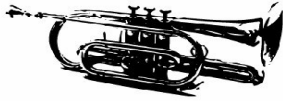


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NOTED DOORS OF THE MUSEUM

Submitted by Don Horning

You may have visited the Museum once or you may have visited many times. With the many exhibits attracting your attention, it's a safe bet you have missed some interesting details that give a glimpse into your Museum's long history. This article calls attention to some unusual doors, each which has a story to tell. Please look for these doors the next time you visit.

THE "BIBLE CROSS" DOOR

So named due to a nailing pattern and the construction of the exterior panels, this door appears to be one of the building's oldest. Distinguishing features include double-sided construction with a smooth finish on the interior side and a typical 6-panel exterior side. The two sides are attached with a large number of cut nails installed in a "cross pattern". Also noted are large wrought iron hinges and a sliding wrought iron lock. This very heavy 3'-4' wide by 6' high door was last used in the ground floor hallway at the rear of the building. It can be seen in West Hall.

Close-up view of the sliding wrought iron lock on the oldest door that was on the Kauffman's Hardware building



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JAIL DOOR DOWN UNDER

This is located directly underneath Lickity Split Restaurant in the 1868 portion of the building. Originally a coal bin it was converted to be the local area's "lockup". The town paid four dollars a month for rent. It is not definitively known if any of the famous Buzzard Gang were held here, but we are quite sure petty criminals and drunkards temporarily resided in this holding cell. If you read the old Clarion newspapers there are a few stories complaining that the lock on the door was not very secure. A few years later, a new Borough Hall was built 250 feet to the north along Railroad Ave. where a proper Jail was constructed. There are lots of tall tales and legends about the Kauffman's Jail. It was always a popular place for hardware store patrons and tourists to visit. Today, many Museum visitors ask if the Jail is still there as they remember seeing it so many years ago.



THE DOOR TO NOWHERE

As you approach the Museum from North Railroad you see an apparently useless door on the second floor wall. This door is a replacement for the original since the latter was badly deteriorated when it was replaced in 2018. What was salvaged were remnants of an apparently very old lock system. (See the photo of the "Thumb Key" and "key" slot.) There were two key slots, one near the top of the door and one near the bottom. The square shaft of the Thumb key would be inserted into a square hole then rotated to move a lock pall into the door frame thereby securing the door (only from the inside – no ability to unlock from the outside) The square shaft on the "Thumb Key" is twisted indicating the use of force to rotate the sometimes sticking lock. It seems likely that this recently replaced door was original from the time the building was built. As for the room inside this door, it was at one time a "Town Hall". Records show that when the building was occupied by George Smith's Hardware, the Hook and Ladder Fire Company was organized in this very room in 1897. The name was later changed to Liberty Fire Company and in 2013, after a merger with Blue Ball Fire Co., it is now Garden Spot Fire Rescue. See the photo showing the slanted roof over the steps to this door that did at one time "lead to somewhere"! (The very unique locking mechanism is available for inspection in the Museum)



photos listed left to right
 1-slanted roof covering steps to the door
 2-current photo of where the steps were
 3-old and unique lock on the door

CRIME PREVENTION DOOR

This door is seen on the inside of the Elevator Entrance Lobby. It has security bars indicating that at some point there must have been valuables behind this door. Gene Lowry, son of I.P. Lowry Grocery store in the 1940s and Ken Kauffman from the later hardware store stated that the barred door must be from an earlier time. It can only be assumed it was an office door for E.C.Diller Hardware or building owners who kept the day's receipts on the premises overnight. Larry Coldren recently relayed stories from his Grandma Espenshade who lived as a child in the Sexton House behind what is now the Museum. She recounted that on numerous occasions her parents would "shoo away" would be burglars trying to break in the building, likely at this exact door. Currently this is the entrance to Theraflex Massage.



SIDEWALK BASEMENT DOOR

These doors are located in the front center of the south basement wall and would have been a sidewalk entrance similar to the Lickity Split Down-Under entrance. The sidewalk opening was permanently covered over with concrete in 2008. Unfortunately, the doors have been damaged, but the "wavy" glass panes speak to their age. They would seem to be from the original construction. (These doors can only be seen by special appointment)



THE UNNECESSARY BUT FUN DOOR

This is not a building door but a piece of memorabilia from Kauffman's Hardware. It is the right-side door from Kauffman's last Pick-Up a 1991 Dodge that was purchased from Horning Dodge dealership in New Holland. The truck recently met it's final fate. The Kauffman family recently donated the rest of the truck to Garden Spot Fire Rescue for training purposes. The building lives on, this one door has been saved but alas, the Dodge Pick-Up, does not! (This door can only be seen by appointment)



THE PARTY DOOR

Submitted by Don Horning

This door was located on the Main Street side of Main Hall. It was the Coat Check door when Main Hall was known as AMVETS Hall. It was simply a run-of-the-mill 6-panel door cut in half and topped with a shelf. Envision a Coat Check attendant taking the finery of the guests as they arrived for an evening of food and entertainment. Our town Museum has a long and noted history with “a touch of flair”!



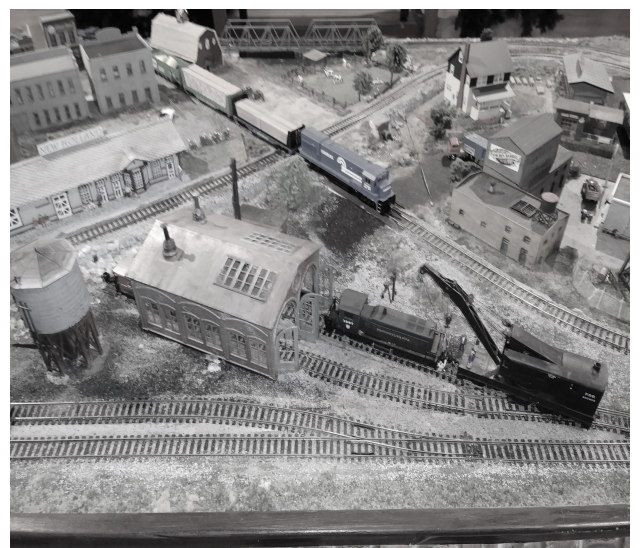
Submitted by Steve Loewen

During the summer of 2019 Wes Geib from the Manheim Historical Society contacted Steve and suggested we should reach out and organize smaller history groups. In October, representatives from 14 different local Museums came together to share best practices and ideas. It was a very valuable learning session by all in attendance. Another meeting is planned for April 2020 at the Manheim Museum. Other historical groups are welcome to join the group.

CHRISTMAS AT THE MUSEUM IS A COMMUNITY AFFAIR!

Submitted by Wilbur Horning

A big thank you to the entire Garden Spot Communities Train Club for building a model train layout for our Museum on display through Christmas.



The NHAHS would like to thank the following organizations for adding their touch to Christmas tree decorations at the Museum 2019. Optometric Associates, Unruh Insurance Agency and Freedom Thrift. Thanks to Bert Horning for the tree at the top of the stairs next to the clock.

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New Holland Midget Athletic Association

Submitted by Brian Frankhouser

In the summer of 1962, the New Holland Midget Athletic Association was organized for the purpose of introducing a football program for the local youth. Richard “Bud” Stockton initiated the first meeting and was appointed the first president. Finances were a challenge from the start, but they were able to purchase used uniforms from Ephrata High School at a discounted price. In the beginning there was some doubt that there would be a large enough turnout to man a full squad, but head coach Tom Craver fielded a team for three games the very first year.

With football’s success, it was soon decided to add additional sports. Boys and girls basketball were introduced a short time later. More than 70 boys signed up for the first registration, which was enough for six teams. The Beavers, Elks, Tigers, Bears, Lions, and Colts played their first games in January of 1963. Uniforms for the teams finally arrived on Valentine’s Day. During the first year, the baskets were at a height of 10 feet, and the youngest players (third graders) competed against the oldest players (sixth graders). In 1964, the height of the basket was lowered and there were Varsity and Jr. Varsity games every week. In 1970, the NHMAA changed its name to “Garden Spot Midget Athletic Association”. Over the years, hundreds of children from the New Holland area have participated in football, basketball, baseball, softball, tennis, and cheerleading.



Photo taken in March of 1963 of one of the first New Holland Midget Athletic Association’s basketball teams. Shown in the front row from left to right: Allen Woodward, Brian Frankhouser, Steve Musselman, Bruce Williamson, Jere Haus, and Alan Maclay. Shown in the back row from left to right: Dave Yunginger (head coach), Jim Newswanger, Dave Taylor, Jack Harsh, Jim Harsh, Tim Witmer, Ed Carson, and Ray Bensinger (assistant coach).

Kauffman Family Tour Of Their Building

Saturday, October 19 Steve Loewen invited the entire family to take a look at all the changes that were done to their former Hardware Store at 201-207 E. Main Street. The store ceased operations in April of 2007 and closed forever. July 2007 Steve Loewen purchased the western two thirds of the building which includes the Museum and five retail/offices. Scott Monger purchased the eastern one third which includes six apartments, Lickity Split restaurant and Hick's clock shop. Many of the family members have not been in the building since 2007.



Pictured back row left to right. Mike & Donna Kauffman, Connie Kauffman
Joe & Bev Kauffman. Front row Ken & Peg Kauffman

Door to nowhere
Joe, Mike, & Don Horning

West side of the Kauffman building
Steve Loewen with entire family

Joe & Mike 1991 Dodge door
in basement of the building





Peg Kauffman, Don Horning & Mike Kauffman in the basement looking at historical items



Don & Wilbur Horning & Ken Kauffman at the steps and doorway to the attic



Joe & Mike Kauffman in the attic that is used for storage of various Museum items



Donna Kauffman, Don Horning Steve Loewen & Ken Kauffman stairwell that leads to first-floor

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A huge thank you to Don Horning for leading the tour with the Kauffman family! A great time was had by all. Lots of reminiscing & historical information gleaned from the family.

The New Holland Area Historical Society Museum is available for your class get together, baby shower, wedding shower or other similar event! It is a great venue with lots of ambience in the historic 18th century Kauffman's Hardware building. Contact Wilbur Horning for more information 717-575-3148 or by e-mail whorning118@Comcast.net

SOCIETY MEETINGS - 2020

Historical Society Meetings are held in the Chapel of Garden Spot Village **3rd Thursday** of the month at **7:00 p.m.** Here is the list of the upcoming dates:

January 16, 2020 – A video program of the Star Barn History and Restoration presented by Roberta Freeman, Public Affairs Specialist and Gail Shane, Director of Sales and Marketing at Stone Gables Estate and the Star Barn Complex. Don't miss this one!

February – no program

March 19, 2020 "Lancaster Legends" by Tyler Huber of LNP

April 16, 2020 "A trip back to the world of tomorrow the 1939/1940 New York Worlds Fair" by Brett Snyder from the Salisbury Historical Society. Don't miss this one!

May 21, 2020 "Weaving and Tape Making" by Susan Weaver

The Museum is open weekly, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10 AM-2 PM. 207 E. Main St