



News from the
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2012 Reunion

The 2012 reunion was held July 29 at Heimwald Park, on a beautiful summer day.

Vice President Judy Martin gave opening remarks at 12:30 p.m. and president Rev. J. Thomas Shelley gave the invocation. A wonderful lunch, catered by Gary's Meat Locker, followed.

After lunch, president Shelley welcomed the extended Glattfelder family, and Ricky Glattfelder led everyone in singing the reunion hymn. Rev. Dr. Dennis Gable followed with devotions and the annual memorial service.

Dr. Charles Glattfelder, Historian Emeritus, gave remarks on Glattfelders and the War of 1812. Daniel Glattfelder, 84, served from York County, according to his obituary that appeared in the December 21, 1880, Glen Rock Item newspaper. Dr. Glattfelder's complete speech appears later in this newsletter.

Grant and Sarah Dudney then sang a duet of the "Star Spangled Banner." (The words to our national anthem were written during the War of 1812.)

During the business meeting, Bryan Miller announced the recipients of the \$1000 Glattfelder-Bricker scholarships this year. Four students qualified to renew their scholarships, plus there were two new recipients. Detailed scholarship information appears later in this newsletter.

Vice President Judy Martin presented the 2013 nominees for the Board of Directors. Jean Robinson, Bonnie Flaharty and Pamela Tuscani-Warren, whose terms are expiring, agreed to stand for re-election. New nominees are Donetta D'Innocenzo and Nelson Brenneman. All were elected unanimously.

A proposal to name as Directors Emeriti those who left the board in 2011 - Joann Jones, Dean B. Glattfelder and E. Neil Glattfelder - for their years of faithful service on the board, passed unanimously. Joann and Neil were the first descendants of Solomon to serve as Directors.

Recognition awards were then given out. Janet Glattfelder, 91, from Felton, was the oldest in attendance, and Ethan Miller, 9, was the youngest. Traveling the farthest was Dean Glattfelder from Indiana, and the Registrar's Draw went to Donald Trout, who was attending his first reunion.

Summer Board Meeting

The board met on August 25 at the Smith Homestead in Jacobus, Pa.

President Shelley read a letter from Dr. Charles Glattfelder, history professor at Gettysburg College for 40 years, concerning a possible visit to Glattfelder Hall on the Gettysburg College campus and a tour of the battlefield as part of next year's reunion weekend. Another possibility is that a bus would leave from Glattfelder Station on Saturday morning, tour the Gettysburg battlefield with a guide and return in time for the evening picnic.

The Executive Committee reported that Jean Robinson asked to be relieved of duties as secretary. A

motion to appoint Larry Gladfelter Jr. as secretary passed without dissent. In addition, Bonnie Flaharty was appointed as assistant treasurer/auditor.

A motion was made to keep the remaining current officers, which also passed.

John Gladfelter reported for the Brick Patio Committee. The work of cleaning some discolored bricks and remedying the problem continues. Because this year's brick order arrived late, the cutoff for ordering bricks next year will be moved up to April 1. More on brick orders appears later in this newsletter.

Larry Gladfelter Jr. reported for the Communication Committee that Larry Gladfelter Jr. is working on a new website to replace the current one.

Larry Gladfelter Sr. reported for the Development Committee that he is working on producing a DVD of an interview with Glattfelder descendant Bill Goodling, who served in the U.S. House of Representative from 1975-2001. Larry said he would like to record interviews with other notable relatives. Each DVD would be available for purchase.

Chris Glattfelder gave a report for the Historical Committee. She said that Dr. Charles Glattfelder, Historian Emeritus, would give a lecture on Glattfelders in the Civil War at next year's reunion. Also, a DVD is being planned of Dr. Charles discussing various recollections and historical stories from the Association over the years.

Bryan Miller reported for the Property Committee, and noted that the park looks in good shape. He expects the Boy Scouts to camp out at Heimwald Park again next year, with the service project to be determined. One suggestion was to stain the buildings. Miller also noted that stream bank erosion was taking place and needed to be addressed at some point.

The Reunion Committee reported that most everything went well this year. Attendance was a bit less than last year. The committee was praised for its hard work in making the reunion a success.

Bryan Miller, reporting for the Glattfelder Education Fund, noted that the selection committee's work is done until January, when he will be leaving the board and new leadership will be determined.

In new business, it was noted that the Swiss-American Historical Society, in New Glarus, Wisconsin, received a copy of the Dr. Noah Glattfelder book reprint, along with our latest DVD of Switzerland. Representatives of the society expressed their desire to attend next year's reunion. Larry suggested that Glattfelder DVDs could be offered for sale on the society's website.

War of 1812 Glattfelders

The following text has been adapted from remarks delivered by Historian Emeritus Dr. Charles H. Glattfelder at the reunion in July:

We have perhaps heard it said many times in the past and we may have learned in school many years ago that the United States of America is a citadel of liberty which should have as little as possible to do with the affairs and problems of Europe. But our teachers and their books may have told us something which, at best, was only partly true.

It is only when we begin to dig more deeply into the good evidence that is available, and so easy to ignore, that we begin to understand the 13 colonies in British North America came into existence as the French and British were vying with each other for dominance in Europe. What we were taught in school was something called the inter-colonial wars, beginning in 1689, was in fact the involvement of the British colonies on the east coast of North America in the Anglo-French rivalry.

Once our revolution began, the Americans soon decided that French assistance, military and other, was absolutely needed for American victory. The French were eager to oblige.

The cost of French financial and other help to the Americans certainly helped precipitate the French revolution, which began only a few months after George Washington became president of the United States. Within a few years, Britain and France were actually at war again. Except for several lulls in the fighting, it lasted until 1814.

American presidents tried to prevent this country from becoming involved, but the British and French attacks on vital American shipping and other violations of its neutral rights led Congress to declare war

on Britain in 1812.

The United States was woefully unprepared for war. There were some American victories at sea, but few on land. By March 1814, the allied armies against Napoleon entered Paris and forced him to abdicate. This victory prompted the British to turn their full attention to the Americans, in the hope they could finally put this upstart nation in its place. They hoped to move against Lake Champlain, the Chesapeake Bay and New Orleans.

In August 1814, a British army entered the Chesapeake Bay. On August 24, it seized and burned Washington. Three weeks later, on September 13, it began to bombard Fort McHenry. Not succeeding, a month later, the British left the bay and headed for Jamaica. On December 24, 1814, a treaty signed at Ghent ended the war.

From time to time during the war, Pennsylvania residents joined units formed by enlistment or draft to fight the British on American soil. When the British forces entered the Chesapeake Bay in August 1814, units were formed in York, Adams and neighboring counties to repel them.

Thus far, we have found only one Glatfelter among the veterans of this war. His name was Daniel Glatfelter (1796-1880). In his pension application, he stated that he was drafted into a Pennsylvania militia regiment on or about October 29, 1814, marched to York and mustered into service on the York common. Although his term of service was six months, he was honorably discharged on November 20, 1814. The assault on Fort McHenry had occurred two months before and the British were apparently leaving, but Daniel was told to be ready "if his services were farther wanted." It turned out that they were not.

Years later, Daniel applied for bounty land, which if he received, he did not keep. In 1878, he was awarded a monthly pension of \$8.

Drafted when he was 18, he married Catherine Kling (1796-1872) in 1818. They were the parents of 10 children born between 1820 and 1838. Most of them remained in York County. They married into Miller, Fishel, Messersmith, Mummert, Folkemer, Eyster and Wiest families.

Reporting on his death in its issue of January 21, 1881, the Glen Rock Item stated that he had 43 grandchildren and 51 great-grandchildren, and also that he "was drafted into the U.S. service in the War of 1812, and was a pensioner at the time of his death."

Daniel Glatfelter was a son of Henry Glatfelter (1752-1833) and a grandson of Casper Glattfelder (1709-1775).

Past president remembered

Rev. J. Richard Glatfelter served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Casper Glattfelder Association from 1988 to 2006, and was its President from 1995 until leaving the Board.

Rev. J. Richard suffered a stroke September 26 and never recovered, passing away October 17. A memorial service was held in Lancaster, Pa., November 3, 2012. The following are words delivered by Association President Rev. J. Thomas Shelley at that service:

Rev. J. Richard Glatfelter arrived on the campus of the Lancaster Theological Seminary of the United Church of Christ in 1980, one year before my arrival to begin Master of Divinity studies.

At that time, my interest in family history was at one of its lowest ebbs. We may have had some conversation about my Glattfelder roots, but it is doubtful. Rev. Richard worked in the Development Office and had rather limited contact with the students.

After graduation, we went our separate ways, Rev. Richard remaining in the development office while I went off to my first pastoral assignment. Those new responsibilities pushed my interest in lineage even farther to the background, where it remained until 1988 when my son was born. Ironically, that was also the year when Rev. Richard was elected to the Board of Directors.

Our paths then crossed, nay, converged at the occasion of the 1993 reunion commemorating the 250th anniversary of the arrival of Casper and his family. I attended that reunion sporting the name tag of "Steve" - Dean Glatfelter's son-in-law who had been unable to attend. This caused great confusion to Rev. Richard who had always known me as "Tom."

Two years later, Rev. Richard became President of the Board. Two years later, I was elected to that Board.

It was then that I began to realize that Rev. Richard's greatest talent and gift was the ability to encourage

others to make a gift of their talents and time. Not only was he persuasive in soliciting major donations for the Association, he was able to convince others that he had discerned how their skills might best be used in the work of the Association.

His greatest challenge in that regard was convincing me that I had the suitable gifts and grace - for I surely lack the surname - to succeed him as President. This transition occurred in 2006-2007, at a time of other major transitions in both of our lives. For me, it was the death of my last parent a few weeks before the reunion. For Rev. Richard, it was the major relocation to the retirement community in Monroe, Ohio, with his wife Lee.

But there was to be a yet more difficult transition. Within a few months, Lee had departed this life. It seems like yesterday - how can it be five years - that we were here, in this place, on a November Saturday to commend her to Almighty God.

On that wintry Saturday, God gave me a song. Pastor Bushnell shared a poem he titled "snow angel," describing a moment of childlike simplicity in Lee's later years. As he read that poem, I began to "hear" music to turn it into song. By the spring of 2008, when Rev. Richard was to return to Pennsylvania for his Franklin & Marshall College class reunion, the musical manuscript was in such form that I could present it to him.

But in that process of musical composition, words to a second verse began to emerge ... a perfect testimony to a minister of Word and Sacrament who, in response to God's surpassing gift to us, inspired gifts of gratitude in others:

Death angel, fold your wings
The suppression of our life
Frozen for all seasons
Ends in the Sunrise of love
And His memory soaks in
from the great wine stream of mercy.

Civil War Glattfelders - Information Needed

As most Glattfelder family members know, the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, the "high tide of the Confederacy" during the Civil War, is next year. The family had members in both the North and South armies from many states. We are calling upon you for information on anyone in your family who served in any campaign during the Civil War.

We would like to list the regiment, rank, time served, any special battle or area served for all of those members. Their participation does not have to be connected to the Gettysburg campaign.

The program for July 2013 will be centered on Glattfelders serving in the Civil War, highlighted by the information provided to us about family members. Photographs would be icing on the cake! Anyone interested, please email Jean Robinson at jrobinson2335@comcast.net, mail to 2335 Burkholder Road, Red Lion, PA 17356, or call 717-927-6623.

President's Message

The annual cleanup of Heimwald Park is held on the Saturday morning exactly one week before Reunion Weekend. While the directors themselves provide most of the workforce, they are always grateful for spouses and immediate family members who pitch in, and particularly grateful when these forces are supplemented by former directors and others who don't mind a couple of hours of intense work.

Some years the turnout is slim; other years there are almost more people than available tasks. And some years - like this year - the balance is just about perfect.

This year's cleanup came at the end of three wet days which had brought two and a quarter inches of rain. That rain had supplemented another very sorely needed two inches which had fallen a week before. The over four inches of rain, however, had brought abundant growth to the crabgrass and clover which pushes its way through the brick patio every year.

Most years, the weeds are quickly dispatched through the fine, cutting spray of a power washer

brought by Vice President Judy Martin and her husband, Barry. But this year, an unexpected vehicle breakdown meant that there was no such tool.

So all of the directors and kin hunkered down and began to pull the weeds by hand. The four inches of recent rain proved a tremendous blessing, for the weeds came up easily - in most cases, roots and all. In less than an hour, two wheelbarrow loads had been removed and the patio looked every bit as good as after the normal power washing - with the added benefit that with roots removed, regrowth was much less likely.

As we pulled weeds, we discussed the still unfilled vacancy on the board created by a director not seeking re-election and our difficulty in finding someone to fill that position. There was eager unanimity that I should ask Nelson Brenneman - a descendant of John best known to reunion attendees as the fire policeman with the full beard - and later that day he assented.

The right amount of rain. The right amount of workers. A full slate of nominees.

The entire day was a needed reminder for me of the truth behind Martin Luther's words of explanation of the First Article of the Creed ("I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth") that God "provides richly and daily with all that I need to support this body and life."

Such trust in God providing - as well as preserving and protecting - led Casper and his party to leave home and kindred to brave the stormy Atlantic in a tiny ship. May we have such confidence in our gracious God throughout all of our journeys.

Scholarship Recipients for 2012

Bryan Miller, president of the Glattfelder Education Fund, announced the 2012 recipients of the Nathan Glattfelder and Ives Bricker Scholarship grants at this year's reunion.

Of the six recipients, four are returning students who have met the requirements necessary to continue receiving the scholarship. They are:

Emily Levis, University of Virginia

Katherine Nace, Regent University

Rebecca Glatfelter, University of Maryland-Baltimore County

Michael Schlegelmilch, Lenoir-Rhyne University

The two new recipients are:

Lindy Levis, a sophomore at James Madison University

Sally Trout, a freshman at Lafayette College

Miller congratulated two previous recipients, Andrew Heerman and Lauren Miller, who graduated from Kansas State University and Slippery Rock University, respectively, this past spring.

The 2013 application process begins in January. Candidates may download scholarship applications from the Glattfelder website at www.glattfelder.org in the printable forms section at any time to get started on the application process. If the 2013 applications are not yet updated, simply change the year to 2013 on the form. The deadline dates are the same every year.

Please direct any questions to scholarship@glattfelder.org.

Brick patio

The deadline for ordering new engraved bricks on the patio at Heimwald Park has changed. Due to the supplier's shift of location to manufacture the bricks, the waiting period between ordering and receiving bricks has gone from about three-to-five weeks to about seven-to-nine weeks.

In the past, the deadline for ordering was soon after we sent out the spring newsletter in April. However, April 1 needs to be the new deadline in order to receive bricks in time to have them in place by reunion time. That means that by the time you receive the spring newsletter, the deadline will already be past.

So now is the time to think about ordering those bricks you want placed in honor of, or in memory of, a family member. See the enclosed order form.

Treasurer's note

Donations to the Association are running more than \$600 behind last year's pace. Our costs to maintain our beautiful Heimwald Park run about \$10.00 per day - for insurance, taxes, mowing and general maintenance. Please consider a donation this year to help maintain the park in good condition.

Johannes Glattfelder homestead

The 61.5-acre historic homestead of Casper's son, Johannes (John), is listed for sale with Morgan Collins' Shrewsbury office (717-235-6911). It includes a 10-room brick farmhouse, barn and four-car garage in Dover School District. The asking price is \$750,000 for this piece of Glattfelder history!

2012 Directors

Rev. J. Thomas Shelley – Loganville PA

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Casper Glattfelder Association of America Order Form

Patio Bricks

Name: _____ Date _____

Address: _____
Street Town or City State Zip

Telephone: _____ Email address: _____

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

April 1, 2013 is the mailing deadline for bricks to be placed for the 2013 reunion.

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

Mail to: Dallas L. Smith, 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 _____

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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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Alternatively, you may add yourself to our email list by going to glattfelder.org. Click on Join Our Mailing List, and fill out the online form.

Dr. Noah's book

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