North McEwensville Area

Most of this area is in Delaware Township. It is from the bridge north to the farm now owned by Jay Heater. Often people wonder as they drive through this area of approximately 1/4 mile, if they only knew what had been there over the years.

The old bridge sat at a right angle to the creek and was built of steel. Rev. Paul Dershem, told me this many years ago. The road ran across the field to the small hill and a right turn would take you North on Susquehanna Trail.

A pond was located just North of the present Rail Road Crossing. In 1852, two small children drowned in this pond (*see below).

In 1886, the rail road was built, with a small RR Station located on the right turn that was mentioned earlier. The train would drop off the mail at the station. Someone from the post office would get the mail and take it to the post office. The road had a walking trail that was very muddy at different times of the year. The townspeople built a wooden sidewalk and maintained it by donations, festivals and volunteer help.

Jacob Stitzel had a house, blacksmith shop, tannery and other buildings in this area. The “Great Road” as it was called was built between the “Y” north of Milton to Muncy in 1921. The station was then moved to the new railroad crossing. It is said that George Wesner moved and used it as a chicken pen after it was no longer needed.

After the new road was completed, J.K. Watson built a filling station and house at the new crossing. Two large above ground fuel tanks were installed in the area of his old coal yard. Fuel would be shipped in on rail and transferred over.

The next owner was E.D. Fairchild; he built cabins in front of the steep bank beside the Stitzel Cemetery located to the west of the crossing. There are some people in the area who still remember these cabins.

After Fairchild’s death, William Stitzel bought the property. He ran a gas station and candy store. Herman Stamm was the next owner. He added a car garage with apartment above. Mr. Sones owned the property after Mr. Stamm, and had Sones Sunoco. When the second pipeline went in, the shed located around where the first Railroad Crossing was got torn down. It was owned by Glen Shuman. Glen ended up with the property until the buildings and land were sold. Jay Heater is now the owner. I can remember when Amos Gray lived behind the row of machinery that Jay Heater had stored west of the railroad tracks.

As you can see, a lot of activity went on along that quarter mile on Susquehanna Trail. This article was written by “The Brickmaker” with the help from a notebook of LaRue Yost, a great historian from McEwensville.

*On April 21, 1852, reported in “The Muncy Luminary Archives,” the bodies of two infants were found in Delaware Township, Northumberland County - one in a large pond of water near Stitzel’s tan yard with a rope around its neck and the other under or near a pile of stones, in an open field within a mile of the former place. No names were given.
Warrior Run Fort Freeland Heritage Society

Cake and Pie Pans for Sale

The Society is selling cake and pie pans with the Warrior Run Church on the lids. If you would like to purchase them, contact:

Cathy Metzger
570-713-4816

Prices are as follows:
9 x 13 Non-stick pan & cranberry lid $40.00
9 x 9 Traditional pan & green lid $32.00
9" Pie pan & blue lid $30.00

RAISE THE REGION 2020 EVENT

The First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania is excited to announce Raise The Region 2020. The Warrior Run Fort Freeland Heritage Society has registered for this event. It is a 30 hour event beginning Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. till Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. Raise The Region is to help the communities of Columbia, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder and Union counties support local nonprofit organizations fundraising. If someone wishes to donate go to the following link. (www.raisetheregion.org) All donations are tax deductible and will help make your favorite nonprofits mission possible. We appreciate your support as always.

Cathy Metzger
Treasurer

It is so easy to give to Raise The Region online and more importantly, your donations get matched. The amount of money we get above donations given are dependent on the event, but it is more than the donations themselves. So, please thoughtfully consider giving this year and every year. Any amount is helpful and welcome.

Easter Sunrise Service

Please join us on Sunday, April 12, 2020, at 7:00 a.m. for our Easter Sunrise Service at the Historic Warrior Run Church, 41 Warrior Lane, Watsontown, PA, 17777 (Intersection of 8th Street Drive and Susquehanna Trail). This service is presented by the Watsontown Presbyterian Church and offerings benefit the maintenance of this property.

For more information contact 570-538-1756.
**Donations need for Mower and Ice Cream Freezer**

The WRFFHS finds they need your help with donations to help purchase a new mower to keep up with the lawn maintenance at our church. The old one has done its job for many years and needs to retire. Also, we need to purchase a new ice cream freezer to make all the ice cream for the Strawberry Festival. Any donation would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for any help you can give our society.

Cathy Metzger
Treasurer

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**Warrior Run Fort Freeland Heritage Society**

**Spring Banquet**

Country Cupboard Lewisburg  
April 28, 2020  
6:00 P.M.  
Dinner Buffet (includes drink)  
Price $20.00 Each

Please contact Cathy Metzger for Reservations  
Phone (570)713-4816 or email cmetzger507@gmail.com

Reservations are to be made by April 14, 2020  
No late reservations will be accepted  
****Reservations Must Be Paid in Advance/No Refunds

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**Attention WRRFFHS members:**

The society is trying to find ways to save money to keep up with maintenance at the house and church. We find ourselves with some extra expenses and thought if you have a computer and have an email address we could send your newsletter by email rather than regular mail since the postage keeps going up all the time. If you have your newsletter sent by email you can also see it in color rather than black and white which much nicer. If you would like it sent by email please email me and I will take care of it. cmetzger507@gmail.com

Thanks  
Cathy Metzger

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**Newsletter Articles**

Please email articles to be included in the newsletter to kyhouser@windstream.net. You can simply write the report in the email or copy and paste from another document. The best format is a Word document or an Open Office document. PDF files cannot be used in the producing of the newsletter. 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
## Board Meetings - 2020

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(Student Members)

Maris Kilgus / Ethan Whitmoyer

### Officers

- **President** - Jane Koch (570-538-1756)
- **Vice President** - Leon Hagenbuch (570-490-8279)
- **Secretary** - Melissa Kilgus (570-538-5593)
- **Treasurer** - Cathy Metzger (570-713-4816)
- **Assistant Treasurer** - Al Reeves (570-538-1928)
- **Membership (appointed)** - Cathy Metzger (570-713-4816)
- **Audit/Finance** - Scott Pawling, Melissa Kilgus (570-538-5593)
- **Nominating Committee** - Randy Watts, Steve Moser (570-437-4048)
- **Historian** - Vacant
- **Newsletter** - Karen Houser (570-538-2557)

### Committee Leadership

- **Church** - Jane Koch, Landon Koch, Doug Ertel (570-538-1756)
- **Church Grounds** - Mark Keithan (570-538-5610)
- **Weddings** - Traci Pawling (570-490-9895)
- **Strawberry Festival** - Wayne Greiner (570-604-7451)
- **Heritage Days** - Betsy Watts, Jane Koch
- **Candlelight Service** - Al Reeves
- **House/Property** - Leon Hagenbuch, Steve Moser, Rich Nornhold

### Honorary Board Members

- Janet Hause *
- Betty Miller *
- Donna Meyer
- Preston Webb *
- Hall Williams *
- Rich Nornhold
- Ruth Webb

- Jane Shuman *
- Virginia Hartman *
- Ruth Moser *
- Mike Slease *
- Bob Franks
- Alfred Reeves

* denotes deceased member

CHECK THE YEAR ON YOUR CARD AND MAKE SURE YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS CURRENT
Membership is key to our group’s mission. It’s an important step towards funding our projects and goals. Your membership allows you to receive four annual newsletters which inform you of the calendar of events, our organization’s achievements and ways to become an active member.

Please register me/us as:

_____ LIFE MEMBER ($200 per person in one payment)
_____ CONTRIBUTING MEMBER ($20.00 per adult person per year)
_____ STUDENT MEMBER ($1.00 per year – having student status)
_____ SUSTAINING MEMBER ($50.00 or more per year as a special support member)

Name (s): ______________________________
Address: ______________________________________
Phone: _______________________________________
Email address: ______________________________________

To update your WR/FFHS membership status, please mail this form with the proper amount to:

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Dewart PA 17730
cmetzger507@gmail.com
570-713-4816
(make checks payable to WR/FFHS)