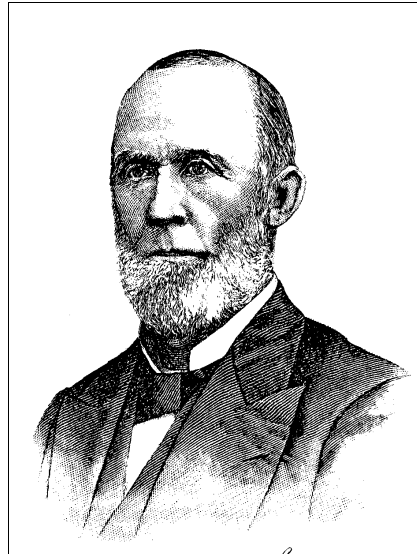




# The Millmont Times

OCTOBER 2004



## Richard V. B. Lincoln “The Great Historian”

Upon the death of Richard V. B. Lincoln on June 18, 1901, a Lewisburg newspaper included this quotation beneath the headline announcing his passing: *“The Great Historian Was Well and Favorably Known by Everybody in Union County.”* The term “Great Historian” was an appropriate tribute to a man who spent a lifetime not only recording the history of Union County, but who also played an important role in the county’s history. His writings were first published more than a century ago, and his work has proved invaluable to county historians ever since. I have referred to Lincoln’s writings on numerous occasions during the time I have been publishing this newsletter. My grandfather, the late Jacob G. Shively, also valued Lincoln’s writings, referring to him as the “Dean of western Union County historians.”

Richard Van Boskirk Lincoln (R. V. B.) was born in Buffalo Township, Union County, a few miles east of Mifflinburg, on December 18, 1822. He was the eldest of three children of John (1782-1862) and Hannah (Van Boskirk) Lincoln (1801-1880). Richard Lincoln’s siblings included sisters, Rachel T. and Catherine E. Lincoln. By age four R. V. B. had moved with his parents to a farm in Hartley Township, Union County. This farm was given to John and Hannah Lincoln by Richard Van Boskirk, Hannah’s father. The farmhouse is located at 2650 Paddy Mountain Road, south of the Lincoln Chapel United Methodist Church. John Wesley Showalter now owns the former Lincoln homestead.

R. V. B. attended the local subscription schools of Hartley Township until age nine. His education continued at the Mifflinburg Academy, which was under the direction of Presbyterian minister, Rev. Nathaniel Todd. R. V. B. remained at the Mifflinburg Academy until age sixteen. He subsequently entered Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA. He graduated from Dickinson in July 1841, finishing second in his class of twenty-three students. Following his graduation from college, he entered the teaching profession for several years before following in his father’s footsteps as a farmer. Following another family tradition, John and Hannah Lincoln assisted their only son by presenting him with a farm in 1845. That farm is located at 2565 Creek Road, and is now owned by Allen and Dorothy Reiff. R. V. B. and members of his family managed the affairs of that farm for the next 55 years. The Creek Road farm has long been

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## Millmont Mailbox by Postmaster Sam Smith

### CLOUDSCAPES



I hope everyone has "dried out" from the flooding that occurred from Ivan. October is stamp collecting month and we will be featuring the Cloudscapes stamps. The sheet of 15 different cloud scenes will be released on October 5. Stamp collecting can be a fun and inexpensive hobby. Why not start a collection today?! I have a variety of commemorative stamps available upon request.

I'll close with some interesting postal facts. The Postal Service delivers mail to almost 138 million homes, businesses and Post Office boxes every day, six days a week with an average of 5 pieces of mail per delivery. We serve seven million customers daily at one of the 38,000 postal retail facilities; more outlets than McDonalds, 7-Eleven, or Starbucks. Only Wal-Mart employs more people. With over 800,00 career and contract employees, the Postal Service is bigger than GM, IBM, Home Depot, or Verizon. The Postal Service operates a transport and delivery fleet of 215,530 vehicles driving approximately 1.15 billion miles each year. As you can see, the mail is an important part of our nation's economy. Sorting and delivering it is a huge operation.

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referred to as the "Lincoln Farm."

On August 18, 1852, R. V. B. Lincoln was united in marriage to Anna Pellman (1831-1909), daughter of Samuel and Mary (Wolfe) Pellman. R. V. B. and Anna Lincoln were the parents of seven children: John W., Samuel P., Mark H., Hannah M., Louis P., Richard V.B. Jr. (a. k. a. Rufus), and Anna R. Lincoln. Sadly, three of their children, Samuel, Mark, and Hannah, preceded them in death.

John W. Lincoln, the oldest of the children, spent a number of years teaching school in Hartley Township. Later in life he was employed at the Mifflinburg Bank. John W. Lincoln died in 1926. Both he and his wife, Gertrude, are buried in the Mifflinburg Cemetery. Samuel P. Lincoln died in 1877, at age 9.

Mark H. Lincoln was a graduate of Bloomsburg State Normal School. He subsequently studied medicine under the tutelage of Hartleton Physician, Dr. M. L. Mench. In 1885, Mark graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, and spent the next year practicing medicine at St. Luke's Hospital.



Carrie (Pierce) Lincoln provide a parcel of land at the intersection of State Route 235 and Fairground Road to the West End Fair Association. This site has been home to the Union County West End Fair, and is known as "Lincoln Park."

Dr. Lincoln remained in the Philadelphia area where he maintained his practice as a physician and surgeon. At the time of his death on November 26, 1898, Dr. Lincoln was only 38 years old. Dr. Lincoln was married to Carrie Pierce, and they had no children. Carrie (Pierce) Lincoln remained a widow following the death of her husband. She lived on the farm north of Laurelton, near the intersection of State Route 235 and Fairground Road. Carrie P. Lincoln is perhaps best remembered for donating a parcel of land from that farm to the Union County West End Fair Association in 1936. The site of the annual fair is known as "Lincoln Park."

Hannah Mary Lincoln was married to Rev. Simpson B. Evans. Hannah died in the prime of her life leaving behind a family of five children. Although little is known about Louis P. Lincoln, in 1909 he was a superintendent at the Carnegie Company in Homestead, PA.

Richard V. B. Jr., (a.k.a. Rufus) also entered the business world, and resided in Denver, CO for a number of years. Anna Rebecca Lincoln taught school in Mifflinburg for 36 years, retiring in 1939. Anna R. Lincoln died in 1945 and is buried in the Mifflinburg Cemetery.

R. V. B. Lincoln's grandfather, Mishael Lincoln (1761-1849), moved to Buffalo Valley following his service during the Revolutionary War. His remains are buried in the Lewis Cemetery east of White Springs. R. V. B. Lincoln's great-grandfather was Thomas Lincoln. His great-great-grandfather was Mordecai Lincoln, who emigrated to Massachusetts from Lincolnshire, England in 1680. An interesting fact regarding Mordecai Lincoln is that he was not only the great-great-grandfather of R. V. B. Lincoln; he was also the great-great-grandfather of Abraham Lincoln, the 16<sup>th</sup> President of the United States. R. V. B. and Abraham corresponded with one another in 1860 relative to the genealogy of the Lincoln family.

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## Letter from R. V. B. Lincoln, now in Denver, to his Mother,

DENVER, COLO., Oct 6, 1901

My Dear Mother:

This is Sunday afternoon and a rather dreary one; such being the case, I am staying in my room and writing letters. To day is cloudy and it is the first one of its kind we have had for a long, long time. It feels like fall; it looks like fall; it is fall and the leaves are falling. It is gloomy and my thoughts revert to the scenes of my childhood, and my parents, and my brothers and sisters dear, and to the place where my stomach got three square meals a day and my heart a thousand; to the place where one could grumble the most and get treated the best, where the small was great and the great was small, where there was a world of strife shut out and a world of life shut in - home among the hills of Hartley. And this is the time we had such good things to eat - the grapes, the pears, the peaches and the whole orchard. Fresh sausage, liver worst, butter that didn't stink and milk that wasn't sour. I can taste them yet and wish I was sitting in the fireplace on the wood in the summer kitchen. But all this has passed and there has been many changes.

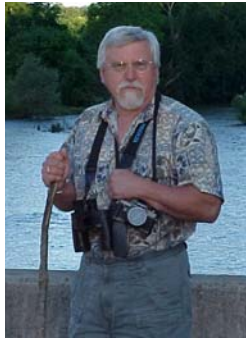
Evening is here and I must turn on some light. Soon supper will be ready and I will try my luck in the dinning room.

Denver's gay week has passed; and if there is a city in the world that can be gay it is Denver during her carnival or during the festival of the mountain and the plain, as it is called. Thursday was the last day when nearly every body wears a mask and costume. When fifty thousand or more get masks and crazy costumes on and parade and have a dance in the vast open amphitheatre, and it is an uncommon sight. They had wild west riding, the best ever seen in Denver. Several of my Wyoming friends contested; one got a prize. They had hundreds of Indians in from the reservations, mock battles, stage robberies, etc. I could not begin to tell what they didn't have, industrial parades were there a mile long. The mountains and the plains did meet. All the west, wild and woolly was here, thousands and thousands of strangers. The city is about back to normal now and I guess many feel relieved. My interest in it was passive.

I am getting along as usual and can think of nothing of interest to write. Will let you hear from me again in another week. Want to write to Louis this evening yet. My love to all.

Your son, R. V. B. Lincoln.

Editors note: The above letter was sent to Anna (Pellman) Lincoln by her son R. V. B. Jr., nearly four months after the death of his father. The letter touched Mrs. Lincoln in such a way that she submitted it to The Mifflinburg Telegraph. I discovered the letter while searching through some old issues of The Telegraph and thought it worthy of reproducing.



# BIRD TALK

By Jim McCormick

*"Sometimes women make you do some pretty crazy things!"* On Labor Day weekend I noticed a pickup truck speeding towards the Covered Bridge. It had already turned around and was backed up to the road barrier by the time I reached the bridge. A man was busily working on something in the back of his truck; I just assumed it was a fisherman digging around in his tackle box. I said, "Beautiful morning," announcing my presence. I moved up to the bridge entrance and looked upstream. The element of surprise was obviously lost. Usually I have to slowly and quietly approach the bridge if I expect to see anything in the water. I never know what I will see. It could be a mink loping along the shore or over the rocks in the water. It could be some waterfowl, or a group of Cedar Waxwings catching insects in midair. I was thinking about the time I got to the bridge and Erick Zook told me he had seen sixteen Common Mergansers the day before. I said, "Sixteen?" It must have been the female with the sixteen ducklings I had been seeing earlier that year, I thought. "No, sixty!" he said. At first, I was a little incredulous, but a few days later I saw a large flock of mergansers by the bridge. I gave up counting after forty. I'll take your word for it Erick, I thought.

*"Sometimes women make you do some pretty crazy things!"* said the voice behind me—pulling me back to the present. I crossed the entrance and sat down on the concrete wall. The man was kneeling on the ground next to the road barrier with a stack of white papers in his hand. He was lining them up and they were spelling out something: H I - M I - - - - - . He said, "I met this girl and I wanted to do something special to impress her. I just drove over two-hundred miles from central Jersey to take a picture of this bridge." The confusion must have shown on my face, because he attempted to explain. "My parents moved to central Jersey from Shamokin in the Fifties." Judging from his accent *he* was all Jersey. He was a man in his forties, very tanned and weathered looking. His bare arms were covered with tattoos—he probably had been in the Navy. "My father used to take me fishing up here," he said. "This bridge is a special place to me. In fact, when I got my driver's license, the first place I drove to was this bridge." I told him it really is an interesting place. He was taping the papers to the barrier spelling out his message to his girlfriend. We talked for a while then I decided to leave him to his project. I wished him well and started across the bridge. Being a photographer, I started to wonder how he was going to take his picture. I decided to turn back and find out. "Have you figured out how you are going to be in the picture?" I said. "I hadn't thought of that. Would you mind taking my picture?" He handed me his disposable camera and posed next to his handiwork, proudly crossing his arms on his chest. "I hope this helps with your girlfriend," I said, as I handed his camera back. He was rushing around taking more pictures, as I crossed the bridge and left him to his task. I found it quite interesting that this bridge in our backyard had such a powerful pull on this man, that he had made this four hundred mile pilgrimage. This doesn't have anything to do with birds, of course, but the next time you pass the Covered Bridge, try to see it through his eyes.

We have passed the Autumnal Equinox—the midway point on the sun's southern journey on the horizon. The days are getting much shorter and the nights cooler. Birds are starting to flock. I saw a large group of Tree Swallows and the Canada Geese are making their way across the sky. Soon the Turkey Vultures will be leaving, too. So grab your binoculars and take it all in.



## *Field Notes* by Union County Wildlife Conservation Officer

Dirk B. Remensnyder

During the spring I received calls from both the Lewisburg High School and the Lewisburg Middle School requesting me to come out to remove, from their enclosed courtyard, a female mallard duck and her ducklings before school closed for the summer. It seems the ducks nest here every year and then wait for the WCO to come and relocate them at the end of the school year. Retired WCO, Bernie Schmader, did this for years and now the baton has been passed on to me. Either the ducks trust a WCO's relocation choice, or the Lewisburg School District is giving them a free education.

I would rather sit on a pumpkin and have it all to myself than be crowded on a velvet cushion.

Henry David Thoreau



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This farmhouse, located at 2565 Creek Road, Millmont, was home to Richard Lincoln and his family for over 55 years. It has long been known as the "Lincoln Farm." This farm was also owned by the late Frank Knechel for a number of years. Today it is home to Mr. and Mrs. Allen Reiff and family.

That correspondence is preserved on page 1395, Volume II, of the book: *The History of the Susquehanna and Juniata Valleys*, published in 1886. R. V. B., a prolific writer of historical facts and information, was the author of a significant portion of that book, which provides the early history of Union County.

In politics, R. V. B. was a member of the "Whig" party, casting his first Presidential vote for Henry Clay. He became affiliated with, and actively supported the Republican Party following its formation. R. V. B. Lincoln strongly supported the efforts of his President and distant cousin, Abraham Lincoln, during the Civil War. One of his efforts was to assist with the recruitment of young men from Union County to serve their country during the war.

In 1851 he was first elected Justice of the Peace in Hartley Township. It was a position he held over the next twenty years by successive re-elections. He was elected Union County Commissioner in 1855, and re-elected in 1857 for another term. During his service as Union County Commissioner, he was a strong advocate for the construction of a covered bridge spanning Penns Creek in Hartley Township. That bridge is situated west of Millmont. R. V. B. served as Hartley Township School Director for thirty years, and numerous times during his life he held other township offices

such as assessor, and overseer of the poor.

R. V. B. served for a number of years as Chairman of the Union County Republican Committee. The Republican Party of Union County presented his name for the position of State Senator. However, he failed to garner enough votes. In 1876, the Republicans of his congressional district chose him as their candidate to represent them in Washington. The district at the time was predominately Democrat, and as a result his candidacy for that post also failed. Although R. V. B. was interested in politics, he was noted for never having solicited or canvassed for votes for any political office.

R. V. B. Lincoln was a charter member of the Mifflinburg Lodge, 370, F and A. M., which was organized in September 1866. He was also one of the organizers of the Mifflinburg Bank, and served as a director of that institution for a number of years.

R. V. B. Lincoln's two siblings, Rachel T. and Catherine E. Lincoln, were also held in high esteem throughout the west end of Union County. Rachel Thompson Lincoln (1825-1875) married Dr. Samuel Knight (1817-1882). Dr. and Mrs. Knight resided on the Lincoln family homestead in Hartley Township, south of the Lincoln Chapel. They were the parents of one son, John Lincoln Knight (1847-1915) and a daughter, Sarah, who died in 1860 at age 16.

Catherine Elizabeth Lincoln (1829-1908) married William R. Halfpenny (1817-1902). They were the parents of four children: Hannah, Mary, John L., and James M. Halfpenny. The Halfpenny family resided on what is today the Hoffmaster

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## Thank You!!

I would like to thank the following people for donating toward the publication of this newsletter: Beverly Catherman, Canada Drive, Millmont, PA; Lester and Anna Whittsitt, Carmi, IL; Betty Auman, Beaver Falls, PA; Fred and Janet Miller, Mifflinburg, PA; and Donald and Evelyn Miller, Mifflinburg, PA.

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Anyone interested in signing up to receive a color version of the newsletter each month at no charge is encouraged to contact: [tshively@evenlink.com](mailto:tshively@evenlink.com). I would also like to thank the following new mail subscribers: Tillie Folk, Hassenplug Road, Millmont; Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Sauers, Millmont, PA; Mr. & Mrs. Alan Kaler, Millmont, PA; Sandra Wagner, Laurelton, PA; Mrs. Dolly Lucci, State College, PA; Paul and June Boop, Hartleton, PA; Marietta Raker, Mifflinburg, PA; and Bonnie Kauffman, State College, PA; Gene & Mary Phillips, Lewisburg, PA; Terry Osgood, Millmont, PA; William Bender, Millmont, PA; and Todd and Cynthia Lytle, Watsontown, PA.

Thanks also to all those who renewed their subscription to the newsletter for an additional year. Your support is what helps to make this newsletter possible, and as always it is greatly appreciated!!

## Hurricane Ivan

The scene at the south end of Millmont on Saturday September 18, 2004 was reminiscent of what that area looked like more than 32 years ago when Hurricane Agnes visited this area. Although Penns Creek did not reach the same level in 2004 with Hurricane Ivan as it did in 1972 when Agnes struck, this storm still caused plenty of headaches for many area residents. Hurricane Ivan left many residents in the dark for an extended period of time. Millmont was without power for more than 40 hours. During the weekend portable generators could be heard humming in the distance throughout this small village as residents tried to keep the water out of their basements. Hurricane Ivan is the reason the newsletter is late this month. My plans were to have a major portion of the newsletter completed that particular weekend. However, without electricity my computer was of no use. My apologies for the lateness of this month's issue.



Millmont area residents watch as Michael Hackenburg fords the deep water that was flowing across Millmont Road south of town.

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In 1852, Hannah (Van Boskirk) Lincoln, and her husband, John, provided a parcel of land for the erection of a church at the intersection of Paddy Mountain Road and Lincoln Chapel Road. The original church building was replaced in 1891 with new structure that stands today. This church is known as "The Lincoln Chapel United Methodist Church."

farm, located on Palman Road, east of Laurelton. John Lincoln Halfpenny was part owner of Halfpenny & Grove Mill, south of Millmont.

Another recognized Union County historian, the late Charles M. Snyder, had the privilege of interviewing lifelong Hartley Township resident, Robert Smith (1883-1975) relative to the history of the west end. Smith spent nearly his entire life on the family farm located at 1020 Davis Road, Millmont. During that interview Smith recalled his early childhood when he attended the one room schoolhouse located near Laurel Park. This school was adjacent to the Lincoln farm, and was commonly referred to as the "Lincoln School." Smith remembered seeing R. V. B. directing his farming operations while riding a "magnificent sorrel gelding." Smith also told Snyder during the interview that he and his classmates were well advised not to take any shortcuts through Lincoln's farm while en route to or from the schoolhouse. Should they get caught taking the shortcut, they were certain to draw the scorn of R. V. B.

Richard Van Boskirk Lincoln died in his home on Market Street in Mifflinburg June 18, 1901. He was 79 years old, and had moved from his Hartley Township farmhouse into his newly remodeled home during the previous month. His wife, Anna (Pellman) Lincoln, remained in Mifflinburg until her death on May 4, 1909. They are buried in the cemetery at the

Lincoln Chapel where both were faithful members throughout their lives.

R. V. B. Lincoln was indeed a great historian of the latter part of the 18<sup>th</sup> century as well as the 19<sup>th</sup> century. His historical writings pertaining to the borough's of Mifflinburg, Hartleton, New Berlin, and the township's of Buffalo, East Buffalo, Gregg, Hartley, Kelly, Lewis, Limestone, West Buffalo, and White Deer are invaluable to historians today. A large portion of his work was serialized in *The Mifflinburg Telegraph*, and published over a period of years during the early 1900's. Those writings are also contained in Volume's 13, 14, 15, and 16 of the "Heritage", published by the Union County Historical Society in 1992, 1994, 1996, and 1998 respectively.

Although "Lincoln's Hole" may not be as familiar to some area residents as Lincoln Park or Lincoln Chapel, it is nonetheless another spot that bears the Lincoln name. This area on Penns Creek is perhaps only familiar to fishermen, swimmers, boaters, and picnickers who have made their way on to, or through, this tranquil and secluded spot south of the Lincoln Farm. Current owners of that farm, Allen and Dorothy Reiff, enjoy spending summer days relaxing alongside the creek

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# Meanderings

by

Hertha S. Wehr

Evangelical Hospice publishes *The Caring Times* four times a year. The spring issue had a reprint of "An Enlightened Perspective from Andy Rooney." I liked all of his thoughts and since most of them pertain to my life I thought I'd like to comment on a few, even though the remainder certainly has merit.

"Having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world." I have four great-grandchildren, the most recent one a comparative new-born, having made his appearance in July. Then there is a one year old, one approaching a year, and a four year old. Need I say more?

"Being kind is more important than being right." Not too long ago an on-going discussion prompted someone to say to me, "See, you're not always right." I was taken aback as I never thought of myself as coming across as always giving the impression I was always right. Nevertheless, it made me decide that even if I knew I was right I would be willing to concede the point with a comment that would give the impression that I might be wrong, or they might have more information that I have.

"I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in some other way." This observation has gained more importance as I get older. In addition to having less physical energy, I've become more sensitive to other peoples thoughts, desires, needs, and wants. Through various organizations, study and Biblical knowledge I find prayer is a great help in many ways.

"Life is like a roll of toilet tissue. The closer it gets to the end the faster it goes." Good grief, he must have been talking to some of my friends. I think I have a whole month to get another column together and all of a sudden I have several days to meet my deadline. When I was a youngster (you can

give this any age you desire), I thought older people must have lots of time on their hands and probably were bored to death. How thoughts change. I always seem to have projects that need doing. And as far as being bored, I have yet to experience it. And there are still so many books I want to read!

"Money doesn't buy class." Wow, I really don't want to discuss this, just say I know what he means.

"The easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am." I like this one. Maybe it's why I still like to talk with my children and grandchildren. They are all smarter than I am. I don't just mean "book smart." It's how I learned about computers (and I'm still not very knowledgeable): how I know small tools one from another: how to use some of them: much about different woods (although I still can't tell all of them from one another): sisters taught me how to knit (still no expert): and so much more from so many different people. Through serving on boards of different types I met a lot of different people. They were smart in different fields and I learned a lot from them. That doesn't mean I know all they know but I did pick up a few things from each one. I wish I could remember more of what I learned from them.

"A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks." That's a great saying. It made me appreciate it more than ever when I happened to read an article about the cost of face lifts and all the other processes to help us looking younger and less stressed. Let's keep smiling.

"It is best to give advice in only two circumstances, when it is requested and when it is a life-threatening situation." This one I try to adhere to. I'm sure I haven't always succeeded but I think it has helped to keep all of our children and their spouses as friends. I recall hearing someone discuss their in-laws with not very complimentary terms. I said I felt our children couldn't have done better in choosing mates than if I had done it for them (which I didn't). The person gave me one of those looks that said I was the biggest liar they had ever met. Well, everyone is entitled to their opinion.

These are only a few of Andy's Enlightened Perspectives out of about three times that many. Thanks to Rebecca Brooks for bringing them to our attention. I like Andy Rooney's newspaper column and his comments on 60 Minutes. They are usually informative. Lots of people think he is a grouch. I prefer to think he comments on life around him and sometimes there isn't too much to be cheerful about. Come to think of it maybe he should take his own advice, "a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks."

## CASH BINGO

The Lewis Township Village Green Recreation Association will be holding "Cash Bingo" in the township municipal building on the following dates: Thursday October 14th and 28th, November 11th and 18th, and December 9th and 16th. The public is welcome to attend. All proceeds benefit the "Village Green Park" and the "Frank Long Little League Ball Field" on Libby Road.



## American Red Cross

The American Red Cross announces a bloodmobile sponsored by:

Come give blood in New Berlin!  
\_\_\_\_\_ Fri., Oct. 15 9am - 1:30 pm \_\_\_\_\_  
at \_\_\_\_\_ Fire Company Social Hall on \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Liberty Street - call 524-0400 for \_\_\_\_\_  
on \_\_\_\_\_ appt. \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

All persons 17 and over, in good health and who weigh at least 105 pounds are urged to come and donate blood.



## Lumbering in Union County

The Union County Historical Society will be sponsoring a program entitled "Lumbering in Union County, 1885-1910" on Thursday, October 14, 7:30 PM at the Laurelton Community Center, Laurelton, PA. Thomas T. Taber, III, who has spent sixty years researching railroads, lumbering and local history, will present a slide-and-lecture program on the lumber industry in Union County around the turn of the last century. The lumber business was important in this area with mills at Laurelton, Woodward, Pardee, Mifflinburg and Lewisburg. Mr. Taber approaches his subject with an engineer's interest in certain details that are not the concern of most historians. Based on his research, he has written *Sunset Along Susquehanna Waters*; *Williamsport, Leetonia, Slate Run, Cammal, Glen Union, Gleason-ton*; and *Tanbark, Alcohol and Lumber*; the *Forest Industries of St. Mary's, Hallton, Wilcox, Portland Mills, Straight, Johnson-*

*burg*, Books 4 and 10 in the series on Logging Railroad Era of Lumbering in Pennsylvania, some of which will be available for sale at the program.

Born in New Jersey, Taber has lived in Muncy since 1959. His program is offered free of charge and is open to the public. The program will be presented at the Laurelton Community Center on Route 235. From Route 15, take Route 45 west to Route 235 thence south on 235 to Laurelton. For more information, please call the Historical Society at 524-8666.

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## "Old Doc Glover"

Since the publication of the September issue I have a number of Email's, telephone calls, and letters regarding the story I wrote about Doctor Oliver Wendell Holmes Glover of Laurelton. I decided to share some of that information with the readers in this issue. Delphia Shirk allowed me to reproduce a copy of an old post card she has that shows the doctor, his wife Effie, Jeannette, and several other youngsters from the Laurelton community seated on the Glover's front porch. The photograph on the left includes Amelia (Shell) Schnure on the far left, the next three children are unknown, Dr. Glover, Effie (Wagner) Glover, and Jeannette Wagner.

Ruth (Snook) Pioch of 3750 Briarwood Drive, Indianapolis called and provided me with some information regarding Jeannette. According to Ruth, Doctor Glover and his wife had no children, however, they raised Jeannette Wagner as their own. Jeannette was a

niece of the Glovers.

Jim Walters, Turkey Run Road, Mifflinburg sent the following Email: Tony, One of the residential buildings at Laurelton State School & Hospital (earlier, the Village; later, the Center) was named Glover Cottage (later, Glover Hall) when I started to work there in 1972. I always thought it was named for Dr. Glover because of his involvement with the Board of Trustees, but I cannot confirm that as fact. I remember hearing several times in my years at Laurelton Center about the "Glover Ghost." Different staff who worked night shift in Glover Cottage and/or late at night in the Administration Building talked of inexplicable sounds in the hallways when all else was quiet. They attributed the disturbance to the ghost of Dr. Glover. Perhaps, since All Hallows Night is approaching, you could ask your readers if anyone can remember any more details about these happenings. Jim Walter. If any of the readers are familiar with the "Glover Ghost" story, I would certainly appreciate hearing from you.

I spoke to James Russell Chambers of 322 S. Rife Street, Dillon, Montana over the telephone regarding the topic of Dr. Glover, as well as other topics. James later sent me the following letter regarding his memories of Doctor Glover:

Chamber Cabin in the Big Hole

9-21-04

Dear Mr. Shively: I certainly enjoyed talking to you on the phone last evening. I went to the White Springs School with

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# Penlines from my Kitchen to Yours

By Lucy Hoover

## August 21, 2004

A group of women gathered at Henry Oberholtzer's of Mifflinburg to peel peaches. They were canning the peaches for our friends, Raymond & Rachel Hoover of New York. Their oldest son has a lot of health problems because of an accident he had this spring.

## August 22

We had our annual Hoover Family picnic. This time it was at Sand Bridge along Rt. 192, 13 miles from our place. The weather was cool, and we let our horse go slowly. I think our horse, Albert, was pleased with the new Cowan Bridge. He never liked to cross that old steel bridge.

When we arrived at the picnic area, we saw that 2 more horse & buggies were there, besides the Hoover Family. They had picnic plans for today too. There are 3 pavilions at that place, so we did not get into each others way.

## August 24

Landis & Linda Reiff of Mifflinburg have their first child, named Alinda. Grandparents are Alvin & Minerva Reiff of Mifflinburg, and Irvin and Esther Martin of Mifflinburg.

## August 25

I spent the day at Mom's house. We canned tomato juice and peaches.

## August 27

Luke & Carol Oberholtzer of Mifflinburg have their first child, a son named Timothy Andrew. Grandparents are Allen & Lucy Oberholtzer of Mifflinburg, and Nathan & MaryElla Martin of Millmont.

## August 28

Amos & Mary Zimmerman of Mifflinburg have a son named Nelvin Michael. He has 2 brothers & 3 sisters. Grandparents are Esra & Lena Zimmerman of Mifflinburg, and Weaver & Etta Zimmerman of Mifflinburg.

Curvin & I went with others to visit at a County Prison. We had gathered last evening to pack homemade cookies in small packages, to hand out to each inmate.

## August 30

It is the first day of school for Elsie. She is in grade 2 this year.

## September 4

Curvin, Elsie, and Marie went to Beaver Run School sale at Turbotville. I needed to stay at home because our sweet corn is ready.

## September 5

Tonight we visited Red Kreiter of Middleburg. He had surgery on Friday.

## September 6

I went with my sisters and Mom to Lancaster Co. to see 4 different graveyards where our ancestors are buried. We also went shopping, and visited the Farmersville School where Minerva Zimmerman (Allen) teaches.

## September 11

Curvin & I went with Sonny to the Antique Show at Penns Cave. It was a nice day, and the crowd was large.

Mrs. Steven Martin (Rhoda) had a short hospital stay because of dehydration. Her address is: 1155 Ridge Rd., Mifflinburg, PA 17844.

Ralph & Anna Mae Brubaker's 2-year old son, Leroy, had a seizure and is also in the hospital. His address is: 94 Wenner Rd., Lewisburg, PA 17837.

## September 12

Aaron Ray & Anita Zimmerman of Mifflinburg have their first child, a son named Eric. Grandparents are Aaron & Susan Zimmerman of Lewisburg, and Paul & Lucy Weaver of Lewisburg.

Published to be married on October 14, 2004 are Clayton Zimmerman (Esra) of Mifflinburg, and Lucinda Martin (George) of Lewisburg.

Menno & Elaine Zimmerman family was on their way home with horse and buggy on Rt. 45. A few motorcycles passed them. One stopped in front of them and their horse ran into it. Nobody was hurt.

# Looking Back

The article below was originally published in one of the local newspapers on October 1, 1910. It is copied here verbatim.

## MILLMONT

A committee from the Red Men were looking up a location for the old folks home here. The citizens ought to get busy and liberal and give a big inducement, as the building will cost upwards of \$100,000.

William Showalter left for West Virginia this week.

The improvements of the town are: Cement steps and pavement at the M. E. Church; Mr. Richwine built an L to his house; J. Scott Smith built a long porch and remodeled his house inside; People's Supply Agency built jointly two houses and the end is not in sight.

William Krouse left for Altoona this week.

Samuel Boyer had the misfortune to get his hand hurt while threshing.

Any person having roofs to paint should call or write to J. S. Smith, as he makes it a business, and will do a satisfactory and guaranteed job.

Wesley Showalter and wife attended the soldiers encampment at Gettysburg this week.

The third quarterly conference will be held in the M. E. church, Saturday afternoon; preaching by Presiding Elder Gilbert in the evening.

Rev. Brenneman and wife spent a few days with Mrs. Brenneman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Watson.

The people were busy looking at an airship through a telescope Sunday afternoon.

Over four hundred excursion tickets were sold here Thursday morning for the Lewisburg Fair.

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Editors note: Shortly after inserting this article into the newsletter, Delphia Shirk allowed me to reproduce an old photo postcard, dated October 13, 1909, that showed hundreds of Millmont area residents waiting the arrival of the east bound train for a ride to the Lewisburg Fair. Although the photo was taken one year earlier, the scene was perhaps much the same in 1910. The photograph can be seen on page 9.



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with members of their family, taking advantage of the deep pool of water that Lincoln's Hole has to offer.

Eli Reiff, a relative of Allen and Dorothy Reiff, shared with me his family's exposure to Lincoln's Hole. In addition, he also expressed his curiosity as to how and why that spot got that name. Following that recent conversation I began to reflect once again on Richard and Anna Lincoln and their children. I pondered whether the Lincoln family was ever able to get away from their chores long enough to relax and enjoy time together at that same spot. It seems reasonable to assume that during the half century the Lincoln's resided on that farm, they were able to take advantage of the serenity of that area on occasion.

Richard V. B. Lincoln's writings have, and will continue to provide useful and valuable information to all those who enjoy delving into the history of Union County. The title "Great Historian" was bestowed upon a man who was both worthy and deserving. Because of his contribution to society, the name "Lincoln" name will continue to be remembered in the pages of history. That name will also continue to resound at places such as the Lincoln Chapel... Lincoln Park...Lincoln Farm...Lincoln's Hole...and the site of the Lincoln Schoolhouse.

My thanks to Donald L. Shively, Millmont for providing me with newspaper clippings that pertained to Richard V. B. Lincoln. My thanks also to C. Wayne Nolan, Weikert Road, Millmont for the copy of Lincoln's portrait. Thanks also to Eli Reiff, Mifflinburg, PA. Other sources for this article: The Mifflinburg Telegraph, The History of the Susquehanna and Juniata Valleys, published by Everts, Peck, and Richards, in Philadelphia in 1886; Commemorative Biographical Record of Central Pennsylvania, published by J. H. Beers & Co, Chicago, 1898; and Union County Pennsylvania A Bicentennial History, by Charles M. Snyder, published in 1976; Heritage Volume XIV, published by the Union County Historical Society in 1994.

Copies of the 1992, 1996, and 1998 Heritage are available from the Union County Historical Society. The cost of each book is \$15.00, plus state sales tax. The historical society office is located in the Union County Courthouse in Lewisburg. Their telephone number is 524.8666, or you can email the office at: [hstoricl@ptd.net](mailto:hstoricl@ptd.net)

## Apple Butter (stovetop prepared)

Submitted by Janice L. (Dorman) Shively

Recipe from *Ball Blue Book*

16 Medium Apples (about 4 pounds)  
4 cups sugar  
2 tsp. ground cinnamon  
¼ tsp. ground cloves

To prepare pulp: wash apples; remove stem and blossom ends; do not peel or core. Cut apples into small pieces. Add 2 cups water; cover; simmer until apples are soft. Press through a sieve or food mill. Measure 2 quarts apple pulp.

To prepare butter: combine apple pulp; sugar and spices in a large saucepot. Cook slowly until thick enough to round up on a spoon. As pulp thickens, stir frequently to prevent sticking. (If too thick, add a small amount of water or apple juice for desired consistency.) Ladle hot butter into hot jars, leaving ¼-inch headspace. Adjust two-piece caps. Process 10 minutes in a boiling-water canner.

Yield: about 5 pints.

Note: I use an assortment of apples (some tart, some sweet) when I make this apple butter recipe. While the butter is cooking, I cover the saucepot with a fine mesh splatter guard to prevent a mess on the stove top.

Enjoy!

## Lewisburg Fair Day At The Millmont Station

The photograph at the bottom of the page was provided to me courtesy of Delphia Shirk and Betty (Beaver) Shirk, Gotshall. The real photo postcard was mailed from the Millmont Post Office on the morning of October 13, 1909. The post card was addressed to "Miss Estella Speese Bucknell Seminary Lewisburg, PA." It was sent to Estella from her friend, Newton S. Shirk. The card stated: Dear Friend, Can you find any one on here that looks like X Y Z. You know who. This was taken on fair day. Their were 260 tickets sold here on that day. As ever, N.S.S. (Newt Shirk later married his friend, Estella)

My thanks to Delphia Shirk and Betty Gotshall for sharing this photo with me.



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**Jacob and Edmund Shively.**

In Aug., 1925, a team of Mifflinburg boys were playing baseball at Laurelton. The playing field was located where the Fair Grounds is today.

Our pitcher, Frank Royer, threw a fast curve, the Laurelton batter hit it hard. The ball came curving to me at third base. I dove for the ball, it missed my gloved hand. I knocked it down with my bare hand, then threw the ball to Frank. He looked at the ball, then stared at me. I found a stream of blood running from my hand. The ball had gone between my index & middle finger, splitting the skin around the index finger.

My teammates took me to Dr. Glover. He stopped the bleeding, cleaned the wound and put in one stitch. I asked him how much I owed. He said a quarter. My teammates took up a collection, so we paid him.

Dr. Glover was a kind, gentle, understanding man.

I'll look forward to the next edition of the Millmont Times. Thank You. Sincerely, James Russell Chambers.

### Bible Quiz

Evalee Long, 18280 Old Turnpike Road, Millmont, PA is the winner of the September Bible Quiz. She correctly named the "shortest" chapter in the Bible, which is Psalms 117. It has only two verses.

The individual responsible for the Bible Quiz each month would like to thank the following people for submitting an answer to the question last month: The Millmont United Methodist Youth Group; Regina Martin, Millmont; Lena Susan, Mifflinburg; Landon Schramm, Millmont; Bonita Zimmerman, Alta Vista, IA; Amanda Oberholtzer, Stevens, PA; Ms. Mary Kahl, Millmont; and Anna Mae Martin, Mifflinburg.

The Bible Quiz question for October is: Where in there Bible can you find this saying "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven" ? The person selected with the correct answer will receive \$10. Send your answer along with your name and address to: Bible Quiz, Post Office Box 8, Swengel, PA 17880.

Please have your answer mailed to this address by the 20th of the month.

The winner of the August Bible Quiz was Lena Susan, Mifflinburg, PA.

### Letters to the Editor

Tony, Sure to enjoy the Times. Keep up the good job. I'm still trying to convince Fred to let you do a story on him. Working on that!!! We'd like to have an article on the White Springs Roller Mill—Mark Rebeck has a picture—if he could find it! Enclosed is payment for another year—also a "tip" for a good editor.

Thanks again, Janet Miller, Mifflinburg, PA 17844

Hi Tony, Betty Eyler gave us a year's subscription of the Millmont Times, we loved it. Can you send us another year? Enclosed a check for \$8.00 Thanks Noah Zimmerman, Diehl Road, Mifflinburg, PA 17844

I finally got to reading the TMT with my grandmother's peach potpie recipe story. My mom sent it to me. Quite a story. I really enjoy reading your newsletters. You do a very nice job. Now that I've finally got around to sending an email I would like to formally request a monthly email of the TMT. I would very much appreciate it. Thank you.

Michael Dorman

Thank you for the issue.

I wanted to mention that I saw my first Bald Eagle in this area. (within 5 miles of Millmont) I don't like to disclose the location because it is a protected species, and I'd like to do my part to keep it that way.

It was an immature bird, chocolate in color with hints of white feathers starting on it's head and neck. It was a massive bird for an adolescent, with a fist full of talons almost the size of my hand. It's golden yellow beak reflected against the water as it stood on a rock in the middle of the stream. I sat and quietly watched through a pair of field glasses for almost five minutes, hoping to catch a glimpse of other members of the family. I'm guessing that it was a natural bird and not an implant due to the fact that there was no leg or wing bands.

Hunger must have took over as he spread his six foot span and lofted himself skyward ...in search of more fish no doubt. I have seen my share of osprey, redtail hawks, coopers hawks, even peregrine falcon in this area, but there was nothing commonplace about this elusive bird of prey. I feel fortunate to witness what some people will go a lifetime and never see.

I just thought I'd share this with you.

Thank you again, Q. Dorman Jr.

### Public meetings to be held in the Lewis Township Municipal Building

▶ Municipal Authority of Lewis Township, the first Tuesday of the month, beginning at 7:30 p. m.

▶ Lewis Township Board of Supervisors, the second Tuesday of the month beginning at 7:30 p. m.

## Lewis Township News

Lewis Township Village Green Recreation Association - September 2, 2004. Courtesy of Wendy Bilger, Secretary.

The meeting was held in the Village Green Picnic Pavilion. President Dawne Shreckengast called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Members of the association who were present at the meeting this evening in addition to the president include: Wendy Bilger, Secretary; Pauline Shively, Joanna Snyder, Bud Snyder, Steve Bilger, Joe Smith, Kim Smith and Mark Shreckengast.

\*Copies of the minutes from the meeting held July 29, 2004 were approved as printed.

\*Treasurer's Report - No report was given.

\*Old Business - Dawne is checking on the cost of building a BBQ pit.

\*New Business - The association has decided to begin bingo again in the Lewis Township Municipal Building starting in October. Bingo will be held the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. The first game night will be October 14 at 6:30 PM. Games end around 9:00 PM. Refreshments will be available. Dawne will be getting a bingo license before these dates. Scheduled bingo nights for the remainder of 2004 are as follows: October 14 and 28, November 11 and 18, Dec. 9 and 16. Bulletins are to be made and distributed throughout the community. We will also ask Tony Shively to post an advertisement in the Millmont Times. Kim Smith gave information about who to contact for games to play during the Millmont Yard Sale. Some ideas were a mechanical bull, moon bounce, and an obstacle course among many others.

\*The next association meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 7, 2004 at 7:00 PM in the Lewis Township Municipal Building.

Municipal Authority of Lewis Township - Tuesday September 7, 2004. Minutes not available.

Lewis Township Board of Supervisors - Tuesday September 14, 2004. Minutes not available.

## Our Old Summerhouse

By James Randall Chambers, Dillon, Montana  
(Born 1909 on the Chambers Farm near White Springs, Union County)  
Provided to me courtesy of Emilie F. Jansma

On the north side of our Pennsylvania farm home was a "Dog Run" (Breeze-way) enclosed on the east and west ends. On the north side of that was our summer house. It was one-story, about 20 feet wide and 30 feet long. In the northwest corner was a big firebox which held two large kettles.

In February Dad would bring in his harness, heat harness oil and grease all the harness, replace broken buckles and straps.

During the hot summer months, Mother cooked on a two burner kerosene stove. This avoided cooking on a wood burning stove in the kitchen and overheating the house, except on Fridays when she baked bread, pies and cakes.

Our hand-powered washing machine was used in the summerhouse. In the winter Mother hung ropes on the walls to hang and dry her laundry.

In October we boiled apple butter in the summerhouse. First we placed two 50 gallon barrels in the wagon box, then filled the box to the brim with "Ben Davis" apples and drove to a water powered cider press on Penns Creek. We went home with about 100 gallons of sweet cider. Half of the cider was used for apple butter, the other half was made into vinegar. "Ben Davis" apples were real juicy and produced excellent cider. They weren't good keepers so we did not save any for winter use.

Most of our neighbors boiled their apple butter out in the open, but we boiled ours in the summerhouse.

In October or November we butchered hogs and a beef. The meat was processed in the summerhouse. We trimmed the hams and shoulders, made headcheese, sausage and scrapple. The Pennsylvania Dutch call scrapple "paunhaus." A breakfast of "paunhaus" and home made apple butter just can't be beat.

On rainy days, my sister and I played in the old summerhouse and let our childish thoughts run wild.

### *What's Happening at the 4-Bell Lutheran Church* - Courtesy of Shirley Kerstetter

- Sunday October 31 "Remember When Bingo" will be held at the church, with doors opening at 12:30 p.m. All items for the Bingo have been obtained by "Remember When" located at 3 South 11th Street in Mifflinburg. Proceeds will benefit Relay for Life. Tickets for the event are \$20.00. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, or if you would like more information, please call 922.0180.
- The church will be holding a "Family Style Pot Pie Supper" on Saturday November 2 beginning at 3:00 p.m. The cost of an adult platter is \$7.00, while children between the ages of 6 and 12 are only \$3.00. For children under 6 years there will be no charge. Take outs will also be available. For more information about the Pot Pie Supper you can call 966.2568, 966.0034, or 922.1860

The photograph at the top left hand corner of page one is that of the William E. Smith mansion that was located west of Millmont. This home was razed during the summer of 2001. The property where the house once stood is now owned by De-light Showalter. Previously the house was owned by Dr. Forest Showalter, Joseph Parry Hill, Rev. Dorsey Miller, and Smith.



From the diary of the late Elder Greene Shively, a resident of Millmont from 1918 until his death in 1954:  
Sat. Oct. 22 1944 - 60 degrees at 7. Rained last night and is still rainy. I have been taking care of the garage in the morning, until nine every day. Mr. Merrill Grove called for the remainder of the messengers to bind them and took the cabinet along for his work. James Catherman made the cabinet for me some years back. At ten o'clock Rev. J. P. Sheesley and I officiated at the funeral of Earnest G. Vanatta, son of Mr. And Mrs. Harry Vanatta of our village. Earnest was born July 16, 1927 and died Wed. morning. My scripture text was Psalm 8. This morning I married Mr. John Wallace and Viola Rudy Mabus, both of Millmont, Pa.

### October Anniversaries

12-Oct-1940 David and Mildred Diehl  
4-Oct-1963 Bob and Linda Walter  
5-Oct-1968 John and Janet Renninger  
17-Oct-1970 Kenneth and Kathy Groff

#### People celebrating a birthday during October

1 – Wendy Bilger	17 – Janet Renninger
1 – Virginia Martin	18 – Sarah Boyer
2 – Vernon Schramm	19 – Laura Dorman
2 – James Maust	20 – Maria Brubaker
3 – Peggy Aikey	20 – Elisa Stewart
4 – Michael Aikey	20 – Melissa Swartz
7 – Harry Aikey	21 – Heidi Weaver
9 – Teresa Yoder	24 – Richard Zechman
10 – Rhenda Shively	26 – Ella Mae Maust
14 – Kenneth Catherman	27 – Pauline Shively
14 – Annetta Oberholtzer	27 – Alvin Nolt
15 – Kathy Groff	29 – Jacque Libby
16 – Ralph Aikey	31 – Elizabeth Yoder
16 – George Wert, Jr.	

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