



The Greater Dover Historical Society Inc.

MAY 2011



President's Column by Madelyn Shermeyer

Now that we are in the second quarter of a new year, it is appropriate to share the continued accomplishments and future happenings of the Greater Dover Historical Society since the last newsletter.

A new member was installed on the Board of Directors — we welcome Judy Worley and the Board of Directors for their efforts in the past year.

The Blacksmith Shop had its first Open House on April 9 and, as in previous years, the Shop will be open the second Saturday of each month through October. During the Open House events, the Society will have its fundraising items for sale: trash bags, A Century of Reflection books, Blacksmith Shop replicas, and Bloodroot books.

At our April meeting, Cindy Snyder gave a presentation of her 'antique kitchen gadgets' which primarily consisted of her collection of tin ware although her complete collection includes many gadgets other than tin ware. It was a challenge for most of us trying to guess the purpose of each 'gadget' admittedly most of our guesses were wrong. The presentation by Cindy was an interactive one and that made it even more enjoyable.

On June 16, our Deputy Fire Chief of the Dover Township Volunteer Fire Department will speak to our members on Fire Safety in our homes. This topic is relevant to both younger and older Society members. The date will be advertised in our local newspaper and will be open to members and the public.

I've made arrangements with the PA Attorney General's Office to give a presentation on scams and fraud. The date for this is August 18 and the meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. This date will also be advertised in our local newspaper and will be open to all.

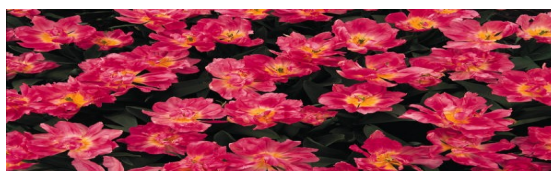
The Annual Historical Walk will be held on Tuesday, June 21. This walk begins and ends at the Blacksmith Shop on Butter Rd.

The first two years of the BLOODROOT SERIES are now available in one book. One can request to purchase a book by contacting Madelyn Shermeyer-292-2018 or by email at doverhistory@gdhspa.org. I will make arrangements with the buyer for pick-up. These are printed as the originals but spiral bound. Our original printing order was 50 books. The cost of the book is \$10.00

Four members of the Society have volunteered to do some painting on the new restrooms installed near the Log House. As a 501 (c) 3 (tax exempt) Society one of the requirements is to volunteer. Lori & Jeff Koch, Lisa Byerts and Madelyn Shermeyer will take on this task.

The regular meeting on July 21, of the GDHS will be held at the Log House (across from the Twp. Municipal Bldg.) on West Canal Rd.

The GDHS membership picnic will be held on September 15, at Brookside Park. This event is for members only.



COBBLERS, COACHES, CARPENTERS and CABINET MAKERS

By Jo Ott

The previous GDHS newsletter included a narration on some of the blacksmiths, butchers and brickyards operating in the mid-19th century in the Dover area and who were the families that operated them. The information was found in the 1860 edition of *Boyd's Business Directory of the Counties of Adams, Buck, Chester, Cumberland, Dauphin, Delaware, Franklin, Lancaster, Montgomery and York, PA*. Additional family information was taken from the 1860 U. S. Census in amazon.com.

In this newsletter, I'll look at other businesses operating during the same period and who were the families that operated them. How many ancestors' names can you find?

COBBLERS

Michael Crone, 33; Susan, 40; Mary Snellbaker, 44. R. E. value 700, personal value 110.

Henry Ferrer, 48; Mary Wiley, 43; Mary, 13; Harner, 43. R. E. 4300, personal 466.

Philip Gross, 48; Rebecca, 37; Ambrose, 17 (shoemaker); Michael, 14; Adam, 8; Amanda, 4; Jane, 3; Calista, 3 mos. R. E. 1200, personal 350.

Samuel Hitzler, no additional information

Henry Metzler, Catherine, 40; William, 17; Wm. Alexander, 14; Emma, 12; James, 9; Edmund, 5; Henry H. (no age), shoemaker apprentice; Amanda, 3.

Samuel Wilt, 32. master shoemaker; Maria, 26; Jacob, 8; David Meisenhelter, 19, shoemaker apprentice. R. E. 1751, personal 700.

John Wise, 74; Elizabeth, 75. R. E. 800, personal 200.

Jacob Witcomb, no additional information

CARRIAGE AND COACH BUILDERS

Although listed in *Boyd's* as **carriage and coach builders**, the 1860 Census identifies these individuals as **wheelwrights**:

Emanuel Grove, no additional information available

John Stough, no additional information available

Rudy (Rudolph) Ketterman, 29; Sarah, 22; ?, 1; William Stouch, 19, apprentice; R. E. value 2400, personal value, 700.

Henry Stough, 45; Elizabeth, 42; Ambrose, 18; Lydia, 12; Josephine, 11; Emma, 7; Edmund, 5; Alice, 2; Theophilus Haas, 20, apprentice; Christian Spahr, 77. R. E. 3500, personal 1200.

CARPENTERS AND CABINET MAKERS

John Fererstone, no additional information available.

Henry Liebenknect, 28; Sarah, 26; George, 17, apprentice; R. E. 800, personal 700; Henry Longenecker, 23, carpenter, 700.

Michael Link, 29; Susan, 23; Ambrose, 2; Michael, 1 mo.; John Ziegler, 17, apprentice. R.E. 1175, personal, 261.

Jacob Ziegler, 25, master carpenter; Susan, 24; Margaret, 3; Milton, 1. R. E. 3600, personal 242.

Henry Wilt, 25; Catherine, 24; Susan, 2 1/2; Herbert Ememel, 23; Elizabeth, 2; Horace Oberdier, 20; apprentice; John Shupp, 20. R. E. 6000, personal 300.

Adam Ziegler, 38, master carpenter; Leah, 31; Amanda, 6; Edward, 3; William, 9 1/2 mos.; Sarah Paup, 55; Peter Paup, 21, stone mason; Levi Paup, 19, stone mason apprentice. R. E. 2000, personal 300.

John Greenawald, 36; Elizabeth, 34; Samuel, 9; Amanda, 7. R. E. 1200, personal 670.

Peter Kentzel (may be Rentzel), 31; Hannah, 30; Margaret, 9; Elizabeth, 6; Peter, 4. R. E. 800, personal 300.

Peter May, 33; Mary, 28; Alice, 7; John, 6; David, 2. R. E. none listed, personal 400.

Scanning through the 1860 Census records for Dover Borough and Dover Township yields information on several additional families in each of the above categories not listed in my original source, the *Boyd's Directory*. Limited space in the newsletter prevents exploring all of those families. You are encouraged to research ancestry.com for further information.

The following residents are listed in *Boyd's* as sawmill operators: Peter Boyer; John Crone; Henry Darne; George Emig and Daniel Hoffeins. All, however, are enumerated in the 1860 Census as farmers.

Other Dover area residents were employed as coopers, millers and blacksmiths; as merchants, machinists, weavers and masons; in distilling, pupils of teaching and even a rag dealer. After scanning more than fifty pages of the 1860 Census, I found no Dover area resident enumerated as a sawmill owner or operator. It could be the farmer considered the sawmill operation secondary to the farm operation or this could be due to the response to questions asked by the Census enumerator.



FUNDRAISER ITEMS FOR SALE — available for purchase from “Our Store” on GDHS website or contact any GDHS member

Blacksmith Shop replicas \$12 — Bloodroot Book \$10 — Notepaper \$7 — Brookside Park booklets \$2 — Trash Bags \$4 for pkg. of 25 bags or \$30 case of 200 bags

Orders can be placed by email to doverhistory@gdhspa.org

2011 GDHS CALENDAR OF EVENTS - June to December

June 16 — regular meeting

June 21 — historical walk 6pm @ Blacksmith Shop

July 21 — regular meeting @ Log Cabin

August 18 — regular meeting

September 15 — membership picnic 5:30pm @ Brookside Park

October 20 — regular meeting

November 17 — regular meeting

December — no meeting

All GDHS meetings are held at the Calvary Lutheran Church on the square in Dover beginning at 7pm, the third Thursday of each month. Guest speakers are scheduled for our June and August regular business meetings. Everyone is welcome to attend!



Blacksmith Shop Open House — the year marks the 4th year of our Blacksmith Shop open house on the 2nd Saturday of month (April through October) from 10am to 2pm. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!

GDHS donations — a reminder to members that any donation or bequeath to the GDHS of memorabilia or other historical items should be at least 50 years old. If anyone has questions concerning any item to be donated, please contact our Assistant Archivist, Gayle Heagy.

2011 GDHS Officers

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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