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Historical  
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Camp Hill

## The President's Message



Then -  
Now

Greetings,

From the 1952 Camp Hill High School Year  
Book "Camillon" advertisements:

1903 Market St - Charles Myer's Funeral Home  
2000 Market St - Kuhn's Texaco Service Station  
2014 Market St - Polk's Drug Store  
2101 Market St - Cumberland County National Bank  
2108 Market St - Traub's Market  
2133 Market St - Rea and Derick Drug Store

Take a three block walk and see how many are still there from 71 years ago.

Save the date for our next meeting - November 2nd.

Also a reminder - our meeting will be at 6 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church instead of our usual meeting time and place. Please come.

-Wayne Yost

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## Welcome and Thanks to our new and renewing members for 2023!

### Welcome New Members:

Greg & Karen Derr, Carol Murdoch Matregrano-'56, Cheri Herendeen Krenis-'56, Pat Sprague-'76 (gift from Lois Hoy), Judith Messic Wenberg-'60

### Thanks for renewing your membership:

Shelley Brubaler, Ann Rothermel Edwards-'56, Roberta Messic Faigle-'56, Doris Fitting-'55, Bill & Dot Forrey, Paul-'62 & Annemarie Garrett, Christine Bunisk Geisler-'46, Joan Kitchman, Andrew & Melanie Lick, Nead Miller, Donna Munde, Priscilla Oppenheimer-'51, Gary Spangenberg-'75, Marilyn Swartz, David M Watts Jr, Charles D.A. Wilson,

### Thanks to members that sent dues plus a gift:

Peter White family-'52

### Thanks to Supporting Member:

Barbara Armstrong, Sharon Fulton Beach-'61, Kathy & Jim Gates, Judy Messinger-'58, Debra Fink Yeager-'73

### New Lifetime Member:

Membership Renewal Form is on Page 7.

If you have already renewed for 2023, give it to a friend. If you missed renewing for 2022, just send us your 2023 membership.

You can also receive the newsletter via email. It will be in color.

Your address label will tell you the last year that your dues were paid. If the date is **red**, the dues are not current.

Please let me know if anyone has moved or has passed away. If they have moved and you know their address, please let me know and I will send their newsletters. If I just get a newsletter returned from the post office, often I can't send them a new one so, I just delete them from our roll of members.

I am always in need of articles for the newsletter. I am not much of a researcher or writer which is needed for a history loving organization such as ours.

If you have anything that you would like to share, please send it to me either by email: [patriciaeby@verizon.net](mailto:patriciaeby@verizon.net) or by mail 19 N 27th St, Camp Hill 17011.

Thanking you in advance for any assistance you can give.  
-Pat Eby

## American Flags for Sale

The Historical Society of Camp Hill sells American flags that we obtain from the American Legion. They sell for \$25.00. If you are interested in purchasing one, please contact Marilyn Swartz at 717-736-9547.

## Need a Gift Idea?

Purchase a membership for a friend, neighbor or a relative. It would be great for a former classmate or relative that lives out of the area.

A year's membership is only \$10. What a great gift at such a tiny price. Order it today.

## Sincere Sympathy

We send our sympathy to the families of Ann Morris Markley 4/19/2023 and Joanne Leisure Goodall 4/6/2021. May they rest in peace.

## White Hall Orphans School

Blue PA Historical Markers line Market Street denoting events associated with Camp Hill involving the Battle of Quebec before the Revolutionary War, Civil War activity and personalities. A marker on 21<sup>st</sup> Street is in front of the Church of God, first church in the borough.

Now the Historical Society of Camp Hill hopes to place one on Market Street between 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> streets where the White Hall Orphans School was located. On the recommendation of Wayne Yost, HSCH president, the board passed a resolution to nominate the school for a marker in front of where the school was located.

Contact was made with State Rep. Patty Kim who represents Camp Hill in the PA General Assembly.

The school was one of 38 founded by then Gov. Andrew Curtin to provide for the welfare of soldiers' orphans created by the Civil War. The Commonwealth provided care for more than 1,000 students ages from 10 to 16 years until it closed in 1891. The school was located on a 20-acre plot that included a farm that provided food.

Of course the school had previously been the White Hall Academy which opened in May 1851.

The Historical Society of Camp Hill Newsletter is produced several times a year. Articles or stories to be submitted for consideration should be either given to Pat Eby at Board or General Meetings or forwarded to Pat Eby, 19 N. 27th Street, Camp Hill, PA 17011, 717-379-8945, or [patriciaeby@verizon.net](mailto:patriciaeby@verizon.net). Suggestions and articles are always welcome. The newsletter is printed by Johnson Imaging of Camp Hill.

HSCH is a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization.

## Activities of other Local Historical Societies

Please check their websites for details.

### Mechanicsburg Museum Association

www.mechanicsburgmuseum.org 717-697-6088

2 W. Strawberry Alley, Mechanicsburg PA

July 24 to September 30 - Firefighting in the Mechanicsburg Area at Freight Station, Wed - Sat 12 to 3 - free

July 29 - Garden Tour (8 gardens) 10 to 3. Must have ticket

August 19 - Tour of Train Buildings 10 to 3 - free

September 13 - When America Hit the Road Lecture at 1 - fee

### Northern York County Historical & Preservation Society

www.northernyorkhistorical.org 717-502-1440

35 Greenbriar Lane, Dillsburg PA 17019

August 10 - Dillsburg Cemeteries and Preservation - 6 to 8

August 17 - Spies and Espionage - 6 to 7:30

August 26 - Cherry Bounce Festival - 4 to 9 fee

### Historic Harrisburg (50th Anniversary)

www.historicharrisburg.com 717-233-4646

Historic Harrisburg Resource Center

1230 N 3rd St, Harrisburg PA

info@historicharrisburg.com

July 24 - History of Broad Street Market

September 8 - Harrisburg Annual Jazz Walk - free

October 14 - Bus Tour of Upper Dauphin County \$50

### Adams County Historical Society

www.achs-pa.org 717-334-4723

368 Spring Avenue, Gettysburg, PA 17325

All programs are at the Museum, 625 Biglerville Rd.

July 30 - Eisenhowers at Gettysburg - 11 to 12

August 5 - Jennie Wade - 11 to 12

August 5 - Evergreen Cemetery Walking Tour at 6

Must have ticket

This organization has programs almost every Saturday and Sunday with some on Thursday evenings. Please check their website.

### West Shore Historical Society

westshorehistoricalsociety.org

939 Kranzel Dr, Camp Hill PA 17011-0717

No events listed

### Shiremanstown Historical Society

www.s-townhs.org

4 Walnut Street, Shiremanstown, PA 17011

j\_runk@comcast.net

No events listed

### Cumberland County Historical Society

www.historicalsociety.com 717-249-7610

21 N Pitt St, Carlisle PA

Reserve online for all activities and more information

July 22 - 100 years of Enola Yard, 1905-2005 & Beyond - 1 to 2

July 29 - McLain Bash, supper party

August 8 - Targeted Tracks: CVRR in the Civil War 6:30 to 7:30

August 12 - Mt. Tabor Walking Tour 1pm call 717-486-3478

August 16 - 1 pm Two Mile House Tour - fee

### Shippensburg Historical Society

www.shippensburghhistoricalsociety.org 717-532-6727

52 W King St, Shippensburg PA 17257

August 4 - Civil War Myths - 4 to 7

August 12 - Family Day at Shippensburg Fair Grounds - 11 to 2

August 26 - Fun Day at Cornfest - 10 to 3

September 16 - Summertime at the Stewart House - 11 to 3

## Historical Society of East Pennsboro

www.EPHistory.org 717-732-5801

PO Box 195, 410 Cherry Street, Enola, PA 17025

No events listed.

## John Charles Traub – Post Office

Many Camp Hill folks knew John Charles "Chuck" Traub as he walked among them during his 40 years serving with the United States Post Office, including 10 years as postmaster.

He also was active with leadership and ministries of Camp Hill Church of God and its camp and choir, many civic and community organizations, a WWII veteran, and as a volunteer.

Wayne Yost, president, sponsored a resolution that was passed by the board of Historical Society of Camp Hill that the Camp Hill Post Office be named in honor of Mr. Traub. Mr. Yost worked with him at the post office.

A graduate of Camp Hill High School Class of 1941, Mr. Traub attended the University of Iowa. He was a Life Member of the "Last of the Good Guys", a friendship association of graduates of Camp Hill High School. He served his country in World War II in the US Army Air Corps.

He volunteered at Holy Spirit Hospital, Camp Hill Borough, Church of God Nursing Home and Promised Land State Park.

Pennsylvania's Senators Robert P. Casey and John Fetterman will need to sponsor a bill in Congress to make the change. Letters requesting their assistance have been mailed to the senators' offices.

## Volunteers Needed

Historical Society of Camp Hill is looking for volunteers from the general membership to help with its presence at community events.

Next year we will need help at the annual Memorial Day Parade and associated events and the National Night Out in August, both held along 24th Street by Willow Park.

Helping at these events is a wonderful way to meet neighbors and friends and share with them the opportunities offered by our historical society. We could also use help at our meetings with setting up and cleaning up.

For more information contact:  
historicalsocietyofcamphill@aol.com

## Membership with Cumberland County Historical Society

In order to receive a reciprocal membership with CHHS go to this website:

www.historicalsociety.com/product/cumberland-county-reciprocal-membership/

You will be pleased that you did.

**“You’re either dedicated or crazy.”  
“Maybe both.”**



These comments were made by friends of Helen Opperman Krause. She isn't dumb. At 75, she has just written a memoir-like journal, "No More Pets". The work, in spots, reads much like E.B. White's famous letters from Maine about his animal friends. Krause isn't the master of prose that White is, but she's his equal as a pal of the "feathered and the furred of the great outdoors".

Proceeds from "No More Pets", which has a print run of 1,000, go to

Animal Haven Inc., founded by Mrs. Krause at her home at 123 N. 15th St in Camp Hill. Mrs. Norma Sauer is president of the haven.

Even for Camp Hill, Mrs. Krause's household is weird. Last week's census: 28 cats, eight owls, six ducks, four dogs, two parrots, two semi-wild turkeys, two sea gulls, two raccoons, a talking blue jay (he asks, "Who are you?") and an unaccountable number of wild rabbits and pigeons. Since Mrs. Krause's property backs into the Lemoyne woods, there are also visiting foxes that prey upon her menagerie.

Helen Krause unquestionably is maintaining the most integrated pluralistic society in Camp Hill.

She has a federal license to board and restore crippled wild, migratory birds. Not long ago Camp Hill passed an ordinance restricting households to no more than five animals, not including kids. With Health Department approval, Mrs. Krause is allowed the maximum of 28 cats.

The title of the book comes from a New Year's resolution of "no more pets" that Helen Krause made with her late husband Louis, who was an employee of the Mechanicsburg Naval Supply Depot before his death in 1970. That vow lasted exactly three days, and Mrs. Krause had another stray cat under care.

The Krause's, never had children, but they did have a magnificent marriage. There were all the animals, which Louis, a native of Binghamton N.Y., half-pretended to be annoyed about. But Dipsey and Doodles were his goats who ate his spring onions and cuddled on his lap. And when Louis brought home chicken mash and scratch feed for a wedding anniversary present - the stuff ended up, like cracker crumbs, in bed and Louis never complained - then he was more than simply an understanding husband.

The Krauses, were not making up for a lack of children by having an abundance of animals. They could have had 10 kids, and still had a living room, dining room, kitchen, cellar, pantry and backyard filled with animals.

There was a deeper humanitarian motivation - something of the St. Francis of Assisi trait - that encircled and engulfed them with this love of life. It was an obsession, but far from being borderline neurosis.

Helen Krause never substituted a love of animals for a love of humans. In Camp Hill you must earn friendship, and Mrs. Krause has many, including her neighbors. Pals like Nancy Best, Norma Sauer and Nancy Knoche helped her with her haven and her book. As to the animals, Mrs. Krause is a strong advocate of spaying neutering. She doesn't talk baby-talk to them either.

Like Era Bombeck or Jean Kerr, Helen Krause struggles with a household, only it's an animal world. Feeding a heron, for example, is damn near impossible. Sea gulls in the bath tub make for comedy. Pigeons can be a dirty nuisance. Somebody's forever bringing fleas into the house. Once a picnic was canceled because the dogs ate the hamburgers, the ducks ate the lettuce and the goats were finishing up the paper plates.

But what joys, too. Mrs. Krause nursed a nighthawk for two years for it to survive, and saw her newborn squirrels keep their eyes closed for 35 days. A Baltimore oriole sang outside her door for 17 years. Purple martins visited her, though they seldom care for the West Shore, while catbirds called at her place on schedule, either April 27 or April 28. Bullseye the wild turkey was her friend. Nip and Tuck the twin owls, Sneakers the cat, and Hager and Herman the good and gander were part of her family.

Helen Krause grew up in Lemoyne, the daughter of a florist. The family had greenhouses, so farmers were always throwing unwanted cats at them from their wagons. That started Helen as an animal lover. As a secretary for Gov. George H. Earle, who was a dog nut, she fitted in well. Then along came husband Louis, the perfect partner.

In her book Mrs. Krause mulls what might be God's greatest gift to humans. Understanding, patience and love are important, she decides, but compassion is number one. She must be right.

*Article written for The Evening News on Monday, May 12, 1980 by Paul B. Beers*

Some side notes: A copy of "No More Pets" was donated to HSCH along with the article. It was donated by Susie Schubert. It had been purchased by Nedra Schubert. Thank you Susie.

Helen was born in 1905 and died in 1999. She is buried in the Camp Hill Cemetery. She encouraged girl scouts and other school kids to help with the animals. Many girls received a badge for their volunteer work with Helen. There were many sad stories about her acquiring the animals. One such was a goose that had no beak because somebody had used a hammer to break it. It was found with maggots where the beak was broken off. She nursed it back to health, but couldn't replace the beak. Her heart just broke to know that people treated animals that way. Helen would often find a cardboard box on her doorstep that held a cat or some other pet. She said it would have been so helpful if the animal's name had been included.

She was a local legend. A copy of the book is in in the Fredricksen Library under local history. Thanks again to Susie for giving us this treasure.



### Irving College

In 1856, Solomon Gorgas, a successful businessman, state legislator, and influential resident of Mechanicsburg donated land for an institution for the education of women. The founding group named the school "Irving Female College," for the immensely popular American author Washington Irving. The name changed several times and finally, in 1895, Irving College and Music Conservatory.

The mission of the college was well stated in 1859, by the Rev. Conway Wing of Carlisle. His address to the first graduating class was based on Psalm 114:12: "that our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones polished after the similitude of a palace." The school adopted the latter half of this quotation for the official motto. The school had a good start, but faltered in the decade following the Civil War, closing for three years from 1883-1886. Edmond E. Campbell, took over the school's presidency in 1891 from Mary Kessler and purchased the college from several board members in 1898. Under Campbell, the school became successful and expanded three times between 1892 and 1902, with a steady enrollment of about 90-100 students, including many commuting students. For assorted reasons, the "young ladies academy" model of educational instructions lost support, and the college closed its doors in 1929 after a steady decline during the 1920's.

Two buildings still exist in Mechanicsburg; they are Irving Hall and Columbian Hall, and both were converted into apartments in the late 1930's. The former home of the college president was demolished in 1991 for an expansion of Seidle Hospital. In 1983, the Irving College buildings were listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Irving Hall was the location of "the classroom, parlor, library, and college offices." and could also house up to 40 students. The building combined all the modern improvements for the promotion of health, comfort, and convenience.

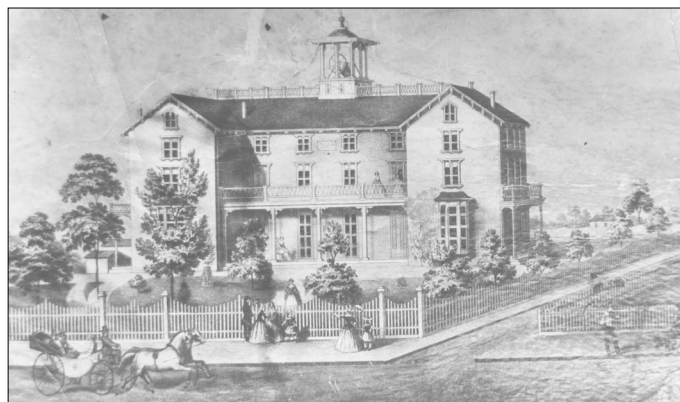
Columbian Hall, the newer building, "contained 40 additional dormitory rooms on the upper floors and a large auditorium on the first floor." In 1901, an expanded wing was added to the eastern wing of Irving Hall, creating rooms for music, a kitchen, a cafeteria, and a gymnasium.

The campus grew by four acres, and was, by that time, landscaped with over 150 ornamental trees. A cluster of the original trees still grows on the front lawn of the campus.

After the death of E. E. Campbell, the estate suddenly closed the school in 1929 surprising many students and even some staff. Alumnae were unable to raise funds to reopen the school. The buildings were sold in 1937.

Today, the Mechanicsburg Public Library, known as the Simpson Library, houses a collection of Irving alumnae memorabilia. With funds from a grant, the collection was studied, cataloged, and enhanced with oral histories made by former students. There is an area in the library

dedicated to Irving materials. One scholar who has studied Irving College's history states: "4,200 women attended for up to five years or one class. It meant opportunity, education, personal freedom, a strict home away from home, and a chance to develop the underprivileged minds of women." A great number of the graduates went on to teach school.



### Free Farm

This is a picture of the house and barn of the Free family located on the northeast corner of the railroad cut and 17th Street. This was taken prior to 1902. (Hard to believe that there were so many large farms in Camp Hill.)





### Memorial Day 2023



We started off with the parade. Wayne has a determined look on his face, as the mail truck had problems last year.



But he was quite pleased by the time we were handing out information and answering questions about HSCH. Other interesting things were: this new float about Market on Market. It is cute in color. In case you didn't know, there is a farmers market Tuesdays from 3 to 7 in the parking lot of Trinity Lutheran Church during summer and fall. There was also a concert by the CHHS Jazz Band in Willow Park after the parade.

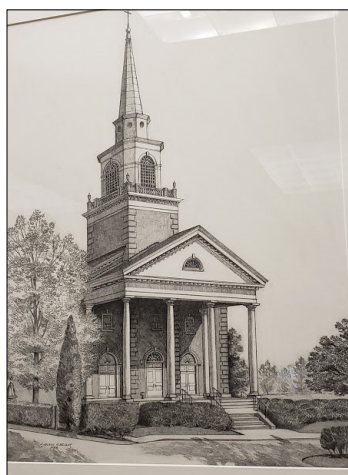


### Trinity Lutheran Church Camp Hill

This will be the topic of our program on August 3rd. Pastor Jack Horner will talk about its history as it celebrates it's 125th anniversary. It went from this in 1898



to this in the 1950's



to the old being torn down in the 1960's.



Join us to hear all about it.

Our program will be at **6** instead of 6:30 and will be at the **church** instead of the Borough Building.

Oh, and you also get a picnic dinner and Louis Lynch will play our Pauly Wurlitzer Harp while you eat.

# HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CAMP HILL

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 You can also mail your membership form and check to  
 19 N 27th St, Camp Hill PA 17011



## Membership Application / Renewal for 2023

A 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Member \$10                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting \$50   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family \$20                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Life Member \$500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Gift _____                           |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I'd like to help at an event or with a project. |  |

*Please make checks payable to HSCH.*

*Happy 20th  
Anniversary HSCH !*

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Please Print Clearly

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to receive the Newsletter by email? Yes No  
 Did you graduate from Camp Hill High School? If so, what year? \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you  
for your  
support.*



## August 3, 2023 Picnic Meeting at 6:00 pm - Not 6:30

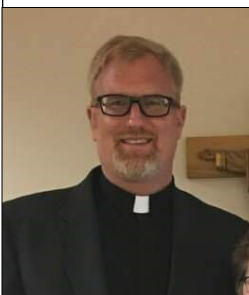
### General Meeting in Fellowship Hall at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut St. Not in Prosser Hall

We will meet to eat, share some fellowship and learn about the history of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Bring a neighbor and enjoy the company of your "historic" friends with a meal and program.  
 We will provide the picnic food for you to enjoy. All table settings and water will be provided.  
 The board is providing the food.

The event is free and open to the public. No registration is required.

Continuing our history of Camp Hill Churches, the topic for our picnic is the history of Trinity Lutheran Church which is celebrating its 125th Anniversary this year. And we will have music while we dine. Louis Lynch will play our Pauly Wurlitzer Harp.



Our speaker will be Pastor Jack M. Horner, D. Min. who has been the lead pastor at Trinity since 2013. He also has a degree in history so this topic is right up his alley. He and his wife, Linda have four grown children and one grandchild. They live in Mechanicsburg in a very pet friendly home. They love the outdoors, sports and are avid Pittsburgh Steelers fans.



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