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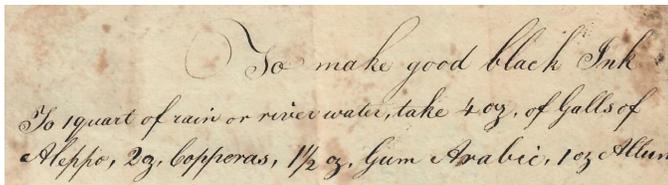
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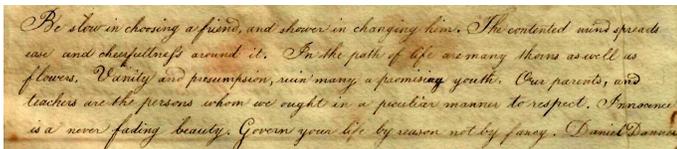
Daniel Danner

As mentioned in our July newsletter, the Daniel Danner items that HMPF received as gifts were placed with our organization as a result of ATHM dissolving their organization and closing the museum. In many areas of the United States fewer and fewer people seem to appreciate our national and local heritage and we eventually lose so much because of the lack of support and dollars.

In addition to the spinning wheel, yarn winder and the Daniel Danner ledger, dated 1828-1892, we received a copybook created by Daniel (1818), photographs and misc. handwritten items. Pictured are two of the handwritten items and two photographs.



To make good black ink
To 1 quart of rain or river water, take 4oz. of Galls of Aleppo, 2 oz. Copperas, 1 1/2 oz. Gum Arabic, 1oz. Alum



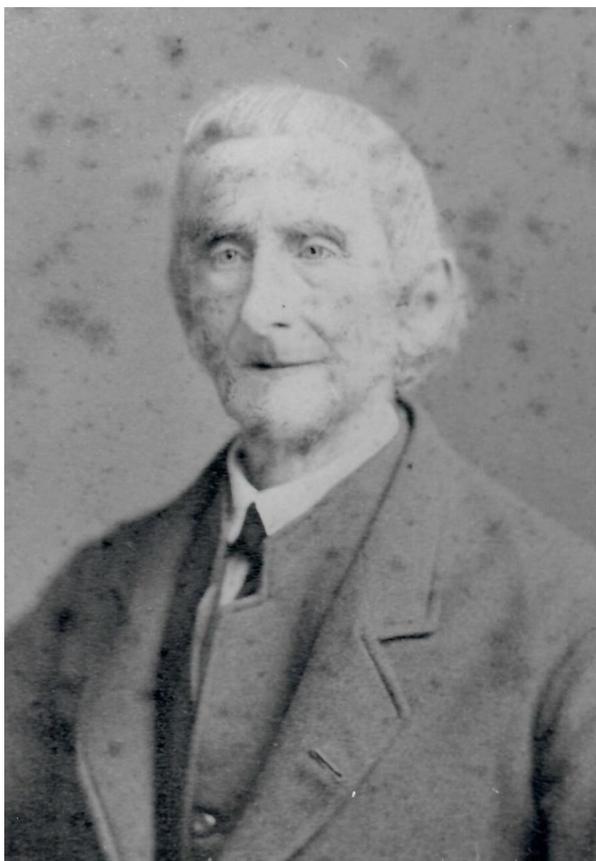
Be slow in choosing a friend, and slower in changing him. The contented mind spreads ease and cheerfulness around it. In the path of life are many thorns as well as flowers. Vanity and presumption, ruin many a promising youth. Our parents, and teachers are the persons whom we ought in a peculiar manner to respect. Innocence is a never fading beauty. Govern your life by reason not by fancy. Daniel Danner (1818, Daniel, age 15)



Daniel Danner's Workshop

The shop was located at the northeast corner of South Charlotte and West Ferdinand Streets in Manheim. The picture was taken circa 1900, long after the building was abandoned as a shop. Daniel Danner passed away April 18, 1881. George Danner and Aaron Danner, Daniel's sons, had the building removed and the area was replaced with two croquet courts. The croquet courts were removed in 1952 to provide the area on which to build a "**Home for the Homeless**", as stated in his will. Next to the shop was Daniel's home. The house was saved by Daniel's two sons and is part of the Danner Home property.

It's interesting that George Heiges, who worked for Mr. Danner, as a young man, was denied acceptance as a resident of the home, because, at the time, the board wanted to only accept women, even though the will clearly states men and women. Mr. Heiges, a revered author, historian and longtime Manheim businessman (pharmacist) not being accepted at the home, after his wife passed away and he wanted to move back to Manheim, shameful! Who were those kooks? Now the home accepts men and women. A copy of Mr. Danner's will is in our Ensminger Library.



Daniel Danner, in Manheim, Town

Daniel Danner in Manheim Town

**Daniel Danner
1803-1881**

The photograph of Daniel is a copy of the original owned by The Hershey Story Museum. The signature, Daniel Danner, in Manheim Town, is from his book dated 1818.

Footnote: The ledger and misc. items originally came from the 1991 estate sale for Sylvia Rupp. They went to a dealer from Hatfield, PA and were eventually sold to ATHM in 2010. It is now known that the dealer purchased many ledgers and records important to Manheim's early history at the Sylvia Rupp estate sale. We hope that many of the ledgers and miscellaneous items sold at the estate sale can be located in the future and returned to Manheim through HMPF's efforts.

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"The Danner Family, 1776-1991, Manheim, Lancaster Co. Pa.", compiled by Janet Atkinson Strauss, can be found in HMPF's Ensminger Library Room.

A Languishing Prisoner

The exact dates of the following occurrences are not known to the person writing this brief article, but the significance of them is recorded in his memory.

In 1948, when George Heiges wrote **Henry William Stiegel and His Associates**, the original act appealing to the Honorable House of Assembly for a law to relieve Henry Wm. Stiegel from jail, fourteen pages in length, was in the possession of Ivan Culbertson of Wilmington, Delaware. Some time later, Mr. Culbertson presented the document to George Heiges, thinking that it should be in Manheim. In the late 1950's a person from Baldwin's Book Barn rapped on George's door and said he was there to pickup the document for a college library in New Jersey. It was given to George and should be in Manheim. **Was George conned and where is it now?**



Antique Road Show

If you watch the Antique Road Show weekly, you are aware that the show visited Harrisburg on June 3rd in the Pennsylvania Farm Show Building. Admission to the show was by a lottery drawing and, according to what was reported, over 16,000 people submitted entries for the drawing. Of the 16,000 entries, only 3,000 people received the two tickets given to each name drawn. This means that the maximum number of people that could attend the show, based on the drawing, was 6,000. WITF was also given 400 ticket to sell in support of the TV station. Well, as luck had it, two members of HMPF had their names drawn and four people from Manheim visited the show. The viewing of the June 3rd Antique Road Show is scheduled to appear on TV sometime in the month of January 2018. Please mark your calendar and try not to miss seeing the show, you might see the HMPF members, and perhaps the items that they submitted for appraisals. Each person was allowed to bring two items. Holly Sigman and her sister Nancy Zimmerman, the two HMPF members who were fortunate enough to have their names selected at the drawing, took some neat and interesting items to the show, and two of the items had a Manheim connection.

George Ege's Other Mansion



Pictured above are views of the wonderful home built for Henry William Stiegel's nephew, George Ege. The home is located in the Robesonia area of Berks County and was built circa 1806-09. The interior of the stone house with its fine Georgian details has a central-hall with two rooms on either side. There are spiral stairs at the back of the central hall with a Palladian window between the first and second floors. The central door of the south front is a finely detailed Georgian type with the arch above the recessed entry projecting into the classic pediment.

In George Heiges' book: **Henry William Stiegel and His Associates**, page 29, we read that George Ege, age 11, along with his younger brother Michael, age 6, and their mother, Anna Catherine (Holtz) Ege, went to live with Henry William Stiegel and Elizabeth (Holtz) Stiegel. This occurred after George Michael Ege, father to the two boys and husband to Anna, passed away.

It was here, living with the Stiegels, that both Michael and George learned ironmaking under the tutelage of Stiegel.

George Ege, born March 9, 1748, having the good fortune of being the nephew of Henry William Stiegel and learning the ironmaking business, achieved great financial success. He was known during his time as the largest landowner in Berks County and was identified with the iron interests. Besides owning four large farms in Tulpehocken and Heidelberg Townships, he also owned Charming Forge with its 4,000 acres, Schuylkill Forge with its 6,000 acres, and Reading Furnace with its 6,000 acres.

The Reading Furnace was started in 1794 and George Ege's house was built near the site of the furnace. Operation of the Reading Furnace was suspended during the depression of 1824. It later passed to Robeson and Brooke and became known as the Robesonia Furnace.

Ege was a patriot during the Revolution, and in 1783 was elected a member of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania. He was also one of the first Associate Judges of Berks County under the Constitution of 1790. He served as Associate Judge from 1791 to 1818; Ege died December 14, 1829, at his home at Charming Forge and was buried at Womelsdorf.

Considering that George Ege was so successful in life, and that much of his success started with the generosity and training received from his uncle Henry William Stiegel, it is puzzling that nothing positive is known concerning where Henry Wm. Stiegel is laid to rest, and that George Ege did not see to it that the grave site was plainly marked and its location recorded in Christian documents.

It's sad that Henry William Stiegel promoted so much industry in colonial Pennsylvania and helped so many people only to be forgotten when he was in need of help.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Ege". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

George Ege's signature as it appears on a 1789 Tulpehocken Township indenture on loan to HMPF.

The loss of a very dear HMPF friend!



On September 12th, 2017, Nancy Zimmerman left our world to be with the Lord. Nancy supported our organization in so many ways. When our organization sponsored a Memorial Day celebration in our Carriage House meeting room for the children of the day-care center located on Market Square in Man-

heim, Nancy did 99% of the work. She did store shopping for patriotic gifts (candy, pencils and flags) for the children and the adults; created the patriotic decorations on gift bags; provided the blanket floor coverings for the children to sit on in the yet to be carpeted floor of the unfinished meeting room; paid for all the gifts and one-half of the cost of Sparky the clown, dressed like Benjamin Franklin, to entertain the children. Nancy and Gerry Earhart played a very important part in winning the Best of Show Blue Ribbon for the Christmas Tour. At another time, Nancy, with the assistance of a dopey costumed character who sat at the front of the foundation, gave candy treats to the children from the day-care center when the children toured the businesses and other locations on Market Square. Again, candy and efforts furnished by Nancy. From time-to-time, Nancy delivered food to the person trying to maintain the operations at HMPF. She also played an important part in many of our monthly programs by providing refreshments just prior to reporting to Lancaster General Hospital as an RN. Nancy and Gerry also put forth most of the effort in decorating our garden area at the time we held an autumn serenade in Elizabeth's Garden, and, the two of them, along with Helen Warnke, did a splendid job of decorating for the Manheim Women's Club Christmas Tour. Nancy did many more things to help promote HMPF.

While Nancy's departure from our world is a terrible loss to our organization, it is devastating to her family and her many, many friends.

At the funeral service, Sept. 19th, Nancy's granddaughter, Arianna, expressed her love for her grandmother. She spoke of how her grandmother was always there with support and encouragement. She said that her grandmother always tried to do things to make her happy and to give her a feeling of having a bright future. She said: "I'm pretty sure I could've told her I killed someone & she would have responded with: "well they probably deserved it!" "Her love was unconditional". Arianna is a second year student at Kutztown University. Nancy was so pleased and proud to see Arianna become a student at KU.

HMPF has received a large amount of donations in memory of Nancy A. Zimmerman. The donations will be used to restore and further develop our garden. The area to be established as a butterfly and hummingbird garden will be dedicated to Nancy and it will receive a bronze plaque designed by her family and granddaughter, Arianna Lynn Zimmerman. One of the donations is for the plaque.

This October newsletter is the last that will be prepared by this editor. The foundation, hopefully, will continue to prosper and be a credit to those who have established the Historic Manheim Preservation Foundation, Inc. and have put forth the effort to preserve our local heritage and artifacts. *Jim Hosler*



Day Care Center Children-2004



Nancy's granddaughter, Arianna, in the middle



Fussy Nancy making adjustments



Arianna helping Sparky



Gerry and Nancy enjoying their accomplishment



Gerry and Nancy, "Best of Show"- 2003



Helen, Nancy and Gerry, the team



Nancy in the garden listening to the music



A few of those enjoying the garden



Wanda, Nancy's sister providing the music



Matthew Dodd, Songs & Stories



Some of the clever decorations

The pictures show only a few of the fun times that our members and guests have had at the foundation. Those who have worked hard to arrange the activities have done so with a feeling of pride, thinking that the activities bring a measure of culture to the community. Thanks Nancy, Helen, Gerry and others. *Jim*