



The Manor

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PORCH



Come, "Sit A Spell," reads the little sign on the wall of the newly decorated Calder House porch. It is as common as apple pie, and is a part of our American history. Before technology brought us inside, families gathered on the porch to seek refuge from the stifling summer heat; a place that gave them shelter from the rain, sun and wind, a place where stories were told, songs were sung, and a sense of community was built. Sherry Zona and Lisa Muth are trying to recapture this era and outdid themselves in creating this inviting space.

It doesn't take much imagination to picture the H. N. Farley family utilizing the area during the summer months in the late 1800's on the farm (no roads then between the barn and house); picture mom shelling fresh peas from the garden, enjoying a cool breeze, sitting with the family after dinner talking over plans for the next busy day, or in later years when it was Earl and Ethel Lord's boarding house, the guests relaxing on their vacation from their hectic lives in the city.



Visitors are encouraged to "come sit a spell," before or after a tour of the house, or shopping in the Calder Shop. Pick up a lunch at the Equinunk General Store across the street and bring it back to the table on the porch.



A short walk from both ends of the porch brings you either to the Floyd Schnakenberg Memorial Garden where plants have been reintroduced that grew here prior to the new addition being built, or the Heritage Garden, where one can view the lovely arbor trellis, crafted and donated by local resident Albert Day. The trellis sits near the garden path, soon to be finished with material generously donated by Bill Pykus. So, along with a visit to the inside attractions, enjoy going back in time to a simpler life style and "Come sit a spell."

EHS
PORCH
"TO DO" LIST

- chat with friends
- sip a drink
- listen to the birds
- breathe deeply
- read a book
- laugh
- feel the breeze
- take a nap
- savor the moment
- make memories



President's Message



HAPPY SUMMER TO ALL!

I hope everyone has been enjoying our beautiful mountain summer and you have all been out and about in the community. I especially hope you have had a chance to stop by the Calder house and check out the new exhibits or take in one of our programs. Don't forget to walk the grounds and see how the "Heritage Garden" is flourishing with more improvements to come!

We still have a few more programs slated for this summer at the Calder house and hope you and your family and friends will join us. There is "Equinunk Church Window History" presented by Pastor Steve Knutsen at the EUM Church on Sept. 17 and "Bluestone & Hardwood Creations" by #9 Polish Designs and artist Lance Leba on Sept. 24. The Calder shop is open for business every Saturday from 12 pm to 4 pm so stop by and browse for gifts and collectibles. Or, just say hello and visit with Sherry and Lisa on the recently refurbished front porch. There is plenty of seating to relax and enjoy the breeze and sights of Equinunk. A big thank you to these ladies for the upgrade!

There are upcoming demonstrations scheduled at the Hill Mill and Cleveland Museum on Oct. 1 & 2. Please call Greg at 570-798-2420 to reserve your spot to learn some history and watch the fascinating way lumber is milled using water power! The "crew" has been perpetually busy at the Mill site and there are many improvements to see. The trestle has been rebuilt, improvements made to the foundation and a new lumber deck is in the works. Also, we now have a porta potty available for visitors!

Thanks to all who joined us for our Annual Meeting on Saturday, Aug. 20. The success and continuation of EHS depends on all of us showing our support, so we are truly grateful for your presence at our meeting.

Regards,
Victoria Bradshaw, President

CALDER CAFÉ!

Since Covid prevented The Calder Café' First Friday group from gathering this past winter, we decided to go outside again and enjoyed sharing our music on a beautiful Friday afternoon. We'd lost many members of our community over the past year and a half, including two of our regular musicians, John Snyder and Larry Judd. Many of the performers dedicated a song to those no longer with us.

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LENAPE NATION RIVER JOURNEY 2022

On August 24, 2002 an historic event took place at the Pennsbury Manor, the former estate of William Penn in Morrisville, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, that marked a new beginning of brotherhood between the Lenape Indian Tribe and the people that neighbor the Delaware River. A treaty of renewed brotherhood was signed by the Lenape and a number of organizations, including environmental groups, churches, historical societies, and sincerely committed individuals, who wish to actively support the Lenape culture and to help sustain their people, language, and way of life.

It was agreed that the re-signing of the Treaty, as well as the River Journey, would take place every four years and did so again in the years of 2006, 2010, 2014, and 2018. The Equinunk Historical Society was the first signer of this treaty and has hosted the group every four years since.



Shelly DePaul

Once again, we were honored to host the Lenape Nation sojourners on the first leg of their three-week trip, ending at Cape May, NJ. This year they had a group of twenty, plus at least ten more canoes joining them in friendship, landing in Equinunk on July 30th. (*The Equinunk Historical Society would like to extend sincere thanks to Ed and Dawn Joyce for providing a landing spot on their property.*) After lunch, Shelly DePaul, Lenape Nations Chief of education and language, read the treaty and it was signed by EHS President Vicky Bradshaw. Carol Ann MacMaster, also from EHS, read an article on environmental concerns that impact the entire Delaware River, and the steps that are being taken to remedy those concerns.



The journey down the Lenape Sipu (Delaware River) is a joint effort to raise awareness, awaken the spirit, and bestow the past, environmentally, culturally and historically, to the future. It is meant to promote the awareness that the Lenape people living in Pennsylvania are carrying on their ancestral traditions, culture and spiritual beliefs, and that they are engaged in numerous projects to provide practical ways for all

citizens to respect and protect our homeland and the health, welfare, and future of the next seven generations of our children. Our aim is to promote the awareness that the state of Pennsylvania is one of only a few states in this country that does not recognize its indigenous people, and to invite citizens and political representatives to sign this treaty so that we may fulfill the dream envisioned by our founding fathers, William Penn and Chief Tamanend. Finally, we desire to put the fear, pain and humility of the past behind us, once and for all, and to walk together into the future.



On the left is an image of the "Treaty of Renewed Friendship" which EHS signed, and shown on the right is a depiction of William Penn negotiating with Chief Tamanend by Benjamin West, entitled "The Treaty of Penn with the Indians."

MAY PROGRAM



After a one-year delay, EHS was finally able to honor Everett Hawley for his service in the National Guard. He told us the very moving story of the horrific accident of a PA Guard troop train on its way to Camp Atterbury, Indiana when it was struck from behind by a passenger train on the foggy morning of September 11, 1950. Thirty-three soldiers were killed, and 278 injured in the crash. He was uninjured, but it made a lasting impression on him.

Following this, Chuck "Doc" Heyn told us of his service as a medic with the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam, and both men agreed that more needs to be done to promote peace and abolish war in the future. Chuck then led a tour to the Equinunk Cemetery, where flags were placed on some of the graves in memory of the 36 Civil War Vets buried there. Upon their return ice cream sundaes were served as we have done for over 40 years. A recording of this program is available to watch on EHS's Facebook page.



JOEL HILL SAWMILL AND CLEVELAND MUSEUM

The crew of the Joel Hill Sawmill and Cleveland Museum are pleased to announce that construction of the new trestle is now complete. Removal of the old trestle, which was about to collapse, began in the late spring and by August it was completed. Railroad ties were used for the supporting framework and pressure treated lumber for bracing. Ties were located in Gouldsboro, so two of our crew made the trip with a truck and trailer and purchased twenty two, totaling about 3500 pounds. As an old section of trestle was removed, it was replaced with a new section. We were fortunate to have been donated used deck lumber in like-new condition from a local Duck Harbor resident, that was used as additional bracing on the framework. The final product looks great and will last for years.



Demolition begins.



Setting the new railroad tie supports in place.



The recently-completed trestle.



The Crew: (L to R) Greg Quaglio, Art and Sandy Flynn, Chuck Stroble, Bob Able, Jim Wells (and grandsons), Tim Wilson, Dan Crosby, Frank Iorio, Fred Blauth. Absent – Steve Knutsen

Last year a concrete pier in the basement of the mill was reinforced and the column it supports repaired. Two more piers were reinforced with new concrete this summer and the wooden columns they support, repaired. To affect the repairs, a form was constructed around the questionable areas and about two cubic yards of concrete was mixed in the basement of the mill, transported and poured around them. The wooden columns were cut above the rotted areas and new sections put in place. A noticeable decrease in vibration is evident when the saw is operating. Our 44-inch band saw was used to cut the 12X12 timbers used to make the column repairs.



Old pier resting on stones.



Old pier and stones encapsulated in new concrete.

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Another component in the basement of the mill which was in need of attention was the sawdust-removal belt which carries sawdust from the main saw and edger to the end of the building where it is piled for removal. For some time, the belt has tracked poorly, but prior to addressing that issue, the supports for the driven pulley had to be replaced. With new supporting members installed, the belt was shortened and tracking adjustments made. The system is once again functioning as designed.

In addition to our July tours, we hosted two groups for private demonstrations and sawings at the Mill and Cleveland Museum. The first was a school group from Pleasant Mount. A short time afterward, Boy Scout Troop 85 from Andover, NJ toured our facilities while camping nearby.



A notable enhancement to the grounds of the mill is the recent installation of a hand rail which runs from road level toward the mill pond, spanning almost 40 feet. The handrail is on an inclined area that can be difficult to navigate for some of our visitors, particularly if the grass is damp. One of your neighbors graciously drilled holes for the posts with his tractor and auger.

Although much has been accomplished, there remains much to be done. Rotted timbers in the basement need to be replaced, the lumber deck running from the mill to the trestle has to be constructed, the landing and stairs from the middle viewing level to the ground have to be rebuilt, the wooden “cage” in the mill pond, in front of the water gate needs work as it broke loose from the concrete this winter, and the sawblade on the main saw needs realignment. Of course these are in addition to normal machine maintenance and grounds work. We encourage anyone who has an interest in being part of this historical endeavor to contact EHS and join in!

Our final planned tours of 2022 are October 1st at 10am and 1pm, and Sunday, October 2nd at 1pm only. Please call Greg at 570-798-2420 for a reservation. Hope to see you at The Mill!

The crew of the Joel Hill Sawmill and Cleveland Museum would like to acknowledge the efforts of Linda Wescott for her handling publicity for many years. Her time and devotion to the Mill and Museum is greatly appreciated.

JUNE PROGRAM



On June 18, Kim Erickson outlined the work she has done to preserve the memory of countless Wayne County veterans. Kim has been deeply involved in honoring veterans in many ways, and it was amazing to learn of all of her accomplishments. She began in 2007 with the Wayne County Tour of Honor, when more than 200 individuals, WWII veterans and their escorts, flew in a rented plane to Washington, DC. The sponsoring group raised more than \$42,000 to rent a large enough plane. Kim also told us about her work in creating the Walk of Honor next to the Wayne County Courthouse and the Veterans’ Banners project in downtown Honesdale. She also contributed time and funds to bring the Viet Nam Wall to Bingham Park in Hawley. You can go to the EHS Facebook page to view the program in its entirety, and to see other photographs. You will be captivated by it, as we were hearing it all in person!

LORD - ALLEN

Cousins Jan Bernard and Margaret Canella paid a visit to the area for a few days in July to continue research on their family; among them, the Lords from Lordville and surrounding area, and the Allens from the Starlight area.



One of their ongoing mysteries is determining what became of their ancestor Marvin Freeman Lord. He was born on October 28, 1836 in Hancock, NY. He served as a private in the 38th New York Company B Infantry. He enlisted on May 3, 1861 in Hancock; reenlisted as private in the 144th Company F Infantry in Sullivan County on August 26th, 1864, and mustered out in September of the same year. One year later, on September 19, 1865, he married Sarah Justina Sanford (see photo). Census records show a son born to them on July 19, 1867. His name was Clarence Russell Lord. However, he is listed in the 1870 census, at age 3, as "living with" Daniel and Kate Sanford. At age 8, in 1875, he was adopted by Atherton Russell Safford and his wife Hannah Laura Atkinson Safford, and they changed his name to Clarence Russell Safford.

Marvin Freeman disappeared from all records soon after his marriage, and, except for the date of 1893 (a suspect date) listed as a death date in "Find a Grave," there are no details on his death, though Justina's is listed as January 11, 1893 in Denver, Colorado. Justina is also known to have remarried in Colorado in 1896.

Clarence Russell's true parentage is also in question, and there is some information but so far, it cannot be corroborated. The remaining mystery is their connection to the Allen family, discovered after Y-DNA testing showed Allen lineage instead of the expected Lord lineage. If anyone out there would care to contribute to this search, please feel free to contact EHS.

HOLBERT FAMILY & QUILT

I have been in contact with Tom Eggleston again concerning the mysterious quilt donated by him to the Society in 2017. He will be sending me more information on the quilt and the family, along with a painting. We will be in touch with a quilt expert to ascertain more information about it, such as narrowing down the date it was created, and any other information we can find out. All we can confirm right now is that the well wrapped-up quilt was stored for many years in Ina's closet, unseen by the family. We will continue exploring this mystery, so stay tuned.

Tom Eggleston (no relation to the family of Eggleton or Eggleston near here) was from upstate New York and is the son of Harold and Shirley Eggleston. Harold was the son of Tom's grandparents, Ina (Holbert) Eggleston and Forest Eggleston. She was the youngest of six children born to Minnie and Fred Holbert, who were originally from Equinunk, and moved to Syracuse in the early 1900's. Fred was the brother of well-known lumberman William Holbert, of Holbert and Branning fame.

This is an update about the beautiful crazy quilt donated to EHS in 2017 by Tom Eggleston. First, a correction from the previous article - the initials are not SAH as we originally thought, but SAF, or possibly SAT, which we will confirm once our expert examines it further.

Fred Holbert married Minnie in 1878. They lived in a three-story house (on Pine Mill Road, which we call the Frisbee house today) in a settlement called Holbertville. They had 6 children, the youngest named Ina. Later on, they moved to Syracuse, New York. Ina married Forrest John Eggleston. Their son Harold was born in Syracuse on April 4, 1920. Harold married Shirley M. Frazer (1927-1998). Harold and Shirley's youngest son was Thomas, who donated the quilt to EHS. His grandmother Ina had stored it in her closet for many years, and when asked about it one time, replied that her mother (Kate Early) was the artist in the family, but did not say she made it. More in the next issue of "The Manor."

GONE, BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN



Harold G. Hawley, 95, of Honesdale, died on Saturday, May 28, 2022 at Allied Hospice in Scranton. He is survived by his wife of 73 years, the former Dorothy Hellmers. The couple married on May 8, 1949. Born September 20, 1926 at the family home in Lookout, he was the son of the late Gerald and Lottie (Diehl) Hawley. He was a US Navy veteran who served in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

Harold began his career working for Welsh Farms where he would eventually become Vice President in Long Valley, NJ. He later worked for Tofutti Brands in Crandord, NJ where he retired.

Harold was a charter member of the Equinunk Fire Co. and a member of the American Legion and VFW.

Harold enjoyed being outdoors, hunting, fishing and gardening. He was lovingly referred to by his grandchildren as "P-Pa."

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Clayton and Lowell Hawley; his sisters, Marion Daub, Gladys McCormick and Eleanor Keesler.

Harold Hawley passed on the same day his brother Everett was being honored at EHS. His family later donated his Navy uniforms and a wonderfully put together shadow box containing his military memorabilia which we are greatly honored to have.



Laurel A. Gehrig, 50, of Starlight, PA, passed away suddenly on Monday, July 18, 2022 at Wayne Memorial Hospital, Honesdale, PA. She was born on September 11, 1971 in Hancock, NY, the daughter of George A. and Jane I. (Morgan) Gehrig.

Laurel graduated from Hancock Central School and earned her Bachelor's Degree from Penn State University. She worked at KidsPeace for several years and for the last 14+ years, she worked for Wayne County MHMR, helping children with behavioral and mental health needs. She enjoyed flowers and birds and she loved to travel and especially loved her kitties.

Surviving are her companion of over 20 years, Brad Shaffer; mother, Jane; brother, Craig and wife Laura; 2 aunts, Helen Schuman and Ruth Price; and several cousins. She was predeceased by her father and her maternal and paternal grandparents.



Longtime Member Gladys Houghtaling, 92, of Callicoon, New York passed away on July 23, 2022. Her husband Verne, predeceased her in 2013.

The daughter of the late Louis and Eleanor Mitterwager, she was born on April 3, 1930.

Survivors include her children, Vicki Busch (Walter), Bruce Houghtaling (Rhonda) and Andrea Milucky (Dennis Zane). Her son, Blaine Houghtaling, predeceased her. Gladys had 10 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. She is also survived by her sisters Cheryl Porter (Oscar), Gail Peake (Ron), Karen Hubert (Tom), and many nieces and nephews. Gladys was predeceased by her sisters Beverly Houghtaling, Lois Houghtaling, Sylvia Mitterwager and brother Kenneth Mitterwager.

HELP NEEDED!! We urgently need a Program Coordinator to help plan and schedule programs for next year! Surely there is a person "out there" who can help us solicit new ideas from our friends and neighbors, and who would be willing to give some time to help us continue to meet the needs and interests of our area residents. Please call us at 570-224-6722 to volunteer or to request more information on what this would entail.

**MEMBERSHIP INFO:
DUES PER YEAR
AS OF 08/21/2021**

Individual	\$ 20.00
Family	\$ 30.00
Junior	\$ 2.00
Lifetime	\$125.00
Corporate	\$ 50.00

Zane Grey Festival



The Zane Grey Festival was finally able to be held this year on July 16, after a long absence due to the pandemic. Carol Ann and Pat Wilson once again set up their table on the lovely front porch of the mansion to sell books and to tell visitors who we are. Over 800 folks visited that day and we had a very successful event.



CALDER CAFÉ continued from page 2: Art Flynn opened with a selection of pop songs from the late fifties and early sixties including the Everly Brothers' "Dream." Sandy Weaver dedicated "Music Speaks Louder than Words" to John and to Larry. We were thrilled with a new performer, Karl Schwartz, who plays acoustic blues. His set included the Elizabeth Cotten song, "Freight Train" and all three of his songs featured some truly amazing finger-picking. Loretta Douglas was able to join us with her accordion so we had "polka time" again as well as some other selections. Barbara Gogan, recently returned from her European musical tour, joined the tributes to those we've lost with "Into the Mystic." In my set I included a song for Larry, "LA Freeway," and for John, "Night Riders Lament." Carol and Aldo (Little Sparrow) closed the gathering with several songs and we all sang along on the Hank Williams favorite, "Jambalaya." A special thank you goes to Aldo who ran sound for the afternoon.

Finally, at about the mid-point of our afternoon, a bald eagle soared over us. Kathy Quaglio said, "That's Larry, keeping an eye on us." And an ear too, I expect.