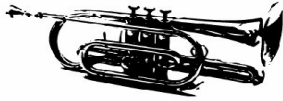
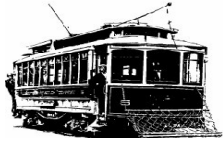


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THE WALLACE HOMESTEAD

Submitted by Brian Frankhouser

In the mid 18th century (possibly as early as 1750), Robert Wallace purchased land from Jacob Weaver. He built a sturdy stone residence on the property that would be owned by the Wallace family for more than 200 years. The Wallaces were merchants and the old homestead served as a store for more than 100 years. The property address is 4452 Division Highway, and is now thought of as part of Blue Ball. However, in earlier times this area was considered east of Blue Ball and called “Wallacia”, and more recently, “Wallacetown”.

Robert Wallace’s son, John, was also a successful merchant at this location. Recent evidence indicates that he built an addition to the west side of the homestead in 1794. John’s son, Davies, was the next generation to manage the store. It’s worth noting that John had another son that grew up on the old homestead, but moved west in 1836 (some sources say 1838). His name was Dr. William Wallace. He opened a drug store under the law offices of Abraham Lincoln on the Court House square in Springfield, Illinois. His store soon became a meeting place for politicians and others who discussed the events of the day.

William Wallace married one of the Todd sisters and was a brother-in-law to the 16th president of the United States. He served as Lincoln’s personal physician for many years. The Lincolns named their third son after Dr. William Wallace. During the Civil War, William was appointed the position of Union Army Paymaster.

After the death of Davies Wallace, the old homestead was acquired by his son, John S. Wallace. John bequeathed the property to his wife, and upon her death in 1909, ownership went to his daughters. His last surviving daughter was Margaret K. Wallace. In 1966, Adam S. Zimmerman purchased the property from the estate of Margaret Wallace. It was in a state of deterioration when purchased by John Martin in 2009, but has since been renovated. The property is now for sale.

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The mission of the New Holland Area Historical Society is to collect, organize, and preserve information and historical materials that give insight to understanding the life and times of the New Holland area and to share these findings with others through Museum exhibits, lectures, and educational outreach programs.



Left Photo: The Wallace homestead as it appeared in 1855 on the Three Earls map. It served as a store for only three more years. In 1858, Davies' three sons (John, William, and Edward) built a new store on the opposite side of the street.

Right photo: Photograph taken in 1888 shows the Wallace family in front of the old mansion.



Left Photo: How the old structure looked in 2009 when it was purchased by John Martin.

Right Photo: Recent photo taken of the renovated historic site.

IN MEMORIUM

Submitted by Wilbur Horning

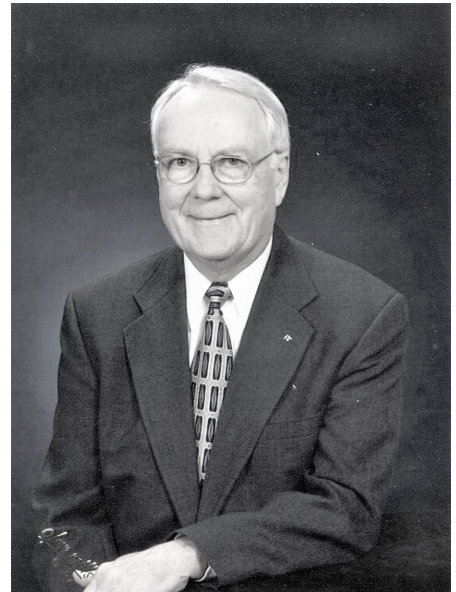
The New Holland Area Historical Society is proud to designate this space to William Snyder. Bill was a true community servant in that he was a member of New Holland Borough Council for 20 years, serving as President from 1988 to 1993. As a young man he attained the rank of Eagle Scout in Troop 48. Bill was very proud that his son, William Jr. and his grandson Michael also became Eagle Scouts.

Retiring from the former New Holland Machine (then For New Holland) in 1991, he began a second career in banking with Blue Ball National in 1992. He started as a teller and quickly rose to the position of Office Manager of the New Holland Branch. In the early days of his banking career he was working as a teller at the Morgantown Office when two men held up the branch in a rather violent and loud fashion. Bill remembers dropping to his knees under the

teller counter while the holdup was in progress and promising he would never expose himself to those circumstances again. A few days later he relented and returned to work.

In the spring of 2010 Don Welsh recruited a new board of directors for the Historical Society in preparation to begin renovations of the old Kauffman Hardware building that Steve Loewen had purchased. Bill agreed to serve on the board and was immediately designated treasurer, a position he held for ten years.

The hallmark of his service was accuracy, honesty and good judgement. He was a good friend and he will be sorely missed.



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A sign of the times during the nationwide recovery from the Covid-19 crisis

The board of trustees is carefully considering our reopening policy. As Lancaster County has now moved to the green phase of Pennsylvania's reopening plan, we are considering a partial reopening of the museum, which would likely begin with small-group tours by appointment only and then progress to opening to walk-in visitors one day a week utilizing our normal museum hours of 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Safety procedures including wearing of face masks and keeping a six-foot separation between people would be required. Please check our website for updated information.
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When we reopen the museum, watch for announcements related to the "125" birthday party for New Holland celebrating 125 years of the date of incorporation of our town. This should not be confused with the original founding of New Holland in 1728.

Upcoming programs are postponed because of the virus. Hopefully we will be able to reschedule some of them.