

ANNUAL MEETING, 2:00 P.M., JULY 22, 2018 AT THE TOWNSHIP BUILDING

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Updates since the July 2017 meeting

I would like to take this opportunity to catch up a bit, since our last annual meeting. Annie and I spent most of October 2017 playing hooky during the October meeting, while touring Europe by foot and train. One of our early stops in England included the Minster Cathedral in historic York, England. Inside the cathedral were several memorials, including one to honor all Allied Airmen of World War II. I was fascinated with the historic dimensions of this memorial



*Memorial to WWII Allied Airmen
Minster Cathedral, York, England*

It is worth noting that our own Curtis Stone is a U.S Army Air Corps WW II European Theater Veteran and is thus recognized by this monument.

Significant to my addiction to history, we also visited the historic D-Day Utah

Beach at Normandy. Our home there for three days was the historic Ivy House B+B. On the morning of the D-Day invasion in 1944, this French farmstead was commandeered as headquarters building for the region's German Army Commander.



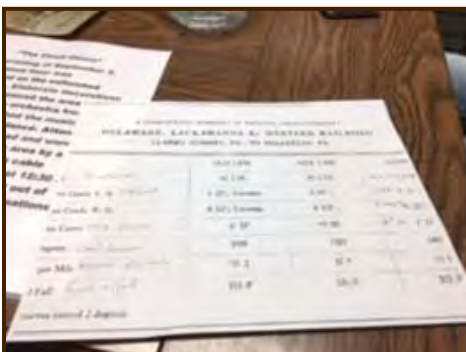
Utah Beach, Normandy France October 2017

As Annie and I played hooky from the October 21, 2017 BHS meeting with this trip to Europe, Richard Zick Sr. ably conducted the meeting, with a major focus at that meeting being on the future of our historic archives and collection as related to the potential for a new Brooklyn Township Building. This issue is vitally important to the society, as it appears the current township building will have to be demolished. A visit to the Clifford Township Historical Society in September by several BHS officers provided us some helpful advice on what type of facilities we would need to properly display our artifacts and provide for some research facilities for genealogists and historians. More details of the visit are in our October 21, 2017 meeting minutes as well as an Executive Committee meeting on November 15, 2017; both located on our website at <http://brooklynpahistoricalsociety.com/>.

The draft minutes of the spring meeting in April 2018 are also available there and will be acted upon by the society at the July 22, 2018 meeting.

A progress report of the effort to place a scenic overlook information site on Zick Hill, for viewing the Martins Creek Viaduct; as well as the effort to obtain an official state historical marker for the same viaduct will be provided at this meeting as well

*Martins Creek →
Viaduct scenic
overlook site under
development.*



← *Data Collection
effort for scenic
overlook site for
the Martins Creek
Viaduct*

On May 7, 2018 several officers and trustees met for a work session at the Brooklyn Township Building to inventory approximately 12 boxes of documents rescued from the third floor. Most of the material is documentation from the IOOF Lodge in Brooklyn, including the Rebekah Lodge. Some of the documents go back to 1848. In addition, we found documents from The Brooklyn Grange, Boy Scout Troops, Brooklyn Music Club, Men's Community Club, a letter to Mr. Myron O. Tiffany and an invoice from Brooklyn's Austin House in 1912. A question for your history sleuths- where is the Austin House today?

Election of officers will be conducted at the July meeting. If any member would like to place his or her name in nomination, please contact me at davesolopalmer@gmail.com or 570-498-6637. Likewise, if any officer or trustee would like to not run for re-election, let me know.

Other items on the agenda for this meeting include a status of the Old West Side Cemetery, grant applications to the Endless Mountains Visitors Bureau for our new museum and renewing our website domain name.



Burial site of Rev Charlotte Porter, First Universalist Church - first ordained female minister in Northeast Pennsylvania, Mt View Cemetery (Old Universalist Cemetery)

Speaking of cemeteries, Curtis Stone will have a full report for us on the status of the Old West Side Cemetery, which has received significant support from this society in the past. Some brief data is provided here:

Savings Account (12/29/17) \$16,757.99 (5/31/18) \$17,851.58

Checking Account (12/31/17) \$5,124.88 (5/31/18) \$5,274.88

Income from Cabot Gas averages \$200.00 monthly

Endowment Fund at The Community Foundation: December 31, 2016 \$31,396;

December 31, 2017 \$36,796.56

As with the Historical Society itself, volunteers are always needed to attend to the business of the Cemetery Association including, budgeting and planning. The Old West Side Cemetery Association operates on a minimum of officers and uses the Peoples Bank in Hop Bottom for an auditing service. Curtis Stone serves as President and Lana Price Fluck has a special title of Executive Secretary.

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Finally, we will memorialize several deceased members of the society in the last year. Shortly after our annual meeting in July 2017, we lost Robert Stanton, Brooklyn High School Class of 1944-one of our original members. Bob and I had some common experiences in the U.S. Military, though mine were in a different branch. I enjoyed “talking shop” with him at numerous meetings and get together. Other long time, and charter members that left us in the past year or later, include Floyd Hohn, Brooklyn Vocational High School Class of 1943; Perry Phillips, Brooklyn Vocational High School Class of 1945; Harold D. Ely, Brooklyn Vocational High School Class of 1936; Margaret Lewis Stone, Brooklyn Vocational High School Class of 1941; Martha Otto Girton, Brooklyn Vocational H.S. Class of 1940; James M. Ketterer, and Reverend Paul R. Carlson.

The July meeting promises to be an interesting and informative one. Bring a friend . . .
. . . a new member!

Very Respectfully,
DAVID J PALMER, President

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PUBLICATIONS INFORMATION

The latest publication of the Brooklyn Historical Society, The History of Brooklyn, PA 1787-2005, is now available. Cost: \$15.00. 270 pages; over 200 pictures. (Hard Cover edition: \$25.00.)

Other publications also available:

+Brooklyn Bicentennial Picture Book \$5.00.

+Brooklyn Township Schools 1800-1991 (\$10.00)

+Farms, Homes, and Unimproved Lands of Brooklyn, PA. (Traces ownership of property back to 1890.) (\$5.00)

+Weston's A History of Brooklyn, Pennsylvania. (1787-1887) Re-published 1987. (\$50.00)

+The Martin's Creek Viaduct * the D.L.&W. Railroad in Alford, Kingsley & Hop Bottom, Pennsylvania, USA 100 Years Ago. (Author: Dr. John Darcy II.) (\$20.00)

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