely new volunteer in our midst. Jennifer Werkeiser of Belfast and a student at Nazareth High School has joined our group, and a welcome addition she is. She says that she was a student of Jim Wright and Bob Newell and would like to major in history when she goes to college. Keep 'em coming, guys.

A couple of weeks ago one of our visitors wrote in our guest book "remarks" column that we were "awesome". I'm not sure about that adjective, but I'll take it that he was favorably impressed. Other visitors included one of this year's crop of groundhogs looking for a home of his own. He decided the Benade Haus would be a nice place-- particularly behind the big red tool box! I explained to him that Dale would probably prefer that he set up residence in a more traditional groundhog location, so he bade us farewell and left. Another visitor was a little more reluctant to leave. On opening the Spring House door one Sunday, I was surprised by a noisy brown and yellow blur flying past my head. The brown and yellow blur flew over and crashed against a window pane and knocked himself silly. When I picked up this trespasser, I couldn't help but admire the deceptively beautiful plumage of his yellow shafted flicker with that slash of red across the back of his head. Apparently our mustachioed friend gained entrance down the chimney and was there for quite a while, judging by the number of deposits he spread around the room. I also saw he was quite fatigued and looked as if he might need some water; I cupped a little in my hand, but he didn't want it. However, he soon recovered enough for me to put him on the trunk of one of our walnut trees, and he just hung there for quite a while. Then suddenly he was gone, probably vowing to stay out of chimneys.

Readers of "Country Home" (published by Better Homes and Gardens) will see some familiar faces and sites in the August issue. Don Graves and Mike Colby have an article written about them and their flax activities at Jacobsburg and Bethlehem. It is very well done and the photography is great. Be sure to read it. If you would like to see the principals in person, just come to the Center because the flax is ready to be harvested and processed.

On August 3rd you will be able to see Don, Mike, Mary Ann, and me, along with a number of other crafts people at the Burnside Farm in Bethlehem. This is a fund raiser to keep this old farm from becoming a development. How about joining us?

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SOME DESCENDANTS OF GOTTLIEB DEMUTH

By Charles M. Sandwick, Sr.

Add to your trivia collection the fact that the German word for "humility" is "Demuth" (pronounced "day-moot"). If someone told you that his name was God-beloved Humility, you would probably accuse him of pulling your leg. Nevertheless, that is the meaning of the name of Gottlieb Demuth, the ancestor of several families that were dwelling in the north central part of Northampton County between 1770 and 1830.

Gottlieb Demuth was born in Carlsdorff, Moravia (now part of Czechoslovakia), in 1716, and died at Schoeneck, Northampton County, 6 Oct. 1776. He united with the Moravians at Herrnhut, Saxony, in 1726. He joined a Moravian migration to Georgia in 1736, and came from there to Pennsylvania in 1739. His parents were Tobias and Maria (Tonn) Demuth. In May 1740 he was married (by Rev. Boehm) to Eva Barbara Gutsler, who was born in the Palatinate in Nov. 1713 and died at Schoeneck 20 June 1784, daughter of Heinrich and Anna Maria Gutsler, of the Reformed denomination.

Gottlieb and Eva Barbara (Gutsler) Demuth had nine children, whose places of birth show the pattern of migration of the family until they finally settled in the neighborhood of Schoeneck. Their first child was (1) Tobias, who was born at Saucona, Saucon Tp, Bucks Co. (now Lower Saucon Tp, Northampton Co.) 13 June 1741, and was baptized in the Lutheran congregation of Williams Tp 7 Feb. 1742. In 1745 he was enrolled in the Moravian school in Frederick Township, near Philadelphia. Except that he was living in 1753, that is all we know about him. The next two children, (2) Johannes, born at Bethlehem 22 June 1743, and (3) Gottlieb, born at Bethlehem 23 Feb. 1745, both died in infancy.

Their fourth child was (4) Anna Maria, who was born in Frederick Township 31 Aug. 1746, and died at Bethlehem 1 Apr. 1813. She married at Bethlehem 30 Oct. 1790 Johann Christian Hasse, who was born at Ebersdorff 27 Apr. 1740 and died at Bethlehem 24 June 1797, son of Johann Michael and Catharine (Werner) Hasse, and widower of Anna (Chase) Hasse who died in 1786.

The next child of Gottlieb and Eva Demuth was (5) Joseph, who was born in Frederick Township 1 Dec. 1748 (the first Sunday in Advent) and died at Nazareth 23 Feb. 1827. He married at Nazareth 15 Aug. 1787 Maria Magdalena Schnall, who was born at Bethlehem 10 Aug. 1748 and died at Nazareth 19 Nov. 1815.

Their sixth child was (6) Gottlieb, Jr., who was born in Frederick Township 18 Nov. 1750, and died 25 Jan. 1825. He married at Schoeneck 12 Apr. 1773 Anna Maria Alleman, who probably was born in Lancaster County about 1759, daughter of Dorst and Verona (Yohe) Alleman. The family record of Gottlieb, Jr., and Anna Maria (Alleman) Demuth has been published in our book, Jacobsburg, on pages 104-105. Additional information will be found later in the present article.

The next child of Gottlieb and Eva was (7) Johannes, who was born in Frederick Township 1 Mar. 1753. A few months later the family moved

to Lynn Township, now in Lehigh County, in the former Allemaengel district which was partly in Lynn Township and partly in Berks County. The Demuths became one of the original families in the Moravian congregation of Allemaengel.

The eighth child of Gottlieb and Eva Barbara (Gutsler) Demuth was (8) Christoph (Christopher), who was born in Lynn Township 27 Aug. 1755, was baptized in the Allemaengel congregation, and died in Ohio 27 Jan. 1822. He married at Schoeneck 8 Apr. 1777 Susanna Maria Klein who was born in Plainfield (now Bushkill) Tp near Schoeneck 2 Jan. 1758; was baptized as an adult at Schoeneck 21 June 1778, and died at Gnadenhuetten on the Muskingum, Ohio, 15 July 1817, dau of Heinrich Andreas and Jane Elizabeth (Thomas) Klein. Christoph Demuth is erroneously called Christian Demuth in the DAR Patriot Index (1966), page 187, which also records that he married second Elizabeth (Schwartz) Ginther. Christoph and Susanna Maria (Klein) Demuth had nine children baptized at Schoeneck in the interval 1778-1798, and possibly others in Ohio. They were in the Schoeneck vicinity as late as 5 May 1800 when they were witnesses at a baptism. Christoph was a farmer and sawmiller in Plainfield (now Bushkill) Township, not far from Schoeneck, before they moved to Ohio.

The last child of Gottlieb and Eva (Gutsler) Demuth was (9) Anna Rosina, who was born near Nazareth 17 Dec. 1757, and died at Emmaus 12 Dec. 1801. On 14 May 1782, at Schoeneck, she married Georg Heinrich Bauer.

Gottlieb Demuth, Jr. (1750-1825) was at various times a farmer, joiner, and turner in Moore, Plainfield and Bushkill Townships. The ten children of Gottlieb, Jr., and Anna Maria (Alleman) Demuth were listed on page 105 of Jacobsburg. We now have more information about some of them.

Joseph Demuth was born 22 Mar. 1775 and was baptized 26 Mar. 1775, as recorded at Schoeneck, son of Gottlieb, Jr., and Anna Maria (Alleman) Demuth. We don't know where or when he died. At York, Pa., on 17 Sep. 1797, he married Mary Ann Dull, who was born in Taylor Township, County Antrim, Ireland, 14 Nov. 1775, and died in Lancaster, Pa., 6 Dec. 1803, daughter of Joseph and Esther Dull. Joseph Demuth was listed as a turner in Nazareth Township in 1798, and as a distiller in Moore Township in 1800 and 1802. The baptisms of their three children were recorded at Schoeneck. (1) John Joseph, born in Nazareth Tp 19 July 1778, died 21 July 1778, only two days old. (2) Joseph Allen, born in Moore Tp 30 Apr. 1800. (3) Anna Maria Henriette, born in Moore Tp 4 Mar. 1802.

Johannes Demuth was born 1 Nov. 1777 and was baptized 2 Nov. 1777 as recorded at Schoeneck, son of Gottlieb, Jr., and Anna Maria (Alleman) Demuth. He was probably the John Demuth who in 1800 was a joiner in Plainfield Township (which then included Bushkill). On 26 June 1800, to John and Elisabeth (Rhodes) Demuth, was born a son, Stephen Harry, who was baptized in their home on the 29th by the Schoeneck pastor.

Friederich Demuth was born 18 July 1784 and was baptized 20 July 1784, as recorded at Schoeneck, son of Gottlieb, Jr., and Anna Maria (Alleman) Demuth. In 1815 Friedrich was a distiller in Bushkill Township. Henriette Demuth was born 27 Mar. 1815, and on 10 May 1815 was baptized in her parents' home by the Schoeneck pastor. She was the daughter of Friedrich

and Elisabeth (Thomson) Demuth.

Wilhelm Gottlieb Demuth (called William) was born 19 Oct. 1791 and was baptized 23 Oct. 1791, as recorded at Schoeneck, son of Gottlieb, Jr., and Anna Maria (Alleman) Demuth. In 1823 William was a distiller in Bushkill Township. Eleise Emillie Demuth (Eliza Emilie or Eliza Amelia) was born 25 Sep. 1823 and was baptized 14 Dec. 1823 in the parents' home, as recorded at Schoeneck. Her parents were William and Elisabeth (Kind) Demuth.

Abraham Jonathan Demuth was born in Moore Township 13 Feb. 1794 and was baptized 22 Feb. 1794, as recorded at Schoeneck, son of Gottlieb, Jr., and Anna Maria (Alleman) Demuth. He married 10 Oct. 1819 Anna Maria Schnall ("Polly"), who was born at Nazareth 16 Aug. 1794, daughter of Jacob and Barbara (Ranck) Schnall. The marriage was solemnized by Rev. Theodore Schulz, pastor of the Schoeneck Moravian Church, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Beitel in Upper Nazareth Township. Abraham Jonathan Demuth worked as a locksmith and lockfiler. Abraham Jonathan and Anna Maria (Schnall) Demuth had at least four children, born in Bushkill Township and baptized in the parents' home by the Schoeneck pastor: (1) Marietta Louisa, b. 18 Aug. 1820. (2) Herriette Olivie, b. 13 Sep. 1822. (3) Ruben Theodor, b. 29 Oct. 1825. (4) Ema Franzceine, b. 20 May 1828.

Gottfried Benjamin Demuth (called Benjamin) was born in Plainfield Township 2 Apr. 1798 and was baptized 15 Apr. 1798, as recorded at Schoeneck. He married Sally Ward (probably Sarah Ward who was born in Plainfield Township 15 Feb. 1800, daughter of Conrad and Barbara Ward). In 1828 Benjamin Demuth was a day laborer in Bushkill Township. On 3 Jan. 1828 a son, Benjamin Franklin Demuth, was born to Benjamin and Sally (Ward) Demuth, and was baptized 6 Apr. 1828 by the Schoeneck pastor.

Gottlieb Demuth (1716-1776) was not the only immigrant to bring the Demuth name to America. There were at least three others. Gotthard Demuth, somewhat older than Gottlieb, is said to have been his uncle. In 1728 Gotthard Demuth married Regina Leupold (1702-1774). They lived in Germantown when their sons Johan Christoph (1738-1818) and Christian Friedrich (1740-1781) were born. Gotthard died in 1744 or '45. The two young boys were enrolled in 1745 in the Moravian school in Frederick Township, near Philadelphia. Regina (Leupold) Demuth married second at Bethlehem, 19 June 1747, the widower David Tanneberger. The son Johan Christoph married Elizabeth Hartaffel in Lancaster, and had ten children, all born in Lancaster; he was a tobacconist. The son Christian Friedrich died in Hope, N.J., in 1781, the same year the he had married Maria Magdalena Stotz, in Bethlehem; they had no child.

There was a Christoph Demuth who was born in Cathelsdorff, Moravia, 9 Nov. 1689, and died in Nazareth 5 Mar. 1754. His widow, Anna Maria, whom he had married in Moravia in 1716, died at Nazareth 1 Mar. 1761. He was a manufacturer of cardboard boxes. So far as we know they left no children.

There was a Henry Demuth and wife in Lancaster, both of the Reformed denomination, who had four sons: John, born in 1742; Melchior, born about 1746; Henry, born in 1749; and Sebastian, born in 1754. They may have had other children. Their connection, if any, with the other Demuth families has not been determined.

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This past July 6th, we closed down the Benade Haus in order to visit with our friends in Easton. The militia was camped there along the river, just upstream from the ferry. All the townspeople had turned out, and there was much excitement with noisemaking. Some people were even selling food in the streets for all the visitors who had come from all over the county to hear of the momentous news from Philadelphia. It was very hot, but that did not deter our feeling of eagerness to hear what Mr. Levers had for us. Finally at twelve noon he began to read. As he read the list of grievances against the Crown, the people listened intently. Each one acknowledged consent in his own way, sometimes with a loud "Huzzah" or a quiet nod of the head, sometimes with a silent glower in his eyes as a personal tragedy or injustice was recalled. When Mr. Levers read the closing declaration that America intends to shed the bondage of British rule, the crowd burst into loud "Huzzahs", the militia fired some volleys, and above it all we could hear the bell from our Court House telling the world of our resolve.

May God be with us and General Washington as we set our backs and hearts to the mighty struggle that lies before us.

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The combined trip this fall (mid-October to Lancaster/Lititz) for the Northampton County Historical & Genealogical Society and the Jacobsburg Historical Society, on the part of the latter, will be handled by Hilton Rahn, Jr., substituting for Matt Morris, assisted by Bea Schlamp. Ann Rahn has resigned from those responsibilities on the part of the former Society, and Dr. Waltman, president, has appointed Paul Wolper. Ann's resignation was accepted with regret on all sides; we appreciated the hard work and many hours spent in arranging and planning those much-enjoyed trips. Thank you, Ann, so much.

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John Schlamp has been appointed chairman of the nominating committee to report at the annual meeting, October 23. Members of the committee are: Robert H. Daws and Louise Young.

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"Twilight at Jacobsburg" programs in August include: August 3, Gerald Trimbball, Celtic traditional music; August 10, Bourree, harpsichord, bassoon, violins, flute.

The much appreciated percussionist at Open House has been Steven Mathiesen, Stroudsburg--lovely sound in our sylvan setting.

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Mary Ann Vincent has been appointed to coordinate programs between the Society and the Jacobsburg Environmental and Education Center. This has been a needful spot to be filled, and we're delighted Mary Ann with her Benade/Spring House activities has accepted the position. Welcome aboard!

Board Notes and News Continued

Althea and Ellis Neuners moved from their Henry Road home on July 9 to take up residence near Lancaster. Before she left, Althea donated to the Society her tea service. This is the same service as chairperson of the hospitality committee she has graciously loaned for use at our Christmas Parties. Now she so graciously has donated it as a parting gift. We are delighted and are happy graciously to accept! Thank you, Althea. We shall miss the Neuners more and more, we are sure, as the various events and seasons come along. But we give them a hug and wish them the best of happy landings.

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Dallam Blandy, Bethlehem, and Society second vice president is off to New Zealand on a five-month consulting jaunt to study the steel industry down under. (We will want to hear whether there is any good skiing!)

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Charles M. Sandwick, Sr., was named Sertoman of the Year by the Sertoma Club of Easton at its meeting on June 12. Congratulations, Charlie! He is the only one of the membership to be selected for the second time. The secretary made the presentation of a plaque.

Incidentally, Jessie Sandwick is the first woman to be accepted into full membership by the Easton branch of the Sertoma Club. Congratulations to Jessie, too!

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Remember the Society book, "Jacobsburg-A Pennsylvania Community and Its People," Charles M. Sandwick, Sr., author. Books are available at the times of the Henry Homestead Open House when the author will gladly autograph copies. In addition they are available in Nazareth where marketing is being handled on a volunteer basis by Mr. Robert Tomino. Please make checks (\$23.75 plus tax, total \$25.18) payable to Louis Goldberg Books, 139 So. Main St., Nazareth, PA 18064. An outstanding feature is the 28 pages of index, a far-reaching list of Northampton County names associated with the Henry family and the manufacturing of the Henry rifle from the time of the Indian Wars. A history of the Jacobsburg Historical Society is included.

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Hope Luhman, doctoral candidate in archaeology at Muhlenberg, hired by the State part time, to catalog the Lopresti artifacts, has put in some time this summer. Virginia Lopresti and one helper supplied by PIC, Theresa Bealer, are busy washing all items, a necessity preceding the cataloging process. Theresa, a senior at Nazareth High School, is a five-year veteran with Virginia.

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The Globe-Times issue of July 10 carried a story on Bob Wendler, Bethlehem, and his miniature models of Lehigh Valley historical structures. This particular account featured his model of the Henry Homestead. Sixty-three of his representations are on exhibit at the Kemmerer Museum, Bethlehem, through August 31. The exhibit has rightfully been labeled a delight. Try to take it in.

JACOBSBURG CHAIRPERSONS AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS, 1986

Matthew K. Morris, President, oversees ff. committees in particular

<u>Executive Committee</u>	Matthew Morris	759-0751
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<u>Secretary, Correspondence</u>	Joy Betz	759-1280

Hilton N. Rahn, Jr., 1st VP, oversees ff. committees 868-1789

<u>Acquisitions</u>	Mary Henry Stites	759-4693
<u>Annual and Spring Meetings</u>	Janet A. Gum	759-1862
<u>Archaeology and Artifacts</u>	Joseph Lopresti, Ch.	759-1580
	Virginia Lopresti, Co-ch.	759-1580
<u>Exhibits</u>	Margaret Peters, Ch.	759-1441
	Elizabeth L. Morris, Co-ch.	759-0751
<u>Gunnery</u>	Robert R. Newell	759-5432
<u>Research</u>	Charles M. Sandwick, Sr.	252-1290
<u>Printing and Binding</u>	Hilton N. Rahn, Jr.	868-1789
<u>Publications Distribution</u>	Robert Tomino	759-9458
<u>Registration of Property</u>	Marjorie Peters, Ch.	759-0694
<u>and Homestead Contents</u>	Robert H. Peters, Sr., Co-ch.	759-0694

Dallam E. Blandy, 2nd VP, oversees ff. committees 867-6849

<u>Barn Restoration</u>	Joseph DiGerlando	759-7239
<u>Gardens</u>	Bobbie DiGerlando	759-7239
<u>Homestead, Open House</u>	Kathryn Schlamp	759-0302
<u>Hospitality</u>	Althea Neuner	759-1764
<u>Jacobsburg Record</u>	Charlotte Sayre, Editor	253-9516
<u>Maintenance</u>	Ellis Neuner	759-1764
<u>Membership</u>	Beatrice Leh	252-6899
<u>Publicity</u>	Doris Kennedy	759-6954

JACOBSSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Officers and Board of Directors, 1986

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Reginald M. Banks, Jr., Treasurer	Nazareth	759-6696

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Individual	\$5.00	Family	\$12.50	Organizations	\$25.00

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