



Hellertown Historical Society

Dedicated to Preserving the History and Heritage of Hellertown and its People

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Upcoming 2018 Events

Trick or Treat At the Jail – Oct. 28 3-5PM

Holiday Open House – Dec. 7 7PM

(Snow Date Dec. 8)

Shopping at the Mill/Santa Visit – Dec. 16

Noon-4PM

Train Display – Select Sundays in Dec. 1-

4PM

Keep Watch for Additional Events



Feedback is essential for any publication to improve and grow. We welcome readers to provide their opinions, suggestions and comments about the content featured in our newsletter. Please send your feedback to the Editor at the email address below.

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Community Day Charity Softball Game Held

By Stacie Torkos



After Community Day wrapped up, teams of employees and elected officials from Hellertown and Lower Saucon Township competed against each other in a charity softball game. Monies collected during the game were donated to the winning team's chosen charity. Congrats to Team Hellertown who came out on top! They chose Hellertown Historical Society as the recipient of the funds raised at the game. We were thrilled to be considered and thank the Borough of Hellertown for their support!



Photo Courtesy Saucon Source

Submit Articles or Stories

Hellertown Historical Society

Newsletter seeks any stories or news articles pertaining to Hellertown's History and its people. Anyone is encouraged to submit articles, stories or news to the

newsletter Managing Editor for consideration in upcoming editions. Submissions may be edited for content and/or space requirements. Please use the contact information on this page to submit your entry.



President's Message:

Dear Members and Friends,

Every year our group looks forward to Hellertown-Lower Saucon Community Day. We love to see the entire community gather and enjoy chatting with all of you who stop by our tent. I especially appreciate the opportunity to get out and visit many of the community partners that we work with. Oh, and, the cabbage and noodles... that is another highlight worth mentioning!!



SV Alumni Association's Awesome Cabbage and Noodles



HHS Community Day Tent



In the spirit of "community", I hope that when you think about HHS and our historic site—you feel sense of community. Whether it's our mission to preserve and share Hellertown's heritage, the availability of the Tavern Room as a site rental, the offering of various special events, and the participation in many other activities, we are dedicated to serving Hellertown and its community.

Thank you for your support!

Stacie Torkos, President

“Time To Say Goodbye”

We are saddened to announce the loss of two dedicated volunteers since the last Newsletter in May...



Margie George, 74, died on June 18th. Margie volunteered for us for over ten years. Margie had her own desk and loved working at it when she volunteered. If she didn't come in one day and someone else worked at her desk, she knew it because she had everything in order and knew if it was moved. Margie was a joy to have in the office because she always had a good story or joke to share.

If you haven't heard of Margie George then you are not from Hellertown. We will surely miss her.



Richard (Dick) Eckert, 86, died on June 30th. Dick loved to volunteer at the Christmas Open House and on the Sundays through the Christmas Holidays. Dick was the “assistant” train conductor working alongside Fran Hudock, the main conductor at our Vintage Train Display. Dick loved to talk with the children while handing out the candy canes. We will miss seeing him at Christmas.

HHS Cryptogram

By Dolores Di Paolo

See if you can solve this **“Hellertown Historical Society”** Cryptogram. The answer will be published in the next issue of the Newsletter. If you cannot wait for the answer to be published, send your answer to the Editor at the email address below for confirmation...

editor@hellertownhistoricalsociety.org

**AHS NFLV UMHUOM
EZM JMEJ CL KLCHL
I MNM XMZV ?**

Answer: FOO HG XAMN !

Hint - H=O

The last cryptogram appears below along with the answer. Congratulations to all who submitted the correct answer to the Editor.

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**WHAT PERSON IN
LHKHRCARZY GKVREA
HELLERTOWN ALMOST
GKZGWE XEHU ALH ILCGEH
ALWAYS USED THE PHRASE
“DRVH CJQLA URZY”?
“COME RIGHT DOWN”?
UC. ZGKAHC TJKJIHP
DR. WALTER FILIPEK
(Hint : Y=N)**

HHS Word Scramble

THEME: Stores of Old

**ESRORSPS
WONT VNATER
MPP
UAINPLS
CLAHISNO**

**Unscramble the above words.
Answers will appear in the next
issue of the newsletter.**

**Hellertown Historical
Society Board Members
Are Leaders In The
Community Too!**

The Hellertown Historical Society was formed nearly 40 years ago with the primary mission of preserving Hellertown's heritage. To show its support for the fledging organization, the Borough of Hellertown leased to the Hellertown Historical Society – at the nominal rate of \$2.00 per year – the grounds containing the Grist Mill, the Miller's House, and the Wash House. The Society capitalized on this show of support by recruiting a cadre of volunteers to refurbish (and in some cases restore) these symbols of Hellertown's long and storied history.

Today the cadre of volunteers have a different focus...namely to create, plan, and implement programs designed to sustain the society and position it as a vibrant member of the Hellertown community. In many cases, it takes communicating and interfacing with community leaders to make new initiatives a reality.

We are proud to report that four members of the society's Board of Directors are now serving in leadership positions within the community. Earl Hill, James Hill, and Gil Stauffer are elected members of Hellertown Borough Council. And, Larry Sutton was recently appointed to the Hellertown Zoning Board.

While having four members of the board serving the community in very visible and decision-making positions at the same time is certainly a coincidence, it shows that Society volunteers are not only concerned with preserving Hellertown's past...but also helping to shape Hellertown's future.

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May Edition Word Search Puzzle Answers

HHS - May 2018 Word Search

Find the words from the list in the puzzle. The words may be horizontal, vertical, diagonal and even reversed in those same directions. Once each word is found, mark it in the puzzle and cross the word off the list until you find them all. Each word represents some historical significance to Hellertown and is explained below the puzzle.

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ACKERMAN
 DETWILLER
 HELLER
 KINGSHIGHWAY
 MILLRACE
 PROSSER
 SAUCONIA
 TURBINE

CENTENNIAL
 DIMMICK
 HESS
 LAUBACH
 MOLLRIFLE
 REINHARD
 STERNS
 UNIONCEMETERY

CHRISTUNION
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A Glimpse of Hellertown History

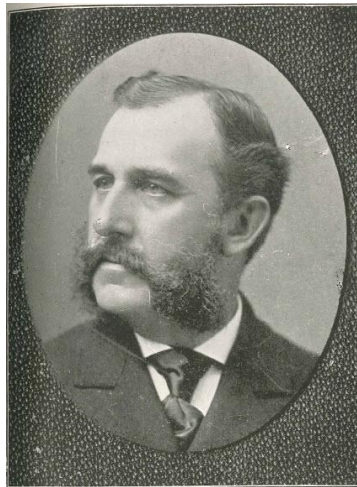
By Don Mills

Some of Hellertown's most prominent citizens served their district in the State Legislature. The following article is a reprint of one published in the Souvenir Book for Hellertown's "Road Celebration and Old Home Day" event from July 4, 1925...



Honorable Jeremiah S. Hess

Jeremiah S. Hess was State Senator of Pennsylvania in Sessions 1883 and 1885 and one of the most active and influential men of our Borough in both civic and religious affairs was born in Hellertown, Northampton County, December 3, 1843; was prepared for college in the schools of Bethlehem and Allentown; graduated at Franklin and Marshall College in 1862; was teacher in the Allentown Seminary from 1862 to 1864; attended Reformed Theological Seminary one year; abandoned it on account of ill health; went to Europe and attended lectures in German universities for two years; entered the lumber, coal and brick business in 1867, and is engaged in it at present; cashier of Saucon Savings Bank from 1873-1877; conducted Collegiate-School from 1877-1879; former chief burgess, school director and member of town council in the Borough of Hellertown.



Honorable Henry D. Heller

Henry D. Heller, elected to the State Senate for the term 1894-1898, was born in Hellertown, September 18, 1850; was educated at Claverack College, N.Y.; graduated from Bellevue Hospital Medical College, N.Y., in 1871; and has practiced his profession in his native town ever since; he was for four years president of the United States Medical Examining Board of his district, and State Quarantine Physician for the Port of Philadelphia for twenty-one years.



Honorable Titus M. Ruch

Titus M. Ruch, Northampton County, was born in Lower Saucon Township, Northampton County, PA, March 28, 1871; educated in the public schools; since 1900, has been engaged in the Mercantile business; served as member, also president, of the Hellertown Town Council, a member of the School District fourteen years, secretary eight years,

president of the Northampton County School Directors' Association ten years and Mercantile Appraiser of Northampton County in 1918; is a member of a number of fraternal organizations, also served as Division Commander of the Sons of Veterans in 1913; elected to the House of Representatives in November, 1920.

New Pieces of Pottery Coming Soon



A new selection of our pottery will be arriving shortly. Our popular **Mugs, Soup Mugs, Flower Vases, Wine Coolers, and Pitchers**, to name a few!

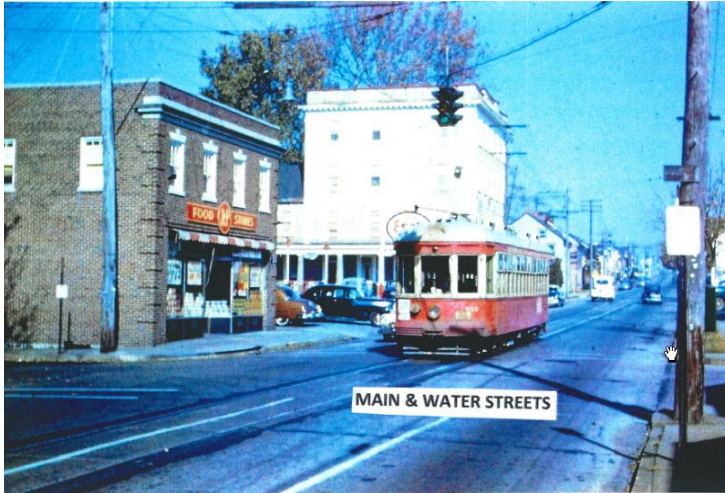
Westerwald Pottery, made in western Pennsylvania, is wheel-thrown, brush decorated, and imprinted with the lettering "HELLERTOWN."

Because every piece is handmade, no two products are exactly alike.

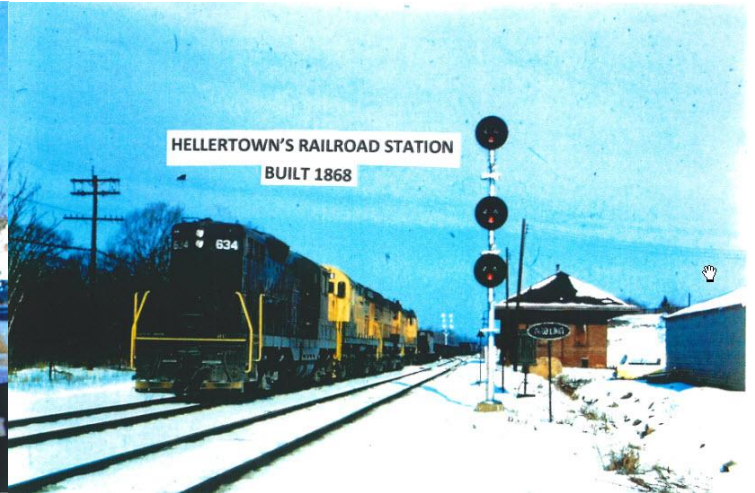
Stop by and visit our gift shop. We are located in the Miller's House and are open Tuesday's, Thursday's and Saturday's from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM. It's not too early to start thinking about shopping for the holidays!

**Join us at
Hellertown's First Jail
for Trick or Treat
October 28 3-5PM**

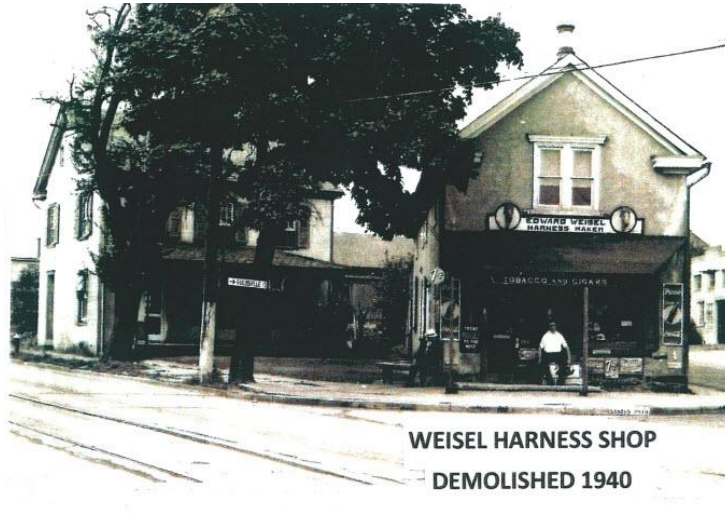
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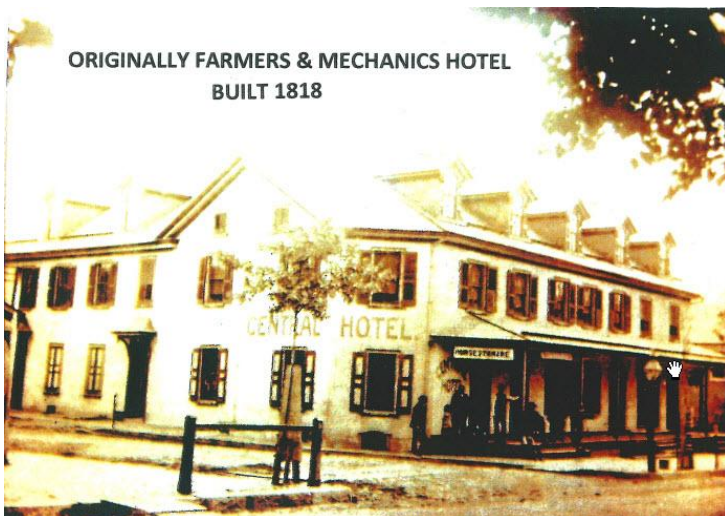
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BUILT 1868



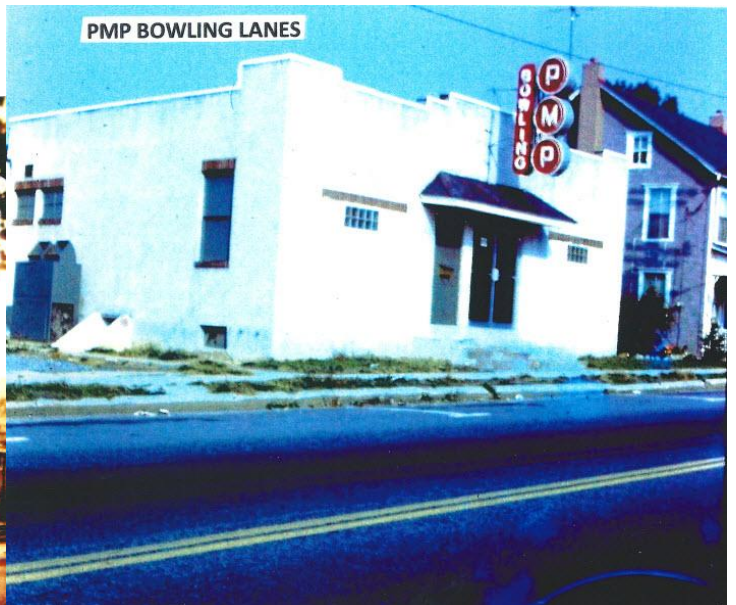
WEISEL HARNESS SHOP
DEMOLISHED 1940



GEYER'S MOTOR CORP.
CONVERTED FROM A HORSE STABLE
IN 1921



ORIGINALLY FARMERS & MECHANICS HOTEL
BUILT 1818



PMP BOWLING LANES

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Photo #2



Photo #3



Photo #4



Photo #5



Photo #6



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5. _____

3. _____

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Yester-Year

By Erika Hill and Dolores Stauffer Di Paolo

Today I was taken on a journey back in time. It was so fascinating that I have to share it with you, but first I must start with the present.

Erika and I went down to Hero Electric on Main St. in Hellertown to interview Mr. Bob Hero for this article. He told us that his Father, Michael, started the first Hero Electric in 1954, which was located on Fourth St. in Bethlehem, near Hayes St. They lived outside of Hellertown and on their way to Bethlehem every day, they noticed that the building that housed Nicholas 5&10 was empty. Nicholas had gone out of business about 5 years before and the building set idle. Michael Hero thought it would be a great location for a new store and they wouldn't have to travel to Bethlehem every day. They bought the store in 1964 and moved in. Hero's sold and repaired TVs and other electrical items.



About 10 years later they decided to add hobbies to their inventory and started selling "slot cars". These were cars that were raced around a track and boys competed with each other. They had a track set up in the lower floor, under the store for the races. I do remember seeing the advertising for the slot cars, but as a girl, I had no interest in it. Now I wish I would have seen at least one go round of the cars.

When Michael no longer ran the store, Robert took over and now he is looking forward to retiring.



Bob and Vicky Hero
(Photo Courtesy Valley Voice)

Before Hero Electric, Nicholas 5& 10 conducted business in this location. They sold everything from baby clothes to kitchen towels, sewing needs, toys, and jig saw puzzles (my favorite) and many other things that a house hold would need.

At Christmas time the downstairs was open and you could go down and visit Santa. If you thought that Santa might not bring you what you wanted, you could always try the one up the street at the hardware store.

Now we begin our Journey into the distant past. Before Nicholas' store, the building was owned by Bergstresser in the 1800s. Downstairs he sold funeral supplies and later on added an addition and ran a butcher shop too. Erika and I were taken on a short tour of the first floor. As we walked through the store we came to a large room and I looked down at the steps, I was impressed to see how they were worn. You could tell that many people over many years had walked down these two steps. Mrs. Hero showed us the scale that the meat was weighed on. One side was a large hook that would hold a really big hunk of meat, and on the other side were the weights. On the way back I discovered a very old, inside door, that had four large panes of glass and a brown door knob that looked (to me) like ceramic.



After the tour, Mr. Hero produced a photo. It was a picture of the resident ghost and a little girl. We know it to be real because of the strange noises people have heard. When they investigated, no one was there. One night the juke box started playing in the Hero's store. It was not turned on, nor did it have anything automatic on it. They unplugged it and I bet they didn't plug it back in for a while. Another time, someone saw the little girl in a blue dress and a bonnet. What do you think?



Which Flavor Was Your Favorite?

(Photo Courtesy Dan Ruth)

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