

# News from the Casper Glattfelder Association of America

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#### The 2017 Reunion

Plan now to attend this year's reunion on July 29-30 at Heimwald Park. We will be honoring John Peter Glattfelder's branch of the family. He is the brother of Casper. More details will follow in the reunion letter.

#### **Cleaning up the Park**

The annual park clean-up will be Saturday, July 22, beginning at 9 a.m. Everyone is encouraged to come and lend a hand.

A second earlier clean-up day was held last summer to make things easier for the regular clean-up day, since fewer people are able to be at the park the Saturday prior to the reunion. The second day may be held again this summer.

#### **Brick Patio**

The deadline for ordering bricks this year is May 6. The cost remains \$75 each (see enclosed order form). For more information, contact Philip Glatfelter, 430 Charles Circle, Hallam, PA 17406, or call (717) 968-4577 or email to glatfelterph@aol.com.

The current patio consists of approximately 5,000 bricks, including over 1,200 engraved bricks. A breakdown of bricks under each son of Casper, along with other facts on the patio, is listed on the Association website.

#### Loss of a Former Director

Former Association board member and registrar Sara F. Hostetter passed away March 26. Sara served as registrar for the reunion for many years. She could be considered the Association's last registrar since no single person has assumed that position since her retirement. Born February 19, 1925, in York, she is the daughter of the late James and Emma K. (Ness) Fuhrman.

#### 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 reunion programs will be limited to those with the most common Glattfelder names in their obituaries, and others will be listed by request. To do so, mail obituaries to the Association address or email Jean Robinson (jrobinson2344@comcast.net) or Philip Glatfelter (glatfelterph@aol.com).

#### **Scholarships**

The Glattfelder Education Fund selection committee is currently in the process of reviewing applications for the Nathan Glattfelder and Ives Bricker Scholarship. The committee will meet in May to make the final selections and will announce the winners at the annual reunion in July.

You may request an application by sending an email to scholarship@glattfelder.org or go to our website, www.glattfelder.org.

Our current scholarship recipients, Sarah Dudney and Jonathan Vandenberg, will be graduating this spring. Sarah will graduate from Lehigh University with a BS in civil engineering. Jonathan will graduate from Furman University where he is majoring in biology/pre-med. Best wishes to them as they pursue their fields of endeavor.

#### **Mid-Winter Board Meeting**

The well-attended meeting, which included 14 members, including one by telephone, was held January 14 at the Smith Homestead in Jacobus, Pa. President Tom Shelley called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

Among the correspondence reported by President Shelley was a donation by Patricia Graham of Cairo, Ohio. She is a longtime supporter of the organization.

Philip Glatfelter told of correspondence from Joe Myers in Arizona. Joe recently found out about his Glattfelder relationship through Casper's brother, John Peter, and shared some interesting information on his lineage, including from the North Carolina descendants. He ordered sweatshirts, which were recently added again to the Glattfelder merchandise list, for him and his two brothers. He also expressed an interest in coming to this year's reunion.

Philip also reported that an endowment fund for his father, Dr. Charles H. Glatfelter, which was started at Gettysburg College last year, has passed the halfway mark of raising \$100,000 for an internship for history majors at the college.

Larry Gladfelter Jr. noted that some people have submitted several general questions to the website. The subjects range from questions about visiting Glattfelden, about a person's ancestry or about our merchandise for sale.

Treasurer Bonnie Flaharty shared financial reports. Discussion included the fact that the association is now liable to pay federal income tax on investment earnings, which was verified after consulting with accountants.

Among the committee reports, Philip noted that he placed two brick patio orders in 2016. He added 16 bricks in the summer prior to the reunion, and 15 more in the fall. No additional space for the patio is planned for the near future, but additional areas were discussed for the placement of more generations, perhaps in 10 years or so. There is currently room to accommodate bricks up to the 11th generation of Casper's descendants.

Larry Jr. reported that he has made updates to the website, including making it more smart phonefriendly. He added photos from several reunions, including the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1993. He also added more reunion-related content, as well as an ancestors photo gallery.

Larry also reported that the association's email list is currently at 481. November newsletter email notifications were sent out November 25 to 476 list members.

Reporting for the property committee, Nelson Brenneman noted that leaves need to be cleaned out of the gutter along the driveway and that a pipe installed last year has improved drainage at the park. Philip mentioned about trees and debris along the driveway that need to be removed.

Tom related a suggestion by Agnes Bell Yount to focus a program on Casper's brother John Peter and his line, many of whom can be found in North Carolina. After a period of discussion, Dennis Gable moved to adopt the John Peter theme, "Honoring the John Peter (Casper's brother) branch of the family" for this year's program and the motion passed unanimously.

Philip shared information from a letter found in the archives dated 1960 by a past president. The letter mentioned information about Glattfelder reunions in other parts of the country, including Iowa and Illinois. It also mentioned the reunion practices of the time, including being on Saturdays.

Ben Miller reported for the Glattfelder Education Fund, saying he has received a number of scholarship requests. The current balance of the fund is \$95,187 and the committee will determine the number of scholarships to be awarded at their April meeting.

Philip noted that information for the Dr. Charles H. Glatfelter Scholarship Fund is now on the scholarship page of our website. The scholarship, through the Adams County (Pa.) Community Foundation, will become active in January 2018.

In continuing business, a survey on the website regarding reunion dates showed that 95% of the 24 responses favored a Saturday reunion, 42% favored a reunion in July, and 63% favored Saturday for the day of the picnic.

In light of those results, the Association will adopt Saturday as Reunion Day. With 2018 being a special anniversary -- the 275<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Casper's arrival in America -- it is expected there will be extra days for the activities. The Saturday reunions will likely not happen until 2019. The 2017 reunion will remain as previously scheduled.

Returning board member Ricky Gladfelter shared some of his recollections of the reunions in the 1970s and 1980s, when he previously served, that attendance was low. Food was potluck style and we had tried different things to encourage attendance. He offered his perspective on what had been and what might be tried to increase attendance.

It was noted that, with the 275th anniversary reunion in 2018, we will need an expanded reunion committee. Its work will need to begin in August.

In new business, the Jacobus Boy Scouts have again asked to use the park for a campout in April. A motion was made to grant permission for this use. The motion passed. The service project for the Boy Scouts will be to paint the picnic benches and picnic tables.

Also, Tom noted that the John Philip (grandson of Casper through Felix) and Anna Maria Glatfelter monument at Bupp's Union Cemetery needs repair. (Since the meeting, the tombstone has collapsed.) Tom noted that Casper had 55 grandchildren and it would be nice for the descendants to contribute toward this. More on the subject in the President's Message.

#### **President's Message**

The ties between the Casper Glattfelder Association of America and Bupp's Union Cemetery predate the formation of this Association. The small cemetery, located at the intersection of Union Church Road and Reynolds Mill Road (Pennsylvania Route 214), about two miles as the crow flies from the homestead, is believed to be the burial site of Casper.

In 1954, this Association placed a granite monument at Bupp's Union in memory of Casper and his wives. About a half century later, as part of the celebration of 100 years of reunions, this Association placed a monument in memory of Casper's son Felix and his wife at Bupp's Union. We also placed similar monuments at Friedensaal Lutheran (White) Church in memory of Casper's son John and at St. Peter's (Yellow) Church in memory of Casper's son Casper (the younger).

Bupp's Union Cemetery has received devoted care from Barry Shelby, a neighbor and retired veteran. His interest in maintaining the cemetery began when he took personal offense to the weeds growing into the flags placed by the York County Office of Veterans Affairs each year near Memorial Day. He started mowing for the exercise and has continued to offer this labor of love.

In early January, Barry alerted me that a large marble table monument to Casper's grandson John Philip Glatfelter and his wife Anna Mary was quite out of plumb. In fact, it was leaning like the famed tower of Pisa. He was concerned that it might topple within the next year or two.

Barely three weeks later, on January 23, the tablet fell, toppled by a strong east wind. The ground, softened by two days of rain, had given way to a critical point. The softened ground cushioned the fall of the monument so it lies face up, but unbroken.

The winter directors' meeting had occurred just a little over a week before the monument fell. When I explained the pending problem, I noted that Casper had 55 grandchildren, so using Association funds to pay for repair to this monument would set a precedent that would be impossible to sustain. The directors agreed that it would be appropriate to use this newsletter to solicit contributions to the Bupp's Union Cemetery Association.

The descendancy of John Philip and Anna Mary (Emig) Glatfelter is extensive and includes some of the best-known Glatfelter institutions. Their son, Philip Henry, was the industrialist who expanded a fledgling paper mill in Spring Grove. The size of the 19th century monument is a testimony to that business's success. Other descendants include the ancestors of deceased director Arthur Glatfelter and the ancestors of deceased former Pennsylvania Governor George Leader. Yours truly is among the many lesser-known descendants of this couple. If you would like to be a part of this restoration effort, send your contribution to: Bupp's Union Cemetery Association, c/o Dallas Smith, Treasurer, 128 Lexington Road, York PA 17402.

J. Thomas Shellen

#### **Remembering Dr. Noah**



Dr. Noah during the Civil War

He grew up on a farm in southern York County, earned a degree from the University of Pennsylvania, served in the Civil War as an assistant surgeon general, set up a medical practice in St. Louis and became an expert on fungi.

Some Glattfelder descendants might already have known about this man's accomplishments. However, most of us know Dr. Noah Miller Glatfelter for his contributions to the family, largely his work on the family's descendants and his publications, "The Descendants of Casper Glatfelter," published in 1901 with a 1910 supplement (see the Merchandise Order Form in this newsletter).

Dr. Noah's two books have been major resources for the family and earned him the recognition as the family historian until his death in 1911.

Dr. Noah was born 180 years ago --November 28, 1837 -- to Jonathan and Elizabeth (Miller) Glatfelter. He had eight brothers and sisters: John M., Leo, Caroline, Israel, Jonathan M., William, Sarah and Matilda. They were descendant from Casper through his son Felix.

Dr. Noah attended school in Millersville (Pa.) and taught for a time in Lebanon (Pa.). He enlisted in the Union army in 1862, but was excused to complete his medical studies. He received his degree from the University of



Dr. Noah in his later years

Pennsylvania in 1864 and was soon commissioned by the President as assistant surgeon of the United States Volunteers.

Dr. Noah sent many letters home, to his parents and siblings, while in college and then while serving in the Civil War. Here are some excerpts:

Sept. 12, 1862, while still at Franklin & Marshall College: "Our state has been entered by the infamous rebels. I enlisted in Capt. Dysart's company this afternoon. Tomorrow we go to Harrisburg. Before this reaches you I hope to meet the traitors. ..."

June 14, 1864, on board the hospital transport New World: "... Since I last wrote I have [gotten] a new place again. I have now charge of the Boat 'New World' which is very large at 375 feet long and is intended to bring sick and wounded soldiers from the front to Washington. I just came here today, and am very full of business, but thought proper to write to you before we start.... I think some hard fighting must be done yet before we take Richmond, but we will win it at last. I am sorry it costs so many men."

July 4, 1864: "... When everything was ready we sailed down the Potomac then on Chesapeake Bay, then up James river on to City Point which is the place of our army now. But the main army is somewhat farther on about Petersburg. ... A great many wounded are fetched off from this place by our boats. ... The water around our boat is full of crabs, which are good to eat. I eat two at breakfast. But they are very ugly looking things and I think most of you at home would turn your noses at them and would much rather eat bullfrogs."

July 19, 1864, from the Ninth Army Corps. Hospital, City Point: "... I started [the] day before yesterday from City Point on a railroad which goes only about six miles towards Petersburg. I had to go about 3 miles further to come to General Meade's headquarters. I got into an ambulance which is a two horse spring wagon to haul the sick, and went on over dusty roads. ... I saw Petersburg and was off about two miles. Our cannons can shoot on the other side of it. I saw one of our 13 inch shells from a mortar explode in a rebel fort. It kicked up a good deal of dust, but I don't know if any men were killed. I was at one time near when it was shot off. The noise is so loud that it pains the head and ears of one not used to it. ... Firing is very heavy and rapid just now and I suppose they are hard at it. It almost makes the ground tremble here."

Aug. 28, 1864: "I have now charge of one Ward which contains usually about 108 patients. ... I get up at about 7 o'clock and take breakfast. At 8 or 9, I go into the ward and prescribe for the sick and dress wounds when there are any. But at present, most of our cases are sick patients. Most of them are sick with diarrhea, and debility, but some typhoid fever, rheumatism, etc. We continually [receive] more from the front and sent off some. Last week, we had 1500 on hand.

"... I am as sick of the war as any one can be. If the rebels want peace and come in the Union, let them lay down their arms and come in. Nothing will hinder them. But they want to split the Union which cannot be. I suppose every copperhead and every democrat in York Co. cries peace! peace! at present, and many no doubt are ready like rebels to take up arms against the present government."

Oct. 12, 1864: "I believe I tell you every time 'we still hear cannonading;' yes, I hear it now, and heard it last night very heavily. We are so used to [it] here, that we don't mind it at all. Sometimes it sounds, bome, bome, bome (sic) as often as the clock ticks; but at present only about 10 times in a minute. Would you not like to hear such music again? Remember Gettysburg. Of course they are not fighting all the time. But I think there will be a battle soon, and many think we shall be in Petersburg soon or perhaps in Richmond!

"... I hope you will preserve all my letters, for in future years they will be a history of my life in the Army."

June 1, 1865 (one of numerous letters to Mary Hegarty, whom he had married in March 1865): "Today we moved from the tent into that old house that you and I saw when we took a walk towards the Batteries. ... A Lt. and wife are living upstairs. We are below with three rooms, one of which is a good kitchen. I hired a black boy as cook. Analyzed 10 plants since I wrote last, and press most of them."

After the war, Dr. Noah was sent to the Dakota Territory, where he was an army surgeon at the Crow Creek Agency in South Dakota.

Among several letters sent from there: June 21, 1866: "Oh you ought to see now the cactuses in bloom which are very beautiful, red and yellow. I planted some along side my house and yesterday I counted no less than 54 in bloom, bearing red flowers of a beautiful shade."

July 16, 1866: "I might say that I have some 50 plants under press, and they are doing [fine]. I haven't analyzed them all, many of them being very difficult and some not being given at all in my Botany. ..."

Dr. Noah was mustered out of service in 1867, and he and his wife settled in St. Louis. He maintained a successful medical practice and continued his interest in botany. Several of his botanical articles were published.

In the summer 2013 edition of Fungi magazine, Dr. Noah's life was chronicled. Patrick Harvey's story tells of Dr. Noah compiling a list of St. Louis-area fungi in 1906, which Harvey came upon when seeking information on a particular fungus. Upon learning about Dr. Noah, Harvey was inspired to find out more about the man. Obviously, the bulk of Harvey's research was related to Dr. Noah and fungi. "There remain seven fungi named for him in the Index Fungorum," Harvey wrote.

Harvey included many excerpts of Dr. Noah's letters as well. He told of Noah and Mary's arrival in St. Louis, living at 3705 North Broadway, and noted that in 1870, they owned a 25-acre farm. He later sold the farm. In 1874, his diploma was filed with the St. Louis County Court and, at this time, he likely started his medical practice, located at 910 Salisbury Street. In 1882, he built four houses and they moved into one at 4720 N. 20<sup>th</sup> Street, where he lived the rest of his life.

Noah was a practicing physician until 1907, when Mary passed away.

Among his botany work, Dr. Noah investigated willow (Salix) species, which he began in the 1890s, and has a willow hybrid named for him, Salix x glatfelteri.

In 1899, he was awarded the scientific medal, 2<sup>nd</sup> class, by the Academie Internationale de Geographie Botanique for his work on willows.

Noah and Mary had seven children, six of them girls: Lisbeth, Florence May, Edith Edna, Alice, Herbert, Grace Agnes and Eva Ethel.

Lisbeth, who, Harvey wrote, apparently helped spark Noah's interest in mushrooms and fungi, went to school at Harvard and the University of Chicago; became the first teacher of "Domestic Economy" (home economics) in St. Louis; married Albert Goodrich Fish, after which they moved to Denver, Colorado, and built a home named "Seven Elms;" was a prime mover in organizing Denver garden and women's clubs; and authored four collections of poetry. Edith and Alice became St. Louis school teachers and Herbert became an engineer.

Noah died April 2, 1911, from injuries suffered when he fell from a ladder while replacing a fence, and is buried in Bellefontaine Cemetery in St. Louis.

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Over the years, there has been much correspondence between relatives of Dr. Noah and the Association. Included among that were inquiries from daughter Lisbeth about a possible plaque in honor of her father. In a letter to the Association dated February 2, 1950, Lisbeth says: "I want that my bequest that might be needed before I die for repairs be definitely understood to be in memory of Dr. (Noah) Gladfelter (sic) and if there could be a little tablet designating that, I would like it very much."

In a follow-up letter Feb. 20, Lisbeth writes: "My one desire is to have a bronze [plaque] set somewhere on the grounds, size about 18" x 24," set in cement so it could not be stolen -- this [plaque] to [commemorate] in a few words the work of my father, Dr. Glatfelter. Personally I think the name of Casper Glatfelter should be on it too, the first immigrant from Switzerland. ..."

The project obviously never materialized, though there are two plaques at the park, one on the spring house honoring Casper and his arrival in America, in memory of H. I. Glatfelter, and one at the pavilion honoring longtime historian Dr. Charles H. Glatfelter.

Director Philip Glatfelter, a member of the historical committee, brought up Lisbeth's inquiry at the January meeting and suggested re-considering the project, and members of the board expressed some interest. Certainly, it makes sense to acknowledge both of the Association's prominent past historians.

#### 75 Years Ago -- Relenting to War

In 1942, the world was at war and the pall also hung over the Association and its reunion. In a letter to the directors on June 30, Association President Auburn H. Gladfelter wrote: "I have observed from the newspapers that a number of Reunions and Picnics have been cancelled. I have also discussed the matter with several of the Officers of the Association, and even though we dislike to break our continued record of annual meetings, it is their belief and mine that under the circumstances we would be justified to cancel our meeting for this year. ...

"Personally, I would not assume the responsibility of calling off this Annual Reunion without the consent of the Directors. For that reason I am addressing this brief letter to each of you for an expression from you."

The Board concurred and the 1942 reunion was not held.

The 1942 Treasurer's report included this: "Thirty-seventh annual reunion cancelled, in cooperation with the gas and tire rationing order by our Federal Government in an all out effort to win the war against the axis powers."

Similarly in 1943, "No attempt was made to hold the 38<sup>th</sup> reunion as the entire nation was under stringent rationing to conserve time, material, etc., in our war effort."

Reunions resumed the following year, and have continued to the present.

#### **Photos from the Past**



Association directors share a laugh during the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion in 1993



Two reunion attendees enjoying the 1993 reunion at Heimwald Park



Nelson Glatfelter was one of four butcher shop owners in Windsor, in southeastern York County. He used this truck to deliver meat to his customers. (From the York Daily Record, March 5, 2017)

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Anyone who has more information about these photos, or has old photos for future CGAA newsletters, contact Philip Glatfelter at <u>glatfelterph@aol.com</u> or mail to 430 Charles Circle, Hallam PA 17406.



## Casper Glattfelder Association of America Order Form Patio Bricks

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For further information, contact P	hilip Glatfelter at 717-9	68-4577	
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Sweatshirt with coat of arms Light gray S M L XL XXL (add \$3.00)	16.50	5.50					
<b>T-shirt</b> with coat of arms Image: Military green S L XL Image: Red L XL   Image: California blue S M L XL Image: Red L XL	10.00	3.00					
<b>T-shirt</b> (6 different spellings of Glattfelder) Dark green S M PRICE REDUCED   Light blue L Ash gray S L XL Maroon S M L XL	5.00	2.00					
<b>T-shirt</b> (8 different spellings of Glattfelder) Dark green S M L Light Blue XL Red S M L	10.00	3.00					
Baseball cap Red Dark blue Green Black	12.00	3.00					
Ballpoint pen with Glattfelder Reunion & website address   Ruby Sapphire Onyx	.50 3 / \$1	.50					
Crying or sweat towel, white with blue coat of arms, 11" x 17"	5.00	1.00					
<b>Coat of arms</b> , 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 Blue Dark green	2 / \$5 3 / \$6	1.50 2.50					
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Glattfelder emblem (on first page of newsletter) in full color on heavy paper, 5"x 7"	2.00	.50					
Booklet, <b>The Casper Glattfelder Association: The First 100 Years 1906 – 2005</b> by Dr. Charles H. Glatfelter (2005); 39 pages; 8.5" x 11"	7.00	2.00					
Booklet, <b>The Early Glattfelder Family in America: An Overview</b> by Dr. Charles H. Glatfelter (1993); 59 pages; 5.5" x 8.5"	4.00	1.00					
CD, Glattfelders/Glotfeltys Who Served in the Union Armies in the American Civil War by Patrick T. Smith (2013); 297 pages; 8.5" x 11"		1.00					
Book, <b>The Descendants of Casper Glattfelder</b> (1901) and the <b>1910 Supplement</b> by Noah M. Glatfelter MD of St. Louis MO; spiral bound reprint; 160 pages combined		2.50					
Make check payable to: <u>PHILIP GLATFELTER</u>	Grand	Total	\$				

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