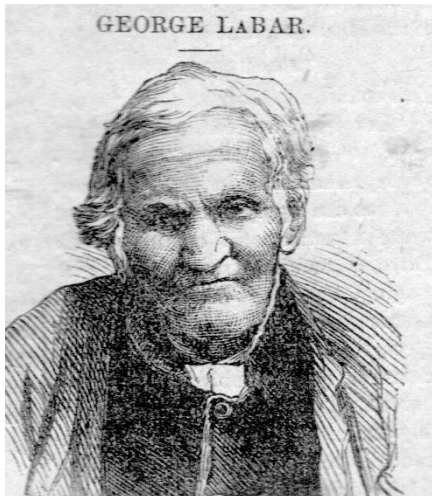




# NEWSLETTER

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## The Patriot and the General

By Jacqueline Magann

Among the treasures in the Barrett Township Historical Society archives, housed at the Library and Research Center, Cresco, Pennsylvania, there is a Monroe County Democrat Newspaper dated December 15, 1887. In the paper is an article about a George E. LaBar, Jr., who lived to be 112 years, 9 months and 24 days old. I would like to share with you what we learned about George from newspapers and other sources.

Our story begins overseas in about 1727 when the La Barre family was banished from France for religious belief. Three brothers, Peter, Charles and Abraham came to America,

landed in Philadelphia, settled in this region and each married a German girl.

The subject of our article, George E. LaBar, Jr., is the grandson of Peter (named above) and son of George La Barre and Christine Ernestine Leist La Barre. George Jr. was born February 4, 1763, in Upper Bethel Township, Pennsylvania. His birthplace was a log cabin built by his grandfather Peter. In the year of George Jr.'s birth (1763) the local Indians made a last desperate attempt to drive the white settlers from the valley below the Blue Mountains and from the Delaware Gap to Bethlehem. (Continued on page 8)

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## Introducing the President of the BTHS

I grew up in Worcester, Massachusetts, and from a very young age became fascinated by American history. Perhaps it was because Worcester was also the home of George Bancroft regarded as the first professional American historian. I also went to a school named after him, and just up the block from the school lived Esther Forbes whose novel: *Johnny Tremain* told the story of a young apprentice silversmith apprenticed to Paul Revere. That got me hooked on the American revolution, and I ended up majoring in American history and literature in college.

Before retiring, I taught high school in California, and then future teachers how to teach secondary and college English at New York University. I kept on working on social studies education as well, and kept on learning about American history. So when Sue and I moved full time to the Poconos, I began to explore Pennsylvania history which led me, eventually to the Barrett Township History Society. Thanks to the Library Research Center and the Station Museum, I'm still learning. Our property was formerly the site of one of the earliest hotels in Barrett, the Henry Price House and it still has two standing stone chimneys to mark its location. It was an example of the growth of tourism which led to a lot of the development of Barrett. I look forward to helping our neighbors explore the paths from the past to the present in Monroe County, and in particular in Barrett.

John S. Mayher  
President



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### Corrections to the October 2019 Newsletter

In the article about Dr. William Howard Hay, The Diet Doctor, in the last paragraph of the article (pg 4) in which Suzanne Fretz McCool mentions her parents, Viola and John Fretz who owned and operated the Airport Inn in Mount Pocono, the statement should have read that they were “fabulous” cooks, not famous cooks as the article reads. (*Editorial Comment: I have done some checking around about Viola and John, and my sources tell me that they were locally known for being famously fabulous cooks*). So now the record has been set straight.

**2020 Board of Directors:**

Jacqueline Magann	Charlotte Parks	Loretta Quarmley	Shirley Lansdowne
Malinda Bender	JoEllen Chadwick	Marie Guidry	

**2020 Executive Officers:**

President	John Mayher
Vice President	Darryl Speicher
Recording Secretary	Donna Bisset
Corresponding Secretary	Hannelore Gaupp
Treasurer	Stu Malin

**Treasurer's Report**

Stu Malin, Treasurer	
DATE:	01/12/20
Checking	\$ 3,224.71
Money Market	\$ 6,135.31
CD ESSA	\$ 8,126.04
CD ESSA	\$ 5,692.68
Total	\$23,178.74

**2020 Committee Chairs**

Archivist for LRC & CSM	Lee Ann Dyson
Cresco Station Museum	Mickey Miller & Joanne Seese
Curator for LRC & CSM	Joanne Seese
Finance	Stu Malin
Historian	Jacqueline Magann
Hospitality	Sharon Kuhns
Information Systems	Kendrick Bisset
Library Research Center	Jacqueline Magann & Joanne Seese
Membership	Marty Price
Newsletter	MaryKate Reeves-Hoché, Editor & Jacqueline Magann, Co-Editor
Oral Tradition	OPEN
Programs	OPEN
Publicity	Marie S. Guidry
Research	Jim Berger
Ways & Means	OPEN

**2020 Qtr 1 Executive Committee Meeting Dates**

Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am  
 Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am  
 Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am  
 Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am

**2020 Qtr 1 General Membership Meeting Dates**

Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm  
 Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 pm  
 Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm  
 Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

## Committee Reports:

### Archivist for LRC & CSM

Lee Ann Dyson  
No report

### Cresco Station Museum

Mickey Miller & Joanne Seese

The CSM has been getting a much-needed internal facelift, new floors and paint. Soon we will be unpacking all the storage pods as we move back into the Museum.

### Curator for LRC & CSM

Joanne Seese  
No report

### Finance

Stu Malin

The budget committee will be meeting shortly to develop a budget for 2020. I have several concerns about our finances. In 2019 our expenses exceeded our income. Our total income for 2019 was \$7,961.10 and our total expenses for 2019 were \$14,868.09. We cannot continue to run deficits because it forces us to use our reserves, which are dwindling.

We need to increase our income. The first way is through dues. If you have not paid your 2020 dues please pay them as soon as possible. The forms are in the newsletter. Secondly, we need to raise additional funds this year. That means that we will need a lot of ideas and a lot of people to work.

Please contact John Mayher, our president (at 917-533-8867) with your ideas and your pledge to help. Please also see the comments under the Ways and Means section.

### Historian

Jacqueline Magann

This month, researching George LaBar was an exciting task. Having the resources of the library research center and the help of others made pooling our talents a winning endeavor. Come down to the LRC, let us help you research local settlers, historic buildings, or other topics of interest.

### Hospitality

Sharon Kuhns

Refreshments are needed for each of the Historical Society Meetings on the third Friday of each month. If you would like to volunteer to provide the refreshments please call Sharon Kuhns at 570-676-5255. The refreshments can be very simple, Cookies and a beverage are fine.

**Information Systems**

Kendrick Bisset

No new information to report

**Library Research Center**

Jacqueline Magann & Joanne Seese

The LRC is open on Wednesdays from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm during the winter when Pocono Mountain Schools are in Session. Volunteers are needed to help with filing.

**Membership**

Marty Price

Please remember to send in your membership for 2020. A membership form is on the last page of the newsletter.

**Newsletter**

MaryKate Reeves-Hoché, Editor & Jacqueline Magann, Co-Editor

The Newsletter has a new editor and is interested in your feedback, comments, and input. The Newsletter is currently published four times a year (January, April, July, and October). For 2020 we will offer a historical leading topic, in January about George LaBar a local citizen who fought in the American Revolution and met General George Washington, and another article on one of our resorts along with a photo from our post card collection. Also for 2020 we will introduce a new column called Historical Recipes in which 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> century recipes are compared to their present day counterparts. The Newsletter is your Newsletter, please send me your news, or topics for inclusion. Deadline for the April newsletter is March 27<sup>th</sup>. Send by email to: [mkreeves@ptd.net](mailto:mkreeves@ptd.net) or to PO Box 447, BHF, PA 18323

**Oral Tradition**      OPEN Chair Needed

**Programs**      OPEN Chair Needed

Programs Scheduled for the first Quarter:

- January 17 at 2:00pm: The Mill Creek Story with Don Baylor and Edie Stevens.
- February 21 at 2:00pm: A Sentimental Journey with Kendrick Bisset.
- March 20 at 2:00pm: The Murder of Theodore Brodhead with John Abel.
- April 17 at 7:00pm: The Poetry of Susan Akers Reichman.

**Publicity**

Marie S. Guidry

No report

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## Research

Jim Berger

The Committee has begun updating our Obituaries List using the newly completed scrapbook that we recently received from Mickey Miller. The List is available to be used as a reference guide for those persons wanting to conduct genealogical research. To date, we have indexed almost 500 Obituaries. The vast majority of these was obtained almost exclusively from our local newspaper, The Pocono Record. With a few exceptions, our List was begun in the latter half of 1995. In order to expand this List further, I am asking anyone who has maintained their own list of obituaries prior to 1995 to please share this with us so that we may develop a more comprehensive listing for future use.

Work continues on finishing the historical sign about the Cresco Railroad Station. Our goal remains to have it completed and a presentation of it given later this year.

## Ways & Means OPEN

Sharon Kuhns recommends the formation of a committee to brainstorm fundraising ideas. Please contact Sharon at 570 6767-5255 if you are willing to be a part of a brainstorming session or have some ideas.

## Final Report Library and Research Center Task Force

Donna Bissett, Jackie Magann, Jim Berger, Joanne Seese, Marie Guidry, Sharon Kuhns, Kendrick Bisset, with Joyce and Bill Raczko serving as consultants

A final report detailing the work of the Library and Research Center Task Force was presented by Donna Bissett to the Executive Committee in December. The task force successfully raised \$23,795.00, which they spent judiciously in furnishing and outfitting the center. Meticulous care has been paid to obtaining archival quality materials for storage of ephemera and photographs which are by nature more susceptible to decay. An open house was held in October 2018 in which members of the public and BTHS had an opportunity to see the center. On-going filing and organizing continues under the leadership of Jackie Magann and Joanne Seese.

Library and Research Center stated purpose: The Barrett Township Historical Society's Library and Research Center provides resources so persons have opportunity to discover, read and research information about the history of the greater Barrett Township area; research information concerning genealogy of persons and families in the greater Barrett township area; enhance the appreciation of history by using the space to sponsor events relating to history; use the space for special displays and art that portrays and appreciates local history.

Library and Research Center on winter hours through May 2020:

Wednesdays 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

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## A Landmark for 117 Years: POCONO MANOR INN

John C. Layton

Friday, November 1, 2019 brought with it the devastation of The Inn at Pocono Manor as it has most recently been known. Fire consumed the 117-year-old structure. The “top of the mountain” as well as much of Monroe County lost a historical and iconic structure.

The at Pocono Manor began life as the Pocono inn in 1902 when the doors opened to guests. Friends or Quakers from the Philadelphia area formed the Pocono Manor Association for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a mountain resort for summer boarding and to sell lots on a developed plot plan for families to build their own private cottages. Shareholders, managers and directors of the Association were required to be members of the Society of Friends, establishing the resort as Quaker run. Members were prominent Quaker industrialists, merchants, and professionals from the greater Philadelphia area with a few from Moorestown and Atlantic City, New Jersey and New York City. The Pocono Manor Association was led by George Abbot, owner of the Abbott Dairy; along with William Allen, wholesale clothing; Joshua Baily, dry goods merchant; A.F. Huston, President, Luken Iron and Steel; Henry Leeds, hotel manager Atlantic City; Samuel Thompson, President Hatboro National Bank; Benjamin Shoemaker, glass merchant; Edward Strawbridge, Strawbridge and Clothier Store; and Frank Smedley, lumber merchant.

They initially purchased 700 acres on Little Pocono Mountain and over time expanded the land holdings to over 3,000 acres. The first sale of lots occurred in 1902 with the provision that buyers had to build within eighteen months. Nuisances of all kinds and the sale of liquor were forbidden.

When the hotel opened in 1902 there were 53 guest rooms with Mrs. Casper (Emma) Wister, from Philadelphia, as the first manager of the hotel. During August of 1902, the manager and bell boys set about preparing the Inn for guests. They traveled to Mt. Pocono for their mail and on one occasion, as recorded in the hotel log, met and talked with Admiral and Mrs. Dewey who were staying at the Montanesca, which was located on what is now State Route 611. By 1925 the hotel boasted “a new fire-proof wing, accommodating 400 guests”. That addition is still standing today.

The Quakers engaged in numerous educational and social endeavors. In 1937, the Pocono Manor School was founded. In the 1940s a Community House was established in Pocono Summit. The Cottage and Lot owners Association paid part of the salary of a school teacher.

Most recently in 1997, the Pocono Manor Historical District was entered on the National Park Service, National Register of Historic Places.

Much work lies ahead for the property owners in determining next steps in the history of Pocono Manor and we look forward to the creation of a community asset that would be appreciation by our Friends from the past.



POCONO MANOR, POCONO SUMMIT, PA.

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## (Continuation ) The Patriot and the General

By Jacqueline Magann

Many families were killed by the Indians, led by Indian Chief Teedyuscung. George Jr. grew up a robust lad, skillful with his gun and plough oxen. There was no schoolmaster yet in his area of Pennsylvania. The labor of the field was his employment, and his gun and fishing rod a necessity for food on the table.

*“He loved nothing better than to tell the story of being in Easton one day when General Washington was expected to visit that place: so he resolved to wait and see the Father of his Country. As the expected hour drew near, every flag in the place was flung to the breeze; all the military of that region assembled to do honor to the man; the cannons were loaded and primed ready for a salute; the fifes and drums that had marshaled some of the same soldiers on the battlefields of the Revolution, were waiting to strike joyful notes of welcome. At length the little company of horsemen was seen coming in the distance. The cannons belched forth their harmless wads, and shook the earth. The fife and drum kept silence no longer, while the glad populace ring out cheer after cheer.*

*They entered the town, and joy and gladness was unbounded. It was no difficult matter to distinguish the loved and honored guest. Tall, commanding, majestic, he sat on his white charger, “the noblest work of God.” George Washington*



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**(Continuation ) The Patriot and the General**

By Jacqueline Magann

*dismounted and after the soldiers, the citizens took him by the hand. George LaBar shared the privilege of touching the great and good man, and was satisfied as he turned to his team and was soon on his way home. "Such is the narrative as he gave it to his friend, A. B."*

The narrative above does not give the purpose of General George Washington's visit to Easton, Pennsylvania, nor the date. We learned that General Washington did visit soldiers at the first Reformed Church of Easton, serving as a hospital during the Revolutionary War. Could it be that this was the occasion?

George Jr. signed the Oath of Allegiance and fought with the Northampton County Militia, 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, serving with Captain John Long in the Revolutionary War.

He married Mary Magdalene Engle in 1788 and together they raised a large family.

According to an article in the Easton Sentinel, dated October 14, 1874, George attended a State Fair about then when he was 112 years old and handed out apples from trees he had planted when he was 100 years old. The paper states that George Jr. was the father of 14 children and the grandfather of about 80 grandchildren.

George E. LaBar Jr., Patriot and Centenarian, died November 28, 1874. He and his wife Mary are buried at Wooddale United Methodist Church, East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, a little white church in the wildwood. Among the neat headstones at Wooddale is the granite LaBar monument, above five feet by six feet, erected by the descendants of George E. LaBar, Jr. The grave has a DAR marker.

We have discovered there is a book called "Early History of Easton to Bushkill: **Reminiscences of George LaBar, The Centenarian of Monroe County, PA**, by A. B. Burrell, Philadelphia, PA." We are delighted to say that Marie Guidry has donated a copy to the Society's Library and Research Center.

**Sources:**

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**Historical Recipe side by side with today's version**

Mary Kate Reeves-Hoché

Whether you like to cook, or like to eat good cooking, I am sure from time to time you have wondered how our ancestors managed to create wonderful and tasty meals. Here is an example of a Sweet Potato Pudding from the Personal Cookbook of Thomas Jefferson. From 1784 to 1788, Jefferson served as the Minister (think Ambassador) to the Court of Louis XVI in Paris where he represented the interests of the new nation in which he had such a large part in creating. While in Paris, Jefferson interviewed his cooks and servants and wrote down many of the delicious French recipes. Upon his return to Monticello, he gave a group of recipes to each of his little granddaughters who meticulously wrote them for inclusion in a personal cookbook.

**Sweet Potato Pudding – Thomas Jefferson 1790**

Boil some sweet potatoes, peel and put through a sieve. To 2 cups of potato pulp add 1 cup of butter. Beat 6 eggs, add  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup of sugar, a little nutmeg and a pinch of salt. Mix all together and bake in a pudding dish, with or without being lined with pastry until set.

**Sweet-Potato Pudding – Mary Kate Reeves-Hoché 2020**

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F

Combine and beat well:

2 cups cooked, mashed sweet potatoes (can use canned that are drained well)

1 cup sugar

1 / 2 cup melted butter

6 beaten egg yolks

1  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoons grated lemon rind

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup orange juice

$\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon nutmeg

Fold in:

2 stiffly beaten egg whites

Bake pudding in a greased round baking dish about 1 hour. Once the pudding has finished baking, add the Meringue. With the remaining 4 egg whites make a Meringue; beat the egg whites with  $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon cream of tartar,  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup powdered sugar, and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Beat until stiff. Mound the meringue onto the pudding and Bake at 325 degrees F for about 15 minutes or just until the edges of the meringue begin to turn brown.

Personally, I like this better when it is served in a flaky pie crust, or without the crust, in individual ramakins.

Do you have a Family Recipe from the 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> Century? Are you willing to share the recipe, and your family's story about the recipe for a future Barrett Township Historical Society cookbook on Historical Recipes? Please send your recipe and family story associated with the recipe to Mary Kate Reeves-Hoche at [mkreeves@ptd.net](mailto:mkreeves@ptd.net) or to PO Box 447, Buck Hill Falls, PA 18323

## Condolences to Our Members

Past President Sonia White on the death of her husband Wayne White on November 10, 2019.

Member Kathy Scudato on the death of her mother, Doris Garner on December 9, 2019.

Member Rick Scudato on the death of his mother Ann Scudato on December 10, 2019

**Wayne E. White**, 69, of Canadensis, PA, formerly of Alexandria, VA passed away at home on Sunday, November 10, 2019. Wayne was born in Philadelphia and was the son of his late parents Mazie (Deusch) and Ferdinand E. White of Willow Grove, PA. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Sonia (Melnikoff).

Wayne retired in 2005 from the U.S. Department of State after a career of 32 years that began as a Foreign Service Officer and concluded with the position of Deputy Director of the State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research's Office of Analysis for the Near East and South Asia (INR/NESA) and senior regional analyst. He also served as principal Iraq analyst and head of INR/NESA's Iraq team.

Wayne was chief of INR's Maghreb, Arabian Peninsula, Iran and Iraq division and State Department representative to NATO Middle East working groups. He served as the State Department's intelligence briefer on Iran and Iraq for the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC) and Jordanian cabinet-level officials, and on Iraq, Iran and Syria for senior Israeli defense and military officials. He was a Political Officer at the US Interests Section in Baghdad, US Sinai Field Mission Liaison Officer and in various capacities as an Embassy Officer in Niger during the Sahel Drought Emergency.

Wayne's achievements were recognized with numerous awards by the Bureau of Intelligence and Research. In 2000 Wayne received The National Medal of Intelligence Achievement. In 2004 Secretary of State Colin Powell (Gen.) awarded him "The Secretary's Career Achievement Award". Another highlight in 2004 was being recognized as an Alumni Fellow by the Pennsylvania State University.

In retirement Wayne remained actively involved sharing his regional expertise as a scholar for the Middle East Institute in Washington, DC and directly through social media and various news outlets. In addition to his wife, Wayne is survived by his sister L. Susan White of Maple Glen, his wife's aunt, Lorraine Tomko of Buck Hill Falls, and her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. David Spindel of Philadelphia.

(Published in [The Washington Post](#), November 15, 2019)

**Doris Garner** (nee Bridge), age 95, of Venice, FL, passed away on Monday, December 9, 2019. Born in Paterson, NJ, Doris grew up in Hawthorne, NJ, married and raised her children there and upon retirement she and her husband Walter moved to Venice. While in Hawthorne, Doris was a member of St. Anthony's parish, secretary of the Parish Council and active in the PTA. Upon moving to Venice, she was a member of Epiphany Cathedral, Epiphany CCW, the Friendly's Irish Club and The New Jersey Club.

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Doris was the beloved wife of Walter W. Garner, Jr (1923-2008) for 59 beautiful years. She was predeceased by her sisters Anna Postma and Patricia Anderson, her son Gary Garner (1956-2010) and son in law Richard Burt (1943-2018). She is survived by her children Walter (Nora) Garner, Patricia Burt, James (Rita) Garner, Kathleen (Rick) Scrudato and daughter in law Karen Garner. Doris loved and enjoyed her 11 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. (Published in Herald Tribune, December 13, 2019)

**Ann V. (Gimskie) Scrudato**, 84, of Cresco, died Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at home. She was the loving wife of the late Frederick M. Scrudato, Sr. who passed away in 2010. Born in Manhattan, New York, she was the daughter of the late Edward and Edna (Fair) Gimskie.

Before moving to the Poconos two years ago, Ann lived most of her life in Florham Park and Brick, New Jersey. Ann was a devout Catholic and a loving mother and grandmother. She was a faithful Eucharist Minister for a number of years supporting her parish. Ann loved nothing more than spending time volunteering at the church and being with her family.

She is survived by her son, Rick M. Scrudato, Jr. and his wife, Kathy of Cresco, Pennsylvania; daughter, Donna Hardy and her husband, David of Port Orange, Florida; daughter, Lauren Shehata and her husband, Mahmoud of Clifton, New Jersey; grandchildren: Samantha, Nicole, Allison, Davey, Stephan and Adam. Ann will also be fondly remembered by her three sisters: Margaret and her husband, Dale; Jeanie and Joanie, with whom she loved with all of her heart. (Published in Pocono Record, December 12, 2019)

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