

## Turkeyfoot Valley Historical Society

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## H. C. "Joe" Harned Scholarships Awarded



We are indebted to Joe Harned for providing college scholarships to two graduates of Turkeyfoot High School. Each year students submit applications for the scholarship. Besides writing an essay, they also provide volunteer hours to the society.

We wish these awardees the best as they pursue their dreams and goals.

This years' scholarship awardees are:



**Haley Rugg** – She plans to attend Penn State (Fayette Campus) and study Criminal Justice.



**Phoenix Stratemeier** – He plans to attend University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown and study Business Management Information Systems.

## Recent Donations to the society:

Estate of Roy Colflesh

- ◆ Map of Lower Turkeyfoot Township
- ◆ B&W photos

Shirley Wass

- ◆ High School Reunion Programs (CHS 1934 -1949)

Boots Collins

- ◆ Photos
- ◆ Newspaper clippings

Estate of Jim McClintock

- ◆ Newspapers
- ◆ Postcards
- ◆ 9th US Infantry Worship Services

Estate of June Nicklow

- ◆ 1860's Baseball Game Program
- ◆ Map
- ◆ Newspaper clippings
- ◆ CHS Programs
- ◆ CHS photos
- ◆ CHS Sweater

*Thank you to all for your many donations!*

### Just a Reminder . . .

Our fiscal year runs from July 1st through June 30th. Your membership dues for the year 7/1/16 through 6/30/17 are now due and payable. Also, don't forget that our meetings are now held the third Monday of each month at 6pm.

### Local Brevities.

Prof. C. S. Swan was called to Uniontown on business, Saturday.

Mrs. Harriet Hanson visited friends in Uniontown, part of this week.

No wonder "Bucky" smiles! Born to Mrs. C. H. Bowlin a bouncing boy.

John Fick has bought, we understand, the Tissue property where his meat market is now located.

Hon. J. W. Endsley of Somersfield was in town a few hours Sunday. He was on his way to Harrisburg.

H. J. Black, B. & O. agent at Friendsville, with his family, spent Sunday with his parents Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Black.

A. C. Reiber travelling representative for F. S. Love, Wholesale Confectioner of Johnstown visited his parents over Sunday.

Dr. C. R. Fichtner, our popular young dentist, was attracted to Uniontown, by some fair maiden. He reports a pleasant time.

Chas. P. DeCorse, was a business caller at Ohio Pyle, Tuesday night. He was called there to settle the Nicklson Pension case.

Charles Stark, one of our competent mechanics, has just placed a couple of attractive signs on the Bank Building for the millinery store of Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Morrison.

Mr. Calhoun formerly with the East Brady Lumber Company here, but now located in Connellsville, is in the hospital at the latter place, slowly recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia.

Rev. C. L. Morrison left Sunday night on No. 10, for a former parish in Virginia, being called there to marry a young lady whom he baptized several years ago. During his absence he will visit his eldest son in Norfolk, Va.

There will be Quarterly Meeting Services held at Johnson Chapel on Easter Sunday April 23rd. Quarterly Conference will be held on the Saturday afternoon previous. Dr. J. F. Murray of this district is expected to be in attendance.

Prof. H. G. May, principal of

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New Haven and Willis Dull a popular clerk of Connellsville, were the guests of R. N. Hay, Friday and Saturday. They came to see our Commencement and they both spoke very highly of each performance.

The Turkeyfoot News has received such generous patronage from advertisers and subscribers that the proprietors have deemed it best to enlarge the paper at once. Next week it will appear as a five column, eight page paper. It will be filled with spicy news and will carry a fine collection of legitimate advertisers whose reputation as first class business houses has never been disputed.

Quite a number of people have since our last issue deplored the defeat of that cow ordinance. Some of the ladies especially insist that it is not very chivalrous in the "city fathers" to maintain that the cows have a prior right to the side-walk crossings and street and alley corners, to the disgust and discomfort of the ladies. If there is any thing the ladies are more afraid of than a mouse, it is a cow, disputing her right to the side-walk or making eyes at her out of an alley way.

Miss Amelia Fornwalt of New Haven, Pa., closed a very successful term at the River School near town last Wednesday. The parents are well pleased with the excellent progress their children have made under her instruction. Miss Fornwalt with her kindly disposition and ladylike ways not only endeared herself to her scholars but to every one she came in contact with. She gained the respect of old and young alike. As she leaves here for her home the best wishes of a host of friends will go with her and hope that her efforts in any thing she undertakes will be crowned with success.

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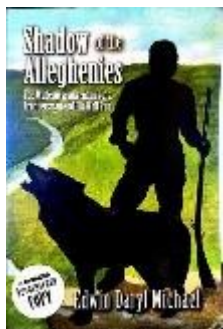
**SOME SOMERSET COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA OBITUARIES****Compiled from the Internet****Major Transcriber: David Friedline, October 2005***X-Message: #3**Date: Thu, 6 Nov 2003 18:12:11 -0500**From: "Beverly Domer" <bdomer@cvzoom.net>**To: SOMGEN-L@rootsweb.com**Subject: [SOMGEN] James Kemp Johnson July 6, 1938**Meyersdale Republican 14 July 1938*

## **The Passing of Civil War "Vet"**

James Kemp Johnson of Ursina, son of the late John and Sarah Kemp Johnson, of Mill Run, Fayette County, Pa., one of the three remaining Civil War veterans in Somerset County, died July 6th. He would have reached 90 years of age had he lived until Aug. 20th. He had been in failing health since March 1st, but was bedfast only one and one-half days. He took to his bed on Tuesday and died at 12:25 P.M. on Wednesday, July 6. Mr. Johnson was a private in Company B, 57th Pennsylvania Infantry, and was federal pensioner. He was born Aug. 20, 1848, near Mill Run. He enlisted in Army on Aug. 24, 1864, at the age of 16, but gave his age as 18. Therefore, his pension age would make him two years older, 60. He served nine months, until May 31, 1863, when he was honorably discharged. On his way home from the army his knapsack was stolen, and his papers and keepsakes were all lost. In 1867 he married Miss Kathryn Wilson. To this union 16 children were born- 10 sons and 6 daughters- 5 sons and 5 daughters died in infancy; 5 sons and one daughter lived to maturity and preceded him to the grave. His wife died in 1911. Three sons survive--Thomas Shedrick of Connellsville, James Robert of Draketown and Elmer, of Ursina. As a young man he followed the shoemaker trade in Scottdale, and lived in many different places in Fayette and Somerset counties. Twenty years ago he located in Ursina. The last seven years of his life his son, Elmer, made his home with him and gave him devoted care and attention. At the time of his death his son, Robert, who was his guardian, was sick in the Frantz Hospital, recovering from an operation. Surviving other than the three sons are 48 grandchildren and 119 great grandchildren and 9 great great grandchildren. The body laid in state in Charles Humbert's Funeral Home in Confluence and remained there until Saturday noon, when it was removed to the Mt. Olive Brethren Church, near Connellsville, where services were conducted by Rev. J. Arnold Berg, Somerfield pastor of the Church of God, assisted by Rev. Marian Smith, pastor of the Church of the Nazarine. He was buried in the church cemetery by the side of his wife. The pall bearers were World War veterans--Joseph Critchfield, Fred Hartman, Homer Rush, Harry Campbell, Ed McClintock and B. Speicher. He was buried in a blue serge suit on which were the G. A. R. buttons taken from his old and tattered soldiersuit that he so proudly wore so many times. He wore his G. A. R. badge pinned on his chest which had seen many years of service when he was a member of the Scottdale and later Ursina G.A.R. Post, until it was disbanded some years ago. He was a life-long member of the Church of God. There are two surviving Civil War veterans in Somerset County, Robert E. Ross of Addison, who will be 91 years old on July 23, and William H. Bender of Berlin, aged 92.

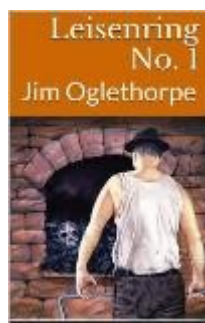


## HISTORY, HISTORY, HISTORY! BOOKS AT THE TURKEYFOOT LENDING LIBRARY -FICTION AND BIOGRAPHY



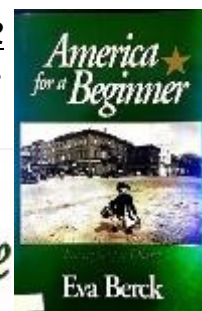
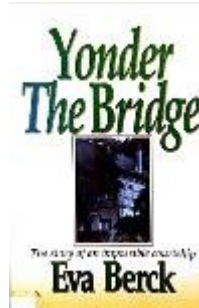
For a fictional story of the Frontier in Pensilvania (as spelled on an 1760 map), Maryland and West Virginia in the 18th century **SHADOW OF THE ALLEGHENIES: THE WILDERNESS ADVENTURES OF A FRONTIERSMAN AND HIS WOLF PUP** is a very good choice. Angus McCallander is the main character who survives many dangers of the frontier to ultimately meet up with a young George Washington. The author, Edwin Daryl Michael, has also authored a novel entitled **DEATH VISITS CANAAN**.

This book is based on his research after finding a gravestone in Canaan Valley which is the oldest dated object known to exist. He tells the story of a nine-year-old boy, whose gravestone this was, and which could have been the story of any one of thousands of young boys from this time in 1880.



Need a mystery novel interspersed with local history from the Connellsville area? Try **LEISINRING** by James Oglethorpe, who recently presented a program at our Historical Society. This story is about a murder during the heyday of mining at the Connellsville seam. Mr. Oglethorpe has a new book now, titled CONFLUENCE, about another murder mystery involving the sawmill trade and the Library will be getting this book also when it is available.

Eva Berck tells two stories in her autobiographies, **YONDER THE BRIDGE** and **AMERICA FOR A BEGINNER**. The first is her story of meeting the young American soldier with whom she falls in love and their courtship. The second is her story of herself, a German warbride, who embraces and is embraced by the Western Pennsylvania community and family of which she becomes a part. (Her full autograph in her second book is Eve Berck-Cook and we are so happy she chose to pen these two lovely stories.)



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# 2016 PROGRAMS

June 20

"The Golden Years - Working the Connellsville Seam"  
~by Jim Oglethorpe

June 25 - Old Home Days - Stop by for a hot dog!

July 18 - Monthly meeting

August 15

"Growing Up with Baseball in Pittsburgh"  
~ A look at baseball history from the city that created the first World Series  
*by the Senator John Heinz History Center Ambassador Program Outreach*

September 19 - Monthly meeting

October 17

"Pittsburgh on the Eve of Civil War"  
~ Advertisements and articles from the newspapers offer a glimpse of every-day life  
*by the Senator John Heinz History Center Ambassador Program Outreach*

November 21 - Monthly meeting

December 19 - Christmas Open House

***All meetings and programs start at  
6pm at H. C. Harned Center unless  
otherwise noted.***







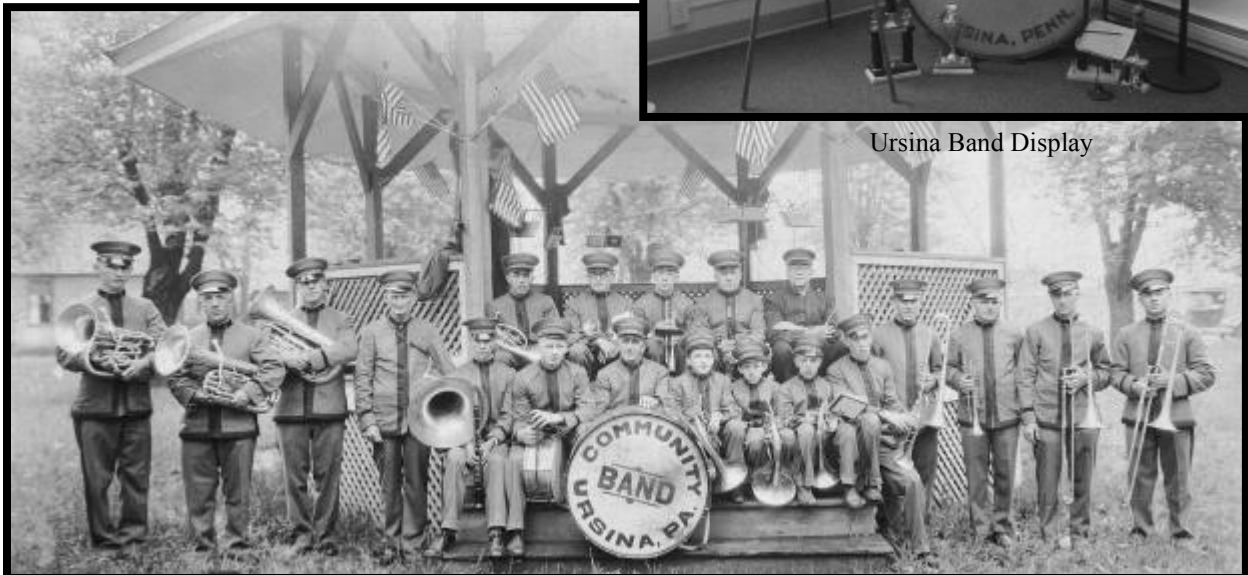
## *The Ursina Band*



Ursina Band, Hornedsville Sunday School 1925



Ursina Band Display



Ursina Band, Confluence Park Memorial Day 1925

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## Member to Member

Does anyone have a photo of the two Johnson Chapels (1884 and 1950) side-by-side from circa 1950? I'm looking for a good print of it. Thanks!

**BRIAN RODAHAVER**  
Stevensville, Maryland  
brianrodahaver@verizon.net



### - Renew or Become a New Member -

**We are starting a New Membership Year on July 1st - Please Join Us**

The Society's membership year is from July 1 through June 30. **A sincere Thank You for your support.** We look forward to growing our membership numbers, so please renew and tell your family, friends, and neighbors about us.

Stop by the historical building to renew your membership or look for a postcard coming soon in the mail.

***Thanks Again for Your Continued Support. Remember this is Your Historical Society!***

### **TURKEYFOOT VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY** **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION – 7/1/16 to 6/30/17**

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Husband & Wife - \$20.00

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\_\_\_\_\_ Gold Corporate - \$500.00

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\_\_\_\_\_ Additional financial contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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