



The Warrior Run - Fort Freeland Heritage Society Newsletter

February, 2023

Message from the President

Dear Warrior Run-Fort Freeland Society Members, and Friends,

We had a very festive December with a wonderful candlelight service on December 10. We are not up to pre-pandemic attendance, but all enjoyed the music and ushering in the holiday season. The following Saturday, the Shikelimo chapter of the Daughter's of the American Revolution had over 50 people helping at Wreaths Across America ceremony, with all military graves having a wreath placed in the historic Warrior Run cemetery. The weather cooperated, and we did not have rain this year!

Behind the scenes in December, we had a few contractors come to give quotes on both the cemetery wall restoration, and for painting in the windows, and interior areas of the Warrior Run Church. Prior to the Society taking ownership in 2018, the Pennsylvania Historic Museum Commission (PHMC) had some work done to the wall, but it was patching more than restoration. The historic wall has not had major work done since the 1950's after a storm came through and damaged the church and grounds (some of you might remember it). At that point in time, the PHMC paid to have the work done. The wall needs to have work started soon before it goes into disrepair. The windows, interior walls, doors, and pews need painting too. We have applied for one grant, and are in the process of working on a second one.

The board is busy preparing for our annual events. As I stated in the previous newsletter, we need volunteers that are willing to co-chair the Heritage Days committee. We have many dedicated people who faithfully help every year that know their areas, but in order to make it all work, we need to have cohesiveness for the whole event. If you feel you could help be a co-chair, please reach out any of our board members or to ask questions.

In January, a few board members met with the new superintendent, Thor Edmiston, and Michael Freeborn, the principle of the elementary school about reestablishing relationships with the WRSD and the Society. We are very excited to be working with them, and how the Society can be part of hands-on teaching experiences so students gain better understanding of the local history and what is literally in their backyard.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming April membership dinner and Strawberry Festival in June.

As we continue to maintain these historic properties, please consider supporting the Society in the **Raise the Region** online giving campaign March 8 & 9, 2023, at <https://www.raisetheregion.org/organizations/warrior-run-fort-freeland-heritage-society> !

Happy New Year!

Melissa Kilgus

Warrior Run-Fort Freeland Heritage Society, President

Raise The Region

The First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania is excited to announce Raise the Region 2023. The Warrior Run Fort Freeland Heritage Society has registered for this event again this year. It is a 30-hour event beginning Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. till Thursday, March 9, 2023, 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 you would like to donate, go to the following link (www.RaiseTheRegion.org). All donations are tax deductible. We at the Warrior Run Fort Freeland Heritage Society appreciates all your donations which help us to keep up with the upkeep of the Hower-Slote House and also our Warrior Run Historical Church.

Cathy Metzger,
Treasurer



Wreaths Across America

Wreaths Across America was celebrated on December 17, 2022, with over 50 people attending the wreath ceremony at the Historic Warrior Run Church. Sue Fairchild of the Shikelimo Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution was the mistress of ceremonies, along with Dave Jones, co-pastor of the Watontown Baptist Church and a US Navy veteran. Asiah Savage sang the National Anthem. All 99 veterans of four wars were recognized at the ceremony and the Residential Health Care Group provided hot chocolate to all the volunteers.

Thanks to everyone that participated or sponsored a wreath for the event!

Melissa Kilgus

WRFFHS president, and Shikelimo DAR member

Donated Trees

Joe and Lauren Bryson graciously donated three trees in memory of their families with a planting on November 6, 2022 with WRFFHS Board members. Two heritage apple trees were planted for replacement of two that died in the orchard at the Hower-Slote farm. The third tree, an oak, was planted at the Historic Warrior Run Church memory of Alice Cotner, who was Lauren's grandmother.

Joe is a distant grandson of Reverend Bryson, who presided over the Warrior Run Church from 1791-1841. Lauren's grandmother, Alice Cotner, Lauren's mother, Katie Moser, and Lauren and Joe's children, Jonny and Elisabeth Bryson, have all volunteered at Heritage Days. Several generations of the Bryson family attended the tree planting.

Melissa Kilgus

WRFFHS President

Donation

The Warrior Run Fort Freeland Heritage Society would like to send out a great big thank you to the Watontown Centennial Lions Club for the generous donation that they sent us. Your donation is greatly appreciated.

Cathy Metzger
Treasurer



Frank Emerson Delong *By Leon Hagenbuch*

Frank Emerson Delong was born in Danville in 1864, and attended public schools and the Kelso Academy. When he was a young man he entered the employ of a mining and engineering company in New York City where he lived for five years. In 1889, he began to devote his entire time to inventions, working on various articles among them being a folding cardboard box and an electric stenograph.

Mr. DeLong's best invention was the Delong Hook and Eye, made famous because of the clever commercial "See That Hump." The hump being the special feature of the Delong patent. Safety pins, hair pins and other similar items were added to the Delong line and the Delong Hook and Eye company's products were sold on a worldwide basis.

In time Mr. Delong became one of the largest real estate owners in center city Philadelphia. He also purchased several farms in the Washingtonville area. One partial residence was "DeLong's Mansion" near the town. This is where he would spend his vacations and upon retirement, his permanent home.

In 1832, a Presbyterian church was built in Washingtonville but because of dwindling congregation the church was sold to Mr. Delong in 1925. He converted it to a Community Hall and Library in honor of his mother who went to this church for many years.

Beside the Jane E Delong Hall, he had the Delong Memorial School built in 1931, for the Washingtonville-Derry Township School Districts.

Frank E. Delong died in Palm Beach Florida on February 16, 1939.

On one of his farms, he had a track for horse races on major holidays. The second food stand at Heritage Days was a concession stand at the race track.

The Brick Maker



Spring Dinner April 25, 2023 *Turbotville Community Hall at 6:00 P.M.*

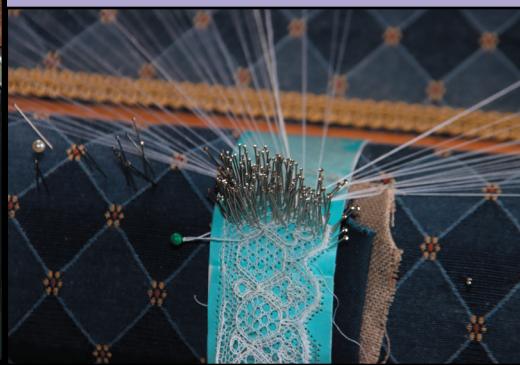
We will be having our annual spring dinner at the Turbotville Community Hall on April 25, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. and it will be catered by the Station House located in Montgomery. All reservations must be made by April 17th, to Cathy Metzger either by email cmetzger507@gmail.com or by phone (570)713-4816 so the Station House has a count on how many people will attend. We will have a choice of two meats so you will have to tell me when you make your reservations which meat you would like. The menu is as follows:

Choice of Ham Loaf or Filled Chicken Breast, Scalloped Potatoes, Baked Corn, Glazed Carrots, Pickled Cabbage, rolls and butter, coffee, tea, and cake for dessert. The cost will be \$20.00.

I hope you all can attend and enjoy the meal and maybe seeing some people that you have not seen for a while.

Hope to see you all.

Cathy Metzger



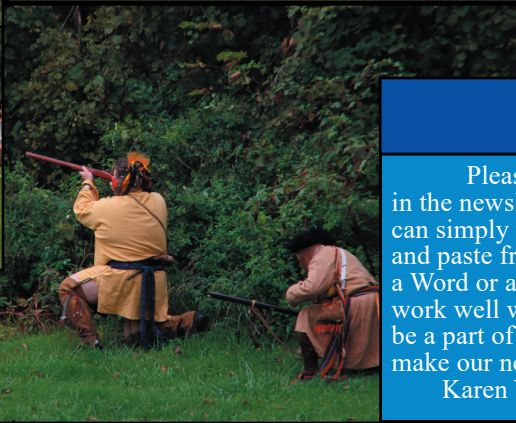
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Board Meetings - 2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>
January 9	6:00 p.m.	Delaware Township Building
February 13	6:00 p.m.	Delaware Township Building
March 13	6:00 p.m.	Delaware Township Building
April 10	6:00 p.m.	Delaware Township Building
May 8	6:00 p.m.	Hower-Slote House
June 12	6:00 p.m.	Hower-Slote House
July 10	6:00 p.m.	Hower-Slote House
August 14	6:00 p. m.	Hower-Slote House
September 11	6:00 p. m.	Hower-Slote House
October 9	6:00 p. m.	Delaware Township Building
November 13	6:00 p. m.	Delaware Township Building
December 11	6:00 p. m.	Delaware Township Building

Calendar of Events - 2023

April 25	Spring Dinner	6:00 p.m.	Turbotville Community Hall
June 11	Strawberry Festival	11:00 a. m.	Warrior Run Church
October 7- 8	Heritage Days		Hower-Slote Grounds
	Board meeting not to immediately follow		
November 13	Membership Meeting	7:00 p. m.	Delaware Township Bldg.
	Election/Regular Board Meeting		
December 9	Candlelite Service	7:00 p. m.	Warrior Run Church
	Second Saturday in December		



Thank You

A special thanks to Brent Bacon and Tammi Reibsome for the Heritage Photos from last year.

Newsletter Articles

Please email articles and photos to be included in the newsletter to kyhouser@windstream.net. You can simply write the information in an email or copy and paste from another document. The best format is a Word or an Open Office document. PDF files don't work well with the newsletter format. We want you to be a part of our newsletter, so don't be shy. Help us to make our newsletter very interesting and informative.
Karen Y. Houser

Warrior Run Fort Freeland Heritage Society

Board of Directors

(Terms run from January 1 to December 31)

2021-2023

Landon Koch
Cathy Metzger
Daniel Phillips
Heidi Eppenbach
Ethan Whitmoyer

2022-2024

Steve Moser
Melissa Kilgus
Peggy Gelnett
Randy Watts
Al Reeves

2023-2025

Leon Hagenbuch
Jane Koch
Sue Eppenbach
Doug Ertel

(Student Members)

Officers

President - Melissa Kilgus (570-538-5593)
Vice President - Jane Koch (570-538-1756)
Secretary - Heidi Eppenbach (570-568-1870)
Assistant Secretary - Sue Eppenbach (570-568-1870)
Treasurer - Cathy Metzger (570-713-4816)
Assistant Treasurer - Al Reeves (570-538-1928)
Membership (appointed) - Cathy Metzger (570-713-4816)
Audit/Finance - Scott Pawling (570-538-9582), Melissa Kilgus (570-538-5593)
Nominating Committee - Randy Watts (570-437-4048), Steve Moser (570-649-5124)
Historian - Leon Hagenbuch
Newsletter - Karen Houser (570-538-2557)

Committee Leaders

Church - Jane Koch (570-538-1756), Landon Koch (570-538-4588), Doug Ertel (570-538-5711)
Church Grounds - Daniel Phillips (570-713-4816), Leon Hagenbuch (570-490-8279), Randy Watts (570-437-4048)
Weddings - Traci Pawling (570-490-9895)
Strawberry Festival - Cathy Metzger (570-713-4816), Daniel Phillips (570-713-4816)
Heritage Days - Committee
Candlelight Service - Al Reeves (570-538-1928)
House/Property - Leon Hagenbuch (570-490-8279), Steve Moser (570-649-5124), Rich Nornhold (570-538-9733)

Honorary Board Members

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

* denotes deceased member

CHECK THE YEAR ON YOUR CARD AND MAKE SURE YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS CURRENT

Bringing our history to life....

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*Warrior Run
Fort Freeland
Heritage Society*

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Turbotville PA 17772*

*E-mail:
info@freelandfarm.org*

*Check us out on the web!
www.freelandfarm.org*

KEEP your membership current

Note your membership status on the mailing label

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:

Cathy Metzger
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Watson town PA 17777
cmetzger507@gmail.com 570-713-4816
(make checks payable to WR/FFHS)