

The Landmark Society

News

Bradford, PA 16701

February 1996

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BLIZZARDS

The "Blizzard of 1996" missed us but just barely (the day after the big hit in New York City we had 16") and it shouldn't have been surprising, it has been happening with what seems like regularity. The memory of writers and reporters has been taxing. One writer remembers that the late December blizzard of 1947 produced 26½ inches in NYC on the Friday night of the challenge tennis match between Bobby Riggs and Jack Kramer (Roger Angell). A few days ago (in January 1996) a TV reporter said that the New York City blizzard of 1947 was an all time high depositing 63.2 inches. Another writer remembers that there were several blizzards in the 1950's, snow so deep that nothing but pedestrians moved, storms so effective that it shut down every airport, railroad and major highway in the Middle Atlantic and Northeastern states.

Mrs. John W. Jackson tells what happened at her apartment complex in northeast Philadelphia. "It started Sunday, January 7, 1996. Forty employees couldn't go home and had to stay overnight which stretched out to four more nights. All cushions from every lounge sofa were gathered up as well as spare mattresses from residents for them to sleep on but it wasn't enough. Some had to sleep on the carpet in empty apartments. The laundry supplied linens, towels and blankets.

"Needless to say, all parked cars were buried in the snow (30.7"). When the driveways were finally plowed the cars were barely visible. Four hundred trucks worked around the clock clearing main arteries. It remained cold so that nothing melted. A week later when people finally made it to a food market there was no bread or milk because trucks couldn't deliver. Eleven days later I managed to dig out my car with the help of three neighbors. We still have plenty of snow and ice but tomorrow, Friday, we expect heavy rains with the temperature soaring to 58."

And rain it did with Pennsylvania getting declared a disaster area. Bradford and the surrounding area experienced the customary flood from melting snow. Not like the floods of 1942 and 1947 when there was no snow but a deluge from rain coming down hillsides flooded Main Street to the top of the marquee of the Holly Hotel. But the 1996 melting snow caused trouble enough flooding cellars and low lying areas shutting down almost all activity in the city.

The blizzard of 1978 was as devastating as 1996 covering essentially the same eastern coastal area, sparing Bradford except for the usual heavy snow. In 1985 and again in 1987 we had heavy snow at the same time that severe storms hit the eastern regions.

The famous blizzard of March 13, 1888 used to be considered the worst storm ever recorded; at the time it was rated the worst storm in fifty years. New York City was completely shut down with drifts higher than a man and temperatures at minus 24. New York state and the entire east coast suffered with all transportation halted. What was happening in Bradford? Bradford, as usual, did not have unusual snow but it did have bitter cold. Not much business was carried on, not only because of sub-zero temperatures but because trains were not moving and perishable goods like eggs, fruit and vegetables could not be shipped.

Local wisdom has it that Bradford has always had plenty of snow, up to 2 feet not being considered unusual while both east and west of us really devastating storms were happening. In March 1965 a train of the Great Northern Railway going west out of Chicago was stopped in snow higher than the cars. Passengers tried to keep warm with fires built on the steel plate above the couplings between cars until rescued 24 hours later. A New York reporter believes that the east coast storm of 1966 matched the midwestern storm of 1965. Then there were the blizzards of 1977-78 almost a duplicate of the "Blizzard of 1996".

THE TORNADO OF JULY 10, 1919

Spread across the entire width of the front page of the Bradford Era in a double headline of 5/8" letters the lead story shouted: "Tornado Makes Path of Destruction Through Bradford...Two persons Are Dead and Several Injured In Big Storm". Appearing in the approximate area of St. Bernard Cemetery the first twister devastated at least 50 tombstones including a 12 ton monument owned by the Barry family, came down the west branch, jumped Quintuple hill and landed at the foot of Thompson Avenue. Wrecking a huge South Penn warehouse near the upper Erie yards it converged with three other twisters forming a huge funnel which then proceeded through the Second and Fifth wards. Heading northeast over Clarion Street, it crossed the east branch, Rochester and High streets and up over Mt. Raub including Oak Hill Cemetery.

On Clarion Street it killed little Anthony Frederick Hart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Hart. High up on Mt. Raub near the old BB&K right of way it killed Mary Radle 82, descending on the other side into the Kendall creek valley. On Clarion St. five people were injured and five houses totally demolished. Rochester street was blocked to traffic by trees, lumber, doors, furnishings and whole and partial pieces of furniture. Names of people whose houses were destroyed include Joseph Miller, Mrs. Georgia Baker, Joseph Dutko, Carl Detman and Joseph Adumsky. The homes of George Pitts, Dominic Michalowicz and Frank Rink were destroyed; damage was incurred by the houses of S. U. Grant, Harry Peterson, Joseph Magiera, George Rogala and Henry Nye. Two houses on Rochester Street were lifted off their foundations, carried a short distance and dropped as rubbish. An average of ten buildings on either side of the swath of the storm crossing Rochester and High Streets were damaged.

It was conservatively estimated that at least 75 buildings were destroyed or severely damaged as well as many barns, power houses, orchards, electric power lines, fire alarm and telegraph lines and of course the huge South Penn warehouse. The entire length of Kendall Creek valley suffered much destruction with oil procucers incurring major damage to derricks, boiler and other power houses. In Sawyer City the dwellings owned by the Webb estate the William Healy country home and the residences of C. L. Reddish, Gilbert Edson, C. L. Farnsworth and Frank Storms were totally destroyed; also the E. J. Leonards milk house and Ed O'Mara's dairy barn. Two women and one child were badly lacerated.

Tornados are notorious for freak happenings. In the Fifth ward a chimney was carried intact some 200 feet without chipping a brick or loosening any mortar. "Stoves, sewing machines, pianos, brass bedsteads and other larger articles of furniture were blown or twisted in infinitesimal bits which filled the air like dust, giving the effect of a large black cloud. In other instances pieces were cut off as squarely as if done with a saw or knife. In some cases framed mirrors and pictures were transported hundreds of feet and deposited intact, other less fortunate were reduced practically to dust while the frames landed in safety and again the entire outfits were smashed to splinters."

Hurricane Agnes in 1972 didn't hit Bradford directly but the rain that came with it did. The governor's mansion in Harrisburg was flooded to the second floor while in Bradford even the little stream in Derrick City overflowed its banks and flooded cellars.

THE COLDEST MONTH

For every single day in the month of February, 1936, the temperature never went above zero. This was the record proudly exhibited on a calendar sheet by Vic Digel, barber, magnet maker and unofficial weather reporter in East Bradford. The calendar sheet was posted in the barber shop for many years and if you had your hair cut there Vic would make sure that you knew about it.

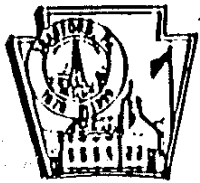
Vic's barber shop occupied a one room cottage with gable roof located between Stuffer's Restaurant and Seaward's Variety Store. When he wasn't cutting hair, checking the thermometer he was making little toy, horseshoe magnets about two inches across, the kind you might find in a ten cent store mounted on a card, painted red. For some reason, permanent magnets, even the bigger ones found on the magnetos used on gas engines, were painted red, except at the ends. Vic didn't bend pieces of metal into little horseshoes, he contracted that work to someone else; he did the magnetizing and painting. In the middle of the barber shop was a trap door, neatly blended into the linoleum so that you couldn't tell that it was there. Lifting the trap door revealed stairs leading down into a cave containing the magnetizing apparatus. While Vic was cutting hair the apparatus was busy magnetizing.

It must have been very cold in the cave. The winter of 1936 was also notable as the year that the frost line penetrated below the traditional three feet considered an adequate depth for burying water pipelines. Vic observed the frost line in his cave. Plumbers were in desperate need not only to thaw house piping that had frozen, but with frustrating requests, expected to remedy unheard of frozen underground water pipes. A Cadillac year for plumbers.

Geo Kish, with
Sally Costik and
Larry Richmond

References:

The Bradford Era
March 14, 1888
July 11, 12, 1919
The New Yorker
January 15, 1996
Mrs. John W. Jackson letter
January 18, 1996



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ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

Thursday April 25, 1996

Bradford Club
32-40 Boylston Street, Bradford, Pa

Cash Bar: 6:00 PM
Dinner: 7:00 PM

Fresh Fillet of Sole w/Lemon Butter \$17.00
Boneless Stuffed Chicken Breast w/Herb Dressing . 15.00
Prime Ribs of Beef au jus 18.00

Includes Turkey Soup, Tossed Salad w/House Dressing, Belgian Carrots with Mustard Sauce, Oven Brownd Potatoes and Strawberry Short Cake.
Prices include 15% Service Charge and 6% Sales Tax

Please try to make reservations by Friday, April 19, 1996 at the "Bakery", 45 East Corydon St., so that Sally Costik can report a preliminary count. The "Bakery" is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 1:30 to 4:30 PM, phone 814-362-3906
DO NOT PHONE THE BRADFORD CLUB Reservations may still be made Monday, April 22

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Program beginning at 7:00 PM

Invocation

Dinner

Brief Intermission

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Business Session

Speaker to be announced

Elected trustees to the Landmark Society Trust Fund for three year terms: George Kish and Helen McKay with the president automatically the third member. Members of the Nominating Committee were: George Kish, chairman, Bruce Sherwin and Don Watkins.

Subsequent to the annual meeting, on May 8, 1996, the new board of directors had a first meeting and determined the following officers for the current year:

President - Warren Paynter
Vice President - Isabelle Champlin
Treasurer - Anne Bouquin
Secretary - Susan Evans

The Landmark Society Trust Fund - Steve Hodges

Steve Hodges reminded members that the Landmark Society Trust Fund is available for memorials and outright gifts in any amount. Just call Sally Costik at the Bakery 814-362-3906 and she will designate deposit of your donation to the Trust Fund or to a specific purpose of your choice. The purpose of the Trust Fund is to create a reserve fund available for an emergency or a worthy cause that cannot be financed from regular revenue. The fund is administered for investment by Integra Bank as approved by the trustees.

The "Bakery" - Sally Costik, Curator

One of the most useful and most frequently referenced archive is the set of 200 bound copies of the Bradford Era dating from 1890 to 1946. As reported last year, collection was made more "user friendly" thanks to the work of John Costik (husband of Sally) who installed a set of shelves from floor to ceiling making each volume separately accessible; the dates of newspapers included in each volume are clearly marked and visible on the binding. This is a major improvement in the operation of the Bakery.

Of course, the very existence of the archives at the Bakery is the creation of one person, Jane Stack. Her two indefatigable helpers who were instrumental in making it a success, Betty Robinson and Marion Vernon (deceased) would be the first to give her full credit. To note that the operation of the Bakery under Jane Stack was "user friendly" would be a gross understatement. Jane worked her magic (at last count four years ago) on more than 1200 Bradfordians to bring in their memorabilia which might consist of one letter or a box of letters, diaries, scrap books, clippings, pictures, significant books, state and local records, and of course, the treasure of bound Eras which were about to be discarded at the Carnegie Library. The names of the donors are recorded in a register identifying the gift and the date given.

Collections remain intact under the heading of the donor. In addition, where feasible, logical groups of collections that relate to subject topics are assigned to the same file drawer or shelf space, for example: organizations, fires and firemen, businesses, theater, etc.

In an arrangement with Images of America, a book publishing company, a group of 200 photographs of Bradford buildings and scenes together with captions is being assembled for printing as an exclusive Bradford book. It will be marketed by Image with 10% royalty paid to Landmark; for direct sale by us we will realize 40%. The publication may be available by October 1996 and certainly in time for Christmas.

Copying of all photographs on slides is proceeding and is about half finished. The work is being done gratis by Rudy Bickel. The purpose is to provide a set for storage in a bank vault as back-up insurance in case of fire.

Vintage clothing on the second floor has been sorted and tagged for identification. Utilization of the computer with printer is being put to use for more and more purposes including a "free form data base" of important Bradford happenings which will be used to respond to a variety of requests for information. Tracking membership lists and addresses as well as mailing labels is also being done on the computer. Larry Richmond has been very helpful and knowledgeable in operation of the computer.

The Crook Farm - Rebecca Ryan

The Crook Farm will be very busy again this summer with many activities planned. As usual the vintage school program for about 1200 fourth and fifth grade students will operate through May and into June for six weeks, made possible by the participation of more than 40 volunteers. Morning sessions in the nineteenth century school room and afternoons observing life on the farm as portrayed by "farm" people in costume doing things as they were done. Action centers include the farm kitchen, candle making, weaving, carpenter and blacksmith shops, gardens and barn contents. Children from the surrounding area are brought for scheduled days by their regular school buses.

On Saturday, May 3 the Support Group for parents who have lost children were hosted featuring the ceremonial planting of memorial trees. Refreshments were served in the farmhouse. Then the Crook Farm Garden Club had an organizational meeting with new chairman, Patty Shinaberger, master gardner. A memorial garden for Roseanne Klussman was started with roses provided by Mrs. Monjar. Other plants will be obtained as donations from private gardens. Sam Heyler and his high school students are helping with planting and installing soaker hoses to all flower and herb beds. A field trip is planned to the Genessee Country Museum to observe their Gardens of the Village Program on June 13.

A project to order 50 commemorative throw blankets from a manufacturer is under way. The blankets are large, 4ft. x 6ft., woven to depict Bradford scenes and will be offered for resale. The scenes will include Old City Hall in the center, Penn Brad Museum and Veterans Square in the upper corners, UPB in upper center, down the sides Crook Farm, Herbig Bakery, the new library, Carnegie library, a church and the high school. Across the bottom Zippo will be in the center the Penn Hills Club and Bradford Hospital on either side. Rebecca Ryan will provide the photographic masters.

The work of volunteers is significant in helping to maintain the Crook Farm. For example, George Bay blackened the schoolhouse stove. Sam Heyler and his high school students, previously mentioned above, will be making that stove operational. They are also putting more boards on the bridge, fixing a collapsed sluice, piping water to the craft shop and doing general clean-up.

Some activities planned for the summer: A wedding in July; On the first Saturday of June, July and August a "Breakfast With The Birds" is scheduled including a short lecture on birds by Mr. Ostrander. After a bird walk the program will be concluded with sweet rolls, coffee, tea and juice. Cost \$2.00. Basket classes are scheduled for June 22, July 20, August 6 and September 14. Herb and quilt classes will be scheduled if there is enough interest. AAUW and the DAR have scheduled picnics for August.

The Lost Arts Festival was held for the second year on May 18-19 as reported in flyers and the Bradford Era and was a great success.

Budget Report by Year

1/1/95 Through 12/31/95

Anne Bouquin, Treasurer

Category Description	1/1/95 Actual	Budget	12/31/95 Diff
INCOME/EXPENSE			
INCOME			
Annual Dinner	666.00	650.00	16.00
Donation - Bkry	5,039.00	50.00	4,989.00
Donation - Farm	6.00	20.00	-14.00
Fair Income	34,288.50	22,511.00	11,777.50
Farm Tours	22.00	30.00	-8.00
Interest Income	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Memberships	2,070.00	2,150.00	-80.00
Memorials	315.00	250.00	65.00
Other Inc	503.49	500.00	3.49
Sales - Bakery	2,429.05	2,500.00	-70.95
Sales - Farm	4,066.43	4,000.00	66.43
Seminars Progra	3,961.62	3,275.00	686.62
Income - Other	21.05	0.00	21.05
TOTAL INCOME	53,388.14	36,436.00	16,952.14
EXPENSES			
Advertising	438.02	400.00	-38.02
Annual Meeting	746.09	750.00	3.91
Bank Charges	77.40	0.00	-77.40
Cost of Goods	4,524.38	3,650.00	-874.38
Documnt Preserv	733.49	500.00	-233.49
Fair Expenses	14,804.87	0.00	-14,804.87
FICA Employer	517.29	581.00	63.71
Insurance	2,142.00	2,300.00	158.00
Life Mem. Trans	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Maintenance	1,365.53	11,000.00	9,634.47
Misc	125.40	0.00	-125.40
Newsletter	1,141.13	1,150.00	8.87
Office Supplies	553.84	500.00	-53.84
Operating Exp.	3,731.35	2,500.00	-1,231.35
PA Unemp. Tax	398.31	425.00	26.69
Payroll Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Postage	369.20	400.00	30.80
Safety Dep. Box	48.00	48.00	0.00
Sales Tax Paybl	-2.54	0.00	2.54
Seminars	1,723.72	1,232.00	-491.72
Utilities	2,733.56	2,800.00	66.44
Wages	6,722.00	7,200.00	478.00
Expenses - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	42,893.04	36,436.00	-6,457.04
TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE	10,495.10	0.00	10,495.10
TRANSFERS			
TO Accrued PR Tax	-204.40	0.00	204.40
TO Accrued Sale Tx	-73.53	0.00	73.53
TO Cchecking Acct	-25.68	0.00	25.68
TO Fair Booth	-418.23	0.00	418.23
TO Filing Cabinets	-40.00	0.00	40.00
TO Interest Acct.	-10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
TO Slide Projector	-243.00	0.00	243.00
FROM Accounts Rec.	5.68	0.00	5.68
FROM Advances	20.00	0.00	20.00
FROM Cchecking Acct	10,979.16	0.00	10,979.16
TOTAL TRANSFERS	0.00	0.00	0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	10,495.10	0.00	10,495.10

Account Balances Report by Year

(Includes unrealized gains)

As of 12/31/95

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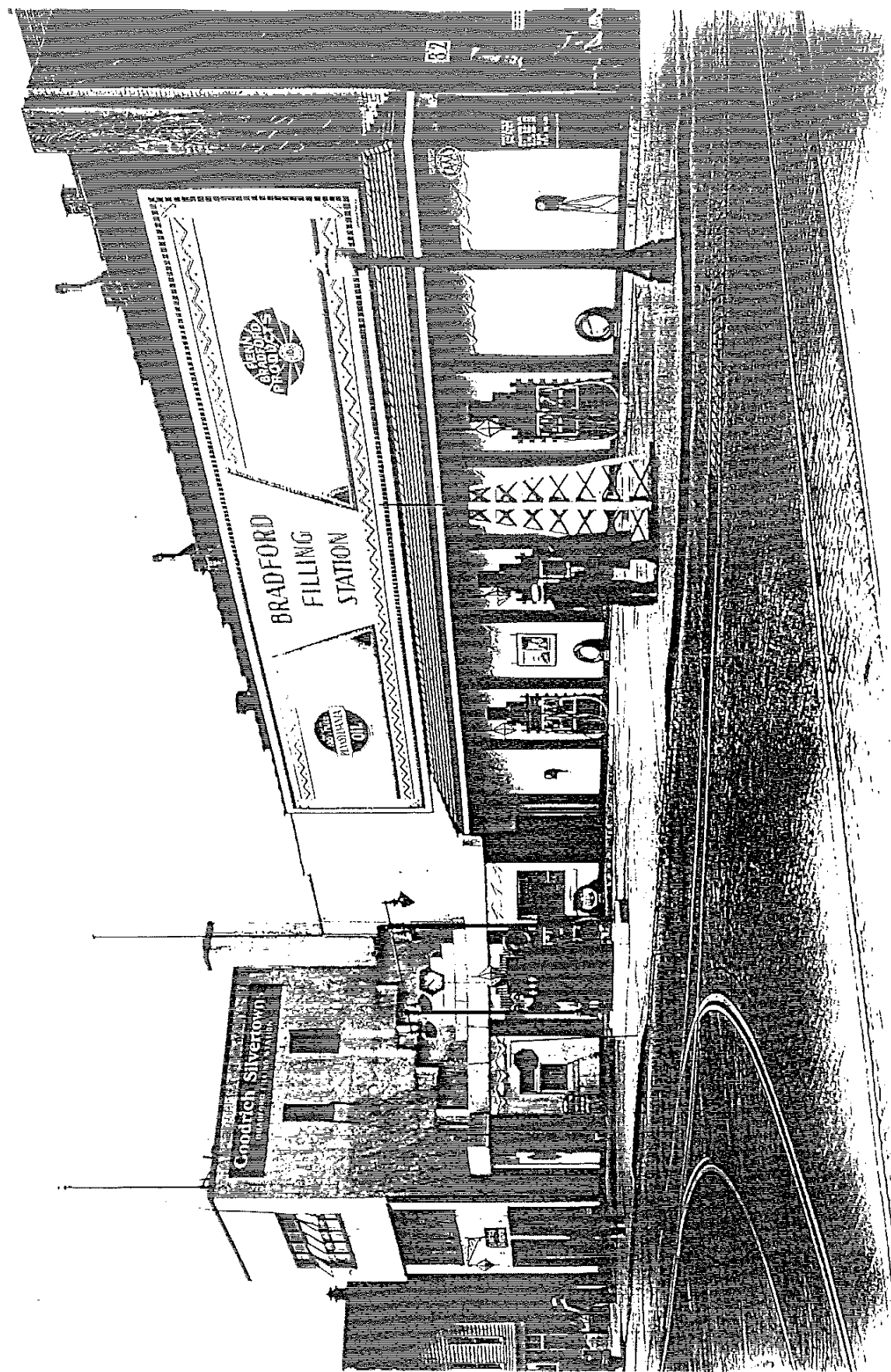
Acct	12/31/94 Balance	12/31/95 Balance
ASSETS		
Cash and Bank Accounts		
Checking Acct	21,794.55	21,315.12
Interest Acct.	1,079.30	11,311.80
Total Cash and Bank Accounts	22,873.85	32,626.92
Other Assets		
Accounts Rec.	6.58	0.90
Advances	50.00	30.00
Antiques - Farm	216.00	216.00
Badge Maker	49.95	49.95
Bakery Building	16,949.28	16,949.28
Bakery Land	1,122.00	1,122.00
Barn	16,527.21	16,527.21
Blacksmith Shop	14,416.12	14,416.12
C. Cndy Machine	700.00	700.00
Candle Shop	168.94	168.94
Canopies	297.38	297.38
Carpenter Shop	1,974.00	1,974.00
Cement Pad	2,972.00	2,972.00
Chicken Coop	559.11	559.11
Copier	1,995.00	1,995.00
Crook Farm Land	3,205.10	3,205.10
Crook Farmhouse	37,134.67	37,134.67
Extension Cords	329.25	329.25
Fair Booth	0.00	418.23
Filing Cabinets	180.00	220.00
Fire Equip Farm	247.90	247.90
Fire Equipment	41.18	41.18
Freight Station	9,218.19	9,218.19
Kitchen Stove	429.95	429.95
Ladder	130.00	130.00
Landfill-Bridge	2,998.90	2,998.90
Office Phone	59.99	59.99
Petty Cash Bkry	75.00	75.00
Petty Cash Farm	150.00	150.00
Popcorn Machine	779.00	779.00
Propane Grill	169.99	169.99
Rail Fence	912.84	912.84
Refrigerator	200.00	200.00
Schoolhouse	11,319.35	11,319.35
Security Light	42.32	42.32
Slide Projector	1,361.95	1,604.95
Sno-Cone Machin	692.50	692.50
Storage Bins	89.48	89.48
Storage Buildng	11,777.51	11,777.51
Summer Kitchen	2,330.92	2,330.92
Table & Chairs	5,121.91	5,121.91
Table Carts	676.88	676.88
Tape Recorder	90.00	90.00
Tarpaulins	33.20	33.20
Telephone-Farm	59.99	59.99
Tractor	3,500.00	3,500.00
Trash Cans	83.93	83.93
Typewriter	98.77	98.77
Water Hose	113.00	113.00

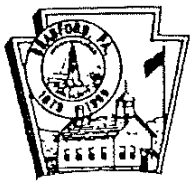
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(Includes unrealized gains)
As of 12/31/95

Acct	12/31/94 Balance	12/31/95 Balance
Well-Water Syst	6,888.88	6,888.88
Total Other Assets	158,546.12	159,221.67
Investments		
Endowment	0.00	15,225.04
Total Investments	0.00	15,225.04
TOTAL ASSETS	181,419.97	207,073.63
LIABILITIES		
Other Liabilities		
Accrued PR Tax	204.40	0.00
Accrued Sale Tx	73.53	0.00
Total Other Liabilities	277.93	0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	277.93	0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	181,142.04	207,073.63

COUNTRY FAIR 1995 INCOME AND EXPENSE SUMMARY

	INCOME	EXPENSE	NET PROFIT
Patrons	\$ 8,058.00	\$ 433.46	\$ 7,624.54
Exhibitors	\$ 5,298.00	\$ 2,425.79	\$ 2,872.21
Gates	8576.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 8,426.00
Breakfast	2149.00		
Food Tents	7878.91	10027.91	\$ 4,985.87
Kiddy Midway	279.95	\$ 51.22	\$ 228.73
Quilt Auction	500.00		\$ 500.00
Raffle	649.00	324.00	\$ 325.00
Advertising		1873.02	-1873.02
Entertainment:		\$ 2,425.00	-2425.00
Joey Clowns		150.00	-150.00
Traffic & Parking		719.89	-719.89
Toilets		575.90	-575.90
Security		130.08	-130.08
Worker Meals		246.33	-246.33
Miscellaneous		\$ 314.31	-314.31
	\$ 33,388.86	\$ 14,804.87	\$ 18,583.99
Sales: Craft Shop	2257.84	764.63	\$ 1,493.21
Landmark Booth	642.88	? *	\$ 642.88
Baked Food Stand	607.82		\$ 607.82
Corn/Potato Roast	\$ 205.12		\$ 205.12
Donuts by Jack Weaver	\$ 47.20		\$ 47.20
Bean Stringing	\$ 39.50		\$ 39.50
Total Income/Expense	\$ 37,189.22	\$ 15,569.50	
	NET PROFIT		\$ 21,619.72





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COME TO THE COUNTRY FAIR

SATURDAY AUGUST 24, 1996 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM SUNDAY AUGUST 25, 1996

AT THE CROOK FARM - 1.1 MILES FROM THE BOLIVAR DRIVE TRAFFIC LIGHT

ADMISSION: \$2.00 CHILDREN UNDER 12 FREE ACCOMPANIED BY ADULT

90 EXHIBITORS

CRAFTS OF ALL KINDS, DEMONSTRATIONS OF CHAIR CANING, QUILTING, WEAVING AND
BLACKSMITHING

NEW THIS YEAR: ANTIQUE EXHIBITS AND SALES

VISIT THE PERIOD SCHOOLHOUSE, CROOK FARMHOUSE, BLACKSMITH SHOP, VINTAGE OIL WELLS

FOOD - FOOD

BOTH DAYS: HOT-DOGS, HOT SAUSAGES, HOT MEAT-BALL SUBS, POPCORN,
COTTON CANDY, ICE CREAM, SOFT DRINKS, FUNNEL CAKES, SNOW CONES

SPECIAL - SUNDAY AUGUST 31 ONLY - PANCAKE BREAKFAST - 10 AM to 1:00 PM - \$5.00 ADULTS
\$3.00 CHILDREN

PANCAKES, SAUSAGE, SWEET ROLLS, JUICE, COFFEE

ENTERTAINMENT

SATURDAY AUGUST 24, 1996 "THE BARONS" 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM

"COLONIAL CLOGGERS" 3:45 PM to 4:45 PM

SUNDAY AUGUST 25, 1996 "WILY MILO STRING BAND" 9:30 AM to 10:45 AM

"LAZY RIVER JAZZ BAND" 11:00 AM to 1:15 PM

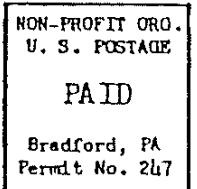
"CREEK BEND" 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM

We wish to thank all the members who have paid their dues this year. For those who have not, it's not too late and we need to hear from you.

Annual Dues

Individual	\$10
Senior Citizen (60+)	\$5
Family	\$15
Life Membership	\$100

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Mr./Mrs. Emer Delucia
160 Sumner Street
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IN MEMORIAM

First president of the Bradford Landmark Society (1970 - 1974) David A. Pytcher, 91, died Wednesday, July 31, 1996. A Bradford area native, he was a superintendent of the South Penn Oil Company for 46 years. Besides being a founder of the Society, he served on the boards of numerous local organizations. We extend our sympathy to the members of his family.

THE 1996 COUNTRY FAIR, AUGUST 24 - 25

The seventeenth annual Country Fair since the first one in 1980 was made possible by the active participation of over 200 volunteers, just on the two days of the fair, tending to the innumerable details that have to be dealt with. For example, to man the farmhouse a shift change of five people was needed every two hours; a shift change of nine people every two hours was required to operate the food tent. We wish we could list the names of all the people who contributed their time and services.

But first, on the Friday evening before the fair began, the annual Patron Party, which has also become a traditional event, also involves an overwhelming number of people, loyal patrons whose support makes it possible to operate the Society numbering approximately 400 subscribers as individuals and 60 businesses. This year's Distinguished Patron hosting the party were the Owners and Employees of Bisett Building Center supported by contributions from seven businesses, namely: Break-Away Cafe, Chris MN Allys, Carnegie's, Kennedy Street Cafe (whose Anne Fetterman spearheaded the group), Mamma's Cafe, Parkview Supermarket and Togi's.

But we're just beginning the credits. As it happens every four or five years, the weather does not cooperate for having the Patron Party in the open air, with tents, on the grounds of the Crook Farm. It rained on the afternoon of Friday, August 23, 1996, with potential of continuing rain in the evening. This is where attention to anticipating problems beforehand paid off. A sub-committee consisting of Ann Bouquin, Susan Evans, Gale Grillo and Dorothy Shields made advance contact with PNC Bank for the possible use of the bank floor in case of inclement weather. So, sure enough, enter another cast of volunteers...Ladies of the Bank...working overtime to help make us comfortable, and, incidentally, after the party, picking up paper cups, used napkins and trays - who said anything about minor details? We thank Jennifer Smith, Linda Kenick, Lori Nordland and Marilyn Volchko. Oh, and who were the volunteers who got on the phone to notify everyone about the change in location for the party?

Don Fredeen, general chairman, organized planning and activities for the fair under several sub-committees, each sub-committee consisting of five or six or more or maybe only one or two. Most of the space needed for the fair was occupied by 79 exhibitors offering a wide variety of items to dress up the home and eight antique dealers offering high quality collectibles. The rapport that Jane Larson has had for many years with exhibitors was used again by her to good advantage. New this year were the antique dealers obtained through the efforts of Anne Fetterman.

It was a privilege to have the opportunity to view and examine all the offerings of so many exhibitors who set up shop just for us. In addition we had our own craft shop, resident at the Crook Farm, operated by our "Crafty Ladies" (affection intended) who, this year for the first time, had their own little building to work in instead of using the farm house. Again the list of volunteers is long and includes those with many years of participation (but your inclusion in the "club" would be welcomed) and we hope we haven't missed anyone: Bonnie Pagano, chairman; Marian Bromeley, Bob Blair, Nancy Engstrom, Gerry and Will Hart, Marmie Hodges, Walt Klussmann, Pat McGinnis, Maben Taylor, Don Watkins, Connie Weakly, Ginny Zeck. Florence Webster and Nancy Yeager have provided item contributions.

It should be mentioned that the Craft Shop is open and very popular during the six weeks that the country school is in session. Children make candles as an experience on the farm and are able to purchase little candle holders to go with their candles. New this year and well received is a "throw" blanket (5' x 5') featuring woven-in illustrations of historic buildings in Bradford. These were also available at the membership tent and can be purchased throughout the year at the Bakery - as well as the wood replicas of the Schoolhouse, Farmhouse and Bakery.

Speaking of the Farmhouse, it was attended during the fair by five people at all times including Rebecca Ryan, Crook Farm Chairman; Doris Knight and Trudie Ostrander. Thanks to Carl McCracken who repaired Grandma Crook's cook stove Doris Knight was able to demonstrate country baking.

Bruce Osgood and Bill Montgomery gave continuous demonstrations of blacksmithing at the blacksmith shop. Connie Eymer and Gerry Zetler presided at the one-room school dressed in costume. Many others at the fair were dressed in costume. The Bake Food tent was operated by Marlene Kijowski with assistants offering home baked goodies made by volunteers. John Kijowski again set up the membership tent with nineteenth century museum exhibits and recruited shifts of two people at a time to attend it. Orak Grotto provided the Joey Clowns. Zonta club members took tickets at the gates. Bruce Sherwin's committee supervised parking with Jim Daugherty operating four wheel vehicles. Foster Township police directed traffic. Graham Greenhouse donated floral centerpieces and Graham Florist provided the potted plants for the Patron Party. Jack Wells provided road signs to the Crook Farm. The Derrick City Fire Department provided shifts of Emergency Technical Vehicles.

As you can see, this had to be a well oiled machine to attract up to 5000 people to come to the Fair. After inspecting the vintage farmhouse, one room school, blacksmith shop, other attractions including the Roseann Klussmann rose garden AND the vast array of exhibitors there would be refreshments available at a well serviced food bar and a place to sit down and be entertained by a succession of bands under cover. The food tent was set up by Frank Randall with food purchased from Parkview Supermarket, food prepared by the Children's Home and refrigeration truck provided by Servomation. Marjory Knox recruited nine people needed every two hours for shift changes. Sunday breakfast was prepared and served by Rotary club members with Art Steinhauer directing. As an example of the heavy traffic, between 10:00 and 1:00 on Saturday two cases of hotdogs were prepared on two grills and served not including hot sausages and hot meatballs. In addition to being general chairman Don Fredeen also arranged for entertainment and helped out at the food tent, and as it turned out, found himself doing yeoman service picking up trash at the food tent, compensating for the only recorded glitch in the otherwise well running operation when eight scheduled helpers didn't show up.

Last but not least, Treasurer Ann Bouquin was left with the task of finding the financial bottom line and we know that it will be favorable.

Geo Kish

FOR ALL THOSE WHO GRADUATED BEFORE 1945

(author unknown)

WE ARE SURVIVORS!!!! Consider the changes that we have witnessed:

We graduated before television, before penicillin, before polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, plastic, contact lenses, Frisbees and the Pill.

We graduated before radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams and ballpoint pens, before pantyhose, dishwashers, clothes dryers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip-dry clothes -- and before man walked on the moon.

We got married first and then lived together, how quaint can you be?

Bunnies were small rabbits and rabbits were not Volkswagens. Designer Jeans were scheming girls named Jean or Jeanne, and having a meaningful relationship meant getting along well with our cousins.

We thought fast food was what you ate during Lent, and Outer Space was the back of the Riviera Theater.

We were before house-husbands, computer dating, dual careers, and commuter marriages. We were before day-care centers, group therapy, and nursing homes. We never heard of FM radio, tape decks, electric typewriters, artificial hearts, word processors, yogurt, and guys wearing earrings. For us, time-sharing meant togetherness--not computers or condominiums; a 'chip' meant a piece of wood; hardware meant hardware, and software wasn't even a word.

In 1940, "made in Japan" meant junk and the terms "making out" referred to how you did on your exam. Pizzas, MacDonalds" and instant coffee were unheard of.

We hit the scene when there were 5 and 10 stores, where you bought things for five and ten cents. Sanders or Wilsons sold ice cream cones for a nickel or a dime. For one nickel you could ride a street car, make a phone call, buy a Pepsi or enough stamps to mail one letter and two postcards. You could buy a new Chevy Coupe for \$600, but who could afford one; a pity too, because gas was 11 cents a gallon.

We were certainly not before the difference between the sexes was discovered but we were surely before the sex change; we made do with what we had.

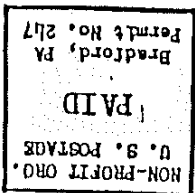
No wonder we are so confused and there is such a generation gap today!

BUT WE SURVIVED!!!!!! What better reason to celebrate?

Please note: The Alumni Office has taken the liberty of making some minor changes to this poem.



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160 Summer Street
Bradford, PA 16701



The Bradford Landmark Society
is proud to announce
that we have changed our hours!

We will now be open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM



BRADFORD LANDMARK SOCIETY
45 East Corydon St.
Bradford, PA 16701

We hope that by being open during the lunch hours we will be better able to serve you and we invite everyone to visit the Landmark Society's headquarters at 45 E. Corydon Street, right behind the Carnegie Restaurant.

If you haven't visited the Landmark Society lately, you will be pleased to discover that we have a wonderful collection of historical items, family genealogical information, many photographs of old Bradford, the original Bradford Era newspapers dating back to 1886, and other fascinating articles and information on the history of Bradford.

We also sell many unique items and reproductions that make perfect gifts.

The 1901 Illustrated History of Bradford by V. Hatch
Pocket of Peace, by Mary Ann Johnston
Spellbound, by David McKain
Bicentennial Bradford 1876-1976
Cast Iron Yellow Dogs
1934 The Bradford Story video
1940 Reel Life video
1930s Old Home Week video
1895 Lithograph of Bradford
Little wooden buildings of Herbig Bakery, Crook
Farmhouse, and School House No. 8
100% Cotton Throw with scenes of Bradford

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

"TURN, MAGIC WHEEL"

On July 1, 1996 we were visited by Carolyn Johnston Foster, all too briefly, but long enough to give us an interesting bit of history, actually, a correction to history. The kind of footnote that is so important to historians, all the more so because it was probably our last opportunity to get it direct from someone who knows.

Carolyn Johnston Foster admits to having been born in 1908. She is a niece of R. B. Johnston, Sr. of the "Johnston Store", one of Bradford's well known, former ladies' fashion stores and is the widow of a grandson of Larned (misspelled Leonard in historical references) Sampson Foster who arrived in what is now known as Foster Brook in 1827, one of, if not THE earliest settler in the Bradford area. Now for the corrected footnote:

Legend had it that Larned Foster arrived with his new bride from Connecticut by ox cart, traveling dry stream beds in August, to claim land given to him by the U. S. Congress in compensation for service in the War of 1812. Not quite right. He did serve in the War of 1812 for about three weeks but did not receive land in lieu of pay from the government. He settled on land, now named after him, in the belief that he was in New York state. This made him a squatter (not unusual) but years later after discovering his error he paid a small sum to obtain a true Pennsylvania title. (As of 1890 Larned Sampson Foster had 7 living children and 30 grandchildren.)

Carolyn Johnston Foster now resides at 926 Silver Oak, Lady Lake, Florida 32159. Thank you, Carolyn, for visiting us and correcting some of our history, we are grateful. Historians take note.

LETTERS AND MORE

First hand reports are becoming more and more rare. The next best sources of information are letters and vintage documents but letters need not be early, contemporary reports contribute to the lore that becomes the soul of history. A current letter may contain just one reference which could resolve an anecdote that needs to be clarified, a matter that may have been controversial. One such letter came to us from Geraldine Kennedy DeMarkey now living in Greenwich, CT. As a child she lived on the cusp of Jackson Avenue opposite the beginning of North Kendall Avenue and the Jackson Avenue terminal of the street car system. (The Jackson Avenue cusp spanned Clark Street, now extinct.) She remembers a Kendall Avenue bridge fire. In her own words:

"In January 1926 the Kendall Ave. bridge by the refinery burned on a Sunday afternoon. We were cut off from our school (6th ward) of course, so on Monday morning some of us went to school by streetcar going all the way up town and then back down East Main to Kendall, walking from there. Permission was later given by Kendall Refinery for residents and students to use the swinging bridge through the plant." (The fire was caused by boys dropping a burning cigarette into the oily water of Tuna creek.)

Geraldine remembers more: "Otto Koch Jr. was in my class in the sixth ward school. One year his mother Mrs. (Matilda) Koch awarded a dollar each to the boy and girl who had the highest average for the year in that class. I was the girl, Robert Johnson was the boy. The year we left 6th ward to go to Junior High School, on the last day of school, she presented each pupil who passed with an envelope containing 50¢. There were about 46 pupils in that 6th grade class, the average size classroom in those days.

"About that streetcar that stopped in front of our house where the trolley was changed so that the streetcar could go back up Jackson and down town, I vaguely remember the hold-up, but what I remember most is the time the motorman ran the car off the tracks on a sharp curve not far from our house. My grandmother Pike and I were on it. The motorman was really speeding. Grandmother lived on South Avenue and we were going to her house. Although the streetcar company sent another car to take us passengers to town grandmother phoned for a taxi.

"I believe that it was in 1925 that the "Big Old Home Week" and pageant was held in Foster Brook. The celebration lasted all summer. A picture of my great grandfather Barnabus Pike was displayed in a store window. He was one of the earliest settlers in Bradford." There is much more that Geraldine recalls in her delightful letter. Sally Costik will be glad to show it to you at the Bakery.

A recent letter from Lina Melvin Conklin who now lives in Walnut Creek, Calif., recalls many names of Bradfordians and their descendants. She mentions her grandfather Carroll Melvin, brother of Thomas J. Melvin whose daughter Lucretia Melvin also lives in California; Lucretia married Earle Caldwell Emery, whose famous father was Lewis Emery Jr.

Lina remembers many things. About taking piano lessons, in her own words, "I took piano lessons at the Episcopal church but the (male) teacher was awfully mean and hit the back of my hand with a ruler. So I wouldn't go there and my mother let me go to the Baptist church and take lessons from his brother who was very kind. I remember Mrs. Duggan and Eleanor Grey Smith, well known piano teachers, and Eleanor's sister who died of TB whose medical expenses were paid by Lewis Emery, Jr.

"When I was about ten years old I had scarlet fever per Dr. Paton and was quarantined. Ethel Mervon Jack, Harry Jack's wife, used to bring me pitchers of wonderful fruit juice because I lived alone (in isolation) with a nurse."

Lina's wonderful letter adds much more to the historical lore of Bradford and we thank her for writing. Her letter is also available at the Bakery. She mentions in passing that her granddaughter Justine Van Houte is No. 5 on the U. S. Olympic Ski Team, trains at Lake Placid, and hopes to go to Japan in 1997.

A common thread of interest shown by all who visit or write is a deep fascination for names, names of old friends remembered, names tied to incidents that may be personal, names that involve famous people, names that may have been forgotten until now. Vintage letters and artifacts from the nineteenth often serve to conjure up empathy or nostalgia for what happened during your grandparents' time. Jumping ahead, once a year we try to recognize all those who have given us letters or artifacts during the past year but we wish we could recount all those who gave us memorabilia since the beginning of the Society in 1969, when Jane Howe gave us the first item. Not being able to mention all those who gave us things during the past 27 years or describe the thousands of items in our archives and museum, we made a quick, fast scan of the listings in the "Accessions" book, perhaps to provide a "flavor" of what we have, just a sample:



Daniel Kingsbury letter dated June 27, 1848 - Jane Howe
Grace Steele's christening dress - Margaret Tanner
Deed signed by John D. Rockefeller - Anonymous attorney
April 11, 1895 St James Hotel Menu - Julia Roche
Box of ostrich and egret feathers - Grace Knerr
BHS Commencement Program June 25, 1885 - Harvey Phillips
Marilyn Horne's doll carriage - Mrs. Chitester
100 year old mousetrap - Hazel Anderson
People's Common Sense Medical Advisor, 1883 - Mr. Fuller
S. R. Dresser For Congress, 1872 political button - Greenlee Family
Picture of 4th ward school fire - Ken Knowles
First scientific analysis of petroleum - Virginia Loveland Miles
January 15, 1878 view of Bradford oil field - Betty Wolcott
Excursion tickets to Rock City - Fi Shannon
Invitation to 1873 New Year's Ball - Martha Boyle
"Gaities of 1888" Program - Marion Vernon
Pennsylvania Railroad 1846 - 1946 - Mike Fair
Knights of Pythias Bylaws - Mary Herold
46 and 48 star flags - Judith Schick
Picture of early Bradford - Joe Cleary
Six copies of Harper's Weekly, 1909 - 1913 - Mrs. Ann Brown
1880 History of Duke Center - Jean Barthold
1901 picture of BHS graduating class - Elizabeth Blaisdell
Twelve years of "Antique Magazine" - Bob Doyle
Players Workshop Scrapbook - Joy Perry
Propeller from Harri Emery plane crash - Betty and Norman Wolcott
1937 Wedding announcement of Genevive Crook and William Rapp
Finally, we come to the 1996 current listing of donors to date:





Donors contributing archive material and/or artifacts in 1996 to date:

- Inie Schonblom - Three cartons of memorabilia including extensive material about activities of the Saints and Sinners, filing cabinets, 16 mm motion picture projector and Schonblom family references
- William Schubert - Electric hat stretcher originally owned by Rose Tierney, photographs bound in pebble leather book
- William Durst - Three military uniforms. William Durst was owner of WWII uniforms, Vietnam/Korea uniforms belonged to Joseph Carvolth
- Margaret McBride - Collection of photographs and newspaper clippings mainly of explosions, floods, snow storms, parades, etc., in Bradford in the 1940's
- Cary Kaber - Derrick City School photograph about 1920
- Pat Pantuso - Two boater style hats, one man one woman, originally belonging to Ellis and Lucy Pantuso, about 1920's
- Madlyn Knorr - One green and red "skipper" sled, handmade, about 1920's
- Eleanor Edmonds - Several snapshot photographs of 1940s floods in Bradford. Edward Edmonds was Eleanor's father-in-law
- Charles Kaefer - One adult and one child's exhibitors tickets to a dog show held by the Bradford Kennel Club at the Valley Hunt Club, June 30, 1940 and a booklet, Favorite American Songs
- Irv Lyter - Aerial view of Schonblom house on Jackson Avenue, about 1920
- Mrs. Frankie Briney and
George Arnett - Four stereoptican views of the Kinzua Bridge, 1878
- Helen Beam - Three American History and Heritage Journals, recent
- Nancy Thompson - Box of photos dating from 1900's and 1920's, most mounted in books, all black and white. Belonged to Jesse Howe of Derrick City/Bells Camp
- Adam Berridge - An eleven year old child's notebook of 1888 of pencil drawings poetry and class room exercises. Alice George was the great grandmother of Adam Berridge

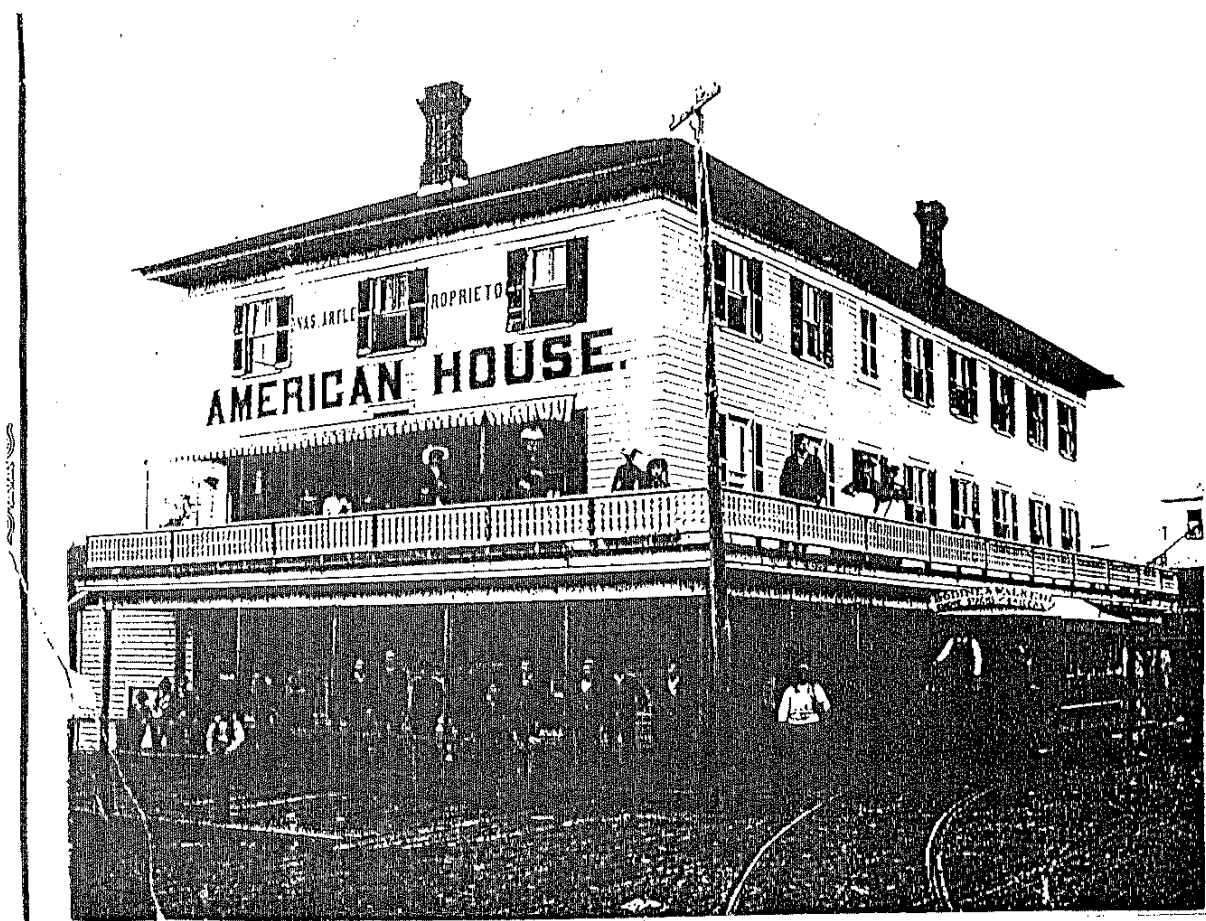
Alice George was 11 years old on January 10, 1888 when she made her first entry in a little 5 x 9 notebook. With excellent hand writing she identifies herself as living in Foxburg, PA going to school in Room 2, dating every page, in what may have been called a "copy book", regularly graded by the teacher as a "5", apparently the top grade, well deserved. She copies portions of poetry, cliches of history, does some art work, adds rows of fractions in an arithmetic exercise, and most interesting, copies the maps of 32 states at random giving the area and population. One or two maps are drawn on a page in miniature with remarkable fidelity, not traced. It occurred to us that it would be fitting to celebrate her diligence for posterity, started 108 years ago, by comparing the population numbers for 1880 that she must have researched carefully with current numbers:

<u>State</u>	<u>Per Alice George Population in 1880</u>	<u>Population in 1995</u>
Georgia	1,539,048	7,201,000
Florida	267,351	14,166,000
Kentucky	omitted	3,860,000
Tennessee	1,542,694	5,256,000
Alabama	1,262,794	4,253,000
Mississippi	1,131,592	2,697,000
Louisiana	940,103	4,342,000
Arkansas	802,564	2,484,000
Texas	1,592,574	18,724,000
Indian Territory (Okla.)	unknown	3,278,000
Ohio	3,198,239	11,151,000
Indiana	1,978,362	5,803,000
Illinois	3,078,769	11,830,000
Michigan	1,636,331	9,549,000
Wisconsin	1,315,480	5,123,000
Minnesota	780,806	4,610,000
Iowa	1,624,620	2,842,000
Missouri	2,168,804	5,324,000
Kansas	995,966	2,565,000
Nebraska	452,433	1,637,000
Dakotas	135,180	1,370,000
Colorado	194,327	3,747,000
New Mexico	118,430	1,685,000
Montana	39,157	870,000
Idaho	32,611	1,163,000
Alaska	1,262,794	604,000
Arizona	40,440	4,218,000
California	864,794	31,589,000
Nevada	62,266	1,530,000
Washington	omitted	5,431,000
Oregon	omitted	3,141,000
Wyoming	omitted	480,000

Thank you Adam Berridge for sharing with us your great grandmother's precocious and precious childhood inheritance.

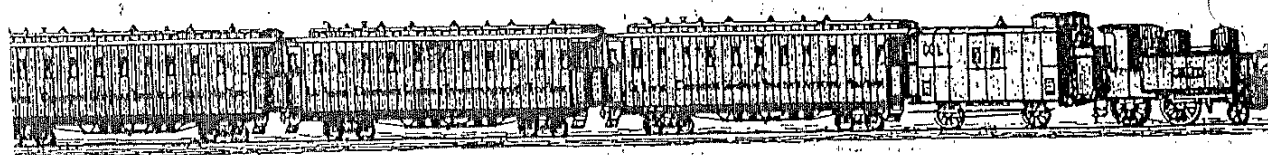
The magic wheel keeps turning...and some of the turns are surprising.

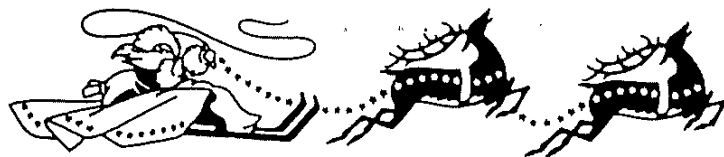
Geo Kish



Do you remember the **American House**? This well known hotel and tavern was located on the corner of South Kendall and East Main Street. Built in the summer of 1876 by a contractor named Purcell for a man named Fisher, it was sold the following year to Jonas Artley. Mr. Artley operated the hotel for a number of years and later it passed from one owner to another through the years. John Looker acquired the property in 1928; it was last operated as Conklin's Tavern. Kendall Refining Co. bought the property in 1940; currently it the location of Dairy Hut.

Over 200 photographs like these have been compiled into a photographic history of Bradford, and is currently scheduled for publication next spring.





Merry Christmas from the Bradford Landmark Society!

Christmas shopping can be hectic. Why not visit the Landmark's Herbig Bakery at 45 E. Corydon Street (right behind Carnegie's Restaurant) and do some Christmas shopping right here? We have a nice variety of "historic" gifts that will please anyone on your list!

1901 Illustrated History of Bradford, by Vernelle Hatch

Three different videos of Bradford in the 1930s

A lovely 1895 lithograph of Bradford, recently reproduced

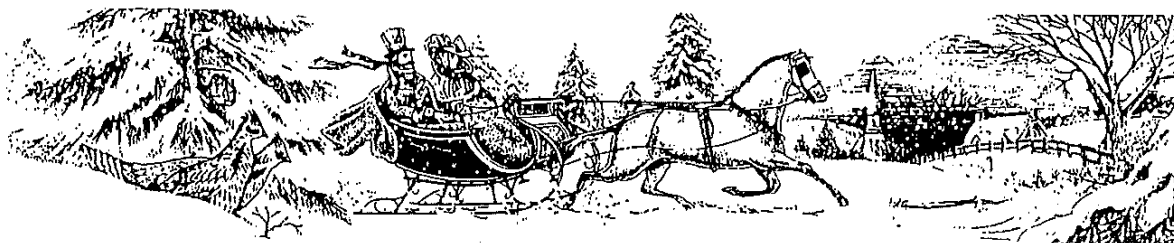
Spellbound, autographed by author David McKain

Cast iron yellow dogs, made at a Pennsylvania forge

*100% Cotton Throws depicting well known buildings in
Bradford, available in green or blue*

*Collectable wooden buildings, including the Herbig
Bakery, Crook Farm Schoolhouse, and the Farmhouse*

Charming coffee mugs from the Crook Farm





The Bradford Landmark Society is on the Web!

The Bradford Landmark Society can now be found on the Internet. Recently we joined the Bradford Home Page and now enjoy being "hit" dozens of times each day. The Bradford Home Page covers a wide range of Bradford related topics, and we are happy to be a part of their web site. Our address is <http://www.bradford-online.com>. Click on History-Bradford On-line History Links, then click onto the Bradford Landmark Society. Check us out for the latest information. Also, currently under construction and coming soon are the "Bradford Historical Notes". Imagine - learning about the past using the technology of the future!

Larry Richmond

Happy Holidays!

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