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Chairperson's Report

By Bernadine Schwartzentruber

As we face the coming months, uncertainties remain. Some plans will carry on, but others are still questionable.

Our annual business meeting was again conducted via letters to members. Two board members were reelected (Linda Deveines and Bernadine Schwartzentruber), and we welcome Sam Gingerich as a new member. The board thanks Carolyn Henry for her many years of board service. She is one of the original board members who served for 32 years!

2021 Events and Facility Upgrades

One certainty is the house roof replacement project planned for the spring. A family tour group is planned for early June. A fundraising drive-through chicken barbecue meal is scheduled for Saturday, July 3, at the Croghan Mennonite Church from 11 a.m. until done.

Other plans include:

Completing a textile work table in archival area.*

Adding shelves in barn loom room for textile looms.

Constructing wall hangings for quilts in woodshed hallway.

Padding of posts in archival basement.

Adding displays in upper barn and upper and lower levels in granary.

Building split rail fence along the farm lane.

Completing the hiking/nature trail (install the posts and markers).

*Money has been donated for the project.

Tourmagination Virtual Museum and Archive Tours

If you missed any of the virtual tours this past winter, you can still watch them via YouTube. An intriguing one is called "The Cookie War: A Sweet and True Tale" from the Mennonite Archives of Ontario. You can go to this YouTube link: <https://www.tourmagination.com/vtour-3/> and click on Week 6 to get a taste of this event!

Supporting AMHA

To support our various funds such as Endowment, Partnership, 20 for 10, and AMHA 2020 Vision, please call Don Roggie, treasurer (315-376-3076). A reminder to those who have access to retirement fund, your "Required Minimum Distribution" can be automatically transferred from your fund to AMHA tax free as a "Qualified Charitable Distribution." It must go directly from the retirement fund to the nonprofit. We thank you for your prayers and financial support during these challenging times.

NOTE: 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 the 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 a month for 10 months per year. Participants can choose their months for payment.

AmazonSmile Program

When you shop at www.amazonsmile.com, the AMHA Board of Directors asks you to support Adirondack Mennonite Heritage Association and Historical Society for your charity selection. Thank you!

Summer Visits

The Heritage Farm will be open for visitors by appointment from June 1 until October 15. In addition, the farm will be open on Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in July and August. Please email info@mennoniteheritagefarm.com or call 315-346-1122 or 315-376-7822 for appointments.

Acquisition Report

By Rosanna M. Moser

A total of 171 accessions were completed in 2020, which now gives a total 2,483 accessions since 2010. AMHA is indebted to the many individuals for the historic artifacts that help tell the story of our Anabaptist Mennonite faith throughout the various buildings and displays. *NOTE:* In the event that you do not see an artifact listed that you donated, they are in the holding shelving.

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

Austin, Sharlene (Widrick)...Comforter believed made by Anna (Zehr) Lyndaker.

Crofoot, Janice (Lehman)...”First Amish Settlers Came to Lewis County, NY From France in 1830’s” local newspaper article by Kathleen Zehr and autograph card original to Barbara (Virkler) Bachman.

Beller, Diane (Kipfer)...Collection of *Mennonite Family History* magazines.

Dannan, Catherine (Lyndaker)...*When You Date and Clear Thinking About Courtship* booklets original to Catherine Dannan.

Garber, Carl...Genealogy book *To God Alone the Honor* by Allan A. Garber.

Gingerich, Emanuel and Margaret (Zehr)...Butter mold believed original to Jacob Gingerich.

Hoch, Teresa (Steiner)...Mennonite Hour record albums (4) and collection of autograph and obituary cards original to Doris (Hirschey) Steiner.

Jantzi, Phyllis (Widrick)...Croghan Mennonite Church directories (1993-1995 and 1999-2002).

Jantzi, Wilbur....Cotton crochet scarf original to Florence (Moser) Jantzi.

Keib, Neil...Wrenches original to Neil Keib.

Landis, Ken and Rosetta...Quilt pieced and hand quilted by Charlotte Zehr.

Lehman, Betty (Moser)...Wooden bench original to John R. and Katie (Leis) Moser and Watertown Mennonite Church Beaver Camp quilt auction scrapbook.

Lehman, Clifford and Cathy (Virkler)...Child's wooden commode with chamber pot (photo to the right) original to Joseph and Barbara Mary (Virkler) Bachman.

Lehman, Elmer and Eileen (Zehr)...Book *This is How it Happened* by Elmer Lehman.

Lehman, Elton...Memoriam book for Christina (Moser) Lehman.

Lehman, Pauline (Mayer)...Life journal story by Pauline Lehman.

Lyndaker, Lois...Iron hot pad, meat pallet, cookie and vegetable cutters original to Romeyn and Alice (Haynes) Noftsier; eye glasses and head coverings (2) original to Anna (Zehr) Lyndaker; toddler dress original to Inez (Noftsier) Lyndaker



and unfinished comforter crafted (photo to the left) by Inez; and article "Brother Andrew Passages" and pocket book *The Gospel* original to Andrew J. Lyndaker.



Lyndaker, Phyllis (Lehman)...Pencil box original to Paul H. and Catherine (Widrick) Lyndaker; poem written by Phyllis Lyndaker; book *A Bible ABC Book*, Sunday school notes booklet, black/white photos (2) of Mennonite World Conference (Kitchener, Ontario, 1962), and baby dress original to Phyllis Lyndaker; and homemade booklets (14) given to Phyllis and Norman while serving in VS made by four family members.

Lyndaker, Priscilla (Moser)...Copper salad mold original to Loreнна (Moser) Moser and hand crochet cotton lace edgings original to Catherine (Widrick) Moser.

Morse, Mary Lou (Yantzi)...Wedding dress original to Mary Lou and wedding photo of Donald and Mary Lou Morse.

Moser, Kathleen (Lehman)...Butcher knife original to Andrew R. and Emma (Widrick) Moser; collection of *Gospel Star* (Rosedale Mennonite Bible School yearbooks), notebooks: Naumburg Mennonite Church expansion (1998-2006), Sunday school superintendents (1964-2018) and council members (1972-2004); and collection of Lenten/Good Friday service programs original to Elmer and Kathleen Moser.

Moser, Rosanna...Book *French Settlement in the Early Days*, vintage Victorian throw pillow, measuring cups, and book *Treasure in a Clay Jar* by Paul M. Zehr.

Ovando, Lila (Moser)...Lap robes (2) and blanket original to Peter K. Lehman (bishop), woven wool blanket made by Peter K. Lehman; scarf original to Katherine (Zehr) Lehman; dress original to Nina (Lehman) Moser; and strainer dishcloths and sheep wool remnants original to Menno Moser.

Roggie, Glendon and Irene (Widrick)...Wicker hamper original to Christopher and Veronica (Zehr) Yancey.

Roggie, Mary Ellen (Gingerich)...Document on farming accidents for Wilbur Roggie, husband.

Roggie, Wilford and Eunice (Lehman)...Wooden stool original to the John and Philip Moser homestead.

Schamback, Paul...Wooden pulley

Schrag, Wilford and Lois (Roes)...Keepsake child's dress original to Mollie (Mary Moser) Yousey.

Schwendy, Rosemary (Monnat)...Genealogy booklet *Christian and Elizabeth (Yancey) Martin* compiled by Rosemary Schwendy.

Steria, Beth (Boshart)...Glass fruit bowl original to Alta (Yousey) Steria.

Steria, Martha...Hand stitched florals glass framed (3) original to Grace (Zehr) Steria.

Steria, Robert and Lillian (Nafziger)...*Nafziger Family History* booklet and photos original to Elmer and Gladys (Yousey) Nafziger; and church-related correspondence original to Chris M. Nafziger (bishop).

Virkler, Alton and Geneva (Lehman)...Notebook "Record of Lehman Family" compiled by Mollie (Zehr) Lehman; steam cooker original to Barbara M. (Virkler) Bachman; and document on farming accident of Kurt Virkler.



Weaver, Anna Mae (Forrester)...Book *Animists to Anabaptists* by Beryl Forrester, German text birth certificate for Anna K. Lehman (m. Solomon Jantzi), unfinished "flower garden" handstitched quilt original to Esther E. Jantzi (completed by Anne Martin and Arlene Yousey), and willow blue chinaware original to Rosila M. Jantzi.

Widrick, Duane and Georgianna (Derosier)...English *Bible* original to Katherine (Steria) Martin; German *New Testament*, German books *Neue Bionsharfe* and *My Water Cure* original to Daniel M. and Rose (Martin) Widrick.

Widrick, Edsel...Mileage ration cards (2) and church ledger original to Joseph Zehr, elementary report cards original to Irving Widrick, assorted certificates original to LeWayne J. Widrick.

Widrick, Muriel (Roggie)...Assorted black/white photos related to summer Bible school, etc.

Widrick, Norman and LeEtta (Lyndaker)...Plate, serving bowl, and large serving utensils (3) original to Kate (Yousey) Widrick, and membership listing before separation of the Croghan, Lowville, Naumburg, Carthage, and Pine Grove Mennonite churches.

Yousey, Arlene...Notebooks original to Arlene Yousey: "French Settlement Early Days," "Milk and Cheese Making" compiled by Clara (Yousey) Moshier and Arlene Yousey; book *Beginnings The History and Genealogy of an Amish-Mennonite Family from New York* by Roland John Lyndaker; Summer Bible school programs (1959-1965) and fall missionary reports (1964-1998) and School District No. 10 (Kirschnerville) notes and minutes compilation by Arlene Yousey.

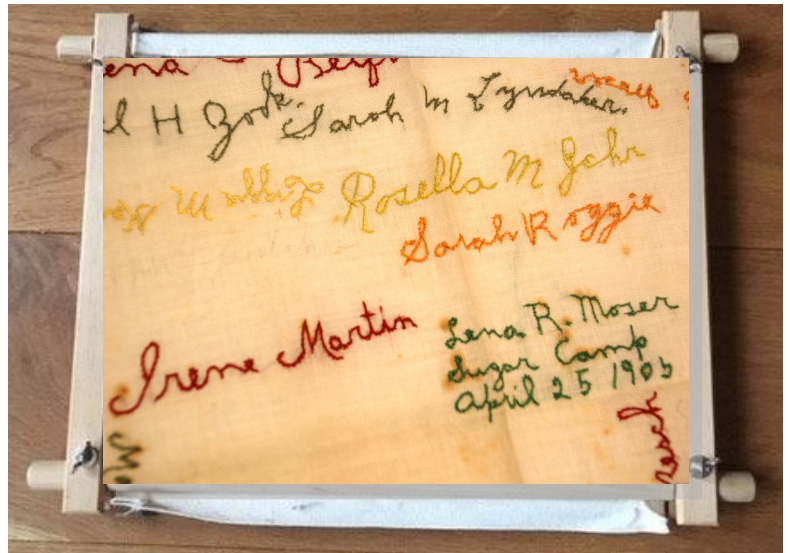
Yousey, Ellen...German book *Vergissmeinnicht* and brass scales original to Chris B. Yousey; hair pins original to Katie (Moser) Yousey; embroidered scarf made from a sugar sack original to Alta (Yousey) Steria; booklet *Bible A-B-C's for Little Folks*, *House Photos from the Croghan Mennonite Church* booklet, toy flat iron, and collection of hangings, inspirational cards, and bookmarks original to Ellen Yousey.

Zehr, Charlotte...Handwoven wool blanket made by Peter K. Lehman (bishop).

Zehr, Eileen (Roggie)...Record of marriages performed by Richard Zehr (bishop), wedding dress original to Eileen (Roggie) Zehr, and German *New Testament* (1837) original to pioneer Michael Zehr.

Zehr, Lois (Wagler)...Document "My Sources of Grief" by Lois Zehr.

Zehr, Llewellyn...Oil lamps (3), six-piece porcelain chamber set, metal milk pan, blue willow plate, large woven basket, vintage wooden expandable peg rack, embroidered signature handkerchief and throw pillow original to John B. and Mary (Yousey) Moser; porcelain serving bowl original to Christina Gerber; coffee grinder and glass serving bowl original to Katie (Yousey) Widrick, cast iron pan/rest pad original to Joseph B. and Catherine (Steri) Yousey or Andrew and Anna (Roggie) Moser; potato kettle, creamer pitcher, butter plate, The *Streicher's 1812-1970* genealogy booklet, and wedding photo of Andrew Moser Jr. and Flora Young original to Llewellyn and Clara (Moser) Zehr; and numerous songbooks and hymnals and large collection of Mennonite Disaster Service materials such as photos, DVDs, VHS tapes, books, manuals, and documents original to Llewellyn Zehr.



Zehr, Mary Ann...*Ausbund* hymnals (2) original to Joseph P. Moshier and Joseph J. Zehr; notebooks original to Martha (Widrick) Zehr; "Day Book," ration cards (2), and dairy achievement certificate original to Elias M. Zehr; and memorial notebooks for Elias M. Zehr and Martha (Widrick) Zehr,

Zehr, Nathan...*Watertown Daily Times* articles on local Anabaptists published in 1931.

Zehr, Pearl...mottos and Conservative Mennonite Bible School yearbook (Berlin).

Flu Pandemic Journey - 1918-2021

By Bernice Zehr

In October 1918, President Woodrow Wilson was leading our country through World War I. After four years, the war was nearing an end. The armistice was signed November 11, 1918. Little did we know that the United States would join the world in a much larger battle for peoples' lives.

The second wave of the pandemic flu (Spanish flu) was about to hit. The flu of 1918 killed more than 50 million people worldwide. It infected one-third of the world's population. In the U.S. alone, approximately 675,000 were killed by the 1918 flu with more than two-thirds dying in a single ten-week period in the autumn of 1918.

In the local Mennonite community, the Spanish flu took the lives of five people in five days. Unlike most flu patterns, the fatalities were not among the more fragile elderly and young children. This flu's deadly attack was between ages 20 and 40 years. "It was working age adults, people who were young and healthy suddenly getting sick and dying," stated Dr. Steven Lawrence, infectious disease specialist at Washington University. (*Watertown Daily Times*, March 19, 2020)

My father Samuel R. Zehr was 19 years old when the flu struck. He lost three male cousins in two days. Funerals were private services held in homes with few others attending due to mandated quarantine. The few times that Dad talked about it I noted a faraway remorse bordering still in shock. In our modern terminology, we would coin it "survivor's guilt."

The first death on Thursday, October 17, 1918, was one-year-old Mary Martin, daughter of George and Rose (Steria) Martin. The funeral was held privately on October 19 with burial in the Kirschnerville Cemetery. On the next day, Sunday, October 20, Michael A. Lehman, son of Christian and Mary (Zehr) Lehman died at the age of 21 with pneumonia secondary to flu lasting three days. The next three deaths occurred on Monday, October 21. In the morning, Philip and Katie (Roggie) Moser's oldest son, Philip B. Moser, died at 29 years with pneumonia secondary to flu. The second death that day was 28-year old Emma (Mayer) Widrick, wife of Joel Widrick and mother of two sons, Milford, age two years, and Lloyd, age one month. The third flu death would claim 24-year old Peter L. Zehr, son of John A. and Kate (Lehman) Zehr.



Michael A. Lehman

The funeral for Michael A. Lehman was held the afternoon of Tuesday, October 22. There were two funerals on Wednesday, October 23.

A private service was held for Philip B. Moser at his parents' home at 10:30 a.m. (presently the Mennonite Heritage Farm). The casket was hand carried up the hill for burial at the Kirschnerville Cemetery. Philip Moser Sr. invited Ben Lehman (cemetery caretaker) to eat dinner with them while awaiting the body of Emma Widrick for burial. On Thursday, October 24, there was a private funeral for Peter L. Zehr and burial also at the Kirschnerville Cemetery.

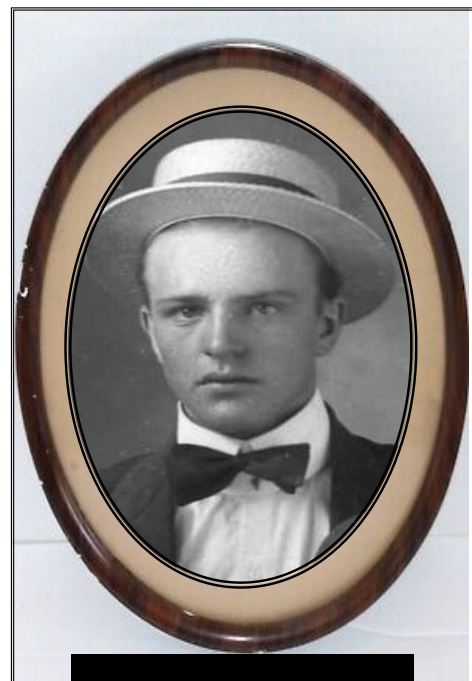


Philip B. Moser

In an article written by Chris M. Nafziger (bishop) published in *Herold der Wahrheit*, November 15 and December 15, 1918, he writes

about recent services held in our churches. "Hardly was the brother gone when influenza set in with full force, hardly a home could be found where there was no one sick. Many homes the whole family was sick and neighbors had to come in and care for them and do their work. Seemed to hit the younger people the hardest and many died. In our community of about 3,000, there were 100 deaths. In our church three young brothers, a mother, and one small child died..."

Beginning the second week of October 1918, the NYS Commissioner of Health imposed a statewide quarantine that closed all schools, churches, theaters, and public meetings. Home remedies were published in local newspapers to benefit families. (See *Strangers and Pilgrims* by Arlene M. Yousey, p. 170.) Fatigue ran high for the Public Health staff, morticians, pastors, and community as a whole. Most support systems were necessarily altered and sometimes not available. The following is an example of systems being altered. The local army recruiting office was halted. In October 1918, Michael Lehman was notified to report for a physical. He did so and found no medical personnel available. He returned home. Soon after he fell ill with the flu and died.



Peter L. Zehr

The 1918 flu, pandemic flu, and Spanish flu are entitlements given to the same. It was termed Spanish flu when in May 1918 the King of Spain Alfonso XIII, his prime minister, and several cabinet members became ill with the flu symptoms. The origin site for the 1918 flu has not been determined; but within a few days of onset, flu symptoms were reported worldwide, then a pandemic. Flu symptoms during Spring 1918 were milder with fewer deaths. Toward autumn, experts speculate the virus mutated invoking severe results. In the ten-week fall period in NYC, there were reports of entire families succumbing within a few days of becoming ill. Symptoms were severe and developed rapidly.

Died
In Lowville, N. Y. on Oct. 21, 1918.
Emma Mayer
Beloved wife of Joel Widrick.
Aged 28 years.
Funeral
took place at her home on Wed. Oct. 23.
Interment in Croghan Cemetery

Emma (Mayer) Widrick

Dad often shook his head trying to figure out why healthy people in the prime of life died with this flu. It continues to baffle epidemiologists. Most agree that the healthy bodies of people ages 20-40 years were the perfect hosts for this flu virus to undergo rapid replication. Why they succumbed quickly has been explained by feeling “their strong immune systems overreacted to the virus.” (*Watertown Daily Times*, February 4, 2018) The flu began its attack on the upper respiratory system and quickly entered deep into the lungs resulting in bacterial or viral pneumonia. In 1918 there were no antibiotics, which hindered treatment.

John M. Barry, author of *The Great Influenza* quoted an army doctor describing the scene at a base hospital in

Massachusetts. “When brought to the hospital, they very rapidly develop the most vicious type of pneumonia that has ever been seen. Two hours after admission they have the mahogany spot over the cheek bones, and a few hours later you begin to see the blueness extending their ears and spreading all over the face... It is only a matter of a few hours then until death comes....It is horrible.” (*Watertown Daily Times*, February 4, 2018)

In November 1918, most businesses were closed down except for a few banks, morticians, etc. Quarantine was temporarily lifted November 18 but reinstated early December as numbers continued to climb. On December 10, the flu peaked. Flu illness declined sharply, and the quarantine was lifted after Christmas.

In 1918 there were no flu vaccines, but the flu has always presented a challenge for a match with a vaccine. I attended a National Immunization Conference March 2009. The prediction was that we were due any time for another flu pandemic and the woe was “Are we prepared any better than in 1918?” Prophetically spoken in 2017 when Thomas Frieden stepped down as head of the Center Disease Control, he responded to the question as to what keeps him awake at night. This was his response. “We always worry about pandemic influenza because this has the potential to kill so many people. We stockpile antivirals for an emergency. But much more is needed to both track influenza better around the world and develop a better flu vaccine.” (*Watertown Daily Times*, February 4, 2018)

I would like to close with what a responsible mother did to succeed against all odds. I wish to use the example of Emma (Mayer) Widrick. In 1918 she was the fourth person in our church community to die with flu at age 28 and left a husband (Joel) and two sons. Emma was born near Baden, Ontario, Canada, and later at age 18 moved with her parents, two brothers, and two sisters to Huron County, Michigan. She became a member of the Pigeon River congregation. At age 25, Emma moved to this area and married Joel Widrick, a local farmer in Lewis County. On January 1, 1918, Emma resolved to read daily at least one chapter from her *Bible* and three chapters on Sunday. She had an intuition that she might die before the end of the year. She sewed her shroud (white) and put it away until it was needed. Later when she became ill with the flu, Emma requested her mother to make also a white covering to signify being “cleansed in the blood of the lamb.”

On October 9, 1918, her husband Joel became ill with the flu. Five days later on October 14, Emma became ill and died one week later. She selected the text for her funeral service and chose a hymn to be sung. While she was ill with the flu, her greatest burden was for her two sons who she realized would not remember her. Her plan was to leave a written memorial that could be given to them later. Due to being ill, feeling fatigued, and her strength quickly waning, the project was tenuous. She solicited her brother Solomon with the task of taking the compilation and with the aid of Sol. J. Swartzentruber and Dan Shetler, they organized it into a booklet (*Memorial Admonition*) form for “the sake of my darling children by which they may remember their mother, and what her last hours here on earth were concerned about.” She then spent feverish hours writing, reading in her *Bible*, and compiling. At one juncture, she had written “I cannot write much more. I am so weak...” When encouraged by her friends to rest and try to sleep, she replied, “What I do I must do quickly; I will only have this night to do it in, my hours are numbered.” Her family had this to say, “Although her mental faculties became much impaired so that she could no longer clearly express her thoughts, either in speech or on paper, still every sentence was an expression of that great longing of going to her heavenly home and being with her Savior...”

SINGING THEIR MISSION



Chris Zehr (Pine Grove) and Marcus Zehr (Lowville) are members of the 12-member singing group, Choraleers. Arnold Moshier and his wife, Maietta, lead the group. The Moshiers were formerly from Lewis County, NY.

Choraleers left on September 9 from their headquarters in Lancaster, PA, and began their 3 month tour by traveling north and giving six programs in New York state. Their tour takes them through south-eastern Canada, northern and north-central U.S., the west coast, and some of the southern states.

The mission of this trip is to minister in small churches, schools, nursing homes, state parks, etc. - places which do not often have the blessing of special choral music and drama.

After 100+ programs in 90 days (!), the tour will end December 8. Δ

**1996—Left to right: 3rd row (third) - Chris Zehr;
4th row (2nd) - Marcus Zehr**

The Choraleers gave a music program at the Lowville Mennonite Church on October 9, 1994. It was at this program that Arnold announced that he had some openings for the music group. Chris Zehr, son of Edmund and Edith (Widrick) Zehr, indicated his interest to Arnold after the program. He made the decision to join the group (no audition required) and therefore made a move from Lewis County to Lancaster County in early 1995. Chris soon found employment with a heating and air conditioning company. During his two-year involvement with the Choraleers, the group presented at least two music programs with singing and drama in Lewis County, a two-week tour to Grand Junction, Colorado, a ten-day tour in Costa Rica, and a three-month tour throughout the United States and Canada between September 9 and December 8, 1996. Marcus Zehr, son of Rev. Milton and Dorothy (Wissler) Zehr, joined the Choraleers shortly after Chris in 1995. The two young men were the first and only individuals from the native home area of Arnold and Maietta Moshier to be members of the Choraleers.

NOTE: Between September 9 and 11, 1996, while the Choraleers were on the three-month tour, the choral group, including Chris and Marcus Zehr, were in the community giving programs. The Choraleers also gave a program at Naumburg Mennonite Church on March 30, 1996.

Become a Member of AMHA –

Why become a member and/or what are the benefits?

- To affirm and support the preservation of our Mennonite heritage, to share our unique Christian faith story, and to keep intact artifacts of the Lewis-Jefferson County Amish Mennonite settlement.
- To receive the annual *Plowman's Journal* and *Notes from the Farm* (twice a year).
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Present members are as follows:

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TAUNY Videos—Sugarbush and Amish

"Yancey's Sugarbush: First Crop of the Year" video has been released by TAUNY, Canton. This is a 30-minute documentary featuring a family-owned sugaring operation in Croghan. It has been in the Yancey family since 1844. Visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R2OetBYCy5E> or go to www.mennoniteheritagefarm.com for this viewing from the home page.

In addition, TAUNY sponsored "The Lives of Amish Women Q&A" with Karen Johnson-Weiner that is available at www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZsDo0p89gXsU. Karen is very well versed with the North Country Amish and has written several books on the New York Amish. The books are available at the TAUNY gift shop in Canton (53 Main Street) and online.

Both of the videos are excellent and encourage you to view them.

Wish List

We would appreciate the following items: large vacuum machine, tractor-pulled, eight-passenger wagon, wooden sap spigots, and a small skipjack. (A large skipjack was donated!)

AMHA is looking for 1988/1989 two-volume *Farney-Virkler-Zehr* genealogy books. Does anyone have the Virkler lettuce seed available? Ancestral turnip seed will be available at the gift shop mid-May. We have a large collection of church periodicals, for example, *Gospel Herald*, *Brotherhood Beacon*, *The Mennonite*, etc. We are lacking some church periodicals and would be glad to take whatever is needed for the archival library. Please email info@mennoniteheritagefarm.com or call 315-346-1122.

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