

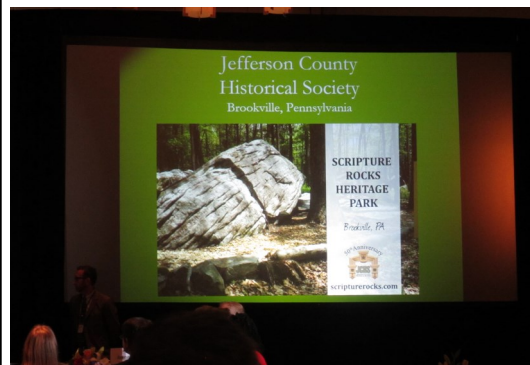
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The Jeffersonian is published in February, June, and October. Submissions are always welcome and should be directed to Ken Burkett c/o the History Center.

AASLH Award —American Association of State & Local History

Received at the AASLH Annual Meeting on September 6th in Austin, Texas, this is the 3rd award this year for Scripture Rocks Heritage Park. This is the most prestigious national recognition given for achievement in the collection, preservation and interpretation of local, state, and regional history. It recognizes exemplary work, encouraging standards of excellence from historical societies, museums and other institutions. Awards are given for exhibits, public and educational programming, special projects, publications, and multimedia, as well as for individual achievement.



Only four awards were given this year to the entire state of Pennsylvania with the other three presented to the Pennsylvania State Museum, Somerset County Historical Society and the Eastern State Penitentiary Historic Site.

Of note also was the Somerset County award for a new book titled *Shay Furnace*, authored by Brian Fritz. Brian was also the co-author of the *Why Douglas Stahlman Carved His Legacy in Stone* with Ken Burkett which also won the AASLH Award in 2015.



What an honor for JCHS and Jefferson County residents, who now have a nationally award-winning cultural and historic park in their county to enjoy.

(See our Summer newsletter for prior awards given this year to SRHP and also to our Executive Director for his leadership in developing the park).

Ken receiving the AASLH Award

Mark Your Calendar now for the JCHS Annual Dinner on Saturday, October 21st at the Heritage House

2017 Annual Giving Campaign

2017 Events Calendar

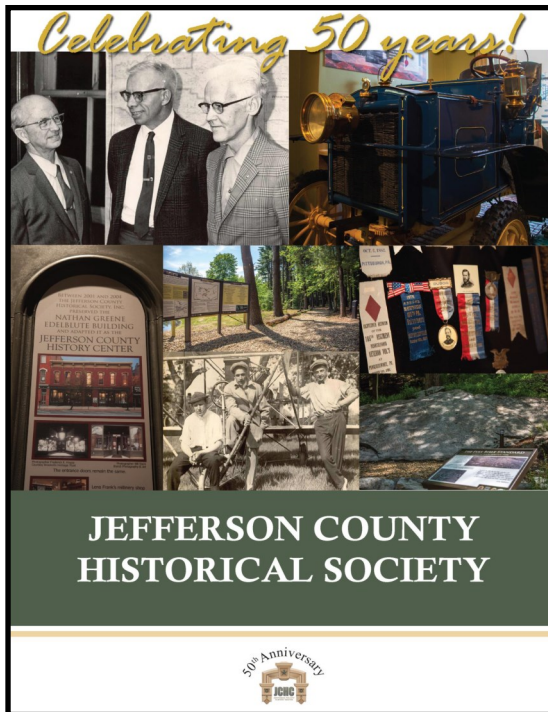
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Saturday, Oct. 21
Heritage House
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Escape Room
Every Fri. & Sat.,
Sept. 29 - Oct 28
Hourly from
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Brookville Eerie Tales
Sat., October 28, 6 p.m.
Town Square
Tickets Required

Paranormal Brookville
Fri, October 27, 7 p.m.
Jeff. Co. Courthouse
Tickets at the Door

Watch the newspapers
and jchconline.org for
Victorian Christmas



Thanks to our many members and friends, the Jefferson County Historical Society (JCHS) is celebrating our **50th Anniversary** milestone! What a path traveled! Rising from a vision and humble beginnings, the JCHS enthusiastically continues the mission of collecting and caring for the history of Jefferson County making it available for research and enjoyment by our residents and visitors. We are constantly seeking new ways of presenting history both inside the History Center and as outreach programs and opportunities such as the Scripture Rocks Heritage Park.

This was not an easy accomplishment, nor done by any individual. In a relatively small community with limited financial resources and an era of dwindling grants and aid, it is

an ongoing struggle to balance an operational budget through various forms of support and a busy schedule of events.

October is when we mail out the annual giving request to our members and friends. It is through your generosity we can continue to preserve and present local history at a high level since 1967. Our recent state and national awards are proof. We know that we are caretakers of our history for a short time and that it must be passed on to future stewards to ensure that the museum is here for another 50 years. **Please help us by contributing to our annual fund.** We are grateful to have you collaborate with us in the JCHS's ongoing mission

Authors Wanted

We are accepting manuscripts throughout the year for the upcoming *Jeffersonian Journal* which is our annual publication about Jefferson County history.

Email
jchc@windstream.net
 to submit an article.

Saluting Our Newest Life Members

Eric & Brenda Armstrong
Ed Fulesday
Tom Glover
Dave Love
Barbara McKinley
Amy Slocum

Consider becoming a Life Member when you renew this year!

Don't forget the JCHC Gift Shop for that unique Christmas Present or Book

Gun Show Wrap



A busy, successful Antique Rifles & Indian Artifacts Show - Our biggest yet!

12th Annual Antique Rifles and Indian Artifacts Show

Though we endured a rainy and cool day, our annual event was the biggest yet with over 100 tables of exhibitors! We look forward to an even bigger event next year!

Raffle Winners:

- ◆ **Charles Park** - Won the Solomon Harriger reproduction muzzleloader.
- ◆ **Cathy Mohney** - Won the \$1000 Lottery Ticket Raffle.
- ◆ **Diane Vonarx** - Won the Door Prize

Thank you to all of the vendors, volunteers, staff, and board members who helped make the show a success.



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Wanted: Vendors & Exhibitors

Items from all time periods for the Spring Military Show on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds
 9 AM - 4 PM

Vendor tables are \$25 each and exhibit tables are free.

More information contact Ken Burkett at the History Center or at kburkett-jchc@windstream.net

**4TH ANNUAL
 MILITARY
 COLLECTIBLES SHOW**

SATURDAY
 MARCH 10, 2018
 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

JEFFERSON COUNTY
 FAIRGROUNDS
 RT. 28, 1/4 MILE NORTH OF
 INTERSTATE 80, EXIT 81

**FEATURING MILITARIA FOR SALE, SHOW AND
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ADMISSION: ADULTS - \$7.00 CHILDREN UNDER 16 - FREE

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Genealogy

Kat Lyons

Announcements

What's in a Surname & Surname Variations

So you think genealogy research is fun and easy? It *is* fun, but not always easy! I've researched surnames that have a multitude of variations, such as Hennigh, with 14 variations of the patronymic (Old World spelling). For one poor man, the census record spelling varied from the military record which varied from the headstone!

But I admit there is another surname that takes the cake. There are no less than 40 variations for the present day local Burket/Burkett Family of Burket/Burkett Hollow. Try researching that in no time flat!

Berket/Berkett	Burckerd/ Burckert
Berkit/Berkitt	Burk/Burke
Birket/Birkett	Burkerd/Burkert
Byrket	Burckhard/Burckhart/Burckhardt
Bukhard/Bukhart	Burgard/Burgart
Bukit	Burghard/Burghart/Burghardt
Burchard	Burget/Burgett
Burchet/Burchett	Burghert
Burckard/Burckart	Burkard/Burkart/Burkardt
Burckat/Burcket	Burket/Burkett/Burkette

Many variations arise from New World spellings, when European names became anglicized. Sometimes census takers for ship passenger lists couldn't fathom the pronunciation or spelling, so wrote it the best they could. Others sometimes result from family feuds with a spelling change to distance oneself from relatives.

The Burket/Burkett ancestors came from the Palatinate, area of Germany along the Rhine River—The Upper (Bavarian) area and the Lower (Rhine), ruled by Count Palatine (c.11th century). Prized by feuding countries, the area was constantly invaded and many fled to America. The greatest migration was 1730-1750. Pre-Revolution, it is estimated there were more than 200,000 Germans who settled in PA! The Burckhardt spelling seems to be one of the oldest. So what's the meaning of all of these names? "One That is Energetic." I think this fits our fearless leader, Ken Burkett, pretty well! (from *Burket/Burkett/Burckhardt Family, Vol I*, compiled by Nina Burket Deeter Ellis & Arnold Burkett, 1990).



Kat Lyons with the JCHC table at Representative Cris Dush's Senior Citizens Fair in Punxsutawney on 9/22. The event provided a great opportunity to meet many new friends, hand out information and free admission passes to JCHC. Thanks to Cris for the invitation as an exhibitor at this very busy fair.

Herb Landis in Memoriam

Herb was a long-time member and also served on the board of directors. Our older members remember him as hands-on, going out of his way to be helpful. When the Scripture Rocks Heritage Park opened in 2016, he came to the History Center asking for rack cards to distribute to a B&B on Winslow Hill in Elk County owned by a friend of his. That is just one example of Herb thinking of how he could help out the JCHS.

We want to especially thank all of the donors who made contributions in his name to JCHS. Gifts of this kind are always welcome and help us keep the History Center going, which is what Herb wanted. Thank you Herb, for your years of service and membership and for your last gift to JCHS.

Volunteer Help Wanted

- ◆ Bowditch Model Railroad engineers and miniatures diorama builders
- ◆ Miscellaneous JCHC Projects from office to data entry to genealogy help
- ◆ Scripture Rocks clean-up days and tour guides
- ◆ Exhibit design and builders
- ◆ Events help

Scripture Rocks

The Scuttlebutt on Scripture Rocks : Pavilion Dedication on Member Appreciation Day



Airen Kelso & his parents with his Eagle Scout Project Plaque from JCHS

Exciting things have happened at Scripture Rocks Heritage Park this summer, and are still happening! The picnic pavilion was dedicated during Member Appreciation Day on July 23rd. Jack and Jean Parker took a chauffeured trip through the park in a golf cart that was loaned to us for the day. We held a recognition ceremony for Airen Kelso, Eagle Scout Troop #67, and his parents, who worked hard on constructing the pavilion. The grand picnic table for the pavilion arrived September 14th. We thank the Parkers for making the pavilion possible, and the Kelsos and Airen's Eagle Scout friends for constructing it.

The pavilion is available to reserve for your special occasion by calling the History Center. Our popular and successful Sunday Walking Tours at the park ended the last of September but we will conduct the tours again next year. Group tours are still available anytime by appointment until the park closes for the winter. Call us at 814-849-0077 or go online at jchconline.org.



Jack and Jean Parker at the Dedication of the Pavilion

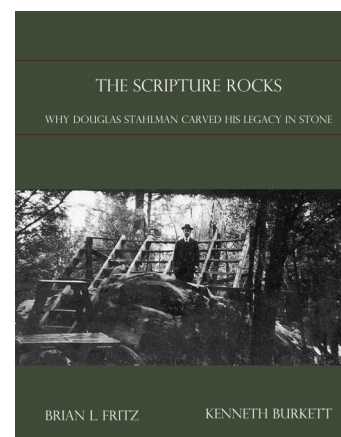
Book Review

Recently, the Jefferson County History Center received another accolade from a highly favorable book review in *Pennsylvania History: A Journal of Mid-Atlantic Studies* (Spring 2017, Vol. 84, Number 2, p.269). The book reviewed was —you guessed it—*The Scripture Rocks: Why Douglas Stahlman Carved His Legacy in Stone* by Brian L. Fritz and Kenneth Burkett.

Pennsylvania History is the official journal of the Pennsylvania Historical Association (PHA) (pa-history.org). The book was selected by the editors of the journal for review. The reviewer, John B. Frantz of Pennsylvania State University, Associate Professor Emeritus in American History, had this to say at the end of his review:

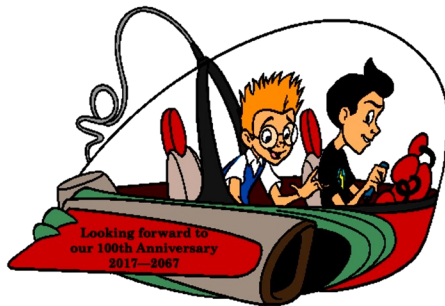
“The members of the Jefferson County Historical Society deserve much credit for preserving and publishing this distinctive aspect of their history. Their work should inspire other local groups to undertake similar efforts. No doubt, most communities have a past that people elsewhere should know about.”

We can't agree more! We would like to sincerely thank PHA and Professor Frantz for the sterling evaluation.



50th Anniversary

Kat Lyons



50TH Anniversary Part III - “ 50 Years into the Future via the JCHC Time Capsule”

What will JCHC be like in the future? Five years from now...Fifty years from now? The JCHC Time Capsule will be unsealed in 2067, our 100th Anniversary. What will be found in it? What is your vision of what Jefferson County and the History Center will be like in 50 years?

The current board’s vision prioritizes four goals:

1. Funding: For daily operations and exhibits, and to provide competitive staff salaries for the Executive Director, Research Assistant, and Curatorial staff.
2. Membership: Maintain a solid membership base and grow that membership.
3. Exhibits: That are interesting, interactive and exciting!
4. Collections Space: Last but not least, we are in need of future space for our expanding archives and collections.

Currently, we have one paid position, Executive Director. The Curator and Research Assistant positions are volunteer and unpaid. We have six positions funded by the federal government, which is largely how we manage to stay open and keep afloat. If we lose this program due to federal budget cuts in 2018, we won’t be able to provide the same level of service we provide now, nor be able to stay open five days a week, which is our current schedule. There is one graduate student per year, the stipend paid by Clarion University. To that effect, we are busy researching grant funding before it isn’t there anymore. Our goal is to fund at least the three positions outlined above, even if part-time to begin with, and to have a reserve for daily operations.

We have wonderful members, but did you know that the majority of them live outside the county and state?

This was also an issue early on when our founders initiated a major membership drive. (You may remember the 50th article in the Winter 2017 Newsletter where you learned of Arthur Altman’s highly successful \$1.00 county membership drive in 1971!) It’s time to increase our county membership once again. With an award-winning History Center and Scripture Rocks Heritage Park—that many residents have not yet seen - invite someone you know who would enjoy finding out about our indoor and outdoor museums to become a member. Memberships dollars contribute to keeping the doors open and creating new exhibits and opening the door for new volunteer opportunities.

To showcase interesting and exciting exhibits, we always welcome input from our members and the community. To make these exhibits interactive and exciting by using state-of-the-art technology, we need funding. Our goal is to create exemplary exhibits and maintain our first-class history center status.

Space is at a premium! Do we stay small or do we grow? If we grow, where do we go? Do we find a larger building for our archives or do we add on to our current building and dispose of the old Brady Craig building? We are currently considering all possibilities. These are major questions of funding, which again necessitate finding money through grants and capital campaigns.

We invite you to consider where you want the Jefferson County History Center to be in the near future, and let us know today. As for the next 50 years, members are welcome to add a personal note or a small trinket symbolizing “2017” to the Time Capsule which will be sealed at the end of 2017 and stored in the museum. Remember grade school kids today will be in their 60’s at that time. Make a prediction or just send your greetings. Contact the History Center for more information.

Thank you all for bringing your History Center this far and into the future.

In the News

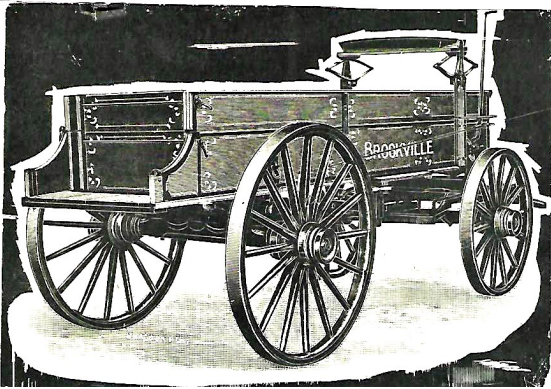
A Brookville Wagon Returns

In July, a piece of local history made its way back to Brookville in the form of a large, horse-drawn wagon donated to the JCHC by Matt and Mary Puskarich of Cadiz, Ohio, who wanted this item to be returned to its home town to be enjoyed by people who appreciate its history.

JCHC Executive Director Ken Burkett described the item as being in "fantastic condition." It is all original including the wheels and even the paint. In fact the wagon was in such good shape that a local Amish man offered to buy it for use on his farm.



JCHS President Eric Armstrong showcasing the Brookville wagon on WJAC-TV news



Old Newspaper ad from Brookville MFG

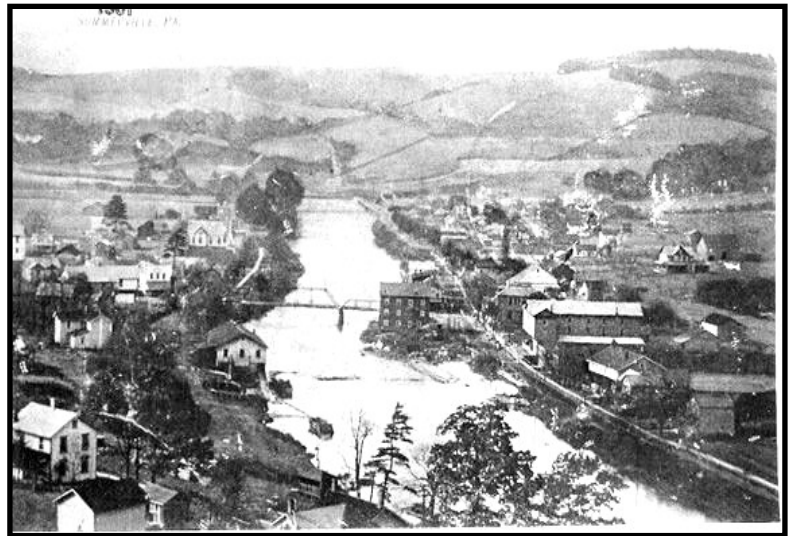
This type of wagon was built by the Brookville Manufacturing Company (1892–1918). The factory was located in the vicinity of the current Penn Separator company and produced wagons as their principal feature. They also built hacks, sleds and handles of all sorts.

The JCHC staff has more research and planning to do before this new acquisition makes its big debut. Current plans are to move the wagon into the JCHC's Parker gallery later this fall as part of the *Living on the Land* exhibit.

Summerville Historic Walking Tour

The JCHC recently received a \$5,000 matching grant from the Lumber Heritage Region of Pennsylvania that will be used in conjunction with the Summerville Story Project group to develop and install a series of interpretative panels throughout that community. Current plans will have the panels completed and installed by spring of 2018. A designated walking tour will enable residents and visitors to see a then-and-now view and develop a sense of the community's history through photographs and text that interprets changes through time.

The Summerville group is seeking donations to help cover the required matching funds. If you would like to donate or receive more information on the project, please contact Ken Burkett at the JCHC or email Dan Bowser at Bowser@BusinessValueInsights.com with the Summerville Story Project.



Overview of Summerville in 1907

Wanted: We are seeking an older Nursing Uniform for temporary exhibit loan

Curator's Corner

Carole A. Briggs

Getting History Out Into the Community

The award our executive director received at the national meeting of the American Association of State and Local History for his work in developing Scripture Rocks Heritage Park is witness to the great job he, the staff, and the board of directors are doing in taking history out into the community. Granted, he had many helpers, but starting with Jack Theisen's suggestion that we "do something about those rocks," it was Ken Burkett who did the grunt work of grant-writing, planning, coordinating, putting together a volunteer group, scheduling workdays, and doing a good bit of the physical work.

I consider Scripture Rocks Heritage Park to be an outdoor exhibit. Other exhibits of JCHS's that are outside the typical brick walls are at the DuBois Airport, the historical and archaeology panels in the Allegheny National Forest, and soon to be installed Summerville historic panels. (I know how much I appreciated the Roger Tory Peterson exhibit at the Jamestown Airport when I was stuck there for two hours in April!).

Writing is another way we get our local history out into the community. The book about Scripture Rocks, written by Ken and his co-author, Brian Fritz, is nearing its third printing. For several years, we've written a "Throwback Thursday" column for ExploreJefferson.com, and for many years, we've contributed history-related columns to the Brookville and Brockway *Mirror*. The feedback we get is positive!

Another aspect of getting history out into the community is the number of programs that are available for community groups. Ken, other board members, and I are available to present a variety of topics to different types of groups. Ken's Scripture Rocks program is a good prelude to an actual visit or, for the handicapped, a virtual experience.

Women's groups have enjoyed a festive tea with a costumed presenter. A group of men and women in Brockway had fun this spring wearing black hats and hearing about some interesting Jefferson County folks who wore black hats, too. Scout groups have liked our Hands-on-History programs where they have the opportunity to examine real objects from the past. A similar program is available for adults.

New programs on our website include *Sleuthing the Truth*, how to verify history; *How About a Date?* post card history and a peek at our forthcoming publication; and *Pick Up Your Pen, Turn on Your Computer, and Write*, how to interpret rather than just document history. And if those titles don't meet your needs, if given 6 - 8 weeks, we can design a program that will!

Getting our history out into the communities of Jefferson County is what we're all about.



Tom Glover presents a program at Scripture Rocks

Planning Programs for 2017–2018?

If you or your organization are interested in having us present a history-based program, visit jchconline.org for more information about our many programs and speakers.

Upcoming Events

Escape Room: Bedlam to Blazes!

Rack your brain and those of your friends to solve the puzzle created by a truly “postal” and diabolical mind — our very own board VP and manager at the Brookville Post Office, Larry Anthony! We uncage him for one month at Halloween time to torture your brains with cryptic clues.

The Scenario: You are going to visit a friend who has been institutionalized. The facility is being closed down and moved to a new state of the art location the next day. Overcrowding is an ongoing problem and some of the residents have been moved into whatever space is available. Now there’s trouble. Can you help your friend escape before disaster strikes? You will have 50 minutes to solve the clues in time to escape the bedlam and blazes!

Every Friday & Saturday September 29—October 28th, Hourly from 6-9 PM, at the Brady Craig Building (former JCHS Museum) at 236 Jefferson St., Brookville. We recommend Groups of 2-6 and Ages 13 and over. Adults \$20 per person. Students and Ages 13-17 \$10 per person.

Advance Reservations Required. Contact JCHC at 814-849-0077 or online at jchconline.org.

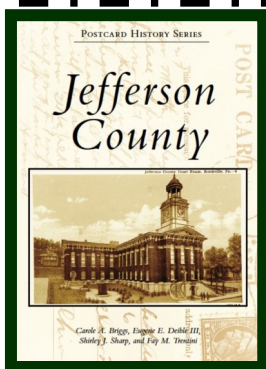
ESCAPE ROOM BEDLAM TO BLAZES

Every Friday & Saturday
September 29-October 28
Hourly from 6-9 p.m.

Groups of 2-6
Adults \$20 | Students \$10

Brady Craig Building
236 Jefferson Street, Brookville, PA

Advance Reservations Required
Contact the Jefferson Co. History Center at
814-849-0077 or online at jchconline.org



New Publication In Time for Christmas *Jefferson County Arcadia Postcard Book*

Pre-order Form

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City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Telephone _____

Cost each _____ \$31.75 includes tax Postage _____ \$5.00 each

I will pick up at the History Center

Return with your check
Payable To:
JCHS
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Brookville, PA 15825
Credit Card Reservations
Call 849-0077

Upcoming Events

*This fall, the
Jefferson County History Center
brings you...*

PARANORMAL BROOKVILLE

**October 27, 2017
7:00 p.m.**

Jefferson Co. Courthouse
Main Courtroom

*Join the Jefferson Co.
Paranormal Group as they
present their findings from
different locations around
Brookville.*

**\$10 per person
Tickets at the door**

EERIE TALES

**October 28, 2017
6:00 p.m.**

Groups form at
Brookville Town Square

*Tour with the Jefferson
County History Center
Guides on a historical based
walking tour and learn
about some of the little
known, strange but true
eerie happenings
in Brookville.*

**\$10 per person
Call for Tickets**

(Limited tickets available at the event.)

MORE INFORMATION/TICKETS

Jefferson Co. History Center
814-849-0077 or jchconline.org



Paranormal Panicking

by Jefferson County Paranormal Investigators

Dare to come see and hear our spirited ghosts presented by the Jefferson County Paranormal Investigators. Find out what “proof” has been collected during the past year at some of Jefferson County’s paranormal “hot spots” including the first outdoor investigation at Scripture Rocks Heritage Park.

Learn about the equipment they use to record sounds and sightings! It will be an evening of spooky excitement and intrigue — Don’t Miss It!

October 27th , 7 PM, Jefferson County Courthouse, 2nd Floor. Tickets are \$10 per person at the door. No advance tickets required. Contact JCHC at 814-849-0077 for more information or go to jchconline.org

Brookville’s Eerie Tales

Join our historical-based eerie walking tour and discover strange but true eerie happenings in our town, if you dare. Some of thee eerie tales are even in our Jefferson County histories! The lighted lantern tours will be led by Jefferson County History Center guides to various venues along Main Street and adjacent dark, spooky alleyways.

Groups will meet at the Town Square at 6 PM on October 28th.

Advance tickets are \$10 per person and may be obtained online at jchconline.org , at the History Center at 172-176 Main St, or at the Brookville Chamber Office at 278 Main St., or by credit card at (814) 849-0077.

Limited tickets will be available at the event.



Model Railroad Schedule

**Saturday, September 30
12 - 3 pm**

**Saturday, October 28
12 - 3 pm**

**Brookville Light-Up Night
Friday, Nov. 24,
6 - 9 pm**

**Brookville Victorian Christmas
Friday, Dec. 1
6 - 9 pm**

**Saturday Dec. 16
12 - 3 pm**

Jefferson County Historical Society's 2017 Annual Membership Dinner Celebrate 50 Years

Saturday, October 21

Heritage House, 4 Sylvania Street, Brookville

6:00 PM - Meet & Greet

6:30 PM - Dinner

Dinner Choices:

- ◆ **Shrimp Alfredo with Fettuccini & Garlic Bread**
 - ◆ **Prime Rib with Baked Potato and Roll**

**Both choices with salad, beverage and
white chocolate cheesecake**

7:30 PM - Business Meeting

Presentation of JCHS Annual Awards and Recognitions

PROGRAM: *50th Anniversary Spoof*

2017 ANNUAL DINNER RSVP

***Please RSVP by October 14th**

\$27 per person

Name/s: _____

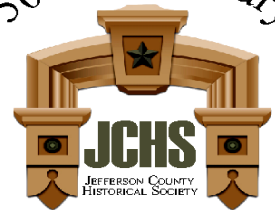
Phone: _____ Attending: _____

Dinner Choices: Shrimp Alfredo _____ Prime Rib _____

Vegetarian or Special Requirements _____

Total Enclosed _____

50th Anniversary



Return with your check
 Payable To:
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 Brookville, PA 15825
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The Jefferson County
Historical Society
172-176 Main St.
P.O. Box 51
Brookville, PA 15825

(814) 849-0077
jchc@windstream.net

<http://jchconline.org>

Museum Hours

Tues. - Sat.
11 AM - 4 PM

Closed Sundays,
Mondays, and Holidays

We typically close when
our schools close due
to weather, and urge
you to phone before
traveling any distance

Exhibit Admission Fees

JCHS Members - Free

Non-members:

Individual - \$ 5

Household - \$ 7

Students - \$1

Genealogy

Contracted Research
\$25 /hr. (1 hr. minimum)

In-House Assisted
Research

\$25/hr. (after 1st 1/2hr.)

If you would like to
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E-newsletter
and announcements
of events and
activities at the JCHC

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Falls Creek, PA 15840

Jefferson County Historical Society Annual Membership Application

Individual \$25/12 months Family (Household) \$35/12 months Life \$500.00

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Our Mission

Our purpose is to engage people of all ages in the history of Jefferson County. We collect and care for relevant objects, images and documents and invite county residents and visitors to research our materials, interact with our exhibits, take part in our programs and read our publications, in order to encourage an understanding of our past and present and a vision for the future.