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Another National Award

The American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) proudly announces that the Jefferson County Historical Society is the recipient of an Award of Merit from the AASLH Leadership in History Awards for the exhibit *Living on the Land*.

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The AASLH Leadership in History Awards, now in its 66th year, is the most prestigious recognition for achievement in the preservation and interpretation of state and local history. This year, AASLH conferred fifty-nine national awards honoring people, projects, exhibits, books, and organizations. The winners represent the best in the field and provide leadership for the future of state and local history. Presentation of the award to Kenneth Burkett, JCHS Executive Director was made at a special banquet during the 2011 AASLH Annual Meeting in Richmond, Virginia, on Friday, September 16, 2011. The banquet is supported by a generous contribution from the History Channel.

Annual Giving Campaign

Our honorary chairpersons for the 2011 JCHS Annual Giving Campaign, Don and Dorrie Altman have been long time supporters of the History Center. Don notes "What would my dad, Arthur Altman, and the other folks who began this venture, think if they walked into the Jefferson County History Center today? I wonder what they envisioned as the future of the organization more than forty years ago".

Today the JCHC provides exciting displays, research facilities and history-related pro-



grams and publications that allow us to visualize and touch what has gone before, giving our children and us a clear vision of what our forefathers lived through.

Like everything else in this world, it takes financial support to keep this vital community asset functioning and productive. Unfortunately, the Commonwealth is in the midst of a financial crisis that has resulted in a 100% elimination of funding for county historical societies. The History Center has already cut its operating hours, reduced staff salaries and hours, and minimized budgeted projects as much as possible while still remaining a viable resource for county residents.

Once again we are asking our members and friends to help out. When you receive your annual giving request in the mail, please take time to consider a tax deductible contribution to help to preserve the history of Jefferson County and keeping it accessible and meaningful to everyone.

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JCHC Receives Scripture Rocks Grant

October

Events Calendar

Sat., Oct. 1 Seneca Casino Trip Tickets by Sep. 17th

Journeys Exhibit Opens

Bowdish Railroad 12-3 pm

Sat., Oct. 22 JCHC Annual Dinner Tickets by Oct. 15

November

Sat., Nov. 5 Bowdish Railroad 12-3 pm

Fri., Nov. 25 Bowdish Railroad 7-9 pm Brookville Light Up Night

December

Fri., Dec. 2 Bowdish Railroad 7-9 pm Victorian Photos 5-8 pm

Sat. Dec. 3 Bowdish Railroad 12-5 pm Chamber Wine Walk 2-5 pm Wild Cat Concert 7-9 pm

Sat. Dec. 17 Bowdish Railroad 12-3 pm

JCHC Annual Dinner Saturday, October 22nd

Reservations by October 15th The Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission recently announced that the Jefferson County History Center was among 35 awardees selected to receive a 2011 Keystone Historic Preservation Grant program which provides special funding for smaller project-development activities that include National Register nominations, architectural drawings, condition assessments, archaeology, and community and regional plans for historic preservation activities.

Totaling \$10,000.00, the JCHC project builds upon a partnership of ongoing field survey information compiled by the North Fork Chapter 29 of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology chapter to locate and record the *Scripture Rocks* which were carved by Douglas M. Stahlman between 1908 and 1913. These 530 large inscribed rocks are found in an arc around Brookville covering a distance of several linear miles from the old North Fork Park to Tunnel Hill. The span of the site and individual size of the inscribed boulders places Scripture Rocks as one of the largest historic rock art sites in the United States. Today most are clustered in outcroppings of large boulders within a forested setting but are at risk of destruction from road construction associated with logging practices, open pit mining, gas well drilling and urban sprawl.

To complete the grant requirements, Quinemahoning LLC has been currently contracted to provide skilled fieldwork that includes specialized survey equipment and geographic information software (GIS) mapping capabilities which will provide a detailed map of one or more of the local sites. When completed the maps will provide landowners a source of precise documentation that can be referenced to help avoid future disturbance or destruction of this important heritage site and can also be directly incorporated into the Jefferson County Planning Office GIS resource map where it will be included in any future planning for that area. Additionally the maps could be used as a future tool to help develop a long term goal to work with the county, community and landowners for the potential heritage tourism development and will assist the Jefferson County Historical Society with site interpretation for future programs and publications that document both the life of Douglas Stahlman and the Scripture Rocks legacy.

Ken Burkett Executive Director for the JCHC notes that this grant provides an important aspect to the hard work of a lot of volunteers with both the History Center and



Curator Carole Briggs points out the signature of Jan Sady's father that appears on a signature quilt Jan recently donated to the History Center



Almost 2000 people visited the PA 150 Civil War Road show sponsored by the JCHC at the

JCHC Annual Dinner Meeting

2011 Annual Dinner

The JCHC Annual Dinner and Membership Meeting will be on Saturday evening, October 22nd at the Pinecrest Country Club. The hospitality reception begins at 6pm and dinner is at 6:30.

Our guest speaker will be John Eastlake who will provide a program, "The PA Civilian Conservation Corps Legacy".

Among the programs that President Franklin D. Roosevelt used to try to stabilize the country during the Great Depression was the Civilian Conservation Corps which put young men to work planting trees, creating forest trails and roads, fighting forest fires and building state parks. Approximately 4,500 CCC camps were established across the country, providing the tent and barracks living quarters for more than 3 million men, most ages 17 to 28. Pennsylvania 113 camps, the second highest number in the country. The young men earned \$30 a month, of which \$25 was sent home to their families. During their stints, which could be extended to as long as two years, they also received three meals a day, something many of them could not expect at home, and lodging in tents (later barracks), which together were referred to as "three hots and a cot." Uniforms, disciplined training and classes were also part of the deal, but nothing drew these workers more than the food.

CCC Statue newly erected at the PA Lumber Heritage Museum

John will present how the PA CCC camps were organized including their locations

and types and will discuss what life was like for the participants including what the CCC boys did for society and what the CCC did for the "boys".

Menu includes choice Pinecrest Country Club Chicken or Prime Rib with roasted potatoes and green bean medley or Baked North Atlantic Cod with rice pilaf and green bean medley in addition to Caesar salad, roll, beverages and dessert.

Please mark you calendars now and confirm your plans to attend

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Name's			Return with your check To:
Address			Jefferson County History
City	Zip	_ Phone	Center P. O. Box 51 Brookville, PA 15825



"Kilroy Was Here", Pennsylvania Infantry Left Their Mark on Lynchburg, VA, Courthouse Records

Sometimes archivists encounter the unexpected. The JCHC recently received an email from Dale Dulaney who is the Local Records Archival Assistant at the Library of Virginia where the Archives of the Commonwealth are held. Below are his comments:

While looking through an unidentified business record, I expected to see the usual debits and credits typically found in nineteenth century business volumes. The ledger, found in the Lynchburg (Va.) Courthouse, belonged to a group of volumes entered as an exhibit in some long ago settled court case. Only one of the volumes was labeled – with "A. J. Ledger" inscribed on its spine. This volume turned out to be A. J. Ledger C (Barcode 1097496), but it contained more than the financial activities of an unknown Lynchburg area merchant.



Amidst the notations of customer purchases and payments made in 1812, names were written in pencil at the bottom of pages – Charles B. Stewart, James Ellis, William H. McCune. Additional names and doodles were scribbled over the carefully organized ledger entries. Curious, I continued to thumb through the ledger and discovered it had

been autographed by the 206th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry while the unit was on provost duty in Lynchburg, Va. The 206th was among the first to march through Richmond after it fell, and the troops were later sent to Lynchburg where they spent two weeks on provost duty.

Many members of the regiment signed their names in the ledger. Lieutenant Abraham E. Litz wrote an account of their march on Richmond in the volume: "The first Reg to march through its streets was the 206 PA Vols. Inft. And camped in the City Poor House, used by the C.S. as a military institute. But the first Regt. to enter the City was a Regt. of Darkeys, who stacked around in the suburbs of the city until after the 206 PA Vols. paraded through the city at 8:15 a.m."

Most of the men of Company B, 206th PA were from Jefferson County. Many inscribed their names in the ledger along with some additional doodling. The Library of Virginia has provided the JCHC high quality reproductions of the pages relating to the regiment which we plan to use as part of one of our upcoming exhibits.



6th Annual Antique Rifle Show





2011 Show Raffle Winners Custom Made Longrifle - Mark McKinney Tomahawk—Chris Sluxer Possible Bag and Powder Horn—Herb Bartley Jr. Longrifles Book—Richard Pavlov









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Journeys Exhibit Opens October 1

Many visitors to Brookville are intrigued with the history of the Underground Railroad. When *Journeys* opens October 1 at the Jefferson County History Center, they will get a sense of what conditions were like then.

"We are excited about this exhibit," says curator Carole Briggs. "We've created a tunnel as our entry, and a model of the Underground Railroad house at 64 Pickering Street will show the changes in that place." *Journeys* goes beyond Black American history, though, because other diverse folks came, too. Native Americans, Chinese, Koreans, and others have lived among the people of Scots-Irish and German backgrounds. Some moved on. Others stayed.

Journeys traces these diverse groups from the arrival of Fudgeon Van-Camp in the winter of 1800-1801 to the people of color who live in the county today. The 2010 Census information lists our population as 98% white and includes Black, American Indian, Asian, Mixed, and Latino people. Objects, photographs, quotes from these diverse people, and a time line all add to understanding the changes that have occurred here.

In announcing the exhibit, executive director Ken Burkett said, "Because of our low population of Black Americans, we didn't think we would be in the running for the grant that is supporting this project. We were pleasantly surprised when it was awarded. We think our visitors will be pleasantly surprised, too."

This project is supported by a Preserve America grant from the National Park Service and administered under the Preserving African American Heritage in Pennsylvania program of the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission.

JOURNEYS



AN EXHIBIT PRESENTING PEOPLE OF COLOR TO & THROUGH JEFFERSON COUNTY

OCTOBER 2011 - AUGUST 2012

Jefferson County History Center 172-176 Main Street, Brookville

jchconline.org (814) 849-0077

Contact the History Center to arrange a Civil-war related program for your organization

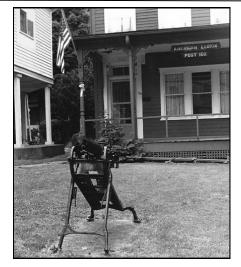
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Machine Gun Remounted

For many years, every kid in Brookville at one time or other pretended to fire the old WWI German machine gun located in the front yard of the American Legion Hall on North Pickering Street.

After the First World War 1 many communities throughout the allied nations proudly received and publically displayed some of the German captured war booty including artillery, machine guns, trench mortars, horse drawn vehicles and motor vehicles which were made inoperable.

Recently the History Center has returned the gun to the American Legion Rodgers-Dougherty Post 102 who have undertaken a project that will soon see it remounted in the Veterans Memorial area of the Jefferson County Court House lawn near the cannon.



Curator's Corner

Conservation

Conservation is one of those behind-the-scenes things that folks tend to not think about. Yet it is one of the important responsibilities that we undertake here at the History Center. We are not alone. When a busload from the county visited the Pennsylvania State Museum in Harrisburg in August, I spent time in an exhibit that featured Pennsylvania artists. One portrait was accompanied by a collection box and signage that pointed out the need to conserve it. Crackling and layers of dirt obscured the colors of the original.

We recently spent time reviewing our growing collection of art that is related to the county in one way or another. Conservator Joanne Garrett, Punxsutawney, pointed out the kinds of things that need to be done—cleaning, replacement of acidic with non-acidic materials, repairing damaged frames, replacement of inappropriate frames, and more.

But art is more than painting. We have two bas-relief sculptures that hung in the Brookville High School auditorium. One is of George Washington, the other Christopher Columbus. Retired art teacher Harry Neuhard pointed out that pieces are missing from both and one has been partially over-painted. An Internet search of the Boston Sculpture Company and the national archives has turned up no information on these two pieces that have local significance and may be of national importance, so we are in contact with sculpture conservators.

Our search for a conservator for a small punched paper needlework piece put us in touch with the Conservation Center in Philadelphia, and a large Victorian shadowbox called "Wading Bird" put us in touch with folks at Mt. Vernon! One never knows what a day's work will bring at the History Center!



Needless to say, the cost of conservation does not come cheap. That's why we are grateful to those folks who volunteer to underwrite the conservation costs of particular pieces, and why we appreciate the ones, fives, and tens that are deposited in our conservation donation box in the History Center Shop.

The Fruit Truck: A Brookville Memoir

By Dick Wilson

Kids in Brookville were dyed-in-the-wool fans of the Pittsburgh Pirates. We always had the radio on listening to Rosy Rosewell and Bob Prince broadcast the games and we took the 80 mile trip to Forbes Field in the smoky city as often as we could. But, being short of wheels, getting to Forbes Field and back home was definitely not part of the fun.

As it happens, one of my buddies knew the Ferraro family in Brookville who had a family business as local produce wholesalers. Five times a week they would drive their truck to the Pittsburgh market to buy produce and haul the stuff back for sales to stores. They'd arrive in Pittsburgh about 4 am. Many times our gang was in the back of that truck. Once again, however, after the game getting back home was a bit of a problem. Thank goodness, all games were in daylight so we usually got home OK. And happy. Only thing is the Pirates usually lost. [Editor's Note: So what else is new?]

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Help Keep the Trains Running

The Bowdish Model Railroad Volunteers are asking for everyone's help to receive a\$10,000 grant through the Pepsi Refresh Project to help fund future projects.

The voting goes through the month of September with grants being awarded to the top 15 recipients. Votes can also be sent in daily by sending the message 108404 to Pepsi (73774). Even if you don't have access to a computer, you can still be part of the vote. Shoppers and businesses which buy and sell Pepsi products can look for the special yellow cap on Pepsi, Diet Pepsi and Pepsi Max. Other products offered by the parent company of Pepsi are not eligible. Based on a code on each cap, the vote cast can be increased by five to as much as a hundred-fold. Those who purchase the designated pop varieties in cans in cardboard cartons should look for the specially marked cases and use the code inside the carton. If you can't access the website, yellow Pepsi caps can be dropped of at the History Center

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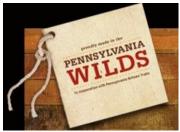
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Diana Ames Karen Blinkhirn Sharon Boozer **Dirk Butson** Janice Craig **Bessie Cross** Jonah Evans Allision Findlay Linda Frey George Haines Dennis Hall Trisha. Helsom-Pitts Tim & Trudy Hemphill **Eugene Hetrick** Nancy Hill Don Hineman Carol Hollobaugh Mary Hughes Randy & Connie Jackson Lenny Lenihan Nick & Shawn Leslie Donald Ludwig Dave & Anita McCracken Amber Oyler Tim Quinn Maryann Raybuck **Richard Renwick** Charles Rodger Janice Sheilds Lee Stone Leigh Taylor Diane Urbanek Jill Urso John Walker Don Wallace Inez West Allen Woods

JCHC Joins the PA Wilds Artisans Trail

The History Center Gift Shop has recently been approved as a gallery on the Pennsylvania Wilds Artisan Trail and is one of 24 specialty galleries located throughout the 13 county Pennsylvania Wilds Region selected to sell authentic "Made in the Pennsylvania Wilds" crafts by PA Wilds Juried Artisans.

The purpose of the PA Wilds Artisan Development Initiative is to improve the visibility and profitability of arts and artisans in the Pennsylvania Wilds Region in order to spur regional community and economic development, enhance tourism and provide a quality of beautiful and functional items representing this region that you won't find anywhere else.

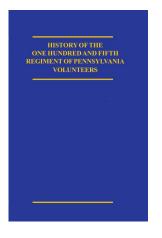


We currently are at work selecting and working with artists and artists to add a number of items that will bear the PA Wilds Artisan Trail tag in our shop and hope you stop in before Christmas this year to look over the growing gift selection of quality craft and art items we've added.

Christmas Gift Idea!



New soft cover History of the 105th Pennsylvania Volunteers by Kate M. Scott are now available at the History Center Gift Shop Price: \$35.00



WE NOW ACCEPT



Recent Accessions

Back Issues of Brookville Mirror - Brookville Mirror Echo Yearbooks - Barbara Sonnie Framed Picture of Haines Home - Jane Hetrick Framed Photo of Coolspring Store - Lorraine Hilliard Zanger/Songer Family History - Anonymous Military Objects/Documents - Doria Shaffer Carpet Loom - Ptti Montano Signature Quilt - Kay Reitz Misc Paper items/books - Herb Thrush Deer Painting, photos, album - Rose Smith WWII ration books - Anonymous Photo Robert Wilson Shaffer - Mary Wilson Jefferson Co. Court Calendar - Deborah Swineford Reynoldsville Koon Korn Klub photo - Roger Fye 1906 Brookville Baseball Team photo - Albert Nelson Edelblute Account Books - Donald Pearsall 1920 Brookville Old Home Week Pin - John Henderson Copies of 206th PA Register - Library of Virginia Robert Stockton Genealogy-Bob Stockton Summerville paper documents - Ginger Mahle Twyford Papers and Zion Church records - Pamela Reitz Pittsburgh Press Sundy Roto 1959 - Chris Orris Congratulatory Letter - Joe Scarnati Tombstones, Burial and Cemetery Histories - Pat Steele

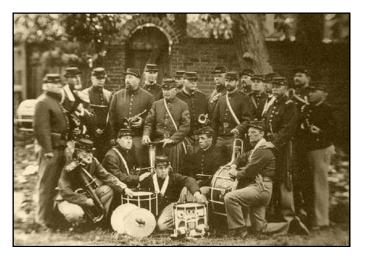
Victorian Christmas 2011

Ever Hear A Wildcat?

The Wildcat Regiment Band is coming to Brookville on Saturday, December 3rd at 7:00 pm at the Jefferson County Court House. Using original 19th century instruments, this brass band with members from the same geographical area in Pennsylvania as the men of the original band reenacts the regimental band of the 105th PA Volunteers. The original Wildcat Band was mustered in September, 1861, as part of the 105th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers which organized under Colonel A. A. McKnight in Brookville and was comprised almost entirely of men from this area. The Wildcats served in the 3rd Corps of the Army of the Potomac and fought in many major battles of the Civil War including Gettysburg.

The Wildcat Regiment Band was held in such regard that it was given a place of honor in brigade and division reviews. After the Battle of Williamsburg on May 5, 1862, the band led the Union soldiers into the town even as the Confederate soldiers were retreating. From a well-placed balcony, they played the strains of *Yankee Doodle* for the citizens of Williamsburg. This was the first time they had heard this tune since Virginia seceded. In August of 1862, the band was mustered out when General Order #91 discharged all regimental bands. Many of the men rejoined the regiment serving as regular soldiers.

The modern-day Wildcat Regiment Band performs across the eastern United States. Its music is heard regularly at the Gettysburg and Antietam battlefields and at Harper's Ferry. The original scores from which the bandsmen play were



found in the archives of the Smithsonian Institution, the Library of Congress, and in private collections.

Sponsored by the Jefferson County History Center as part of Brookville's Victorian Christmas Celebration, tickets are available through the History Center or will be available at the door - Adults \$10, Students \$5 and children under 12 are free.

Victorian Christmas Family Portraits

Biandi Photography & Art, in conjunction with the JCHC will again offer antique-style individual or family portraits taken in the History Center's Victorian Parlor during Victorian Christmas on Friday, December 1st from 5:00-8:00 pm.

Families, individuals, or small groups will be supplied with Victorian Period clothing by the History Center and posed for a single seating photograph session. Standard museum admission rates apply and photograph packages will be available for purchase in \$20 units.

The photographs will be available for pick up the following week at Biandi Photography & Art, 319 Main St., Brookville, or shipped for a small additional fee.

Please make advance arrangements by calling the Jefferson County History Center at (814) 849-0077 or emailing jchc@windstream.net



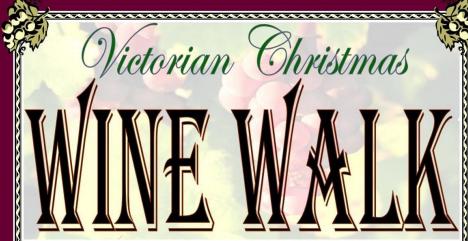
The Wolf Family photograph (2010)

Victorian Christmas 2011

The Jefferson County History Center will be one of the stops for the <u>first</u> annual Brookville Area Chamber of Commerce Wine Walk

Come early, enjoy Victorian Christmas in Brookville and end the day at the Wildcat Band Concert.

BROOKVILLE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Saturday, December 3, 2011 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

\$15 DONATION/PERSON FOR ADVANCE TICKET* \$20 DONATION/PERSON AT EVENT*

Join us for a Wine Walk in Downtown Historic Brookville! Travel from business to business to taste wines from 8 wineries!

Event begins with registration with the Brookville Area Chamber of Commerce at Hoak Insurance Services

Call 814-849-8448 for details!

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT WINE WALK LOCATIONS, TO BE ANNOUNCED and The Brookville Area Chamber of Commerce



Bowdish Model Railroad Schedule

Friday, November 25 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Friday, December 2 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Saturday, December 2 12:00 - 5:00 pm

Saturday, December 17 12:00 - 5:00 pm

NO Train Shows January and February

For a complete Victorian Christmas Schedule

Go to brookvillechamber.com

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