

LIMERICK TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Fall 2009

The *Limerick Township Historical Society* meets the second Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m.
In the Limerick Township Municipal Building, 646 West Ridge Pike, Limerick, PA.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

A new look is happening at the historical house. We have replaced the cement on the front porch. Upon doing so they found some old stone which they incorporated into the wall.

Some bricks from the house and some pieces of china and marble pieces from burial were also found. Also found were a couple of cemetery markers....making for some very interesting items!

A wall has also been erected on the side of the driveway. It gives a whole new look to our entrance and enhances the house.

*Dorothy Jones
President*

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 19, 2009: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Work day at the historical house. We will need help in painting and sanding the cider press house. Other outside work like washing windows, cleaning flower beds and any cleanup work after the wall is finished. There is also

inside work to be done. Wear your sexiest clothes. Bring extra buckets and rags, etc.

SEPTEMBER 14, 2009: This will be our annual school reunion. The schools covered this year are Fairview, Medinger and Steinmetz. These three schools in the Neiffer area were one room schools and all three have been turned into private homes. Letters have been sent out to those students who attended the reunion in 2002. If you know anyone who has not attended a prior reunion, please give them the information or call Doris Callow at 610-948-8306 who will send them a letter.

The reunion will be held at the Limerick Township Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m. There are no stairs and plenty of parking.

SEPTEMBER 26, 2009: COMMUNITY DAY
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Limerick Township Community Park. We will have a table set up. Join us or stop by and say hello!

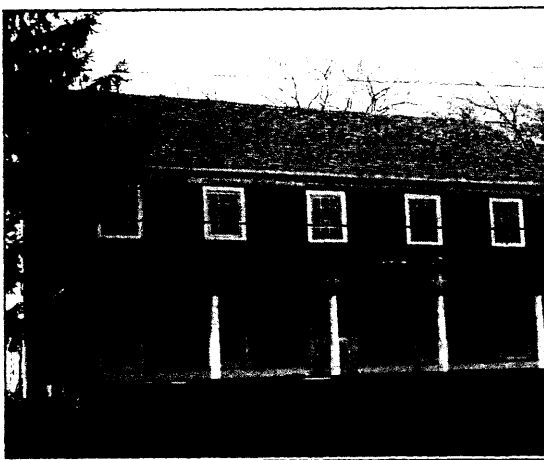
OCTOBER 12, 2009: Jim Krombach of Royersford will present a talk entitled: "The First Team" which covers our Naval Air Force upon entering WWII. Cutbacks in funding during the depression had caused the U.S. to be most unprepared when Pearl Harbor was attacked. His talk will center on how we used

our training, tactics and ingenuity to hold the line for almost two years until more aircraft could be built and pilots trained. He will also display a collection of WWII Navy-Marine flight and survival gear.

NOVEMBER 9, 2009: "AND THE LEGENDS CONTINUE..." Judy Parrish of Limerick will present a program MYTHS AND LEGENDS OF CHRISTMAS WHY WE BELIEVE IN SANTA CLAUS. She will discuss decorations, traditions and of course, Santa Claus. We will have our regular Society Christmas party in December as usual. More information will follow in the winter Newsletter.

Meetings are held the second Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Limerick Township Municipal Building. In case of bad weather, the meeting will be cancelled. If in doubt about the meeting, call Dot Jones at (610) 495-6102 or Doris Callow at (610) 948-8306.

LIMERICK TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY GOES ON LINE



The Limerick Township Historical Society now has an online presence! The web site for the society, designed by one of its members, went live in late June and is available for viewing online at:

<http://www.limerickpahistory.org>

Currently, the site contains information and pictures about the Hunsberger House, as well as a timeline of Limerick history and population, a calendar of current events, and a digital version of the most recent newsletter. There is also a contact page where non-members and members alike may correspond with the society. Even after less than two months, the society has received several visitors, even from out of state, who learned about us from the web site.

Portions of the web site are actively being developed and will be improved over the late summer and early fall months. A "blog" which is a chronological set of articles written by members of the society where anyone may comment (sort of like an interactive, online newsletter) will become active in the coming months. Please visit the society's web site, and spread the word to family and friends who are interested in Limerick history, as we would love to hear feedback.

Our web page is up and running and we have already had some hits on it. Our letters are LTHS@netzero.com. Thanks to Mark Connelly who started out years ago as a student member of the historical society.

MUSEUM DONATIONS

Philip G. McCracken of Greensboro, N.C. brought to the Hunsberger House a copy of a book: A History of the Family of William Evans of Limerick, PA. by Frank Brooke Evans III. This is a copy of the same book which Robert Evans III from Pottstown brought us earlier this year. We are fortunate to have these two copies of the book as it was not widely distributed. Mr. McCracken and his wife spent several hours in our library and did further research on the Brooke and Evans families.

Phillip Morrison of Swarthmore, PA. brought to the Hunsberger House a copy of the book: John Brooke (1638-1699) and Frances Morton of Hullock & Hagg, Yorkshire and Sons James & Matthew Brooke of Limerick, Pennsylvania.

This book was written by William Brooke Fetters. We have been looking forward to having a copy of this book. We have had a number of people come to our library to do research on the Brooke Family and it will be helpful to have information in one source.

Joseph Forrest, Jr. of Spring-Ford Area Historical Society brought us a listings of burials in the Herstine Cemetery which was compiled from three separate lists from 1907, 1914 and 1999.

He also brought us a large plot plan of Fernwood Cemetery in Royersford. He has provided data for our computer pertaining to burials in Fernwood. These records will be helpful to people doing research for that cemetery.

David Ziegler of Limerick brought us a brochure advertising the auction of Trustee Sale in Bankruptcy for Kinsey Distilling Co. which was held on August 22, 1940. David continues to bring us pictures of the plant and advertising items.

Alice Lang brought us a colonial style dress and "dust cap" which was used in the Bicentennial Celebrations in 1976. It is very colorful and well made.

Mark Connelly has set up a website for the Society as noted above.

SYMPATHY

Kathryn Miller of Limerick died May 29, 2009. Kathryn was born in Limerick to Elmer and Sallie Ziegler. She is the sister of Society member Irene LaPish and Earl Ziegler. The Ziegler homestead was on Swamp Pike and was later owned by Herman Sankey. Stones from the barn on the property have been brought to the Hunsberger House and are being used to build the wall by the driveway.

Ruth M. Laubmeier of Limerick died July 15, 2009. Ruth was a daughter of the late Milton S. and Eleanor M. Kelius. She had joined the Society recently and was not able to attend many meetings because of ill health. She is survived by two sisters and three brothers.

Our sympathy is extended to the families of these Society members.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Society member Alice Dempsey celebrated her 90th birthday in August. Alice has been a resident of Park House Center and continues to take an active interest in activities at the Center. She also is glad to hear from Society members and other family and friends.

WANTED

Information on "The Fork" owned by Hodells (?) at the corner of Swamp Pike and Ridge. We have a request from the daughter of a waitress that used to work there that wants to surprise her with a picture.

Also if anyone has pictures of an ice cream parlor called the "Knick-Knack" that was where the Nextel Store is now in Limerick.

GIFTS

Wooden flag poles\$5.00
Flag holders.....\$2.00
Flags can also be ordered to whatever size you need.

Christmas ornaments of Limerick Township Historical Sites\$9.00.

Indexes to the history book are still available. If you have a history book you should have an index. They are \$3.00 and match the green cover of the history book.