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Meet Lowell Joerg

By Mary Kate Reeves-Hoche

One Wednesday during February when several of us were at the BTHS Library Research Center doing filing and sorting, Joanne Seese waltzed in and announced that we had a new pen pal in California.

Lowell Joerg had sent a letter to the Barrett Township Municipal Bldg and enclosed a postcard of the Inn at Buck Hill Falls circa 1935 that he had found at an antique store in California. Mr. Joerg apparently gets quite a bit of enjoyment out of sending postcards all around the USA, and people, including me, write him back. He was even interviewed for the news in California, which you can read by clicking on the imbedded link below.

<https://www.recordnet.com/article/20151121/NEWS/151129930>

To see the post card and his letter go to page 9.

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Presidential Message

This newsletter will reach us all in a trying time for our country and our community. As historians we must be especially sensitive to the long-term implications of the current health crisis for the future of our family, friends, and above all of our children and grandchildren. It seems likely that our communities will experience some deep and permanent changes, and we must strive to protect the values embodied in our collective history as we help to protect our future.

Perhaps most significant during the balance of 2020 is protecting our elections and enabling all of us to vote safely both in the primary currently re-scheduled for June, and the general election in November. The best way to do this will be to arrange for voting by mail for yourself and anyone else you can influence. Recent changes in Pennsylvania law makes it possible for all of us to vote by mail, and we don't need an excuse for absence like being out of town, or illness.

If you're a voter with a valid PA Driver's License or PennDOT ID number, you may apply by mail with the application found at:

http://www.monroecountypa.gov/Dept/Voter/Documents/PADOS_mailInapplication.pdf

Alternatively, call the elections office at 570-517-3165 for an application. If you don't have one of those IDs you'll need to so indicate on the form. Even though the primary has been postponed to June, it will be here will be here before we know it, so the sooner you can apply for your ballot the better.

Stay safe.

John S. Mayher
President

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Factual information regarding the Corona Virus, and your actions to stay safe can be obtained at the CDC's website at www.cdc.gov

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Corrections to the January 2020 Newsletter

January was my first newsletter. It was pointed out to me, that the front page should include all the stories and which page they are found. I didn't do that. So, I hope I have done so this time. For those of you reading the Newsletter electronically, you have the opportunity to click on links in the newsletter that are underlined and in blue type and they will move you around the newsletter or take you to links on the world wide web. You will have to let me know if there are mistakes.

2020 Board of Directors

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

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| President | John Mayher |
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| Treasurer | Stu Malin |

Treasurer's Report

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| Stu Malin, Treasurer | |
| DATE: | 03/27/20 |
| Checking | \$ 2,598.72 |
| Money Market | \$ 6,137.33 |
| CD ESSA | \$ 8,126.04 |
| CD ESSA | \$ 5,692.68 |
| Total | \$22,554.77 |

2020 Committee Chairs

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| Archivist for LRC & CSM | OPEN |
| 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 Committee | Donnie Kuhns, Sharon Kuhns, Jackie Magann, John Mayher, MaryKate Reeves-Hoche |

Exec Committee Meeting Dates

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| Tuesday, April 14th at 10:00 am | CANCELLED |
| Tuesday, May 12 th at 10:00 am | |
| Tuesday, June 9 th at 10:00 am | |
| Tuesday, July 14 th at 10:00 am | |
| Tuesday, Aug 11 th at 10:00 am | |

General Membership Meeting Dates

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| Friday, April 17th at 7:00 pm |
| Friday, May 15 th at 7:00 pm |
| Friday, June 19 th at 7:00 pm |
| Friday, July 17 th at 7:00 pm |
| Friday, Aug 21 st at 7:00 pm |

Save the Date: Our Next Event is the Grand Re-Opening of the Cresco Station Museum
 Sunday, May 24th from 1 – 4:00 pm at the Cresco Station Museum

Committee Reports:**Archivist for LRC & CSM**

Lee Ann Dyson retires (see article page 15)

Cresco Station Museum

Mickey Miller & Joanne Seese

For all the Cresco Station Museum fans, you may have noticed the two storage units that have been parked in front of the Museum since April of 2019 are GONE! Hurray!

The Museum Committee and other volunteers have been busy moving everything back into the Station, finding where they belong or new places for them and generally putting things back together.

Through the generosity of the Weiler Family Foundation we, the Historical Society, will be the proud conservators of a beautifully repainted, air conditioned, new floored, and repaired crawl space, Museum.



Our goal for the Grand Reopening is Sunday, May 24, from 1 to 4 PM, with music from Lexington Entertainment and Doug Smith, refreshments (ice cream, homemade lemon aide, and funnel cake), a Cake Walk, and Station tours (all this is pending that the pandemic breaks its hold on the country). The theme for the Grand Reopening is the Roaring 20's, a nod to the 1920's. Everyone is invited to see the new exhibits, and get in the spirit of the event by wearing 1920 period clothing, enjoy the music, the food, and ambience. So, mark your calendar for May 24, 1 to 4. We're coming back better than ever.

Curator for LRC & CSM

Joanne Seese

The LRC had been operating on Wednesdays and the second Sunday of the month until the pandemic required the closure. During this period we have been busy with filing of documents and setting up books for research purposes.

Finance

Stu Malin

The budget committee met to develop a budget for 2020 which was presented to the executive committee on February 14th. The Historical Society had expenses that exceeded our income in 2019, and for 2020 there is still a projected deficit. The Society must take fiduciary steps this year to prevent future insolvency.

We still 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. We still need fund raising ideas and people to work with our Ways and Means Committee (see their report later in this section). Please contact John Mayher, our president (at jmayher@gmail.com) with your ideas and your pledge to help.

We received a \$1,350.00 donation from the American Legion which is greatly appreciated and needed. Our total income to date is \$2,459.00 which includes the Legion's donation. Our total expenses to date are \$1,395.71. Without the American Legion's generous donation, we would be running a deficit.

Historian

Jacqueline Magann

It seems that each month there is something to research. In this newsletter alone, the LRC was used to research the history of St. Bernadette's Church, and the early census. Having the resources of the library research center makes research so much easier. Come down to the LRC, let us help you research local settlers, historic buildings, or other topics of interest.

Meanwhile, the BTHS Sesquicentennial Display Case at the Barrett Paradise Friendly Library has been updated with "Some of My Favorite Things". Be sure to look for it by the copy machine the next time you are the library.

Hospitality

Sharon Kuhns

A Big Thank-You to all who stepped up and volunteered to bring refreshments for the General Meetings. We still have an Opening in July and November for this year if anyone is interested. As a reminder, the 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. As already stated, the April Meeting is cancelled due to the Pandemic.

Information Systems

Kendrick Bisset

As the major work at the Cresco Station Museum has been completed, and contents are being re-installed, work has also been done on the communication systems. Telephones and internet are now working and available in both the Cresco Station Museum and the Library Research Center. The telephones and data systems are now fully back in service. Need more details or additional information? Contact Kendrick Bisset at kendrick@kendrickbisset.com.

Library Research Center

Jacqueline Magann

The Library Research Center is currently closed because of the Coronavirus.

Repairs at the Cresco Station Museum have been completed. Previous to the social distancing order museum committee members and others were able to transfer items from the Research Center to the museum. That work will continue once the “stay at home” ban is lifted.

The L.R.C. Committee has plans to order additional bookcases to put along the draped wall. These shelves will house archival boxes. Items in these boxes such as family Bibles and old newspapers need to be handled with special care and supervision.

We now have a “School Corner” with memorabilia from the original Barrett Consolidated School – a big attraction.

When this pandemic is over both the Library Research Center and the Cresco Station Museum will be open again on Wednesdays, 10 am to 2 pm, and the second Sunday of the month, 1 pm to 4 pm, until we go to the summer schedule – Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

A BIG thank you to Kendrick Bisset for hanging the “Fountain Service” sign inside the Center. It was found in the weeds behind what is now being used as the Barrett Township Historical Society Library and Research Center. The building, built in 1928 to house the Cresco Post Office, contained several other businesses over the years including a soda fountain.

Many thanks to our dedicated volunteers at the Research Center including Donna and Kendrick Bisset, MaryKate Reeves-Hoche and Fred Ruben, and Darla Williams. There is much to do at the Center if you have some time to help. Please call Jackie at 570-595-9233 or Joanne at 570-460-9279.

Membership

Marty Price

Perhaps the pandemic has gotten people off their stride. Our membership is at 85 members compared to 163 this time last year. 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 Pandemic has caused us to adjust the way we deliver our newsletter to you. This is in part due to limited printing services, and due to the inability to congregate to do the final collating, addressing, and stamping of the newsletter due to public health issues. The newsletter as presented to you is in a PDF format with active links that will help you maneuver around the newsletter. Each blue underlined link will take you somewhere. I hope you enjoy the Newsletter in the new format. Stay safe, stay inside, stay vigilant, wash your hands.

Deadline for submission to the July/Aug Newsletter is June 28th. Send by email to:

mkreeves@ptd.net or to PO Box 447, BHF, PA 18323

Oral Tradition OPEN Chair Needed**Programs** OPEN Chair Needed

Programs Scheduled During the General Meetings for the second Quarter:

- April 17 at 7:00pm: ~~The Poetry of Susan Akers Reichman~~. Cancelled due to the Pandemic
- May 15th at 7:00 pm: No Programming scheduled due to the Pandemic
- June 19 at 7:00pm: John Abel "The Murder of Theodore Brodhead"
- July 17 at 7:00pm: The Poetry of Susan Akers Reichman
- August 21 at 7:00 pm: Mary Kate Reeves-Hoche & Fred Ruben "From Pox to Pandemics"

Musical Events Scheduled at the Cresco Station Museum: All events at 1 – 4 pm

- May 24: Grand Re-Opening of the Cresco Station Museum
Lexington Entertainment and Doug Smith
- June 28: Kelly Planer & the Perks (previously scheduled train has been cancelled)
- July 26: the Steamtown Train and Uncle Pete Tawney
- August 23: Ted Satterwaithe
- September 27: Jonah Talbet
- October 18: the Steamtown Train and John James & Friends

Publicity

Marie S. Guidry

You may have noticed increased numbers of announcements about the Historical Society activities. We have new publicity chair who is getting the word out. Did you know there is a Facebook page for the Barrett Township Historical Society? <https://www.facebook.com/Barrett-Township-Historical-Society-814825878582400/>

Research

Jim Berger

The Committee continues 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 anyone wanting to conduct genealogical research. The other project we continue to work on is the historical sign about the history of the Cresco Railroad Station.

Ways & Means Committee

A Ways and Means Committee was formed with the following representation: Donnie & Sharon Kuhns, Jackie Magann, John Mayher, Mary Kate Reeves-Hoche. They had their first meeting on February 26th to brainstorm on fund raising ideas. The ideas have been classified into five categories: Capitol/Endowment, Advertising, Annual or One-Time, On-Going, and Special Event. We need volunteers to help in each of these categories, please reach out by sending an e-mail to Mary Kate at mkreeves@ptd.net or drop at line at PO Box 447, Buck Hill Falls, PA 18323.

New Life for an Old Church, The Pocono Palms

By Mary Kate Reeves-Hoche

St. Bernadette's parish and church, had its beginnings when the first mass service was held in 1912. Originally called St. Ann's, the church came about through the efforts of a New York City stock Broker who had built a summer home in Canadensis. Mr. Frank Bucknam contacted Father Patrick J. Boland of St. Mary of the Mount in Mount Pocono and worked out an arrangement for a church to be built in Canadensis. Mr. Bucknam then purchased the land from George Crane and donated the land, and also donated the main altar, church bell, and the original stained-glass window that served as a backdrop for the main altar.

The Church was built in 1912 and was named St. Ann's. In 1967 the name of the church was changed to St. Bernadette's. In the late 2010's three small parishes including St. Bernadette's combined and began worshipping together in the auditorium at Msgr. McHugh school.

St. Bernadette's was sold to two sisters in 2019 who have been renovating the church, and will open later this year, as Pocono Palms, a venue for Weddings and other special occasions. Carolyn and Alyssa have this to say, *"We are sisters and long-time collaborators and we had been looking for a location we could transform into a wedding venue. The moment we entered St. Bernadette's, we were both blown away by it's structural beauty. We know the church meant so much to so many, and so many powerful moments have already taken place inside those walls. We are inspired by the idea of bringing life back to the building and hosting celebrations of love there once again. There is great energy to the space and it is clear that a lot of care was put into it over the years. We have been working to update and restore the building and grounds, while maintaining the natural beauty. Everyone loves those arches! We painted them but kept the contrasting color which has gotten a great response. We actually ended up repurposing most of the wood from the pews to create tables for the venue. We have put in all new flooring, lighting and paint and we are planning to add a lot of greenery to the interior. We are also doing a lot of landscaping and planting outside and are planning to add several gardens. The community has been so welcoming and we hope everyone loves the final product."*

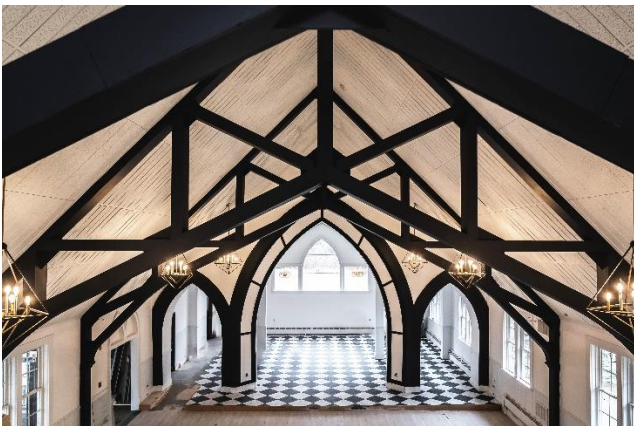


Photo: Preston Christman Photography



Postcard: 1954 Valence Color Studios, Canadensis

Follow Along on their progress on their social Media Sites, by clicking one of the links below:

www.poconopalms.com

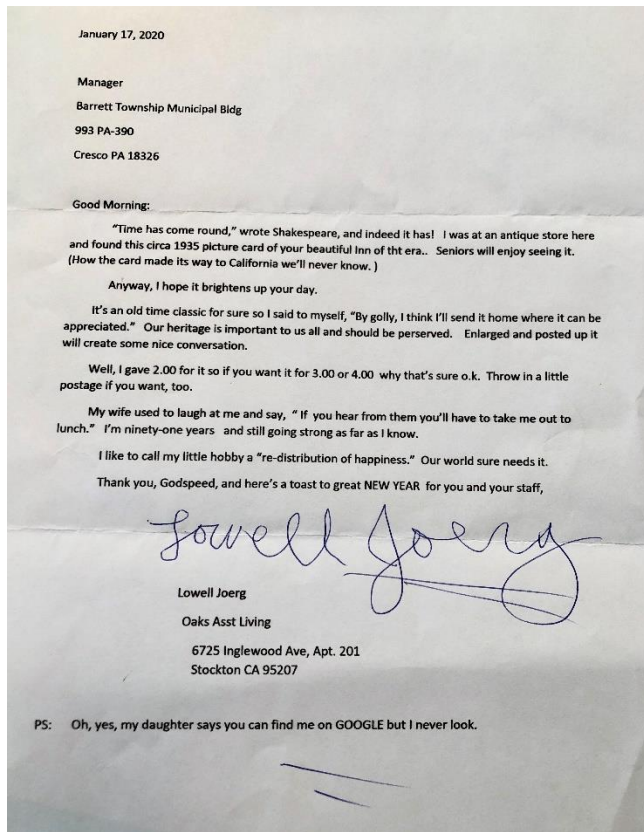
www.instagram.com/poconopalms

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By Mary Kate Reeves-Hoche



Letter & Postcard from Lowell Joerg



Postcard Circa 1935

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From the Calendar Committee

Joanne Seese and Kendrick Bisset

If you haven't gotten your Calendar, it's not too late. The BTHS 2020 calendar is still available at \$6.00 each. It is on non-glossy paper, so pencil can be used to add (and erase!) your events. While we were doing our research for the 2020 calendar, we enjoyed a personal interview with Ryan Lewis one morning. He gave us two mementos from Lewis Super Market – a framed winter scene with glitter and containing a small thermometer along with the Lewis Super Market logo and phone number; and a 1964 calendar/notebook with an S&H Green Stamps logo on the front also touting Lewis Super Market in the Poconos and a phone number. The items will be added to our collection of Barrett memories.



Rain Barrel Project

By Jackie Magann and Mary Kate Reeves-Hoché

The average American family directly consumes nearly 110,000 gallons of water each year, and if you include water used for producing food, energy, and consumer goods, that total jumps to 1.9 million gallons annually! However, a single 55-gallon rain barrel can save up to 1,300 gallons of water every year.

Rain barrels collect free rainwater to water gardens, trees, and lawns. This saves you money on water bills, AND helps reduce demand for energy-intensive treated tap water, limits stormwater runoff and erosion, and saves water for use during droughts. Installing a rain barrel is one of the easiest ways to reduce your water footprint and help recharge our rivers, lakes, and aquifers.

The Brodhead Watershed Association is in the process of finding donors of barrels, painters for the barrels, and places to put the barrels in our Township. Under a time-limit, 2 barrels were purchased in the name of the BTHS by Kendrick and Donna Bisset. The barrels will likely be placed at The Friendly Community Center and the Municipal Center with the BTHS logo. The BTHS applauds the Bissets and thanks them for this earmarked donation to BTHS. Mother Earth is Thankful too!

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Historical Recipe side by side with today's version

Mary Kate Reeves-Hoché

There is a treasure trove of historical cookbooks and recipes at the LRC, and women who, like me, are interested in the history of how recipes came to be.

In this edition, I present a family recipe from Owen Tudor Gwathmey of Anglesey, Wales who was forced to leave England because he signed a petition in support of Richard Cromwell (son of Oliver) and against King Charles II. He immigrated approximately 1687 to Gloucester County, Virginia. Owen Gwathmey was my 9 x great-grandfather.

Tea Cakes – Owen Gwathmey 1687

Flur, ynogh thee doe to stikke ætgædere. ¼ thymbyl sealt. Larga knobe siuet / larde. 2 skuppes sugre. 2 skuppes auld gear corant. 6 coturnix æg / 3 gallus henn æg. Roule. Snid. Frire gredil.

Translated it says:

Flour, enough for the dough to stick together. ¼ Thimble salt. Large knob of suet or lard. 2 scoops of sugar. 2 scoops of last year's currants. 6 quail eggs or 3 Chicken eggs. Roll. Cut. Fry on griddle.

Welsh Tea Cake – Mary Kate Reeves-Hoché 2020

Cook in an electric skillet set at 280 - 300 degrees F

6 cups Flour

4 tsp baking powder

½ tsp salt

1 lb margarine (or butter)

2 cups sugar

1 lb zante currants (or golden raisins)

4 eggs (beaten)

Mix first three ingredients. Cut in margarine. Stir in sugar and currants. Add beaten eggs. Mix well. Roll out on floured board to ¼ inch thickness. Use a cookie cutter with scalloped edges to cut out cakes. Fry in electric skillet on moderate heat. Do not grease the griddle. Fry until golden brown and turn to brown the opposite side. Makes 4 – 5 dozen.

Note: For Half the Recipe, use all the salt, and ¾ cup Sugar

Do you have a Family Recipe from the 17th or 18th 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 or to PO Box 447, Buck Hill Falls, PA 18323

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Barrett Township Through the Eyes of the Census

By Jacqueline Magann

The first census after the American Revolution was taken in 1790 under Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson. The U.S. Census is a population census conducted every decade. The census records data specific to individual respondents are not available to the public until seventy-two (72) years after a given census is taken. However, general population data are used to allocate resources to the states.

Barrett Township became a township on December 31, 1859, merging parts of Price Township, established 1830, and Paradise Township, established 1848. The township was named after President Judge George G. Barrett who signed the petition. In 1859 Barrett was flourishing. There were many farms, two churches, eight one-room schoolhouses, six saw mills, two tanneries, two general stores, two post offices and a railway depot at Oakford built in 1857 (now the Cresco Station Museum).

The first U.S. Census taken in Barrett Township was in June of 1860 by enumerator James Place. It took him twelve days by horse or by foot to complete the task. In those days census takers had to offer evidence they were temperate, intelligent and “well versed in letters and figures”. Their application had to be personally written in order to prove that they had some grasp of literacy. Census takers were expected to be tactful and, ideally, well-known and liked in the community. They also needed physical and mental stamina.

Let us look at the questions asked on the first Barrett census.

1860

- Name of every person
- State, county and village, town, city, township, or district
- Page, family, and dwelling or house number (not an address)
- Date of enumeration
- Age, gender, and color of every person
- Profession, occupation, or trade of each male over 15
- Value of real estate
- Value of personal estate
- Place of birth
- Married within the year
- Attended school within the year
- If over 20 who cannot read or write
- If deaf, dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, a pauper, or a convict
- Indexed, in book form, by head of household

Total population in Barrett: 686

The 1860 census was the first census where the American Indians officially were counted but only those who had “renounced tribal rules”. The figure for the nation was 40,000.

Each decade, additional questions were added to the census as outlined in the table below.

| New questions asked in 1870: | New questions asked in 1880: |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •If father or mother of foreign birth •If born or married within the year, month stated •If attended school within the year •If cannot read or write •Male citizens of the U.S. of 21 years of age or older •Male citizens of the U.S. of 21 years of age or older who are denied the vote | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Street name, house number; dwelling and family number (order visited) •Relationship of every person to the head of the household •Single, married, widowed, or divorced •If married within the census year •Number of months unemployed during the census year •Sick or temporarily disabled; if so, name of the sickness or disability |
| New questions asked in 1890: | New questions asked in 1900: |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •This census was destroyed by fire in 1921 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Relationship of every person to head of household •Race of every person •Single, married, widowed or divorced •Number of years married •Mother of how many children, how many of those children still living •Place of birth of self and father and mother •Year arrived and number of years in the United States, naturalization status •Occupation and number of months employed of each person 10 and older •If able to read, write, or speak English •If own or rent home; if owned, free or mortgage •If property is farm or house and number of farm schedule |
| New questions asked in 1910: | New questions asked in 1920: |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Language spoken •If employer, employee or self-employed •If unemployed, number of weeks not employed in 1909 •Survivor of the Union or Confederate Army or Navy •If blind in both eyes or deaf and dumb | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Street name, house number; dwelling and family number (order visited) •Relationship to each person to head of family •Year of immigration to the U.S., if naturalized or alien, year of naturalization •If employer, salary, or wage worker or working on own account |
| New questions asked in 1930: | New questions asked in 1940: |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •If own a radio •Marital condition and age at first marriage •If attended school or college since 1 September 1929 •Native language if foreign born •If able to speak English •If veteran and which war | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Household owned or rented, value of home •Farm – yes or no •Personal: Marital status (married, widowed, divorced) – yes or no •Education: Attended school or college in 1940, highest grade of school attended •Residence in 1935: Place, farm •Persons over the age of 14: Working – yes or no; emergency public work (e.g. WPA); seeking work; have a job |

(continuation) Barrett Township Through the Eyes of the Census

By Jacqueline Magann

1870: Total population in Barrett: 930

The 1870 census was the first census to provide detailed information on the black population, only years after the culmination of the Civil War when slaves were granted freedom. The results are controversial as many believed it underestimated the true population numbers, especially in New York and Pennsylvania.

1880: Total population in Barrett: 941

The 1880 census was the first census that permitted women to be enumerators.

1890: This census was destroyed by fire in 1921.

In June of 1890 there was a special schedule, the eleventh census of the United States, for “surviving soldiers, sailors and marines and widows, etc.” The census gave the name, rank, company, name of regiment or vessel, date of enlistment, date of discharge, length of service, post office address and disability incurred in each township.

1900: Total population in Barrett: 845

1910: Total population in Barrett: 1,055

1920: Total population in Barrett: 1,150

The 1920 census was the first census that recorded a US population exceeding 100 million.

1930: Total population in Barrett: 1,695

1940: Total population in Barrett: 1,842

The 1940 census was the most recent census where individuals' data have now been released to the public (by the 72-year rule).

The 1950 census will be available for public inspection on April 1, 2022.

Facts regarding the census:

Soundex is a coding system which groups together surnames that sound alike but are spelled differently. Unusual spellings and variations are grouped together. The Soundex system was devised for indexing the 1880, 1900, 1910 and 1920 United States Federal Censuses and is available on microfilm. A link to the Soundex converter can be found through the Census section on the State Library's Genealogy page.

Mortality Schedule contains a list of deaths for the twelve months prior to the Census for years 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880. They give the name, age, gender, race, marital status, place of birth, occupation, month of death, and cause of death. There are name indexes for the years 1850, 1860 and 1870 for Pennsylvania.

Non-Population Schedules:

Agriculture: An account of every farm with an annual produce worth \$100 or more for the year 1850 or \$500 or more in the years 1860 and 1870. The name of the owner, agent or tenant and the kind and value of

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By Jacqueline Magann

acreage, machinery, livestock and produce were given. The arrangement of the agriculture schedules is geographically with no name index.

Manufacturers and Industrial: In 1820 information were collected relating to the nature and name of articles manufactured. During census years 1850 through 1880 enumerators collected information about manufacturing, mining and fisheries for business if the annual gross product amounted to \$500. An index is available.

Social Statistics: For 1850, 1860 and 1870 social statistics schedules include information about cemeteries, societies, clubs and churches arranged geographically.

Dependent, Defective, Delinquent Classes: An enumeration and "account of their condition" was taken in 1880 of the insane, idiots, deaf-mutes, blind, homeless children and inhabitants in prison organized geographically with no name index.

The 2020 Census is upon us. Remember that one purpose of the census is allocation of resources to states. The other is to divide the House of Representative seats by population; the data provides a beginning for allocation of resources. Every One of Us Counts! Be sure to complete your census, go on-line to:

<https://my2020census.gov/>

Archivist Retires

by Jacqueline Magann

In August 1993 a group gathered at the old Barrett Friendly Library, now the Friendly Community Center, to explore the possibility of forming a Historical Society in Barrett Township. Jake Sengle presided. I took minutes. He spoke of preserving past history of Barrett and declared "There is a mother lode out there." How right he was. Jake began collecting materials. Cindy DeLuca gave Jake permission to store the materials in a file cabinet in the children's room at the library. Our archives were begun. Soon Marty Price and Lee Ann Dyson were helping.

Lee Ann became archivist in 2000 at the same time I became Research Chairman under Mickey Miller's presidency.

Lee Ann was perfect for the job. She was Pocono born and bred, attended Barrett Consolidated School, and was one of the first students to graduate from the new jointure school. She knew about Barrett people and places like no other. When Cindy DeLuca got phone calls at the Library for genealogy, she referred them to Lee Ann.

Lee Ann joined the Research Committee in 2000. We met at my home weekly on Wednesday mornings for eleven years, 2000 to 2011! She always arrived with enthusiasm, a file folder or book to share from her vast collection, and sometimes coffee cake. Lee Ann was computer-knowledgeable; and she and Wolden would share computer research with us, especially when we were doing Civil War research for Barrett.

How thankful we all were when the Weiler Family Foundation gave the Society permission to open the Cresco Station as a museum. The archives from the Barrett Friendly Library were moved to the museum. Joanne Seese as curator and Lee Ann as archivist have spent endless hours organizing the archives and accepting new items for the museum.

When the Weiler Family Foundation turned over the Library Research Center to the Society, we all gave a shout that now this huge archival collection at last has a home! hat said, the process began to order bookcases and such to house the collection. We are still at it.

Lee Ann can be proud of all the work she has done when she sees notebook after notebook of her handiwork sitting on these new shelves. I see her efforts everywhere as Joanne and I sort through boxes. There is a quote by John Wesley (1703-1791) which I think describes Lee Ann's way of life:

"Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can."

After twenty years as archivist, Lee Ann has retired. We express our heartfelt thanks for all she has done for us and generations to follow.

Farewell and Thank You to Our Librarian

Cindy DeLuca, Barrett Friendly Library Director August 1988 – February 29, 2020.

Cindy, at age 36 took the helm of the Barrett Friendly Library when it was housed in a small 19th century stone building. She developed a robust children's program, several book clubs, and an extensive curriculum of activities for all ages.

Cindy and some very community minded leaders were a part of the forward-thinking people who assured that a dedicated library tax was enacted in the 90's so that later there would be money to build a library when needed. When it was clear that the library had out-grown it's home, Cindy successfully partnered with the community and its donors to raise the money to build a new library in 2008. Cindy's relationship with Karl Weiler, a major donor, cannot be under estimated as to its value and significance.

In Cindy's final address to us, in "Library Letters" in *The Village View*, she stated she was grateful to the past and present Library Boards, the Community, the volunteers, and all the supporters of the Library.

Cindy, we are grateful for 32 years of your leadership, and the Library you shaped for our use. Thank you. We look forward to honoring you at a retirement party as soon as the pandemic is over.

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Condolences to Our Members

The Family of Mary L Walters (member) on her death on February 19th.
Member Richard Kice on the loss of his brother Donald Kice on March 11th.

Mary L. Walters, 87, of Canadensis, died Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at Lehigh Valley Pocono Hospice House in East Stroudsburg. She was the loving wife of the late Reverend Russell E. Walters, Jr. whom passed away in 2015. Born in Palmyra, she was the daughter of the late George and Viola (Howard) Summy. Until her retirement, Mary worked as caseworker for the Pennsylvania Department of Welfare in Stroudsburg. She was a member of Keokee Chapel United Methodist Church where she directed the choir for over 30 years. In addition to her love of music, Mary was an avid craftswoman. She taught ceramics, was a member of the needlework guild, and enjoyed cross stitch and card making. She is survived by her three daughters, Debra Fulmer (Perry); Donna Beach-Crane (Dan); and Diane Peters (Morgan); son, David Walters (Dawn); brother, Howard Summy (Sandra); five grandchildren, Bryan and Matthew Fulmer, Amanda Brohel (Brian), Caitlin Beach and Nicole Vercruyssen (Matt); seven great-grandsons; two great-granddaughters; and several nephews.

Donald J. Kice, 76, of Canadensis, died Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at Lehigh Valley Hospital - Pocono in East Stroudsburg. Born in East Stroudsburg, he was a son of the late Elmer and Dorothy (Getz) Kice. A proud Veteran, Donald served in the United States Army. He was the owner and operator of Kice Landscape Service. He is survived by his son, Dean Kice and his companion, Jamie Gerold of Canadensis; dear friend and significant other, Donna Dunlap of Canadensis; brother, Richard Kice and his wife, Priscilla of Cresco; grandchildren: Madison and Timothy Kice; and nephews: Randy and Russell Kice. Services are postponed and will be announced at a later date. Published in the [Pocono Record](#) on March 16, 2020.

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Dear Reader,

It's so good to be back in touch with you all again. Our "home" here at the Station is starting to get busy; cleaning, new displays, and a new-fangled thing called an air conditioner, as I understand it, I won't need a fan indoors in the summer time. By the time you read this, the good folk who run the Station, as I hear it, will be planning a party, a Grand Re-Opening to show off the updates to the Station. I'm looking forward to seeing all the folks who come to call. I just wish that I could really meet them and let them know there's more to me than just a statue. But since that isn't possible, I guess I'll just have to be happy writing in my journal and "talking" to you this way.

The other day, after the people setting up a new display left, I wandered over to look at what they had done. Oh my, what a beautiful guitar and I read that it belonged to "Ho-Bo" Bill Stewart and his family donated it to us. It was handmade by a local person too, Jim Palmer. You know, his mother was Edna Palmer Englehart, the artist. Well, Jim was also an artist, but was especially known for making dulcimers and guitars. You'll have to be sure to take some time to read all about it.

In the hallway there's another display of medical equipment and supplies. This one's from the Revolutionary War days and is very interesting. At least those eye balls won't be staring at me every time I walk past. They really made me shudder.

I know I told you, when last I wrote, that I would tell you more about how John and I met and maybe how I lost my hands and why sometimes I have them back and then suddenly they're gone again. Well, you may have to wait a while longer because I'm so upset. Someone put a schedule of the train trips from Scranton for this summer season on the Station Master's door. Would you believe, there was one scheduled for June and someone put a line through it and wrote tentative. I did hear there might be one in July and another in the fall in October, but that is so long to wait. If only I had some way of getting in touch with John, I would ask him to try to borrow one of those new-fangled machines, I think they call them cars, and come anyway. Well, no use crying over what can't be helped, I'll just have to wait and see what happens. Maybe he will surprise me.

In the meantime, I know I will be busy watching all the visitors pass by. Oh, I do have a story to tell you. The other day, while we were waiting for the Society folk to come to clean, I thought I saw someone peering in the windows. I got very nervous thinking it might be some hooligan who wanted to sneak in and mess things up. The person went from one window to the next and rattled each door to see if it would open. When he couldn't get in, I thought he had left, but soon he was back again. This time there were four of them and I could hear them talking. One said, "Do you think she's in there?" and the other answered, "I don't know, there's someone standing at the window but I can only see backs, not faces." They didn't seem to want to give up and leave. "I wish we could see better" the one said. "You know, she's a very important person and the boss will be unhappy with us if we fail. I hear she was captured years ago but escaped. Now rumor has it that she is hiding in plain sight here at this Station. Why do you suppose the boss wants to see her?" Finally, just before

the Society folk came, they left. I did hear one tell the others they would be back, maybe when the Station opens for this season so they could get a good look around.

Now, what do you suppose that was all about. I seem to remember being kidnapped from a train a long time ago and being rescued by my John. Do you suppose it was me they were looking for? And who could "The Boss" be? Why would anyone want me? Could it have something to do with the mysterious appearance and disappearance of my hands and why the years keep changing from one century to the next in a blink of the eye? And ... oh, there are so many questions I need answered. But the most important one is, "Who am I?"

I hate to leave you with this puzzlement but someone is coming and it would not be a good thing for them to see me sitting in the Station Master's room, typing on the computer. Must hurry, see you next time, hopefully with some answers.

Oops – did I say typing on the computer? I know I have no hands so how could I be "typing on the computer"? I don't know, I just think of what I want to say and somehow it gets put on the computer. This is getting stranger and stranger. I certainly hope we can all soon get to the bottom of this. Maybe before this season is over, we will find something out.

Cresco Annie Chapter 12

Oh, my goodness, where am I? What has happened to me? This brightly lit room is nothing like my Station. I hear voices and the people look very familiar. I think they are my Historical Society people. But what are they doing here. They are looking at pictures, putting things in books, chatting, drinking coffee and I just don't understand what is going on.

I vaguely remember hearing some men outside talking about me and wondering why the big boss wanted me. I heard someone discussing some serious repairs that needed to be done and they would have to close for a while. I stood in my store watching them take a lot of things out to a little building they had parked by the front door. Then I heard a lot of noise and it sounded like someone was moving around under my feet. I heard "the boss", Karl, say that he didn't think they would have to move my store. But after they did a whole lot more banging and pounding, they started move all my stuff out to another little building. The last thing I remember is being picked up and carried outside. I must have bumped my head on the way out the door because I don't remember anything else until I woke up here.

It sure is different from my Station. Very bright and new with bookcases and tables and chairs. That's all I can see from my spot here in from of the gray curtain. My daughter, Baby, is here and my Granddaughter, and that other lady who spent so much time in the phone booth. I will be glad when the Society ladies leave so I can explore and maybe figure out what has happened.

Well, finally, we are alone and I can look around. Sakes alive, what a place this is. I recognize some of the buildings in the pictures on the walls, some of them look like they came from my Station.

Oh, look out the window, there's a waterfall and a white bridge and ducks, real ducks swimming in a pond. It is so pretty. And out the front windows I can see my Station and the little house where John lives. Wonder if he's there or off traveling on the Phoebe Snow.

I thought I smelled coffee when the ladies were here. Sure enough, there's a kitchen and a coffee pot. Doesn't look anything like my coffee pot in the store. There's a cookie jar full of treats. My Granddaughter will certainly enjoy those but we'll have to be careful to not eat too many or the folks will get suspicious.

Land sakes, I do believe there's an in-side outhouse. That certainly is different. That would be so much nicer than going outside on cold winter nights or using the chamber pot like the ones in my store. What will they think of next?

I hear a car. I'd better get back to my place by the gray curtain. I hope someday I'll be able to tell them I can talk and move and become a real part of the Cresco Station Museum. I promise to keep you up to date on what is happening.

PS - I guess I wasn't kidnapped. I just have a vivid imagination.

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Save the Date: Our Next Event is the Grand Re-Opening of the Cresco Station Museum
 Sunday, May 24th from 1 – 4:00 pm at the Cresco Station Museum