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2015 Annual Giving Campaign

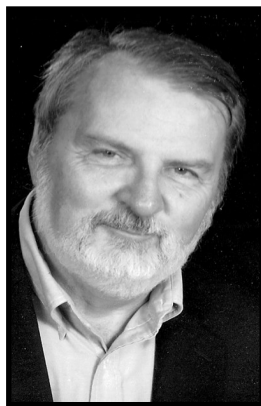
This year we are proud to have Randy Bartley as our 2015 JCHS Annual Giving Campaign Chairman.

Randy was deeply involved in the JCHS during the purchase and development of the Edelblute building as the present location of the Jefferson County History Center. He has served as president and board member of this organization and was instrumental in the JCHC becoming a gateway for the Lumber Heritage Region.

Randy's interest in history and preservation also has placed him on the board of Directors for Historic Brookville Inc. He served as the chairman of the Jefferson County Sesquicentennial and was named as a Penn Ambassador by the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. He is a historical interpreter for the National Park Service at Gettysburg, Antietam, and Richmond National Battlefield Parks. He has published in a number of national periodicals and is the author of *Remembering Jefferson County: From Pioneers to Aviators*.

Randy has been the editor of the Jeffersonian Democrat in Brookville for over 20 years, giving him the unique opportunity to document our county's history as it happens. This makes Randy a historian in a unique way.

Watch for your annual giving campaign letter to arrive in the mail soon. The funds received from the annual giving campaign make up a significant portion of the JCHC budget and allow us to continue to thrive as a small museum dedicated to bringing history beyond the walls of the Edelblute building.



Randy Bartley

**** New Fall and Winter Hours at the History Center ****
Wednesday through Saturday
11 am - 4 pm

2015 Events Calendar

Sat., October 3

Bowdish Railroad

12 - 3 pm

Saturday, October 10

Shaker Woods Bus Trip

Tickets Required

(See Page 7)

Saturday, October 17

JCHS Annual Dinner

Tickets Required

(See Page 9)

Sat., November 6

Bowdish Railroad

12 - 3 pm

Friday, November 27

Brookville Light Up Night

Bowdish Railroad

5 - 9 pm

Friday, December 4

Victorian Christmas

Bowdish Railroad

5 - 9 pm

Saturday, December 5

Victorian Christmas

House Tour

Tickets Required

(See Page 9)

Saturday, December 16

Bowdish Railroad

12 - 3 pm

**Make Your
Reservations NOW
JCHS Annual Dinner
Saturday, Oct. 17
Heritage House
6:00 pm**

JCHS NEWS

PHMC Grant

The Jefferson County Historical Society recently received a grant amount of \$4000.00 from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC). The goal of this program is to strengthen Pennsylvania's museum community by supporting the general operations of eligible museums and official county historical societies that are not supported by other state agency funding programs. The JCHS uses this income to help defray costs of operating the museum and maintaining staff.

This is the third year that the PHMC has provided funding for museums through this grant program and is in addition to matching annual funds provided by the Jefferson County Commissioners.

Thanks to the PA Humanities Council

Six or seven years ago, we knew the sesquicentennial of America's Civil War would soon be upon us, so we applied to the PA Humanities Council for a planning grant. William Pencak, PSU, spent time with a group of folks and we laid out a five-year plan of exhibits, programs, and publications.

Between 2011 and 2015 we provided visitors with a new Civil War exhibit about every six months. We wrote and produced *Kate M. Scott: Did She or Didn't She?* a drama presented to eight audiences, totaling about 1400 people, throughout the county. The drama was filmed. A well-researched biography of Scott was published, something sorely needed.

Much of the above was funded through another PHC grant. It was that funding that made our Civil War Commemoration possible. Thanks, PHC!

Book Review

Kate M. Scott: *Did She or Didn't She?* By Carole A. Briggs was recently reviewed in the summer edition of *Western Pennsylvania History* by David M. Neville. He urges readers as does Carole to decide for yourself if Kate's alleged deposition to Osborne Oldroyd is true or not but notes that "*Whatever you conclude, you'll still get a very good biography of a fascinating woman who wrote and lived a life devoted to the friends and causes she loved.*" This book is available through the JCHC gift shop.

Board of Directors

Would you like to be a member of the Board of Directors? The Jefferson County Historical Society would like to hear from members who would be interested in serving when openings occur. We are an active team that plan and work together with events, projects, fundraising and other activities relative to our local history and communities.

We meet once a month and we also have several committee choices where you can contribute your interests and experience. Sound interesting? Contact any of the Board members or officers located on the next page for further information.

Scripture Rocks Heritage Park Capital Campaign

The Scripture Rocks Heritage Park Capital Campaign has currently passed the halfway mark in our efforts to raise \$50,000 for the construction of a park.

We are currently on schedule with the trails nearing completion and the final aspects of clearing and chipping within the park to begin in late September.

The Cypress Clock and Gift Shop recently helped with a generous donation enabling us to place a storage shed for our tools and equipment.

We are still looking for a sponsor to assist with the building of a picnic pavilion in the pine grove adjacent the parking lot.

Although the Capital Campaign has been targeting local business and industry, we are accepting donations from churches, organizations and individuals. Any donation amount over \$1000 will receive permanent recognition on the main kiosk signage. Much of the capital campaign funding will be used as matching amounts for grants enabling us to finish the parking lot and install signage, rock markers, and trailside benches in preparation for an anticipated May opening.



In the News

When controversy began to swirl around the Confederate flag this year, the JCHC took a stance. On July 1st, a JCHC Facebook post stated: "In light of the recent Confederate flag debate, the JCHC does not support the modern connotation of that flag. However, as a historical institution, which is fully devoted to the preservation and interpretation of Jefferson County's history and therefore American history, the JCHC fully supports the Confederate flag in its original context as a Civil War battle flag."

This statement garnered the attention of local news media, and the JCHC was featured in a news snippet on the topic.

At the new Brookville Cemetery lies John Guyther of the Baltimore Light Artillery—this was a Confederate unit which took part in the Civil War.



Guyther married a woman from Brookville and was buried there by the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.), a fraternal organization dedicated to remembering and preserving the legacy of the Union soldier in the Civil War. So, when Guyther passed those vets of the local G.A.R. gave him an honorable soldier's burial. This is why there are two flags on Guyther's grave—one American flag and one Confederate. The flying of the Confederate flag is about remembrance and honor.

Cara Stockdale, Outreach Coordinator for the JCHC was recently interviewed on camera by WTAJ regarding our stance on the Confederate Battle Flag

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Exhibits

Upcoming Exhibits

We're currently seeking items for two new exhibits which are in the planning stages: Queen Victoria's Secret and Faces of War for the advent of 2016.

Queen Victoria's Secret - will exhibit the underpinnings and other beauty essentials of the Victorian era through the 1950s.



Some of the historic items we are seeking for this exhibit are:

- Corsets
- Bras
- Stockings
- Petticoats
- Lingerie
- Make-up
- 1940s style vanity furniture

If there is something you'd wish to donate or loan for this exhibit that isn't on this list, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Faces of War - will chronicle the Second World War and the men who sacrificed for the good of the nation during this all-out war. Our focus for this Grand Hall exhibit is to show the human side of an inhuman war.

We would like you, our members, to submit any photographs of your family members from Jefferson County who served during this time period (1941-1945).

We request that you submit a:

- Military photograph of the veteran
- Civilian photograph of the veteran
- Short summary of their military history
- Stories shared from their experiences, if available

We are more than happy to accept photos or related memorabilia for donation or short term loan relating to this exhibit. However, technology allows us to digitize your photos for this exhibit, so we do not require the hard copy of the photo if you wish to hold onto it. If you are scanning at home please make a high resolution scan so we can enlarge appropriately.

Contact Cara at the JCHC about your items for exhibit.



Lt. Vira G. Shovestall

Do YOU have a favorite idea or topic that you would like to see as an upcoming exhibit?

Email cstockdale-jchc@windstream.net

Curator's Corner

Carole Briggs

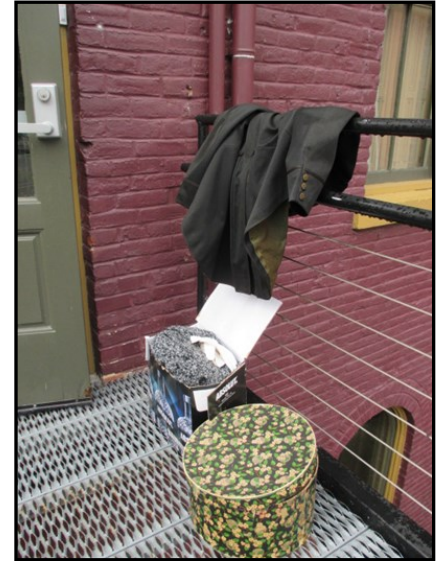
It's been a long time since we've come to work and found stuff in front of the door. When we worked out of Brady Craig House on Jefferson Street, our hours were more limited so we could understand why folks would leave things under roof and on the porch.

Now our hours at the History Center on Main Street are well-publicized so it is hard to understand why stuff is left at the door in the rain! Nevertheless, the treasures we recently found there were not too damaged.

What is the procedure for donating objects, photographs, and documents to the Jefferson County History Center? First of all, our parameters for our collections are that the items relate in some way to Jefferson County.

If they do, then we like to gather as much information about them as we can, so we ask that folks fill out a Deed of Gift. If they do not need a lot of paperwork, we suggest they simply list the source as "Anonymous," but provide their name as the "Contact," in the event that we need more information.

We love to get objects with photographs that show, for instance, someone wearing the dress or playing with the toy. We love knowing the stories behind the documents. Why is the marriage license from out of state? Were they forced to sell the house in 1938? Knowing the names of the people in the photographs is good, too, just use a pencil, not a pen.



After stuff is donated, the History Center is the owner with all rights. Normally we would not take something we do not expect to exhibit at some time in the future, however, sometimes a better duplicate comes along. Or an object is damaged and must be disposed of.



Our collections continue to grow due to the generosity of many folks. If you are a potential donor, take the time to gather up the stories that go with your stuff, then bring it in and talk with us. If you are the donor of the items above, we would love to talk with you to find out more about the history connected with these wonderful things.

If you have items that you would like to consider donating, please take the time to talk to Carole or Cara and we can help you through the proper steps and evaluate your gift. Arrangements can be made for us to also come and pick up your items such as the wonderful turn of the century penny scale from the Columbia Theatre and a civil war rifle that we recently made a trip to Rochester, New York to acquire thanks to John Steele.

A copy of the JCHC Collections and Loan policy is available by contacting or stopping in at the History Center.

**THE JEFFERSON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**INVITES YOU
TO JOIN THEM FOR THE**

**2015 ANNUAL DINNER MEETING
AND AWARDS PRESENTATION
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2015**

**AT THE
HERITAGE HOUSE
4 SYLVANIA AVE.
BROOKVILLE, PA 15825**

**HOSPITALITY 6:00 PM
DINNER 6:30 PM**

**AFTER DINNER PROGRAM
BRIAN FRITZ AND AMANDA VALKO**

**FRAZIER SAWMILL BLACKSMITH SHOP DIG
AT CLEAR CREEK STATE PARK**

DINNER CHOICES

**CRAB STUFFED TILAPIA, STUFFED FILET, STUFFED CHICKEN BREAST.
ALL SERVED WITH BAKED POTATOE, ASPARAGUS, COFFEE,
TEA OR ICED TEA AND DESERT**

2015 JCHS ANNUAL DINNER

CRAB STUFFED TILAPIA _____ STUFFED FILET _____ STUFFED CHICKEN BREAST _____

RESERVATIONS ARE \$25 EACH TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

PLEASE RETURN BY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

NAME'S _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____

Return with your check
Payable To:
JCHS
P. O. Box 51
Brookville, PA 15825
Credit Card Reservations
Call 849-0077

Light up Night and Victorian Christmas

Fieldstone

Bowdish Model Railroad Schedule



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

**Saturday, November 6
12 - 3 pm**

**Friday, November 27
Light Up Night
5 - 9 pm**

**Friday, December 4
Victorian Christmas
5 - 9 pm**

**Saturday, October 3
Bowdish Railroad
12 - 3 pm**

**Railroad Closed
January
February**

**Saturday, March 5
Bowdish Birthday
Celebration
12 - 4 pm**

Public Programs

The JCHS offers public speaking programs on a variety of topics for your group or organization.

Check out the listing under the programs tab at jchconline.org.

Special Events

OLD-FASHIONED
Christmas
 IN THE WOODS



Shaker Woods Bus Trip
Saturday, October 10, 2015

8:00 am Depart from Evangelical United Methodist Church
 30 White Street, Brookville

10:00 am Arrive Shaker Woods

The woods will be transformed into a holiday wonder land beauty fully decorated in an old-fashioned holiday theme.

Visit over 200 crafters and Artisans demonstrating their unique skills to handcraft those precious gifts right before your eyes.

Craftspeople include woodworkers, floral designers, blacksmiths, potters, tole painters, basket weavers and many others.

There will be plenty of delicious foods including some holiday favorites cooked in the old-fashioned way. Live entertainment will help make it an event for the entire family! Come and have an old-fashioned good time!

SEATING IS LIMITED - PLEASE RESERVE EARLY

SHAKER WOODS BUS TRIP
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2015

RESERVATIONS ARE \$45.00 EACH _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

NAME (s) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____

House Tour

EVENT IS LIMITED - PLEASE RESERVE EARLY

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS HOUSE TOUR
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2015

RESERVATIONS ARE \$25.00 EACH _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

NAME (s) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ **ZIP** _____ **PHONE** _____

Return with your check
Payable To:
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P. O. Box 51
Brookville, PA 15825
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Pennsylvania Farm Show

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

8:00 am Depart from Evangelical United Methodist Church Parking Lot at 302 White Street, Brookville with Fullington Bus Company

11:00 am Arrive at Farm Show Complex

Pennsylvania is proud to host the largest indoor agricultural exposition in the nation, with nearly 6,000 animals, 10,000 competitive and 300 commercial exhibits. Join us to celebrate the 100th Pennsylvania Farm Show.

A full agenda of Farm Show activities is available at ww.farmshow.state.pa.us

6:00 pm Depart home

\$50 per person

SEATING IS LIMITED - PLEASE RESERVE EARLY

PENNSYLVANIA FARM SHOW BUS TRIP WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2016

RESERVATIONS ARE \$50.00 EACH _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

NAME (s) _____

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<http://jchconline.org>

Museum Hours

Wed. - Sat.
11 am - 4 pm

Closed Sunday, Monday
Tuesday, 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)

Assisted Research
\$15/hr. (after 1st hr.)

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

SIGN UP AT

jchconline.org

NONPROFIT ORG.
U.S.POSTAGE paid
Permit No. 11
Falls Creek, PA 15840

Jefferson County Historical Society Annual Membership Application

Individual \$25/12 months

Family (Household) \$35/12 months

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Credit Card Type _____ Card # _____

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.