

# The Cameron House Chronicle

*A publication of the  
Milton Historical Society*



*Our mission: To maintain the Cameron House, to preserve Milton History,  
and to provide information and education to the public.*



Upcoming Dates:

- Holiday Open House & Vintage Toy & Doll House Exhibit  
Dec 10 & 11, 1:00 - 5:00 pm
- Winter Lecture Series—watch for dates & times!
- April 20, 2023—Annual Governor James Pollock Dinner

## Straub Family Visit & Donations

The Straub family has frequently made pilgrimages back to Milton for special occasions, as evidenced by newspaper articles. But in their recent visit, they endowed us with a treasure trove of Straub and related families photos, newspaper clippings, deeds and sale bills, and 2 family Bibles. While the newspaper report that one of these Bibles traveled from Germany with immigrant Andrew Straub, founder of Milton was incorrect, still we are thankful to have these Bibles return home to Milton so that this local history can be preserved.



*Pictured: Winfred Straub, direct descendant of Andrew Straub, the founder of Milton, Winfred's daughter, left, Lisa Straub-Johnson, and right, daughter-in-law Diane Straub. The Straub descendants were visiting from South Dakota and Alaska.*

*We thank them heartily for visiting and for endowing us with their family treasures!*

The first Bible, in German, was copyrighted 1842 and was the Bible of the John Schleppey family with connections to the Balliet and Straub families. The second Bible (in photo) was copyrighted 1870 and is the Balliet ~ Straub Family. Both Bibles have been transcribed and that genealogical data will be preserved and shared.

*At right—just some of the donations while being sorted and cataloged...*



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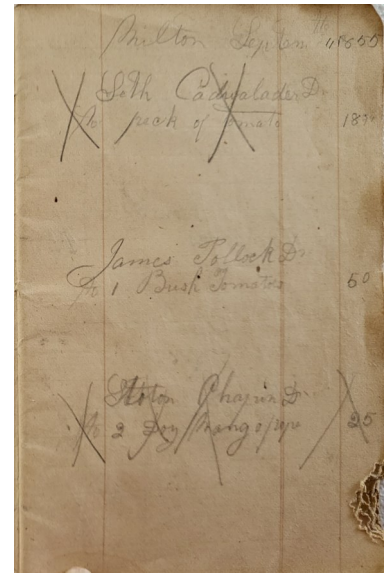
### More Straub Family Treasures



How exciting it was to look through the small leather bound business account books of Jacob Straub of Chillisquaque and find these two important notations!

Jacob Straub built a chimney for James Cameron in 1857 for a total of \$3.50! It would be very cool if we knew this chimney was on the newer portion of our beautiful house but James Cameron owned quite a few properties so there's no way to tell.

And to the right, Jacob Straub sold a bushel of tomatoes in September 1855 to none other than Milton resident and future Governor James Pollock for a whopping 50 cents!



### Other Fabulous Donations



This sweet little wooden doll cradle was recently donated by local resident Linda Moyer. As you can see, it's a bit damaged. It's said to have survived the great 1880 fire!

This Milton High School sweater is one of two recently donated by local resident Lorraine Miller.

We had quite a few donations dropped off during our fall Milton Schools exhibit and we thank all of those donors!



### Governor James Pollock Medal



Local resident and longtime friend of the historical society Nancy Slease recently donated this fabulous Governor Pollock Medal.

I'm told the historical society used to gift these medals to the program speakers at the annual Governor Pollock dinner, but the society then owned none. These have become quite rare so we're very thankful for Nancy's generosity in gifting this for permanent display in our Governor Pollock Gallery!



## Fall 2022 Events

We broke out just some of our wonderful Milton schools memorabilia for the fall Milton Schools exhibit which was well attended! And we had some more Milton school artifacts donated during the exhibit. It was a great trip down memory lane!

~ *Globe from Muddy Run School is on loan from John Bower.* ~

In case you missed this exhibit, parts of it (9 wall boards) will be on display for a bit at the Milton Public Library.

In conjunction with the schools exhibit, the members of the Milton Class of 1977 held a Sunday brunch at the Cameron House during their reunion weekend. They toured the exhibit and had a wonderful program on the early Milton schools led by board member and local historian John Bower.



### Other Events of 2022

Even though we all shudder to remember it, we couldn't let the 50th anniversary of the Agnes flood go unnoticed so we hosted an exhibit this summer on the great flood of 1972. We also hosted an interesting exhibit on the Order of Redmen and other Fraternal Organizations of Milton and hosted a very popular exhibit on ACF Industries.

Is there a topic for an exhibit that you'd be interested in seeing in the future? Email us!

We also got back to holding our annual Governor James Pollock dinner banquet at Wynding Brook in April with a program by Bucknell professor and historian Claire Campbell. We're already planning the April 20, 2023 banquet so stay tuned for details!

## What else have we been up to?

Covid may have put a major speed bump in the path of all organizations' activities, but we've tried to use this time wisely to re-vamp and modernize lots of things. We've hopped on social media and now have a fabulous website, a direct email address, and a Facebook page. Please check us out frequently to keep up with our happenings. We've also created lovely new brochures which you may see out and about, created our 2023 calendars, and as you can see, are re-vamping our newsletter.

We've cleaned out some things we didn't need and done quite a few repairs and improvements to the Cameron House including things like removing trees, refurbishing the parking lot, creating organized space for the archives, painting and installing picture hanging rails to make our gallery space more usable. We had a beautiful new sign and message board installed out front so people can find us more easily and can keep track of happenings.

And our board member and curator extraordinaire Ron Johnson cleaned out, organized, and cataloged our entire archives! Now we know exactly what we have - and where it is!

And that has made it so much easier for us to plan and create the exhibits we've been creating! A huge *thank you* to Ron for all of his hard work on the archives and to Deb Owens who has been the mastermind behind many of the exhibits!

## Upcoming Events & Happenings

### *Christmas Open House & Vintage Toys & Dollhouse Exhibit!*

Take a breather during the holiday hustle and bustle and take a stroll down memory lane! We'll be decking out the house with vintage toys and dollhouses brought by Santa in years gone by! Join us on **Saturday or Sunday, December 10th & 11th from 1:00–5:00.**

*If you have some favorite vintage toys that you'd like to share, we'd love to add them to the temporary exhibit! Email us!*



### 2023 Winter Lecture Series

YES, we're currently hoping to bring back our very popular winter lecture series this year!

John McWilliams is working on lining up the guest speakers and we're crossing our fingers that we can resume! Watch for details to come!

### 2023 Governor Pollock Banquet

Mark your calendars and watch for more info to come!

April 20th, 2023

## More Acquisitions

We were thrilled to receive this beautiful 1850's Walnut corner cupboard as a very generous gift from the Dr. Klinetob family back in the spring. It has made a beautiful addition to the Cameron House dining room!



A Mr & Mrs John Morrison from out of state recently visited us to do some research on early Morrison guns made here in Milton PA after he had purchased one from the Dr John Persing collection. Following his visit, he came upon another Morrison gun from the Persing collection being auctioned online and made the generous offer to split the cost with us to help add one to our collection. We won the auction and are awaiting the arrival of the gun from the auction house in Maine! Stay tuned! Morrison was one of only two early gunsmiths in Milton.





# Milton Historical Society Membership Application January – December 2023

## Member #1 Info

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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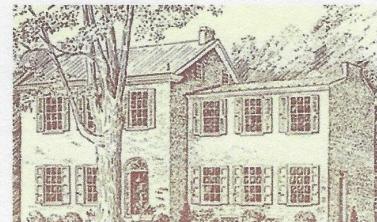
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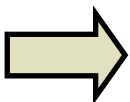
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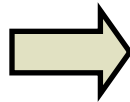
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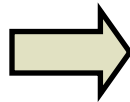
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