

Leonard Rhone's "Pik-nic"

by Cathy Horner

August in Centre County ushers in another season of football and marching band practices, Ag Progress Days and parents lugging furniture into freshman dorms. Perhaps, though, the Grange Encampment and Fair is the August ritual that most exemplifies our county's early history. Agriculture was the occupation of most of the early settlers of this area and the Farmers High School, to which many of us owe our livelihoods either directly or indirectly, focused mainly on agricultural studies.

In 1874, Leonard Rhone, age 35 and a farmer in Potter Township, felt very strongly that local farmers needed a fraternal organization that could join them together while also providing educational and social opportunities. Leonard, along with some of his neighbors, applied for and was granted a charter for the Progress Grange in Centre Hall. Mr. Rhone worked tirelessly to make the Progress Grange a success, serving as an officer and eventually, in four short years, he was asked to be head of the entire Pennsylvania State Grange.

The very same year, 1874, that the Progress Grange was begun, Leonard Rhone had another idea. A Granger's Picnic would be held in September in a place known as Leech's Woods on Linden Hall Road near Centre Hall. The picnic was a grand success with over 3000 people attending. That very first event included a speaker who spoke of "the necessity for farmers to pay closer attention to the advancement of agriculture and the importance of making their farms less irksome to their sons and make agriculture more attractive to

them "(Centre Reporter, Sept. 24, 1874). There was also a parade that included the Boalsburg and Pine Grove Mills bands followed by the evening picnic.



Early family photo with their tent.

The success of that first Granger's event led to yearly picnics at several locations, including at the top of Nittany Mountain, until 1890. That year Leonard Rhone convinced the local Grange that farm families needed a spot where they could enjoy a short vacation at low cost. This suggestion led to the purchase of 26 acres in Centre Hall and as the saying goes, the rest is history.

In the late 1880's, families started bringing tents with them so they could attend all the festivities and not have to travel home the same night in the dark. In 1887, Rhone borrowed Civil War tents from the PA National Guard so more families could spend the night. This was also the year that the event became a three day fair and included exhibits. The very next year, 1888, the fair dates were changed from September to August.

A few other interesting facts about the only surviving encampment fair in our nation:

- Electricity was part of the fair by 1916. A few 75 watt bulbs lit Main Street and the midway. Later, campers were able to rent a single light bulb for their tent for one dollar. (Most of the surrounding rural areas did not have electricity until the 1930's).
- Baseball games were a very popular tradition in the early years of the fair pitting local towns in tournaments against one another.



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Founded in 1904, the Centre County Historical Society, serving as the County's official historical society, is an educational organization that promotes the appreciation and research of Centre County's historic and natural resources through its properties, collections, programs, publications, and advocacy.

A community and volunteer-based organization, the Society is headquartered in the Centre Furnace Mansion, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This site includes the restored and furnished ironmaster's home, furnace stack, and landscaped grounds and gardens. Centre Furnace was home to the earliest 18th century industry - charcoal ironmaking. In the 19th century Centre Furnace played an important role in the beginnings of Penn State University. The Society also owns and operates the nearby Boegersburg One-Room School House.

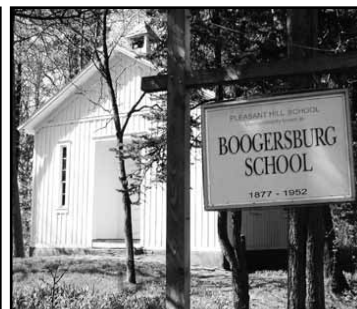
The Centre County Historical Society depends on financial contributions that help support our free public programs and educational opportunities for children, and provide necessary funds for the maintenance and operation of the Society's facilities and collections. Your membership and generosity are sincerely appreciated.

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 Programs

*Programs are held at the Centre Furnace Mansion unless noted.**

Exhibit: Everyday Iron: Iron Objects of the 18th & 19th Centuries
Through November 15
W/F/Su 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Boogersburg School Open House
Sunday, August 30
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
*1021 Fox Hill Road, State College

Exhibit: Wood, Iron and Steel: Tools and Tool Making for Agriculture
August - November
*Pasto Agricultural Museum, Pine Grove Mills

John H. Ziegler Historic Preservation Awards
Sunday, October 25
3:00 p.m.
*Centre County / Penn State Visitors Center

Stocking Stuffer Preview Party
Thursday, December 3
6:30 p.m.
RSVP required

13th Annual Stocking Stuffer Antiques, Art & Fine Craft Sale
Friday/Saturday, December 4-5
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 6
Noon - 4:00 p.m.

For additional program information, visit centrehistory.org



*Best wishes to Centre County and PSU students heading back to school this month!
Photo of Aaronburg School band, 1927
CCHS Places and Spaces Collection*

President's Corner

In an appropriately historical episode of the animated series *The Simpsons* (Season One in 1989), a character named Sideshow Bob has an anxiety attack. He realizes that although his large feet adequately fill out the clown shoes worn by his petite-footed predecessor, he will never actually be able to perform at the level of the talented and beloved Krusty-the-Clown. I know the feeling. Not only is my predecessor the incomparable Jackie Melander who has devoted more than three decades to making the Centre County Historical Society the vigorous and multi-faceted organization that it is today, but my point of reference, far from a great historian such as Herodotus or Pepys or Gibbons, is a cartoon clown.

In my first meeting as President of the Board of Governors in June, I advised board members that it would take a village to replace Jackie. I'm convinced that the village must be more broad-based than our 18 board members, 25 docents, and dozens of volunteers who work in the gardens or on special programs. So I'm inviting you to join us on our mission to discover, interpret, preserve and share our county's unique history. The CCHS is largely a volunteer-based organization. Volunteers maintain the spacious period gardens, give tours to visitors, work at archaeological sites, write historical accounts, develop exhibits and special programs, advocate for historical preservation at the local, regional, and state levels, and provide crucial support for our annual events such as the May plant sale and the December Stocking Stuffer. If you have an interest in contributing your time and talents in any of these areas, please contact the CCHS office at 814-234-4779 or email info@centrecountyhistory.org.

I initially got involved in the CCHS for two reasons. First, I'm fascinated by local history and relished the opportunity to be part of an organization that does so much to give Centre County its sense of place. It's important to me because that sense of place is part of what draws my six children—who live in five states and one foreign country—back to town so often. Second, the first meeting I attended on a trial basis was fun! That's partly a tribute to Jackie's quick wit (and no, I won't compare her to Krusty-the-Clown) and the good humor of Mary Sorensen and the board members. But it's also because of the board members' shared love of our community and its rich past. Your membership in CCHS tells me that you share that love. We would welcome your involvement at a higher level, but we're grateful for your membership support and ask only that you pass the word to friends and neighbors!

~ Katie O'Toole

Upcoming CCHS Programs & Exhibits

Boogersburg School Annual Open House

Sunday, August 30

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Schoolmarms, slates, & sack races! Celebrate going back to school 19th century style with this special open house at the historic Boogersburg One Room School. Children of all ages will love to experience sitting in an old wooden desk, learning with the help of soapstone, slate, and chalkboards. Teachers in period dress will instruct “students” in spelling, mental math, and other interactive activities.



Boogersburg School was built in 1877 for Patton Township children by Centre Furnace iron master and farmer Moses Thompson. The school was in operation until 1952.

Hosted by the Centre County Historical Society, this is an event for the whole family. Free and open to the public. **Boogersburg School is located on Fox Hill Road, State College**, on the road to University Park Airport.

We promise there will be recess and refreshments!



The Col. Gerald Russell PNC Bank United Way Day of Caring

Thursday, October 1

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

@ Centre Furnace Mansion



We're getting ready!

The Day of Caring is a county wide day of service that has been benefiting a host of Centre County non-profit organizations for 22 years. The Centre County Historical Society has had the good fortune to be a recipient of this amazing gift for most of that time and we look forward to it each year with great enthusiasm!

HOW CAN YOU HELP? Hosting over 150 service volunteers between the Mansion and Schoolhouse requires thoughtful planning by many, preparation and supplies. Here are some of the ways you can contribute:

- Volunteer to help lead efforts with specific groups or take a shift at the registration area, help with preparation the week before.

- Not able to attend, but would like to help? While many supplies are donated, many are not and you could help through your contribution of gift cards for Subway or any home/hardware or grocery store for supplies.

Contact Mary Sorensen at 814-234-4779 or msorensen@centrefurnace.org to contribute, get on our volunteer list or to get more information.

Jackie Melander to receive Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Award

Friday, September 25, 2015

11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Zembo Shrine Center

2801 N. 3rd St., Harrisburg, PA 17110

We are proud to announce that Jackie Melander will receive the Henry A. Jordan Award at the 2015 Annual Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Awards Luncheon. First held in 1979, the annual awards recognize significant contributions in the field of historic preservation made by both individuals and organizations.

Named for Henry A. Jordan (1936-2010), a former Preservation Pennsylvania Board Chairman and life-long supporter of the historic preservation movement, this award honors outstanding historic preservation efforts at the local and regional level in keeping with Henry's belief that it is at the local level where real historic preservation occurs.

The awards are presented annually by Preservation Pennsylvania, the Commonwealth's only statewide not-for-profit organization dedicated to preserving Pennsylvania's historic places through creative partnerships, targeted educational and advocacy programs, and advisory assistance.

If you are interested in purchasing tickets to the award ceremony luncheon, visit: preservationpa.org.

John H. Ziegler Historic Preservation Awards of the Centre County Historical Society

Sunday, October 25

3:00 p.m.

@ the Penn State/Centre County Visitor Center.

The Centre County Historical Society has recognized 173 individuals and organizations for their outstanding work in preserving and interpreting Centre County's rich history for 26 years. Join us as we honor the work of our 2015 Preservation Award recipients.

Award recipients will be featured on our website in October. For more information contact Mary Sorensen at msorensen@centrefurnace.org or 814-234-4779.

13th Annual Stocking Stuffer Antiques, Art & Fine Craft Sale

Friday - Sunday, December 4 - 6

@ the Centre Furnace Mansion

Admission \$5.00

Preview Party

Thursday, December 3

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. - \$35 member/ \$40 non-member



Now in its thirteenth year, the Stocking Stuffer has established itself as one of the area's premiere holiday events featuring the finest quality work of local artisans, craftsmen, and antique dealers. This is also a signature fund-raising event for the Centre County Historical Society.

Whether shopping for gifts for family and friends or something beautiful for yourself, the Stocking Stuffer offers a wide variety of unique items! Featuring our favorite returning vendors with garden fairies, photography, jewelry and pottery and the always changing collections of local antique dealers.

This year's Stocking Stuffer is already shaping up to be one of the best. In addition to adding a third day (Sunday) to the event, we have other exciting new ideas we are planning. If you have never been to the Stocking Stuffer in previous years, why not put it on your calendar now. And if you're one of our members that have attended many times over the years, we thank you and suggest that you spread the word or bring a friend along this year!



Coming Home



Descendents of Moses and Mary Thompson.

Members of the Thompson family, organized by descendants of John Irvin Thompson, visited the Centre Furnace Mansion, their ancestral Thompson home to be with about 30 of their family members from every corner of the country. The reunion was much like every other reunion with picnic fare, family time and much laughter and photos as everyone got caught up! But not family can say that the Centre Furnace Mansion and two other historic sites are part of their family heritage.

Ron Smith gave a lively talk about the business history of Moses Thompson and the enterprises that his son John carried on. The John I. Thompson Grain Elevator and Coal Sheds, or the Granary, remains as a historic site within the Lemont National Register Historic District.

The Thompson's rounded out a busy day by touring the Granary with Ron, and then the Boal Mansion. John Irvin Thompson was married to Elizabeth Maria Boal.

Our enthusiastic thanks to the Thompson Family for coming home to visit and for your contributions! It was a pleasure to see the Thompson home filled with new generations.

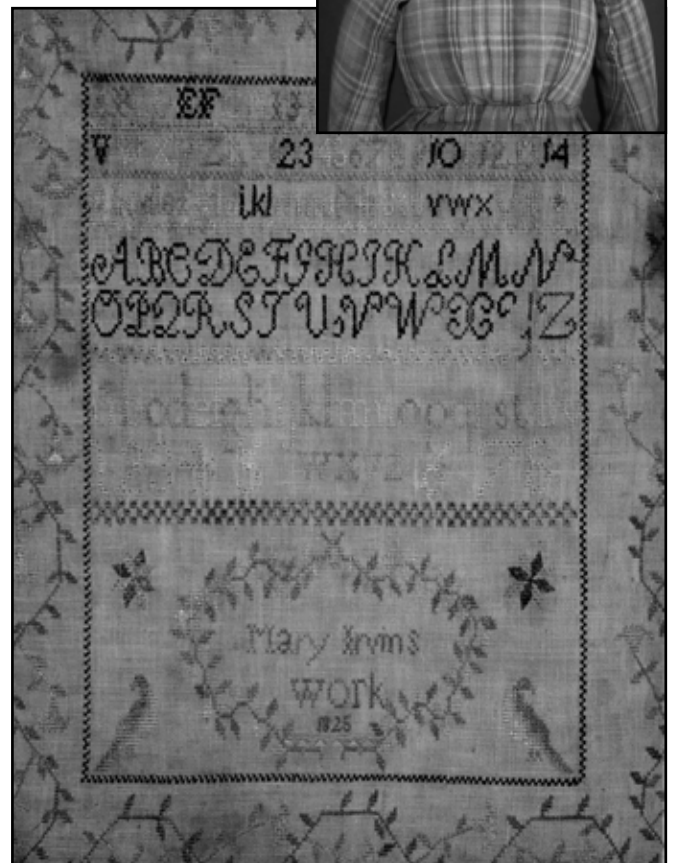
Special thanks to Judy Heald who prepared an updated Moses and Mary Irvin Thompson family genealogy for the reunion and to Bonnie Walter for assisting with family tours of the Mansion for the afternoon.



Special Gift

The Thompson family was not all that came home this month. CCHS received a special gift of two new Thompson Family artifacts that are now part of the collection at Centre Furnace Mansion. These gifts were donated to the Centre County Historical Society by Anne Hamilton Henszey Pyle, descendant of Elizabeth McFarlane Thompson and John Hamilton, and her husband Kenneth B. Pyle.

The first, a simple linen sampler embroidered by a thirteen year old Mary Irvin (later Thompson) in 1825 features star-and-bird, grapevine, and flower-and-vine motifs, as well as alphabets and numbers cross stitched in silk thread. The Pyles also donated a Greiner Patent paper mâché-head and cloth-body doll dressed a red plaid wool dress. The obviously well-loved doll was made by the sons of doll designer Ludwig Greiner in Philadelphia about 1880; she was given to Mrs. Pyle by her cousin Hilda Patton Thompson, Moses Thompson's granddaughter. We appreciate the Pyles' generosity in sending these Thompson family treasures home to Centre County.



Gardeners Corner

The CFM Gardeners are rounding out a busy summer in the Gardens. A rainy spring and early summer has brought a tapestry of perennial color. Our most sincere thanks to the CFM Gardeners for their constant work and dedication that make the Gardens a truly special feature at the Mansion. We are pleased to add a new tree, “*Stewartia pseudocamellia*”, to the Gardens in honor of Jackie Melander’s 32 years of service to the Historical Society. The tree will provide mid-summer bloom, and winter interest with interesting form and flaking multi-tone bark.



Stewartia pseudocamellia

Many thanks to our friends from Blue Mountain Quality Resources and to CFM Gardener Marshall Garrett for lending a helping hand during a warm but productive afternoon of service this summer! The weeds have especially benefited from the rains this season, and it was lovely to have assistance.



Thank you Blue Mountain Quality Resources!

The Garden Workshop series that was in the planning for September is postponed for a date to be determined.

Docent Corner

CCHS is honored to have an extremely dedicated group of docents and volunteers and not all have been lifelong residents of State College or Centre County. Now in its third year, CCHS has been coordinating educational field trips for docents and volunteers to explore the Centre County region’s museums, historic districts and homes, and see first hand the places and homes that John Blair Linn wrote about 132 years ago.

In June, CFM docents had the opportunity to literally walk down “memory lane” in Boalsburg Village guided by long-time resident and local historian Paula Ralph.



Her informative walking tour of key historical buildings, located on or near Main Street, ended with a delightful lunch at Duffy’s Tavern and was appreciated by all.

August brought the CCHS docents and volunteers to Bellefonte for their second installment of Bellefonte history and architecture. Thank you to Melady Kehm for the walking tour focusing on early families and the architecture of High and Allegheny Streets.



Always look up for clues to a building’s history.



Cultural & Natural Heritage Events

Please visit the organization's website for complete details.

Through Fall

Boalsburg Heritage Museum
Sat 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
boalsburgheritagemuseum.org

June – August

Boal Museum and Columbus Chapel
Tues-Sat 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. / Sun Noon to 5:00 p.m.
boalmuseum.com

Through October

Penns Valley Historical Museum
Sat 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
pennsvalleymuseum.org

Through October

Rhoneymeade Arboretum & Sculpture Garden
Sun Noon – 5:00 p.m.
rhoneymeade-usa.org

August 21 - 29

Centre County Grange Encampment & Fair
@ Grange Fair Grounds
www.grangefair.net

September 11 & 12

Start with Art
Friday & Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
@ PSU Palmer Museum
www.palmermuseum.psu.edu/events.html

September 25 – November 29

Birth of the Painted World
Jivya Mashe and the Warli Tradition of India
@ HUB Robeson Gallery
Reception: October 16, 5 – 7:00 p.m.
studentaffairs.psu.edu/hub/artgalleries/upcoming.shtml

October 3

Dutch Fall festival
Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
@ Wert Memorial Park, Aaronsburg
www.aaronsburgcc.org

October 7

Lecture: "President Eisenhower: His foreign policy in general and Korea in particular"
Wednesday, 7:30pm
@ Pennsylvania Military Museum
pamilmuseum.org

From the Archives

One of the items in the CCHS archives is an old scrapbook full of "Way Back When" clippings cut from the Centre Daily Times covering 1946 to 1969. Items below are taken from August columns with updated date references:

110 years ago - At a State College clothing store you can be fitted with an entire outfit for \$10. The outfit consists of suit, hat, shoes, collar, tie, underwear, hose and garters.

80 years ago - The route number of that part of the Lakes-to-Seas highway from Philipsburg through State College to Potters Mills is now designated as 322. It was formerly numbered 5.

75 years ago - Under a penalty of \$50, beginning Sept. 1, Pennsylvania apples must be as good all through a barrel or container as those packed on top.

70 years ago - Over 2000 persons attended the State College community picnic at Hecla Park. A ball game between Pleasant Gap and Lemont was a highlight of the affair.

60 years ago - All 38 homes scheduled for construction by the Boro-College Housing Corp. in the South Hills district of State College have been assigned to contractors.

55 years ago - A proposal for a complete municipal refuse collection system for State College was to be introduced at council's next meeting.

New in Collections

Boy Scouts of America State College charter, 1918
Thomas D. Fonda - 2015.03

Tintype photographs, 1850s-1860s
Josephine Smith - 2015.04

Victorian period lamps
Heather Fleck - 2015.05

Coverlet panel, 1838 Ettinger (Aaronsburg, PA)
Lynne R. Stover - 2015.06

Robert H. Breon photograph of State College, Locust Lane at Nittany Avenue, 1926
Helen Breon Volz - 2015.07

Mary Irvin Thompson sampler, 1825 and Greiner Patent Head doll, ca. 1880
Anne Hamilton Henszey Pyle and Kenneth B. Pyle - 2015.08

Centre County Quilt, IOOF Half Moon Twp. lodge membership badge, flat iron, J.R. Mattern store account ledger, Halfmoon Twp., 1910-1929
Susan D. Smith - 2015.09

Hickory bentwood and slat 2-seat chair
Virginia S. Walker - 2015.10

Leonard Rhone's Pik-Nik Cont.

- The fair was cancelled in 1943 due to World War II and gasoline and other rationing. A one day picnic was held instead.



- In 1956, the main gate which was originally designed for horse drawn vehicles was now marked with entrance and exit lanes. The next year, because of intense traffic, a second gate was added.



Many, many changes and improvements have been made to the grounds and the Grange Fair in the decades since Leonard Rhone had the idea for a "pik-nic". Countless families have made the fair an important part of their family traditions and the entire area has benefitted from this wonderful reminder of our rich heritage of agriculture in Centre County.



*Photos for this article provided by the Centre County
Grange Encampment & Fair*

Grange Fair Postcards CCHS Cannon Postcard Collection

These postcards featuring the Grange Fair have recently been scanned and added to our collections database. Thank you to Monty Christiansen for his ongoing work scanning, cataloguing and researching the Cannon Postcard Collection!



*Grange Encampment and Fair, Centre Hall Pa.
Postmarked - Centre Hall Sep 16 1908*

Fine quality lithographic image with a panoramic view of fairgrounds with many sets of horse and buggies in foreground, three permanent buildings and several tents in background
Publisher - W.A. Huber, Mechanicsburg, Pa.
Printer - Kosmos Co., Halberstadt, Germany



*Entrance Grange Park, Centre Hall Pa.
Postmarked - Centre Hall Jul 21 1932*

This postcard features a black and white photo of closed park gate with gable roof, two sets of masonry pillars, power lines, ticket booth on the right.

Collections Investigation

by Betsy Taylor



If you visit Centre Furnace Mansion during the next few months, you will be fascinated by the current display of early iron items used by the early settlers of our Centre County region. Many items undoubtedly came from the iron created by our own blast furnace, which, after being formed into 100 pound “pigs”, were reconstituted by local blacksmiths into household items. Among many forged items, a variety of household irons were created for the over worked housekeeper.

While our kitchen hearths display a variety of irons for the visitor to see, it was not uncommon for most households to use not just one of those irons for their ironing tasks, but rather three or more, constantly rotating the one in use as it cooled to a hot alternate that awaited by the fire. According to an article by a writer called Ragman/Redbubble, Tuesdays were ironing days in most households. Mondays the clothes, bedding, and table linens were washed and aired to dry. Tuesdays were set aside for ironing, a chore that took all day. According to the author of the 1886 edition of *Practical Housekeeping*, “When inviting friends for visits of a week or more, try to fix the time for the visit after the ironing is done”.

As the iron needed to be kept hot, several “sad” irons were used in one ironing session. Continuing to heat extra sad iron bases in the front area of the fireplace, the ironer faced the additional chore of constantly changing the cooling irons for hot ones, cleaning the newly heated replacements each time to remove residue from the fire. It was a tedious process! Lucky were the individuals who were wealthy enough to own a separate ironing-stove reserved for this purpose. The word “sad” iron did not pertain to the state of the laundress, but to the old English meaning of sad, which was “solid”. The *Montgomery Ward and Co. Catalogue* No. 57, found in our

own research library, describes “The Ideal Sad Iron” as a normal iron for the average housekeeper. The quoted price of \$.65 offers the customer a package of three sad irons, varying in weight from 5-9 pounds each with a detachable handle and a trivet for use between on going sessions.

Of course different items to be ironed demanded different styles of irons. A charcoal iron was self-heating, but was large and cumbersome. A tailors goose iron cost only \$.04 but was used for heavy garments, thus weighing 16-22 pounds, and a fluting iron was reserved for ironing those frilly collars and cuffs so popular by the ladies in the Victorian era. You can find out more about this style of iron in *Antiques* by Ann Kilborn Cole, a volume of which is located in the CCHS library. You can also find a perfect example of a fluting iron on display at Centre Furnace Mansion.

In the book *At Home* by Elizabeth Donaghy Garrett, one can see the reprint of a 1819 watercolor by John Lewis Krimmel. The painting is of a scene of a typical Tuesday ironing session and shows an ironing table and laundress. The table is spread with clean ironing cloths and placed near an open window to catch, hopefully, a cool breeze and a momentary relief from the hot chore of ironing and the laundress is shown doing her chores barefoot, apparently her attempt at comfort and a way to stay cool!

In wealthy households the weekly ironing tasks were eased by the advent of the mangle, used for ironing bedding and table linens. A mangle consisted of two rollers for pressing of such items and was said to add luster to damask cloths. On Monday the linens were washed and air-dried. On Tuesdays the dry linens were first mangled, then placed flat on shelves to preserve their ironed state! Some households owned furniture referred to as linen presses for just this purpose.



Next time you tour the Mansion, look for our fine example of a linen press in the Mansion's Dining Room which belonged to John Elliot Thompson who grew up in the Centre Furnace Mansion, Sr., son of William Thompson and Anna Elliott, grandson of Moses and Mary Irvin Thompson. Donated by John Elliott Thompson, Jr.

Have You Been to the Library Lately?

When Moses and Mary Thompson added a large wing to their family home in 1848, they not only added a first floor kitchen adjacent to the dining room, but a wonderful large room above it. The additional upstairs room may have served as a personal office for Moses. With an extra door and the back stairway leading directly up to the room, conjecture leads one to believe the space might well have been used for that purpose. Whatever the history of the location, the sunlit room today serves as a wonderful research library for the Centre County Historical Society.

Here at the Centre Furnace Mansion, we are fortunate to have an experienced volunteer librarian, Judy Speedy. A retired school librarian from Allegheny County, you can now find Judy overseeing, organizing and maintaining the CCHS library collection. Judy is also a treasure trove herself of information on local history.

The library's collection contains books and materials pertaining to the history of the ironmaking industry, Centre County history, local town history publications, architecture, gardens and landscapes, and Victorian life. In addition, one can find publications from the Centre County Genealogical Society and indexed copies of Town and Gown magazines.

You can begin your search for library items online at www.centrehistory.org/cchs_library.

The CCHS Library is available on public tour days, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. or by special request. But, if you want to see Judy with a particular question, she is typically in on Wednesdays from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. but do call ahead! Additionally, most library materials may be checked out by CCHS Members for a short period of review. To check out materials, please call us at 814-234-4779 to make arrangements.

Additional research resources are available at centrehistory.org/research-resources/.



Judy and Bill Speedy

Thank you!

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Thank you to all of our new and continuing members. We hope you value your membership in the Centre County Historical Society as much as we value your support and participation. We invite you to return your membership renewal, if you have not yet renewed for this year. Make checks payable to CCHS and send to 1001 E. College Avenue, State College, PA 16801.

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