

Penn State's History and the Role of Military Education

Excerpts from the Veterans Memorial Plaza Dedication, Sept. 14, 2012

by Jackie R. Esposito, University Archivist

An article in the Daily Collegian during World War II began by stating, "Up in the peaceful Nittany Mountains of Central Pennsylvania, war has brought changes to the Commonwealth's institution of higher learning..." For a few moments...I'd like to review what some of those changes have been.

The 1862 Morrill Land Grant Act, which commemorates its 150th anniversary this year, specifically states "...the endowment, support, and maintenance of at least one college where the leading object shall be, without excluding other scientific and classical studies, and including military tactics, to teach such branches of learning as are related to agriculture and the mechanic arts..."

Students at Penn State in 1862 actively participated in daily military drills right here on the Old Main lawn usually first thing every morning. Many of the young male students wanted to enlist in the Civil War, even though President Evan Pugh, a devout Quaker, tried to discourage them from participating until they received their degree. By the time of the Battle of Gettysburg in 1863, both students and faculty, were actively involved and serving their country with recognition.

Perhaps, Penn State's most well-known military figure from the Civil War era was none other than General James Beaver, after whom Beaver Stadium is named. Beaver, who lost part of his leg during the war, served as President of the Penn State Board of Trustees for over forty years. His loyalty and devotion to the College were unwavering. His belief in military discipline went mostly unchallenged by the students under his tutelage.

During the Atherton Era, the most significant, and perhaps unrecognized, military-related accomplishment was the conversion of the Cadet Band to the now world-famous Penn State Blue Band. Its military background still reflected in the number of marches and drills utilized as part of its game day repertoire.

The second major military occupation which drew focus in Penn State's history came prior to and during

the First World War as Penn State supported the Student Army Training Corps. The Corps was established as a national military training operation within the National Defense Act of 1916. SATC, (now known as ROTC), specifically educated Penn State students in the use of practical tools for warfare, such as surveying, topography, and mapmaking. Students were encouraged in training brochures to avoid "slouchiness, slovenly speech, hesitancy, and no grit." The moral lessons

they were advocated to learn in the same brochures included "wake up, take an interest, do the little things well, speak up, come to the point, heads up, shoulders back, don't be a quitter." Not bad advice in 1917; not bad advice in 2012.

The utilization of the Armory building as both a military storehouse and training center, formerly across the Mall where Willard Building now stands, made it one of the more popular buildings on campus. In addition to the military uses, the Armory was favored for dances, balls, wrestling matches and all kinds of social and athletic gatherings. But it was not the only facility related to military education established at Penn State. Following

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Penn State Veterans Plaza: "With your shield, or on it."

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Founded in 1904, the Centre County Historical Society (CCHS) is the oldest and largest history organization in the county, serving as the official historical society of Centre County. It is a community and volunteer based non-profit educational organization that works collaboratively with local, regional, county, and state organizations in helping to preserve and promote the area's historic, cultural, and natural resources.

CCHS is headquartered in the Centre Furnace Mansion, a restored and furnished ironmaster's home listed in the National Register of Historic Places. This historic mansion and nearby iron furnace stack represent the 18th-century beginnings of the charcoal iron industry in this area, and the 19th-century beginnings of Penn State University, originally located on furnace lands. The site offers more than eight acres of landscaped grounds and gardens.

CCHS disseminates historical information about Centre County; offers programs and exhibits of historical and cultural interest for children and adults; marks and helps preserve and protect the Centre Furnace Mansion property and grounds, Boogersburg School, and other historical sites and landscapes in Centre County; maintains a collection of artifacts, books, manuscripts, maps and photographs; and publishes and promotes interest in historically significant publications relating to Centre County.

Society members and others in the community are invited to support these activities by contributing to the Centre County Historical Society Endowment Fund, managed by the Centre County Community Foundation.

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Upcoming Events

Hosted by CCHS

December

Nov. 29

Stocking Stuffer Preview Party
@ Centre Furnace Mansion
6:30 p.m. Thurs.
\$30.00 (\$25/member). *RSVP.*

Nov. 30 - Dec. 1

10th Annual Stocking Stuffer
Antiques, Art & Craft Sale
@ Centre Furnace Mansion
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Fri. & Sat.
\$5.00, includes cider & cookies

Through Dec. 21

Exhibit: "Centre County &
The Civil War".
@ Centre Furnace Mansion
1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Sun./Wed./Fri.

Dec 11

"Nat Turners Slave Revolt"
*Speaker: Anthony Kaye, Associate
Professor of History, Penn State*
@ Centre Furnace Mansion
7:00 p.m.
**A joint program of CCHS & the
Centre County Civil War Round Table*

Dec. 22 - Jan. 1

Centre Furnace Mansion and the
offices of CCHS will be CLOSED
for the holidays.

2013 Upcoming Exhibits

Feb. 10 - Apr. 2

"Shedding Light on the Past, Lighting
Devices of the 18th & 19th Centuries"
@ Centre Furnace Mansion
1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Sun./Wed./Fri.

Mar. 10

"A Common Canvas: Pennsylvania's
New Deal Post Office Murals"
@ Centre Furnace Mansion
1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Sun./Wed./Fri.

**For more event details, visit:
www.centrecountyhistory.org.*

President's Corner



Keeping a Grand Lady Grand

All of us probably are familiar with some common and ongoing requirements associated with home ownership. They can be identified with a variety of words that include to tend, care for, preserve, maintain, retain. When the property in question is a large, nineteenth century historic mansion, the scale may be larger but the terms – and the responsibilities are no different. For nearly thirty years, the Centre County Historical Society has engaged in and committed to those home ownership requirements with support from individuals and organizations throughout Centre County.

Despite best efforts, as you are also likely aware, the conditions of properties are not static, i.e., they represent ongoing maintenance and repair efforts that may have to be repeated, and repeated again.

In the second half of the nineteenth century, porches became popular fashionable architectural elements that were considered especially appropriate to fit into the naturalistic landscape of rural settings. This recommended style change did not go unnoticed by Centre Furnace Mansion owners Moses and Mary Irvin Thompson. They opted to transform their large symmetrical five-bay brick house into a more picturesque style of architecture as an appropriate "country home" with the addition of decorated porches.

With all of their charm, these porches are particularly vulnerable to the elements. We found this to be true in 2009-10 when we undertook a major repair of the upper side porch. Soon after we realized that work would be necessary to correct problems in the front main porch. Work was completed this month to repair the balcony over the main entryway and to replace warped flooring on the main floor. Still to be addressed, are the side porch nearest the kitchen garden and the small back balcony that overlooks the back yard and its grand sycamore tree.

Financial support for these projects has come over and over again from friends of the Centre County Historical Society. That support, combined with a Keystone Grant from the PA Historical and Museum Commission funded the back porch repair. And, being able to carry out the repair of the grand front porch this fall has again come from friends and supporters. Sincerely appreciated donations made to CCHS through the Centre Foundation's June 2012 Centre Gives event (see page 6 for details) were one source for these funds, along with a very generous contribution made by Thompson family descendants, Janice and Steve Livingston.

We will continue to seek support to address the repair needs of the remaining porch and balcony. It is because of your ongoing support that CCHS can maintain its stewardship role of tending, caring for and preserving the appearance and maintenance of the Centre Furnace Mansion.

~ Jackie Melander

10th Annual Stocking Stuffer



Epergne arrangement by Allen Baney, Avânt Garden.

Ten years is a blink of an eye and, indeed, it seems like yesterday that CCHS hosted its first **Stocking Stuffer Antiques, Art and Fine Craft Sale**.

When a dedicated handful of historical society volunteers conceived the idea a decade ago, they couldn't have predicted that it would grow into one of the region's most anticipated holiday events. The Stocking Stuffer Sale is now a community celebration to ring in the holidays with over 50 vendors, 50 volunteers, and 40 businesses that contribute program ads, to floral design, to delicious food!

Perhaps because the Stocking Stuffer takes us back to simpler holiday times, people from all over the County flock to the Centre Furnace Mansion each December. The smell of evergreen pervades every room beautifully decorated by premier florists who generously donate their time and materials. Talented area artists sell their creations – from textiles to pottery to jewelry and more – handmade crafts that remind us of gifts of long ago.

The finishing touch for Stocking Stuffer is the vast assortment of cookies - a very popular highlight of our event. Cookies created by CCHS volunteers and members are piled high with every variety imaginable. Visitors also are treated to a warm and fragrant cup of mulled cider. What better way to kick off the holiday season than to spend a morning or afternoon at the Centre Furnace mansion surrounded by the scents, sights and tastes of Christmas?

Special thanks to our event founders: Sandra Byham, Honey Jaffe, and Beth Ricker.



Be sure to view the Stocking Stuffer event program online to get a sneak peak at this year's vendors! Use your smart phone to scan this QR Code - it will take you directly to the Stocking Stuffer webpage.

Stocking Stuffer Antiques, Art, & Fine Craft Sale

Nov. 29

Preview Party

6:30-9:00 p.m., Thurs.

@ Centre Furnace Mansion

\$30/person (\$25/Member) - RSVP Required.

Nov. 30 - Dec. 1

Stocking Stuffer Antiques, Art & Fine Craft Sale

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Fri. & Sat.

@ Centre Furnace Mansion

\$5/person - Includes hot cider & cookies.

2012 Commemorative Ornament

Created by local pewter artist **Jerry Jackson**, the 2012 limited edition hand-crafted ornament commemorates the Centre Furnace Mansion's historic bell.



Established in 1791, Centre Furnace was the area's first charcoal iron furnace, and namesake for Centre County. Some of the earliest iron smelted at the Furnace was forged on-site. Later, iron was transported to nearby forges to be transformed into iron goods. **The Centre Furnace Bell** is believed to be one of the first objects cast from Centre Furnace iron, and was used to communicate with iron workers for meal times, shift changes, and other activities. Today, the bell is on display in the hearth room of the ironmaster's house - Centre Furnace Mansion.

Each individually numbered ornament comes with an historical information card and is beautifully boxed for all of your gift giving occasions. Available at the Stocking Stuffer Sale and the Centre Furnace Mansion gift shop. \$19.95*, plus tax.

(After Stocking Stuffer, the ornament price will be \$24.95.)

Schoolhouse Memories: A Visit with Jim Crust

One warm afternoon in the wonderfully restored one-room Boegersburg Schoolhouse, Jim Crust sat sipping lemonade and reminiscing about his schoolboy days in the Centre Region. Jim's great, great-grandfather came to the Centre Region from England in 1851. In 1861, he purchased the farm where Jim now lives. The elder Mr. Crust raised thirteen children on that farm, so a good number of Crusts have filled the seats of the one-room schoolhouses in the area.

Jim spoke of Waddle School, Sellars School, Stevens School, Stony Point School, and Boegersburg School. Jim smiled as he recalled the year a fawn was a frequent visitor at Waddle School. Teacher Clem Flenner would open the schoolhouse door and the fawn would stroll in, walk around the schoolroom, stay for a treat or two, and then mosey back outside.

Animals weren't the only visitors to the one-room schoolhouse. Hobos were occasional visitors to Sellars School due to its close proximity to the railroad tracks. Jim recalled the year Mrs. Garbrick was his teacher. Every time there was a knock at the schoolhouse door, Mrs. Garbrick would first go to her desk, lift the lid, and then go to open the door. The children found this to be puzzling behavior but it was not until the last day of school that Mrs. Garbrick revealed that because of the Hobos in the area she kept a pistol in her desk just in case her handout of a pencil, some paper, cookies, or a few coins was unsatisfactory.

Jim talked about softball, Jump the Creek, Tiddly-Over, the bus driver who gave an orange to each child on the bus at Christmas time, and the warm co-operative learning environment of the one-room schoolhouse. Times were different. Water for the school day was one half mile away at the next farm, the paddle was a frequently used method of discipline, classroom chores



at the end of the day included dusting the erasers, sweeping the floor, sprinkling lime in the outdoor toilets. Five acres of harvested corn paid for one year's tuition at Penn State.

Oh my goodness, things were different! But talk to anyone who attended a one-room schoolhouse and you'll see a smile cross the face, a light come into the eyes, and a readiness to sit down and share interesting and wonderful experiences.

Interview/Story by Doyle Wilkerson, former SCASD elementary school teacher and long-time Boegersburg docent, Schoolmistress Miss Lee.



From the Teacher's Desk

On August 19, the school bell rang to welcome nearly 50 visitors to our annual Boegersburg Schoolhouse Open House! Through a unique 19th century schoolhouse experience, history comes alive for hundreds of school students each year. Thanks to Schoolhouse Coordinator Sharon Childs along with 9 docent-teachers who arrive in period dress, "students" have the opportunity to reenact a school day in early Centre County.

Centre Gives

Online Fundraiser Helps History Last Longer

In late June, the Centre County Historical Society participated in a first-time 36-hour online fundraising event for charitable organizations serving Centre County, hosted by the Centre Foundation. In addition, CCHS held an open house for donors who might wish to receive assistance with contributing online.

With the help of our many donors, and the matching funds and framework made possible through the Centre Foundation, CCHS raised \$8,149.09 during this special fundraiser! Restorative work needed at the Centre Furnace Mansion is already well underway beginning with the Mansion's grand front entrance where the porch floor and balcony repair is near completion.

A sincere thank you to these Centre Give donors for their contributions in supporting the preservation and programming offered through the Centre Furnace Mansion ~ the CCHS headquarters, and Birthplace of Penn State.

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Again, we extend our sincere thanks to the Centre Foundation for embracing technology and organizing this very successful Centre Gives event.



Steve Gentry helps John Ziegler make an online donation..



Two photos above: Nate & Maria Day of Sterling Stoneworks begin restoration of the Centre Furnace Mansion's front porch roof and balcony.

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...PSU Military Education cont'd.

the end of World War I, the newly created Nittany dorms were named for Penn State student veterans killed in the Great War. Their legacy lives on with every group of students who inhabit those buildings and learn about the honor and dignity of their namesakes.

The article in the 1942 Daily Collegian that I cited above stated that “soldiers, sailors, Marines, air cadets sing in cadence as they march to class. Trim ensigns assemble almost before sun-up for marching drills... handsome fraternity houses...now serve as barracks... and all over campus...lights burn late at night so that research might speed the end of the war...” During World War II, Penn State served extensively as a center for civilian defense training. The Curtiss Wright training program was a model for aircraft education as well as the creation of newer initiatives that led to innovations such as educational TV programming, driver’s education, and chemical agents for warfare and peacetime uses.

Post World War II was a flourishing time on campus with the benefits of the G.I. Bill especially visible across the Commonwealth at each of the campus locations. Thousands of newly returned veterans flooded Penn State to obtain a degree and expand the U.S. workforce. No single piece of educational legislation in the 20th century had a more dramatic effect on the national, regional or local economies. The G.I. Bill, not only afforded individuals a fantastic Penn State education, it fostered the growth and development of twenty Commonwealth campuses and distributed the influence of higher education to Pennsylvania citizens in every one of its sixty-seven counties.

New defense-related activities and facilities also flourished. Penn State was the recipient of major Department of Navy funding which began in 1941 and continues to this day. The Garfield Thomas Water Tunnel, a naval hydrodynamic facility for torpedoes, was installed for research development and still operates effectively on the north side of Atherton Street. Wagner Building, named for H. Edward Wagner, a distinguished serviceman with the 82nd Airborne, 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment, who died in combat in WWII, became the center for ROTC activities as Penn State grew to one of the largest military-centered campuses in the nation.

In 1989, four Penn State faculty members designed the winning entry for the creation of the Korean War Memorial in Washington, D.C. Don Leon, John Lucas, Veronica Burns Lucas, and Eliza Pennypacker Oberholtzer submitted a proposal that focused specifically on building a memorial that depicted the life of the

soldier during the conflict. The soldiers were designed with full pack, raincoat, boots and artillery loads.

During the Vietnam War while campus protests did occur, military education and research activities continued and Penn State was amply represented throughout the southeast conflict. Similarly during the Gulf War, Penn State graduates represented the Armed Forces with the utmost of bravery and dedication.

Therefore it is to be expected and anticipated that the same honor and dignity were demonstrated as the United States became embroiled in Iraq and Afghanistan after the 9/11 bombings. The commitment of the individual is no better exemplified than by Penn Staters such as Lt. Michael Murphy and the other veterans recognized by this memorial.

As noted in the World War II Daily Collegian article I mentioned as I began this overview, “the mountains that surround Penn State are still peaceful and the campus looks as serene as ever, but students and professors and researchers know...” this calm is credited to the hard work and sacrifices made by our military representatives every day in every way.



PA Downtown

In September, the Centre Furnace Mansion was a destination for attendees from the PA Downtown Center conference held in State College this year. Pennsylvania Downtown Center is a state nonprofit dedicated to revitalization of the commonwealth’s core communities providing outreach, technical assistance, and educational services in order to assist communities in revitalization efforts.

Thank you to Steve and Carol Gentry and Meli Diamante for their help with tours and exhibit interpretation for this group.

The Centre County United Way Day of Caring 2012

The 2012 United Way Day of Caring was a great success measured in town and gown connections and in all the wonderful work done at both the Centre Furnace Mansion and Boogersburg Schoolhouse.

The Centre County Historical Society extends its most ear-ringing cheers and loudest applause for this year's Day of Caring accomplishments! The increasingly enhanced beauty of the buildings and grounds of both Mansion and Schoolhouse is due largely to the generosity of individuals and organizations that donate their time, talents, and materials on the Day of Caring, and service days throughout the year. They play a major role in how our historic properties are maintained, and we cannot thank community members enough for all they do.

On their tour of projects throughout Centre County, local Day of Caring Ambassadors Colonel Gerald F. Russell - Chair, USMC, Ret. and Sue Paterno - Honorary Chair, along with Tammy Gentzel - United Way Executive Director, and Lloyd Rhoades - Manager, PSU Central Services, visited Centre Furnace Mansion first thing in the morning.

Over 200 volunteers turned out to do painting, landscape and clean-up projects at both historic properties. CCHS extends our sincerest thanks to all those who took time from busy schedules on the Day of Caring to make this incredible gift possible. Additionally, we thank the CFM Gardeners whose volunteer guidance makes the day run smoothly.

On behalf of the Board of Governors, and Historical Society Staff Mary Sorensen and Megan Orient, please accept our heartfelt thanks – our hats are off to everyone who contributed to this memorable day.



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Many, Many Thanks!

Our hat's off to the many people who give so generously through their time, generous donations, and services. Your contributions are central to helping CCHS fulfill its mission and share the history of Centre County.

Program Speakers – Experts who graciously donate their time to present quality programs free and open to the public. Fall speakers included:

- **Bob Hazelton, Cathy Horner, & Susan Evans.** *A War, Three Women, and a Tradition.*
- **Lee Stout,** Penn State Librarian Emeritus and University Archivist. Volunteer training: *Centre County History.*
- **Brian Bastress,** Bastress Stoneworks. *Wood stove training at Boogersburg School.*
- **Allen Baney,** Owner Avant Garden. *Wreaths & Swags for Any Season.*

Shannon Devlin, Diane & Jim Farr, Dick Pencek, Olivia Perdew, and Robert White for your continued program and exhibit support at the Centre Furnace Mansion.

Church of Latter-Day Saints members – a group of 30 volunteers for organizing a service day to volunteer with landscape and garden projects at the Centre Furnace Mansion mid-summer!

Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity volunteers James Lee, Andrew Tomaskevitch, Ben Rubin and Jared Kedmi for a steady presence with CCHS, and for coming to the Centre Furnace Mansion for heavy lifting and moving projects in preparation for the Stocking Stuffer! Many thanks to Jeff Bower for organizing this effort.

Cliff Bastuscheck for revising the Centre Furnace Mansion tour outline for docent training, for repairing the railing to the Exhibit Building, and for volunteering to fill in whenever an extra hand is needed.

Betty Arnold for researching, cataloging, and organizing the CCHS Library at Centre Furnace Mansion.

Rick Schutz for continued help with property projects.

Lynn Royse for decorating the interior and exterior of the mini-Mansion for the holidays.

Preservation Awards Committee Members John Ziegler, Bob Hazelton, Jackie Melander, Mary Sorensen; and Megan Orient for months of work on the 2012 awards program; and to **Event Volunteers** Deb McManus, Cliff Bastuscheck, and Gene Melander for their assistance with set-up and clean-up. Look for a full Preservation Awards report in January issue!

Civil War Road Show Wrap-Up

During the month of July 2012, CCHS had the honor of hosting the PA Civil War 150 Road Show during the Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts. The Road Show's visit to Centre County welcomed nearly 2,000 visitors in five days!



What is more incredible is the amount of volunteer work that made all this possible. Over 70 volunteers contributed more than 225 hours of their time!

Special thanks to the following program presenters who contributed to the Road Show visitors' experience:

Tom Jolin, a PHC Commonwealth Speaker
Thompson's Independent Battery C, Pa. Artillery Reserve
Battery B 3rd Pa. Volunteer Light Artillery
Bob Hazelton and Cathy Horner

In addition, several regional partner organizations are to be recognized for their involvement in this special program:

Boalsburg Heritage Museum
Centre County Genealogical Society
Centre County Library - Pennsylvania Room
Central Pennsylvania Convention & Visitors Bureau
Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts
Civil War Roundtable

The PA Civil War 150 event was a program of the Pennsylvania Humanities Council was presented in partnership with the Pennsylvania Heritage Society and State Library of Pennsylvania.

The PA Civil War Road Show was made possible by grants from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.



Thank you to all our Civil War Road Show volunteers!

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Carol Gentry	Gloria Nieweg	John Ziegler



Gardens 2012

by Katie Frieden, Gardens Coordinator

Bushels of thanks to the Gardeners for a successful 2012 garden season! The Gardens at the Mansion gracefully saw the growing season through the usual Central PA weather ups and downs including a late spring cold snap leading to a notable lack of lilac blooms. The Shrub Garden near the walkway entrance to the parking lot was especially beautiful in the spring with a blanket of Narcissus 'Thalia' and Anemone blanda. The Gardeners are delighted that the oak leaf hydrangea in the Shrub Garden is finally taking hold... thanks to an increasingly larger deer fence.

This summer, Carol Phillips continued to revitalize the Kitchen Garden with historically appropriate herbs, asparagus, rhubarb, Alpine strawberries, tomatoes, peppers and potatoes. Now, having prepared a feast for the critters, our next challenge will be to keep them out! Despite the dreadful heat and periodic lack of rain, the Rose of Sharon in Margery and Rae's Garden looked splendid for the early September wedding.

October brought another extremely successful and productive Day of Caring in the gardens as we conquered the Wildlife Garden along with hills of mulch and compost. We are still losing some plants to the wildlife but the redbuds have taken hold and we are optimistic that many will bloom next year.

Finally, in late October, we planted over 500 historic bulbs around the grounds. Thank you to Susan Bowser, Katie Frieden, Marshall Garrett, Lee Gruver, Judy Heberling, Mike Husband, Chris Igo, Scott & Jane Kunst from Old House Gardens, Beverly Lipski, Jackie Melander, Carol Phillips, Anne Rohrbach, Mary Sorensen, the University Women's Club, and Steven Wheeler for generously donating to support the planting this fall.

Mark your calendars for springtime to stop out at the Mansion often to see them in bloom, and thousands of others we have been planting over the years!



From the Archives

by Cathy Horner

We are fortunate to live in an area that has four seasons where we can enjoy a "staycation" with a long Sunday drive to view the colorful autumn leaves or freshly fallen snow. Photographs from the Cannon Postcard Collection show a young Route 322 and businesses on Skytop Mountain that had lookouts for viewing Bald Eagle Valley.



"When the 28th division highway made its way through State College in the early 1930's, a direct link with the PA highway system was realized. What many day trippers found was a newly discovered Bald Eagle Lookout on the crest of Muncy Mountain. A total of 2000 feet above sea level with a view of 75 miles, Skytop soon was the location of several restaurants and gift shops. Uncle Tom's Cabin took operation of the Bald Eagle Lookout, erecting a larger observation tower about 1939. Uncle Tom's was eventually replaced by a sky-view lounge where one dining could enjoy the colorful horizon. The descent from the top of Muncy Mountain to Port Matilda below offered the motorist a spectacular panorama." (from Tyronne by Jeffrey Adams)





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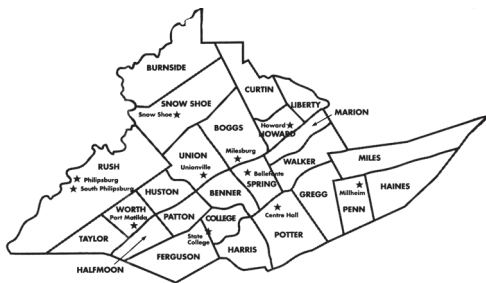
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