

# Herr House Happenings

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## Tobacco Barn

On Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> during the Country Fair, the tobacco barn on the 1852 Amos Herr House Homestead will be open for visitors to see exactly what the inside of a tobacco barn looks like. Tobacco wagons will be displayed along the road leading to the Homestead. Self-guided tours of the House will be available from 12-4 p.m. during the Country Fair.

### Barns, Tobacco Sheds Are Razed

Sweeping down the river, the storm took a heavy toll among the barns and tobacco sheds in the vicinity of Bainbridge, Marietta and Maytown.

M. R. Hoffman farm, tenanted by Elmer Brandt, two tobacco sheds, smaller buildings; Jacob Ziegler, two tobacco sheds; Ben Hiestand farm, tenanted by Olie Smith, tobacco shed; Jacob Strickler, silo and tobacco shed; Abraham Shaffner, tobacco shed; Jacob Trostle, tobacco shed and house twisted from foundation; C. R. Farmer, several small buildings; John Gantz, tenant on the Cameron farm, two tobacco sheds; Norman Arnold, tenant on N. R. Hoffman farm, large barn and tobacco shed; Paris Eppler, tobacco shed; Hiram Engle, barn damaged and newly leaved hay blown from barn; Eli Nissley, tobacco shed; Albert Harner farm, two tobacco sheds; Ephraim Hess, tobacco shed; E. L. Hess, tenant on former Eli Nissley farm, tobacco shed; Culver Spangler farm, tenanted by Ira Risser, tobacco shed; Darwin Shoemaker, tobacco shed razed and barn twisted; Harry Engle, tobacco shed; G. S. Hoffman, three tobacco sheds; Ira Hoffman, one shed down.

Other damages in the Marietta district included the following: John Miller, damages to roof when chimney fell through; Bayard Herr, double chimney blew over; Noah Smith, tin roof blew off; William Eater, four apple trees blew over; George Bower, large maple tree over.

#### Damage At Landisville

The following buildings were razed in the Landisville district:

On the Amos Cooper farms, four tobacco sheds; Willis Baer, roof torn from rear; John Weidler, tobacco shed, part of house; George Derr farm, tenanted by Fred Hahn, part of house town away; Herman Long farm, tobacco shed, barn twisted, silo down; Amos Herr, tobacco shed; Enos Rohrer, barn twisted; John Stehman, tobacco shed, part of house roof torn away, automobile damaged; Ira Redcay, part of barn carried several hundred feet, tobacco shed down and carried away; Harry Swarr, silo; Warren Long, tobacco shed; Ray Greider, tobacco shed; Amos Copes, tobacco shed; Scott Nissley, hay loader and other implements carried into next

field and damaged; Lead Mines farm, silo down.

C. A. Sparr, Salunga, roof of barn and house torn away, part of house down; John Greider, Landisville, barn collapsed while he was unharnessing horses, none injured; Irvin Wolgemuth, near Mount Joy, tobacco shed; Benjamin Rohrer, tobacco shed blown down on Lancaster-Silver Spring highway; Hoffman-Hershey estate, tobacco shed; Harvey Mumma, Landisville R. D., two tobacco sheds, automobile of Roy Fissel damaged; Harry Mumma, tobacco shed; Heistand and Company, roof of feed mill blown off and \$1,000 in grain damaged by rain; John Hershey, Landisville R. D., corn shed; Samuel Nissley, shed; Harvey Minnich, shed; Jay Mumma shed; J. M. Swarr, shed; P. W. Baker, silo; Fred Hahn, roof blown from house; William King, interior damages; B. Frank Dombach, chimney blown off house; Keystone Boiler and Foundry Company, roof badly damaged; Joseph Miller, interior badly damaged, skylight carried into next yard; Raymond Davis, part house blown away; Henry Ammand, corner wrecked, contents strewn in next yard.

#### E. Petersburg Suffers

Traffic was blocked on East Petersburg streets last evening by falling trees and limbs. Wires were cut and the town was in darkness for two hours.

The buildings down or damaged in or near the town were the following: Jacob Rohrer, near town, shed down; Benjamin G. Kauffman, roof of barn blown off; Tobias H. Hershey, near town, shed down; L. H. Gochenauer, silo bent and damaged; Kathryn Graybill, in town, part of house damaged; Daniel H. Piefer, north of town, roof barn blown off, end of barn blown in, hay wagon upset, hay scattered; John Cassel, near town, tobacco shed down; Mrs. Elizabeth Workman, in town, straw shed down; David Gochenauer, near town, roof of barn blown off and sides badly sprung; Daniel Graybill, roof of barn damaged, 40 year old walnut tree blown down; Miss Emma Hershey, in town, porch support ripped away.

The farm of Speaker A. B. Hess, on the Fruitville pike suffered severe damage, the tobacco shed collapsing, damaging farm implements. Many of the tall trees flanking the pike blew down, rendering the road impassable.

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Top: Exterior of the tobacco barn.

Bottom: Stripping room inside the tobacco barn.

Pictured left & right: a Lancaster newspaper clipping reporting storm damage in Landisville and surrounding areas; published June 27, 1930.



## 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Amos Herr 5K Honey Run Coming Up Soon!

The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Amos Herr 5K Honey Run, sponsored by Dutch Gold Honey of Lancaster, is slated for Sunday August 28<sup>th</sup>. The Kid's COLOR Fun Run, sponsored by Sardina Dental Group, will begin at 5 p.m., followed by the 5K run at 6 p.m. at Amos Herr Park.

Hempfield Area Recreation Commission and the Amos Herr Foundation and Historical Society are collaborating on the organization of this special event, to the benefit of both organizations. Net proceeds benefit restoration projects at the 1852 Herr Family Homestead in Landisville and Hempfield Area Recreation Commission's commitment to provide financial assistance to children and families who are less fortunate.

Runner pre-registration deadline is August 12<sup>th</sup>; with late registration up to August 21<sup>st</sup> (no shirts). After August 21st, you must register the day of event. Race day sign-ups: 4 p.m. until 30 minutes before Kid's and 5K events.

Download an entry form or register online at:  
<http://hempfieldrec.com/amos-herr-honey-run/>



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## A Brief History of Landisville – Part I

The Mennonite meetinghouse, located behind the Landisville Mennonite Church on Main Street, is believed to be the oldest building in Landisville. With estimates ranging from 1742 to 1790, the exact date of construction has never been determined. However, it is generally believed that 1790 is the most accurate. For many years the log meetinghouse was used as a day school and as such was the first school in the area.

### Commerce

In 1798, Jacob Minnich built the first residence in the eastern part of town. By the mid 1800's the east end of Landisville was prospering as a commercial center due to the variety of tradesmen who took up residence there. At one time, there was a wagon maker, a shoemaker, a broom shop, a blacksmith, a store, a saloon, a cigar maker, a linen and carpet weaver, a tailor, and a clock repairer. The variety of these shops alone tells a story of what were considered life's necessities in the 1800's.

### Industry

Tobacco was widely grown on the fertile farms surrounding Landisville. Cigar factories and tobacco warehouses sprung up throughout the town and in 1930 there were five large warehouses for storing tobacco. One of these had the distinction of being the largest of its kind in the eastern part of the United States. The story is told that there were times when the tobacco harvest was being delivered to the warehouses that the wagons were lined up on the streets of Landisville waiting to be unloaded.

The Minnich Machine Works was started in a log house on the Mumma farm south of Landisville and later moved to a large brick factory where the CVS is located. Among other things, the Minnich Machine Works manufactured tobacco presses. We have a Minnich tobacco press in our collection.

Hoffman's Seed House first started business east of town near the village of Bamford, later moving into town because shipping was easier. There was also the Keystone Boiler and Foundry and a candy factory.

*Revised 9/2008. A Brief History of Landisville, Part II will be published in the fall newsletter.*

## Notes From Amos' Diary

*Thursday July 15<sup>th</sup>, 1971*

7:30 overslept can't adjust to late hours! Chores. To villages. Usual rounds. Trip to Lanc. for slides and color prints. Early lunch. Ethel attended a party at the Country Club given by Leah Hershey. Trim trees along lanes, job proved more extensive than I anticipated. Mow lawns until suppertime. Hoe in garden until dark. Lovely day, as perfect seems a day. Marlin Thomas's left for a western trip today. Eve: read, various deskwork. Phone call to Kehores. Ross is much better still in hospital.

### Welcome New Members

Phil & Sue Metzler  
Laura Shaida  
Nancy Warner

### Welcome New Docents

Patty McClune  
Nancy Warner

## Notes From Emma's Diary

Saturday, July 7, 1917

*"Well—I'll be busy all day - go over whole house - scrub R -- & I clean kitchen -- & I merely get done in time late of bath. Full one - I mean- & then the 'Ladies comes'- Mrs. Webb Hershey & Mrs. Harry Dersham. We look all around & have music. We late chores home - finish hay."*

*-Emma Herr*

### Board Members

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