



# Warrior Run Fort Freeland Heritage Society Newsletter

## Fall 2015

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### The President's Thoughts

#### WATTS UP?

We have some new information on one event related to Fort Freeland in 1778. I refer to this as the McKnight Event, in which patriots died and have no memorial of their sacrifice for the freedom of this country. This new information will help to complete information of past research. I am looking for someone to take the lead and help add to the work that Mike Slease did for our monument.

Our next calendar event is our quarterly meeting on Tuesday, November 24, at 7:00 pm, in the High School Library. We will be installing officers for the upcoming year. Also, one third of our board of directors is reelected each year at this meeting. If you would like to make a nomination, please make sure you have asked that person in advance. Come hear new information about the "McKnight Event." Refreshments, including cider from the society's orchard, will be shared after the meeting.

Are you getting ready for Christmas? Besides the shopping, make sure the Candlelight Service is on the calendar - Saturday, December 12, at 7:00pm. Pastor Donald Snyder from Trinity UCC Church in Watsonstown will be the speaker. John Ravert will be on the organ playing Christmas hymns, along with outstanding special music. Ann Reeves will be serving her delicious hot cider after the service.

Well, time goes by so quickly, and here we are near the end of my first year. A lot has happened this year that I consider good. We are waiting to hear from the state about when the Warrior Run church will be ours. The society events have done as well as could be expected and I thank many who have had a big or small part. Planning has begun to make the 35<sup>th</sup> Heritage Days a special celebration next year. If you would like to help in the planning, please call.

Now, I must say, I'm behind on some of my goals and you might be inspired to help. I would like to form a committee to seek ways to promote membership. Would you be interested in helping the society research our two sites, the Warrior Run Church and Fort Freeland? We have the work of Bob Franks on the Warrior Run Church, but there is the hope of gathering more information about the graveyard and those buried there. Years ago we conducted a cemetery walk and there is interest in doing this again next fall. Would you be interested in researching a person and share that person's life at the graveside? Would you be interested in putting together this program? If you would be interested in helping with any of the above, please call Randy.

Spend a Saturday afternoon in February or early March helping to prune the society's apple orchard, learning pruning skills from individuals with years of experience. Last year's pruning and spraying gave us a great apple harvest and you can have a hand in next year's crop. First, call Randy to be placed on the call list. Then you will be called when the weather looks right for pruning. Additional note: We have both Benjamin Franklin's and Thomas Jefferson's favorite apple in our orchard! If you want to know which ones, join us to help prune and share in our history.

*Randy Watts, President*

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Church Picnic



Christmas cards are available to purchase. Please consider using them to send to family and friends. \$12.00/box.  
Please contact Jane Koch.

### *Historic Warrior Run Church Annual Candlelight Service*

*Saturday, December 12, 2015  
7:00pm*

*Warm Mulled Cider and cookies will be served after the service.*

*Please dress warmly and bring a flashlight.  
Come in historic attire if you choose!*

*\* Warrior Run Fort Freeland Heritage Society \**

Sharon Cawley was the winner of the "Warrior Run Reflections" print donated by the artist, David Seybold. The Society raffled off the print as a fundraiser for 2015. The winning ticket was drawn at Heritage Days on Sunday, October 4, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.



### *Eagle Scout Project*

In November of 2014 Braden Pawling contacted Leon Hagenbuch to discuss completing an Eagle Scout project that would benefit the Warrior Run Fort Freeland Heritage Society. Leon felt that repointing the stone foundation of the barn would be best. So began the approval process with the Boy Scout of America Susquehanna Counsel. By March of 2015 Braden received the approvals and chose Jeff Feerrar to be his Boy Scout Coach, and Leon Hagenbuch was designated as the Project Beneficiary Representative of the WRFHHS.

Leon trained Braden on mixing mortar, chipping out the old mortar and applying the new mortar. He used the Type O recipe which was 9 parts sand, 1 part portland cement, 2 parts lime and then to add enough water to have it adhere to the area that it is applied.

On June 23, 2015, the labor began. The first week there was a lot of spraying of weeds and bugs and scrubbing of stone. The Pawling family and the Feerrar family (Jeff and his 2 sons, Matt and Zach) completed the majority of the work.

Week 1: Prep work and chipping out of old mortar/cement.

Week 2: Chipping out of old mortar/cement. Wetting down the area to receive the new mortar. Mixing new mortar to the correct consistency. Applying new mortar.

Week 3: Same as week 2. Going back over completed areas and removing extraneous mortar.

Week 4: Same as week 3.

Week 5: Same as week 4 and we also scrubbed the paint off the section of stone as you would enter the barn from the "kitchen area."

Needless to say that there was a lot of conversation and music played to keep everyone entertained to keep after the tedious work required to complete the project. Lessons were learned like not to use your bare fingers to smooth out the wet mortar. The tools do actually have a use! Always keep bug spray handy. Watch out for poison.

The best parts of the project was having Leon praise the work and being impressed that it was completed by August 6, 2015. The goal was to have it done before Heritage Days. That was met quite handily. Braden felt a lot of pride when he was complimented on the completed work. It especially went to his head when he was told that his work was better than some professionals.



### Thank you to Heritage Days Donators

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One of the last photos of Annie Herald (middle, sitting) working at the Warrior Run Church during Heritage Days 2004.



### Newsletter Articles

Please email articles to be included in the newsletter to [kyhouser@windstream.net](mailto:kyhouser@windstream.net). You can simply write the report in the email or copy and paste from another document. Most formats are acceptable. If you have a photo you want to share, you can send that to me, as well. Thank you for all the information you send making our newsletter very interesting and informative.

*Karen Y. Houser*

**WARRIOR RUN FORT FREELAND HERITAGE SOCIETY  
NEW MEMBERSHIPS FOR 2015**

**KATHERINE PIASKOWSKI  
DENISE ERTEL**

**AMBER KOCH  
JUSTIN ZIMMERMAN**

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KAROLINE EPPENBACH  
LAUREL BOWER  
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**NEW LIFE MEMBERS 2015**

**GREGORY CREWS  
LACY HEFTY  
JAMES MOORE JR  
KENT KILGUS**

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JOHN HEFTY  
MELISSA KILGUS  
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**WARRIOR RUN FORT FREELAND HERITAGE SOCIETY  
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**BARBARA LEVERGOOD  
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*Meadowbrook Christian Academy*

Meadowbrook Christian Academy students visited the Warrior Run Church and cemetery, as well as, the Hower-Slote House on October 21, 2015. Approximately 60 students, faculty and parents enjoyed an afternoon session of history provided by Mr. Rich Nornhold, starting at the church and cemetery.

The group learned local history of the church and cemetery, then traveling to the Hower-Slote house and the Fort Freeland site. Rich took a group into the interpretive center to learn about the historic facts of the Battle of Fort Freeland, and local significance. Jane Koch took another group through the house for a tour. Afterwards, Rich instructed the combined group on rope making. It was a wonderful, interactive session enjoyed by all.

*Warrior Run Fort Freeland Heritage Society*

*Calendar of Events - 2015*

Fall Membership Meeting - Tuesday, November 24, 7:00 p.m.

Warrior Run High School Library

Includes election of officers

Annual Christmas Candlelight Service - Saturday, December 12, 7:00 p.m.

Historic Warrior Run Church

Board meeting 2nd Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m. Warrior Run High School Faculty Lounge Warrior Run Church - May, June, July, August

*The Gatherings*

Think about the "group gatherings" in your life - family time, co-workers, church activities, sports teams, band, clubs, etc. Time together is valuable for cohesion of a group. In the "good old days" there were gatherings such as quilting bees, corn husking parties, and square dances, besides the frequent family get-to-togethers. Although most of us no longer participate in many of these, our Heritage Society holds several "gatherings" each year. Please save this list and join us!

## *Warrior Run Fort Freeland Heritage Society*

### Board of Directors

(Terms run from January 1 to December 31)

#### 2013-2015

Steve Moser  
Melissa Kilgus  
Peggy Gelnett  
Randy Watts  
Al Reeves

#### 2014-2016

Leon Hagenbuch  
Jane Koch  
Bradd Mertz  
Doug Ertel  
Sue Whitmoyer

#### 2015-2017

Traci Pawling  
Ruth Webb  
Scott Pawling  
Cathy Metzger  
Landon Koch

(Student Member)

David Whitmer

### Officers - 2015

President - Randy Watts (570-437-4048)  
Vice President - Leon Hagenbuch (570-490-4555)  
Treasurer - Cathy Metzger (570-713-4816)  
Assistant Treasurer - Al Reeves (570-538-1423)  
Recording Secretary - Melissa Kilgus (570- 538-5593)  
Membership (appointed) - Cathy Metzger (570-713-4816)  
Historian - Leon Hagenbuch (570-490-4555)  
Newsletter - Karen Houser (570-538-2557)

### Committee Leadership

Church - Jane Koch, Landon Koch, Doug Ertel  
Weddings - Traci Pawling  
Strawberry Festival - Wayne Greiner  
Heritage Days - Betsy Watts, Jane Koch  
Candlelight Service - Al Reeves  
House/Property - Leon Hagenbuch, Steve Moser, Rich Nornhold

### Honorary Board Members

Janet Hause *	Jane Shuman *
Betty Miller *	Virginia Hartman *
Donna Meyer	Ruth Moser *
Preston Webb *	Mike Slease *
Hall Williams *	Bob Franks

\* denotes deceased member

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Bringing our history to life....

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Stamp  
Here

*Warrior Run  
Fort Freeland  
Heritage Society*

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*E-mail: [info@wrffhs.org](mailto:info@wrffhs.org)*

*Check us out on the web!  
[www.freelandfarm.org](http://www.freelandfarm.org)*

*Keeping your membership current*

It is the membership in any organization that enables it to attain its mission. For more than 20 years, membership has enabled the society to fund its many projects and achieve many goals. All members receive the society's newsletters and special discounts on publications and sale items.

*Membership Form*

Please register me/us as a:

- LIFE MEMBER (\$200.00 per person in one payment)  
 CONTRIBUTING MEMBER (\$20.00 per person per year)  
 STUDENT MEMBER ((\$1.00 per student per year)  
 SUSTAINING MEMBER (\$50.00 or more per year)

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this with proper amount for your desired membership status to:

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