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Spring 2019 Chairperson's Report

by Bernadine Schwartzentruber

We are eagerly awaiting the return of warm weather and getting our 2019 Heritage Farm events, programs, and renovations underway.

Projects at the Farm

The first project will be the replacement of the water well liner with a 36" diameter culvert-style liner and cover. The house siding replacement on the front and north sides will resume after Z Fest. An attractive wall display will be built in the barn loft to showcase farm tools. Replacing the garage and house roofs with metal roofing and creating a parking lot in the south hay field for over 100 vehicles are high priority planned projects.

Your financial contributions and volunteer labor will enable these projects to be completed. The first summer work day is planned for Saturday, June 15, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Events and Programs

Our first event was giving the Swiss choir group of 35 people a tour of the farm on May 6 followed by a delicious dinner at Moser's Maple. Board members/ spouses and others joined in the meal and fellowship. Thanks to all who contributed food or helped serve. Other events will be the annual Zwanzigstein Fest on July 6 followed by a hymn sing planned for Sunday evening, July 7, under the canopy at the farm. The first of the Legacy 500 programs will be held in July. (See articles.) This fall we plan to show the European Mennonite Heritage tour DVD with John Ruth at Croghan Mennonite Church for those who were unable to attend the annual meeting program in April.

New Board Member

We welcome Paul Schamback to the AMHA Board of Directors. He is a semiretired cabinet/furniture maker. Paul and his wife Lisa (Grau) live near Croghan. During the winter months, they live and work with the Mennonite Disaster Service RV program. His hobbies and activities include golfing, woodworking, bicycling, and volunteering with MDS. They have three children: Karla Green, Heidi Lehmann and Dale.

Other board experiences include serving on the local MDS Board and in prior years was a member and an officer in the Croghan Fire Department. His skills in



carpentry and cabinet making will be an asset to the Mennonite Heritage Farm.

20 for 10 Fund

Monthly bake sales in the past have supplied most of the day-to-day expenses of heat, utilities, and insurance. The purpose of the "20 for 10 Fund" is to establish a support base committed to help offset heat, utilities, and insurance. This plan can ease the pressure for our bakers by opening the funding option to any committed person. Other fundraisers such as occasional bake sales, Z Fest, Harvest of the Arts, and special programs can then truly be fundraisers for ongoing projects.

The fund enlists committed people to pay \$20/month for 10 months per year. Participants can choose their months for payment. Payment can be made to AMHA, Don Roggie, treasurer, 4491 Boshart Road, Lowville, NY 13367. Please write "20 for 10 Fund" in the memo section of your check.

If anyone would like to provide baked goods at the special events, please call Bernice Zehr at 315-376-2166.

29th Zwanzigstein Fest

Saturday, July 6 – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Mennonite Heritage Farm Sunday, July 7 – 7 p.m. – Hymn Singing (under the canopy)

"A Goodly Heritage" - Psalm 16:6 - *The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.*

Come for a day of outing at the Mennonite Heritage Farm...home to recognize the 20 Amish Mennonite immigrant families and visit the Zwanzigstein Garten. Several musical groups are scheduled between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. (Adirondack Community Chorus, Down Home, Friends of God, etc.) plus a cappella singing. The house will have several displays with a concentration of vintage handkerchiefs, autograph books and diaries, Zehr book display, etc. For the first time, the granary will have a display case of vintage wooden items, etc.



There will be tractor/wagon rides through the trails in the woods and other horse/wagon rides to the Kirschnerville Cemetery and in the field. Activities for children include cookie and bread making, a petting zoo, etc. There will also be demonstrations of the barn loom, spinning, stocking machine, basket weaving, chair caning, butter churning, blacksmithing, and much more. New this year will be soap making, a willow weaver, and hands-on activity for making sauerkraut.

Several vendors are planned to be present...Martin's Pretzels, Moser's Maple, Swartzentruber Farms (honey),

Joe Roggie (wooden bowls), etc. The Elias and Martha Widrick Zehr family will be hosting storytelling.

Hot and cold foods will be served as well as homemade ice cream with choices of desserts. Baked goods will be available plus a silent auction, antiques, and marketplace.

Children's Faires

The summer children's faires will be again sponsored by Stewart's Shops for fine arts (painting) and fiber arts (knitting, crocheting, and weaving). They are tentatively arranged for the following dates:

Fine Arts – Wednesday, July 31 (half-day sessions of morning and afternoon) Fiber Arts – Tuesday, August 6 (full-day session). More details will be published in church bulletins.

LEGACY 500

Essential Conversations on Anabaptism Past, Present, and Future

Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn...Isaiah 51:1

In anticipation of the 500th Anniversary of Anabaptism in 2025, the Adirondack Mennonite Heritage Association is planning a series of programs over the next seven years. The purpose is to provide an opportunity to sharpen our perceptions and dust off those perspectives that relate to our heritage of the faith, to take a clear look at who we were, who we are, and who we want to become. We believe the series of programs will stimulate a conversation that is both old and new.

In Isaiah 51, the prophet gets our attention with three strong verbs...**listen**, **seek**, and **look**. With Abraham, God started a new conversation, a restoration project that hearkens back to Genesis 3. Isaiah encourages the people to look back to Abraham and Sara but also to look forward to restoration from exile and then beyond that to a time when God's promise to Abraham will include the nations...a restoration that anticipates Jesus who is the full and final conversation of God.

In the life of faith, conversation and prayer permeate one another. This was true for Abraham... true for us. Prayer has been described as "that place where God's seeking us and our seeking God meet." This does not mean it is just some "static place." It is a journey, it is Ur to Canaan, and it is a dynamic conversation, which is both deeply personal and fully corporate...a conversation with one another and the one true God who is the God that speaks. We, like Isaiah, look backward and forward at the same time. We are invited to listen, and in so doing, walk in that place where the temporal and eternal mingle.

Please join us on a journey that includes both reflection and vision. It will stimulate your thinking, stir your emotions, and enliven your spirit. This is a journey to deepen your understanding of our mutual heritage of faith so you can say with Pilgrim Marpeck, "That faith is a living letter in my heart." (1531)

We have several gifted guest speakers who have committed to take part in this multiyear program. They include teachers, pastors, church leaders, missionaries, church planters, historians, and writers. Paul Zehr will be our first speaker and is scheduled for July 12-14, at 7:15 p.m. at the Croghan Mennonite Church. (More details are forthcoming in church bulletins.) Myron Augsburger is tentatively scheduled for late October with the date yet to be confirmed.

Other speakers in the following years include Palmer Becker, Walfred Fahrer, Aaron Kauffman, Lynn Miller, Steven Nolt, John Roth, Richard and Jewel Showalter, C. Arnold Snyder, Dean Taylor, and also choral and drama groups.

Written by Norman Moshier Member of the Legacy 500 Committee

Acquisition Report

By Rosanna M. Moser

The curator's office has completed a total of 2141 accessions and/or 3227 items since 2010. On behalf of AMHA, we thank all those individuals who have deeded historic artifacts for the preservation of our Anabaptist Mennonite faith story. We continue to accept the following hymnals: *Church Hymnal, Life Songs*, and *Church and Sunday School*. NOTE: In the event that you do not see an artifact listed that you donated, they are in the "to do" holding shelves.

Here is a summary of the major artifacts catalogued over the past year:

Collection of John and Philip Moser...cast iron mower seat.

Gingerich, John...Small notebook of sermon notes original to Jacob Gingerich, *Holy Bible* (2) original to Allen Gingerich (minister), leather case, and other notes.

Gingerich, Emanuel and Margaret...wooden clothes wringer original to Marian Zehr Gingerich.

Lehman, Elmer and Eileen... framed wedding photo of Elmer and Lehman; framed "Certificate of Ordination" original to Elmer Lehman Jr.; missionary prayer card original to Elmer and Eileen; *Santa Biblia* original to Elmer Lehman; two postcard Costa Rica paintings within a frame, 25th anniversary commemorative plate for service at Heredia Mennonite Church; framed photo of Elmer and Eileen in front of 50th wedding anniversary plaque and 50th wedding anniversary invitation; framed photo of Orlando Carvajal; stitched towel with four local Mennonite church names original to Elmer and Eileen; notebook collection of sermons, presentations, and writings and CD entitled "Cuarteto Menonita 1972" original to Elmer Lehman Jr.; last handwritten sermon notes that Elias M. Zehr gave at Naumburg Mennonite Church on March 1, 1970, and German book *Katechisumus* original to Joseph Lehman.

Martin, Dorrance and Anne...comforter and book entitled The Philharmonia, a Collection of Tunes."

Moser, Joyce...tatting lace original to Mary Martin Jackson and assorted collection of crochet lace edgings including a baby bib made by Beatrice Widrick Moser. (Note: Using the lace edgings, Janet Lehman Tuley of Naperville, Illinois, made several sets of pillowcases and/or pillowcase, a camisole (see photo at right), and varied doilies and dresser scarves (12) with vintage material.)

Moser, Robert...half-stock percussion rifle original to John Moser (pioneer).

Moser, Rosanna...wooden stomper; "Hand in Hand" cardboard hearts

and wedding cake topper original to Nelson and Lorenna Moser and set of crochet needles/hooks original to Katie Leis Moser.

Moser, Wilbur and Sharon...bridal dress and veil original to Sharon Lyndaker Moser.

Ovando, Lila...wool skirt original to Katherine Zehr Lehman.

Rimel, Julie Steiner...embroidered signature quilt top possibly original to Florence Schulz Storms.

Roggie, Eunice Gingerich...Holy Bible and song sheet original to Jacob M. Gingerich (minister).



Acquisition List, cont.

Roggie, Wayne and Edythe...Long, wooden sled original to Erwin Z. Lehman family.

Steria, Keith...photos (2) of Joseph and Helena Noftsier Steria and family.

Steria, Ronald and Patti...book entitled *Wandelnde Seel* original to Catherine Steria Yousey and framed 2D dimension print of Jesus and the Last Supper original to Doris Roggie Steria.

Tuley, Janet Lehman...Booklets entitled *Confessions of Faith*, *Constitution and By-Laws Amish Mennonite Orphan's Home Association*, and *Articles and Regulations of the Christian Church in Christ Jesus* presumed original to Mary Zehr Lehman.

Widrick Arlene...bridal dress with cape and belt original to Arlene Roggie Widrick and wedding suit original to Royal Widrick.

Widrick, Marilyn Bush...cotton scarf.

Widrick, Marvin and Nancy...crocheted tablecloth original to Elva M. Yousey Widrick.

Yousey, Arlene...copper tea kettle, clock, and pottery bowl original to John and Catherine Steiner Moser (pioneer); *Holy Bible* original to Catherine Steria Yousey; wooden carved object original to Philip Moser; floral pottery pitcher original to Katie Roggie Moser; German prayer book and *German and English New Testament* book original to Katie C. Moser Yousey; *New Testament and Psalms* original to Chris B. Yousey; wooden rolling pin, wooden vegetable slicer, wooden stomper, and wooden ironing board original to Chris B. and Katie Yousey; ironstone china plate original to Gladys Yousey Nafziger; folder on genealogy of "Peter Lehman" and notebook on genealogy of "Simon Lehman and Chris Lehman" compiled by Carolyn Lehman Henry; ledger compilation of handwritten names in the Kirschnerville and Croghan church cemeteries original to Arlene Yousey; books entitled *Atlas of Lewis Co. New York, St. Stephen's Church, Croghan, NY, St. Peter's Church, New Bremen, New York, Lewis County, USA*, and *Belfort of Yester-Years*; folder on history of Pine Grove Mennonite Church and directory, genealogy notebook of "Joseph C. Zehr and Kathryn Yoder Zehr and Barbara Widrich," "Nicholas and Barbara (Schmidt) Lichti Ancestors and Descendants," and booklets entitled "Jantzi (Boshart) Riser Ulrich Family History and Genealogy" and "Around the Town of Croghan in Pictures."

Yousey, Betty...throw pillow, miniature thimble, crochet thimble, baby bonnet, manicure case, and books entitled *New Testament and Psalms* (German) and *Red Letter New Testament* original to Katherine Lehman Widrick; booklet entitled *Leon and Katherine Widrick Family Homes – Derwood Widrick's Growing Up Years*; book entitled *New Testament Self-Pronouncing* and assorted collection of postcards original to Leon Widrick; book entitled *Confession of Faith* and war ration books original to Leon and Katherine Lehman Widrick; book entitled *Gospel Hymns No. 1 to 6* original to Solomon Widrick; medical office receipt original to Mrs. Solomon Widrick; and dress/cape and assorted collection of crazy patch blocks original to Mary B. Zehr Lehman.

Yousey, Ellen....Booklets entitled *Constitution of Conservative Mennonite Conference* and *A Selection of Prayers for Children*, vintage bowling pin set, and notebook of convert names (members) original to Ellen Yousey.

Zehr, Pearl...books entitled Practical Music Reader No. 1, Songs We Love, and Singing Revival.



Immigrant Passenger Lists

By Frederick Zehr*, Colorado Springs, Colorado

As I started my own family genealogical research, I became aware of the wonderful work of the AMHA. After assisting on some AMHA research projects, Rosanna Moser suggested that we document the arrival of all 20 families who initially settled in Lewis County. The result yielded names not previously known. When possible, footnotes provide "educated guesses." In other cases, it is still unknown whether they died on the voyage, died shortly after arrival or were relatives not part of the nuclear families. Hopefully, other readers and researchers will add information.

This article attempts to add to earlier works chronicling the arrival of the 20 families commemorated in the Zwanzigstein Garten at the Adirondack Mennonite Heritage Farm. The research of Arlene and Ellen Yousey, Ed Widrick, Arletha Zehr Bender Yoder, and Julia Virkler Karcher provided valuable clues and information. The passenger family names along with additional notes will be available at <u>www.mennoniteheritagefarm.com</u> under *Resources* by mid-June. In order to view the manifests (passenger lists and translates), you will need to register (free) with Family Search (<u>https://www.familysearch.org</u>).

*See Farney Virkler Zehr book - pp. 262 and 1701

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Beller (spelled Biller on manifest and translate) – "Bolivar" – August 3, 1838 (Family Search Image #247)

Jean (53), Farmer, France; Anne (52), Anne (18), Pierre (12), Barbara (10)

Farney (spelled Farni on manifest) - "Groton" - June 4, 1834 (Family Search Image #230)

Joseph (38), France; Catherine (37), Joseph (17), Marie (16), John (14), Pierre (12), Magdaline (9), Christian (7)

Farney (spelled Farni on manifest) – "Bolivar" – August 3, 1838 (Family Search Image #246)

Pierre (58), Farmer, France; Marie (36), Jean (9), Anne (8), Pierre (6), Marie (3), Joseph (3 mos.)

Gasser (Listed as Farni, i.e., her maiden name) – "Bolivar" – August 3, 1838 (Family Search Image #247)

Barbara (60), Spinster, France; Marie (22), Jean (18), Barbara (15), Pierre (13)

Garber (spelled Greuber on manifest) – "Groton" – June 4, 1834 (Family Search Image #230)

John (24), Farmer, France; Magdaline (62)

Garber (spelled Garbara on manifest) - "Charles Carroll" - April 6, 1839 (Family Search Image # 518)*

John (22), Farmer, France; Maria Farne (47), Barbara (19) *Strangers and Pilgrims – see page 278

Hirschey (Hirschy) – "Groton" – June 4, 1834 (Family Search Image #230) - Christoph (19)

Hirschey (Hirschy) – "Groton" – June 4, 1834 (Family Search Image #230)

Simon (44), Farmer; Marguerite (42), Elisa (10), Magdaline (8), Catherine (6), John (1)

Passenger List, cont.

Jantzi (Tantse) – "Groton" – June 4, 1834 (Family Search Image #230) – Anna (22)

Jantzi (Tansey) – "Groton" – June 4, 1834 (Family Search Image #230)

John (28), Farmer, France; Elisa (28), Magdaline (1)

Jantzi (Tansey) - "Groton" - June 4, 1834 (Family Search Image #230)

Catherine (50); John, 19 (Moser), Joseph, 17 (Moser), Catherine (16), Christian (14), Pierre (12), Nicholas (10), Ferena (6)

Kennel (spelled Kenel on manifest) – "Statera" – June 19, 1833 (Family Search Image #691)

Christopher (33), Farmer, France; Madaline (32), Barbe (9), Catharine (7), Christoph (5), Madaline (4), Suzanne (3), Jean (1), Nicholas, 24 (Believe clerical error on manifest and Nicholas Kennel actually Michael Jantzi per Ed Widrick.)

Lehman (spelled Sehmann) - "Hahneman" - April 13, 1852 (Family Search Image #317)

Peter (30), Farmer, France (passenger #46); Although Peter's age differs from other accounts, arrival date agrees with naturalization papers.

Lehman (spelled Summer/Schurar) – "Union" – July 3, 1854 (Family Search Image #88)

Marie (50), Farmer, France (passenger #118); Christian (30); Simon (17)

Lyndaker (spelled Lenteger on manifest) – "Chesapeake" – September 15, 1848 (Family Search Passenger #204, Image #509/510)

Barbara, (3)3, Farmer, France, Barbara (10), Joseph (6), Catherina (3)

Passenger #108, image #507 may be Francois Lyndaker (spelled Damont, 26, on manifest)

Martin -- "St. Nicholas" -- January 4, 1847 (Family Search Image #358)

J(oseph), 70, Farmer, Germany; Barbe, (6)7 *died en voyage, Joseph (4)3, Barbe (6), Andrew (6), Cath (5), P Martin (2) *died en voyage **Strangers and Pilgrims* – p. 293

Martin – "Charles Thompson" – April 10, 1854 (Family Search Image #195)

Andri (50), Farmer, Germany; Barbara (44), Maria (17), Jean (13), Christoph (11)

Moser -- "Charles Carroll" - August 6, 1839 (Family Search Image #518)

Christine (58), Farmer, France; Barbara (60)*; Joseph Forman (18)**, Catherine (50), Catherine (29), Barbara (27), Madaline (14) and Nicholas (10)***

*Could be sister of Marie Farney (Christoph Moser's first wife)

**Unknown-nephew?

***Possibly children with second wife, Catherine. Believe Madeline married Nicholas Rieffennacht.

Passenger List, cont.

Mossiman – "John Hancock – May 29, 1849 (Family Search Image #804)

Barbara (56), France; Magdelena (24), Catharina (17), wife of Rogui, Jaques or Jacob

Sources indicate that Magdelena had a daughter named Elizabeth born 1847 in France. This Elizabeth appears in the Peter Yancey household in various censuses and is listed as a step-child. Elizabeth does not appear on this manifest.

Nafziger (spelled Nesfine on manifest) – "Statera" – June 19, 1833 (Family Search Image #690)

Christoph (41), Miller, France; Marie (40), Madaline (16), Catharine (14), Marie (10), Susanne (8), Jean (5), Babelt (12)*, Frederic (2)**, Babette (46)*, Solote (26)*, Joseph (21)*, Madaline (22)*

*They do not appear in other sources. Relatives/in-laws? Joseph Jantzi born 1812, died 1847, Ontario. **Ed Widrick has "Frederic" died in France. *Strangers and Pilgrims* does not list him.

Rieffannacht (Riebenacht) – Burgundy – January 12, 1841 (Family Search Image #640)

Nichs (Nicholas), 17, Shoemaker, France

Rieffannacht (spelled Rubenach on manifest) - "Waverly" - May 22, 1843 (Family Search Image #982)

Hans (49), France; Peter (16), Jean (14)*, Suzanne (12), Magdalina (10), Anna (8) *Other accounts state remained in Germany.

Roggie (spelled Rogui on manifest) - "John Hancock" - May 29, 1849 (Family Search Image #804)

Jaques (25), Farmer, France

Sources also indicate that Jacob Roggie's mother, Veronica "Fanny" Thomas, came to America with this group. It seems she may have traveled on the "Marathon," arriving on July 26, 1850 (passenger #290).

Schantz (spelled Schony on manifest) - "Baltimore" - January 25, 1848 (Family Search Roll #070, Image #851)

Joseph (33), Farmer, France; Valentine (31)

Steiner – "Chesapeake" – September 15, 1848 (Family Search Passenger #199, Image #509)

Philipp, (6)2, Farmer, France; Maria, (5)6, Catherine, (2)2, Magdalina, (1)7, Andreas, (1)5

Steiner – "Helvetia" – October 11, 1851 (Family Search Image #244)

Jacob (30), Farmer, Hesse; Sophie (26), Sophie (2)

Steria (spelled Sterg on manifest) – "Fanny" – May 28, 1846 (Family Search Image #835, Passenger #8)

Joseph (21), Farmer, France (Although the arrival year differs, this essentially agrees with the account in *Strangers and Pilgrims*, pp. 314-315.)

Passenger List, cont.

Virkler (spelled Vereklew on manifest) – "Formosa" – April 7, 1834 (Family Search Image #253)

Wodslphe (Rudolph) (42), Farmer, France; Ann (40), Joseph (18), Christen (16), John (14), Andrew (12), Jacop (10), Peter (8), Nichals (2) Ages for Nicholas and Peter differ from listing in *Farney Virkler Zehr*.

Widrick (Listed as Ummel; likely Omelle, see *Strangers and Pilgrims*, p. 318) – "Bolivar" – August 3, 1838 (Family Search Image #247)

Elizabeth (59), Spinster, France (sister-in-law to Peter Widrick); Anne (22), Joseph (17)

Widrick (spelled Vitrich on manifest) – "Bolivar" – August 3, 1838 (Family Search Image #247)

Pierre (42), Farmer, France; Marie (30), Anne (10), Marie (9), Babette (6), Jean (4), Chatrine (2), Madelaine (50)

Yousey (spelled Gautschi on manifest) - "Asia" - May 26, 1834 (Family Search Image #94, Passenger #65)

Chret (57), Farmer, France; Catherine (46), Jacobine (20), Jean (17), Madeline (15), Benoit (11), Henry (5), Catherine (42)

Yousey (spelled illegible, 8th from bottom of page) - "Normandie" - April 10, 1835

Christian (18), Farmer, France (Christian does not appear with other family members arriving in 1834. He does appear in census and naturalization records.)

Yousey (Spelled Jossy on manifest) – "Albany" – December 9, 1842 (Family Search Image #165)

Jean (41), Farmer, France; Susanna (35), Peter (10), Johann (5), Joseph (4), Nicolas (2) died November 24, 1842

Zehr (spelled Teht on manifest) - "Stratera" - June 19, 1833 (Family Search Image #691)

Michael (44), Miller, France; Anna (40), Michael (19), Christian (16), Anna (14), Georges (12*), Jean (10), Joseph (8), Barbe (6), Catharine (4), Suzanna (1)**

*Does not appear in *Farney Virkler Zehr*; Ed Widrick has died in France; *Strangers and Pilgrims* has same manifest list.

**Does not appear in *Farney Virkler Zehr*; Ed Widrick has died in France; Findagrave has died 1835, interred Amish Zehr Cemetery.

Zehr -- "Gallia" -- May 9, 1850 (Family Search Image #567)

Andre (29), Farmer, France; Catherine (33), Magdaline (5), Catherine (3), Joseph (2)

Wish List

The archival office would appreciate the following items: old pillows, teapots, book *A Life Journey, Part II* by Harold Widrick and Mary Mae Schwartzentruber, and a tractor-pulled eight-passenger wagon. Donations to fund the following projects in the archival area: a pull-out work bench for textiles, desk/ counter, and scanner.

Membership

You may obtain an application for membership online at <u>http://mennoniteheritagefarm.com/post.php?</u> <u>pid=10</u> or from the president, treasurer, or the gift shop.

Partnership and Endowment Programs

By Bernadine Schwartzentruber

We are very grateful for the vision of people who support our partnership program. To join this program, please consult with our treasurer, Don Roggie. We continue our work on setting up an Endowment Fund to give our donors the opportunity to make gifts to our organization that will keep benefiting AMHA for years to come. This fund is something you may want to consider as you make arrangements for how your estate will be handled, as well as a place to contribute your sizable donations.

You may send checks to Mennonite Heritage Association, Donald Roggie, Treasurer, 4491 Boshart Road, Lowville, NY 13367.

Your ideas for programs and events are always appreciated. Thank you for your prayers and financial support.

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