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## William Shaw White – The Tanner (1814-1889)

By Wolden Magann

William Shaw White was born on August 14, 1814, in New York of Irish immigrant parents. At an early age the family moved to rural Lopatcong Township, Warren County, New Jersey, where he grew up and attended the local county school to learn his “3R’s”. After formal schooling for the fundamentals (reading, writing and arithmetic) was completed and at about 14 years of age, he searched for an occupation that would serve him for the rest of his life.

William answered an advertisement in the Hunterdon Gazette Newspaper calling for industrious, ambitious young men to become apprentices to learn the tanning trade at the William Egbert Tannery in Pattenburg, New Jersey. Taking an apprentice in any trade in this time period meant a young man would agree to work at minimum wage (26 to 31 cents per week) for a period of 5-7 years to learn the skills necessary to perform all the various jobs at the tannery. He would be provided free room and board and all the tools and equipment necessary to accomplish the various tasks at the tannery. At the end of his apprenticeship he would become a Journey Tanner with a pay scale of \$141 per year and be provided with a house and small garden. On signing the necessary papers White was taken into the Egbert home where he learned not only the tanning business but was exposed to the business aspect of the purchasing and deeding of land, listing and sale of land for taxes, forming of partnerships and contracts and other agreements necessary to conduct business. His tutoring by Judge Egbert proved invaluable when it was time to buy and manage his own tannery. He finished his apprenticeship in about 1835; and, although it is uncertain

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## Presidential Message

As I enter the second full year as President of the Barrett Township Historical Society, life has finally returned to a semblance of normalcy. We have come through the COVID-19 pandemic not only intact but thriving. It was a time perhaps not unique to our Nation's history but certainly unique to our time. This return to happier times has been demonstrated by the increased attendance at our monthly meetings and programs. I was so happy to see a crowded room at the Friendly Community Center for the program in March, and I hope that willingness to come together as a community means even greater participation in the programs and events we have planned for the summer.

All of this is well timed to coincide with our 30th Anniversary. Yes, the first meeting to discuss the possibility of forming an organization whose mission is to chronicle the history of Barrett Township and environs was held in 1993. To commemorate the founding of the Barrett Township Historical Society, we are planning a celebration dinner to be held later in the summer. I want to thank Diane Price for stepping up to help with the planning of this special event as the Committee Chair.

The Cresco Station will be the destination for three excursions from Steamtown this year. The first will be on June 18, the second on August 28 and the third will be during the height of leaf-peeping season on October 15. It is our desire to give passengers on those trains a fabulous experience. The Exhibits in the Cresco Station Museum and the Library and Research Center will be open, the Pocono Mountain Cruisers Car Club will have vintage cars on display and there will be live entertainment and food available for purchase during each excursion. Naturally local residents are invited to be a part as well, meeting visitors from the train, making them feel welcome and sharing what it is like to live in such a special place.

As President it is also my job to remind all of our members that we need volunteers. There was a time that the Cresco Station Museum was open every Sunday during the summer months. Openings have been reduced to once a month. We now also have the Library and Research Center that needs coverage on Sundays when the Museum is open and on Tuesdays from 10 am to 2 pm. We do not need volunteers to commit to being available every Sunday all summer; but, if we can get enough people willing to spend 3 hours once a month or every other month that would be wonderful. If you think you can make a commitment like that please contact me at 570-369-3266 or by email at poconoavian@hotmail.com.

I want to close this message with my deepest condolences to the family of Stuart Malin who passed away on March 3, 2023. Stu served the Historical Society as Treasurer on the Executive Committee and as the Society's liaison with Steamtown National Historic Site. I did not get to know Stu and his wife Pat until I came on as President and I feel so fortunate that I had the opportunity. Stu was one of the most jovial people I've met. He had an infectious smile and brought a little joy to every executive committee meeting, even when he told us we needed to stop spending so much. Stu will be missed by us all.

Darryl Speicher  
*BTHS President*

🙄 Whoops, a Mistake...

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

**2023 Board of Directors**

Shirley Lansdowne    Jayne Blair    Mary Price    Marie Guidry    Claudia Stuart

**2023 Executive Officers**

President	Darryl Speicher
Vice President	Marie Guidry
Recording Secretary	Ellen Davis
Corresponding Secretary	Hannelore Gaupp
Treasurer	Claudia Shoemsmith-Fox

**2023 Executive Committee**

<u>Archivist for LRC &amp; CSM</u>	Consolidated in LRC & CSM activities
Cresco Station Museum	Mickey Miller & Joanne Seese
Curator for LRC & CSM	Joanne Seese
Finance	Claudia Shoemsmith-Fox
Historian	Jacqueline Magann
Hospitality	OPEN
Information Systems	OPEN
Library Research Center	Jacqueline Magann & Joanne Seese
Membership	Jackie Speicher
Newsletter	Alesia Gallo, Editor & Jacqueline Magann, Co-Editor
Oral Tradition	Christina Raley
Programs	Mary Price & Malinda Bender, Co-Chairs
Publicity	Marie S. Guidry
Research	OPEN
Ways & Means Committee	Diane Price
Ad Hoc - 30th Anniversary Chair	Diane Price

**Exec Committee Meeting Dates**

Executive Committee meetings are held on the 2nd Monday at 3 pm monthly at LRC  
April 10  
May 8  
June 12  
July 10

**General Membership Meeting Dates**

Apr 21 at 2:00 pm  
May 19 at 7:00 pm  
June 16 from 1:00 - 4:00 pm  
July 21 at 7:00 pm

There will be a combined meeting of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee on the quarterly dates of June 13, September 12 and December 12, 2023

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

The Cresco Station Museum will be closed for April and open every Sunday in May and June from 1pm-4pm.

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

**Finance** Claudia Shoesmith-Fox

Please note our financials on page 3.

**Historian** Jacqueline Magann

Nothing to report.

**Hospitality** OPEN

**Information Systems** OPEN

Nothing to report.

**Library Research Center** Jacqueline Magann

When we can at last put the winter weather behind, the LRC will be open Sundays 1 to 4 pm and Tuesdays 10 am to 2 pm beginning in June. We encourage all our members to become part of the team of researchers and caretakers for the archives of Barrett Township. Please call Jacqueline Magann at 570-595-9233 or Joanne Seese at 570-460-9279.

A display of artwork by local artists Edna Palmer Englehart and Jennie Shoesmith hosted by the Barrett Township Historical Society will be held at the Society Library and Research Center, 145 Sand Spring Road, Cresco, Pennsylvania, during the month of June 2023 on:

Tuesdays 10 am to 2 pm

Sundays 1 to 4 pm

There is no admission. For more information please call 570-595-9233.

**Membership** Jackie Speicher

Please see the membership form at the back of the newsletter and return it as soon as possible.

**Newsletter** Alesia Gallo, Editor & Jacqueline Magann, Co-Editor

Deadline for submission to the July 2023 Newsletter is June 27th. Send by email to:

alesiagalloy@yahoo.com

**Oral Tradition** Christina Raley

Nothing to report.

**Programs** Malinda Bender & Mary Price

Programs are held at the Barrett Friendly Community Center on the dates and times indicated below. You will be notified by e-mail or phone call if program is cancelled.

April 21, 2023 @ 2 pm

**History of Monroe County**

*By Amy Leiser, Executive Director of the Monroe County Historical Association*

Monroe County has a rich history from the Native Peoples to heart-shaped tubs. The presentation will highlight the people and places that shaped our area using photographs and post cards from the Historical Association Library. Refreshments will be served.

May 19, 2023 @ 7 pm

**History of Monroe County Resources**

*By Roger Spotts, Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center*

His presentation will include a look at the last 15,000 years in Monroe County and how the different uses of resources has shaped present day Monroe County.

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June 16, 2023 @ 1-4 pm

**Pre Lego Day**

This program will feature what children used to “build” things before Legos were invented. We are asking that anyone having erector sets, Lincoln Logs, building blocks, etc., to loan these to the Historical Society for this event geared for children. The plan is for children to come and have fun “building” the old-fashioned way. Prizes will be awarded for the “best” builders. Refreshments will be served.

July 21, 2023 @ 7 pm

**Silent Legacies**

*By John H. Abel*

Who killed the Reverend Horatio Howell, a minister from Delaware Water Gap and chaplain of the 90th Pennsylvania Regiment, during the Battle of Gettysburg? Why would a Confederate soldier intentionally shoot a Union chaplain? This is the latest book authored by John who also wrote “The Murder of Theodore Brodhead”. We are happy to have John back to do a presentation on his latest book. Also, as with “The Murder of Theodore Brodhead”, John will have copies available for purchase and would be happy to personally sign your copy. Refreshments will be served.

The program for January was on the Lenape Indians which was narrated by Darryl Speicher when there was a glitch with the big screen TV at the FCC. The film was very informative documenting their history in this area. The Lenape Indians belong to the Algonquin language family and preceded the 17th century European settlement in Pennsylvania. They were the original inhabitants of Eastern Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey and Southern New York having lived here for thousands of years. They were pushed further west in the 1800’s; and then, under the Indian Removal Policy, were relocated mostly in Oklahoma where they still reside today.

Program for February was “Trivia” hosted by Vic Vacarro (aka Darryl Speicher). There were a total of 30 questions divided equally into local, state and national history. We had 14 players attending divided into 4 groups with the winners being “The Out-of-Towners”. This group consisted of Ellen Davis, Jackie Speicher, Lucy Small and Gale Knapp who answered 21 questions correctly. Congratulations to them! Questions that none of us knew the answers to included: When was the Battle of New Orleans? What was the date that Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier to become the first African American to play in Major League Baseball? What were the 3 days of the Battle of Gettysburg and the year? One of the local history questions was “What year was the Barrett Township Historical Society founded? We all got that one right! This year in August will be our 30th Anniversary so it was 1993. All who attended had a really fun time and we certainly did a lot of snacking and laughing. There just may be another Trivia in our future!

Program in March was “The History of Irish Immigration in Celebration of St. Patrick’s Day”. Presentations were given by Jacqueline Magann and Jean and Jim Bibber. Jacqueline started with a history of her grandparents immigrating from Ireland. Her grandmother, Bridget Gallagher, in 1889 when she was 16, was sent to America to live with her older sister Margaret who worked in a lace factory. Her grandfather, Charles McHugh, arrived in America with his two brothers in 1893. Charles and Bridget were childhood sweethearts and reconnected in Wilkes-Barre marrying and having 10 children – one of which was Jacqueline’s mother, Anna Mae McHugh, born in 1898. So many of the Irish immigrated to America because, as one of Jacqueline’s cousins stated, “There was nothing for us there, and America is the Land of Opportunity”. Wolden Magann, Jacqueline’s husband, also came from great grandparents who immigrated to America.

The history of immigration was then followed by a power point presentation with pictures of Jackie and Wolden Magann’s trip in 2002 narrated by Jackie and then pictures taken by Jim and Jean Bibber on their recent trip to Ireland narrated by Jim. Also, Jean graced us by playing some Irish music on her harp. Everyone then of course got to enjoy the “Irish” goodies. A very enjoyable time!

*Interesting fact:* The population in Ireland in 1845 was nine million people. The great potato famine was 1845-1849 and the population in 1851 had dropped to six and one-half million people.

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**Publicity** Marie S. Guidry

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**Research - OPEN**

**Ways & Means Committee** Diane Price

Nothing to report.


## Barrett Paradise Friendly Library Display



### **New Display for Spring---Rabbits at the Library!**

*Photo Taken by Ellen Davis*

The Society display case at the Barrett Paradise Friendly Library during the months of March and April will house a collection of Rabbit Folk Art loaned by Jacqueline Magann. The exhibit includes art work, scrimshaw, shadow box miniatures, jewelry and a large Grandpa Hare.

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### Album of Days Update

In the April 2022 issue of the Society Newsletter there was an article called the "Album of Days". The Album was a gift to Alonzo Price at age 16. Pictures of Alonzo and his wife Rachel (Metzgar) Price have been uncovered and in this issue we share them with you.

Alonzo Price 1873 – 1959



Rachel (Metzgar) Price 1886 – 1963



### Thank You Hannelore!



Thanks goes out to our behind the scenes corresponding secretary Hannelore Gaupp. She sends out cards and donates the postage for these letters. We appreciate your efforts for the society Hannelore, thank you!

### *Acknowledgement*

The Barrett Township Historical Society wishes to acknowledge the donations of archival materials that John Styk has given over the years. The abundance of newspapers and maps of the 55 flood which enhanced our 55 Flood Display last August was John's doing. John is a life member and frequent visitor to the Library and Research Center, always willing to share his extensive knowledge of Barrett. Thank you John!



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how long he remained with the Egbert Tannery, his wage of \$141 would have made it difficult to start his own tannery prior to his marriage to Mary Brakeley in 1843 at the age of 29. After that time the Brakeley financial support comes into evidence by the William S. White and Mathias Brakeley venture in the Pocono Mountains just across the Delaware River.

#### WHITE'S TANNERY IN ANALOMINK

By the 1840's the tanning business in Hunterdon County, New Jersey, was starting to decline; and White and his brother-in-law Mathias Brakeley looking at the unending oak and hemlock forests across the Delaware River, along with the support of the Brakeley money, took their first steps towards starting up their own tannery. William S. White purchased 25 acres and 95 perches of land on the Brodhead with a sawmill located in Analomink, Pennsylvania. White paid the sum of \$550 to Richard S. Staples on March 31, 1845. The deed is registered at the Monroe County Courthouse, Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. It was on this land that White's Tannery in Analomink was built.

In this early period it is believed that he bought bark from the local farmers and lumbermen to supplement that obtained from their own tracts of land. Adam Utt, a neighbor, logged for the sawmill. After the tannery started operations Utt cut and peeled bark and delivered it to the tannery. He also helped White and Brakeley organize the local farmers to supply the necessary bark to the tannery to meet their production needs.

The town of Analomink grew as the tannery flourished; homes were build; and a company store opened with a Post Office. For a period of time the town and its Post Office went under the name of Spraqueville but returned to Analomink later on.

#### WHITE'S TANNERY IN OAKLAND, NOW MOUNTAINHOME

In 1848, White and Brakeley scouted land about 14 miles to the northwest, in what was then Price and Paradise Townships, that was ideal for a second tannery. This land was owned by Samuel Griscom, William Silvas and Jared Epler. This was wild, all unsettled land without settlers on the tracts. Several tracts looked promising and on April 13, 1848, Matthias Brakeley bought from Silvas and Epler for \$535 two warrants in Price Township. This first purchase amounted to approximately 800 acres. Over the next several years more land was bought until by 1866, Brakeley and White land holdings totaled over 10,000 acres in Price, Paradise (now Barrett) and Coolbaugh Townships. On January 1, 1857, Brakeley sold to William S. White for \$19,585 his interest in the land in Monroe County. Brakeley relocated to New York City to purchase hides being shipped to New York from South America and sell the finished leather to leather industries manufacturers.

In 1854, 880 acres of land were sold to Harrison Sebring to build a log house and a sawmill. It was completed in late summer and commenced operation in 1856. This land again changed hands and was purchased by George G. Shafer and Martin B. Rineharat. White retained tannery lot of 113 acres and rights to the bark on the two tracts. Sebring stayed as Master Sawyer for a year and then bought property along the Brodhead Creek in Price Township to farm the land.

White's Tannery in Oakland was built in about 1855. A dam was built that was larger in area than the sawmill dam. Water was captured from three major streams: Mill Creek, Rattlesnake Creek and Beaver Run. The tannery dam waters backed up to where the present Route 191 bridge crosses over the Rattlesnake Creek. The main tannery building was below the dam and adjacent to the stream. The bark shed was attached to the end of the main building. Water power was used to drive the wheel. Also, water was diverted from the dam through races to pools and vats throughout the yard. After completing various tanning operations the waste materials were discharged back into the stream. Wouldn't the EPA have a ball with that type operation today? The vertical boiler, furnace and chimney were located downstream from the main building.

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With the opening of the DL&W Railroad to the Delaware River in January 1856 and across the river in May of the same year, White seized the opportunity to enter into an agreement with George G. Shafer for \$1 to cross Shafer's land for the purpose of building a gravity railroad up to the foot of Bush Mountain. He also put in a spur line from what became the Oakland Station of the DL&W to the "lumberyard" and onto the tannery property. The LaAnna Road, now Route 191, follows the path of the old railroad bed from Mountainhome to Bush Mountain.

In 1860 White employed about 23 people at the tannery. Twelve were single and 9 married. Assuming 5 people for the married families, this would mean it was necessary to provide housing for about 57 people. White built the houses and rented living space to all the employees. One large double house was located on the corner of what is called LaAnna Road and the Brutzman Road. Other homes were located on the Brutzman Road down to the bridge over Mill Creek at Route 390 and along Bark Street, named after the Bark R.R. which ran through this area.

White also built a store and a Post Office, now the location of the Pocono Bible Church. Daniel Staples ran the store and became the first Postmaster on May 10, 1858. It is believed that Staples was also bookkeeper for the tannery. The town of Oakland grew with the success of the tanning business which in 1860 had a capital investment of \$60,000, 32,000 hides, used 900 cords of bark, had 15 employees and produced 640,000 pounds of leather for an annual gross product valued at \$192,000. White's blacksmith processed 9 tons of horseshoes and wagon irons for a gross product of \$1,800. This is according to the 1860 Industrial Census.

The dam built in 1856 was used to supply water to the William S. White Tannery. It was located at the confluence of three streams: Mill Creek, Rattlesnake Creek and Beaver Run. A breastworks of loose stone damned the streams and formed a 2 acre lake with the head waters of the lake starting at LaAnna Road (now Route 191). Water was diverted from the lake by raceways to fill lye pits, tanning vats and to run a water wheel for the mechanical equipment used at the site. It was important to have pure water for tanning vats, free of minerals in order to prevent spotting of hides during the tanning process.

The old dam was damaged in the flood of 1955 and the stream opened by bull dozers clearing a path through the breastworks. Remnants of the breastworks can be seen by crossing Route 390 at Lewis' Market and walking west through the field behind the gift shop to the Mill Creek.

On December 13, 1861, William S. White sold the Oakland Tannery to Loring Andrews, a leather broker from New York, for the sum of \$39,000. In 1862 he sold the Analomink Tannery and his Analomink residence. Although the business would be in greater demand due to the Civil War, it is thought that several family tragedies may have caused the decision. The family had purchased a home in Belvidere, New Jersey; and, according to the 1860 census, the family lived there with William commuting back and forth to the Oakland Station or Analomink to manage the tanneries. After the sale of the tanneries, he continued to live in Belvidere.

William S. White died on June 21, 1889, at 75 years of age. His wife lived with her daughter Susan, first in Easton and then Philadelphia. After the death of her daughter she moved back to the Brakeley homestead near Phillipsburg, New Jersey, where she resided until her death in 1907 at the age of 88.

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## Condolences to our Members



### Phil Dente

We mourn the passing of Phil Dente, longtime friend and supporter of the Barrett Township Historical Society. Phil was the owner and operator of The Village View. He was always generous to the Society by publishing our events. We are grateful for his generosity. His daughter Heather Schratt has taken over for Phil and we wish her the best.

#### *Obituary:*

Philip Paul Dente, II, 79 of Canadensis, passed away on Friday, January 20, 2023. Born in Exeter he was the son of the late Philip "Fritz" and Josephine (Pepe) Dente. Philip was the husband of the late Patricia (Phillips) Dente. He was the owner and operator of The Village View and was a former supervisor of Barrett Township. Phil was an avid Eagles fan (Go Birds!), a devoted father and grandfather, and cartoonist who loved golfing, card games, spending time with his family, and spoiling his grandkids and great-grandkids, not necessarily in that order. He adored Willie Nelson (Mammas Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up to Be Cowboys), loved to play the guitar and, in his younger years, the drums. He made the best Grampy dogs and silver dollar pancakes and is and will be missed infinitely by his family and friends.

Survivors: Philip will be lovingly remembered by his sons, Kenneth Dente and wife Maleana, Philip Paul Dente, III, Thomas Dente, Ryan Locher and his wife Angela; daughter, Heather Schratt and husband Shane; sisters, Anne Marie Mancini and Doretta Burgess and husband Brian; companion, Veronica Moran; grandchildren, Ashley, Denver, Lily, Ryan, Amanda Lee, Savannah, Logan, Braedon and Damien and 6 great grandchildren. Philip is preceded in death by his grandson, Philip Paul Dente, IV.

Services: A memorial visitation will take place from 2:00P.M. to 4:00P.M. on Friday, January 27, 2023 in the Bolock Funeral Home, 6148 Paradise Valley Road, Cresco Pa 18326 where a memorial service will take place at 4:00P.M.

Contributions: In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Monroe County Hospice House, 412 E Brown St, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301.

### Thomas Eccleston

#### *Obituary:*

Thomas (Tom) Eccleston, 51, of Canadensis, passed away in his home on January 28, 2023. Born in Philadelphia, he was the son of the late Thomas E. Eccleston and the late Geraldine B. (Damm) Eccleston. He was preceded in death by his mother and father.

Tom will be remembered as a beloved friend and son, as well as a dedicated caregiver to his late mother. He had been recently recognized for his work with Visiting Angels Senior Home Care, and was a freelance contributor to several local publications.

Services will be private. Yanac Funeral and Cremation Service of Mount Pocono has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, 6520 N. Andrews Ave., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309-2132 or the ASPCA, 520 8th Ave., 7th Floor, New York, NY 10018.

**Stu Malin**

Our deepest condolences to the family of Stu Malin. He was a great supporter of the Barrett Township Historical Society over the years. He served as Society Treasurer from 2017 to 2023. Stu was a participating member and could be seen at our fund raising events, especially Steamtown Excursion Day at the Cresco Station Museum. He will be missed.

*Obituary:*

Stuart Malin, of Canadensis, Pennsylvania, passed away on March 03, 2023 at the age of 76. He was born on October 22, 1946 in Brooklyn, New York to his parents Dorothy (Moss) and Murray Malin.

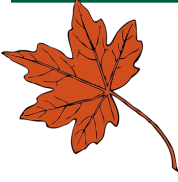
Stuart taught for over 30 years in Plainfield School System in Plainfield, New Jersey. He retired to Canadensis and went on to teach in the Northampton Community college for ten years. Stuart loved working with computers and enjoyed teaching others to use them. He especially liked solving problems for other computer users. He also loved being a member of the Barrett Township Historical Society, and he was active in the Masons. Stuart attended the Mountainhome United Methodist Church. His greatest joy was spending time with his daughter, Donna Perna, his daughter-in-law, Bridget Malin and his three grandsons, Jakob, Luke, and Dylan Malin.

Stuart is predeceased by his parents; and son, John David Malin. Stuart is survived by his loving wife, Patricia (Pompano) Malin.

Stuart's family is deeply grateful for the support and love of his dear friends in our community, and they invite you to attend a Memorial Service on March 18, 2023 at Mountainhome United Methodist Church, at 10:30 a.m., starting with a Masonic ceremony, with service to follow at 11:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Mountainhome United Methodist Church. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Bolock Funeral Home. Memories or condolences may be shared at [bolockfuneralhome.com](http://bolockfuneralhome.com) for the Malin family.

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## Historical Recipe Side by Side

by Mary Kate Reeves-Hoché

Spring has arrived and many of us are anxious to return to our gardens for early plantings, or are seeking spring vegetables in the grocery stores. But my mind is on the sap harvest that has just finished. The rising temperatures of spring always reminds me of the maple tree sap harvest that occurs here in Barrett Township, especially that which occurred at Dutch Hill Preserves on Dutch Hill Road in Canadensis, PA. Many of you might have visited their annual Maple Syrup open house on March 11 & 12. Harvesting sap from maple trees has been mentioned in recorded accounts in North America as early as 1557 by a French scribe traveling with French trappers and explorers. In 1788, the Quakers promoted the use of the maple sugar, the end product of boiling down the sap of the maple tree, over that of cane sugar which was produced in the Caribbean using slave labor. One wonders how the Native Americans first figured out that the sap was sweet and safe to eat, but perhaps the Native Americans discovered the sweetness of the maple tree by eating “sapsicles,” the icicles of frozen maple sap that form from the end of a broken twig in winter time. As the ice forms, some of the water evaporates, leaving a sweet treat hanging from the tree. Presented below are two very similar recipes for Candy made from Maple Syrup, one with nuts and one without, both require a candy thermometer. A third recipe is also presented (no cooking), also made with maple syrup that makes a fondant soft candy – perfect for enrobing in chocolate (just in time for Easter).

### 1903 Recipe Maple Syrup Candy with Nuts

2 cups (16 ounces) Maple Syrup (real, not imitation)

½ Cup chopped walnuts

#### Method:

Pour the syrup into a deep, heavy-bottomed saucepan and cook over medium heat, insert a candy thermometer and bring the syrup to a boil, then cook until the temperature reaches 235 F (almost soft ball stage). Stir the pot occasionally so that the syrup doesn't burn.

Remove from the heat and allow it to cool to 175 F without stirring. Prepare your 8 x 8 pan by greasing with vegetable oil very lightly.

Add the nuts and stir rapidly with a wooden spoon until thick, creamy, and lighter in color – a good 5 minutes.

Spread into pan and let set at room temperature before cutting into small squares.

Store in an airtight container.

### 2004 Maple Syrup Candy

2 cups (16 ounces) Maple Syrup (real, not imitation)

1 Tablespoon butter

#### Method:

Pour the syrup into a deep, heavy-bottomed saucepan and cook over medium heat (watch the pot as syrup will bubble and boil and you don't want to lose a drop), if it starts bubbling too much just lift off the heat for a moment before setting back on the burner. Bring to a boil – this can take about 15 minutes.

Insert candy thermometer and add butter.

Stir until butter is melted and fully incorporated (I just stir gently with my thermometer).

Cook until the mixture reaches 240 F (soft ball stage) another 30 minutes or so.

Remove from heat and allow it to sit and rest for 2 – 3 minutes, during this time period prepare your 8 x 8 pan with a coating of Spray Pam (that is then wiped off for a lightly oiled coat) or lightly oiled with vegetable oil.

Now stir the candy vigorously with a wooden spoon until it thickens and begins to take on a caramel color. It will also become opaque – this takes 3 – 5 minutes. Stop stirring at this point as it will make it difficult to spread into the pan.

Working quickly, spread into the pan and smooth the top. Let it sit at room temperature for about 10 minutes then cut into small squares.

Store in an airtight container.

### **1968 Easy Maple Candy** (This recipe makes about 30 candies)

1/3 cup butter or margarine, softened

1/3 cup maple syrup

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 pound powdered sugar

#### **Method:**

Put the first three ingredients in the bowl and mix with the spoon.

Mix in the sugar. When it gets difficult to stir, use your hands to mix it until it is smooth.

Add more sugar if the dough sticks to your hands. Roll 1-inch balls and set them out on a parchment lined cookie sheet till they get firm. If you want to make molded candies, press the mixture into the plastic candy molds or silicone molds. When the candy firms up, pop it out of the forms and let the candy harden on a cookie sheet. These are a fondant-type candy, which means that they won't get really hard. Consider enrobing the balls in melted chocolate, or roll them in coconut, or chopped nuts.

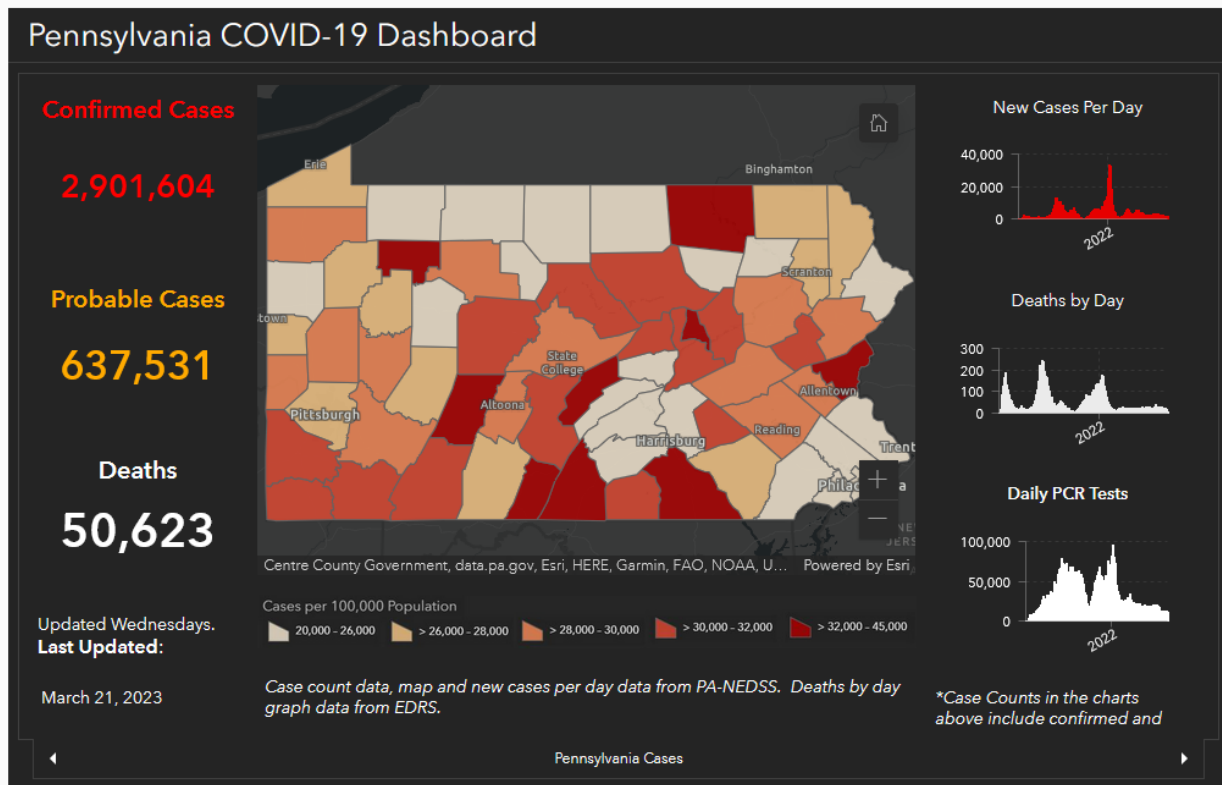


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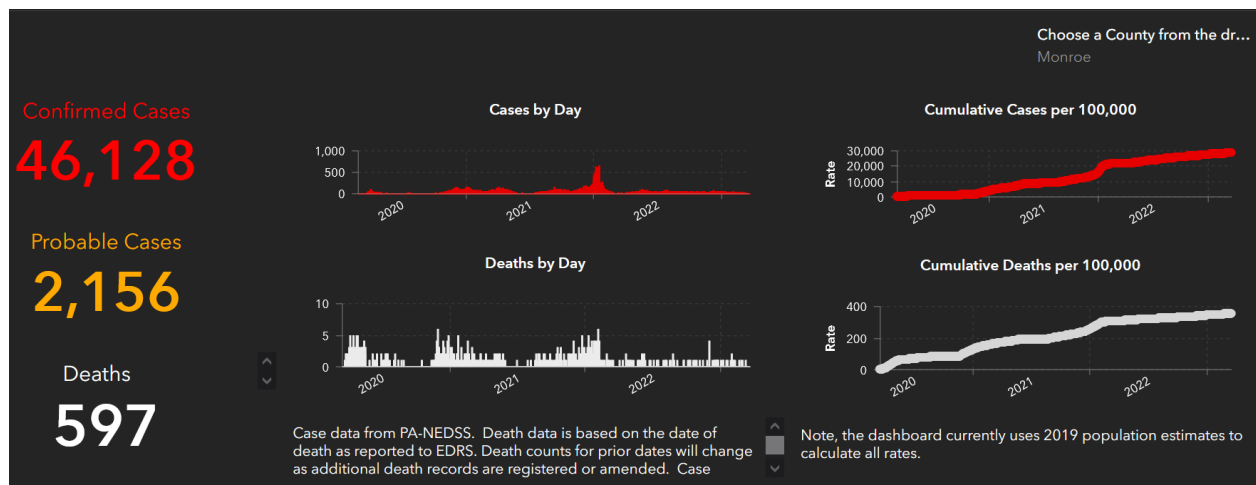


### COVID and Barrett Township: 3 years later *by Mary Kate Reeves-Hoché*

It has been three years since the World Health Organization (WHO) announced that a Corona Virus Disease (COVID) identified in 2019 had indeed become pandemic. In Pennsylvania the pandemic would cause 2,901,604 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and claim 50,623 lives.



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Monroe County was not spared from cases or deaths, having 46,128 confirmed cases and 597 deaths.

Confirmed and probable cases for Barrett Township were also collected and reported to the Pennsylvania Department of Health. However, deaths usually occurred in a hospital and since there are none in Barrett Township, none of the Barrett Township residents who died of COVID-19 are

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listed in the Pennsylvania database.

Zip Code	Town	Confirmed Cases	Probable Case
18323	Buck Hill Falls	41	4
18325	Canadensis	515	24
18326	Cresco	1117	42
18342	Mountainhome	30	4
18357	Skytop	10	0

The vaccination rate of Barrett Township is not available. However, the rate by county is available at the Pennsylvania Department of Health. Monroe County achieved a 60.7% fully vaccinated rate as defined as that the person has received the necessary number of COVID-19 vaccines at the recommended time intervals; and a partial vaccination rate of 6.4% which was defined as receiving one vaccine. Individuals who received their vaccine within the Veteran's Administration system, or while out of state were not included in the count and could skew the data lower.

It is likely that annual corona virus vaccinations will be added to the recommended vaccines for all citizens, just as influenza vaccination is each fall. Vaccination continues to be one of the safest methods to prevent communicable diseases.

Sources:

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## Cresco Station Museum

Hi Folks, Cresco Annie Here, and I want to talk to you about our Museum. We are due to reopen for the 2023 summer season Memorial Day Weekend and I'm concerned because right now there is only Micky Miller, Joanne Seese. Gary Bradin and me, Cresco Annie, to keep it open on Sundays in the summer. We need more volunteers! If you can only volunteer one Sunday this summer it will be a help. There's not a lot to do, no dusting of cleaning up, just greet the visitors and maybe tell them a bit about Barrett Township as you remember it.

If you have never visited the Museum we are not just a train museum but we are a history of Barrett Township Museum. Some of the displays you will see are antique toys, dog sledding between the resorts, a display of Civil War artifacts and a chart of all who served from our township, a display of dishes from the resorts in the area (most of them, sadly to say, now closed or gone), a Barrett school display. Boy Scouts, POS of A, a new display of musical instruments, church's (some now long gone), and the Station Masters room, which we kept in original conditions with an old stove (not for summer time).

There are three trains scheduled for this summer and they tell me (since I can't leave my place in the store) there will be busy times with hot dogs for sale, old time country music, classic cars, and tours of the Museum for the train folks. They sound like they will be fun filled busy days and I wish I could go out side and join them but I just have to stay here and mind the store.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all this summer and hopefully some of you will help mind the store. We need some new faces to get more involved in our Station or sadly we will not be able to be open. Now I have to hurry back to my place in the store because someone is coming in.

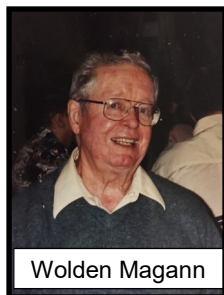
If interested please call mickey Miller at 570-595-7090 or Joanne Seese at 570460-9279. They will be happy to hear from you.

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### About the Author: Wolden Magann

Author of William Shaw White – The Tanner (1814-1889)

By Jacqueline Magann



Wolden Magann was a founding member of the Barrett Township Historical Society in 1993. He served as first vice president to his life-long buddy Jake Single who was the first president. Wolden began the original Research Group while he was collecting U.S. census records for Barrett Township 1860 at the National Archives in Philadelphia. Because of his effort the Library and Research Center now houses Barrett census records from 1860 to present day, all alphabetized. He was responsible for obtaining the 501c3 Nonprofit Corporation Status in 1999. He presented many programs for the Society at monthly meetings and was a contributor to the quarterly Society Newsletter. Wolden, John Styk and Jim Berger in 2003 placed a historic plaque at the site of the Bark Gravity Railroad on Buck Hill property. Wolden and John Styk in 2013 led an archeological dig at the site of the Charles Boyer Pottery Factory located today on the Tom Widing property in Buck Hill. Shards of pottery were found, the largest being a crock discovered by Loretta Quarmley. Tom Widing was presented with that shard at the May 2015 monthly meeting.

Wolden was a native of Mountainhome born in 1926. He grew up near the site of the White's Tannery as did Jake Sengle. Wolden graduated from the Barrett Consolidated School in a class of 13 students. He attended Penn State University and became an aerospace engineer serving some of that time in the United States Navy. He married Jacqueline in 1952 and together they raised four children. In May 2015 he and Jacqueline were awarded the Barrett Township Outstanding Citizen Award presented at the Cresco Station Museum. Wolden died on December 17, 2015, leaving a legacy of collected Barrett Township history to be recounted by others.

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