



# NORTHERN YORK COUNTY HISTORICAL & PRESERVATION

*Society*

## September 2023 Newsletter

**“Community is much more than belonging to something; it’s about doing something together that makes belonging matter.” ~ Brian Solis**

Over the years, NYCHAPS has frequently been the recipient of support from our local community. As appreciative as we are of the support we receive, NYCHAPS is equally blessed to be part of a large group of organizations that work together to give back to the community. During the Carroll Township National Night Out on August 1st at Logan Park in Dillsburg, NYCHAPS supported the event with information about the work of the historical society and happenings at Dills Tavern. Children’s games, the quilt raffle, rifle display, and demonstration of coopering tools were a big hit. The evening provided opportunity to talk with people representing other organizations as well as introduce new people to NYCHAPS. Taking part in community events such as this is an important reminder to appreciate the work that others do. When organizations support each other, we can accomplish a lot! NYCHAPS’ next adventure in “giving back” is the Anyone Can Cook event described below.

## September 30th - Anyone Can Cook Polar Bear Foundation Event

**at Greystone Brew House Pavilion  
303 Golf Club Ave., Dillsburg, PA 17019**

**4-8 pm**

NYCHAPS is once again honored to support the Polar Bear Foundation by participating in the Anyone Can Cook event! We plan to feature the story of rye (and whiskey) with “Breads & Spreads” as an appetizer. If you didn’t experience this event last year, plan on it this year. Lots of great food and beverages! Tickets may be purchased on the PBF website provided on the left!

**PBF ANYONE CAN COOK**  
By Faulkner Subaru Mechanicsburg  
September 30 4pm-8pm  
Greystone Brewhouse Pavilion

Taste food from 20+ chefs!  
Live Music  
Cornhole  
Local Beer  
Support education at NYCSD!

**Come Hungry!**

**Faulkner**  
TO BE SURE

**P-B-F**  
Polar Bear Foundation

**[Check out the PBF website here!](#)**



# Celebrations

## Cherry Bounce Festival Highlights

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This event was filled with cherry flavored fun! The 200+ attendees became tasting judges for ten varieties of "amateur" bounce; each having a unique blend of cherries, liquor, and spices.

### People's Choice

#### Best Bounce 2023 Winners

- 1st Place - Karen Nellis' Worthy Partner Bounce
- 2nd Place - AJ & Stephanie Portmann's Autumn Bliss Bounce
- 3rd Place - Carl & Cindy Nell's Second Glance Bounce

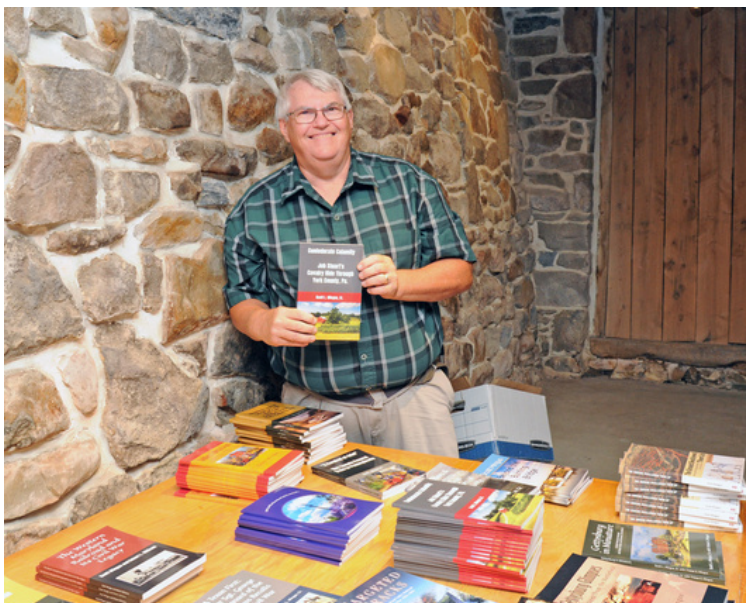
An extra special tasting with Murray Small explored the taste profiles of a variety of spirits used to make Cherry Bounce.

Live music, great food, living history demonstrations, and a cocktail garden created a lively atmosphere on a beautiful day. Attendees also enjoyed purchasing the official Cherry Bounce of Dills Tavern, browsing our Book Sale, and visiting the gift shop.



## A Visit with Scott Mingus

Scott Mingus' NYCHAPS Speaker Series presentation, entitled Spies and Espionage in York County during the 1863 Gettysburg Campaign, was well received by the fifty attendees at the Maple Shade Barn. His presentation focused on the Confederate preparation for the invasion



of Pennsylvania in June and July, 1863. The program gave a vivid description of the use of spies and covert agents to assess the topography, Federal troop strength, accessibility of roads and foraging opportunities while advancing through York and Adams Counties. Of particular interest was the story of Major Jed Hotchkiss' (CSA) maps and the significant details that not only recorded roads and streams, but also the names and valuable assets of the farmers and landowners along the routes.

# October Events

1st  
FRIDAY

October 6th

at Dill's Tavern

7-10 pm

Please join us for the start of our 1st Friday season! The evening's musical guests will be **Across the Pond**. This gathering is for adults 21 years and older. Snacks will be provided and BYOB is permitted.

Admission is \$10/members and \$15/non-members.



[Click this link for video!](#)

## October 7th - Bull Roast and Oyster Festival

at Greystone Brew House Outdoor Pavilion

303 Golf Club Ave., Dillsburg, PA 17019

1-5 pm



NYCHAPS is partnering with Greystone Brew House for this delicious feasting opportunity! Free admission includes live music and family games. Food and beverages will be "Pay as you go". NYCHAPS will be there to support the event with living history experiences. Best of all, is the chance to introduce NYCHAPS, Dills Tavern, and Maple Shade Barn to community members who are perhaps less familiar with our historical mission. Greystone is generously supporting NYCHAPS with a portion of the proceeds from this event so be sure to join in!

[For more information, visit Greystone Brew House website here!](#)

## October 21st Farmers Fair Agriculture Day at Dill's Tavern

NYCHAPS is happy to be part of the Dillsburg community's Farmers Fair each year. Bring the family to Dills Tavern for hands on activities that all ages can enjoy from 11:00am - 4:00pm. For the early birds, Farmers Market starts at 8:00am and runs to noon. Free admission.



# An Extra Special Musical Event

Saturday, October 28th

Maple Shade Barn at 35 Greenbriar Ln, Dillsburg

Concert 7-9pm; Doors open at 6:30pm



Jim and Susie  
Malcolm

*Traditional and original  
songs from Scotland*

*Harmonies and guitar,  
Harmonicas and laughter*

Northern York Historical Preservation Society presents... a witty and intimate concert of Scottish songs and humor from one of Scotland's finest singer-songwriters and his better half, Susie! Join us on Saturday, October 28th, for an evening of fun with Jim and Susie Malcolm at Maple Shade Barn. Doors open at 6:30pm with the show running from 7:00pm – 9:00pm.

Enjoy traditional and original songs from Scotland by this dynamic duo, including harmonies and guitar, harmonics, and laughter. This is a fun evening you won't want to miss!

Tickets for this event are required and can be purchased using the link below. Admission costs \$20/person.

**[Purchase tickets here!](#)**

Don't miss this opportunity! Jim and Susie are true Scottish entertainers and have only been in our area at about 3 times in the past 15 years. They not only do both traditional and contemporary Scots tunes but often sing in Gaelic and perform some of their own pieces.



**[Visit their website here!](#)**

# From the Archives...

## Letters... we've got letters!

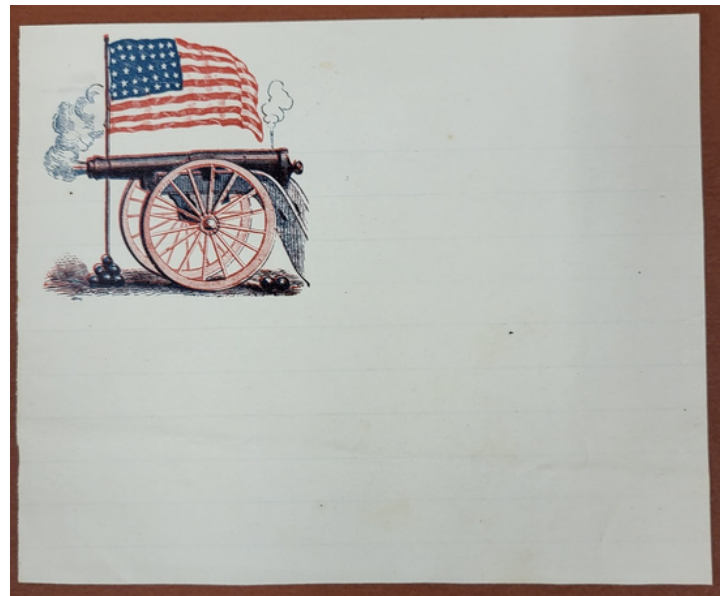
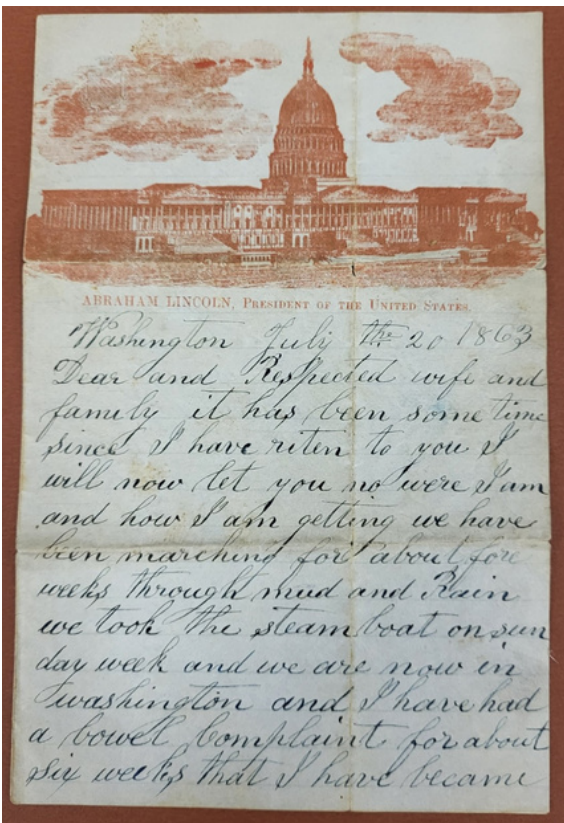
The archives committee of NYCHAPS collects a myriad of items from the Dillsburg area. One of these being our collection of letters. The oldest letter in the collection is dated 1820 written to Henry Logan who was a Dillsburg member of the state House of Representatives in that era.

We have letters from most decades from that time forward into the mid-twentieth century. As you are aware, letter writing is now a lost art being replaced by all manner of social media. One of the objectives of the archives committee is to transcribe our collection to make them available to the public. Our collection of Civil War letters alone numbers is close to 100 and most are already transcribed.

We also have letters written in WWI and WWII home to loved ones. Some of the letters are more domestic in nature but give one an insight into the thoughts and challenges of early life. Some of the writing is challenging to decipher at times. Did you know you can spell the word keep (ceep) or know (no)?

The Archives Committee is always looking for volunteers to do these types of projects so if it is something that you might have an interest in, contact the office or Greg Wonders, Archivist.

Photo to the right; a rare piece of Civil War stationary showing a 34 star flag which was only valid between 1861 to 1863.



# Community Interests

## Book Sale Saturdays at Dills Tavern



During Farmers Market, take the opportunity to browse hundreds of books of a historical nature representing the Colonial period, Revolutionary War, Civil War etc., as well as biographies and trade related manuals.

The sale runs from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon each Saturday. Prices will be \$2 per book unless otherwise marked. All proceeds will go to NYCHAPS.

## Cemetery Preservation

Following Marlene Badger's talk about Dillsburg Area Cemeteries, Erica Delp shared information about the proper way to clean/maintain cemetery headstones. She recommended a product called D2. Tested and used by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the National Park Service, D/2 is a biodegradable cleaner that is pH neutral and contains no salts, bleach or acids. [Click here for more information about cemetery preservation.](#)



## Assistance Needed...



Looking for short term cleaning services at Maple Shade Barn **beginning in October**. Cleaning of bathrooms, kitchen, and floors are needed for the next 3-6 months; possibly longer. Would accept temporary assistance or someone looking for a part-time job.

For more specific information related to the job description, pay, and task requirements, please contact Dara Kane at [dkane@northernYorkHistorical.org](mailto:dkane@northernYorkHistorical.org) or call 717-502-1440.



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