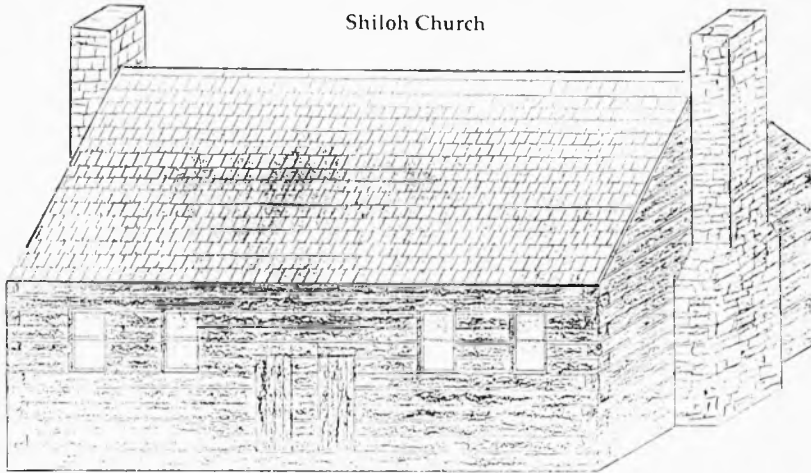


Hampshire County Historical Society

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Shiloh Church

The picture of the Church was drawn by Ray Brill.

He is the grandson of Gaver Brill and lived on the farm as a youngster while the barn was still standing.

OLD SCHOOLS OF HAMPSHIRE COUNTY

Perhaps the first building erected for school purposes on the upper section of Capon drains was the double log building near Timber Ridge at Shiloh. It was designed to hold both school and church. It was built in the year 1830 by a group of people living in the area, on land given by Jeremiah Reid and his wife, Nancy Reid.

This school was attended by the children of the following: J.J. Reid, John Reid, William Racy, Joseph Hannan, Amos Anderson, Batholomew LaFollette, Jesse McKee, Abraham Brill, Jonathan Brill, and others. J.J. Reid III was the first teacher. Later in 1869, a man named Hetricks taught here. He also had taught at Old Salem school before the Civil War. Abraham and Jonathan Brill also taught here as well as being farmers. School was held here until Ell Ridge school was built about 1871, to the south and west of Shiloh. This was a one room frame school. It is still standing. Miss Lavina Anderson was the first teacher at Ell Ridge. Second, S.W. Anderson followed by J.J. Reid, Lige McIntyre, Miss Bertie Kelso, John Tomkins, Dr. Pittman, and Roll Roley. Abraham Secrest, Nicholas Spaid and others taught here as well. Miss Maude Pugh was teacher here for two terms 1888-1889. She lived with the John W. Spaid family who lived about 1/4 mile from the school. Ray Brill, a member of the HCHS, and his mother, Minnie Brill, his aunts, Martha and Vera Brill and his grandfather attended this school. Ray attended Ell Ridge from the first through the eighth grades, 1924-1932.

Later teachers at Ell Ridge were: Sidney Carrier, Angus Spaid, Frank Spaid, Marie Pugh Brill, Ilo Frank served two or three terms, Merrel Eaton, Leyburn Brill, A. W. Spaid in 1923, Grace White, and Hazel Corbin. Miss White and Miss Corbin both boarded at the home of Mrs. Minnie Brill Fox who lived at the former John W. Spaid homeplace, home of Ray Brill. Other teachers were Seymour Hahn and Winfred Orndorff. The school closed in 1938.

Around 1875, the old log Shiloh School was torn down, log by log and hauled to the Jonathan Brill (Gaver Brill) farm. There to be rebuilt as the barn. Some of the logs were 40 feet long. It served well as a barn, just as it did a school and church.

This old log building which stood the test of time for nearly one hundred and thirty years met its fate at the hands of the owner of the farm sometime in the 1950's or 60's, by being set on fire and burned to the ground.

It's a shame that the younger generations don't realize the historical value of these old land marks.

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 5

Vicki Horton will conduct and narrate a one mile walking tour of Donaldson, WV. Located in Green Spring Valley during the 1800's, it was a thriving community. Little remain of its existence today. Vicki will recreate Donaldson as it once was.

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, May 31, June 1 & 2

Confederate Memorial Weekend
See Hampshire Review for more information.
Guest Speaker at Romney will be Ralph Hads, Author of "Dear Esther".

Sunday, July 21

Picnic at the McGuinn's
High View, WV beginning at 1:30 p.m.

August 25-31

Hampshire County Fair
The Society will have a table at the fairgrounds.
Christmas Balls will be on sale. Help is needed at the table.

September 6-8

Hampshire County Heritage Days
Event held in Romney, WV.

Sunday, October 20

General meeting of the Society at the Capon Bridge Senior Citizen Center or Capon Chapel at 1:30 p.m.

November 29, 30 and December 1

Craft Show at Capon Bridge behind the Fire Department. Society will have a table. Your help will be appreciated.

Friday, December 6

Members will meet at the Court House in Romney to decorate the Christmas Tree.

From The SECRETARY'S CORNER

Alanna McGuinn

Highlights from HCHS Business meeting of the first quarter.

We would like to give a special thanks to Sue Lupton, who served as treasurer for the two plus years.

The calendar was set for 1996. See Calendar of Events.

HCHS still needs to get needed permits and perk tests for museum property! MUCH help is needed for this undertaking to be finalized -- that is to have the museum opened to the public.

The 1996 Christmas Ball will have the County Courthouse as the structure. An accompanying brochure will describe the previous structures that were selected. Including will be their historical significance.

More active membership is needed if the society is to be a success.

ARTICLES FOR PUBLICATION

If anyone has anything to be put in the next newsletter, please mail it by the Middle of May to:

Joanne Baker
1412 Salem Avenue
Hagerstown, MD 21740

All contributions will be printed!

MEMBERSHIP

Hampshire County has an abundance of historical facts and sites. The Historical Society is trying to assemble and record it's history. We welcome new members to participate in this important undertaking. Check with friends and neighbors to see if they would like to become members of the group.

OLD SCHOOLS OF HAMPSHIRE COUNTY

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Mt. Airy was built a few years after Ell Ridge. Before this school was built, school was held in the A.A. McKee home. The first teacher at Mt. Airy was Cordilia Reid, (Mrs. George Farmer). The second teacher was J.M. Anderson.

Miss Artie Pugh, (sister to Maude Pugh) taught here in 1888-1889. She also boarded at the John W. Spaid farm. The Kump Brothers were students under Miss Artie Pugh. After two terms, Miss Artie went to teach at Hebron school at Intermont. She taught there for four terms. The Hebron school was a very old school, too. Children attending Hebron were: Brills, Rudolphs, Baumgardners, Secrests, Swishers, Klines, and others.

Two years later Red Bud was built, Mrs. George Farmer was the first teacher. The following teachers taught at Mt. Airy and Red Bud: C.J. Reid, Caudy Nixon, Joseph Alamong, Smith R. Brill, Walter LaFollette, Alice LaFollette, Cora LaFollette, Arthur R. Spaid, Merrill Eaton and Lillian Eaton, were among the last teachers at Red Bud. The Red Bud schoolhouse burned down.

GENEALOGY CORNER

JEAN M. STATTON

Box 357

Limon, CO 80828

is seeking information concerning Jacob Statton, born 1785, died 1885. Jacob was buried in Elijah High Cemetery at Purgitsville, WV. 1850 Hampshire County census indicates he was born in Pennsylvania. Please contact Jean if you have any assistance to offer.

New Society Member

MARGEL G. KESNER

100 Honeysuckle Lane

Frostburg, MD 21532

is researching family names of Grapes, Roberson, and Lemon. She would appreciate any information available.

NANCY S. BEHLING

261 Rattlesnake Hollow Road

Gatlinburg, TN 37738-5007

is seeking information about her great, great grandparents: William Bailey and Elizabeth Sigler Bailey. She believes they lived in New Creek Station area or Paddytown (Keyser), now Mineral County during the early 1800's. Names of their children and parents are needed. Nancy also needs information on parents of Margaret Ann Garry, born 2/22/1841 in Allegheny County, MD. Father believed to have been Cornelius Garry, of Allegheny County. Margaret married Elmore Sanson Bailey 10/3/1861 and lived on a farm in Hampshire County until 1894 when they moved to Yellow Springs, OH. Any help would be much appreciated.

KYLE GRAHAM

Box 205

Dawson, Illinois 62520

is researching family history and seeking information on William Vest located in Hampshire County during the 1840's. Other family names include Sally or Sarah and Charles Fredrick Vest. Please contact Kyle if you have information to offer.

CONNIE BARNES

1550 S.W. Westwood Drive

Portland, Oregon 97201

is writing a family history. She needs information on William Armppriest, listed in the 1830 federal census. Please send any available information to Connie.



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RICHARD B. WARD

5116 20th Ave., West

Bradenton, Florida 34209-5049

is searching for Ward ancestors in Hampshire County. Other names may include Nancy Baker Ward and Levi Baker. Contact Richard if you have any available information.