



News from the
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Mid-Winter Board Meeting

The meeting was held January 18 at the Smith Homestead in Jacobus, Pa. Eleven board members attended, with two participating by teleconference. Four were unable to attend.

Vice president Judy Martin reported for the Executive Committee, which made two recommendations. First, the theme for this year's reunion should be **Glattfelders in World War I**. Second, the board should hold its May meeting at the York County Heritage Trust, where the family archives are located. Both recommendations passed.

Larry Gladfelter Jr. reported for the Communications Committee. He asked for input and additional information to enhance our website and its content. In response to a question regarding website usage, Larry said he would start Google Analytics in order to track usage.

Larry Gladfelter Sr., reporting for the Development Committee, said we will need to raise funds for some badly-needed cleaning and repairs to the pavilion rain gutters. He also stated that additional DVDs are in the works for fund-raising, including an interview with Bill Goodling.

Jean Robinson reported for the Historical Committee. Another legal-size filing cabinet is needed for the archives and the board authorized Jean to buy one.

The journal of H. I. Gladfelter is in the records at the York County Heritage Trust, and association president Rev. Thomas Shelley suggested that the journal, which spans from the Civil War into the 1920s, be published.

Reporting for the Property Committee, Nelson Brenneman presented a proposal for the pavilion rain gutter project of \$4,500. Several board members suggested that other local contractors be contacted, along with any relevant reviews on the Internet. The initial quote of \$4,500 was approved as a maximum amount, with the understanding that Nelson will seek other quotes and additional information, with work to be done in the spring.

Judy and Jean reported for the Reunion Committee. They presented a proposal for a bus trip to a few sites of the York County Heritage Trust, including the Agricultural & Industrial Museum, for Saturday, July 26, with a ticket price of about \$30 including lunch. After some discussion, the motion passed. Larry Sr. will proceed with planning.

Nelson suggested that larger signs be placed at the Rail Trail parking area to notify the public that the lot is reserved for our reunion events the last weekend of July, and that the barriers be kept in place to block other cars from the lot that weekend.

Nelson also mentioned that he may be adding some crusher waste on the driveway to the park. There would be no charge to the association.

Under new business, Tom related his experiences visiting New Glarus, Wisc., known as America's Little Switzerland. He had previously suggested that the association develop an informational brochure or card for the literature racks in New Glarus and other places. Larry Jr. presented the first draft of a brochure he had developed and took suggestions from the board for a few changes.

The 2014 Reunion

July 26 & 27 are the dates for this year's reunion at Heimwald Park. Look for more information in the reunion letter this June.

Park Clean-Up

We can always use a few more volunteers to help with cleaning up Heimwald Park the weekend before the reunion. This year it will be on Saturday, July 19 from 9:00 to about 11:30 AM.

Glattfelders and the Wars

The association will continue its series of themes of Glattfelders who served in battle, focusing this year on World War I and the Spanish-American War.

As part of the annual reunion, we will recognize descendants who served in those wars. The association knows of numerous ancestors who served in the war, but we are looking for additional names, along with any photos, documents, letters or artifacts from those wars to display at the reunion.

Anyone with such information should contact Jean Robinson at jrobinson2335@comcast.net or Philip Glatfelter at glatfelterph@aol.com.

Obituaries

As the family tree continues to expand, tracking family members and accumulating corresponding obituaries has become more and more difficult. Members of the historical committee are continuing the task as best they can.

However, the list of deaths for reunion programs will be limited to those that include the most common Glattfelder names in their obituaries, and we will list others when we are notified. To notify us of a death in the family, mail the obituary to the association address (PO Box A, Jacobus, PA 17407) or e-mail Jean Robinson (jrobinson2335@comcast.net) or Philip Glatfelter (glatfelterph@aol.com).

Brick Patio

A chart of the brick patio is on the association website (www.glattfelder.org). The chart shows the approximately 5,000 bricks, including about 1,100 engraved bricks. It does not currently show additions from 2013, but should be updated shortly.

The length of time to get bricks delivered has varied in recent years, but delivery time should be shorter this year. Therefore, the deadline for ordering bricks this year has been moved to April 26. The cost remains \$75 (see enclosed order form). For more information, contact Philip Glatfelter, 430 Charles Circle, Hallam, PA 17406. Call (717) 968-4577 or e-mail to glatfelterph@aol.com.

The Glattfelder Education Fund

The Glattfelder Education Fund selection committee is currently reviewing the applicants for the Nathan Glattfelder and Ives Bricker Scholarship. There are many applicants that meet the academic requirements for the scholarship. The selection committee will meet in May to make the final selections and then announce the winners at the reunion in July.

The next scholarship application period will begin in January 2015. However, anyone interested in starting early for next year can request an application with an e-mail to scholarship@glattfelder.org. A current application will be placed on the Glattfelder website (www.glattfelder.org) in January.

Action at Heimwald

Heimwald Park is seeing more use this spring than ever! On April 12-13, the Jacobus Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts will hold a camp-out weekend, during which they will finish painting the pavilion.

In mid-June, a branch of the Krebs family – the maternal lineage of director Chris Glatfelter – will be holding a family reunion at the park.

It is good to have more eyes and ears about the place, and, especially, to have young people who are such willing helpers.

President's Message

In the same year in which I was first elected a director, I became one of the initial subscribers to the Rule of the Society of the Holy Trinity, an oratory of Lutheran clergy committed to deepening their devotional life through the historic disciplines and patterns of the church, including gathering together for a 48-hour General Retreat annually.

For the past decade, those retreats have been held in the far north suburbs of Chicago in early fall. The drive to and from "Chicagoland" has taken me past locations important to our family, including the gravesites of Solomon in Salisbury, Pa., and Michael near Washington, Pa.

This past fall, my schedule allowed for a three-hour side trip immediately following the retreat into southern Wisconsin, to New Glarus, home of the Swiss Center of North America. I had not visited that community since 1971 and I had forgotten nearly everything about that childhood trip.

New Glarus was settled in 1844 - 101 years after the arrival of our family - by immigrants from Canton Glarus, Switzerland. Although they came from a different canton and made their journey a century later, their voyage across the sea and their earlier years in America bear striking resemblance to ours.

The New Glarus Historical Society has a wonderful exhibit consisting of relocated original structures and careful replications. An original cabin has furnishings so spare it could well have been assembled from the inventory of Casper's estate. There is a blacksmith shop, a cheese factory (of course!), a firehouse, a church and a "bee house" among other structures.

I arrived late in the day. My "tour party" was me, myself and I, so guide Steven Durst and I kept a steady dialog comparing and contrasting his family's experience with ours. He is fourth generation, and of such an age that his parents often spoke German at home when discussing matters that they did not want their children to know. Sound familiar?

After the tour, I retired to the Chateau Landhaus, a hotel resembling a Swiss chalet, and there enjoyed the Thursday evening "Swiss picnic" served throughout summer and early fall. The fondue sauces were memorable, as were the local cheeses.

"Swisstown USA" should definitely become a part of your "bucket list" and a priority if ever in Chicago, Milwaukee or Madison.

Rev J Thomas Shelley

Government Position

Director Donetta D'Innocenzo made state history on March 17 when she was sworn in as the Chief Clerk of the Pennsylvania Senate, a post which has never before been held by a woman. At her invitation, Rev. Shelley offered the Invocation at the opening of the State Senate Session.

Charitable and Devoted Descendant

The association lost several prominent members last year. Among them was Arthur Glatfelter Jr., whose devotion to charitable organizations in York County was unsurpassed. His contributions to the association, both financially and in hands-on work, were also significant.

Art, who passed away Feb. 14, 2013, and would have turned 90 in December, was a director since 1979. He attended reunions as a youngster, but had drifted away from the association until returning as a member of the board. Association historian and longtime board member Dr. Charles H. Glatfelter, who passed away about a week before Art, told a brief story of Art joining the association. Charles was wary of how much Art

could contribute, given Art's business and otherwise busy schedule. When he was elected to the board, Art told Charles that he intended to make up for the years that he was away from the association and reunion. There was little doubt that he did just that - in his usual quiet and unassuming way.

Art, who never finished high school, joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1942. Among the stories from his days in the Corps is his German shepherd, Pal, which he took with him to Camp Lejeune, N.C. Rather than getting Art a possible reprimand for bringing his dog, Pal was greeted warmly and was eventually trained and made part of the 3rd Marine War Dog Platoon.

The two were separated, but reunited years later on an island in the South Pacific, and were discharged four years later as sergeants of equal rank. The two returned together to Art's hometown of Loganville, where Pal lived comfortably for five more years before his death.

Art was surprised years later during a Veterans Day program when a sculpture of Pal was unveiled, presented by the City of York, in part to thank Art for his many contributions to the community. "That dog was a very, very serious part of my life," Art said at the time.

Art founded the Glatfelter Insurance Group in 1951. It became one of the largest full-service agencies in south central Pennsylvania, employing more than 500 people. In 1968, in looking for an untraditional market to serve and expand his business, Art discovered that emergency service organizations were largely overlooked by the insurance industry. His findings became the foundation of VFIS, the world's leading provider of insurance, education, training and consulting

products and services for emergency service organizations.

Among the areas at the top of the list of Art's charities was education. One of the programs he helped fund was Project Connections, which included a curriculum with a business focus and connected middle school students with mentors at businesses in York County. The program eventually connected with Penn State York and Art pledged a \$2 million donation to go toward Project Connections. The Lee R. Glatfelter Library at Penn State York is named after Glatfelter's late wife, in honor of her work in the community and in recognition of the donation.

Among the charities to which Art contributed generously were the United Way, American Red Cross, York County Heritage Trust, Strand-Capitol Performing Arts Center, York Symphony and York County Farm and Natural Lands Trust.

Among Art's survivors are his daughter Bonnie Flaharty, who is a director of this association. Art is a descendant of Casper's son, John.

Diverse Descendant

The association was notified of the passing of Glatfelter descendant Thomas Clodfelter, with his sister, Susan Winnett, requesting that Tom's brick be updated with his death date. We asked for a copy of his obituary, which Susan provided, along with an accompanying story from the San Diego Union-Tribune newspaper.

We're glad she did.

The story told of Tom's diverse life in Rancho Sante Fe, Cal., where he was born May 14, 1932, and then passed away Jan. 21 at age 81.

The headline to the story touched on Tom's life: "Realtor, Outdoorsman, Advocate for Conservation." The story says Tom, "considered to be Rancho Santa Fe's oldest, lifelong permanent resident, was regarded equally as a prominent real estate broker and developer in the area and a naturalist who championed the preservation of all wildlife, particularly ducks.

Tom earned a degree in political science from Stanford University in 1954. He took an unexpected turn from Stanford, with his first job fitting pipe into onshore and offshore drilling rigs.

In 1957, he became a stockbroker in San Diego. Twenty years later, he joined his family's real estate company, where he remained for the rest of his life.

As a real estate broker and developer, his friendship with influential architects led to numerous residential developments and subdivisions in the Rancho Santa Fe area.

Tom's interest and service to the outdoors and conservation led to a long list of accomplishments, including director of the San Elijo Alliance and Whelan Lake Bird Sanctuary, member of the president's council of the San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy and advisory board of the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy, and vice president of the Society for the Conservation of Bighorn Sheep.

Tom was also a longtime national trustee of Ducks Unlimited, the world's largest private nonprofit waterfowl and wetlands conservation organization.

Being an outdoor enthusiast, Tom made numerous hunting trips, including places such as Alaska, Mexico, Argentina, Bulgaria, the Amazon, the Black Sea and Indonesia.

And to put his personality in brief perspective, a quote in the story from friend and fellow hunter William Black summed it up: "He was great company and had a wonderful sense of humor. He lit up the room when he came in.

"I always held Tom in very high esteem."

Financial Page

The year 2013 was very successful for the association. We realized an overall gain of \$2,246 in the General Fund, which now stands at \$34,192.

The Endowment Fund increased by \$2,452 from direct contributions and from purchases of engraved bricks, which are placed in the brick patio. The Endowment Fund balance is now \$80,155.

While investment income was down slightly, our reunion-related income increased, mainly due to the bus tour to Gettysburg during reunion weekend. Net income from sales of merchandise also increased, due mainly to the efforts of Philip Glatfelter of Hallam.

General Fund 2013

Income

Reunion events	\$ 4,784	
Contributions	2,507	
Merchandise proceeds, net	1,197	
Earnings from investments	4,943	
Total income		\$ 13,431

Expenses

Park maintenance & operating costs	\$ 3,386	
Reunion expenses	5,606	
Postage, printing, records & web site	2,193	
Total expenses		<u>\$ 11,185</u>
Receipts over expenses		\$ 2,246

Dallas L. Smith, treasurer

Committees

Brick Patio: Philip Glatfelter (Hallam), Nelson Brenneman, John L. Gladfelter, Dean Glatfelter, Jack Gladfelter, Harold Creager

Communication: Larry Gladfelter Jr., Donetta D'Innocenzo, Dallas Smith, Philip Glatfelter (Hallam), Pamela Tuscany-Warren

Development: Larry Gladfelter Sr., Executive Committee members

Historical: Jean Robinson, Christina Glatfelter, Philip Glatfelter (Hallam), Larry Gladfelter Sr., Larry Gladfelter Jr., Jutta Creager

Property: Nelson Brenneman, Ben Miller, John L. Gladfelter, John Shelley, Dean Glatfelter, Curtis Glatfelter

Reunion: Jean Robinson, Judy Martin, Bonnie Flaherty, Bonnie Baim, Dallas Smith, Ben Miller, Donald and Loretta Glatfelter.

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Casper Glattfelder Association of America Order Form

Patio Bricks

Name: _____ Date _____

Address: _____
Street or PO Box Town or City State Zip

Telephone: _____ Email address: _____

Please order and place _____ bricks, at \$75 each = \$_____ Total

April 26, 2014 is the mailing deadline for bricks to be placed for the 2014 reunion.

Make check payable to: **Casper Glattfelder Assoc.**

Mail to: P O Box A, Jacobus, PA 17407

For further information, contact Philip Glattfelder at 717-751-4833

One name per brick, with **year of birth** or **years of birth and death**.

Be sure to explain briefly how this person is related to **Casper Glattfelder**.

Photocopy this form if you wish to order more than four bricks.

Brick 1

Brick 2

Line 1 _____

Line 2 _____

Line 3 _____

Brick 3

Brick 4

Line 1 _____

Line 2 _____

Line 3 _____

My contribution to the Casper Glattfelder Association

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ General Fund \$ _____

Email _____ Endowment Fund * \$ _____

Newsletter Donation \$ 5.00

TOTAL \$ _____

* A gift of \$25 or more to the Endowment Fund may be made *in memoriam*.

This gift is in memory of _____

Make check payable to: **Casper Glattfelder Assoc.**

Mail to: Casper Glattfelder Assoc.

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Reminder: The board of directors has requested that everyone receiving this newsletter contribute at least \$5.00 annually to help cover the costs of preparing, printing and mailing the newsletter and the reunion invitation letter.

Due to the increased costs of printing and mailing, we have discontinued sending newsletters to those who have made no contribution or have not attended a reunion for the past three years.

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Dr. Noah's book

Please note that a reprint of Dr. Noah M. Glattfelder's 1901 book **The Descendants of Casper Glattfelder** (including the 1910 Supplement) is now available from Philip Glattfelder on the Merchandise Order Form. The book is spiral-bound for ease of use in doing genealogical research. Cost is \$12.50 each.