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## Tourism Through The Years in Barrett Township

*By Jacqueline Magann*



HOTEL CANADENSIS, CANADENSIS, PA.

History tells us that the first hotel in Barrett Township was built in 1867 in Canadensis, Pennsylvania. It was owned by Adam Albert and named “Hotel Canadensis”. Tourists were drawn to Canadensis not only for the scenic beauty but also for the abundant streams for fishing. There was even a manufacturer of fishing reels in town named Laban Lewis. (Many stories about the hotel and life then may be found at the Society Library Research Center in Cresco.)

The opening of two tanneries in Barrett Township, Palen & Northrup in Canadensis and William S. White in Mountainhome, brought tannery workers to Barrett Township

looking for “a roof over their heads and a meal on the table”. Local families were willing to do that. They provided “room and board” to the tanners and received income and boarding

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## Presidential Message

Hello and Happy New Year!

In 2022, our now out-going president, Darryl Speicher, invited me get involved with the Barrett Township Historical Society. I had some perception of its function but what does it mean to us today? Understanding the past and how the events of the past have shaped our present is to understand the community we live in today. I grew up in Monroe County, moved to Barrett Township just over 30 years ago and discovered a community with a rich history where the citizens worked together and bonded together through shops, families, businesses, restaurants, resorts, churches, scouting, other civic and volunteer-based organizations, sports leagues, schools, parks and public spaces and community amenities. Collectively, they serve our residents and operate or host events at the parks and sponsor parades, concerts, community suppers and picnics, holiday events and much more. It is a community where we know our neighbors, where we work together for the common benefit, where we support each other, and where we are friends. These wonderful qualities of our community were once common of small towns but have largely disappeared in our world being lost to the internet, lost to Walmart or other large retail outlets and lost to centralized larger schools and police departments. Understanding our history, what and who has worked to maintain the healthy and interactive community that is Barrett Township, is both an understanding of the past that is manifested in how we live and work together today as well as a map to the future.

As we look to 2025, our goals for the coming year and beyond, it is our hope to continue and enhance our monthly presentations as well as expand our offerings both with public community events and our on-line presence. We hope that you will join us in these efforts. **Please take a moment to join or update your membership in the Barrett Township Historical Society and consider other ways you might participate including** documenting your own family history, assisting with public events, assisting in fund raising, assisting in creating oral and written histories on various topics and people in our Township or perhaps assisting with paperwork, administrative duties or with our online presence. Are you a Writer? an Artist? a Historian? or an Event Planner? Whatever your talent, whatever your interest or whether you have a long family history in the area or have just moved here and are looking to meet people and become active in the community, there is a place for you! We look forward to and welcome your participation. **Please come out to the Library Research Center to a meeting (the 2nd Monday of each Month at 3 PM) or come to our monthly presentations to learn more about what we do and consider how you might become involved.** I, or other members of the Barrett Township Historical Society, would be pleased to speak with you about our experiences and the opportunities that may exist that you might find fulfilling. I can be reached by email at lewiswj2@ptd.net or you may reach us at : stationmuseum@gmail.com

Walter Lewis  
*BTHS President*



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If there is something that needs to be corrected, speak-up. Please email me at alesiaallo@yahoo.com or give me call/text at (570)972-6422.

Visit our website at [www.barretthistorical.org](http://www.barretthistorical.org)

**2025 Board of Directors**

Jayne Blair    Mary Price    Patti O’Keefe    Dotty Telesky    Laurie Dunlap

**2025 Executive Officers**

President	Walter Lewis
Vice President	Darryl Speicher
Recording Secretary	Ellen Davis
Corresponding Secretary	Patti O’Keefe
Treasurer	Claudia Shoemith-Fox

**Treasurer’s Report**

As of 12/31/24  
Checking: \$1,722.12  
Money Market: \$5,510.99  
CD: \$9,629.98  
CD: \$32,109.23  
Total: \$48,972.32

**2025 Executive Committee**

<u>Archivist for CSM &amp; LRC</u>	Consolidated in CSM & LRC activities
Cresco Station Museum	Mickey Miller
Curator for CSM & LRC	OPEN
Finance	Claudia Shoemith-Fox
Grants	Cherylyn Rushton
Historian	Jacqueline Magann & Laurie Dunlap
Hospitality	OPEN
Information Systems	Jim Bibber
Library Research Center	Jacqueline Magann and Committee of Seven
Membership	Cathy Stout
Newsletter	Alesia Gallo, Editor & Darryl Speicher, Co-Editor
Oral Tradition	OPEN
Programs	Mary Price & Malinda Bender, Co-Chairs
Publicity	Alesia Gallo
Research	OPEN
Ways & Means Committee	Walter Lewis

**Exec Committee Meeting Dates**

Executive Committee meetings are held on the 2nd  
Monday at 3 pm monthly at LRC  
January 13  
February 10  
March 10  
April 14

**General Membership Meeting Dates**

Barrett Paradise Friendly Library  
Weiler Community Room  
January—No Meeting  
February 21 @ 2:00pm  
(Dutch Hill Preserves)  
March 21 @ 2:00pm  
April 25 @ 2:00pm

## Committee Reports

### Station Museum Mickey Miller

The Cresco Station Museum is on winter schedule. We are open the 2nd Sunday of the month from 1-4 pm (weather permitting) until spring.

### Library Research Center Jacqueline Magann

Work days at the LRC will be Tuesdays from 10 am to 2 pm weather permitting. To verify, call Jackie Magann at 570-595-3222. Starting May 26th, the LRC will also be open on Sundays from 1-4 pm. through the fall.

### Membership 2025

Our membership currently totals 93. We welcome the following new members: William and Sandy Dietz; Steve, Beth and James Shorten; Dottie and Ed Telesky; and Sonia White. Memberships for the year 2025 are still available. Membership forms for those not receiving the form by mail and interested in joining, please contact the Library Research Center at 570-481-4622 or e-mail at [www.barretthistorical.org](http://www.barretthistorical.org) to obtain a copy of the form. We welcome everyone to join.

Thanks to those who have already renewed their memberships. The Society appreciates your support. We look forward to those still outstanding to renew. We would also like to recognize our Life Members listed below:

Graham Andoe  
Curtis Cooper & Anne Trimble  
Leeanne Dyson  
Marie Starner Guidry  
James and Carol Hillstad

Susan McClure  
John Styk  
Karl & Ann Weiler  
Sonia White



## Upcoming Programs

**February 21, 2025 @ 2 pm**  
**“Maple Sugaring Past and Present”**

**By Mike and Lalena Stirr of Dutch Hill Preserves**



This presentation will be held in the Sugar House at 344 Dutch Hill Road in Canadensis. Mike and Lalena will speak on the history of making Maple Syrup including how it started and how it is made in modern times. They will give a tour of the Sugarbush and the Sugar House where you will be able to see the machinery and how it works. There will be seating and anyone not wishing to drive to the Sugar House can contact Malinda Bender at 570-595-3222 for a ride.

**March 21, 2025 @ 2 pm**  
**“The Artwork of Peter Salmon”**

Mr. Salmon will have his artwork displayed in the Weiler Community Room at the Barrett Paradise Friendly Library for his presentation. He will talk about the art he has on display as well as his beginning as an artist.

## Program Recaps

**Our program for October was “Trivia Round Three with a Twist” by Vic Vaccaro (aka Darryl Speicher).** Once again our host for this Trivia outdid himself. Just when you think you will know the answers to the questions he will ask, you realize how little you really know about Halloween! How is this possible? Halloween has been happening for years and that is where the problem lies. 2,000 years ago Celts marked Samhain as the midpoint between the fall equinox and winter solstice. It was celebrated after the harvest where celebrants and Druid priests gathered to light bonfires and pray dressing as animals and monsters so that fairies were not tempted to kidnap ancestors crossing over during this time. In 1,000 A.D. the church changed this to All Souls’ Day. This celebration became known as All-Hallows Eve and eventually Halloween merging All Saints’ Day, All Souls’ Day and Samhain. Halloween has been celebrated in the United States since the mid-19<sup>th</sup> Century with Trick or Treating and parades. Today Halloween has become the second largest commercial holiday with an estimated 3.1 billion spent on candy!

Trivia Question: Do you know the year of the 1<sup>st</sup> Halloween Parade in Barrett Township? You might think this was one of the easier questions but few of us actually answered correctly even considering ALL questions were multiple choice!

**Our program for November was “Monroe County Memorializes Its Great War Heroes by Jim Werkheiser”.** World War I or The First World War also commonly known as the “The Great War” was a global conflict between two coalitions – the Allies and the Central Powers. The war started in 1914 after the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his wife of Austria. This catapulted into a war across Europe that lasted until 1918. The United States did not enter into the war until 1917. The American troops were referred to as “The Doughboys” originating back to the American Civil War. It applied to the brass buttons on uniforms worn by infantrymen. Although we were not militarily ready for this war, we had 3.9 million troops available. The Great War ended on November 11, 1918 with the signing of the Armistice and was to be “the last war”. A total of 83,000 troops died. This included 38 boys from Monroe County. There are a total of seven memorials in Monroe County honoring those killed, one of which can be found at High Acres.

Interesting Fact: There were 83,000 deaths from the war and 675,000 from the Spanish Flu.

**Our program for December was “Barrett Township Historical Society Open House at the Friendly Community Center”.** We celebrated with Holiday music and an amazing continuous power point presentation by Dottie Telesky of winter scenes in yesteryear Barrett Township. Everyone enjoyed telling their stories and reminiscing about the history of the original Barrett Friendly Library. We enjoyed all kinds of goodies, had an ornament swap and a surprise visit by Santa! This was our last meeting at The Friendly Community Center and we wish to thank the Township for allowing us to hold our general meetings in this historic building. In the future we will be meeting in the Weiler Community Room at the Barrett Paradise Friendly Library.

*\*See photos on following page.*

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# DECEMBER OPEN HOUSE PHOTOS



*Jackie and Santa*



*Yes, there really is Santa Claus!*



*Dottie & Walter scanning some post cards*



*Dedicated members of the society:  
can newsletter readers ID them?*



*It wouldn't be the holidays without the traditional tree. Darryl "chopped" this one down for the Christmas party!*



*Santa and Dottie*



**Many thanks to all for a wonderful 2024! Wishing everyone all the best in 2025!**



*Enjoying the refreshments*

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house experience in return. The Northrup and Palen families built homes next door to each other near the tannery on the Creek Road, Route 447, Canadensis. The Palen home became Pine Knob Inn. Both families contributed to the community and churches. Northrup's home stood many years, neglected, and several years ago it was razed to make room for a new house.

William White always resided in New Jersey. He ran his tanneries in Mountainhome and Analomink. White opened a store and post office at the Mountainhome site. He was involved in the community and was the first signature on the petition put before Judge Barrett to allow Barrett Township to be formed out of Price and Paradise townships on December 31, 1859. Northrup and Palen's tanneries closed in 1875 for lack of bark. White's tannery continued to operate with problems. The tannery burned to the ground in 1888 in an arson fire.

Many of the small inns and boarding houses operated only during the season, spring to fall. That practice lasted many years. As you can imagine, these small inns provided employment to many in all capacities. Waitressing was popular for school teachers who lived here and in the Wilkes-Barre Scranton area. Many a Pocono boy found his bride from that source!

The first D.L.&W. locomotive arrived at the Cresco (Oakland) Station on January 21, 1856. The line contributed greatly to the success of the resorts because of the advertising the railroad did in promoting Cresco Station and its proximity to the resorts. The station closed in 1966-67. (It is now the Cresco Station Museum owned by the Weiler Family Foundation and operated by the Barrett Township Historical Society.

In 1901 Buck Hill Inn and cottages opened. Skytop Lodge, originally a private club, incorporated and opened in 1928. Later it was open to the public. It thrives today.

One could say the height of tourism in Barrett was in World War II. All possible places to stay were filled to capacity, the merchants were busy and the trains were bulging with passengers. The hotels had overflow, in that they had to farm out guests to nearby private homes to sleep. The guests ate meals at the hotel in shifts and enjoyed all the other amenities.

My own family took overflow from nearby Onawa Lodge in a beautiful Victorian house with seven outside entrances off the wraparound porch and six bedrooms. We rented from the Micks. My brother Ed was away in the Army. There was a stable on the property that Sant Price (Marty's dad) rented and provided horseback riding to Onawa guests. My in-laws to be, the Maganns, also took in overflow. They were given Dutch Sea Captains on a month's furlough for rest and relaxation. Ironically, the Magann's oldest son, Edmund, U.S. Navy, was away fighting in Europe while a Dutch captain occupied his bedroom. (Mom Magann was a great baker and always had a chocolate cake or goodie in the oven for sharing with the sea captains, an added bonus of hospitality.

Many of the small inns and boarding houses of yesteryear are gone including the magnificent Inn at Buck Hill. The resort file at the Society Library and Research Center in Cresco holds information on 125 resorts in the 5 villages of Barrett Township!

Today, electronics give one instant information on places to stay in Barrett and the ability to book. Some are short-term rentals, also called airbnbs. When these airbnbs began business in Barrett Township supervisors dug in and produced Ordinance 197 which passed in 2019. The ordinance provides procedures and requirements for a short-term rental permit. "No owner of any property in Barrett Township shall operate or allow the operation of a short-term rental in Barrett Township without first obtaining a short-term rental permit from the zoning officer." The zoning officer reports that there are 35 short-term rentals in Barrett. I have read Ordinance 197, all 8 pages. It is complete. To obtain a copy go to [barretttownship.com](http://barretttownship.com)

I have been able to observe the permit procedures and requirements carried out at the former Bisset home nearby on Spruce Cabin Road, Mountainhome. Many changes have been made. It is a pleasure to drive by and see tourists enjoying Barrett for all it has to offer just as tourists did in our early beginnings.

## Tribute to James Evans by John Styk



### James C. Evans



**Pfc. James C. Evans, son of Mrs. Jennie Evans of Canadensis, entered the service in June, 1943 and left for New Cumberland. From there he was assigned to Camp Haan, California, then transferred to Infantry at Camp Carson, Colorado, and next to Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky. He went overseas with the 290th Regiment in October 1944. He landed in Wales, went to England, through France, into Belgium. His unit was the first of the 75th Division to enter the fighting of the Battle of the Bulge. He lost his life on December 24th and was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart for his heroism.**

A thank you to John Styk who recently donated a framed tribute to the Society in memory of P.F.C. James Evans, Canadensis. James was the first casualty of World War II from Barrett. He was killed on Christmas Day 1944 at the Battle of the Bulge, Belgium.

Please stop by the Library Research Center to view this tribute.

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# Sled Dogs, a Railroad Station and a Resort

By Ellen Davis

“A picture is worth a thousand words.”

Winter sports were a big draw at Pocono resorts and dog sledding was introduced to Buck Hill in the 1920's by R. Harry Drennan who was winter sports manager there. Both he and his wife, Edith, were competitive sled dog drivers. Over 70 miles of trails were groomed for dog sled rides for the guests. One famous guest who took a dog sled ride was Helen Keller in 1931.

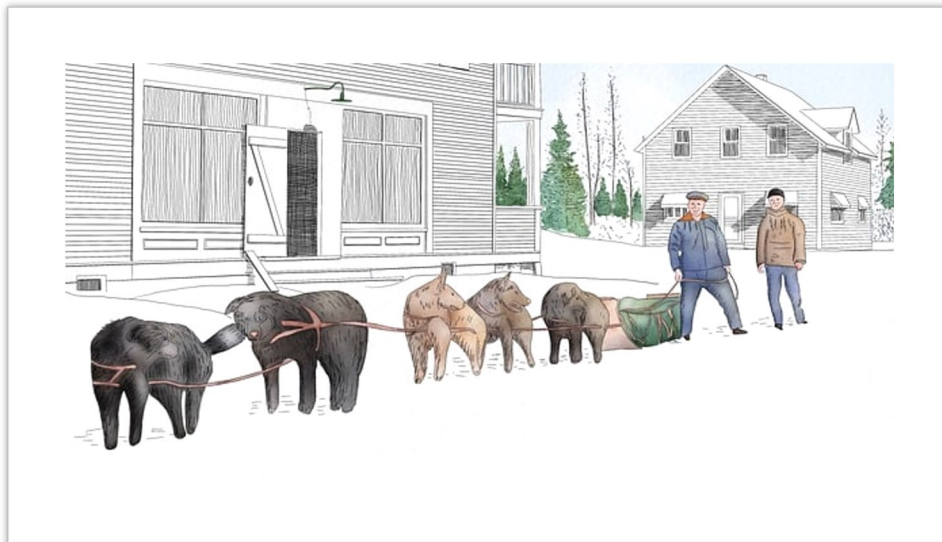
Some of the dogs, actually a mixed breed of Siberian Huskie & Alaskan Huskie, used at the resort were considered some of the best not only of the USA but of the world. At one time over 30 mature sled dogs were housed at the kennel near the Buck Hill Post Office along with puppies that resort guests were invited to visit.

The Pocono Mountain Sled Dog Derby was a big event for the local resorts with Pocono Manor, Sky Top Lodge, and Buck Hill competing to be “Top Dog” in sledding. The dog teams also competed elsewhere including Philadelphia and New York City. This made for good advertising for the Pocono resorts for winter vacations.

The Buck Hill sled dogs were used for several emergency jaunts – one in Saugatuck, Connecticut and one in an area near Lakehurst, New Jersey and for their efforts received national and international recognition and awards.

Dog sledding, at least at Pocono resorts, ended in 1942 with the dogs actually being inducted into the military service, shipped off to Camp Rimini, Helena, Montana. From there, after training, the dogs were used in Alaska for rescues, often times of downed aviation pilots.

The above info can be found along with much more in Volume #6 Buck Hill Falls, The Sporting Life, at the Library Research Center. Visitors are welcomed Tuesdays from 10am to 4pm weather permitting. Al Hall's YESTERDAY article from the Village View, November 2007 was used for this report and is included in that volume.



## Barrett Paradise Friendly Library Display

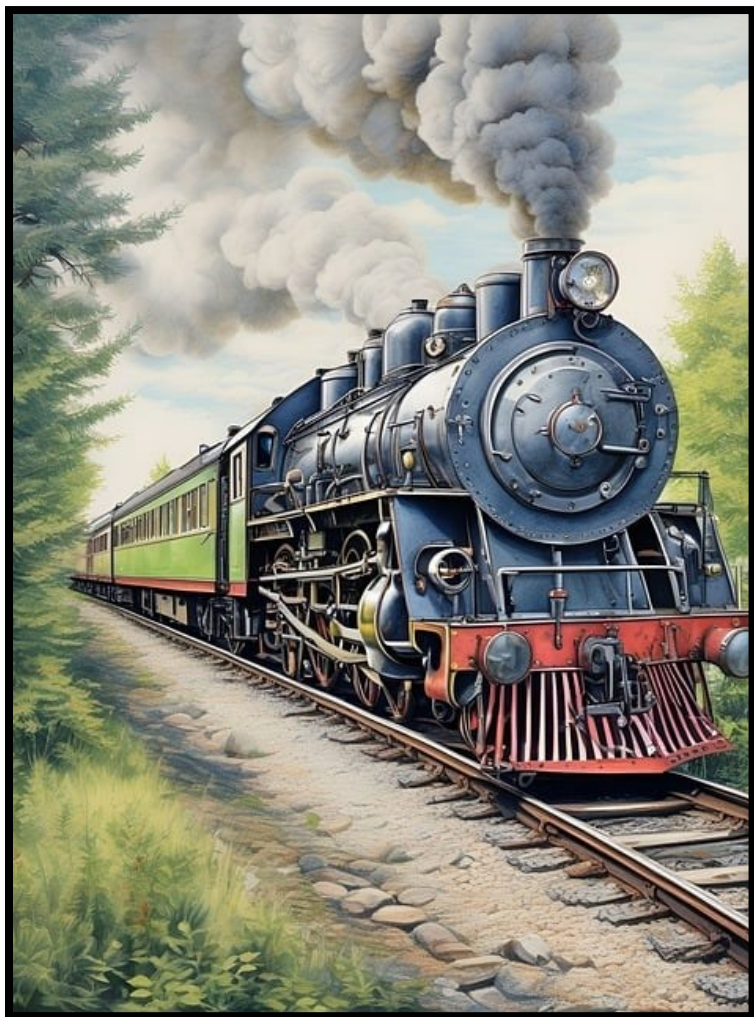


Roseanne Walters display includes a writeup of China, teacups, teacup handles and much more. Be sure to see it before the end of January. For February, a display of Valentines will be there and Ellen would like loans of old ones so please call her at (570)517-4778. Also remember, weather permitting the Station Museum is open the second Sunday of the Winter months from 1 to 4pm. Come out and have a chat with Mickey Miller about Barrett Township.



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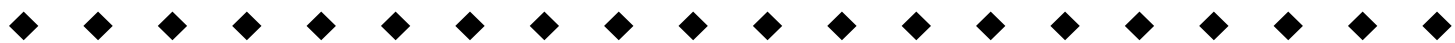
## October Fall Foliage Train from Steamtown to the Cresco Station Museum



Despite the rain in the morning for setup all was not lost. By the time the train arrived at the station with its 140 passengers, it was no longer raining (although a bit chilly); and everything was ready to greet the passengers with hot beverages and items for sale from the Museum gift shop as well as the vendors who braved the weather to join us. By the time the train was getting ready to head back to Steamtown, the sun was shining and everyone had enjoyed the ice cream before boarding.

The Society would like to thank all those who helped make this excursion the success it was – from Cook’s Food Truck to the vendors, the Classic Cars to the music of Doug Smith and the Dixieland Allstars, the Barrett Paradise Friendly Library with children’s crafts to the Pocono Mountain Embroiderers’ Guild of America with their needle point on display at the LRC and to everyone who came to support this event.

*\*\*See photos on pages 14-15*



## Calendars 2025

Barrett Township Historical Society calendars for 2025 are now on sale at Ace/Steele’s Hardware in Mountainhome for \$10.00 each. They are titled “Yesteryear” and feature a selection of photographs taken through the years from the calendar collection housed at the Library Research Center.



# BTHS Word Search January 2025

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 J I E E H E O L L I N L I A C  
 O O D N W I V E C G T N S I U  
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 U D S A N A R D D I M R P B Y  
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Membership

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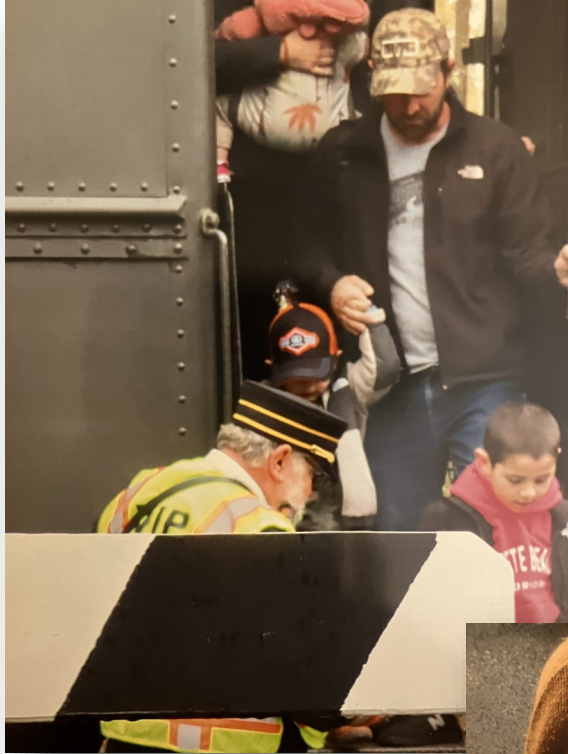
Airbnb

Hotel

Maple



# Fall Foliage Train Excursion Photos





*The 1950 Mercury was bought in 1950 by Kevin Fritz from Ray Price's Dealership.*



*The 1953 Cadillac belonged to Mickey Miller and is now owned by Randy & Rita Rutherford.*



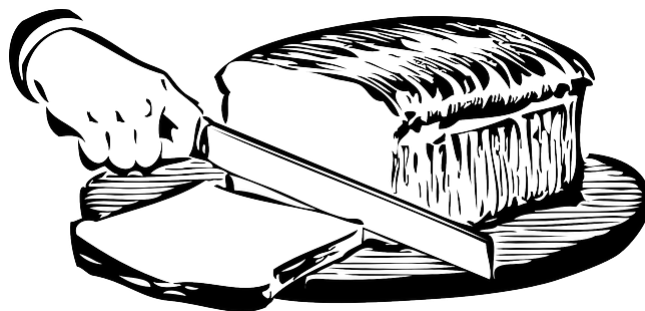
## Historical Recipe Side by Side: Boston Brown Bread

By Mary Kate Reeves-Hoché

If you have ever had a high tea in New England and were served a butter sandwich on a thinly sliced two-inch square of sweet brown bread with a hint of molasses, you were eating Boston Brown Bread. It has its origins in the hearty wheat, corn, and rye loaves eaten by Pilgrims and early American colonists in the New England area. These flours were combined as any one alone was too heavy, molasses was used as the sweetener (cane sugar not being available), raisins were added for nutrition. Originally, our Pilgrim settlers would have steamed this bread similar to steaming a plum pudding. The recipe is the same whether you are steaming or baking. In Boston, in the 1970's through the 1990's you could still buy Boston Brown Bread that had been steamed in a can.

### Ingredients:

1 cup cornmeal  
 1 cup rye flour (or substitute whole wheat flour)  
 2 teaspoons baking soda  
 1 cup graham flour  
 1 cup buttermilk  
 ½ cup molasses  
 1 cup raisins



Grease an 8 x 5-inch loaf pan and set it aside. You will need aluminum foil to cover the pan.

In a large bowl, sift together cornmeal, rye or whole wheat flour, and baking soda. Stir in graham flour.

In a medium bowl, mix buttermilk, molasses, and raisins. Add to dry ingredients, stirring until just incorporated. Spoon the batter into the loaf pan and cover with aluminum foil.

### 1620 circa Pilgrim's method of steaming:

Place a steamer insert or some crumbled aluminum foil shaped into a ring in the bottom of a deep stockpot. Ensure that the loaf pan does not touch the bottom. Place the foil covered pan into the stockpot on top of the steamer insert or aluminum foil ring. Fill the pot with water so that the water comes up 2/3 up the sides of the bread loaf pan. Bring to a boil, then lower to a simmer, placing the stockpot lid on top. Steam for about 2 hours, adding water as necessary. The bread is done when a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.

### 1880's method of baking:

Preheat oven to 325 degrees Fahrenheit.

To bake the bread, place the covered loaf pan in the oven and bake for 1 hour, then remove the foil and bake for another 10 minutes. It is done when a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean. Let the bread cool for 10 – 15 minutes on a wire rack before removing it from the pan to cool completely.

Not into cooking? Buy it on Amazon. B&M Boston Brown Bread in a can, with or without raisins.

### Sources:

Read More: <https://www.britishfoodinamerica.com/A-Number-of-Historical-Figures-featuring-Bostonian-Foodways/the-lyrical/A-note-on-Boston-brown-bread/> accessed 28 December 2024

*Boston Brown Bread*, *The Gilded Age Cookbook*, 2023

*Boston Brown Bread*, *Joy of Cooking*, 1976 (steamed in a 1 lb coffee can)

*Boston Brown Bread*, *The Fannie Farmer Cookbook*, 1915

## What's new with COVID-19?

By Mary Kate Reeves-Hoché

What's new with COVID-19? The main thing is that it's still here and will be, probably, for the rest of our lives. Similar to influenza, COVID has established itself as a year-round virus with the ability to mutate and spread. It's ability to mutate is what allows it to continue to live and infect hosts (humans). Let's look at another virus currently in the news.

### NOROVIRUS

Norovirus is the leading cause of vomiting and diarrhea, and foodborne illness in the United States. Anybody can get norovirus. Many people call it the stomach "flu" because of the vomiting, diarrhea, and stomach pain; but it doesn't have anything to do with the influenza virus. It is a different virus that causes acute gastroenteritis, an inflammation of the stomach or intestines. Some people mistake it for food poisoning, but food poisoning comes on fast – within 2 – 6 hours of eating a bad food. Norovirus takes 12 – 48 hours after being exposed.

Most people with norovirus illness get better within 1 to 3 days; but they can still spread the virus for a few days after. This is called viral shedding and the reason why hand washing is so critically important.

Handwashing is the simplest method to prevent the spread of norovirus. Individuals with norovirus or who have recently recovered need to be especially diligent in handwashing and keeping toileting areas clean. Family members can help by regularly wiping down high touch common surfaces and washing hands before preparing meals and before eating.

Norovirus outbreaks on cruise ships are common. You can protect yourself by washing your hands frequently and carrying some hand sanitizer to use prior to eating.

For more information on the virus see the CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/norovirus/about/index.html>

Sources:

CDC Norovirus: <https://www.cdc.gov/norovirus/about/index.html> accessed 4 Jan 2025

Mayo Clinic: <https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/norovirus/symptoms-causes/syc-20355296> accessed 4 Jan 2025

Cleveland Clinic: <https://health.clevelandclinic.org/flu-vs-food-poisoning> accessed 4 Jan 2025





## Condolences to Our Members



### Richard Monroe Gross

Richard Monroe Gross, 93, a long-time resident of Mount Pocono, passed away on Wednesday, February 8, 2023. Born in Allentown he was the son of the late Ervin W. and Lillian M. (Geisinger) Gross. Richard worked for his family-owned construction business, Ervin W. Gross & Sons, for many years. He was a master carpenter, building kitchens, operating heavy equipment among other things with his father and five brothers. Richard was also a long-time member of Mount Allen Hunting Association, an avid hunter, photographer, and artist with many talents.

Survivors: Richard will be lovingly remembered by his sister, Maryellen Hanson; brothers Ernest Gross of Mount Pocono; Charles Gross, Allen Gross and his wife Doe of Cresco; and his sister-in-law Ruth Gross of Mount Pocono as well as many beloved nieces and nephews, other family members and his many friends. Richard is preceded in death by his brothers, George Gross of Cresco and Roy Gross of Mount Pocono.

Richard Gross was a frequent visitor to the Cresco Station Museum, always with his camera. We are thankful for his legacy of photographs kept in scrapbooks at the Barrett Township Historical Society Library and Research Center where they may be viewed at anytime.

### George Adlow Traugh

George Adlow Traugh left this world peacefully at home with loved ones on Sunday, December 8, 2024, from complications of cancer. He was 85.

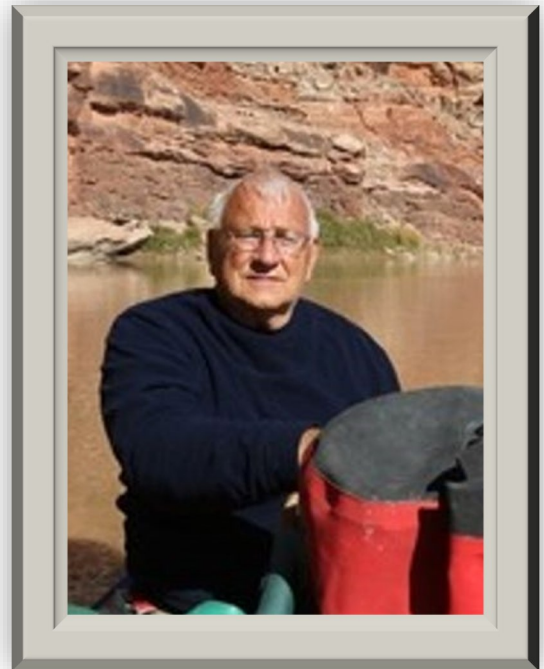
George was born to Anna Ellen (Zieser) and Jesse Grant Traugh, the next-to-last of five boys—Bob, Richard, Jesse Jr. and Denny—and grew up in Berwick, Pennsylvania. He joined the U.S. Air Force after high school and served his country for three years with honor in Europe and elsewhere.

Back home, after a stint at the Wise potato chip factory and hoping for broader horizons, George took a job at the celebrated Buck Hill Falls Inn where he worked from 1961 to 1975. A quick learner with a ready smile and willing attitude, George was a jack of all trades rising to become manager of the Inn's Print Shop.

From Buck Hill he moved to Theo B. Price Lumbar Yard in Mountainhome where he worked from 1975 until 2018. Dispensing hardware, lumbar and paint along with wry good humor, George became a fixture of the community. A dedicated Scout Master, it was George's great pride to have mentored nine scouts on their journey to Eagle Scout. In 1995, along the Susquehanna River, he met the love of his life, Ray Wolf. Wolfy and George soon committed their lives to each other in the presence of dozens of friends and were married on Christmas Day 2015.

George was a lifelong adventurer and outdoorsman—canoeing the Everglades and some of the most perilous rivers of the world, making friends of strangers on the Appalachian Trail, and fishing for and finally catching “the big one” on the Susquehanna at the beloved camp he shared with Ray, among countless other exploits. He was a lover of fine art, deeply knowledgeable about Native American life and culture, coins, and Boy Scout memorabilia, and a lively storyteller.

George Traugh was a friend of the Society. He was generous in sharing his Native American collection which was displayed at the Cresco Station Museum on several occasions. We are grateful for all his contributions.



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## Mission Statement

Mission statement of the Barrett Township Historical Society is to promote the history of Barrett Township and surrounding areas. The service of the Society is dedicated to educating diverse audiences through a variety of resources and programs. Specific goals include:

- I. Preserve and disseminate information about the township and its people through the support and maintenance of a historical file and a research center
- II. Promote and encourage historical research and study, particularly the discovery, collection, preservation and publication of the history, historical records, data, writings and speeches pertaining to Barrett Township
- III. Collect and preserve archival materials including books, newspapers, maps, genealogies, manuscripts, letters, journals, film footage, radio and video tapes and oral histories.
- IV. Collect and preserve historical artifacts including portraits, paintings, engravings, relics and other objects and materials which illustrate various traditions and cultures of the township.
- V. Collect information relative to the growth and development of the population, wealth, education, agriculture, arts, manufacturers and commerce of the township.
- VI. Develop and present educational opportunities to all age groups, including on-site and outreach opportunities to school groups, elder groups, service clubs and the community at large.

