

The Landmark Society

News

Bradford, Pa. 16701

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Mrs. Robert Bromeley
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1977-80

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1977 OFFICERS

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Mrs. Virginia L. Miles
Mr. Charles T. Rowe
Mrs. Frank E. Stack
Mrs. George D. Kish

A N N U A L M E E T I N G

Bradford Landmark Society held its annual meeting and dinner at 6:30 at the Valley Hunt Club on Thursday, March 24, 1977.

President Donald E. Swarts presided over the business meeting, which included the Secretary's report of the 1976 annual meeting and the report of the coordinator of the Herbig Bakery Headquarters building. Both were given by Mrs. Frank E. Stack. Mrs. George D. Kish submitted the treasurer's report in typed form for examination by the members. Mrs. Charlotte Gabler reported that the Society had almost 500 members, and that dues were currently payable at the Bakery Headquarters Building.

The report on the work at the Crook Farm was given by Mrs. Robert Bromeley who used slides to illustrate the progress. Mr. Bromeley introduced the speaker, Mr. Stewart Bolger, executive director of the Genesee Country Museum Village. Mr. Bolger presented an illustrated lecture showing the history of the Genesee country and the steps in building and restoring a 19th century village on a rural site in the area.

Mr. Robert Blair, chairman, gave the report of the nominating, and on the motion of David Pytcher, seconded by George Tiffany, the nominations were closed and the above list of 1977 officers and directors were elected. Retiring directors were thanked.

SUMMARIES OF RECENT BUSINESS MEETINGS

December 8, 1976, Carnegie Library, 3:30 P.M. Present: Messrs. Grow, Pytcher, Rowe, and Swarts; Mesdames Bromeley, Daggett, McDowell, Stack, and guest June Gray.

The Board was informed that the society has filed an application for another CETA employee and hopes to receive notice of funding by January first.

A check for \$400 was presented to the Committee for the Preservation of Old City Hall. This amount was raised by the donations to a White Elephant Sale, which was conducted by a committee headed by Mrs. George O. Tiffany.

Mrs. Gray was present to report on the plans for the 1977 Antique Show, and the Board raised two questions: Did the present plan put the show too far from Main Street, and was it advisable to have it run through a Sunday? Mrs. Gray was asked to report at a later meeting.

Mr. Pytcher reported on the work of the Green Thumb group at the Crook farm, and the replacement of windows and sills was discussed. Mrs. Gray reported that there was a possibility of developing an application for a grant from the state to aid in the costs of the project.

January 7, 1977, Executive Committee, Holiday Inn at 12:15. Present: Dr. Swarts, Mesdames Miles, Kish and Stack.

The President asked Mrs. McDowell, chairman of the Special Events Committee to arrange for the Annual dinner meeting at the Valley Hunt on March 24 or 31.

The NEWS LETTER and its costs were discussed, and it was decided to recommend to the Board that its publication be continued because of membership response.

At the next Board meeting the President is to appoint a Nominating Committee, with its chairman to be elected by the Board.

New stationery is needed, and the new order should have a different format.

January 14, 1977, Carnegie Library, 12:00 noon. Present: Messrs. Swarts, Pytcher, Grow, Blair; Mesdames Kish, Bromeley, Daggett, Miles, Lowery, and Stack.

The Antique Show dates were set for August 20 and 21.

By Board action, moved by Mrs. Lowery and seconded by Mrs. Miles, funds from future life memberships are to go into special interest-bearing accounts along with memorial gifts, and that past life memberships already allocated and spent on Crook farm projects be added to the fund as money was available.

A Nominating Committee consisting of Mesdames McDowell, Kish, Lowery, Miles, and Messrs. Slike and Blair was appointed. The Board elected Mr. Blair chairman. Five new Board members plus replacements for Mrs. Koch and Mr. Kessel are to be nominated in addition to the 1977 officers.

The NEWS LETTER will be continued, and the secretary announced that interviews for a new CETA employee would begin this week.

February 22, 1977, Carnegie Library, 4:00 P.M. Present: Messrs. Swarts, Blair, Slike; Mesdames Lowery, Stack, Miles, Bromeley, McDowell, Daggett; Gray as guest.

The purpose of the meeting was to authorize the president to sign the application for a state grant of funds for \$40,000 to be matched locally by an equal amount for the development of the Crook Farm project. The pertinent documents are reprinted elsewhere in this NEWS LETTER.

Dr. Gray presented the copy of the application and explained fully the action of the Ways and Means Committee in giving it approval. Dr. Swarts raised the question of the division of opinion in the Society about the merits of the project because of no security problems, and future plans. After lengthy discussion, he requested a motion that would state that it was the consensus of the Board that the application be signed. Motion made by Miles, seconded by Blair, and passed.

REPORT OF WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

January 24, 1977

The Crook Farm Ways and Means Committee and other interested parties met at the home of June Gray at 7 P.M. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bromeley, Mr. Charles Grow, Mr. Bob Blair, Mr. Robert Slike, Jr., Mrs. Virginia Hinamon, Josef Pfister and June Gray.

Mr. Pfister presented the proposal for a grant from the National Parks Service Historic Preservation Grants Program through the Penn. Historical and Museum Commission. A copy of the application for grants-in-aid and the description of project work is attached. The application needs approximate dollar values added. This was turned over to Charles Grow. Messrs. Wm. Lowery and David Pytcher helped in the preparation of this application form and will assist Mr. Grow in the determination of costs.

Mrs. Bromeley projected slides of the Crook Farm which will serve as reference photographs if the project is approved.

Mr. Pfister presented a chart which included the steps which must be followed and the forms which must be prepared if the project is approved. He said that Raymond McMahon, director of redevelopment, had agreed to supervise the presentation of the proposal and the steps in execution.

Mr. Bromeley agreed to head the committee to secure matching funds. Mr. Pfister stated that the average grant issued by the department was \$25,000 a year but that we might hope to obtain a maximum of \$40,000 the first year and \$30,000 the second. He and Mr. Bromeley discussed the in-kind contributions that could be counted as a portion of our share of this grant.

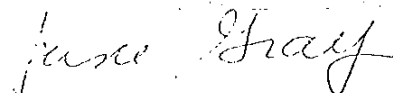
Mr. Pfister also explained that we would have to pay for the work as it was done and then submit the appropriate forms and receipts to the state for reimbursement.

The group approved this application.

Mr. Pfister also recounted his visit with the man who owns the lease which includes the Olmsted well. Mr. Slike showed pictures of a derrick of the period. The lease buildings had been included in the proposal by Mr. Pytcher. Mr. Bloss, the owner of the lease has had an offer to purchase. Some discussion was held on the viability of attempting to purchase just the one well--the Olmsted well. Mr. Slike felt that if we attempted to purchase the lease itself we might be faced in the future with the prospect of plugging the remaining wells, possibly an expensive proposition. No decision was reached.

Mrs. Gray was delegated to present the material to Dr. Swarts who had planned to be at the meeting but was detained.

Respectfully submitted,



June Gray, chairman

The following application was signed by the President following authorization by the Board of Directors. Under #7 listed below, Addendum 2 is not reproduced in this NEWS LETTER, having already appeared in a previous letter as the architect's report. The response to the application from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission follows on page 9.

APPLICATION FOR GRANTS-IN-AIDFISCAL YEAR 19 78

FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL and MUSEUM COMMISSION

UNDER THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANTS PROGRAM

#1. PROPERTY NAME (Use National Register Designation)	Crook Farm House and Olmsted Well
#2. PROPERTY LOCATION (Number, Street, Community, County)	480 Seward Avenue Foster Brook; McKean County Bradford, Pennsylvania 16701
#3. U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT	23rd
#4. LEGAL PROPERTY OWNER'S NAME and ADDRESS	Bradford Landmark Society 45 East Corydon Street Bradford, Pa. 16701
#5. NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS (Check Appropriate Box, if Property is Located Within a District, Include Black and White Photograph)	☒ LISTED IN NATIONAL REGISTER ☐ WITHIN A NATIONAL REGISTER DISTRICT ☐ PENDING APPROVAL FOR NATIONAL REGISTER
#6. TYPE OF PROJECT (Check Only One)	☐ ACQUISITION - Acreage or Sq. Ft. NA ☒ DEVELOPMENT
#7. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT WORK (Itemize actual work to be undertaken)	
See Addendum 1: Description of Project Work	

ESTIMATED PROJECT COST	\$ 80,000 G. Grow
AMOUNT OF FEDERAL FUNDS REQUESTED	(No more than 50% of estimated project cost) \$ 40,000
SOURCE OF MATCHING FUNDS	Contributions to and Funds raised by the Bradford Landmark Society
INTENDED USE OF PROPERTY	Pending the organization of a staff, the Landmark Society volunteers would undertake to provide guided tours for public, educational and scheduled groups.
SIGNATURE	(For a Development project, the owner must co-sign the application, if the applicant is not the owner.) DATE: 2/21/77
NAME & TITLE (if any) OF PERSON SIGNING APPLICATION	Dr. Donald Swartz, President Bradford Landmarks Society <i>Donald E. Swartz</i>
ORGANIZATION	Bradford Landmark Society
ADDRESS	45 E. Corydon St. Bradford, Pa. 16701
TELEPHONE	814-362-3906

RETURN FORM BY MARCH 31, TO:

Grants Officer
Pennsylvania Historical &
Museum Commission
Box #1026
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

TELEPHONE: (717) 787-4363

ADDENDUM I

#7 DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT WORK

I. ARCHITECTURAL AND SURVEY WORK

A. Provide architectural drawings, specifications, and construction administration for the following:

1. Crook Farm House
2. Roughly constructed outbuildings:
 - (a) Large Barn
 - (b) Carpenter Shop
 - (c) Chicken Coop
 - (d) Corn Crib
3. Original Receiving Tank at Olmsted Well
4. Derrick at Olmsted Well
5. Roughly constructed Lease buildings:
 - (a) Boiler House
 - (b) Steam Boxes
 - (c) Tank House
 - (d) Tool Shed
6. Relocated sewage facility to include:
 - (a) Relocation of septic tank and leach bed
 - (b) Relocation of sewer lines
7. Water well and relocation of water distribution line
8. Restored garden, exhibiting 1850-75 crops
9. Restoration of original dug well

\$6,600

B. Survey and provide a map of Crook Farm property, identifying all the above project areas, streams, landmarks

\$2,000

C. General Administrative Costs: Bid Advertisement;
legal costs, project sign

2,000

\$10,600

II. CROOK FARM HOUSE

A. Restore chimneys to original use \$ 850

B. Remove and replace existing wiring throughout	\$1,400
C. Install protective alarm system for burglary and fire	2,400
D. Install automatic hot air heating system	2,800
E. Remove plumbing fixtures and piping and restore pantry to original use	600
F. Insulate second floor, and conceal	1,200
G. Replace window sash and frames throughout	2,160
H. Replace left front door with door of proper time period	230
I. Paint or paper each room to suit designated time period, patch and repair wood trim	4,000
J. Furnish first floor rooms to designated time periods	<u>4,900</u>
	\$20,540

III. ORIGINAL DUG WATER WELL

A. Re-dig, enlarge, reline, and provide safeguard for opening	
B. Restore surface enclosure and well sweep to 1850-75 time period	2,050

IV. RESTORE OR RECONSTRUCT ORIGINAL FARM BUILDINGS:

A. Large Barn	\$18,360
B. Carpenter Shop	2,100
C. Chicken Coop	1,200
D. Corn Crib	1,000
E. Original picnic fireplace, picnic tables, rope swings	<u>1,700</u>
	\$24,360

V. PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT

	\$
A. Relocate sewerage facility to include:	
1. Septic tank	
2. Leach bed	
3. Sewer lines	2,500
B. Replace well, pump, and water lines to restroom facilities	2,000
C. Restore garden and grounds planting to historic appearance	2,000
D. Grade as needed for good drainage	<u>1,500</u>
	\$8,000

VI. OLMSTED WELL AND LEASE

A. Restore original receiving tank	\$1,250
B. Reconstruct original derrick at well	7,500
C. Replace lease buildings:	3,000
1. Boiler House	
2. Steam boxes	800
3. Tank House	1,200
4. Tool Shed	<u>700</u>
	\$14,450
TOTAL	\$80,000

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION

WILLIAM PENN MEMORIAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES BUILDING

BOX 1026

HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17120

March 21, 1977

Dr. Donald Swartz
Bradford Landmark Society
45 East Corydon Street
Bradford, Pennsylvania 16701

RE: CROOK FARM

Dear Dr. Swartz:

The Office of Historic Preservation of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission is in receipt of the above captioned grants-in-aid application for Fiscal Year 1978. This letter is to acknowledge the receipt of your application and to inform you that the application has been reviewed and is in satisfactory order. Your project will be included for consideration in our Annual Preservation Program for Fiscal Year 1978. Inclusion in this Program is not an automatic guarantee of funding. After the National Park Service has made its apportionments to the states, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission will make its allocation of grants from among the projects included in the Program. The determination of grant allocations normally occurs in November or December. Our office will notify you of the Commission's decision at that time.

In the meantime, I would like to remind you that ANY PROJECT WORK CARRIED OUT BEFORE GRANT ALLOCATIONS ARE ANNOUNCED & BEFORE THE PROJECT PLANS & SPECIFICATIONS ARE APPROVED WILL BECOME INELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING. Should you have any questions regarding this program, please let us know. We will be happy to provide you with whatever assistance you may need.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William K. Watson".

William K. Watson
Grants Manager

WKW/pjs

cc: Raymond W. McMahon

MISS DUNN REMEMBERS

Last summer Miss Mary Dunn, who celebrated her ninety-third birthday early in March at the Bradford Nursing Pavilion, gave a taped interview to Dr. Swartz on the subject of the old Crooker School which she had attended as a girl. The facts concerning the school were published in the LANDMARK NEWS. During the interview, however, many other subjects were touched upon and the following comments have been taken from the tapes.

MD By 1900 I was in training. My sister and I were both nurses. We trained in the old hospital, a wooden building, where Hamsher House now stands.

DES Let me ask you about that first hospital.

MD Someone once told me that originally it was a hotel. I don't know anything about that, but I do know that as a hospital it was a very uncomfortable old building. And there were two cottages in the yard, right opposite here. (MISS DUNN'S PRIVATE ROOM AT THE NURSING PAVILION FACES HAMSHER HOUSE.) One there, one here. The nearest one to the hospital was used for very serious surgical patients. And in the other one the nurses lived. When the nursing classes got too large they had to rent a house on Bennett Street.

DES When you finished your training, did you stay on at the hospital?

MD No, my sister and I both did private duty, and my sister had not been out of training very long until she began to care for Mrs. Crawford, an elderly lady, who would be the grandmother of Tom Mullery. Margaret remained with her for seven years until Mrs. Crawford died. Then she came home and took a graduate course to freshen up. Following that she was on another long case.

I did private duty for awhile, and then I took a course in laboratory work. Nursing was very difficult in those days. You had to stay on the case 24 hours. No time off at all. Well, you would get two hours sleep from time to time, if necessary, but it was very difficult. I got tired of it, took the laboratory course, and then worked in the Bradford Hospital for awhile.

DES Would that still be in the old wooden building where Hamsher House is now?

MD No, by that time the nurses lived there and my room was there. I worked in the brick hospital which had been built across the street, right on the site where this nursing pavilion is now. That was a nice hospital on the cottage plan.

DES So Bradford has had three hospitals -- the wooden one where Hamsher is now, then the brick one on the cottage plan, and now the modern one. All of that means that Bradford, with its old money has always been able to provide hospital care.

MD I suppose that is right. The old cottage plan was really a very nice plan for those times. The first wooden building, well, it was a fire trap. It's a wonder we didn't have fires in it. There were no fire escapes, no elevators, and it would have been serious had there been a fire.

They laugh now about the way the patients were treated, but you know

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MISS IRWIN (con't)

it is surprising how they got along. Very little lab work was done, practically no X-rays. Doctors were trained then, maybe more than now, to diagnose from sickness, their own observations and experiences. Some modern doctors will say that quite a few patients died, but there were very few of the surgical patients died; if there was any chance at all, unless they had a malignancy or something like that.

DES Perhaps they didn't try some of the complicated things they now try.

MD Well, no they didn't. Heart surgery is new. We didn't know much about blood pressure then, and that is so important these days. We did blood chemistry, blood counts, and some tissue work. At that time I was the only one working in the laboratory. Many tissues were sent away. The laboratory had no animals, like rabbits or rats, and so much of the work had to be sent away to a larger lab.

DES How long did you stay in your laboratory work?

MD I didn't stay very long for this reason: I couldn't work under the superintendent that was there at that time. I don't know what I did, but she didn't want me very well. I think she was the type that wanted to be made of and catered to all the time. My idea was to do my work well wherever I was needed. I thought it was best to quit. I didn't work after that. I quit younger than I should have, but my father and mother were getting along in years and I stayed at home and cared for them. When their health began to fail, we got them to move into town, where we lived on Jefferson Street for quite a little time.

DES In those days the principal mode of transportation in town was street cars, wasn't it? Where they been when you moved into town?

MD Oh, yes, when I was in training, we had street cars, and we could get a street car at the corner of School and Bennett, and we could go out to Lewis Run. I can remember even before that when they had the old horse car that went from the head of Main Street out to East Bradford. They went out of use when the trolleys came in. When we lived out in the country, we had farm horses, out in the fall when the road became impassable, we would walk into Bradford and think nothing of it -- four and a half miles. A train went out West Corydon. On Sundays when the roads were bad we would walk down the tracks to go to church. By the way, in regard to your landmark place on East Corydon Street, our biggest treat was to go into Hernig's Bakery and buy sugar cookies.

DES You mentioned awhile ago that the late Mrs. Ramshott lived in that area and attended the Crocker school. You did know her then through the years?

MD Well, fairly well, but we were living different lives than we did when we were younger. She was very wealthy. She married Mr. Bransdale, who was a fine man and a wealthy man, but was older than she was. I remember caring for him in one of his sick spells. He built Green House on Corydon Street which is now the YWCA. I used to visit her a little, but I never saw her much after she married Mr. Ramshott. I don't think he was wealthy, but he had a good position with a steel company in Pittsburgh and was in very good circumstances. I did not see her much after that. I guess she liked a traveling for Bransdale. She was built that big holiday holiday kind of thing in them. She had two pattern dogs, and someone that both of them. She married one of them through, but in fact so ugly she had to keep a Bower the day after that. So she was alone my sister and I went out to see her we telephoned first.

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16701



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Bradford, Pa. 16701

May 2, 1977

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NEW HOURS AT BAKERY

The Bakery Headquarters Building is now open from 8 to 12 and 1 to 5 daily, Monday through Friday. Miss Verona Joy Wolf and volunteer aides are available everyday except Saturday and Sunday for tours of the building and sales in the gift shop.

During the past three years the bakery has been visited by people interested in the collection of memorabilia to be found there. The building has been cleaned, and the many items from Bradford's past have been displayed. Sales from the items in the shop have provided funds for utilities and taxes.

The building itself dates from the 1870's, and is considered the second oldest building now in town, the oldest being at the corner of Main and Kennedy Streets where LaSelles candy store now stands. This latter building has gone through so many structural changes during various business renovations that little of the original remains.

The bakery building was used for its original purpose until 1963. As the years pass the display of the bakery equipment, which has changed through the years, will be more valuable. The building is the gift of Virginia Loveland Miles, whose grandfather was Gus Herbig, the original owner.

Bradford and out-of-town visitors are welcomed, and visits from school groups may be arranged by calling Mrs. Frank Stack or Miss Wolf.

LANDMARK SECRETARY HONORED

Mrs. Jane Roche Stack, a civic leader and currently Secretary of the Landmark Society, has been chosen by the Bradford Exchange Club to receive its Golden Deeds Award for 1977.

Mrs. Stack is being recognized for many years of devoted work to the Girl Scout movement in the Bradford Area, for her work with various Catholic organizations, the service with the Bicentennial group, and her association with the Landmark projects.

Presentation of the Award will be on Thursday, May 19, at the Penn Hills Club. The Exchange Club has arranged a dinner in Mrs. Stack's honor, and has invited the public. Tickets are available from members of the Club or may be picked up at Archer's. Landmark Society members are among those invited to honor Mrs. Stack at the 6:30 dinner.

OLD CITY HALL ACTIVITY

Under the chairmanship of Mrs. George Tiffany, some progress is being made in acquiring funds for the renovation of Old City Hall.

Mrs. Tiffany reports that matching funds have been promised by individual contributors. The emphasis on the present drive is for memorials to Bradford families that have been active in the life of the city for the past hundred years.

Funds for the project are on deposit until the final amount is raised.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Time and Place: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by the President, Mrs. Miles, at her home, 23 Williams Street, on April 20, 1977.

Members Present: Mrs. Miles, Stack, Kish, Bromeley, Lowery, Gabler, White, Miss Hinaman, and Messrs. Rowe and Pytcher.

Secretary's Report: The President requested that this report was only to name any old or unfinished business from the last administration. The old business was the Antique Show and the purchase of envelopes and stationery.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report for Jan. 1, 1977 to March 31, 1977 was read and placed on file.

New Business: The President explained that this first meeting was a reorganization meeting, and asked for approval of the following committees and their chairmen and co-chairmen:

- Membership: Mrs. Charlotte Gabler, Chairman, Mrs. Beatrice Hannon and Miss Dorothy Currie.
- Newsletter: Dr. Robert Laing, Chairman, Robert Iver and Dr. Donald Swarts.
- Acquisitions and Care: Mrs. Marian Vernon.
- Publicity: Mrs. Meigs Beam.
- Windows: Ann Cavallero.
- Yellow Dogs: Mr. David Pytcher.
- Bakery Building: Mr. Robert Hendryx.
- Finance: Mr. George Tiffany, Chairman, Mr. Charles Rowe, Mrs. Geo. Kish.
- Youth Involvement: Mrs. Stephen Hodges and Mrs. K.J. Kilbury.
- Crook Farm: Mrs. Robert Bromeley, Chairman, Mr. David Pytcher, Mrs. William Lowery and Dr. June Gray.

A motion was made by Mr. Pytcher, and seconded by Mrs. Bromeley, that the list be accepted.

Mrs. Miles asked Mrs. Bromeley to report on the progress of the Antique Show. She reported that Mrs. Duane Hagg and Mrs. Penny Errera were co-chairmen, and had had meetings, and things were progressing. Mrs. Miles said that, as the arrangements for the show had taken place before the new administration, Mrs. Bromeley, Mrs. Lowery, and Dr. June Gray would receive all reports and approve any necessary people that were appointed by the co-chairmen without the permission of the Board or the President.

This was accepted by the Board.

The President reported that she had signed a note placed at Headquarters that any materials removed from 45 East Corydon St. must be signed for and approved by the Board.

Also that all bills and purchases must be approved by the Board.

A bill was presented for \$70.00 (at cost) for seven rolls of wallpaper for the Crook Farm, purchased from Courant Interiors. The bill was approved to be paid. Motion made by Mr. Rowe, and seconded by Mr. Pytcher. Passed.

It was moved by Mrs. Bromeley, seconded by Mrs. Gabler, that Mr. David Pytcher and Dr. Donald Swarts, past Presidents, be presented with complimentary life memberships. Passed unanimously.

It was moved by Mrs. Lowery, seconded by Mr. Rowe, that the price of the Yellow Dogs be raised to \$5.00. Passed.

Mr. David Pytcher was appointed to look into the problem of the plank in the middle of the parking lot at the back of the Bakery Headquarters, that it be removed, and that a "No Parking" sign be erected.

Meeting adjourned at 9 o'clock P.M.

Jane Roche Stack, Secretary

1977 MEMBERSHIP ROLLS

Mrs. Charlotte Gabler, membership chairman, reported that the Society's rolls included almost 500 members as of the date of the Annual meeting in March. Each member receives a copy of the LANDMARK NEWS, and former paid members are continued as active members for a period of two years.

For the records, the following list of members are paid in full for the 1977 year. Following this listing is a convenient form which may be mailed to the Bakery Headquarters building with an unpaid membership fee.

LIFE MEMBERS

Mrs. Ruth Dresser Abrams
Mrs. John Becker
Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Bromeley
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bromeley
Mr. and Mrs. M.A. Caldwell
Mrs. William H. Christie
Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Digel
Mrs. Forest Dorn
Mrs. John Dunton
Mrs. Elizabeth Kennedy Fesenmeyer
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gutelius
Dr. Robert C. Laing, Jr.
Mrs. William B. Vernon

COMPLIMENTARY LIFE MEMBERS

Elizabeth Blaisdell
Mr. and Mrs. John Bryner
Mr. and Mrs. David Cameron
Mr. and Mrs. George Daggett, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Bertram Fisher
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gregg, Jr.
Dr. and Mrs. S. Gordon Huff
Mrs. Virginia Loveland Miles
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Osborne
Mr. and Mrs. David Pytcher
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Saunders
Mr. Arthur C. Simmons
Dr. Donald E. and Dr. Mary Swarts

CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS

Eleanor M. Abrams
Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Benton
Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Blair
Mr. R.J. Brennan
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Burkart
Mr. and Mrs. Francis D. Cahill
Mr. and Mrs. Otho B. Chatley
Mr. and Mrs. Willard M. Cline
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd W. Cornelius
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer DeLucia
Mr. and Mrs. Max E. Dunham
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Fesenmeyer
Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Farquharson
Marjorie E. Foster
Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Friedman

Mr. and Mrs. Leo J. Gallina
Mr. Roger Graham
Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Grant
Marjorie Mallory Habgood
Mr. and Mrs. Ivan P. Hanes
Mrs. Jean A. Hawley
Mr. and Mrs. Griffith Herold
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Higie
Mr. and Mrs. Guy L. Hughey
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hyde, Jr.
Mr. Robert W. Iver
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard B. Johnson
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Knapp
Mr. and Mrs. Otto F. Koch, Jr.
Mrs. Vance F. Kohler

CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS (con't)

Mrs. Wm. M. Loveless
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Lowery

Mary D. Mallory
Mrs. Ruth McCready
Mrs. T.L. McDowell

Mrs. Lester Ordiway

Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Pruch
Mrs. R.J. Purtle

Mr. and Mrs. G.B. Rhoades
Mr. and Mrs. Paul N. Robinson
Helen M. Robison

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Sandeen
Mrs. John H. Satterwhite

Rev. and Mrs. Theodore Schaffer
Susan M. Shepley
Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Shuey
Mr. and Mrs. Max Spindler
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Stover

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Taylor
Mr. Walter S. Taylor
Mrs. E.R. Torgler
Mr. and Mrs. S. Ashton Tull

General and Mrs. Fay Upthegrove

Mr. Phillip Watts
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Weaver
Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. White
Mr. Gilbert E. Wilcox
Ms. Verona Joy Wolf

ACTIVE MEMBERS

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Abernathy
Dr. and Mrs. John Addis
Mrs. Daniel J. Atwell

Mr. and Mrs. Meigs Beam
Richard D. Benton
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bolton
Miss Martha H. Boyle
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Branch
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APRIL AND MAY, 1859, AT THE CROOK FARM

Erastus Crook, who was born in 1801, kept a diary from April 23, 1859 to September 11, 1861. There is a single entry on October 17, 1861, and then the diary begins again on January 1, 1862. There is a break on February 14, after which the daily account picks up again on March 10 and continues through April 20 of 1862. There is a single entry on December 28, 1865, after which pages are missing from the old account book the diarist was using. The final entries were from April 1, 1866 to June 2, 1866.

At the time the diary begins, Erastus Crook was 58 years old, a date established by his son Edgar, who wrote in his memoir, "On the 10th day of December, 1877, Grandpa Crook died at the age of seventy-six years and eleven months."

The following transcript was made by Mrs. Robert Steckmeyer and her daughter, Suzanne Dittman. Ellipses and question marks indicate illegible words and phrases in the original.

APRIL, 1859

Saturday, 23 - A very snowy blustering day done but little work only to take care of my cattle. Got 400 ... pay of tonite 5 o'clock p.m. Still blustering.

Sunday, 24 - Pleasant this morning. Looks fair to be a pleasant day.

Monday, 25 - Pleasant morning. Snow is going off quite warm and pleasant.

Tuesday, 26 - Raining early. Quit work this afternoon on account of rain. Farming a little by drawn manure. Drawed 7 loads. Mrs. Delos Harris is here today on a visit.

Wednesday, 27 - Rather cloudy weather. Cold. Drawed 8 loads of manure this forenoon. I feel very tired, in much pains in my legs. No one knows my suffering but my wife. Clock just struck 11.

Thursday, 28 - Very pleasant weather. Cold wind to blow for corn (?) today. 25 minutes to 1 o'clock my legs pain very hard. I do not know what to do for them.

Friday, 29 - Beautiful weather this morning. Everything seems to rejoice at the returning of spring. Birds are singing and making melody in the air. If my ankles were well, I should feel to rejoice with them but the pain takes all comfort away from me. If only I had the religion of Jesus in my heart I suppose I could be ... under all circumstances. Went on a visit to Mother Beardsley's. Had a good visit.

Saturday, 30 - Very pleasant this morning. Things look reviving. I should

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feel like a boy if my ankles were only well. Went up to Bradford this afternoon. Eat supper with Mrs. Fisher. She seems to enjoy herself well.

MAY, 1859

Sunday, 1 - Very pleasant this morning. Birds appear to enjoy themselves so well. I think we will have a good time to put in our crops.

Monday, 2 - Fine weather as yet. I think we shall have a good time to put in our crops. My health is very poor today. I am cast down in my mind have been all day. My ankles pain me very bad and it makes me feel discouraged. Still I wish to try to do all I can towards a living. The Lord knows I like to work when I am able.

Tuesday, 3 - Good weather continues. Beautiful day thus far, 12 o'clock. I am still unwell today in a good deal of pain in my ankles. I must try some other remedy from what I am now using. Have worked some this forenoon on the fence. If I were only as well as I was 20 years ago I think I should take a good deal of comfort. Edgar has gone to Fullersburgh after me a hat. I hope he will return soon for I want it.

Wednesday, 4 - Continues pleasant weather and I am unable to do anything hardly. It makes me feel completely discouraged. I feel worse today than yesterday in more pain in my ankles. I think I shall go down the valley to (?) see the German doctor. If he cannot help me I don't know what I shall do for I have tried most everything I can think of. There is no one knows how to apprise (?) health until they are deprived of it. How thankful anyone ought to be that has the use of their limbs. I think if ever I have the use of mine again I will ever try to praise the Lord for it and for all the blessings he bestows upon me. I make some mistakes in writing because of the pain I have to endure.

Thursday, 5 - Still pleasant warm and dry. Bids fair to be a dry spell of weather. It's a good time for doing springs work. I cannot do much myself. Oh, how I wish my legs well so that I could work. I sometimes think that I never shall be able to do much more work, if I was able I would go and see my Brother Simon. I want to see him very much. Its a long time since I have seen him. I must go this fall if nothing serious prevents. Set the turkey eggs.

Friday, 6 - Warm today. Looks like rain this afternoon. Beautiful time to do springs work. My ankles are quite painful today. Still I work some. Have been making fence this forenoon. Mr. ... was over to pay me a visit yesterday and today. Philo fitted his carrot ground (?) today. Will sowe soon.

Saturday, 7 - Went up to Bradford this forenoon. Very warm and dry weather. No prospects of rain. Good time for putting in crops. I hope we shall be able to plant a good deal of corn this season. I saw Mr. T. Feit today. He promised me two pigs. Mrs. Crooks has gone to Fuller Town. Has not returned yet. I think she will find it very warm traveling. Especially walking.... I do not feel very well today and in some pain in my ankles.

Sunday, 8 - Continues pleasant weather. Warm today. It's growing time. I think it will do to plant corn. I think I shall plant some tomorrow if nothing happens. I have written to Mrs. Sherman today and at 5 minutes to one have put on the salve on my legs that Delos Harris got to Olean and I shall ever feel grateful towards Delos for taking the pains to try to

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get something to give me ease and comfort. There is but few that cares another's sufferings. If this should by the blessing of God prove a cure I never should forget Delos until the day I die. In the afternoon it is a dreadful warm day. Blossoms are putting out very fast. I hope we may have a good fruit season. It seems to be bid fair for it is so far. I think that it is 2 weeks earlier than last spring at this time.

Monday, 9 - Continuous warm and dry. Looks a little like rain. I hope we may get a good shower. It would make things start out and grow fast. I am still feeble and lame and a good deal cast down in my mind. I wish I could be patient under all circumstances. Let anyone be in the same situation of myself I think they would murmur some even if they were preachers of the Gospel. Been up to Bradford this afternoon. Mailed a letter to Sherman at

Tuesday, 10 - Quite rainy. Rained all night. Good deal colder than yesterday. I feel better than I did yesterday. My ankles are somewhat painful yet I don't know as I ever shall be entirely well again. 4 o'clock p.m. Quite cold. Mr. and Mrs. Edson are here on a visit. Set the goose today. This closes up the day.

Wednesday, 11 - I feel somewhat cast down today yet I have been to work fixing a place for squash and for cabbages. Cloudy rather cold. Good time for plowing. It is time that corn was in the ground. The old England Black Bird or Bobolink is singing lively this morning. My father used to say when they came around its time that corn was planted. Have been planting potatoes this afternoon. Planted some the last day of April. I think the weather is coming off clear again without any frost. I hope we may have a good fruit season. Everything appears to look very promising for a fruitful season. Mrs. Crooks has gone to work a webb today. Just returned quarter to 3 o'clock p.m.

Thursday, 12 - Weather continues beautiful. Just cool enough to work good. I am in a great deal of pain in my limbs today. Feel somewhat unwell. Otherwise been making gardening (?) this forenoon. Sowed some sage and going to sow lettuce this afternoon if nothing prevents. Head aches a good deal today. Been mending boots for James Burten (?). Been down to Mr. Glasses after some tobacco. Got one plug. Saw ...baby. Looks very well.

Friday, 13 - Weather continues fine. Very warm today. Good time for planting, sowing or any other business. I am in good deal of pain today from my ankles and my shoulders. I expect it is rheumatism that ails my neck and shoulders. If ever any person was afflicted it's me. I don't know as it is any use to complain. I therefore will submit to it patiently.

Saturday, 14 - Very pleasant today. Somewhat cool. I am very much afflicted with rheumatism. Did not sleep hardly any last night. Was in such pain. These pains and aches will soon be over with. It makes me feel bad to think I can't work. There is so much to do.

Sunday, 15 - This is a pleasant morning. Very pretty weather as I ever saw. Birds are chirping around in the air and in the branches of the trees. Singing, making beautiful music. Oh, how I long to be out of doors driving (?) around taking the fresh air. I hope it will not be too long before I can work. I feel some better today than yesterday. Quarterly meeting today at Fullerburgh. Elvira went down yesterday I hope they have a good meeting.

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Monday, 16 - Pleasant morning but cold with quite a frost. I think it won't do much hurt. I am in a good deal pain in my shoulders and legs. One of my feet is swollen very bad but it hurts to stand around. I must try to do all I can for it is high time that corn was in the ground. Wm. is plowing today. He will soon get the corn ... ready for planting. I think I shall plant some this afternoon. It is now just 12 o'clock. Sent a letter to Mr. Eddy. Mailed this morning.

Tuesday, 17 - Rainy this morning with some thunder. Growing time. Grass grows very fast. Still I am in pain. Have been building fence. Tapt pr. boots for Mr. Edson. I must finish my calf pasture this afternoon. Got it done and have been planting corn. It never rains perhaps we may get considerable wet weather. I hope we shall get good weather to finish up planting. It is now most 7 o'clock evening.

Wednesday, 18 - Cloudy today. Growing time. Planting corn today. I am still in a good deal of pain. My ankles pain me all the time. Pain in my neck and shoulders. But I must try to do a little for every little helps. I would be glad to get my corn all in the ground this week. Lacks 20 minutes to one p.m. Clear this afternoon. Potatoes are up some of them. They were planted 30th of April. Things will start up quick. I hope we will have a good season for all kinds of crops. I hope there will be no rotten potatoes.

Thursday, 19 - Pleasant morning. Very warm growing time. Even the birds seem to rejoice for such good weather. I am in a good deal of pain in my ankles today. It is as much as one to do to suffer the pain as I have to suffer without doing anything else. Still I don't know but that I feel just as well to work as I do to lie still as long as I can stand it on my legs. Have been planting all day. I am in great pain tonight. I can hardly stand still my pain is so great. If I could only get something to help then I should be glad. It is now 7 o'clock in the evening. Folks are all gone from home. Set the turkey today.

Friday, 20 - Somewhat cloudy the forenoon. No rain. Been planting corn. Got the corn ground all ready. Soon to finish the planting of our corn. Got it done. Elvira has gone up to George Moores to stay whilst they go to Fullertown. Had visitors today. Miss Edson, Miss E. Harris and Louise Howe. All gone. It seems quite lonesome tonight. I have been in a good deal of pain today. I feel some better now than I have done. Its 25 minutes after nine by our clock. I guess it is too fast. I write no more tonight. Some mistakes.

Saturday, 21 - Warm and pleasant this morning. Growing time. I think that corn will come up quick. The ground is so warm. I am in a great deal of pain this morning both in the back of my neck and my ankles. Have been in the woods looking for my sheep. Did not find them. I should have taken comfort had it not been for the pain while I was in the woods. It is so pleasant to hear the birds sing and fly about in the beautiful grove. I would not like to exchange our woodland for the prairie of the West for there is ... comfort taken in the Grove. 7 o'clock p.m. A beautiful shower with some thunder. Vegetation rises up and looks green. The boys are breaking up a piece of sward land for potatoes. I think it will be an excellent piece for potatoes. I hope for a great crop. So this ends the week.

Sunday, 22 - Pleasant morning with cold wind. Everything seems to be growing finally. A good spring thus far. I hope it will continue good

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through the season. My ankles are quite painful this morning. It is nothing new to be in pain so I will let the subject rest for a while. 4 o'clock p.m. It seems quite lonesome to have Elvira gone. The time will soon slip away that she will come home again. I suppose that I feel more lonesome on the account. I cannot stir around much. I would like to go to meeting on Sabbath if it was nearby so that I would not have far to travel. Thus ends the Sabbath.

Monday, 23 - Quite a frost this morning. I don't know whether it will kill fruit or not. I am some afraid of it. It is quite pleasant now. The sun shines out warm. I think it will be a pleasant day. 12 o'clock p.m. Have been over to Carolines this forenoon. Had such a pain in my neck I had to hurry back as fast as I could. Laid down but could lie in bed. Had to get up. Put some drafts on my feet and here I am writing. I feel a little better than I did.

Tuesday, 24 - Quite pleasant this morning with a little frost. I guess it did no injury last night. I feel a good deal better of the rheumatism than I did yesterday. I hope I may get back to work soon for I feel there is not enough of my labour for we have a good deal to do and none to do it but Wm. This so far has been a lonesome day to me. Everything looks melancholly. If all days were like this there would be but little comfort taken in this world. It is 7 o'clock and thus another day has gone never more to return. A sallow thought.

Wednesday, 25 - Very warm and pleasant day this. I have been up to Bradford this forenoon. Just returned. I am quite tired out. Charley Frank and Marilla went with me. Heard from my sheep by Mr.(?) Hunt. Hope I may find them. This afternoon answering to my wish I found all but one so this closes up another day.

Thursday, 26 - Weather is fine this morning. Very warm. Growing time. Corn and potatoes come up quick. I am in much pain both in body and in mind. I do not know what to do or how to get along as to my debts. I hope there will be some way opened that I may see my way clear. 5 o'clock p.m. Had quite a little shower with some thunder. I have been planting potatoes some this afternoon. Got tired and come up to the house. Found Mr. Bunden (?) there. Had a visit with him. I guess I will not go down again until after supper. Went down and planted until sun down. So close another day.

Friday, 27 - Warm and cloudy this morning. Has the appearance of rain. 11 o'clock a heavy shower. A good deal of wind, some hail. Blowed one of our apple trees down. I am in a good deal of pain today in my ankles. Pained me all night very bad. I must do something for them more thorough than what has been done. Hens have snatched up a good deal of our corn. I will confine them this evening where they can't snatch much more. Had a good shower this afternoon. Rained hard ... Ten minutes to six. I guess I will let this close up the day.

Saturday, 28 - Cold this morning with some rain today and yesterday. Governs the next month. I fear we shall have a cold wet June but hope not. I feel very bad this morning. I am in so much pain in my ankles I cannot rest much nights. I am in so much pain. I thought the other day I would say no more about my pains but I cant help it. I must let my feelings out once in a while. This afternoon is pleasant. We have been hanging the gate. It is much more convenient to pass and repass than what it was before. It is 15 minutes past 5 p.m. and it is a good deal warmer than in the morning. I am in hopes that we shount get any frosts this time.

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I hope it will come off warm. Then things will grow fast. It is now bed time so this closes up another day.

Sunday, 29 - Somewhat rainy this morning with rather a cold wind. There was no frost last night. I was somewhat fearful there would be. I hope this spell of weather will work off without any frost to injure anything. I have begun to use the ... on my ankles this morning. I mean to be thorough about it and see what it will do. I think they feel some better for what I have already done for them. Half past 7 o'clock evening. Another Sabbath has past and gone never to be recalled and I am one day nearer my end. I feel to mournto think that I am stupid about my Eternal Interest beyond my grave. Oh, Lord have mercy upon me and save me from that death that never dies. Oh, Lord stir me up to diligence. Help me to awake out of sleep. Come forth unto righteousness and sin not. The weather is cool this evening but I think we shall have no frost.

Monday, 30 - Cloudy and cold this morning. The air feels almost like snow. Perhaps it will come off warm by and by. I am little fearful we'll have a cold June but hope not. I am in great pain in my ankles this morning. It seems as though I have to suffer more than I deserve yet I don't want to complain any more than I can possibly help. Have been tearing down fence this afternoon in order to build a sheep pasture. Some warmer this afternoon than the fore part of the day. I think the weather will moderate(?) to become warmer. It appears like it now. It is most 8 o'clock evening so you see that another day has past and gone.

Tuesday, 31 - Cloudy and cold this morning. There was no frost last night. I think we shall not any frost this time. I hope not. My ankles pain me bad this morning. Pained me all night so that I did not sleep any of account I feel bad all over today both in body and mind. Quit raining this afternoon. Have been over to Carolines. Took supper there. Am now at home writing this. Closes up another day and another month.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The above excerpt from the diary is typical of its content. It is a very human document concerned with personal health problems and the vagaries of the weather. The references to life on the farm ("Set the turkey eggs" and "Set the goose today" and "Heard from my sheep today") are good farm life details, as are the references to planting corn, potatoes, carrots). They are all valuable pictures of farm life. Unfortunately there are no details about the house the LANDMARK SOCIETY wishes to restore.

The family name at the time of this diary was CROOKS, as indicated by Erastus' reference to his wife. In other records we find the name CROOK.

From time to time other excerpts will be published if the membership has found this one interesting. A note to Landmark Headquarters, 45 East Corydon Street, indicating interest or lack of interest would be appreciated. Yes, the ankles got better by the end of June!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (cont'd)

Dear Sir:

Recently I was going through some old papers and I found several report cards that I got while I was attending the old Crooker School. They may be of interest to the Landmark Society because of their age and their connection with the school.

I hope that you have furnished the old school as planned.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Dunn

(NOTE: Reproduced below are the two reports of Mamie Dunn signed by S.R. Brinton and Laurie Johson.)

MOTTO—"Not How Much, but How Well."

BRADFORD TOWNSHIP.
PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Monthly Report of *Mamie Dunn*

For Term Commencing *Jan. 4, 1892*

All rank on scale of 100. Lower than 75 unsatisfactory.

STUDIES, &c.	1 m.	2 m.	3 m.	4 m.	5 m.	Avg.
Reading.....	94	94	95	95		95
Spelling.....	98	99	100	100		98
Writing.....	98	98	98	97		98
Arithmetic.....	81	86	94	90		
Grammar.....	78	80	90	90		
Geography.....	80	88	92	90		
Physiology.....	98	96	95	97		
History.....	96	92	90	90		
Scholarship.....						
Times Tardy.....						
Days Absent.....						
Deportment.....	99	100	99	99		

S. R. Brinton Teacher.

MOTTO—"Not How Much, but How Well."

BRADFORD TOWNSHIP.
PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Monthly Report of *Mamie Dunn*

For Term Commencing *Sept. 5, 1893*

All rank on scale of 100. Lower than 75 unsatisfactory.

STUDIES, &c.	1 m.	2 m.	3 m.	4 m.	5 m.	Avg.
Reading.....	97	97	98			
Spelling.....	97	96	98			
Writing.....	98	98	99			
Arithmetic.....	96	97	94			
Grammar.....	96	97	97			
Geography.....	91	96	96			
Physiology.....	96	95	98			
History.....	95	96	97			
<i>Neatness</i>	100	100	100			
Scholarship.....	96	96	98			
Times Tardy.....	0	0	0			
Days Absent.....	0	1	2			
Deportment.....	100	100	100			

Laurie Johson Teacher.

May 2, 1977

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

I was surprised to find in the Landmark paper sent to me by Martha and Bob Iver that a lady in Kalamazoo, Mrs. Miner, sent you some of Mrs. North's music and a photograph. We were both students of Mrs. Isabell Stewart North.

Mrs. Miner studied piano and I took voice. I lost my only copy of her beautiful "If I Could Call the Years Back" in Texas. I loaned it to a voice student, Mrs. Justin, in Fort Worth and I never got it back. So Mrs. Miner is letting me borrow hers so I can get a copy taken off. My granddaughter does that kind of work in her office. So I will have the music and the words. I sang it in one of Mrs. North's recitals. That's why I am so anxious to get a copy.

My daughter called Mrs. Miner and she was so glad to hear from us. She has one song left, the one I wanted. Thanks again for the news letter, and thank Bob and Martha, too. I surely enjoyed it and so did my family.

Marion Dempsey Heppinger
3320 South 6th Street
Kalamazoo, Mich. 49009

Dear Dr. Swartz:

EDITOR'S NOTE: Edgar Cohn, former resident of Bradford now living in Malibu, wrote a memoir of life in Bradford while he was a boy here. The manuscript was written twenty years ago and was read to the Class of 1908 at their fiftieth reunion. From time to time LANDMARK SOCIETY NEWS has referred to parts of the manuscript. The following is an additional excerpt, and it is interesting to compare the facts here with those given by John H. Gillen, who wrote of a period ten years later.

JUST REMINISCING

By D. Edgar Cohn

I.

Quoting Mark Twain, "It isn't so astonishing, the number of things that I remember, as the number of things I can remember that aren't so." Well, without access to the files and records that must exist in the Public Library, let's see if that is so with reference to Bradford in the decades just before and just after the turn of the century. My excuse for this effort is the contemplated reunion of the High School class of 1908. Those who will attend this half-century Jubilee may correct me where I err and supplement memories that are deficient.

I was born, and, except for a fairly extended period when our home was on Davis St. at the corner of Williams, lived, until graduation, on Kennedy St. between Ann and Forman, in the Fourth ward, where I attended the first six grades of school. Then, since that was as far as the grades went; the seventh and eighth grades were in the Third ward, principally by a beloved tyrant by the name of Schermerhorn.

Manual Training, under an inspiring student of the Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam (he knew all the quatrains by heart), by name - Frank Cheney - was in the Second ward. The Jewish Temple my family and I attended was also in the Second ward, as was the largest home in the city - then about 14,000 - Emery's, where on weekends a group of us boys often played on their grounds along side their livery barn.

The dry-goods stores were, west to east, Cohn Bros., owned by two uncles whom, on many an afternoon, I annoyed and badgered until, to get rid of me, they gave me a penny. No latter-day penny was forthcoming but a big copper one, almost as big as a half dollar, that bought a respectable amount of jolly beans or jaw-breakers. Then McElosky's, Kreinson's and Auerhaims'. It occurs to me that Auerhaims' built for their business the first building on Main St. taller than two stories, with the exception of the hotels.

The St. James and the Holley were the two larger hotels but the Option House, Weaver's, the Bay State and the Black Bear on Pine St. were others. Food was a principal commodity at each of these places. I particularly remember the soft shell crabs at the Option House and the lobsters that were bought at Weaver's on our way home from the store after its late Saturday night closing. A particular favorite, however, was the Coffeehouse, just off Main St. on Congress, where, as high-schoolers, we foregathered and imagined we were carrying on the tradition of Addison and Steele. We called ourselves the Addisonians and named a rendezvous up Minard Run, the Addisonian Rocks.

II.

The grocery stores of the Bradford of my boyhood did a large portion of their business from bushel baskets of provisions that were aligned in rows in front of their stores with big awnings as a protection against rain but no fencing to keep away dogs. Inside - Loveless & Schewie's was closest to us and most frequented - were the big wheeled coffee grinder, cracker barrels, flour barrels, sugar barrels, salt barrels and a case of hard candies, licorice whips and gum-drops, a paper sack of samples of which were always presented when a bill was paid. Other "big" grocers were Fishers', who also handled feed and Smith Bros. Then there were Nussbaum's on Mechanic St. and Berwalds' on Bushnell, but this latter was more of a forerunner of the delicatessen store.

The only meatmarket I recall was Spangler's, with its carefully raked sawdust on the floor and their occasionally for-free weiners draped over a counter. Close by was Mayer's liquor store with its barrels of hard spirits, a gallon jug of which sometimes cost as much as a dollar. Rogalsky's fish market was on Main just west of Kennedy. Very successful it must have been for he moved into much more luxurious quarters on Chestnut St. and raised a superlatively large brood of youngsters who were very early in life trained to assist in the store.

Wichenskys made the best hard rolls for breakfast that ever were eaten - never, to this day, have they ever been duplicated and there was another favorite bakery on Mechanic St., where, on our way downtown after we left High School, a dozen creampuffs could be purchased for a dime. A half-dozen as an afternoon snack was about par for the course.

Emery's Hardware Store became a particularly fascinating place as the Holidays approached. Their most exciting commodity was little steam engines, heated by an alcohol lamp and, when fired up, capable of manipulating cardboard toys. Try as we might, however, even by combining the power of all the purchased engines in the neighborhood, we couldn't put them to any practical use. We futilely tried to hook them up to one of our little wagons.

Main St., in the First ward, is best remembered by the Square in front of the St. James Hotel at the west end of the street with its bandstand and horse-watering troughs and eventually the post-office facing it. In front of the St. James, usually stood the bus with its team of horses that was driven to meet the trains at the other end of the street. There were three depots down there, the B.R.&P., the W.N.Y.&P., and the Erie. In the latter station was a penny slot machine which, with the aid of a mechanized, nightgown-robed "yellow kid", dispensed chewing gum.

My favorite stores were, of course, "the Greeks". That's the only name the candy stores seemed to have. Ah, those long counters of trays with their infinite variety of colors and shapes of hard, medium and soft candies that in summer were covered with long strips of cheesecloth, diabolically contrived, not only to discourage bees and flies, but to preclude the possibility of petty pilfering. Next best were Neely's, W.D. Hart's and a forgotten-named drug store at the corner of Congress St., where one secured the nickel ice-cream soda - with two scoops of ice-cream, if you please, - that tided one's appetite over the long stretch from after school to suppertime.

The stores that sold clothing were, first of all, my father's - Cohn's One-Price Clothing and Furnishing Store. It was in a wooden building, with dressed dummies standing out in front. ("Bring in the Show!" was the signal for the closing of business for the day.) The building was replaced about 1900 by a modern brick structure with - for the first time in Bradford - electric lights in the windows. Simons' was across the street, owned by the strutting Drum-Major of Co. C. and his portly son, Ike - just a private. Greenwalds' was down by the Erie depot and Goodman's was somewhere across from Greenwalds'.

A.D. Burns had a plumbing shop over on the square. A natural comedian by the name of Horrigan, who always took the part of one of the end-men in amateur minstrel shows and another uncle - Dave - worked for him. "Major" A.D. Burns, he was and he always headed Co. C. when they marched. Sloan's furniture store was on the same square. In school, but not in our class, was a son of the owner, a chap, as I recall, that came in a king size package.

The jewelry stores were Lowenthal's (Marvin's father), Rothstein's and, later, Johnson's. The cigar stores - Whitestone's, next to Dad's store before they moved catercornered across the street and Harry Levy's - both had wooden Indians out in front holding a tomahawk in one hand and a bunch of cheroots in the other to designate their location.

There must have been lots of other stores, but they played no important part in my particular recollections.

III.

Let's recount some of the changes that occurred thru technological improvement as the last century gave way to the new. Main St. was paved in cobblestones with a smooth surface gutter and curbing which, tho hardly wide enough on which to ride a bicycle comfortably, did help. It gave way to brick paving. Kennedy St. had what were called "thank-you-mams" at the corner crossings that made it possible to get from one side of the street to the other without either wallowing in mud or raising a duststorm. The father of a football hero of those days, nicknamed "Tubber" Sheehan, was the boss or contractor of the group that paved that street. In excavating for the foundation for it, they encountered what they called a corduroy road - logs side by side that once served as the roadway. When Williams St., along side our home there was paved, it spoiled the availability of the proper sized dornicks - or rocks - which were needed to play the noisy and somewhat risky game called "Duck on the Rock".

JUST REMINISCING (con't)

On the other hand, any paving job brought a fresh supply of fine, smelly black tar to be poured at intervals between the bricks. When sufficiently cooled, it made luscious chewing. One disadvantage of brick paving was that delivery rigs and carriages made considerable clatter on them, a condition which was frequently assuaged by the spreading of sawdust in the event of illness in the homes of our more prominent and affluent citizens.

Originally at night the streets were lighted by gas lamps, manually lit each evening and turned off in the morning, but they were replaced on Kennedy St. and elsewhere, even before it was paved, by arc lights, which were serviced by a man who drove a high wheeled buggy with a little box on back. He replaced the carbons from time to time and occasionally he gave us one of the removed butts, which were fine for marking sidewalks and fences.

The next issue of the NEWS LETTER will continue the story of Bradford as remembered by Mr. Edgar Cohn.

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16th ANNUAL ANTIQUE SHOW

Mrs. Alan Douglas and Mrs. Joseph Errera, co-chairmen, have announced that this year's Antique Show and Sale will be held Friday and Saturday, August 20-21 at the McDowell gymnasium on the Pitt campus.

"Treasures of the Heart" will be the theme of the show which feature antiques and collectibles from dealers in western Pennsylvania and western New York. Other activities include two seminars and a presentation of the film "Silversmiths of Williamsburg."

Jack Carlson will speak at 3:30 on Saturday afternoon, and William Schivier will speak at 2:00 on Sunday. The films will be presented at 7:00 on Saturday and again at 4:00 on Sunday.

Proceeds from the show and sale will be used for the Landmark Society's projects at the headquarter's building and the Crook Farm.

Committee chirmen for the event include: Mrs. George Prentzel and Mrs. Richard E. Brandow, hostess committee; Dr. June Gray, facilities; Mrs. Paul E. Monjar, program; Mrs. Donald A. Bridges, patron tickets; Mrs. Jane Gerteisan, art committee; Mrs. Cathy Jones, paid publicity; Mrs. John H. Satterwhite, window display; Mrs. Dorothy Keeney, printing; Mrs. Dennis Lowery, decorating; Mrs. Marie Weaver, finance; Mrs. Edward S. Mulding, general advertising; Mrs. Barbara Tate, reception.

Hosts and hostesses for the patrons' reception are Mr. Tom Rink, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Peschmayer, Mr. and Mrs. John Ingwer, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Powell.

SALE OF UNUSUAL FABRICS

The Landmark Society has on sale at the Bakery Headquarter's Building a collection of fabrics purchased from the Charles A. Day estate.

An outstanding decorator in the city, the late Mr. Day had hundred of swatches of materials in his East Main Street shop at the time of his death. The smallest of the pieces are about the standard twenty-inch square samples used by decorators. Larger remnants of fabric were also in the collection.

Many pieces of material are large enough for wall decoration, but most are suitable for pillow covers, place mats, tote bags, place mats.

The fabrics are on display daily, except Saturday, from 9:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 5:00.

CROOK FARM ACTIVITIES

Throughout the summer work sessions have been held by the Crook Farm Committee on Wednesdays.

The committee has undertaken small projects not included in the work for which a 1978 grant from the state has been requested. Some furnishings of the period have been put in place.

During the week of the Antique Show, hours for visitation are planned. The times will be announced, or information may be had by calling 2-3906, Landmark Headquarters.

The visits are planned to keep the membership of the Society informed of the progress of the work under the direction of David Lytcher and Mrs. Robert Bromley.

Handwritten signature and initials.

PROGRESS AT OLD CITY HALL

Mrs. George O. Tiffany has assumed the chair-
man ship of the Old City Hall Committee, which
has averaged over \$1000 per month during the
past five months of fund raising activities.
Following a contribution of Mrs. Tullah Hanley
of \$1000, the committee announced that a total
of \$12,000 was now available toward the final
goal. Mrs. Milton Ericson is active in the fund
raising, Channel 4 TV of Buffalo recently ran a
news picture taken by Don McIntyre.

BRADFORD LANDMARK SOCIETY
BOARD MINUTES

Time and Place: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by the President, Mrs. Miles, at her home, Loveland, at Derrylock City, July 7, 1977.

Members Present: Mrs. Miles, Stack, Kish, Lowery, Phillips, Vernon, Gabler and Miss Hinman, and Messrs. Howe, Tiffany and Pytcher.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary's Report of the April 20, 1977 meeting was read and approved with one change -- "that all bills and purchases have the word, 'unusual' inserted to read 'all unusual bills'".

New Business: Motion to accept by Mrs. Lowery, seconded by Mrs. Kish.

Mrs. Miles asked Mr. Tiffany, as Chairman, to present the budget prepared by his committee, Mrs. Kish and Mr. Howe. Copies of the budget were presented to each member, and a discussion of the various items followed.

As Chairman of the Finance Committee, Mr. Tiffany was requested to contact first, Mr. Lopus, second, Mr. Armerman and Mr. Heinz in regard to our three months' overdue C.B.I.A. checks.

In reference to the continued delay by the C.E.T.A., Mrs. Lowery moved, and Mr. Pytcher seconded, the authorization of Mrs. Kish to borrow funds from the savings account when necessary.

On motion of Mr. Pytcher, seconded by Mrs. Vernon, the budget was accepted as presented.

Other Business:

Mrs. Stack requested that any honorariums received be used for much needed repairs and laminating of valuable books and newspapers.

A question of maintenance of our costume collection was raised, with the suggestion made that the people in the High Rise Apartments could be interested in helping us with repairs.

It was moved by Martin Vernon, and seconded by Virginia Hinman, that an ad be placed in the newspaper to promote sale of the material purchased from the Charles Day estate.

Mr. Pytcher reported on the progress of the Crook Farm and Schoolhouse. Painting and papering are being done, the desks have been moved to the School House, the stove is already there. The chimney is to be built in the School House. Motion by Bob Blair, seconded by George Tiffany, to accept the report.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15.

In the last edition of the LANDMARK NEWS a partial list of the membership rolls was published. The additional names of those in the Society are listed below.

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LETTERS OF INTEREST

John H. Gillen, P.O. Box 1031, Wilmington, California, 90748, was reared in Bradford and lived here from about 1909 until after the first World War. He has been a frequent visitor to his hometown, and during a recent visit he taped some of his Bradford memories in a four-hour conversation with Dr. Swarts, Samuel P. Gregg, and Julian Carson. When these conversations are transcribed and edited, they will become a part of the Landmark Society files. In 1975, Mr. Gillen wrote to Mr. Gregg:

Many thanks for the August edition of the Landmark Society News. Until you sent me a clipping of their activities last spring I had never heard of the Society and I must admit that it is a pleasant surprise to know that some of the material submitted by me is being used.

When I begin to imagine that I smell burning leaves or think that the frost might be on the pumpkin or the World Series soon will be starting I usually think of going to Bradford. As I have told you before I have been many places but to me in October, Bradford and vicinity is the most beautiful during that time.

JOHN H. GILLEN

Mrs. Jane Stack,
Co-ordinator of Landmark activities,
Landmark Society,
45 East Corydon Street,
Bradford, Penn'a. 16701.

June, 6, 1977.

Dear Mrs. Stack,-----

Though we haven't met I enjoyed our brief conversation by telephone during my first visit to Landmark headquarters.

I left Bradford in 1924 but I knew Mr. Gus Herbig quite well and he had a large clientele for his quality bakery products. And I'm quite certain that he would view with great pride the present activities occurring where he once operated a successful business.

For a brief period I was once a National Cash Register salesman and I noticed the cash register on the store premises. It is certainly an antique. A man and young woman was present and I suggested that they remove the drawer. Usually on the drawer bottom there was a sticker showing to whom the register was sold. That wasn't there but it did show that it was sold in 1883 which was only eight years after John H. Patterson took over the bumbling company and went into a volume production. I would think at this time it is an antique of some value but I could be wrong.

Bob Johnston and myself were close acquaintances over a number of years and we carried on an unusual and insulting correspondence and he enjoyed passing some of the letters around members at the Bradford Club. I am enclosing a picture of his Kindergarten Class. In his note I don't remember what I am forgiven for and the Douglas he mentions was Paul Douglas who has passed on and Bob also at a later time. I expect to be in Houston soon to see Doctor DeBakey and at that time I will try and contact Dick Schwab. The photo shows some of the familiar names and I thought it might fill some niche in your society.----- You probably have copies of the Mighty Watson Shows but if not one is enclosed. All the original members have passed on.

After Houston I intend to spend some time in the "Cajun Country" in and around the Louisiana Bayous and from there I might just drive to Bradford.

Sincerely,

John H. Gillen

The picture referred to was published by the Bradford Journal. The kindergarten class listed the following students: Helen Hazelton Matson, Esther Gaffney Burdick, Bob Johnston, Jr., Margaret Newell, Mary Johnston, Marian Gaffney, Chester Lynn, Richard Schwabb, Maurice Gaffney, and Mary Downs Herold.

The Watson Show stationery has an overprint of the Bradford Oil Centennial, although labeled "Season of 1908."

The following letter, written by a business associate of Robert Roy in 1901, was among the papers of the late Robert Roy, Jr. It was sent to Dr. Swarts by Mrs. Roy. It is reprinted because of the interesting information about the discovery of oil in another area of the country.

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Mr. Robert Roy,

Bradford, Pa.

Dear Rob:--

Your letter of the 17th to hand and noted. I noticed the strike of the big oil well in Texas and it is a little singular that this party offered to let me in on those leases if we would pay the expense of the test well, but as there was no reason to suppose there was oil in Texas I did not give the matter any attention. I am informed that this oil is not fit for refining and can only be used for fuel purposes, and how valuable it is I do not know.

Enclosed please find draft on New York payable to the order of Bradford Nat'l Bank for \$173.17, amount received from Francis, and I enclose you Mr. Francis' letter. Please deposit and make the proper credit of the same, and oblige,

Yours very truly,

Geo W Archer

WHY BRADFORD STREETS WERE SO NAMED

The following article by Edward F. McIntyre was published in the summer of 1910 in the Evening Star, and comes to the LANDMARK NEWS through the courtesy of Julian Carson and S.G. Gregg. The author was formerly City Editor of the Evening Star, and was the grandfather of Marty McIntyre.

The old timer was in a reminiscent fantod (when) the subject of the origin of the names of Bradford's streets came up. He was here in the days when there were no streets in Bradford; later he saw the streets laid out. They were not the well paved thoroughfares of the present time, but more like country roads. Here and there was a farm house and an occasional store fronted Main street.

"What might (be) called the first street in Bradford is what is now called Mechanic street," he said. "As early as 1827 there was a road leading from State line then called the Lower Settlement. It ran to Lafayette and followed practically the line of Jackson avenue, and Mechanic street as far as the present corner of Corydon street. The it bore on a little to the east to avoid the hill, passed up the valley running about where Senator Emery's house now stands. Afterward it skirted the west side of the driving park. Beyond that point it followed the same line now that it did years ago.

"It got the name of Mechanic street in this way. In 1838 John Willoughby built a house now occupied by Johnston's news room and Plaguet & Douglass' liquor store. This was the second house built in Bradford, the first being Colonel Little's house which stood on the site of the brick block in which the Star moving picture show is now located. Willoughby was a cabinet maker--a mechanic. George Burtzell then built on the land now occupied by the St. James hotel. He was a tailor. Dr. Olds next built on the land where Marshall Walker's house stands, No. 22 South avenue. The doctor was a versatile gentleman indeed, all the pioneers were required to be versatile. Besides being a physician, he was a tanner and currier. He did not even stop at manufacturing the leather, but made it up into shoes. About this time Colonel Little began to lay the land out into streets. Main street was first surveyed and named; from the fact that the three artisans lived on the other street, it was named Mechanic street.

"Pine street was run north from Main street to the creek and was so called from the immense pine stump which lay directly in the middle of the street. It was near Colonel Little's barn, and when milking they used to set half a dozen pails of milk on top of the stump.

"Corydon street was run through from Bradford to the Allegany river in 1839 and 1840. John T. Melvin, father of C.C. Melvin, was one of the county commissioners under whose charge the work was done. He gave the name to Corydon, and from the township the road naturally received its classic name. This road extended from the old road now Mechanic street, westward to the river, following at times the old Indian trail. Colonel Little laid out the extension which runs from Corydon to Mechanic street east to the Erie railroad. This was named Corydon street for the obvious reason that it was an extension of the road to that place. This was the second street surveyed. Then Boylston street was laid out and named after Boylston street in Boston.

"You may have noticed that a great many of the older streets of Bradford

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bear the same names as Boston thoroughfares. That is because some of the early settlers who named them were from the Hub. Congress street is an instance. So is High street. Up in the Third ward Bostonese names are common, having been named by A.W. Newell, a New Englander, Washington, State, School, Center and Summer being examples.

"Other streets were named for people whose property adjoined them. Davis street for instance, which was originally one block long, being an outlet from Boyleston to Main street, was named after R.W. Davis, father of Frank W. and Fred T. Davis, and it adjoined his farm. Webster was also named in this way for P.L. Webster. Pike street adjoins the Pike farm. Tibbitts avenue ran through the old Tibbitts farm. Peter T. Kennedy, S.G. Bayne, James Amm and George V. Forman bought what was known as the flats which included all the land from Boyleston street to the Tuna creek. Bishop was named for J.T. Bishop, who was a bookkeeper for the firm...

"Jackson avenue, originally the old road, was named after J.C. Jackson of the firm of Jackson, Walker & Solomon, who drilled the first successful oil well in Bradford, which opened up the field. This well was located near the intersection of Jackson avenue and Mill street. Barbour street was named for James K. Barbour, who was associated with Whitney and Wheeler in the Producers Consolidated Land and Petroleum company. Webster street was at first known as Water Works street from the fact that the water works or pumping station of the Bradford Water company was located on that street. Until recent years the old building stood on the same location. The water was forced by pumps from Tuna creek to a tank on Quintuple hill, which, by the way, acquired that name from the Quintuple Oil company, which was composed of Lewis Emery, Jr., C.S. Whitney, S.A. Wheeler, Frank Prentice, and S.L. Wilson, five in all, whence the name. Sanford street was named for George W. Sanford. David Bovaird, John D. Seyfang and others came here from Petrolia, Pa., and built houses on what is now Petrolia street naming it after the town they had just left. Wesley Chambers gave Chambers street its name. Chesnut street was called so from the fact that a large chestnut tree once stood at the corner where the street joined Main. Elm street received its name from a grove of elms through which it passed. The last of these trees was cut down this year by Italians. It stood on the bank of the east branch of the creek at River street.

"Walker avenue takes its name from Ash B. Walker, who built the first house thereon, and Chautauque place was named by C.E. Hequembourg in honor of his native county of Chautauque."

FRESH AIRS

Hundred Little Tenement Kids Arrive from
New York to Spend a Two Weeks' Vacation
in McKean County

One hundred fresh air children from New York arrived in Bradford this morning over the Erie Railroad at 7:50 o'clock. They were accompanied by Mrs. Lena Van Orden and Miss Edith Bryner of this city. The children were taken on a trolley car to the Second ward school building on Congress street, where they were distributed among the people who wished to entertain them or board them. Those who were going out of town were given their breakfast by members of the Philathea class of the First Baptist church at Epworth chapel, First Methodist church.

--EVENING STAR, August 8, 1910

THE ERASTUS CROOK DIARY FOR JUNE, 1859

When Professor Paul Malo of Syracuse University gave his report to the Bradford Landmark Society on the Crook Farmhouse, he wrote,

"...its history is related to a remarkable collection of family papers....These historical resources give the place a special, human interest; well written, the reminiscences of members of the Crook family form a moving narrative of a sometimes rigorous life on a pioneer farm."

The diary of Erastus Crook has been transcribed from an old account book by Mrs. Robert Steckmeyer and her daughter, Mrs. Susanne Dittman.

From time to time the Landmark News will publish other sections of the diary, which was kept, with interruptions, from 1859 to 1866.

June, 1859

Wednesday, 1 - Somewhat cloudy and warmer than yesterday. Its a growing time. It is now 1 o'clock p.m. I have been planting some corn this forenoon and have been down to Mr. Edsons. Just returned. Took dinner at Philos and am now scribbling to drown the pain in my legs. I talk of going to Great Valley tomorrow if nothing happens more than I know of. Its a lonesome day to me and in fact almost all of the time things look gloomy and lonesome to me. If I could only work things would not appear as they do.

Thursday, 2 - Quite rainy this morning yet it is warm growing time. Clear this afternoon. Bids fair to be a pleasant day tomorrow. I have been in the most excruciating pain this day. It has been a doleful day to me. I don't wish to see many such days as this has been. I cannot write much today for I can't express my feelings within as I want to if I could.

Friday, 3 - Some cloudy this morning with some wind. It is now 1 o'clock p.m. Quite pleasant this afternoon warmer than the fore part of the day. My ancles are very painful to more sharp pain than yesterday. What the result will be I cannot tell. One thing I know is it's hard to bear. Wm. and Philo have been making fence around the sheep pasture. I hope we can get them all home and get their fleece off. I shall feel better about it than I can now for I am afraid some of them will get lost.

Saturday, 4 - Cold and cloudy this morning. It feels like snow. I feel very low in

spirits. Everything looks gloomy and dark. I take but very little comfort of my life. I suppose if I was well I should not feel so. I wish I felt resigned to bear with patience what ever trials awaits me. I think this has been about as gloomy a day as I have seen for some time. Cold and cloudy with snow. I have been in bed most all day. Have suffered a great deal of pain this day. This winds up another day and another week.

Sunday, 5 - The hardest freeze this that I have known since 1816. Every thing that could be killed by freezing was killed last night. Everything seems to be almost in mourning. The butternut and hickory trees are all black. I do not know what we shall all do. The only way is to trust in providence. My health is very poor taking all things together. I can tell you it makes me rather down in the mouth.

Monday, 6 - Pleasant this morning and a good deal warmer than yesterday. Still every thing looks gloomy and dressed in mourning. I don't know but there will be a famine in our time. We must try to hope for the best and resigned to the will of God. My ancles are very painful today. I bear just as much as I can stand up under and in fact I cannot stand up much at all. I have to lie down the most part of the time and get to tired I don't know what to do. I am trying Doct. Bascom medicine on my legs. I pray that it may be the means in the name of God of curing my legs up so that I can work and pay my family for the trouble that I have made them or in part for I do feel that I am a great deal of trouble when I am so that I cannot work but when I can work I feel as though I wanted to do all I can.

Tuesday, 7 - Pleasant day this. Rather cool last night. Some frost but quite warm today. I am in great pain in my left leg. I cannot hardly write on the account of my pains. Mrs. Crooks has gone to Fuller Town with Frank Naers (?) folks. They took dinner here with us.

Wednesday, 8 - Rainy this morning with some thunder. 2 o'clock p.m. Quite warm and showering. Seems to be a growing time for what is not killed. I think my legs are some better today than they have been. I do really hope the medicine Doctor Bascom left me will cure my legs. I have great faith in it. I hope I may be cured so that I can work. Warren (?) came here this evening with Mr. Piper with him. I was glad to hear from my brother Wm. and hear that they were all well.

Thursday, 9 - Quite pleasant this morning. I guess there was no frost last night. I hope we shall have no more frosts this summer. If we cannot raise corn this season we are down as to something to live upon. Warren has gone fishing. I hope he will get a good mess. I think my legs are improving. I think if I am faithful in using the medicine it will cure me up. I pray the Lord that it may. So that I can travel around again.

Friday, 10 - Cloudy, cold with some rain. It is singular weather for this time of year. It seems as though we must surely have a famine but I hope not. Warner has started for home this morning. I felt lonesome to have him go away for his company is very agreeable. My legs pain me a good deal and I cant write as well as I could if I was not in pain but I think I am getting better. Wm. is sowing the millet today. I hope we shall have a great crop. It is very late about this time. 11 o'clock a.m. I really hope we shall have a change in the weather soon for the better. 1 o'clock p.m. Rather warmer than in the forenoon. The rain is about over or under. I hope it will clear off warm good weather so things can grow. It is still cool, has the appearance of a frost. Still I hope there will be none. I think I will not write any more today.

Saturday, 11 - Cold and clear this morning with a heavy frost last night. Froze quite hard. Quite cool now. 1 o'clock p.m. It bids fair to be another frost tonight. Mrs. Crooks has gone to buy a cow for Elvira of T. Bennett. Have to pay \$25 for cow and calf. Whether its a bargain or not it is yet to be solved. As regards my health today I think its on the gain. I think my legs are improving. I am sure its encouraging for its a long time that I have been afflicted. Got the cow home like better than they expected. I hope they will make something in buying Mr. Bouden (?) has made me a visit today. He feels a good deal discouraged about the weather and raising anything this season.

Sunday, 12 - Rather warmer this morning than yesterday. Quite a heavy frost last night. I hope its the last one that we shall have this season. If it ain't the last we shant raise much this year. I feel very much cast down in my mind. Every thing looks so lonesome and discouraging. I don't suppose it does any good. I suppose its all for the best if we could think so. I think my ancles are improving. I guess if I follow the directions of the Doctor it will cure them up.

Monday, 13 - Rainy today. It has rained very steady since daylight up to the present time. 3 o'clock p.m. It is a good deal warmer than it has been for a few days past. I hope it will continue warm so that things may grow. I feel dreadful discouraged today about as much so as I ever was in my life. I don't suppose its of any use.

Tuesday, 14 - Very warm today. Things grow fast. The rain we had of yesterday done a great deal of good to grass and everything else. I am a going to try to get over to Carolines this afternoon. I don't know how my legs will stand it but I will try it.

Wednesday, 15 - It continues very warm and has the appearance of rain at 12 o'clock. Scalding hot. Just such weather as we need to make things grow. 5 o'clock p.m. A heavy shower with thunder and lightning. I hope it will not turn off cold. I have done considerable work today. Been planting corn. Its pretty late but I guess it will get ripe. Wm. has gone to Olean. Has not returned yet. No more tonight. My pen is very poor and my nerves are very uneasy.

Thursday, 16 - Cooler this morning than last evening. Still it is not very cool today. I have planted some corn to day and have mended pairboots for Charles Foster. E. has been down to store (?) with some (?) butter. Got 17¢ per lb. (?)

Friday, 17 - Some cooler this morning than for a few days past. Still it is quite warm now. 2 o'clock p.m. I think that we shall not have any more frosts at present. I hope not at least. I am fixing for shearing the sheep tomorrow, a job I always dread. The women have gone on a visit to Mr. Bunden's (?). I must go and plant some more corn. I guess I will plant until fall if the hens pull up much more.

Saturday, 18 - Quite warm and pleasant today. I think we shall have some fine weather about these days. I have got the sheep sheared. A good job done. One I always dread. I have stirred around a good deal today. It makes my legs ache some. I think they are on the gain and if I persists will finally cure them up. Wm. has gone to try to buy a hog. I hope he will have the good luck to get one. We have now 24 sheep and lambs. If we do not loose any we shall have 16 left after paying our sheep debt.

Sunday, 19 - Cool this morning with some frost. It did no injury. I think we shall have a change in the weather soon. I hope it will be warmer. Corn and potatoes don't seem to grow any. In fact they cant as long as it remains so cold. 12 o'clock p.m. The air feels cool. My legs feel better than they did a week ago today ---- 50 per ct. I feel encouraged to believe they will get entirely well if I continue to use the wash.

Monday, 20 - Warm this morning. It has the appearance of rain. Things begin to grow. Some corn and potatoes seem to crowd their heads out up of the ground. We have put the old stump up this forenoon. A good job done. I feel better than I did last night. I was somewhat cast down in the night. My legs ached bad. They feel better today. I have planted some beans this morning. I don't know but it is too late yet I think they will get ripe if the season is good.

Tuesday, 21 - Quite warm and growing time. Looks some like rain. I think if we have a plenty of rain and warm weather we shall have good crops. There is time enough for it to grow. I have been over to H. Beardsleys. Got some tobacco. Got two Jenny Linn potatoes and have planted them. My legs are improving. I can travel a good deal better than I could a week ago.

Wednesday, 22 - Somewhat cool this morning but grows warmer as the day advances. 6 o'clock p.m. Quite warm. Corn and potatoes grow fast. I have been up to Bradford today. Found my yearlings and drove them home. I was very lucky in finding them. It made me very tired in traveling. My ancles are weak yet I think they are on the gain.

Thursday, 23 - Warm and pleasant this morning. Very warm about noon. Showers around this afternoon. Some thunder. I have been hoeing corn some today and have done some mending shoes for Mrs. Beardsley. I have not had much pain in my legs today. I think they are gaining fast. Wm. is plowing for buckwheat. I would like to get it sowed tomorrow.

Friday, 24 - Rainy today. It rained considerable through the night. I intended to have sowed the buckwheat today but I think it is too wet. The ground is now ready. I have been transplanting corn this forenoon. It is a thing I never done before. How it will do I don't know. I shall have a chance to try it. Caroline is gone to Olean. I think she will get some wet before she gets home. The boys are both here. Both my ancles are more painful today than yesterday on the account of the wet.

Saturday, 25 - Very warm this morning. We had a very fine shower last evening. I think it done a great deal of good. Especially to the grass. It has remained clear and warm all day. Corn grows very fast. Another week has gone and we are hastening home.

Sunday, 26 - Warm and pleasant this morning. A fine growing time. I think we shall have a good season yet for corn, potatoes, buckwheat, and spring wheat. If all these do well there will be no danger of a famine as a good many provisions I have faith to believe we'll have a fruitful season. This day has been pleasant all through.

Monday, 27 - Beautiful weather as yet. Things grow fast. I am hoeing corn and planting some beans. I think its late for planting. If we have a good fall perhaps they will get ripe. My health is better today than for a few days past. We sow our buckwheat today if nothing extraordinary happens.

Tuesday, 28 - Very warm this morning. It was so warm last night I could not sleep. The sweat poured off from me like a brook. It is just the kind of weather we want to bring things to maturity. I can almost see things grow. I think we will have rain before morning. If it holds this kind of weather until September we shall have an abundant harvest. Lost a calf yesterday worth \$5.

Wednesday, 29 - It continues very warm. Very warm night last night. Corn must grow very fast for a person. Had to lie naked (?) 1 O'clock p.m. a heavy shower with a good deal of thunder. I think the air will be a little cooler after this. Have been hoeing corn today. Wm. help me this forenoon. I suppose he will spend the rest of the day and night at the Ball (?) Poor business if it is ever so well followed but young people like it. I know by experience.

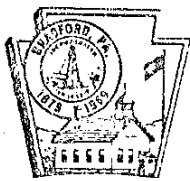
Thursday, 30 - Pleasant today but considerable cooler but not cool enough for a frost. I have been up to Bradford today. Got some plants of Brumillie (?). Also some pumpkin seeds and have planted them. Think they will do any thing, we will see if we live till fall. I have done a good deal of work today, hoeing potatoes and cabbage. Planted cucumbers.

Parts of the Erastus Crook diary
will be continued in the next issue
of the LANDMARK NEWS.

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DIRECTORS' MEETING

Summary of the minutes for Thursday, September 15 at 7:30 at 23 Williams Street:

PRESENT: Mesdames Miles, Kish, Stack, Phillips, White, Gabler, Bromeley, Lowery, Vernon; Messrs. Pytcher and Hendryx.

Treasurer's report by Mrs. Kish was accepted on motion of Mrs. Lowery and Mrs. Gabler.

Report from the Chairman of the Antique Show and Sale, Mrs. Lillian Auglas, was read and accepted with a vote of thanks given to the entire committee for a fine job and excellent reports.

Dr. June Gray was appointed Chairman of the annual Autumn picnic on October 9 at the Crook Farm.

No action taken on plans for a bake sale and a spring fair.

Mr. Pytcher reported on activity at the Crook Farm. Some furniture has been placed in the house, it is hoped that the school house will be ready October 9.

FABRIC SALE CONTINUES

Materials from the estate of the late Charles Day are on sale at the Headquarters Building of the Landmark Society. Imported fabrics, cottons, and linens in various sizes are available for use in making cushion covers, tote bags, purses, and table cloths and table mats. Prices range from 50 cents up to two or three dollars for the larger pieces.

OLD CITY HALL

At their meeting on Tuesday evening, September 28, Bradford City Council approved the acquisition of the Old City Hall building by the Committee for Preservation. Certain conditions will be worked out before the final transfer is made. One of these concerns the continued use of the area in the building now occupied by the police station.

The Preservation Committee, under the chairmanship of Mrs. George Tiffany, continues to collect funds. News of the approval came just as this edition of LANDMARK SOCIETY NEWS was being run, and accounts of several substantial contributions and some of the Committee plans will appear here next month.

DONORS TO THE LANDMARK SOCIETY

During the summer months, the Society has received many additions of artifacts, photographs, and printed materials for addition to the collection at the Herbig bakery.

Donors include the following members and friends of Landmark: Mrs. Allen Charles, Mrs. Elmar Taylor, D. Harvey Phillips, Fr. Leo J. Gallina, Mrs. George Songer.

Also J. Thomas, Mrs. Edith Thomas, Mrs. James Shea, Mrs. Verna Walker, Mrs. Fuller, Mrs. George Ward, Mrs. John Ewell, Mrs. Lyle Grover, A.W. Eisenman, Mrs. Stephen Hodges.

Also Hester Shelley, Mary Jackson, Helen Robinson, Iva Walter, Lydia Palmer, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Griffith Herold, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Graham, Miss Grace Knerr, Mr. and Mrs. Howard McCord, Ben Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beck, Mr. John H. Gillen

September, 1977

For Landmark Society Members and Friends

ANNUAL LANDMARK AUTUMN PICNIC

on Sunday, October 9, at 4:30 at the Crook Farm.

Come to see what has been done
at our farm house and the school
house.

We hope many members and friends will join us
for this BOX SUPPER. Bring folding chairs, if
you have them, as we expect to be outside. In
case of rain, the picnic will be held a week
later, October 16.

PLEASE PHONE RESERVATIONS TO THE BRADFORD LANDMARK
SOCIETY (362- 3906) BY TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4. THE
COST IS \$5.00 AND YOUR CHECK MAY BE MAILED TO THE
SOCIETY AT 45 E.CORYDON STREET.

If you need transportation, please
let us know when you make your reservation.

HANDY RESERVATION SLIP

(to be mailed before October 4)

PLEASE RESERVE _____ BOX SUPPERS FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9.

NAME _____

Mail with check to Landmark Society
45 East Cortydon Street

PROFESSOR WEITEKAMP PLANS BRADFORD BOOK

Dr. Raymond L. Weitekamp, associate professor of history on the Bradford Campus of the University of Pittsburgh, has applied to the American Council of Learned Societies for a grant which will allow him to continue his in-depth study of Bradford during the years from 1929 to 1941.

Professor Weitekamp, a member of the local faculty since 1972, has received two small grants from the University for work on the preliminary studies during the past two summers. The project is now at the place where financial aid from ACLS or other sources is necessary for the final research.

Before coming to Bradford, Professor Weitekamp earned three degrees with emphasis on American history at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. He has also done graduate work in literature at Siena College and has been a visiting scholar at Columbia University. His professional experience includes teaching experience at Christian Brothers Academy in Albany, De La Salle College in Washington, and Manhattan College in New York. From 1963 to 1967, he was President of Hillside Hall Jr. College in Troy.

In addition to his doctoral dissertation on "Maurice Francis Egan, Writer, Teacher and Diplomat", Professor Weitekamp has written four biographical articles for the New Catholic Encyclopedia (1965) on Henry de Courcy, Barnabas E. McDonald, Azarias Mullaney, and Potamian O'Reilly. He has published articles on G.C. Flynn's Roosevelt and Romanism; "The Virgin Islands Purchase and the Coercion Myth," (Mid-America, April, 1972); "The Declaration of Independence as a Foreign Policy Statement", (4th Annual History Colloquium, Behrend Campus of Penn State); "The Credibility of Historical Witnesses", (Dialogue, Winter, 1973).

Following is the complete plan for the Bradford study as submitted to the ACLS for consideration:

Bradford, Pa. During the Great Depression, 1929-1941

The stock market crash of 1929 found Bradford a hard working city of 19,000 tucked in the timbered hills of north-western Pennsylvania, with a reputation for high grade crude oil, great concentrations of wealth, conservative Republican politics, a style of rough-hewn individualism and first name comradeship masking a strong class structure, and yet with an undercurrent of Prohibition style gangsterism and corruption in city hall.

Little formal history has been written about Bradford, and I intend, with the encouragement of the University of Pittsburgh Press, to write a book about Bradford during the Great Depression as a first step to chronicling the history of a fascinating place. The very question of whether Bradford was actually "hit" by the depression to the extent felt by the rest of the country is a topic of lively, local interest, and I intend to pursue both sides of the question through traditional research methods and an extensive

oral history project. In an area where people are long lived, there is much rich material for oral history. A score of businessmen and industrialists active in the 1930's, including the three men whose interests include the daily newspaper and radio station, are available for questioning. A labor leader for the A.F. of L., who helped organize many of the local industries in the 1930's, has expressed a willingness to be interviewed at length and has made available to me the full set of a weekly newspaper, the Bradford Union, which he published from 1933 to 1973. Others in the labor movement and countless working people and homemakers are also available to be interviewed--and hopefully, to be the source of additional documentary material. A mayor who began a long tenure in city hall in the mid 1930's is still active, as are a number of men who held city, township and county posts during the depression. Several newspaper editors, writers, and educators and at least one social worker whose careers date from the period of Herbert Hoover are also available.

A heavy stress on oral history and on collecting documentary material from members of the Bradford community will be necessary to make up for the paucity of city records, but an extensive search will also be conducted in the county, state and federal archives. Much material in the National Archives has already been noted, Xeroxed or microfilmed. The copies of several Bradford newspapers are available, and a search will be conducted, where possible, of church, club, union, corporation and association records. It is my plan that the materials gathered will provide a beginning for a local history archive at the University.

The project will require a study of the following topics:

- 1) The "official" reaction to the depression in an area whose economy, government and social leadership were dominated by oil interests who continued to enjoy a fair degree of prosperity--and to compare and contrast this reaction to that of a hard hit but independent and self-reliant working class.
- 2) The impact of the depression on the oil industry and the attempts of the producers to increase their level of prosperity. The reaction of the industry to the NRA and other government control agencies.
- 3) The economic and social impact of diversification of industry as a handful of men, including some "outsiders," began to introduce new industries. The influence of government activity on these industries.
- 4) The organized labor story in an area traditionally cold to labor unions. The impact of the depression and of the New Deal labor policies on organized labor in this area. Particular emphasis will be placed on the unsuccessful attempt to organize the oil field workers in the 1930's and the more successful organizing efforts in other industries.
- 5) The social and economic impact of the "Down-Homers" will be studied. These were workers attracted to the Bradford oil fields from central and southern Pennsylvania and West Virginia by "rumors" of abundant job opportunities just at the time that the oil workers union was trying to organize the Bradford oil fields.
- 6) The effect of the depression on the local construction industry; a number of mansions and large homes were built during the 1930's. Attention will be paid to the role played by a colony of Swedish craftsmen no longer present in Bradford.
- 7) The political implications for a solidly Republican area of a long period of Democratic control of the national government in an era of extraordinary patronage opportunities. Local government will be studied in detail.

THE ERASTUS CROOK DIARIES
FOR THE SUMMER OF 1859

Continued comments from the readers of the LANDMARK SOCIETY NEWS about the Erastus Crook diaries have prompted the reprinting the excerpts found in these pages. The section printed below deals principally with the vagaries of Bradford weather, which has not changed much in 118 years, and with the problems of everyday life on the farm. Crook notes a "hard frost" on August 29 and a killing frost on September 8, but his July 4 entry of a "white frost" supports some recent evidence that snow is not impossible on that date in Bradford.

The transcription from the old account book in which these diaries appear was made by Mrs. Robert Steckmeyer and her daughter, Mrs. Susanne Dittman.

July, 1859

Friday, 1 - Nothing new today that I know of. Weather continues fine. Everything grows very fast. I have been hoeing some today. Wm. has been up the Bolivar after a cultivator. Did not get any. Is now making a small drag to go between the corn. It will hoe easier. Had visitors this afternoon. Mrs. H. Glass, Mrs. P. Edery (?) Mrs. A. Buchanan. 7 o'clock. I must go and put up the geese and then go to bed, for I feel very tired.

Saturday, 2 - Warm and pleasant this morning. Quite a shower in the night. Things grew very fast. 3 o'clock p.m. A heavy shower continues showering up to this time 6 o'clock is raining more hard with heavy winds with a good deal of thunder. I have been hoeing corn until the rain drove me off. The rains down (?) knocked me down. Done it quick too. I got up pretty quick. My legs pain me considerable this evening. We will let this close the day and the week.

Sunday, 3 - Cold and rain-weather this morning. Cold and cloudy through the day.

Monday, 4 - Quite a white frost this morning. It did not do any injury to anything. I believe not. I hope we shant have any more very soon.

8) The effects of Federal and State relief and recovery programs: POUH and the RFC in the Hoover period; State programs; PWA projects including the building of schools, a park and swimming pool, and a new city water line; WPA projects including flood prevention canals, street repair and sewer construction, Health Department surveys, building surveys and other white collar projects; CCC camps in the vicinity; etc.

9) The reaction of a highly independent and self-reliant people to programs of relief and welfare. Reactions to the State and Federal efforts of the Hoover period. Reactions to FEERA, CWA, WPA, NYA, CCC, clothing and food distribution. Personal, family, church, club, corporation, and association responses to the human problems of the depression. Variations in response by ethnic groups will be noted.

10) The social and economic impact of the depression on minority groups, particularly the Italians, Jews, and a small number of Blacks.

11) The impact of the depression on the mental health of the community through a study of the available records at the Warren State Mental Hospital and through interviews with doctors, clergymen, social workers, and members of the community. Birth rates and physical health will be considered.

12) An examination of Bradford's reputation as a "little Chicago" --complete with shoot-outs on Main Street--during the Prohibition Era and its transition to a city with comparatively few crime problems.

13) A study of the activities of the Ku Klux Klan and of a strong anti-Klan organization in this area.

14) A look at organized sports which played an increasingly larger role in the life of the community during the 1930's. Semi-professional sports, in particular, flourished in a manner not seen before or since.

15) A look at the "social life" of the community.

16) An attempt to draw some conclusions and to answer the question: "Was Bradford a city that managed to avoid the Depression?"

Relevance and Progress:

There is a fascinating story here, and I would like to tell it well. This study will provide an opportunity for interesting, in-depth research that will undoubtedly enrich my teaching. It will relate local history, the history of the families of many of my students, to the larger picture of the U.S. during the depression. My preparation for this research has been twenty years of college teaching and a quarter century of study of American history.

I have been able to do a limited amount of research during the past two years while being fully occupied, first as a teacher and coordinator of a General Studies program for 300 students, and now, having escaped any administrative duties, as a teacher of four courses with three preparations and the usual round of committee meetings and student advising sessions.

I have scouted out source material, persons to be interviewed, and, having secured a tape recorder, a transcribing machine, and a supply of tape, have interviewed a score of people. I have done some newspaper and records research locally and have spent two weeks at the National Archives in Washington. During this school year, I will continue interviews and research on the limited basis allowed by the press of college obligations.

Tuesday, 5 - Pleasant day this. A good deal warmer than yesterday. There was no frost last night. We are trying to hoe corn today. It goes slowly. I have been over to Wm. Beardsleys and have mended some boots for Tait. So that I have had but little time to hoe. It is rather lonesome times to me. It has been a very lonesome fourth. I think it is better to be so than to have gone to the tavern and got a quantity of liquour down my neck and got my head turned other side out.

Wednesday, 6 - Quite cool this morning. It has the appearance of rain. Rained some this forenoon. Weather warmer this afternoon. Have been up to Bradford. Have not done much today. Not felt very smart. Went over to Beardsley's at 5 o'clock. Came home went after the cows. Milked them.

Thursday, 7 - Warmer some this morning than yesterday. It grows warmer as the day advances. 11 o'clock. Very warm. Things grow now very fast. I hope it will continue warmer. 7 o'clock p.m. I am very tired. I have hoed pretty steady today for me. I find I cannot stand so much hard work as I used to yet I can do considerable in the course of a day if I am well. My ankles are a great deal better than they were a few weeks ago for which I feel very thankful. This is a growing time.

Friday, 8 - Very warm and pleasant weather today. We have finished our hoeing today. Be a good job done. If nothing happens more than I know of I will go to Smethport tomorrow. Its not a very pleasant job for me to undertake. 5 o'clock p.m. Looks a little like rain. Have sold the old gobbler turkey to Mrs. (Wm. ?) Blake for 63 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

Saturday, 9 - Beautiful weather. Fine growing time. Grass looks prosperous. I was out to Smethport today. I took great notice of the crops on the ground (?). I think I never saw spring wheat crops look any better than they do now and oats, potatoes and corn looks well but late. I think we'll have a good harvest.

Sunday, 10 - Very warm morning and warm through the day. This is at 5 o'clock p.m. I have been asleep today. I feel somewhat cast down in my mind. It seems kind of lonesome to have Edgar sick. I hope he will get better soon. He rode out this morning. I guess its time for him ~~to ride~~ ^{to ride}.

Monday, 11 - It continues very warm and pleasant. I think a little rain would do the ~~the~~ ^{the} good to come now. I am trying to ~~dig~~ ^{dig} out a little corn. However, on the ~~the~~ ^{the} it looks very feeble. I don't know as it will ever come to anything. It may make some fodder. We sent for Peckham today to see Edgar. He thinks his case is not dangerous. He is coming again tomorrow.

Tuesday, 12 - Very warm again today and dry. It seems warmer today than yesterday. It seems as if we must have showers soon. How much good a shower would do now. Peckham today again to see E. I hope his medicine will have good effect, and cure him up for it seems very lonesome without his company. If he should be taken away I think I should miss him more than any of the rest. I don't know. I guess we should all miss him very much. I hope the Lord will restore him to health again.

Wednesday, 13 - It grows warmer every day. It is very dry. I wish we could get a good shower. It would make things grow very fast. I suppose the Lord knows what is for the best so we will try to be reconciled to all his providences.

Thursday, 14 - I think a little warmer still than yesterday. It seems as if we must get rain soon. How refreshing it would be to have a good shower. There is a good deal of sickness in our family. Edgar, Julia, Erastus and Charles, Elvira. I hope they will all get along without the Doctor much more.

Friday, 15 - Some showering today and very warm growing time. I am hoeing some the second (?) time. Wm. is gone in to the woods. Mrs. Crooks and E. are up to Julia's. She is quite sick. I think dangerous. Philo looks sober. Well he may for when the women is sick it seems as if all business must stop. I feel sorry for them. It is hard times enough when all are well to be sick it makes it still harder.

Saturday, 16 - Very warm and pleasant today. Things grow very fast. I think corn and potatoes will be good this year. I have been up to Bradford after the Doctor. Got him. I have been doing various kinds of business this day.

Sunday, 17 - Very warm and pleasant this morning, it seems as if Scouts-(?) see corn and potatoes grow. Things cant help growing. It is wet and warm both night and day. I think there will be good crops raised this year unless we have early frosts. Edgar feels almost discouraged about getting well. I think it wont be long before he will get about. He went down to see the peas this morning. Julia is getting better.

Monday, 18 - Another very warm day. It begins to thunder. I guess we will have showers before night. It is half past 2 p.m. I am hoeing corn and am very tired. I have been up to Bradford this forenoon. Got some wine for Edgar and gin for the women. I hope it will help them. I must go to hoeing again and do all I can.

Tuesday, 19 - It seems as if it is warmer today than yesterday. It has the appearance of more thunder. Showers today. We had a good shower yesterday. Corn grows very fast and so does everything else. We are to work on the road (?) today. I hope to finish up my tax tomorrow so that I can go to hoeing corn again.

Wednesday, 20 - Quite warm this morning until about 10 o'clock. It began to ----- up a cool wind. It grew cooler until night. Quite a cool night on the fore part of the evening.

Thursday, 21 - Cool this morning. Could wear a coat with comfortable. It has been cool all through the day. We have been having corn today for the first time. Two of us have hoed over ----- today. I think we have done first rate (?).

Friday, 22 - Rather warmer today than yesterday. Quite warm at 12 p.m. Showering this afternoon. Had a good rain. It still looks like more. Well let it come. Good for corn and potatoes and all other vegetables. I have hoed out -----cabbages. That's all today.

Saturday, 23 - The weather is cool at this time. I hope it will grow warmer soon. We have very cool nights. I have been up to Bradford today. Its quite a jaunt for my legs but they stood it quite well.

Sunday, 24 - A very cool morning. Almost frost. I guess we will have a pleasant day. 6 o'clock p.m. It is considerable warmer than yesterday. I started for meeting at Tarport. Found it was to be at Bradford. I put back home again. I thought it most too hard to travel up and back but my feet got quite sore before I got home. I have written about enough for this time. Mrs. Crooks put on up to meeting. Her courage was a little better than mine.

Monday, 25 - This has been a warm and pleasant day. Things seem to grow now some more than they did a day or two ago. I hope we may have good crops yet. Corn looks tolerable well. Potatoes looks fine. I guess they will be good this year. I hope so anyhow. I have taken a job putting out turnips. I guess I will get them done tomorrow if nothing prevents. I guess I will go to bed now and leave the rest until tomorrow.

Tuesday, 26 - It continues quite cool. Most too cool for corn. Still I think it grows some. It has been very rainy all through the day. I have finished my job and have been chopping.

Wednesday, 27 - The cool weather continues. I some fear we shall have a frost before it becomes warm. I hope not. If there should be a frost now I don't know what we should all do. Why we should all starve to death. We will hope for the best. I was some sick today. I guess I will be better tomorrow.

Thursday, 28 - It has been somewhat warmer today than yesterday. It has been very rainy for a few days past. Very windy some part of the time. Edgar is some better today than he has been for some days past. I hope he will get along now without any more pulbacks. I wheeled him over to Carolines today. I guess it done him good to ride. Even in a wheelbarrow.

Friday, 29 - Warm and pleasant today. It is getting very dry. A good shower would help things much at this time. I have been up to Bradford today with my wife and Marilla. Eat supper at Peckhams. Saw my yearlings.

Saturday, 30 - It still continues warm and dry. I think some rain would do everything good. I have been doing various kinds of business this day. Wheeling Edgar ----- turnips, and shoe making some. This ends the week and the most of the month of July.

Sunday, 31 - It is quite warm and has the appearance of rain. I hope we may have a good rain before night. It is now 1 o'clock p.m. Quite a wind from the south. I guess it will blow up a rain. Corn is not up very far. Looks as if the frost had touched it. We had quite a good shower this afternoon. Things revive very fast. We want a good deal more wet for potatoes. I hope we may have it tonight. I think we shall. It has every appearance of it.

August, 1859

Monday, 1 - We had a good rain last night which done the corn and other things an immense sight of good. Potatoes feel the effects of it already. Everything looks different already. I think they will not rot this year. I have been setting out turnips today and hoeing some. Shoemaking a little and other kinds of business to numerous to mention. I must go for the cows and some Slippery Elm bark to dry (?)

Tuesday, 2 - It has been a very warm day. Still corn and potatoes grow remarkably well. Our corn is peeking out. I guess we will have roasting ears within 4 weeks. I shall be glad when it comes. I have made Edgars shoes today. Bottomed one for Julia. I picked most 3 pails full of peas. I think I have done fine for an old man. The sun is about 2 hours up yet. Philina has just come from school. Wm. is to work for the Bundens (?) no more at present.

Wednesday, 3 - Very warm today with a little sprinkle of rain. Everything grows very fast. There is nothing to hinder, such weather as this. I have done but a little work today. I had Walker (?) here on a visit. He stayed until 2 o'clock then started on his journey home. He lives in Holland (?) Chau. Co. (?) N. Y. (?). I have cut down my business and here I am writing a little for my own diversion. Edgar don't seem to gain one item. I do not know what to do for him.

Thursday, 4 - Rainy this morning. Rained all the forenoon. It will do an immense amount of good to potatoes and crops. I have done but little today. Lie a bed all forenoon and felt unwell. Have picked two pails of peas. That's pretty much all I have done today. It is 6 o'clock p.m. I must get the cows.

Friday, 5 - Very warm today with showers. I think that crops grow as fast as I ever saw them. I think this warm spell and wet weather will help the crops very much. I hope that it will for we have great need of it. Philina is taken sick today so she had to leave school. I won't not think if she had got the measles coming on.

Saturday, 6 - It is rather cooler this morning than it was yesterday but not very cool today. Potatoes are coming on very fast. I think we'll have good crops this year. I hope there will be no rot. There will be an abundance if the rot does not set in. I feel rather down today. I hope I may get over it before night. Every heart knows its own bitterness.

Sunday, 7 - Warm today. I am going to meeting up to Tarport. 3 p. m. Have been and had a good sermon from Br. Chambers the visiting elder from Gen. 28: 16-17 (?) A good many people attended.

Monday, 8 - The weather is still warm in the day time and cool night.

Tuesday, 9 - About the same today as yesterday only warmer. I have been up to Mr. (?) Apkins (?) today. I found it very warm before I got home. Hoeing some corn for Caroline.

Wednesday, 10 - A little warmer still I think today than yesterday. Fine time for corn to grow. I am hoeing some today but it is most too hot to do anything. I must go back to work and do all I can.

Thursday, 11 - Warmer this morning. A very growing time. This afternoon it has the appearance of showers. It thunders. I don't know whether we shall get much rain or not. I have been chopping some this afternoon. Got my hoeing done in the forenoon.

Friday, 12 - It still continues warm weather and a great time for crops. Nothing new to write so ends this day with a good rain.

Saturday, 13 - The weather remains the same as yesterday with exception of no rain. I have been up to Bradford today. Returned home very tired. Got the cows and milked the. So on and so forth. Thus winds up another week.

Sunday, 14 - A very warm day this. I think it is warmer than yesterday if possible. I don't know as I ever saw any better weather for corn than it is now. If nothing happens we shall have a good crop of corn. We certainly need it.

Monday, 15 - The weather continues beautiful indeed. We couldn't ask for any better. The Lord knows what is best for us much better than we do. I hope I never shall complain of the hard dealings of God any more. I know that I am very apt to murmur and complain but I hope that God will forgive me and to always feel to submit to His will in all things hereafter, knowing that He is good unto all that put their trust in him and that call upon His name. I hope that I may be one of that number that shall have my (?) washed and made white in the Blood of the Lamb. Amen.
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Tuesday, 16 - Warm and some rain today. A growing time. The neighbors are gathering in their spring wheat and oats. They are both an excellent crops this year. I have none to harvest. I am sorry for that. Went up to Bradford today. Got home just sundown.

Wednesday, 17 - A fine morning this. Warm and pleasant. Cows did not come home last night. Still in the woods. Priscilla left here 16th. yesterday. Gone to Westfield. Commenced haying a little today. Philo and Wm. and I went over to Henrys. Mended Lia's (?) saddle (?). Took dinner and came home and spread the hay. Here I am writing.

Thursday, 18 - Very pleasant today. A most and excellent hay day. We have two loads to get in to the barn. 5 p. m. got it in in nice order. Beautiful hay indeed. Turned out better than I expected.

Friday, 19 - Cooler this morning with a little rain. I think it will not rain much. 11 a.m. Cleared off looks like a hay day. We have some out and we shall do no more this week. I am cutting my peas. I saw what few we have got for another year. I feel rather feeble in body today. Not bad off.
(For seed)

Saturday, 20 - Cool morning but warm day. Have been working on the road today, that crosses over the creek by Webbs old mill. Done a first rate job. Got very tired come night. Nothing new today.

Sunday, 21 - A very pleasant morning this. Folks have gone to meeting at Fullerburgh. I think I will go this afternoon to Tarport to Br. Potters meeting once before he leaves the circuit. 11 o'clock p.m. In looking over the former part of my book I find written pain in my legs almost every day and every hour. Well now they are well and I will assure you I feel thankful. I think I ought to be thankful and rejoice that God has been blessed in his mercy to heal me of my bodily infirmation. I pray that he will heal my soul and body make me meet (?) for my Masters use that I may have an inheritance with the saints in light.

Monday, 22 - Quite cool last night. It seemed as if there was almost a frost. I guess not quite one. Very warm this forenoon. It has the appearance of rain by the winds blowing from the south. Good hay weather. Going to help Philo this afternoon. It is now 11 o'clock a.m.

Tuesday, 23 - Some warmer than yesterday. The wind blows strong from the south. I think it will rain by tomorrow. Have been to work at haying up to ~~LAKEHURST~~ (?) Got the cows and them came home. This hay was --- in today instead of Wednesday.

Wednesday, 24 - Quite warm this morning with appearance of rain. I have been cutting some oak timber to make some baskets. ~~Went~~ (?) in Philo's hay. Covered his barn. Looked some for his old cow. Did not find her. Returned home and it was night. A little before the above was done yesterday. This morning it rained hard. I got quite wet while milking the cows. I am going after Philo's cow this afternoon. Traded with A. L. B. this morning a heifer for a steer. I am to give \$3 to boot.

Thursday, 25 - Very warm and growing time. Corn comes foreward fast. Next week I think we'll have roasting ears. I long for it to come. I have been up to the hill this morning after the two cows that were out all night. Got them and milked them. Have been chopping since. Went to Henry's got 2 plugs of tobacco. It is now 20 minutes past 11 a. m. I want to be haying.

Friday, 26 - It is a warm growing time. Corn is coming foreward fast if the frost holds off three weeks we'll have good crops of corn. Have been up to Atkins (?) after my steer. Did not get him. Got home about 9 o'clock.

Saturday, 27 - Some cooler today than it has been. It rained quite hard last night. ~~Went~~ some wood today. Chopped a pretty good pile for an old man. Had visitors today. Mrs. B and Vina, 2 Miss Edsons, Mrs. Foster, Caroline.

Sunday, 28 - Cool quite cool this morning. I hope it will grow warmer before night. I hope we shan't have any frosts for 3 or 4 weeks. Things would get out of the way by that time.

Monday, 29 - We had quite a hard frost this morning. I think it has not injured the crops any. It has done no injury on the creek. How it is back from the creek I do not know but fear it has hurt the buckwheat. I hope we shall not have nay more for three weeks at least. I have been binding up my millet today. Have got it done. Made a rake.

Tuesday, 30 - Very cold again this morning. I think some frost. No damage done on the creek. How it is back I cannot tell. It looks like rain at this time. I fear

it will rain before we can get Philos hay in. If it does we cannot help it. We are doing all we can to forward business. Let us eat dinner and be off.

Wednesday, 31 - A good deal warmer than yesterday. I think we shall get some rain before night. The wind is strong from the north. 3 o'clock p.m. quite a shower with a good deal of sound. The sun begins to shine again. We have been up to fix the fence around the field to put the cows in there. I hope they will out the milk now.

September, 1859

Thursday, 1 - Cool nights yet corn gains very slow. I hope it will be warmer soon. I have been up to Bradford this afternoon. Rode down with Mr. Stone. He came to buy some sheep. Let him have some at \$3 per head. This is about the amount of my days work.

Friday, 2 - Very cool this morning. The wind feels almost like snow. Cold all day. Went to Smithport. Suffered a great deal with the cold coming home. Had to get out of the buggy and go on foot. I was so cold. Got home at 11 o'clock. Went to bed and that is all I can remember.

Saturday, 3 - There was no frost to be seen this morning. A great deal warmer today than yesterday. I feel more encouraged today than I did yesterday. I thought my corn and buckwheat was a gone case but the good Lord has seen fit in His Providence to keep Jack Frost from us as yet.

Sunday, 4 - The weather remains about the same as yesterday. Corn is coming forward midling fast considering the weather. If it was warmer weather corn would come forward faster. I have written to J. Dayton and Wm. Crooks. I must send them tomorrow if I can. Nothing new today.

Monday, 5 - Very cool this morning. Almost a frost. Holds cold through the day. Have been to Bradford. Fixed the room for the girls. It looks to me as if they might take comfort there. I sold three yearlings to Worth for \$26 to be paid Saturday next.

Tuesday, 6 - Cold, cold again this morning. I counted on an overcast to milk in corn. Cannot gain. Such weather. I do hope it will grow warmer instead of warmer it grows colder.

Wednesday, 7 - Still cold weather for corn or anything to grow. I have worked today with my vest on and rather cold at that.

Thursday, 8 - Considerable frost this morning. Killed the vines. I guess hurt the buckwheat a good deal. I guess the corn is not much injured. It seems not. 12 o'clock quite warm. More like summer than I have seen it for some time.

Friday, 9 - Warm and pleasant today. Good hay weather. Good time for corn to grow. The frost has done some injury. I guess not hurt the corn much. Drawed some wood today. Have been making hay. Some tired.

Saturday, 10 - Rainy this morning. Has the appearance of a heavy rain. Sorry my hay was not got in but so it is. I must look to things my self in order to have them done right. I must go up to Bradford if it does not rain too hard. Have been up.

Sunday, 11 - Quite rainy today and warm. Corn gains fast. I think two weeks will take out of the way of the frosts. I have written to Prissilla B. I talk of going to Smithport tomorrow if nothing happens.

Monday, 12 - Some cloudy this morning but a fair day. Went to Smithport and back today. Had very good luck.

Tuesday, 13 - It looks like rain this morning. Hope it will fair off. Got a good deal of hay out. Must get it in if it does not rain. Got in ~~25100~~ ⁷²⁰⁰⁰ today. 4 more to get in. Quite tired tonight and some sick.

Wednesday, 14 - Very cold and ^{windy} rainy. I fear when it clears off there will be a frost. I hope not. Always look for the best. Going to get in hay this afternoon.

Thursday, 15 - Rather a cool morning this. Some frost. I guess it did not do much damage. Quite pleasant this afternoon. Wm. and Philo are to work in the woods on their mill. L. F. has gone home. I am raking and cocking (?) hay. Rather lonesome times for me but must put up with it and not grumble.

Friday, 16 - Cloudy and warmer this morning than it has been for some days. I think it will rain before long. Have been up to Bradford this afternoon. It begins to rain some.

Saturday, 17 - Rainy this morning. Rained pretty much all night. One o'clock p.m. Still cloudy and some cooler. Have been up the brook after the cows. Found them. Got them milked and salted. Must get some wood this afternoon.

Sunday, 18 - Very pleasant morning this. It has been warm all day thus far up to 2 o'clock p.m. I think we shall have a warm spell of weather now. I really hope so on the account of corn. It wants some hot weather. It seems some lonesome today. Have been reading some.

Monday, 19 - Very warm and pleasant today. We are cutting our buckwheat. 5 o'clock p.m. got the buckwheat all done. It looks like rain. I think we will get some tonight.

Tuesday, 20 - Rainy this morning. It rained very hard last night. Not a great while at a time. One o'clock p.m. It has rained all the time today until now and is yet raining. I fear the flats will be inundated. If so our buckwheat will come up missing.

Wednesday, 21 - Rather cloudy and some rain. Warm growing time. Corn ripens fast. I have been up to Bradford today. Took dinner with the girls. Come home and then went up again after my heifers. Got them. Very dark by the time I got home. Was very tired. Edgar and Philo went with me.

Thursday, 22 - Very warm this morning and cloudy. It has the appearance of more rain. Killed one of our heifers this morning. Very pretty beef. Got my buck from Hunts this forenoon. Have been doing various kinds of work today. Moving buckwheat, mowing some and watching pigeons (?) some.

Friday, 23 - It continues very warm and wet weather. Corn comes forward fast now it will soon be out of the way of the frosts. I hope it will for we stand in great need of all we can raise. I have been at various kinds of business today and I am very tired so I will retire to bed.

Saturday, 24 - Still wet and ^{LOWERY} cloudy weather yet warm. I am drawing some wood and chopping some for ourselves and Elvira. I do not feel very well today. I have to work harder than I want to yet I must endure all I can.

Sunday, 25 - Not much change in the weather. Since the last frost I think it grows warmer. A good time to ripen corn and other vegetables. I am in hopes we'll have a good long spell of warm weather. Delos Harris has been in to see us today. I was glad to see him. I think Delos will make a useful man in society if he takes the right course, which he will.

Monday, 26 - A pleasant morning this. Quite pleasant all day. The first fair day in some time. I guess it will not hold long.

CROOKS' DIARY (con't)

Tuesday, 27 - Cloudy this morning with the appearance of rain. Have been hunting a cow all day. Did not find her. 5 o'clock p.m. Rain quite hard. Lost cow came home at last. Got her milked and am now writing to pass away time. I must go to supper then get the ^{COWS} and milk ^{them}. Then go to bed and take a little rest for I think I need it.

Wednesday, 28 - Same story this morning. It holds warm. A pretty good time for ripening corn. The corn is pretty much out of the way of the frost. I have been cutting up some corn today and taking care of my beans. Paid Br. Potter for my paper. Potter is on his way to Conference. Wm. Philo and Julia have gone to an Indian dance today. Have not got back yet.

Thursday, 29 - A pleasant day this. Warm and nice. Good time for corn to ripen. A very good hay day. I have been after two lost cows. ~~Did~~ not find them. Frank and Wm. came home today. I was glad to see them.

Friday, 30 - The last day of September. Time passes swiftly away. It will soon be winter again. I am cutting corn some today. The folks have gone up to George Moores.

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