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Living On The Land Grand Opening Event

The *Living on the Land* exhibit will formally open to JCHC members at a special grand opening on Saturday, November 14th from 12:00 - 5:00 pm. The exhibit will open to the general public the following week.

This project originated from an interpretative prospectus developed in 1999 from the input of nearly one hundred fifty county residents who participated in a project called *The People of Jefferson County: Who are We?*. It was first summarized in the 2004 publication *Jefferson County Pennsylvania an Illustrated History* and then used as a guide to develop the components incorporated into the exhibit.

From design to completion, this gallery has been in construction for over a year and contains many objects and images that represent the history of Jefferson County from its earliest history through today in eight sections that include:

- ***Out of the Mist*** - begins with the county's earliest fossil record and shows creatures from long ago and continues through the ice age and arrival of the Native Americans explaining their lifeways over the past 10,000 years.
- ***The Settler's Lot*** - features artifacts from the pioneer period including a rifle once owned by Daniel Long and a recreation of a log house interior with all of the items and implements that made a homestead comfortable.
- ***Clear Cuts and Conservation*** - presents the logging and lumbering era and includes several cases and a re-created 19th century carpenter's shop that contains original belt driven machinery and hand tools.
- ***Working the Fields*** - consists of panels, displays and artifacts covering the history and various types of farming. The centerpiece for this section is a large 19th century flour sifter from Oliveburg.
- ***Business and Industry*** - is a changing group of exhibit cases intended to showcase the variety and historical growth of the many manufacturing firms and businesses throughout the county. The opening sections showcase Brockway Glass and Brookville Mining.



Exhibit Crew Caleb Kifer, Ken Burkett, Jeff Carrier, Mandi Stein and Carole Briggs

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Events and Happenings

Events Calendar

September

Fri. Sept. 4, 6:30 pm
Bowdish model RR show

Thu. Sept. 10, 6:30 pm
Board of Directors

Fri. Sept. 18, 7 pm
Northfork Chapter 29 - Bob Oshnock will present: *Who Lived in the 33 Round Houses of the Late Prehistoric Consol Site in Westmoreland County*

October

Fri. Oct. 2, 6:30 pm
Bowdish Model RR Show

Fri. Oct. 2, 4-8 pm
Book Signing event with Randy Bartley

Thu. Oct. 8, 6:30 pm
Board of Directors

Fri. Oct. 9, 6 pm
JCHC Annual Dinner
Brookville Masons Hall

Fri. Oct. 16, 7pm
Northfork Chapter 29
Dr. Denise Garrott will present a program: *The Cahokia and Spirit Mounds*

November

Fri. Nov. 6, 6:30 pm
Bowdish Model RR Show

Thu. Nov. 12, 6:30 pm
Board of Directors

Sat. Nov. 14, 12-5 pm
Living on the Land
Exhibit Opens

Fri. Nov. 20, 7 pm
Northfork Chapter 29
Flint Knapping program by Harold Starcher

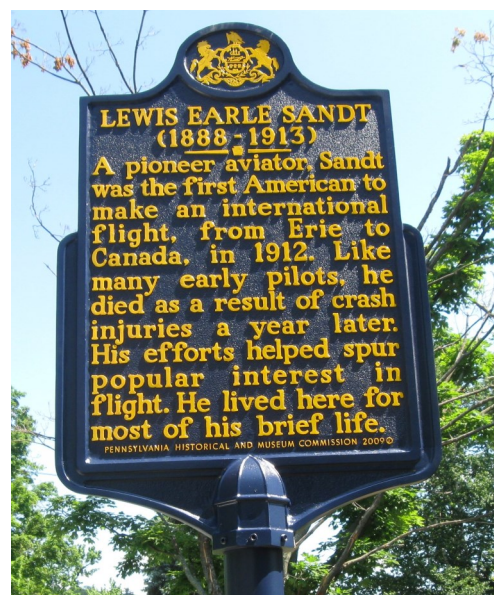
Grand Opening Event Continued:

- ***Moving About*** – summarizes transportation and includes items displayed throughout the gallery covering transportation through time, including a dugout canoe, rafting diorama, buggy, sleigh, railroad items and special exhibits of the Twyford Motorcar and original propeller from Earle Sandt's airplane.
- ***Buried Treasure*** – is depicted in multiple panels and cases that examine the extraction of coal, natural gas, clay and stone. This section includes a large working diorama of a gas drilling rig and a recreated early 20th century mining office.
- ***Into the Woods*** - encompasses the development of tourism and fun activities. Included in this area is a re-created mid-20th century family camp and special cases devoted to Viola Pol-lum's marksmanship achievements.

While many of the various objects and components of this exhibit will be changed and replaced over time, the individual sections and the story they tell will remain as a major permanent part of the Jefferson County History Center.



With the tap of a finger visitors like Lee Rossey shown here can use the new touch screen computers to discover more about the exhibit sections or artifacts



JCHC Executive Director Ken Burkett, David Taylor representing HBI and the Sandt family, property owner David Neill and Bill Callahan from the Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission pose with the newly erected PHMC Marker commemorating Lewis Earle Sandt on June 15th at 42 South Pickering Street in Brookville.

Caleb Kifer



Our Graduate Intern, Caleb returned to the JCHC for the 2009-2010 school year while working on his Masters Degree. He will be at the History Center for 20 hours per week through the fall and spring semesters and is funded by a joint endowment fund managed by Clarion University and funded by National Endowments for the Humanities, Matson Lumber and Brookville Equipment. He will assist in various aspects of museum management, exhibit development and historical research.

JCHS Annual Membership Meeting

The JCHS Annual Dinner will be held on Friday Evening, October 9th at the Brookville Masonic Hall, 105 Evans Street, Brookville. Hospitality will begin at 6:00 pm with dinner served at 6:30 pm.

Menu choices will consist of a choice of Stuffed Chicken Breast or Baked Steak served with mashed potatoes, vegetables rolls and desert along with Coffee, Tea, Ice Tea, Soft Drinks or Wine.

Dr. Paul Harvey representing the Coolspring Power Museum, will present a program titled: *What Keeps My Engine Running*.



Please make your reservations early using the enclosed flyer or by calling the JCHC at (814) 849-0077

JCHS Annual Award Nominations

The Jefferson County Historical Society is seeking nominations for two annual awards to be presented at the upcoming annual dinner on October 9, 2009. Please phone or email the Society with the name of your nominee by September 17th. The awards are:

Arthur Altman Award - presented to a JCHS member who has contributed significantly in any way to preserving Jefferson County History.

Kate M. Scott Award - presented to any person who has contributed significantly to the preservation of Jefferson County History.

Past Award Recipients :

<u>Year</u>	<u>Arthur Altman Award</u>	<u>Kate M. Scott Award</u>
2008	Joan Matson	Northfork Chapter 29 SPA
2007	William Gilbert	Harry Neuhard
2006	Russell Harriger	Tom Curry
2005	Jack & Jean Parker	Ada Redin
2004	David Taylor	Eugene Deible
2003	Jean Harriger	Bill McCracken
2002	James Sterrett	Laura Mae Baker
2001	Kay Sandt Taylor	Patricia M. Steele

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Current Exhibits

Living on the Land

Parker Gallery
Opens November 14

Then and Now

Knapp/Clapie Photography
Second Floor, Small Gallery

Welcome to the Seat of Jefferson County

Landing Exhibit

No Batteries Required

Second Floor, Small Gallery

Victorian Parlor

Second Floor, Ada Edelblute
Pearsall Parlor

Richardsville in Miniature

Skylight Room

Antique Purses

Skylight Room

Bowdish Miniature Railroad

Bowdish Gallery

Frazier Sawmill

Excavation

Grand Hall

Shirley VanAtta

Watercolors

Grand Hall

Millennium Quilt of Love and Honor

Grand Hall

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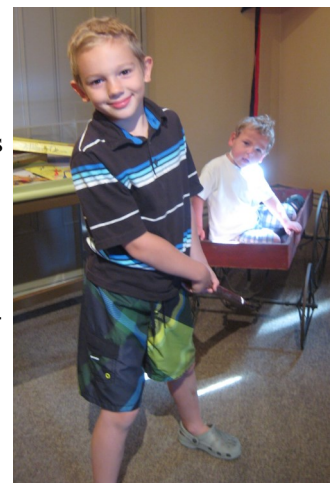
Exhibits

No Batteries Required

The latest exhibit to open at the Jefferson County History Center features a selection of toys dating from the 19th and 20th centuries that didn't depend upon computer chips or batteries.

Featured items include a little red wagon built by Dr Shaffner in Richardsville, early dolls, board games, blocks, a Pennsylvania made Slinky and many other interesting toys of the past that will be sure to bring back memories.

The exhibit includes a hands-on table for kids and will remain open through December.



Millennium Quilt of Love and Honor



Families and their loved ones are memorialized on this special wall - our Jefferson County counterpart to D.C.'s wall of names" Joan Swigart, Clover Twp.

The Millennium Quilt (200-2001) contains 980 names that were hand-lettered on 16" blocks and sashing that surround the middle block and Relay for Life Logo in support of the American Cancer Society. The names represent people in 15 states and Pennsylvania.

Making Movies

Mike Pitutch a local student currently attending the Pittsburgh Film Institute is using his skills and equipment to record the Bowdish railroad for a video production that can be accessed by JCHC visitors on the touch screen computers when the railroad isn't running. Mike also recently recorded and produced a segment with Bill McCracken and the Twyford Motorcar for the *Living on the Land* exhibit.



Antiques Donations Needed

The Historical Society is sponsoring an antiques show and sale at the YMCA on Saturday, December 5th during Brookville's Victorian Christmas. The society is soliciting donations of antiques or other appropriate items that can be sold at our table as a fundraiser. If you have an object or photograph that you would like to consider donating for this event, please contact the JCHC.

Curator's Corner

Carole A. Briggs, Curator



Documenting the materials donated by groups and individuals is certainly an important responsibility of those of us here at the History Center. Caring for them appropriately is another. The folks who work and volunteer in the office know to remove paper clips and rubber bands from documents and photographs, and, over the years, we've acquired a selection of books to guide us in the cleaning and care of things. It is a big job! So how can those of you with photographs, documents, and objects to donate help us?

Let's consider photographs first. On more than one occasion I've arrived to find a grocery bag of jumbled photographs awaiting me. To be helpful, potential donors should, at a minimum, remove rubber bands and paper clips and sort the images in some sort of way. For instance, identified photographs might go in one large envelope and those identified by a photographer's name in another. Those from photographers outside Jefferson County might be mailed off to historical societies in other locations. A third envelope might contain photographs with no identification. An accompanying note with any information about the photographs' provenance is also very helpful. If we know they came from Aunt Hester's attic in Knoxdale, we have a starting point.

Documents are treated in much the same way. They may be arranged chronologically or time order. Laminating materials, while preventing tearing, does cause them to turn yellow so we do not advise doing that.

Sometimes documents and photographs have the smell of a damp basement. Cat litter comes to the rescue here. Sprinkle fresh dry cat litter in a plastic bag, put the documents inside, then twist closed. After five or six days, remove. The odor should be gone.

Finally, objects. Here is where less is better than more! We have the resources to tell us how to best take care of textiles. We know, for instance, that cotton and linen items will brighten up with a gentle bathtub soak then drying in bright sunshine (rather hard to find this year!) A current project is cleaning an American flag that came in with white stripes turned yellow. We checked our sources, tested one, and figure it will take a week or two to do the job! It's a large flag!

Metal and wooden objects may be gently cleaned. We use Murphy's oil soap. But things like tools and furniture should not be scrubbed, sanded, oiled or painted. Most museums use processes that can be reversed and that do not damage the integrity of an object. Sanding away signs of wear removes the story of a chair.

Here at the History Center we appreciate our donors and know you are as interested in the things that tell our stories as we are, so feel free to Email or phone if you have a question about something you wish to donate. We'll be happy to share what we've learned.

SECOND RICHARDSVILLE COMMUNITY DAY PLANNED

On September 26th, between 2-5pm, there will be more opportunities for scanning photographs and documents like deeds, and additional oral histories. At 5pm there will be a short presentation about the progress of the Richardsville Project and Fern "Bunny" Willits, Penn State University will make some observations about what she's learned during her many years studying rural Pennsylvania. A carry-in supper will end the day.

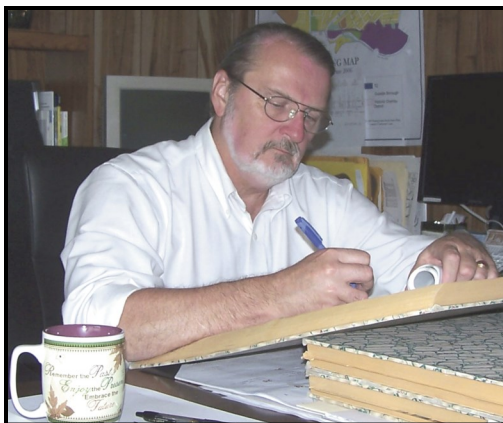
This project is funded by the Pennsylvania Humanities Council as part of the National Endowment for the Humanities' We the People Initiative on American History.

People who wish to be part of this project as oral historians, photograph scanners, or persons with Richardsville memories and stories to tell should contact the History Center now at 814-849-0077 or jchc@windstream.net.



IUP student Anna Dinger at work documenting buildings in Richardsville

Local Author to have Book-Signing Event at the JCHC

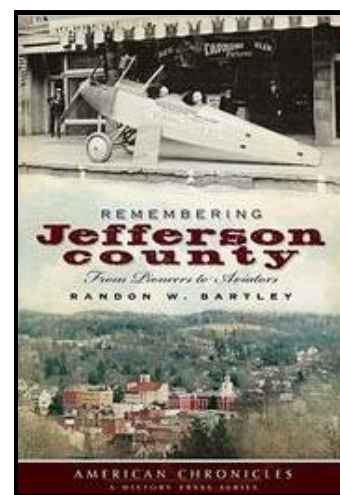


Inventors, hermits and frontiersmen have all roamed the fields and forests of Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, to leave their marks on what was once only a dense wilderness. With his new book *Remembering Jefferson County*, local journalist Randon W. Bartley introduces his readers to the likes of Judge Heath, who helped fugitive slaves escape from jail; Earle Sandt, Brookville's daring aviator; and local Civil War heroine Kate Scott, whom readers will come to see in a new light. The fascinating history of Jefferson County is told through tales of mine disasters, prognosticating rodents, prohibition battles, early forms of baseball and a man who thought he could cheat the devil. With humor and wit, Bartley brings together a collection of vignettes that tracks the evolution of Jefferson County from a frontier outpost to a bustling modern community.

Randy is a past president of the Jefferson County Historical Society and a current member of the board of directors of Historic Brookville Inc. He serves as a volunteer historical interpreter for the National Park Service at the Gettysburg, Antietam and Richmond National Battlefield Parks and has been named as a Penn Ambassador by the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. He has had articles published in a number of national periodicals and has been the editor of the *Jefferson Democrat* for over twenty years.

Randy will be on hand at the Jefferson County History Center on Friday evening, October 2, from 4:00 - 8:00 pm to personalize copies for those purchasing the book through the JCHC museum gift shop. The 128 page book contains many local historical photographs and sells for \$19.99 plus tax.

Begin your Christmas shopping early with an autographed, personalized copy for each of the historians in your family



A new vertical banner announcing both the location of the History Center and the *Living on the Land* exhibit was recently installed on the Southwest corner of the JCHC overlooking Main Street

New JCHC Web Site Coming Soon

Thanks to John McManigle of *John's Corner* our internet web site will soon be changing to a new address at jchconline.org.

This new site will have an all new more attractive look and be much easier to find on the web. Among its many features will be interactive video and sound clips, links to special areas such as the JCHC newsletter, special event notices and separate secure areas just for our board of directors and general membership. We will also now have a point of sale store for books, memberships, event tickets and other items where patrons can pay by using Paypal or other credit cards.



John has also busy helping us develop the interactive technology for the 3 new touch screen computers being installed in the exhibit areas.

Recent Acquisitions

Bowdish Display Item, Don Kuhns, Greensburg
 Misc. Clothing and Photographs, Barb Brinkley, Dubois
 1914 Mirror, Punxsutawney Centennial – Kathleen Fulmer
 Ladies Dress, Anonymous
 Man’s jacket, Jackie Fetzer, Brookville
 Erie RR book, Anonymous
 Wonderling Genealogy, Anonymous
 WWII Packet, Anonymous
 Postcards, Susan Moore Haugh, Warsaw Twp
 Toys, Anonymous
 Woodworking tools, Anonymous
 Punxsutawney Army & Navy Building, Kimball Associates, Coraopolis
 Photograph, Baum School, Sandra Burnaman, FL
 Calling Card, Regina Siebenrock, FL
 Brookville Hospital Report, Judy Brady, Eldred Twp
 Atlas Powder Crate, Anonymous
 Rope splicing tool, Bill McCracken, Warsaw Twp
 Punxsutawney Yearbooks, Anonymous
 William Neel materials, Phyllis Cooper, NY
 Clothing, 1970s, Louisa Striver, Oil City
 Recovery bed, Joe McNutt, Eldred Twp
 Pifer/Frei Genealogy, Robert Peiffer, NJ
 Photograph, Riverside Employees, Dorrie Altman, Brookville
 Jamison Photo Album, Dru Ann Clark, TX
 Fuller/Huntley Genealogy, Anna Thompson, RI

New Members

Ronald and Carol Berg
 Quinton & Diane Bordi
 Margaret Bushley
 Wrayanne Clapie
 Dru Ann Clark
 Peggy Costion
 A. J. Dereome
 Jerry Dinger
 Christine Dotson
 Ruth Green
 Robert & Sue Harbridge
 Terry Hartzell
 Janica Hetrick
 Debi Macintyre
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 Joseph & Deborah Torpe
 Lore Verne
 Merris Welge
 Cynthia Wenner-Salsbury
 David & Rosemary Wonderling
 David Yates



Turn out for the Antique Firearms and Indian Artifact show on September 15th was excellent with many people stopping by to visit the 48 exhibitors with over 90 tables of antique firearms and Indian artifacts or to throw the atlatl at the competition. Plans are already underway for 2010.

Gun Show Raffle Winner Results

Rifle - Joe Burkett, Worthville, PA
 Tomahawk - Marshall Travax, Springdale, PA
 Shooters Box - Tait Brady, Franklin, PA
 Longrifles Book - Tom Kunta, Clifton, NJ
 Cleaning Kit - Gary Proper, Titusville, PA



Joe Burkett with 1st Prize Rifle

Museum Hours

Tuesday through
Saturday
Noon - 5pm

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- \$3

Household - \$5

Students - \$1

Genealogy Contracted Research (2 hr minimum)

Non-members - \$20/hr

Members - \$15/hr

Assisted Research
\$10/hr (after 1st hr)

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Opportunities to meet others interested in Jefferson County history • Unlimited use of the research facilities • Free admission to exhibits • Voting privileges at the annual meeting • Four issues of *The Jeffersonian* • History Center Shop Discount Days • Reduced admission to special events
• The knowledge that you are contributing towards the preservation of our past

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Individual \$20/12 months Family (Household) \$30/12 months

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