

Herr House Happenings

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Herr House Opens for Tours



The Amos Herr House will open its doors for the 2016 season on Saturday, April 2nd. Tours of the Herr House will be given every Saturday and Sunday from April 2nd- October 30th, 2016. Tours will be available from 1pm-3: 15pm and last approximately 30 minutes.

Don't miss your last chance to view the exhibit "Remembering Amos Herr" on display in the exhibit room until October 30th! This exhibit contains an eclectic collection of documents, photographs, and memorabilia from the AHHF&HS's permanent collection that tells the life story of Amos Herr.

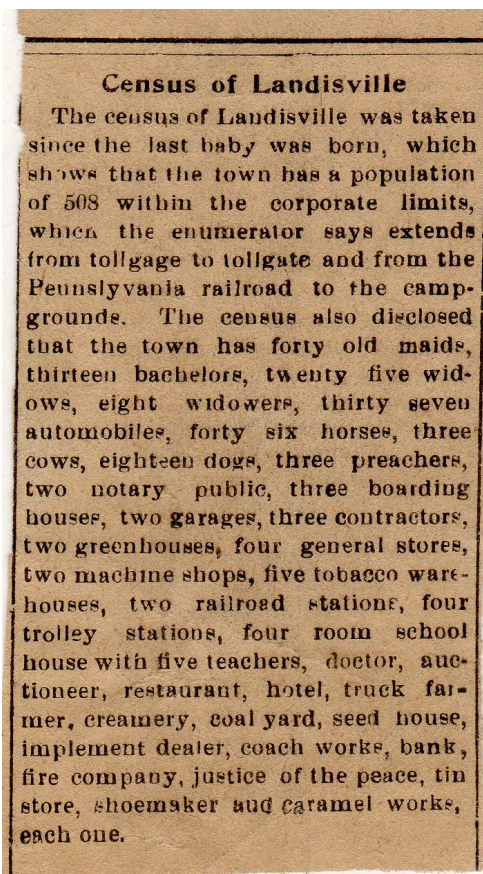
Welcome New Members

Susan & Michael Weed

Pictured above: a photograph of The Amos Herr House taken in the winter of 2003.
Pictured right: a newspaper clipping of the Census of Landisville published in the Lancaster newspaper- February 12, 1915.

Docent Training

Cindy Zimmerman will be conducting a docent training session for new and returning docents on Saturday, March 19th at 2pm at the Herr House. If you (or someone you know) are interested in history and enjoy dressing up in period clothes, please plan to attend this interesting event. Generally, docents are scheduled to volunteer for 3 hours every 4 to 6 weeks.



RECENT DONATIONS

Martin R. Keen- tobacco wagon

Ethel Herr Gardeners- 9 books
from the gardener's library

Marion Bowers- Lane family Bible
from the Bowers' family collection.
This item was donated prior to
Marion's death in 2008 and was
recently accessioned.

Anna Mae Kauffman- packet of
newspaper clippings about Landisville,
photographs, a copy of Village Vigil by
David B. Landis, the obituary of John
H. Minnich- New Hampshire 1983, a
photograph of the corner of Main &
Church Streets in Landisville before
the shopping center was built.

Leon Stauffer- 5 photographs of the
First National Bank of Landisville
founded in 1909, featuring the first
annual report dated January 5, 1910;
also donated family information about
the Creamery in Landisville.

Millie Brubaker- 1 pair of hand
knit pink and white mittens, 1
tobacco spear, 3 East Hempfield
Township High School athletic
letters, and a cassette recording of
Millie's interview with Mary
McCommons—sister of Ethel Herr.

Ted Mowery- a Christmas card
from Hoffman Seeds depicting an
aerial view of Hoffman Seeds in
Lancaster County.

2015 Year End Reports COLLECTIONS

Total donations this year: 6

Total items donated: 17

Total items in collection: 2,771

SERVICE HOURS

Docents: 24 people volunteered 312 hours from
April through October

Gardeners: 18 people volunteered 235 hours
from April through October

Volunteers: 16 people volunteered 400 hours
from January through November

VISITORS

197 visitors toured the house during April
through November

Visitors donated: \$349.00

MEMBERSHIP

Membership total: 249

Notes From Amos' Diary

Wednesday, April 1, 1959

Warm 70 degrees by 2pm

Went to village after a late breakfast – worked in the
meadow- disked the creek bank- then leveled the bank
with tractor- filled some holes in the meadow- made a
new flower bed in front of the front yard wall- ground
is too wet to work in it- Ethel begins cleaning the
garret- erect a new nylon wash line- read before
supper and go for paper- Stop & chat with Morris A. -
read Age of Faith, reads slowly- I have read only 200
pages- Chris S. sent a BOAC pamphlet on Russia
tours- Prayer meeting, poor attendance (16) Sam
Bleacher read- watch TV.

A Brief History of the Iconic Swiss Bear Clock



This unusual carved bear clock (pictured left) was built and carved by Mr. Peiler, a Swiss craftsman from the Bernese-Oberland area of Switzerland. He only made two of these clocks before he died in 1918 at the age of 82.

The clock is carved in solid walnut and strikes at 15-minute intervals. In addition to the five bears carved on the clock, there are also four wildflowers called "WaldenMeisters," or "forest masters," carved on the rocks at the base. In season, the Swiss gather these wildflowers and float them in a punch bowl of white wine for several days. The wine absorbs the aroma of the flowers, giving the wine a distinctive flavor, which is highly cherished by the Swiss.

Harry Hoyt Nissley purchased the clock. Hoyt Nissley was originally from Landisville, and later moved to Detroit, Michigan. The Nissley ancestors immigrated from Switzerland and then the Palatine of

Germany before coming to Pennsylvania in 1717. The original Nissley farm was located on both sides of what is now Nissley Road, south of the Old Harrisburg Pike. Mr. Nissley researched and wrote a complete history of the Nissley family going back to the earliest recorded Swiss ancestors. This information is available in the Amos Herr Foundation library for anyone interested.

Until May of 1998, the clock was housed in the lobby of the Mello Bank on Main Street in Landisville. Prior to his death, Hoyt Nissley stipulated that the Swiss Bear Clock should never leave the Landisville area. The clock, now owned by the Lancaster County Historical Society, is on loan to the Amos Herr House Foundation for display at the 1852 Herr Homestead.

Gardening to Begin April 8th



Pictured above: a crocus poking through the ground in the Herr garden- photographed in April 2015 by Eileen Johns.

Gardening is tentatively scheduled to resume on Friday, April 8 at 8 a.m. at the Herr House. If you love gardening or are new to gardening and are interested in helping, please call Louise Brewer at 898-0991 prior to April 8th.

Gardeners meet the second Friday of each month- April through October. The gardeners have made changes to the landscape to make gardening easier. Gardeners should enter through the basement door of the Herr House where a sign-up sheet and worksheet will be located.

Notes From Emma's Diary

Monday, March 22, 1948

"I send Minnie a piece of Bologna - me go to attic early such a fine day & finish by 3:30. Peanut hulling but me don't go Amos needs his car to go away - gets cloudy until evening.

-Emma Herr

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