

# The Jacobsburg Record

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## OPEN HOUSE

• Saturday, May 8 has been scheduled as the date for the first open house of 1976. Hours are from 1:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon at the Henry Homestead on Henry Road. Rain date is the following Saturday, May 15. This will give all our members — and their guests — an opportunity to see the remarkable work our staff has been doing in and about the Homestead over the past winter months. Here are some of the most impressive features which will be highlighted:

The old-time garden which has been restored and beautifully planted by Lorraine Mineo and her committee, including the restored pond.

At the homestead:

Exhibit of early tools. Exhibit of artifacts uncovered during  
the archaeological digging at the Tannery

Also some of the more recent acquisitions added to our museum display, gradually becoming more and more impressive: An 1840 map of Northampton County; some very interesting old photographs; a fine display of arrowheads.

And don't fail to visit the kitchen with its beehive oven, furnished for the day, and also the spring house and laundry. (Refreshments will be served here.)

And out on the lawn there will be a display of surplus objects which can be purchased — an old-fashioned 'lawn sale'. All sorts of goodies here for those whose hobby is antiques.

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## WORK AT THE HOMESTEAD

Saturday, April 24 — from 1:30 to 4:00 — directed by Lorraine Mineo, who has done such a beautiful job with the old-fashioned garden. A general clean-up of grounds and garden and house. ASSISTANCE NEEDED!!! Please don't fail Lorraine!

## RECENTLY COMPLETED WORK AT THE HOMESTEAD

- 1) New porch floor laid.
- 2) Dead locusts cut down under the supervision of Dr. Bill Mineo and workers from the Northampton County Park Board.
- 3) Repairing and rebuilding of the pond by the same group.
- 4) Installation of a new water heater by Albert Toth.
- 5) Through the generosity of Mary Henry Stites Mr. Unger has put braces at the front gate, readied and fenced the peony and lily beds, and cleaned out the brush.

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

I sometimes contribute items of news to The Jacobsburg Record to which I do not sign my name. But I want especially to write to you all about Giving to the Jacobsburg Historical Society. As you know, we are a tax-exempt organization, so all gifts can be reported as deductions for tax purposes. We have received many fine gifts and we are grateful for them. This month I would like to report to you the gift of \$990.00 from an anonymous donor. We are especially happy for this money at the beginning of our archaeology season.

Another member has kindly purchased for us an electric stapler to facilitate the assembling of our newsletter. We thank this anonymous member.

We have also received a nice collection of arrowheads, some of which are in a frame. You will see these at our open house.

The Society was unsuccessful in our attempt to secure money from the Pennsylvania Bicentennial Commission. We are currently working in other places for a grant. In the meantime we are sustained by the generous gifts of memorabilia and money from our members. We have plans to step up our archaeology. We have finished some of the basic needs at the homestead and are planning what should be done to accomplish our goal of complete restoration and final institution of a museum. And of course there are always the gardens and grounds to care for. Won't you please continue your gifts. We need them.

Sincerely,  
Catherine S. Beers

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## MEMBERSHIP

Have you forgotten? Memberships have come in well, with new members and renewals. If you have not paid for this year a '75 appears after your name on the cover. Look now! If you find a '75 there please do not delay. You may use the blank on the inside of the cover.

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## NEW APPOINTMENT

We have now added an archivist to our staff: Dr. Lee Graver, retired head of the History Department at Kutztown State College. He is a native and resident of Nazareth and at one time was principal of Nazareth High School.

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On Wednesday, April 21, Virginia Lopresti will speak on Jacobsburg at the Northampton County Extension Spring Meeting, to be held at the Klecknersville Fire House. Virginia's talk will be at 1:15. The affair will be all day, and at 9:30 a. m. Esther Clewell will speak on the Whitefield House.

## HISTORICAL RESEARCH

Last month we mentioned the partnership consisting of William Henry, Jacob Christ and Jacob Eyerly, all of Nazareth, who in 1790 purchased about four hundred acres of land from the heirs of Jacob Hubler, the pioneer for whom Jacobsburg was named. This acreage now constitutes a substantial part of Jacobsburg State Park. Within it, both Jacobsburg and Boulton developed as thriving industrial communities largely through the enterprise of William Henry and his descendants.

Although Christ and Eyerly were associated with the Jacobsburg area only through their partnership with Henry in acquiring the Hubler and other properties, the subsequent transfers of title to various parcels of the land can only be understood if we know something about them and their families. We shall begin with Jacob Christ, the Nazareth hatter.

John Jacob Christ came to America with his parents in 1750. He was born in Lauffen, Wurttemberg, 7 October 1740, and died in Nazareth, Pa., 2 April 1805, son of Rudolph and Anna (Wolfer) Christ. At Bethlehem, Pa., 25 October 1771, he married Christina Fredericka Schlosser, who was born at Pforzheim, Germany, 20 February 1744, and died in Nazareth, 16 December 1811. Of their six children, four lived to adulthood.

Jacobina Fredericka Christ was born 29 September 1772, and died in Nazareth 27 October 1841. She married 13 December 1795, Heinrich Christian Mueller (Christian Miller), who was born 2 March 1767 in 'Sachse Meinungen' (apparently Meinungen, Saxony, to distinguish it from a larger place with the same name in Thuringia) and died in Nazareth, 17 Sept. 1833.

Christina Christ was born 19 January 1775. She married Joseph Leinbach, of Bethlehem.

Johanna Maria Christ was born 25 June 1778, and died in Bethlehem, 11 January, 1811. She married at Bethlehem, 27 November 1799, Rev. Andrew Benade, who was born in Kleinwelke, Saxony, 20 February 1769, and died in Bethlehem, 31 October 1859, son of Andreas and Maria (Retschke) Benade.

Johan Jacob Christ, son of the hatter, was born in Nazareth, 3 June 1781, and died there 3 November 1861. He married first, 25 November 1805, Benigna Elisabeth Ebert, who was born at Bethlehem, 17 October 1784, and died in Nazareth, 29 September 1806, while giving birth to a son. She was the daughter of Christian and Anna Rosina (Jungman) Ebert, of Lititz.

His second marriage, 30 July 1807, was to Anna Justina Knauss, who was born in Bethlehem, 31 March 1785, and died in Nazareth, 12 January, 1862, daughter of Leonhard and Johanna Salome (Mueller) Knauss.

The will of Jacob Christ (the hatter) also mentions a daughter Anna Sophia of whom we have no further information at this time. Perhaps among our members there are descendants of Jacob Christ who can fill some of the gaps in our records of this family.

— Charles M. Sandwick, Sr.

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## DIGGING HAS STARTED AGAIN: WHY NOT JOIN THE GROUP?

Winter has not been too unkind to our vats in the tannery. But we have another ten tons of rock and dirt that has slid into the area from the north wall. Some work will be continued in the area of the exposed vats. Work has already begun on the hill below the forge. Work will continue every Saturday morning at 9:30. We will be there on Sunday if someone will join us. Any other weekday we would appreciate your calling 759-1580, and one of us will join you. There is a very interesting foundation to the southeast of our tannery. We need cutting tools for brush to work in that area. The wall to the east of the tannery is also to be explored. We are hoping to find evidence of the water wheel, bellows and tyre of the furnace.

— Joseph and Virginia Lopresti

## THE BOULTON COOKBOOK

For anybody who really likes desserts some of the puddings served with a rich sauce fills the bill. Much depends on the sauce! To my taste the sauce, known through several generations of the Henry family as Mrs. Paul's Number 4 is head and shoulders above the rest. It is delicious, and the pudding itself is only an excuse for the sauce.

## "MRS. PAUL'S NUMBER 4"

Stir to a cream a coffee cup full of sifted or pulverized sugar and half a cup of butter; add one egg, beat it well in; then set all in a pan of boiling water, stirring all the time until melted; add a tumbler of wine; pour in a sauce-boat, grate nutmeg over the top and serve.

This makes a very rich and delicious sauce and not too much of it — in fact, for our family the quantity was always doubled. For a lighter textured sauce — and really better flavor use two eggs well beaten. This goes well with cottage puddings, Hiawatha pudding and others of cake-like texture. Since this is a hearty dessert the preceding courses ought not to be too heavy.

— Mary Henry Stites

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## THE LOPRESTIS VISIT MARTIN TOWERS

In our search for early ironmaking in the Lehigh Valley, we visited the Lehigh University display on Steelmaking by Bethlehem Steel. It was all pictures and a little disappointing. We decided to pursue our search at Martin Towers, where we were graciously allowed to use the library until 4 p. m. The librarian was most helpful. She even had a file on Jacobsburg. We learned that Augustus Wolle was on the board of directors of the Bethlehem Iron Company, organized in 1859. But we did not find any reference as to where their first tools came from. (We had a hint that they came from Jacobsburg.) We did learn that Matthew Henry made a map in 1850 of all the mills along the Bushkill Creek, and that it is in the Pennsylvania Historical Society archives in Philadelphia, where there are also five unpublished manuscripts of Matthew S. Henry. We are hoping for a rainy day to visit Philadelphia. We are also hoping that Mr. Peter Kern's descendant can come up with some early history. Anybody listening?

— Joseph and Virginia Lopresti

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 19 — 7:30, Research Committee at home of Charles Sandwick.

April 21 — Northampton County Extension Spring Meeting. All day. Virginia Lopresti speaks on Jacobsburg at 1:15. Event held at Klecknersville firehouse.

April 24 — Clean-up day at Homestead. Volunteers needed! Call Mary DeRaymond.

May 5 — Board meeting, 8:00 p. m. at home of president.

May 8 (Rain date May 15) — 1 to 4 p. m. OPEN HOUSE at Homestead.

May 26, 1:00 p. m. — Society entertains Forks of the Delaware Garden Club at the Homestead.

July 17, 10 to 5 — Third Annual Craft Fair at the 4H Center at Bushkill Center (near Nazareth.)

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. . . And don't forget! We need your dues money in order to pursue the work of restoration and rehabilitation; and to continue with our important diggings. Please don't forget us. Our dues are very reasonable, and it shouldn't be a hardship for anyone to renew — and help us to increase our membership by soliciting your friends to join. It is worth while!

And volunteers are urgently needed in many areas. We have some hard workers, and they deserve all the help that can be given.

## DIRECTORY

Catherine S. Beers - President

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Mary DeRaymond - Open House

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Lorraine Mineo - Natural Garden

Charles Sandwick, Sr. - Research

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Albert Toth - Maintenance and Repairs

Mary Henry Stites - Homestead Grounds

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION for JACOBSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Family - \$12.50

Contributing - \$15.00

Organizations - \$25.00

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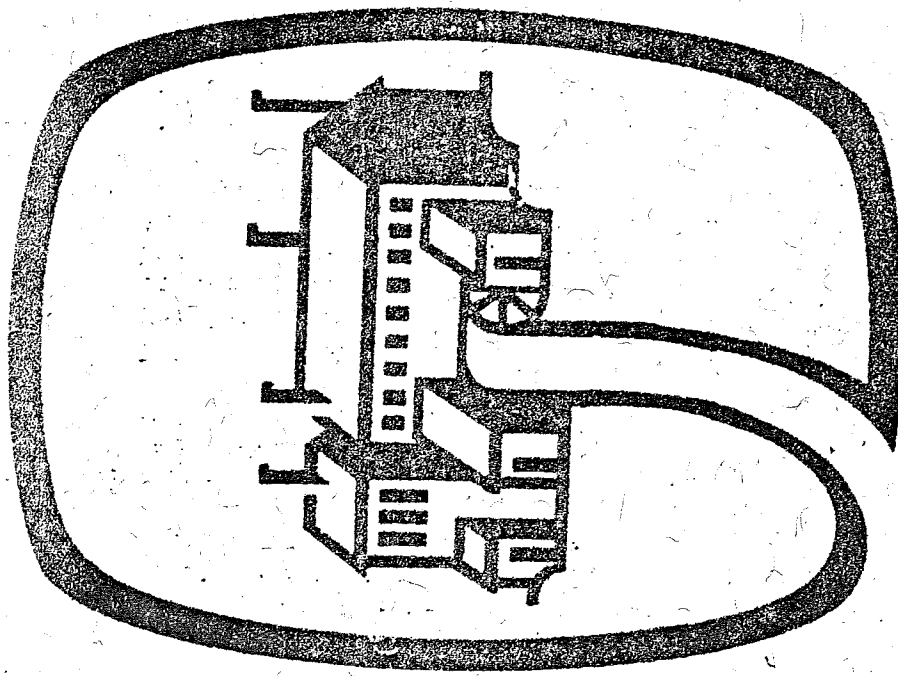
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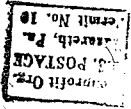
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