



News from the
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Mid-Winter Board Meeting

Twelve members attended the meeting, held January 13, 2018, at the Smith Homestead in Jacobus, Pennsylvania, with two attending by conference call and four were excused. President Tom Shelley called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

Among the correspondence, Vice President Judy Martin shared Henry and Myrtha Glattfelder's year-end Christmas letter. Henry is the association's unofficial ambassador in Switzerland.

Treasurer Bonnie Flaharty, who was unable to attend, emailed the financial reports, which were accepted and approved unanimously.

The Executive Committee met prior to the meeting to work on a proposed budget for 2018. The budget was adopted as proposed.

Philip Glattfelder reported for the Brick Patio Committee, noting that he has updated the statistical information on the website. More on the brick patio later in the newsletter.

Reporting for the Communications Committee, Larry Gladfelder Jr. stated that coordination of the mailing and emailing of the newsletter was improved with the fall newsletter.

Tom reported that he has submitted materials on Bupp's Union Cemetery to the York County History Center to be added to the CGAA archives.

There was no Property Committee report, but it was noted that the driveway gravel was very washed out and that work needs to be done. Philip said that he planned to meet with Bob Kinsley about various items at Heimwald Park, including the French drain on the eastern side. Some dirt and silt need to be removed and some geo-textile placed over the stone.

(Note: In February, Tom and Philip met with Bob, who owns the land around Heimwald Park. He assured us that the Glattfelder Homestead, which Bob also owns, will be available to visit during the 2018 reunion. He also indicated that he will lend some assistance with park maintenance, including trees and the driveway gate, which was damaged by a fallen tree two years ago, and possibly the French drain.)

With the 2018 reunion being a special one, there was plenty to discuss. One of the activities for the 250th Anniversary Reunion in 1993 was a tour of the P.H. Glattfelder Paper Mill (now known as just Glattfelder). However, Tom mentioned that the company no longer offers public tours. More about the Glattfelder company later in this newsletter.

Colonial Days in York City will be taking place during Reunion Weekend. So perhaps this event could be a part of the proposed bus trip on Saturday, July 28.

The menu for the Sunday dinner was discussed. The caterer suggested hog maw (pig stomach) and chicken potpie as more traditional fare from Casper's time.

Some plans have begun for the bus trip, with a tentative time frame of 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., which is similar to the trips in 1993 and 2005. We are currently penciled in for lunch at Brown's Orchards & Farm Market, located along the Susquehanna Trail and which includes the site of the homestead of Casper's son Michael. The current estimate for lunch is \$8-\$9.

Philip noted that the 1993 video showed that we stopped at Michael's homestead, which may again be part of the tour.

Philip has already made a copy of the 1993 reunion video, which should be available

for viewing during the reunion. If you are interested in a DVD, contact Philip (tentative price is \$22, plus shipping).

The Glattfelder Room at the Lancaster Theological Seminary, which has a display that includes a Bible of Jacob Glattfelder, one of Casper's grandsons, was mentioned as a site of interest. It is not likely to be a bus tour destination because of the distance.

Philip drafted letters to send to Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf, York County's U.S. and state legislative delegation and the Swiss Ambassador to the United States, informing them of our anniversary and inviting them to attend the reunion. (One of the possible stops on the bus tour is Wolf's Church, where some of the Pennsylvania governor Wolf's descendants may be buried.)

For the 275th anniversary, Philip is investigating T-shirts, water bottles, pewter plates and mugs, Christmas ornaments and Christmas cards as new merchandise. Some would have anniversary logos. Jean is checking on Cat's Meow miniatures. Cat's Meow produces small wooden replicas of landmark structures, such as the homestead and the park pavilion.

For the Education Fund, Ben Miller reported that scholarships remain on hold (as noted on the website), so there have been no scholarship requests. As of January, the fund balance is \$99,621. According to the guidelines for the Nathan Glattfelder and Ives Bricker Scholarship, scholarships may be awarded as long as the fund remains above the original \$100,000 bequest. The Education Fund will begin accepting applications again when the principal reaches \$104,000. Rick Gladfelter agreed to fill the open director position, which became vacant with the passing of Rev. Dr. Dennis Gable in January.

In continuing business, the board revived discussion of sponsoring a trip to Glattfelden, Switzerland. Previous trips to Switzerland included visits to Glattfelden and Zurich, and then the tour branched in two directions: One

group went to the Alps and the other went to Oberammergau and southern Germany.

Rick Gladfelter said he would check with a few travel agencies for 9- or 10-day tours in 2020.

The 2018 Reunion

July 28-29 are the dates for this year's reunion at Heimwald Park. We will be celebrating the 275th anniversary of Casper Glattfelder and his family arriving in America. As detailed in the mid-winter board meeting section, a bus trip and new merchandise are part of the plans. We have also invited some special guests.

We would like to know how many souvenir items to order for the 275th anniversary (as mentioned above). Please express your preference for these special items on the form near the end of this newsletter. An actual order form will accompany the reunion letter in June.

Park Clean-up

The annual park clean-up will be Saturday, July 21, beginning at 9 a.m. Everyone in the York County area is encouraged to lend a hand.

A second earlier clean-up day will likely be held again, though a date has not yet been set.

Brick Patio

The deadline for ordering bricks this year is May 5th. The cost remains \$75 (see enclosed order form). For more information, contact Philip Gladfelter, 430 Charles Circle, Hallam, PA 17406, (717) 968-4577 or e-mail to glatfelterph@aol.com.

The current patio consists of approximately 5,000 bricks, including more than 1,250 engraved bricks. A layout of the bricks, grouped under each son of Casper, along with other statistics and facts on the patio, is available on the association website – glattfelder.org.

President's Message

Whenever I have the opportunity to walk along the York County Heritage Rail Trail, I am impressed by the heavy iron "mile markers" that stand like sentinels along the right-of-way. The markers do not measure the distance from the Maryland-Pennsylvania border; nor do they indicate how many more miles one must travel before one reaches York. Instead, these pillars count the distance from the Calvert Street station in downtown Baltimore, the place of the rail line's beginning.

Apparently, our forebears were more interested in the distance from, rather than the distance to. While we seem to be anxious to move onward, counting down to the next major event, in an earlier age looking back was as important -- or perhaps, more important -- as looking forward.

This year, we face the impressive "275 marker," looking backward to that early August day when the ship *Francis and Elizabeth* docked and the small group of Glattfelder emigres set forth to establish their homesteads in the new world.

Ironically, their homestead -- nearly a century later -- would be transformed by a transportation revolution that was sweeping North America. In a few short years, the Glattfelder homestead along the Codorus Creek went from being in a sleepy valley along unnavigable waters to being quite literally on the doorstep of the Northern Central Railway -- just a quarter-mile south of the "49" marker.

The family name was bestowed on the nearby station, and later on, the road that led to that station. Farmers suddenly had a year-round income available by carting fresh milk to Glatfelters Station in the wee hours of the morning (imagine rising at midnight to milk cows -- that's what they did!) so that it could be delivered to the Green Spring Dairy on what was then the rural outskirts of Baltimore for same-day distribution. Many a Glattfelder descendant profited greatly by this shift from uncertain seasonal harvesting to comparatively steady dairying.

The Northern Central corridor has continued to benefit our family. For nearly 20 years, we have enjoyed parking on a sturdy, paved lot maintained by the York County Parks, on ground that has become exempt from real estate taxes. And anyone parking on the lot can access the York County Heritage Rail Trail on a driveway leading to the homestead house. The doorstep of the house remains very close to the rails, even though the trail diverts slightly from the roadbed.

As we reach our "275" marker this summer, make time to walk the trail access drive, cross the relocated historic truss bridge and view the homestead which has now stood for over two centuries.

That's another impressive marker!

J. Thomas Shelley

Obituaries

Members of the historical committee continue to collect obituaries for Glattfelder family members. As the family tree grows, the task becomes more and more difficult.

The list of deaths in our reunion programs will be those with the most common versions of the Glattfelder name in their obituaries, plus all other relatives whose obituaries are sent to the historical committee. You may mail obituaries to the association address or email Jean Robinson (jrobinson2344@comcast.net) or Philip Glattfelder (glatfelterph@aol.com).

Scholarships

As noted in the Mid-Winter Board Meeting report, the Nathan Glattfelder and Ives Bricker Scholarship is currently on hold until the fund balance returns to the level that will allow it to again generate scholarships.

The Dr. Charles H. Glatfelter Scholarship is now available. While it is open to all applicants, descendants of Casper Glattfelder get first priority, along with history majors and education majors. The Adams County Community Foundation administers the scholarship. Information is available at

www.adamscountycf.org. There is also a link on the CGAA website.

Loss of a Director

Association board member Rev. Dr. Dennis Gable passed away January 6. Dennis served on the board since 2010 and was a member of the Education Fund board.

Dennis was born in York on October 11, 1947. He served as pastor to many United Methodist churches from 1969 until his retirement in 2009. He also worked for CONTACT Teleministries USA.

Dennis was the son of the late Ralph W.E. and Verna L. (Glatfelter) Gable.

Unfortunate Sign of the Times

On July 2, 1864, Philip H. Glatfelter purchased a small paper mill in a settlement called Spring Forge in York County, Pa. The settlement would eventually become the town of Spring Grove, which was and has been largely inhabited by the mill's workers.

In 1880, Philip H. installed what was then the world's largest paper-making machine, just one step in the process that would make the company one of the most prominent paper manufacturers in the world, with sales approaching \$2 billion.

Philip H. was a prominent businessman in York County, and several of his ancestors played roles in the Casper Glatfelter Association of America and its functions at times over the years.

As the Internet age has grown and the usage of paper decreased, the Glatfelter Company, which celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2014, needed to diversify. It has done so, including purchasing various companies worldwide and producing products that include greeting cards, bank checks, coffee filters, wallpaper and air-filtration. Nevertheless, the drawdown continues. In February, the company announced it is considering selling its specialty papers division, which includes its plant in Spring Grove.

More than 750 people are employed at the Spring Grove plant and another 120 at its headquarters in York City. Other Glatfelter

plants are located in Chillicothe, Ohio, with more than 1,000 employees, and Fremont, Ohio, with about 45. Approximately 120 jobs were eliminated from the specialty papers business since last summer.

The last Glatfelter descendant in management at the company was George H. Glatfelter II, who retired in 2010.

Glatfelter Generosity

Many descendants of Casper Glatfelter have shown their generosity in various ways over the years. One such act came to light recently from a longtime board member and his wife.

Armand Gladfelter, who died in 1998, at age 83, after many years on the board and being a caretaker at Heimwald Park (the park's maintenance shed is in his name), and his wife Dorothy, established a scholarship at York College of Pennsylvania, totaling \$3.2 million. Dorothy passed away in 2016 at age 98.

The two were born and raised in York County, living not far from Heimwald Park in Seven Valleys, and served in several capacities in the community, including education. Armand was president of A.C. Henry, Inc., a livestock company, a North Codorus Township Planning Commission member and vice president of the Spring Grove Area school board. Dorothy was a piano teacher for 72 years, was president of the Pennsylvania Music Teachers Association, and a member of the York Historical Society.

Armand and Dorothy's association with York College extended over many years, beginning with the York College Candlelight Concert Series in the 1970s.

"The level of their bequest is a real strong desire to support the college, and their providing for York County students specifically expresses their love of York County," said former York College president Bob Iosue, from a college news release, in a December 8, 2017, article in the *York Dispatch*. "They left a big, deep footprint at York College."

Glattfelder Centenarians

A new item we have decided to include in the newsletter is to list Glattfelder descendants who have reached the century mark. To be included in the newsletter, send information to Philip Glatfelter at

glatfelterph@aol.com or mail to 430 Charles Circle, Hallam, PA 17406. In addition to name and age, please include a city and state, spouse, relationship to Casper and any other pertinent information you would like to include.

Please give us your preference for 275th Anniversary Merchandise

Here are some items that we plan to have available for purchase at the 275th Anniversary Reunion, July 28 & 29, 2018, and on our website.

To help us determine approximately how many items to order, please indicate your preference for items you might purchase, and return this form to Philip Glatfelter (via mail or email) by May 5, 2018.

	<u>Estimated Price</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Anniversary T-shirts (275th anniversary logo)	\$12 - \$20	___
Water bottles (275th logo on one side, spellings on other)	\$2 - \$5	___
Cat's Meow wooden replicas of homestead or park pavilion	\$15 - \$25	___
Pewter plates with coat of arms	\$75 - \$125 each	___
Pewter mugs with coat of arms	\$75 - \$125 each	___
Christmas cards with picture of homestead	\$2 - \$4 each	___
Glass Christmas ornaments	\$5 - \$15	___

Please return by May 5th to

glatfelterph@aol.com or

**Philip Glatfelter
430 Charles Circle
Hallam PA 17406**

Scenes from the 250th Anniversary Reunion in 1993





Casper Glattfelder Association of America Merchandise Order Form

Ship to:		
Address		
City	State	ZIP
Telephone or email		

Pay to: Philip Glattfelder
430 Charles Circle
Hallam PA 17406
717-968-4577

Merchandise with the GLATTFELDER COAT OF ARMS (As shown at the top of this order form.)

	Price	Shipping	Quan.	Amount
Golf shirt , embroidered color coat of arms <input type="checkbox"/> Light blue L <input type="checkbox"/> White M L <input type="checkbox"/> Ash gray S M <input type="checkbox"/> Maroon L XL <input type="checkbox"/> Tan L <input type="checkbox"/> Green L <input type="checkbox"/> Aqua M	\$ 20.00	\$ 5.00		
Golf shirt , embroidered coat of arms on pocket <input type="checkbox"/> Light blue XL <input type="checkbox"/> Green XL <input type="checkbox"/> Maroon XL <input type="checkbox"/> Black XL	22.00	5.00		
Golf shirt CLOSEOUT, silk screen on pocket <input type="checkbox"/> Green S L <input type="checkbox"/> Maroon S Or embroidered, no pocket <input type="checkbox"/> Light blue S M <input type="checkbox"/> Green S L <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow S M	10.00	4.00		
Sweatshirt with coat of arms Light gray S M L XL (add \$2.00) XXL (add \$4.00)	18.00	6.00		
T-shirt with coat of arms <input type="checkbox"/> Military green S M L <input type="checkbox"/> Red S M L XL <input type="checkbox"/> California blue S M L XL	10.00	4.00		
T-shirt (6 different spellings of Glattfelder) <input type="checkbox"/> Dark green S M PRICE REDUCED <input type="checkbox"/> Light blue L <input type="checkbox"/> Ash gray S L XL <input type="checkbox"/> Maroon S M L XL	5.00	2.00		
T-shirt (8 different spellings of Glattfelder) <input type="checkbox"/> Dark green S M L <input type="checkbox"/> Light Blue XL <input type="checkbox"/> Red S M L	10.00	4.00		
Baseball cap <input type="checkbox"/> Red <input type="checkbox"/> Dark blue <input type="checkbox"/> Green <input type="checkbox"/> Black	12.00	4.00		
Ballpoint pen , printed with Glattfelder Reunion & website address <input type="checkbox"/> Ruby <input type="checkbox"/> Sapphire <input type="checkbox"/> Onyx	.50 3 / \$1	.50		
Crying or sweat towel , white with blue coat of arms, 11" x 17"	5.00	1.50		
Coat of arms , full color print on parchment paper, 5" x 7" PRICE REDUCED	3.00	.60		
Ceramic mug with Glattfelder crest, 6 spelling variations & website PRICE REDUCED <input type="checkbox"/> Blue <input type="checkbox"/> Dark green	2 / \$5 3 / \$6	2.50 3.50		
Ceramic mug with Glattfelder crest, 8 spelling variations & website \$5.00 each or <input type="checkbox"/> Blue <input type="checkbox"/> Dark green	2 / \$8 3 / \$10	3.00 4.00		
Notepads , dark blue with white coat of arms, 6" x 8.5" PRICE REDUCED	5.00	1.00		
Static cling , clear, with red coat of arms, 3" x 3.5" PRICE REDUCED	1.50	.50		

OTHER MERCHANDISE

Blank greeting cards & envelopes, set of 3 ink drawings: old homestead at Glattfelder Station, original Heimwald pavilion, & family church in Glattfelden, Switzerland	5.00	.50		
Glattfelder emblem (on first page of newsletter) in full color on heavy paper, 5" x 7"	2.00	.50		
Booklet, The Casper Glattfelder Association: The First 100 Years 1906 – 2005 by Dr. Charles H. Glattfelder (2005); 39 pages; 8.5" x 11"	7.00	3.00		
Booklet, The Early Glattfelder Family in America: An Overview by Dr. Charles H. Glattfelder (1993); 59 pages; 5.5" x 8.5"	7.00	3.00		
Book, The Descendants of Casper Glattfelder (1901) and the 1910 Supplement by Noah M. Glattfelder MD of St. Louis MO; spiral bound reprint; 160 pages combined	10.00	3.00		

Make check payable to: PHILIP GLATTFELTER Grand Total \$ _____



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

May 5 is the mailing deadline for bricks to be placed for the 2018 reunion.

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

Mail to: Bonnie Flaharty, treasurer, 30 New Village Greene Dr., Honey Brook PA 19344

For further information, contact Philip Glattfelder at 717-968-4577

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.
c/o Bonnie Flaharty, treasurer
30 New Village Greene Dr.
Honey Brook PA 19344

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