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## HOORAY!

The Barrett Township Historical Society website has been beautifully redesigned and updated with new pictures, upcoming programs, and activities. In addition, we have changed our web address. Please take the time to visit our new website at [www.barretthistorical.org](http://www.barretthistorical.org)

If your computer is set to automatically link to the old address: barretthistory, you will need to update your link to our new domain name: [www.barretthistorical.org](http://www.barretthistorical.org). Come visit us and learn about Barrett's history.

*Photo: Screen shot of new website accessed on 1/20/22*

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## Presidential Message

2021 will be remembered for the many unpleasant events that have occurred. What history will not recall is the many ways we as individuals have found to cope with the stress of these times. Collectively there have been periods of civil unrest and fear spurred on by social injustice, a global health crisis and instant access to misinformation and disinformation on a scale inconceivable in my youth.

One of the ways I have used to combat the emotional and mental strain is to become involved with the Barrett Township Historical Society. As an organization we strive to remain connected to our past by sharing with the community our love of Barrett Township and the folks that made history here. A community is more than just a collection of individuals living in close proximity. We are neighbors bound by a sense of place and connected by communal daily and seasonal rituals.

I want to thank everyone involved with the Tattersall Medical Building Association. The Tattersall Medical Building was built nearly 48 years ago by the residents of Barrett Township to ensure that members of the community had access to first rate care. The building became a casualty of our modern medical system and after standing vacant for the last two years the association made the heart wrenching decision to sell the building. Because the building was built by the community the association by-laws required that all proceeds from the sale of the property needed to be distributed to nonprofit organizations in Barrett township. BTHS was awarded a very generous grant as part of the process.

As time passes into 2022 let us recall all that brings us together as a community. The BTHS is one of the bridges we can count on to unite us. Consider joining us for one of our monthly programs at the Barrett Paradise Friendly Community Center. The programs are as entertaining as they are informative and the chance to socialize with our neighbors is unencumbered by any doctrine.

On Memorial Day weekend in May we hope to see everyone at the Grand Celebration we are planning for the Cresco Station Museum. The structure underwent extensive renovations to repair the failing floor joists which were first laid down nearly 150 years ago. Thanks to the generous support of the Weiler Family Foundation BTHS can once again welcome visitors. We are sure that this event will be one for the history books.

In closing I ask that you please consider becoming more involved with the BTHS. I have found it to be an excellent way to be engaged in activities that remind me we are all part of a wonderful community. A community that has been built by our ancestors and we will one day leave to our heirs. As members of BTHS we look to understand our collective past to better inform our shared future.

Darryl Speicher, President, BTHS

Factual information regarding the Corona Virus, and your actions to stay safe can be obtained at the CDC's website at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

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### Corrections to the Oct 2021 Newsletter

Whoops, an omission, deletion, mistake – I had indicated that refreshments would be served at the programs but I was wrong, at this time we are not offering refreshments. If there is something that needs to be corrected, speak-up. Please e-mail me at [mkreeves@ptd.com](mailto:mkreeves@ptd.com) or give me call at (570) 350-8760 remember I am now located in California if you are calling.

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**2022 Board of Directors**

Shirley Lansdowne      Jayne Blair      Mary Price      Marie Guidry      Claudia Stuart

**2022 Executive Officers**

President      Darryl Speicher  
 Vice President      Marie Guidry  
 Recording Secretary      Ellen Lewis (appointed)  
 Corresponding Secretary      Hannelore Gaupp  
 Treasurer      Stu Malin

**Treasurer's Report**

Stu Malin, Treasurer  
 DATE: 01/04/222  
 Checking      \$1,592.28  
 Money Market      \$46,155.05  
 CD ESSA (2/15/23)      \$8,489.18  
 CD ESSA (11/21/21)      \$5,924.67  
 Total      \$62,161.18

**2022 Executive Committee**

Archivist for LRC & CSM      Consolidated in LRC & CSM activities  
 Cresco Station Museum      Mickey Miller & Joanne Seese  
 Curator for LRC & CSM      Joanne Seese  
 Finance      Stu Malin  
 Historian      Jacqueline Magann  
 Hospitality      Sharon Kuhns  
 Information Systems      Open  
 Library Research Center      Jacqueline Magann & Joanne Seese  
 Membership      Jackie Speicher  
 Newsletter      MaryKate Reeves-Hoché, Editor & Jacqueline Magann, Co-Editor  
 Oral Tradition      OPEN  
 Programs      Mary Price & Malinda Bender, Co-Chairs  
 Publicity      Marie S. Guidry  
 Research      OPEN  
 Ways & Means Committee      Donnie Kuhns, Sharon Kuhns, Jackie Magann, MaryKate Reeves-Hoche

**Exec Committee Meeting Dates**

Executive Committee meetings are held on the 2nd  
 Tuesday at 3 pm monthly.  
 Jan 11, 2022  
 Feb 8  
 Mar 8  
 Apr 12

**General Membership Meeting Dates**

NOTE: Change in Time of Meetings  
 Venue: Friendly Community Center  
 Jan 14 at 2:00 pm in 2022  
 Feb 11 at 2:00 pm  
 Mar 11 at 2:00 pm  
 Apr 15 at 7:00 pm **NOTE time change**

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**Committee Reports:****Cresco Station Museum** Mickey Miller & Joanne Seese

The Cresco Station Museum is on winter schedule: We are open the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month from 1 pm – 4 pm until Spring.

**Archivist & Curator for LRC & CSM** Joanne Seese – Nothing to report**Finance** Stu Malin

Our Total Income for the year 2021 is: \$6,063.51. Our Total Expenses for the year 2021 is: \$7,324.06. This leaves us with a deficit of \$1, 260.55.

We received a donation of \$42, 000.00 from the sale of the Tatersall Medical Building. The funds are currently in the money market. The Executive committee is planning to invest the funds. Please note our financials on page 3. As previously noted, the CDs are encumbered and not a part of the operating budget.

**Historian** Jacqueline Magann

Nothing to report.

**Hospitality** Sharon Kuhns

Programs have begun again, for which we are delighted. However, due to COVID, we are not currently serving refreshments.

**Information Systems** OPEN

Nothing to report.

**Library Research Center** Jacqueline Magann

We had many visitors to the Quilts of Valor display in November. We thank the veterans who so generously shared their quilts. I would also like to acknowledge those who helped along the way to make the display such a success. They are: Willa Price, graphic designer who created the program booklet; Donald Sack, photographer for the display and program booklet; Phil Dente, Village View Newspaper; Marty Price, Darryl Speicher and Jerry Williams who so expertly hung the show and took it down.

The old venetian blinds along the back wall have been replaced with new which completes all of the old blinds being replaced.

We are planning to highlight the 1955 flood during the month of August 2022 at the Library Research Center by various activities: photos, film, books published and oral personal experiences. Would you like to be part of a group at the LRC to put this together? Please call Jackie at 570-595-9233 or Joanne at 570-460-9279.

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Our winter hours are the same as the Cresco Station Museum. We are open the second Sunday of the month from 1 pm to 4 pm or by appointment by calling Jackie or Joanne at the numbers above.

### **Membership** Jackie Speicher

The 2022 membership drive is on. Please see the membership form at the back of the newsletter and return it as soon as possible.

### **Newsletter**

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

This is the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the Newsletter edited from sunny southern California. As you can imagine, there are hiccups in the arrangement. Are there any budding journalists with a flair for technology in our reading audience that would be interested in assuming the responsibility of Editor? If so, please reach out to me, or Jackie. Contact me by email to: [mkreeves@ptd.net](mailto:mkreeves@ptd.net) or to PO Box 2664, Carlsbad, CA 92018

Deadline for submission to the April 2022 Newsletter is March 28<sup>th</sup>. Send by email to: [mkreeves@ptd.net](mailto:mkreeves@ptd.net) or to PO Box 2664, Carlsbad, CA 92018.

Please renew your membership so you won't miss another issue of the Newsletter.

### **Oral Tradition** OPEN Chair is Needed

### **Programs** Mary Price & Malinda Bender

All programs are held at the Barrett Friendly Community Center on the dates and times indicated below:

January 21, 2022 at 2 pm Movie Night was "Transcontinental Railroad Unites America" which was our movie in January's general meeting was a fascinating film full of rich history. So many changes in our landscape came out of the building of the railroad. Did you know that 1/3 of the population of Norway immigrated to this country to harvest timber in massive amounts to fill the need for settlers building homes in the plains areas? Or, that so many workers lost their lives using nitroglycerin clearing a path through the Sierra Nevada mountains? If you have not seen this film, I would highly recommend watching it. You will not be disappointed!

February 18, 2022 at 2pm "Stories of the Past" Open forum with participation from those in attendance as well as some guest speakers. Does anyone have a good story of something from their childhood or something passed down from family members that you would like to share? Maybe a favorite childhood memory? Something funny that happened?

March 18, 2022 at 2 pm Display of Collections from the Station Museum and Library Research Center with history of the pieces presented by Joanne Seese and Jacqueline Magann

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April 15, 2022 at 7 pm “50 Things to Know About Birds in Pennsylvania” (with book signing) by Darryl and Jackie Speicher. Have a question about birds? This is the place to find out!

We are happy to report that our November speaker Bernadine Lennon had a very interesting program on the Great War, and everyone who attended our Christmas get-together had a wonderful time singing carols and sharing Christmas stories and traditions. Plus, the cookies were delicious!

As we are always open to suggestions for upcoming programs we would be delighted if you could contact me: Malinda Bender @ 570-595-3222.

Come and join in the fun!

\*Don't forget that starting in April the time changes to 7 pm for our monthly programs.

**Publicity** Marie S. Guidry

Follow the Barrett Township Historical Society on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Barrett-Township-Historical-Society-814825878582400/> or on our **\*\*NEW\*\*** website at [www.barretthistorical.org](http://www.barretthistorical.org)

**Research - OPEN**

**Ways & Means Committee**

The 2021 Society calendar “Yesteryear”, “No Longer There” edition may be purchased at Steele’s Hardware, Mountainhome, for \$6.00 or by calling Joanne Seese at 570-460-9279, or Jacqueline Magann at 570-595-9233.

The recipe book “A Gathering of Barrett’s Best Brownies and Bar Cookies” by the Society is also available at Steele’s Hardware for \$12.00 or by calling Jacqueline Magann at 570-595-9233.

Thank you to Steele’s for their continued support.



## The Cresco Station Museum Celebration

A Celebration is planned for the Cresco Station Museum on Sunday May 29

All across the country communities like ours have historical societies. What they all have in common is a group of dedicated individuals interested in keeping the memory their communities past alive for present and future generations.

When given the opportunity to travel they seek out like-minded people and organizations in the places they visit. For history buffs that visit Barrett Township it means a Sunday afternoon stop at the Cresco Station Museum. Many of those visitors comment on how lucky we are as an organization to have such a wonderful facility housing our exhibits and we are always proud to acknowledge how truly fortunate we are.

Through the generosity of the Weiler Family Foundation the Barrett Township Historical Society has first class facilities to house our exhibits, store archives and conduct research. The Cresco Station Museum and the Library and Research Center are the envy of many local historical associations. Plans are currently underway to celebrate the recent renovations carried out at the Cresco Train Station. Those repairs will ensure that the museum continues to provide opportunities for local residents and visitors from far away can enjoy learning more about our shared history. The Celebration will be held on Sunday, May 29. We hope all of you will make plans to join us that day.

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## Displays of Interest at the Library

by Ellen Davis



Although all the recent snow makes most people long for a cup of hot chocolate and a fireplace, the Barrett Township Historical Society is stepping back to Victorian England and offering a "Tea Time" display at the Barrett Paradise Friendly Library.

Members and friends of the society have loaned items for the display which will continue through March. Tea Time items include a 1830's luster ware cup & saucer, a proper silver service, a variety of tea containers & tea brewing tools, a common Brown Betty tea pot, a child's toy tea pot, a reproduction Blue Willow tea pot, & assorted tea pots from England and elsewhere.

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In April the display will be hockey themed and the society is requesting loans of hockey related items. Please contact Ellen to loan by telephone at 570-517-4778.

Ellen is seeking future themes for display, have ideas or items of interest, please call her telephone list just above.



## The H. A. Tattersall Medical Centre

By Jacqueline Magann

The story of the H. A. Tattersall Medical Centre is a tribute to the Barrett Community who “dreamed the impossible dream” and through hard work and perseverance made the dream of a medical center come true.

As the H. A. Tattersall Medical Centre Pictorial Progress Report published in 1974 read: Once upon a time there was an apple orchard and . . . ten months later . . . Barrett Township’s medical center to be named the H. A. Tattersall Medical Centre.

Harold A. Tattersall was born of English immigrant parents on June 9th, 1914, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He attended West Catholic High School, Philadelphia; Stanford University, Palo Alto, California; Dickenson University, Carlisle, Pennsylvania; and graduated Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. He had his Junior Internship and Residency at Harrisburg Polytechnic Hospital, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He practiced at New Cumberland, Pennsylvania

Tattersall registered for the draft on October 16, 1940. He married one month to the day later on November 16, 1940, to Alexzean Miller from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Harold was inducted into

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the U.S. Army Air Force on February 3, 1943, and served as a flight surgeon overseas. He was discharged on May 7, 1946.

Doctor Miner DeKay, physician in Mountainhome, Pennsylvania, put his practice up for sale in 1945. Tattersall answered the ad and took over DeKay's practice on June 26, 1946.

Doctor Lawrence Furlong was also a physician in Barrett having opened his practice in 1936. In 1963, after serving the community twenty-seven years, Doctor Furlong retired and sold his practice to Doctor Brook Weiss. Doctor Furlong passed away in January of 1965.

In April of 1968, after twenty-two years of continuous service to the community, Doctor Tattersall received the American Legion Award from the Evans-Blitz Post #992 of the American Legion, Mountainhome, Pennsylvania. That same year on May 4, 1968, Tattersall was honored at the Annual Arbor Day Program at High Acres Park, Canadensis, Pennsylvania. The tribute was arranged by the Barrett Community Club and the Barrett Junior Women's Club. Two cherry trees were planted in recognition of his twenty-two years of service to the community which included the delivery of 750 newborns. Along with other tributes to the good doctor was a poem written by Charles H. "Shine" Englert, Sr., in his book, "Thoughts, Poems and Things".

### **H. A. Tattersall, M.D. "My Doctor"**

by Charles H. "Shine" Englert, Sr

Life saver, friend, man who delivered my children,  
outstanding person of our community.

A man for whom our medical center is named after  
and whose generosity is beyond compare.

If only the facts were known of all of the free medicine  
and calls he gave to the people of his community.

In my personal life, he found I had a very large  
aneurysm just below my heart.

He made arrangements to rush me to Jefferson Hospital  
and have the operation which saved my life.

He also skillfully saved three fingers on my right hand  
that were almost completely severed off, right in his office.

After forty stitches and two hours work,  
today my hand is as good as ever.

His sense of humor and jokes are great  
but once he threatened to really punch me in the eye  
for not wearing my safety glasses.

I had lost the sight in my one eye  
and still got many pieces of steel in the remaining eye  
because of my job as an oil burner profession where I  
worked.

I hope the people of the community look upon this man

as I do and realize the great dedication  
 he has given to us.  
 He has been one-in-a-million who has given life  
 and service to Barrett Township.  
 Believe me, there just aren't anymore around like him today.  
 Many were the calls in the middle of the night that he answered  
 promptly and was at my door in fifteen minutes.  
 My gall bladder operation, loss of sight in my eye,  
 my four children's growing pains;  
 all received his prompt attention.  
 Medical doctor, surgeon, advisor, friend;  
 He covered it all with great profession.  
 I write these words of praise and many thanks from me  
 and my family to a man and a dear friend  
 who was my doctor.  
 May his great efforts and dedication be rewarded  
 by God's grace, and may all his patients be grateful to him.

In September of 1969 some 300 residents crowded the Barrett Elementary School to hear a mixture of hopes and despair as the problems of obtaining medical personnel in the township were outlined. After much discussion no action was taken following the meeting.

Meanwhile, land that had originally belonged to Rose and Loring Price was deeded to Elizabeth and Fred Schular, sold to Doctor Brook Weiss who then sold to H. A. Tattersall.

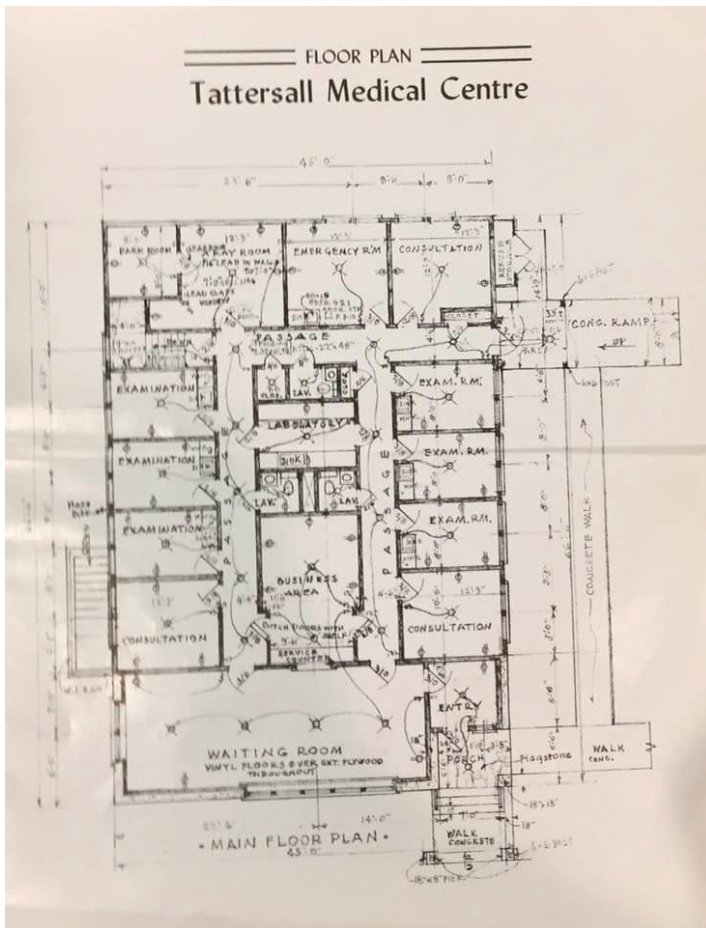
In April 1974, after much time had passed and several attempts to convince the Barrett Community the need for a medical center, a plan was approved. It was proposed by John Vanderweel, Ed Bevan and Gene Landi. The proposal was that the building would be built by the citizens of Barrett, owned by the citizens of Barrett, and become a nonprofit corporation. Doctors having office space would pay rent to maintain the building and grounds. The corporation would be administered by a Board of Directors.



Doctor H. A. Tattersall sold the Route 390 parcel to the newly formed Board of Directors for the sum of \$7,500. Eventually, the centre was named after Doctor H. A. Tattersall.

*Ground Breaking Photo L – R: Architect E.K. Carothers, Chairman Ed Bevan, Dr. J. Ferrence, Dr. H.A. Tattersall*

September 29, 1974, was the date set for the groundbreaking, Route 390, Mountainhome, opposite Naomi Cottages. There were about 150 in attendance. At 2 pm sharp the first shovelful of dirt



was turned over, signifying the start of one of Barrett Township's most important endeavors. Blueprints showing the proposed finished building were run off in order that area residents would be familiar with the centre they would be asked to help build. All area service clubs were contacted for their support, and from these clubs a Board of Directors was chosen. Simultaneously, the steady stream of volunteer labor and materials had begun along with pledges and donations of funds that were gratefully accepted.

The long list of those who contributed to the construction of the H. A. Tattersall Medical Centre included:

Board of Directors – Ed Bevan, Chairman, Gene Landi, John Vanderweel, Michael Shepard, Mrs. Lee Megargle, Mrs. Marjorie Caprioli, Mrs. Carl Texter, Bernard Varvel, Charles Siglin and Mrs. Mary Vanderweel

Professional Aides: Doctors H. A. Tattersall and John A. Ferrence

Architecture: E. K. Crothers

Legal: Attorney Jerome Cheslock

Accounting: Robert Berish

Interior Decorations: Mrs. Sandy Sauchelli

Engineering: Joseph Sincavage

Landscape Architecture: Robert Ross

Printing: Pocono Press

Publicity: Phoenix Press and Mrs. Dolores Fallenstein

In all, 185 volunteer workers were named in the Progress Report Booklet and 60 on the Sincere Appreciation List. Amazing!

The total cost of providing the centre amounted to approximately \$150,000. The property was \$7,500, the building \$90,000 and the medical equipment \$50,000. The total cost includes landscaping and the parking area.

Many physicians practiced at the H. A. Tatterall Medical Centre. Those included: H. A. Tattersall, John A. Ferrence, John Milander, Sylvia Bolock, Frank DeFrank, Alvin Berlot and Darshan Patel. Two dentists also practiced there: Doctors Antipes and Hine.

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Over the last several years the current Board of Directors for the Centre, namely Greg Batzel, Cheryl Howard, Woody Johnson, Rick Scrudato, Viola Seese, Sonia White and Kathy Yerkes have tried, though unsuccessfully, to find medical doctors to come to practice at the H. A. Tattersall Medical Centre. We are all aware of the building of new hospitals in the area.

In 2021 the decision was finally made by the Board of Directors to sell the Centre. Corporation bylaws required that proceeds from the sale of the Centre be divided among

the non-profits in Barrett. This was done. The Barrett Township Historical Society was one of those recipients. The gift was totally unexpected, and we are forever grateful since for the past two years we have been unable to do major fundraising.

A stipulation agreed to in the sales contract was that the “H. A. Tattersall Medical Centre 1975” cornerstone plaque remain on the front of the Centre.

The Barrett Township Historical Society Library Research Center and the Cresco Station Museum will be the depositories for the H. A. Tattersall Medical Centre memorabilia. There will be displays of the artifacts at both the Museum and the Research Center come spring.

Doctor Tattersall died on July 6, 1992, at the age of 78 at Boynton Beach, Florida. He is buried at Laurelwood Cemetery, Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. He was a member of the American Academy of General Practitioners, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the National Association of Family Doctors, the American Legion, the County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania Medical Society, the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

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Barrett Township Historical Society Archives

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Pocono Record

“Thoughts, Poems and Things”, Charles H. “Shine” Englert, Sr.

#### Researchers:

Priscilla Kice

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Rick Scrudato

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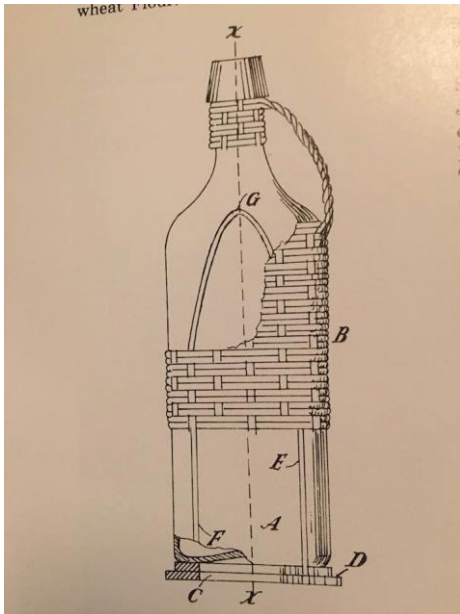
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## The demi-John

By Jacqueline Magann

Some years ago, when the Barrett Township Historical Society Research Committee met at my home weekly one of our projects was to alphabetize the 1900 U.S. Census for Barrett Township. We all were interested in the occupations given. We came upon one occupation however that stumped us. It belonged to a young man, age 19, living at home. His name was Wesley Coslar and he was a demi-John coverer. We all asked each other “What is a demi-John and what is it covered with?”

According to Webster a demi-John is a narrow necked bottle usually enclosed in wicker- work. We searched further to find out more. We located an article on the Bahl demi-John in the book, “History of Monroe County, Pennsylvania, 1725-1976”. The book was a project of the Pocono Hospital Auxiliary, East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, published for the Bicentennial in 1976.



*Photo: Drawing from History of Monroe County, PA, 1725 – 1976 ; actual demi-John owned by Jackie Magann*

The article told us that the output of the East Stroudsburg Glass Company consisted of carboys (a large container for liquids) and demi-Johns. It further noted that employees F.A. and D. Bahl left East Stroudsburg Glass in 1888 to form a company of their own to make wood and rattan coverings for their bottles, using the “climax demi-John bottom” that they invented.

Was young Wesley Coslar employed by the Bahl family in East Stroudsburg in 1900? We’ll probably never know. It surely was an unusual occupation for a Barrett resident in 1900.

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## NEW at home COVID tests, what you need to know.

By Mary Kate Reeves-Hoché

By this time, many of you have probably already ordered your at home COVID test from the US Government. If you haven't, there is good news! Each household in the U.S. can now have four free COVID-19 at-home tests shipped directly to their home at no cost! All you need to do is visit [COVIDtests.gov](https://COVIDtests.gov) and enter your contact information and mailing address. You will need to have access to a computer for ordering – if you don't have a computer, the staff at the Barrett Friendly Library would be happy to help you.

The home tests are rapid antigen "at-home" or "self" tests — not PCR tests which require a lab drop-off. The "at-home" or "self" tests can be taken anywhere and give results within 30 minutes. Guard against scammers trying to steal your personal information. When ordering tests, use the official, secure government website: <https://COVIDtests.gov>. Watch out for phone scammers, too. If you get a phone call requesting information so that free at-home tests can be mailed to you, hang up — it's a scam!

Remember: If you are on Medicare, then Medicare pays for COVID-19 tests performed by a lab, such as PCR or antigen/rapid tests, at no cost to you when the test is ordered by an authorized health care professional.

In other news related to COVID protection. President Biden has authorized the shipment of N-95 face masks to pharmacies around the United States. Once those face masks are in place, we will receive additional information on how to obtain these face masks for our own personal use.

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## Historical Recipe side by side with today's version : Cucumber Sandwiches

Mary Kate Reeves-Hoché

It's Tea Time. In a nod to our Victorian Display of all things tea related at the Barrett Paradise Friendly Library, let's have a cucumber sandwich. But first, compare the British sandwich to its American cousin.

### Cucumber Origins:

Although cucumbers originated in India more than 3,000 years ago, putting them in a sandwich is very much a British invention. The crop arrived in England in the late 14th century for the first time. However, they weren't put in sandwiches until the Victorian era, when they were served during afternoon tea.

### The British Cucumber Sandwich (circa 1880)

As the thinness of the bread is a point of pride in the kitchen, a dense-textured white Pullman loaf is cut with a wide-bladed knife, which guides the cut; daylight should pass through the resulting fine pores. The peel of the cucumber is either removed or scored lengthwise with a fork before the cucumber is sliced. The slices of bread are carefully buttered all the way to the edges in the thinnest coating, which is only to prevent the bread from becoming damp with cucumber juice, and the slices of cucumber, which have been dashed with salt and lemon juice, are placed in the sandwich just before serving in order to prevent the sandwich from becoming damp enough to moisten the eater's fingers. The crusts of the bread are cut away cleanly, creating tea sandwiches. In Kensington Palace the sandwiches are always served as rectangles.



*example of rectangular sandwich*

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**The American Cucumber Sandwich (circa 1980)**

## Ingredients:

1 tablespoon cream cheese (softened)

1 tsp lemon juice

1/2 tsp dried dill weed

Wash and slice cucumber (de-seed if necessary)

2 slices of white bread (or whole wheat if you prefer) and cut to shape (triangles)

Spread 2 slices of bread with softened cream cheese just like you would butter – only more thickly. Add thinly sliced cucumbers which have been sprinkled with lemon juice to one side of the sandwich. Sprinkle with dried dill weed. Place the 2nd slice cheese face down on to the cucumber side. Cut into triangles.



*example of triangle shape with cream cheese and dill*

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## Recent Society Acquisitions

As enumerated by Jacqueline Magann

We would like to thank the donors of many of the new articles recently donated to either the LRC or the Station Museum. We feel it is important to the membership to itemize these items, acknowledge the donors and detail the location of the newly received item. This feature was initiated in October 2021 in the Newsletter and will continue. When possible, we will include photos. When you have an opportunity, please stop by and see these items.

Item	Donor	Location
Materials from the Doctor Tattersall Building	Rick Scrudato	Being Inventoried
A pair of child's high button shoes, circa 1860, made with wooden shoe pegs	Donated by the Sieg Family	LRC On display.
High button shoe hooks	Donated by the Bittner family	LRC On display
Paired gifts of above-mentioned shoes and shoe hooks displayed together in glass case in LRC		LRC 

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## CRESCO ANNIE

### CHAPTER 18

The other day when I was sharing a cup of tea with my friend Phoebe Snow, I started to remind her about our first meeting and some of our adventures. It got me to thinking about my first years here at my Station and I realized it was twenty years ago or thereabouts. That reminded me that some of you have never read my whole story, accordingly, I have decided to retell my history.

My first recollection was of a dark, dusty, smelly barn and some people asking if I was for sale. Oh, I suppose, if this is a story, I should begin it as a proper story, as all stories begin. Once upon a time, in a township named Barrett, there stood an old train station. My first recollection was of a dark, dusty, smelly barn and some people asking if I was for sale. After some discussion, I think they called it bartering or something like that, they settled on a price and I was stuffed in to the trunk of a car. Mind you, I didn't know what a "car" was at the time – just that I was stuffed in a stuffy, dark place where no lady should be stuffed. The indignity of it all!

The next place I found myself was also very dark; I think it was a closet (what I would have called a cupboard in my day) and I was there for a while. Next, I was loaded into the back of a horseless carriage that someone called a "truck" and taken for a ride to meet some people. They were from the Historical Society and they were working on something called a "Grand Opening". I was looked me over, swiveled around, wiggled, studied, and finally someone said "she'll do, but she needs a clean-up". Believe me, had I known I was going to be gawked and fussed over, I would have cleaned myself-up if given the opportunity. I was so embarrassed because I was an awful sight. I was dirty, had a torn dress, no shoes, no hair, and worse of all, no hands. However, these kind ladies cleaned me up, found a new blue dress for me, added a wig and bonnet and placed me in a kitchen with a yellow enamel stove. I was holding a baby in my arms so my lack of hands didn't show. That first year was wonderful - that old stove made some delicious soup and stew. When the museum closed for the winter that year, the historical society decided they needed more space for all the things people were giving them so they remodeled my kitchen into what became my store.

The years passed very quickly. My baby grew up, trains passed by and occasionally an old steam engine would stop. It was during one of these visits that I climbed aboard to look around and met my beau, John. It was during this meeting with John that I discovered my hands were back. It was a magical time and I really don't know how it happened but every time I saw John and his train, we could "hold hands", but when I was back in my store at the Station then I didn't have any hands.

In 2018 or 2019, the Station closed for some repairs of the crawl space under the floor and everything within the museum was moved to storage. My family and I were moved across the road to our new "old" building, the Library Research Center. This was nothing like the Station; full of books, pictures, an inside "out house", and many other things I recognized from the Station. After

repairs at the Station were completed, we were able to move back – the transformation in the Station was spectacular. I have a beautifully appointed new store.

Just before we moved back a special delivery package arrived at the LRC that caused a great deal of excitement, and following a special procedure performed on me by one of the historians - low and behold, I have hands that stayed with me. Now, I wish I could tell you how I lost my hands in the first place, and I don't know how they came back. It is a real mystery, but I am so happy.

Oh, dear friends, it's time to open the Station for our visitors. If any of you have an idea about my hands, I would like to hear them. Just drop a note in my store or tell my friends Joanne Seese or Jackie Magann. And next Newsletter I will include your ideas. I have so many adventures to tell you about; a train wreck, kidnapped, caught in a snow storm, lost in a big city, and I know there are more adventures to come.

2022 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Happy New Year, our 2022 membership drive is in full swing. Now that we have resumed our programs, we hope that everyone will be able to get out and support the Historical Society by attending a general meeting, enjoying a program, or visiting the Cresco station museum or doing research in the Library Research Center. For the 2022 membership drive, we ask that all members, past and present, to please rejoin the society for the strength and preservation of the society, while you are at it, consider volunteering.

Please cut out the membership form below, and send your check made out to the Barrett Township Historical Society to PO Box 358, Mountainhome, PA 18342

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Membership and Dues Information – 2022

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