

# News from the Casper Glattfelder Association of America

#### 2023 Reunion

As everyday life returned more to normal, the 118<sup>th</sup> Glattfelder Reunion saw its biggest turnout in recent years, with 119 descending on Heimwald Park at Glatfelters Station. While several recent Reunions featured pleasant, cool conditions, July 29 this year was more typically hot for July – few seemed to mind.

After the wonderful two-part program, "The Glattfelders and Their Patents," presented by Harry Gladfelter and including numerous fascinating speakers, this year's program was "The Glattfelders and Their Art." Again presented by Harry and featuring several more speakers, it easily rivaled the previous two.

After reunion-goers arrived and settled in, the program began with Harry giving an overview of the more than 30 artists he uncovered, including painters, sculptors, illustrators and wood carvers.

Those participating in person included Julia Glatfelter, a mixed media and sculptural installation artist; Todd Gladfelter, a wood carving artist, and his wife Cindy Ross, an author and illustrator; their son, Bryce Gladfelter, an artist and illustrator; artist Charlynne Hershey Tuscany; and artist and graphic designer Cathy Clodfelter.

More on the program appears later in the Newsletter.

The program was followed by two business meetings, which were called to order by President Thomas Shelley.

First, a Directors Meeting, with 16 of 17 attending, was called for public affirmation of an email vote taken previously to adopt the proposed amended bylaws of the Casper Glattfelder Association of America, a 501(c)(7) corporation. The motion passed unanimously. Number 67: November 2023

President Shelley adjourned that meeting, then called to order the Reunion Business Meeting.

The minutes from the 2022 Meeting, which were reviewed by the Board in August 2022, were approved.

Vice President Judy Martin, reporting for the Nominating Committee, said that all the directors up for re-election agreed to three-year terms: Bonnie Baim, Dean Gladfelter, Harry Gladfelter, Larry Gladfelter Jr., Chris Glatfelter and Philip Glatfelter. They were approved unanimously. President Shelley remarked that this was the fifth consecutive year that all the directors up for reelection were willing to serve additional threeyear terms, for which he was grateful.

Tom called for a motion to accept the revised Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Casper Glattfelder Association of America, which was made by Melvin Glotfelty, seconded by Alvin Glatfelter and passed unanimously. Tom noted that under the new Bylaws, the descendants of John Peter are also now permitted to make motions and to vote in the proceedings. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Ben Miller gave an update on the status of the Nathan Glattfelder and Ives Bricker Scholarship. More on scholarship opportunities appears later in the Newsletter.

After prizes were given, the business meeting was adjourned about 4 p.m. This year, thanks to generous Reunion sponsorships and in-kind donations, the price for the meal was rolled back to 2007 levels. Glattfelder family members served barbeque sandwiches or hot dogs; potato salad, macaroni salad or cole slaw (choice of one); and drinks. Ice cream and Auntie Anne's soft pretzels were also available. After dinner, family members were able to talk, mingle, purchase merchandise and the like.

Notable this year was a good-sized number of new attendees.

#### Summer Board meeting

The meeting was held August 26 at Heimwald Park, with 10 Directors present, five attending via Zoom and one by conference call. The meeting was called to order by President Tom Shelley and opened in prayer at 10:02 a.m.

Among the correspondence, Director Larry Gladfelter Jr. reported on a message to the website in April from Robert May, who was trying to join SAR based on the descent of a daughter (Sarah Ann) of Frederick (1785-1845). Jutta Creager, whose husband Harold is a Glattfelder descendant and has been of great help to the Association in numerous ways, was able to supply information to Robert.

• On July 5, Edith Glattfelder sent an email concerning the castle in Eglisau. More on this later in the Newsletter.

• On July 29, Larry emailed family across the pond including Edith and Teddy Glattfelder, Henry Glattfelder, Jean-Pierre Glattfelder, Koni Ulrich and Sandra Glattfelder, with greetings from the United States and some information on this year's Reunion. He noted an example of our Swiss artistic talent is Edith and her Easter eggs. Larry noted someone inquired whether the Easter eggs would be sold at the Reunion. He sent the group a copy of the program presentation.

Edith soon responded, thanking Larry and wishing us a successful reunion and sending greetings from Glattfelden. They had some guests from the United States, Sheila and Garrett, who are descendants of John Peter, and later from a Washington Glodfelter. Their trip included a "Best of Switzerland Tour." They were also to visit Stein am Rhein, Eglisau and, of course, Glattfelden.

• On July 30, Sandra wrote to thank Larry for the update on the reunion and expressing her hope of one year joining us. She also saw the Facebook post in regard to the Easter eggs and said she might host an Easter egg workshop at a future Reunion. She said it is a very traditional artisan way by the Swiss farmers of doing the eggs and that she'd have to investigate how far back the tradition goes. "But I would not be surprised if these techniques were already used in the times of Caspar Glattfelder!"

Sandra also said her parents would be hosting another John Peter descendant from Alabama and would show them around the beautiful countryside along the river Rhine and Glattfelden.

Sandra was unable to be there since she was on another historical trip in the UK, following in the path of authors Jane Austen and Shakespeare.

Larry pointed out that we have had many relatives visit Glattfelden from the United States and they have been well looked after.

• In other correspondence, Harry informed us that he had heard from artist Rachael Gladfelter, who shared her updated bio information, and to whom Harry sent a copy of the presentation. He noted that he had sent a copy of the presentation to all the artists that he included in the presentation.

• Phil shared that he had received a number of calls from Philip Gladfelter, son of longtime director Dr. Millard Gladfelter, from Washington State. Philip contributed \$225 to the Dr Charles H. Glatfelter Scholarship fund as a memorial gift in honor of his brother.

Minutes from the May meeting and Reunion were accepted unanimously. Tom commented on the gavel he was using -- Thor's Hammer – that belonged to his grandfather, Wilbur Gladfelter Baker. Wilbur was given the gavel upon his retirement from 16 years of public service as president of the school board for the City of York.

Treasurer Bonnie Flaharty said there was a larger profit so far this year due to sponsorships and rental income of \$150. There was about an \$800 profit from the reunion, which could be attributed to the great generosity of Connie Miller, who catered the meal and asked for little reimbursement. The Financial Report was approved unanimously.

Rick Gladfelter reported on our investments, which stand at nearly \$80,000. We receive about \$1,000 of interest annually. The goal, shared previously by the Board of Directors, is an Endowment Fund of \$100,000, which would require an increase in the S&P 500 of 41% with no further withdraws.

The Education Fund investments stand at \$135,432. Rick suggested that we should have a balance of \$150,000 to be able to continue funding the scholarships.



A new roof was put on the Armand Gladfelter maintenance building this fall.

From the Executive Committee, all officers agreed to continue to serve and were approved unanimously. Tom noted that he had presided over 34 meetings in his tenure as president and was congratulated for his service.

Phil reported for the Brick Patio Committee. This was one of the largest orders for bricks in recent years, with 44. The company fulfilled the order in two weeks and the bricks were placed well in advance of the Reunion.

For the Communications Committee, Larry reported that the Reunion Newsletter was sent out via USPS and an email notification was sent on June 13 and posted on Facebook. The email was sent to 526 subscribers, with 304 opens.

The website committee met June 12 via Zoom. Harry has been in touch with Holly Burns, who, along with her husband, will take a look at our site. Pamela Tuscany shared that the website contributes to the growth of the association.

The Archive scanning project was put on hold. It was questioned whether the time and effort needed was something we wish to continue. And to continue, further assistance, both in manpower and financially, will be required.

For the Historical Committee, Phil reported that a cabinet used to store some larger items in our Archives at the York County History Center needs to be moved. The History Center will be moving into a new building soon, but will have limited space for some items, including the cabinet. Jean and Phil, with some help from Dean, moved the cabinet to the Refreshment Stand/Historical Building at Heimwald Park in October.

For the Property Committee, Tom reported that for the first time in about a decade, we had a rental, by the Tyson Family. One of the family members, a Mr. Bowman, was the Heimwald superintendent years ago. Ben was thanked for his trips to Heimwald to facilitate in the usage.

The Armand Gladfelter building roof was to be fixed. An acquaintance of

Rick's, Darylton Staley, provided the least expensive quote and performed the job, which was completed in October.

In May, several Board members met with Dave Shoop, head of landscaping at Kinsley Construction. Dean had proposed a tree project, and Dave provided guidance for that and other park issues.



Director Dean Gladfelter's proposed tree project came to fruition with planting of 40 Thuja Green Giant Arborvitae in October. This is what they will eventually look like.

Dean presented his proposal, offering to buy 40 Thuja Giant trees 2- to 3-feet tall. With assistance, he planned to plant them in the fall and maintain the trees for one year, watering, mulching and fertilizing them. That planting was also completed in October.

Another tree project, suggested by Dave, is one that would help with drainage in the amount of \$4,890.60. After some discussion, that proposal was tabled until the January meeting.

Tom stated that we had the best Reunion attendance since the WWII presentation with 119. He expressed appreciation to the Miller family for the wonderful and delicious food. They did a fantastic job!! We had sufficient and it was tasty!!

Tom and Rick were both at a recent gathering where a gentleman provided song for three hours. It was suggested we look into him performing for us at the next Reunion.

Next year's reunion theme will be remembering our longtime historian, Dr. Charles H. Glatfelter, who would have turned 100 on May 11, 2024. Phil, Dr. Charles' son, suggested a twoday reunion, including a bus trip to Gettysburg. Plans will be worked out over the coming months.

For the Education Fund, all is going well, Ben reported. He is ready to request and issue checks. See the section on Scholarships later in the Newsletter.

In continuing business, a family trip to Glattfelden and River Cruise is largely filled and Rick suggested that we ask Deb Krebs, our family's travel agent, to give the association a bus-train tour option. Deb informed us that a minimum of 16 would be needed for that option. Check our website for updates.

Phil noted that it was a successful day for merchandise sales at the Reunion.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:30 p.m.

#### "The Glattfelders and Their Art"

After the marvelous two-part program, "The Glattfelders and Their Patents," what could be done for an encore?

Well, Director Harry Gladfelter, during his extensive research for the "Patents" program, continued to uncover Glattfelders in other areas of endeavor. And that led to this year's program, "The Glattfelders and Their Art." Harry did another fantastic job with a subject that could also have easily been held over two Reunions. The Power Point presentation and amazing artists in attendance provided a wonderful look at our talented relatives.

Among what Harry found were nearly 30 living artists, including painters, potters, muralists, textile weavers, sculptors, cartoonists, illustrators, wood carvers and designers. He found six legacy artists who made a significant contribution to the world of art and are still recognized today for their works and careers.

Joining us at the Reunion were:

• Julia Glatfelter, a mixed media and sculptural installation artist from Alexandria, Va.

Julia, daughter of John Glatfelter, one of our "Patent" program presenters, grew up in southeastern Pennsylvania. The family regularly visited the Brandywine River Museum, "home of the Wyeths." After graduating from Gordon College in Beverly, Mass., with a BA in studio art and art education, she teaches art and makes art near the Potomac River in northern Virginia.

"My art practice is a trail of places I've been and the people I've been with," she related in the presentation. "Through the use of limited color and breathable space, I invite viewers to see the truth of things that have happened to me and perhaps to them too."

• Todd Gladfelter, a wood-carving artist, and his wife Cindy Ross, an author and illustrator, from New Ringgold, Pa.

Todd is a chainsaw artist whose works are known at numerous carving events. He has been a champion of the Mid-Atlantic National Chainsaw Competition for several years and has received awards as "The Best in Show" at national carving competitions.

Cindy is an award-winning author who wrote a book on their experience of building their log home together. She has written nine books on hiking the Appalachian Trail and has hiked its entire 2,081 miles

Todd and Cindy continue to live in their log home in the mountains of Schuylkill County, where they raised two children, who are now grown.

Unfortunately, Todd suffered a very serious accident in early 2022 and is paralyzed. Through the love of his family and friends and the many

folks in the healthcare field, Todd has made remarkable progress in his recovery.

• Bryce Gladfelter, an artist and illustrator and son of Todd and Cindy.

Bryce has a bachelor of fine arts in graphic design from the Tyler School of Art at Temple University. He is an illustrator specializing in label design, editorial and book illustration. He does illustrations for Lancet Global Health, which is a world organization that specializes in health publications related to disadvantaged populations.

Besides Lancet Global Health, Bryce does illustrations for many books, magazines and other publications. He's also done many labels for craft breweries for cans, bottles and boxes. And his work can be found on custom Gilson snowboards used in Olympic competition

• Charlynne Hershey Tuscany, an artist from York County, Pa., presently living in Florida.

Charlynne is an artist who specializes in textiles. She spins her own yarn and then weaves fabric on a hand loom to form artistic creations, some practical like hats and scarves, and others like wall art.

Charlynne has two spinning wheels from the York County area, one made circa 1830-1840 by German immigrants of mahogany wood. It's fully operational and in very good condition.

• Cathy Clodfelter, a fine artist and graphic designer from Georgia.

Cathy specializes in corporate identity and logo design, print design and illustration. She also does portraits and paintings in many mediums, and is the creator and owner of myartplane.com.

Her website is not only about art. Cathy also uses her passion for data to help small businesses design ads and do things necessary to expand their online sales. An example is a small RV parts company that she helped to grow sales to \$8 million in three years.

Cathy is married to Kevin Clodfelter, who is a descendant of Casper's brother, John Peter.

Among the featured artists who were not in attendance was Allen Gladfelter, who lives in Boise, Idaho, and is a cartoonist, game artist and charter designer for Fat Rascal Games. He has played a key role in producing a series of highquality animated cartoons for web and broadcast media.

Clients he's worked with include Disney, Pixar, Dreamworks and Marvel Comics. He's done creative production artwork, concept and production storyboards and marketing illustration for Microsoft, Cisco, T-Mobile, Kellogg's and other notable brands. His many publications include Sony's Hotel Transylvania, Disney/Pixar's World of Cars and Dreamworks' Penguins of Madagascar. He received the Associated Press Award for Cartoons (Editorial/Political).

Raine Clotfelter joined the Navy in 1983 and in 1984 was selected out of all applicants to become an illustrator draftsman. He served aboard the USS Newport, USS Shenandoah and with three different Admiral Staffs. In Iraq, he worked in Naval Security where he created artwork to support the Naval Criminal Investigative Services (NCIS) and other commands.

Raine, who lives with his wife Tricia in Branson, Mo., is known as America's Muralist. His murals have a patriotic theme which stems from his career in the Navy. His work has been featured on YouTube, TV news and in multiple newspapers and publications. As a Naval Historian Artist, he has created many military, historical and patriotic works of art all over the United States.

In his civilian life, Raine has worked for many prestigious companies such as Disney, Columbia Pictures and Time Warner, and has designed album covers for many famous country music celebrities.

Gretchen Shaffer Ebright learned many of her artistic abilities from her mother, Maxine Shaffer, who is a cousin of former Association President J. Richard Glatfelter. Gretchen is a painter working mostly in acrylics on canvas and wood, and also an educator who has taught painting classes in her mother's studio in York.

Gretchen is also a self-taught pyrographer, the art of burning designs into wood by hand. She owns Hickory Art Co. and her work can be found in local shops and on Instagram. She also owns Two Or More Gather, an Etsy shop, where she creates and designs mugs, tote bags and other items with a faith-based and inspirational theme.

Gretchen is also owner of Doodle Dog Designs, where she has written and illustrated several children's picture books that are available on Amazon.

Georgia Vaudene Glotfelty (1925-2021) was one of the legacy artists, with her son Marvin Glotfelty talking about her and his father. Georgia was born in the upstairs of an adobe building that previously served as the Fort Verde officers' quarters in Camp Verde, Ariz., which is now a state historical museum. She was a great artist who composed over 100 paintings of mostly western scenes.

Her family were pioneers who made their way into the Arizona Territory in the early 1890s.

And Mary Ann Glatfelter (1929-1975) was the wife of former Association President Rev. J. Richard Glatfelter and mother of Holly Glatfelter Burns, one of our artists.

Mary Ann Glatfelter's development as an artist began as a 15-year-old. In 1965, she received first honorable mention in the statewide "Old Mills of Pennsylvania" exhibit at York College. From 1966-1972, she was a student of Paul Childlaw, a famous abstract impressionist.

After refusing opportunities for shows during the last three years of life, Mary Ann arranged for one at the Promenade Gallery just four days before her death. After her death, her family decided to go ahead with the show, "because she would've wanted it."

This report highlights our artist relatives from this year's marvelous program. For a more indepth PDF version, go to our website, www.glattfelder.us/en/reunions.html.

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



Our beloved Heimwald Park is a place of beauty in every season of the year. Most of us only see it during mid-summer when the pavilions are surrounded by blooming flowers and flanked by full-leafed trees in many shades of green.

In recent years, the Directors have been blessed to see its springtime beauty, thanks to holding their May meeting in the park. At that time, the stone-walled spring house is flanked by lavender rhododendrons in full bloom.

I was delighted to experience the park's autumn beauty in late October when visiting to inspect the newly re-roofed "Armand" utility shed and to view the freshly planted rows of arborvitae, gift of Director Dean Gladfelter, which will, after many years of growth, form a screen of green along the edge of the driveway as well as along the western edge of the grassy area to the south of the pavilion.

The beautiful surprise was to view the pavilion framed by trees beginning to reach their peak color; especially the tree closest to the brick patio. Its leaves were forming a veritable color palette, ranging from dark orange at its top through lighter shades until reaching yellow-green closer to the ground.

While not "our dear old family tree" praised in song by the Reunion Hymn, this particular tree provides a fitting reminder of the almost miraculous ultimate "expansion of Beaver Dam" (to borrow the title of a long ago Reunion presentation by the late Dr. Charles Glatfelter).

For this beautiful tree is a Sweet Gum, a tree not native to Penn's woods but very common in the American south, especially tidewater Virginia and the Carolinas — the same lands where many of John Peter Glatfelter's descendants found their home and flourished.

John Peter and his descendants were essentially unknown to Dr. Noah Glatfelter and to the organizers of the first Reunion. It was not an intentional omission, but a statement made in ignorance that this organization was named solely for Casper, whose descendants alone were permitted to become members.

Through the years, we became more and more aware of our mostly southern cousins. That awareness grew with the "Civil War" Reunion of 2013 and culminated four years later with a Reunion program dedicated to John Peter and his descendants. It was increasingly clear that the omission of this branch of our family from membership and leadership was intolerable.

For two years, a committee of the Directors labored to update our Charter of Incorporation and Bylaws. Chief among the changes was to broaden the definition of membership to include the descendants of John Peter. The revised document was approved in May of this year -- literally in the shadow of that Sweet Gum tree -- but it was also decided to call a special meeting of the Directors at the start of the Reunion Business meeting so that all in attendance could appreciate the mind of the board.

The special meeting convened, and the Directors' vote on the revised governing documents was unanimous. What followed next was nothing short of miraculous: The entire assembly also voiced its unanimous approval. No negative votes. No audible abstentions. Pure unanimity of purpose ... a consensus which not even the Roman College of Cardinals is able to attain when electing a new Pope.

All who were there should cherish that moment, for such concord might well be a once-in-a-lifetime occurrence. And certainly our "dear old family tree" was blessed to witness a fulfillment of the words written by King David the Psalmist:

*O how good and pleasant it is when brethren dwell together in unity.* (Psalm 133:1)

-- Tom Shelley

To view the Newsletter photos in color, go to our website, www.glattfelder.org.

## **MERCHANDISE SPECIAL**

Here's a special package deal of Glattfelder merchandise:

1 embroidered golf shirt w/pocket, in large and extra large (\$21, incl. shipping) 1 8-spelling t-shirt, in all sizes (small to

2XL; \$15, incl. shipping; \$19 for 2XL)

1 water bottle (\$8, incl. shipping)

1 static cling (\$3, incl. shipping)

1 pen (\$1.75, incl. shipping)

Regular price: \$48.75; \$53.75 with 2XL t-shirt

Special price: \$38; \$43 with 2XL t-shirt Call Philip at 717-968-4577 for available

#### Here is one in a set of six plates in the Glattfelder Archives that are now up for sale. Cost is \$12 per plate, plus shipping and handling, or \$60 for the set, plus s/h. See the Merchandise List or contact Philip Glatfelter for more information.

### Merchandise

We've been selling Glattfelder merchandise for more than 30 years, both as a way to raise funds and to offer our relatives ways to show and share their heritage.

The task of buying and selling merchandise has always been something of a hit-or-miss venture. Looking for items to add to our current list and trying to determine the interest they'll generate while keeping them cost-effective is a balancing act. So we're always looking for suggestions.

Last year at this time, we no longer had Glattfelder mugs in supply, which included the eight spelling variations, the Glattfelder logo and the website address. We have since replenished the supply, though only in one of the previous colors, dark blue.

As the holidays approach, wouldn't a Glattfelder mug, golf shirt or spelling t-shirt make a nice Christmas present? Or send out some Glattfelder cheer with Christmas cards featuring the Homestead.

Or maybe the newest item on the list: H.I. Gladfelter's Journal. The book is an interesting account by H.I., who grew up during the Civil War and was involved in numerous occupations,



including cigar-maker, teaching and banking during the Great Depression.

See the Merchandise List for these and other items. Call Philip at 717-968-4577 or email to <u>glatfelterph@aol.com</u> with questions.

Or maybe the accompanying special offer will catch your eye.

-- Philip Glatfelter

#### The CGAA archives

The archives of the Casper Glattfelder Association of America have had their share of travels. They will soon be moving from their current home at the York County History Center to the YCHC's new facility.

The move to the YCHC was deemed to be the archives' last. Most items will remain with the YCHC, but in a new place. As noted earlier, though, we were requested to limit the number of items moved. So Historical Committee members Philip Glatfelter and Jean Robinson transported our large cabinet to Heimwald Park last month, with YCHC's Nicole Smith among others helping with loading and Director Dean Gladfelter lending a hand unloading at the park.

Several items now have their home at the park while some of more importance and needing protection from the elements will remain at the History Center.

Any Glattfelder descendant interested in the Archives can contact the Association and we can help to access our important pieces of history.

#### News and notes

• Our friend in Glattfelden, Switzerland, Koni Ulrich, passed along an article he wrote for Der Glattfelder newspaper, entitled, Swiss American Lunch in Church Garden, From Memphis to Glattfelden: A journey back to the root seven generations:

Although Wendy Welter Meyers has lost the Glattfelder name over the seven generations since her ancestor Hans Rudolf Glattfelder, her roots still lead to the village. The latter emigrated to America as a child in 1743 with his uncle Casper Glattfelder.

Both at lunch in the church garden and in front of the newly opened water wheel, Wendy and her husband Brent felt very welcome in the community of Glattfelden, their "homeland."

The retired couple traveled from the Elvis Presley town of Memphis, Tennessee. The company that gathered in the church garden for lunch included visitors from America as well as "real" Glattfeld people.

The Eastern Swiss group from Glattfelden with five people (Teddy and Edith and daughter Sandra from Weiningen, and Teddy's brother Andy with his wife Marti from Schaffhausen, all still with civil rights in Glattfelden) had already taken care of their distant relatives in the morning (Wendy is a cousin 8th degree to Teddy and Andy) and showed them the medieval town of Stein am Rhein, the Rhine Falls and also Eglisau, where it is estimated that their ancestors left to emigrate to the USA in the 18th century.

In Glattfelden itself, an idea from Pastor Käthi Rechsteiner's partner, Andreas, had previously emerged. "Instead of going to an inn as usual, could we cook something small for everyone in our garden in this summer weather?"

An organizing committee, including Mayor Marco Dindo, doesn't need to be told twice. On Saturday at 1 p.m., Zurich sliced meat was served with two different sauces and a mixed salad. Edith had brought the dessert, homemade Swiss Chocolat Brownies and Thurgau strawberries, much to the good of the company.

**Same roots nine generations ago:** Andreas Rechsteiner then showed the Americans the interior of the church, enriched with an impressive song, which he himself sang on the gallery, accompanied by his guitar.

Wendy learned that her ancestors around Casper Glattfelder had been baptized and married here in the 18th century before they started their journey overseas.

Two things were special this time: Sandra Glattfelder explained the common family tree. Both the traces of her own clan and those of Wendy's family in the ninth generation go back to Casper's grandfather and his brother Hans Peter. Grandfather Felix lived from 1632 to 1709.

Casper (1709-1772) was on the ship in 1743 with his sister-in-law Salome Glattfelder-Amberg and their four children. Salome's husband and Casper's brother, Hans Peter (1700-1742, Wendy's great-great-great-great-grandfather) had tragically died in the Rhine near Basel the year before during a first attempt to emigrate.

As a second amazing fact, Andreas Rechsteiner pointed to a tombstone hanging in the nave. The pastor who was immortalized there was the one who worked in the local church before the Glattfeld families emigrated.

Water wheel and wooden bridge: After lunch together, the company moved to the Hundig to marvel at the recently inaugurated and largest water wheel in Europe. There, after the previous festivities and guided tours, a few people from Glattfeld enjoyed the end of the festivities, where foreign visitors were happy to join, regardless of the language barrier.

Almost like 30 years ago, a large group of Americans drove up by bus and happened to arrive for the three-day village festival. After returning to the village, the guests marveled at the gray house of the Gottfried Keller Center and took a short walk to the wooden bridge.

The obligatory group picture rounded out the day. By the way, according to the Casper Glattfelder Association website, www.glattelder.us, a trip to Europe is advertised for September 2024.

• For the first time in many years, Heimwald Park was rented out to a family, the Tysons, for a reunion.

While perusing through our Archives recently, I came across a financial report for 1969. That year, our park was rented out no less than 15 times, garnering a whopping \$162 – the fee was either \$8 or \$15.

One of the park's neighbors, a Mrs. Redding, was paid \$3 for each of the gatherings for cleanup.

The net for the rentals for the year was \$99.

As has been mentioned in the past, there has been a back-and-forth about renting the park. As our family knows, Heimwald is a wonderful setting; using it just once a year, as was pointed out by at least a few Directors in the past, seems a bit of a waste. On the other hand, issues in the past, along with readying the park for use, led to the decision to no longer have rentals.

It remains an ongoing topic.

• In July, a message and photos sent through our website from Edith Glattfelder tell of a reason for Casper's decision to come to America. Here is the message:

Dear family members,

Here an ancient picture from the castle of Eglisau, the neighbors village from Glattfelden.

It was built at the 12th century from the "Freiherren von Tengen." They owned also the land along the "River Glatt," also at Glattfelden.

The population had to pay them taxes for the "fields" along the Glatt. Later, the castle and the land was sold several times. The last owner was "Salomon Landolt." He bought it in 1795 and lived there till 1845.

Even the families "Glattfelder" had to pay high taxes. At that time "Glattfelden" was a village of mostly farmers. They had many children and not enough land to feed their big families. That was also a reason why many families were leaving their homeland and villages. Also dryness or over floatings of their land which makes the plants not growing. People are getting more and more poor and jobless.

That was also a reason why Hanspeter and Caspar Glattfelder emigrated with their families. Another reason was the possibility that the jung mans had to go to foreign military service. At that time were several wars in and around Switzerland. Many families are looking for a better and peacefully life.

Eglisau was the place with a small harbour where the families started their journey on the River Rhine in flat built wooden boats, named "Nauen." It was difficult and risky, nobody knows to swim, that's why Hanspeter died when he drowned in the water short before they arrived in Basel. The rest of the story you know better than me

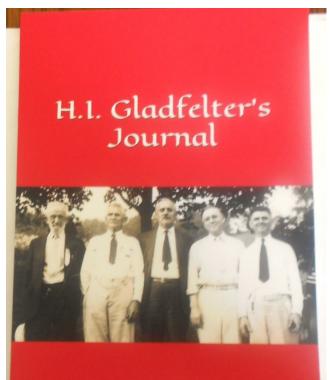
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I am so sorry my English knowledge are not perfect. I hope you will understand it!

Liebe Grüsse

Edith Glattfelder and family

• It was noted several times in past Newsletters, but now the publishing of H.I.'s Journal has been completed.



# Autobiography of Harry I. Gladfelter

Director Philip Glatfelter edited H.I.'s somewhat rough copy, telling of his life, including growing up in the Seven Valleys-Hanover Junction area during the Civil War, school days and professions from cigar-making to banker during the Great Depression.

It was an endeavor long in the minds of the Board but is now a reality. The book is available through us for \$13, including shipping/handling, or on Amazon.com.

• In September 2024, a group of Glattfelders will be going on a 10-day trip that will include a visit to Glattfelden.

In preparation for my first trip across the Atlantic, I went to the U.S. Post Office in East York to apply for my first passport. While waiting outside the door to the section of the post office where I would apply, I noticed a plaque which I had seen before that had a list of all the postmasters. One was Ernest S. Glatfelter, who held the position from 1962-1963.

Ernest was a CGAA Director from 1932-1966, vice president and secretary from 1935-1945, and president from 1945-1966.

Interestingly enough, the woman who took care of my application said a new postmaster had recently been hired but had yet to start. He is not another Glattfelder (at least not by name).

• I had been in contact with a Doris Yeager, who was living in Waynesboro, Pa., a year or two ago. Her name was very familiar, one that my father, our longtime historian Dr. Charles H. Glatfelter, would mention from time to time. Our conversation was initiated by some questions she had about purchasing bricks and soon led to our Association, our Reunions and Dad.

Her name popped up again earlier this year when our program presenter the past three years, Harry Gladfelter, told me about someone he had a long conversation with and then sent him a copy of a newspaper article. He later passed the article along to me

In Doris' letter, she related some of her background, including teaching art, creative writing and speech, and that she is a past member of Alpha Delta Kappa.

The article she passed along, a story of which we had touched on in our conversation, was most interesting. It was in regard to the Montgomery Little League, which was formed in 1946. Montgomery is located less than 15 miles from Williamsport, home of the Little League World Series.

The headline reads, "Montgomery has the world's oldest operating Little League charter," and the story relates that it was the second charter granted. Among the original founders were William Grove, Roy Koons, Horace "Lefty" Lovelace, among others. The list began with Dorsey Claudfelter, a great-great-great-greatgrandson of Casper Glattfelder.

Dorsey's name is on one of the bricks Dorsey ordered and provides one of the least familiar Glattfelder name variations.

Back to the story: The charter was granted in 1946. Dorsey was manager of one of Montgomery's four Little League teams. The four teams had their own version of the LL World Series, but in 1947, a tournament was held, including numerous teams from the Williamsport area, along with one from New Jersey. As the article states, "It became known as the Little League World Series."

Two side notes to Doris' story: During our conversation, upon my asking, Doris related that her husband, Henry "Butch" Yeager, was a distant relative of Chuck Yeager, an Air Force pilot who was the first pilot confirmed to have exceeded the speed of sound. Second, the Little League story is just one of many we've come across over the years of Glattfelders in sports. Uh, perhaps a future Reunion program.



This photo of a barn supposedly built by one of Casper Glattfelder's sons, Solomon Glotfelty, near Salisbury, Pa., was sent to the CGAA by Gretchen Ebright.

• One of our feature artists in this year's program was Gretchen Shaffer Ebright of Wrightsville, Pa. Gretchen offered mugs she designed with a Glattfelder motif. At one point of our correspondence, Gretchen sent this:

I am enclosing some photos I took the other day. Someone stopped in at the Olde Bedford Village where my sister works and they got to talking, and discovered they are both descendants of Casper. This woman is a Glotfelty. She is descended from Casper's son who moved to the western part of the state (Solomon, I believe?).

She told her of a barn that still stands that was built by him. She gave some general directions to get there, near Salisbury, Pa. We were in Deep Creek Lake on vacation, about 45 minutes away, so we took a drive and found it.

Sadly, it needs some major work. So frustrating it wasn't looked after by the owners of the land over the years.

You may know of this barn already, but wanted to share my photos. It was really awesome to see in person.

Thanks Gretchen. While we know something about Solomon and his travels to the western Pa.northern Maryland area, I don't believe we knew of the barn. As can be seen in the above photo, it certainly has not been cared for.

-- *Philip Glatfelter* 

#### Brick patio

The success of the Brick Patio continues to be a source of pride and amazement. This year's order was one of the largest in years, with 44 bricks placed well ahead of the Reunion. As always, some were replacements for death dates or damage, but many were new orders.

The Association was facing a potential issue with this year's order. It was learned by Director Bonnie Baim that the owner of the most recent company we dealt with, Olde Mill Impressions, located near Dillsburg, York County, passed away in the winter. Bonnie lives a short distance from the business.

Philip Glatfelter, who heads the Brick Patio Committee, along with other directors, began checking on other options. Before long, though, Phil found notification on the company's website that it would be up and running soon, under the owner's sons.

One never knows what a change in ownership will mean, though this one stayed in the family, and we had become accustomed to the great service by Olde Mill. Much to our delight, that service was as good, if not even better, under the new owners. The orders were filled in 2-3 weeks, and we even were able to add a few late orders, which were completed in plenty of time for the Reunion.

We anticipate this wonderful relationship to continue.

As a reminder: Any Glattfelder descendant wishing to place a brick for a spouse may do so.

The deadline for ordering bricks for next year's Reunion is May 17. Cost remains \$75 (see enclosed order form).

For more information, contact Philip Glatfelter at 430 Charles Circle, Hallam, PA 17406, 717-968-4577 or <u>glatfelterph@aol.com.</u>

#### **Scholarships**

The Nathan Glattfelder and Ives Bricker Scholarship was established through a bequest by Charles A. Bricker, who passed away in 1993. Due to his generosity, a total of \$123,750 has been awarded to 54 descendants of the Glattfelder family since 1995.

This year, we received a total of 14 applications. The applicants were outstanding in both academic and community endeavors.

The Glattfelder Education Fund is pleased to report the following recipients of the Nathan Glattfelder and Ives Bricker Scholarship. Each will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship for the 2023-2024 academic year.

> ✤ Daniel Diaz Butler, a second-year recipient, is carrying a 3.38 GPA as he enters his sophomore year at Purdue University. He is enrolled in the engineering program in pursuit of a career in aerospace engineering. Expected grad year is 2026.

 Owen Strickler is a sophomore mechanical engineering major at Penn State University. He is carrying a 4.0 GPA.
 Expected grad year is 2026.

 Jenna Hockenbury Miranda is a junior civil engineering major at Florida Gulf Coast University. Her current GPA is 4.0. Expected grad year is 2025.

Andrew Gable is an entering freshman business major at the University of Maryland. His high school GPA was 3.88. Expected grad year is 2027.

We congratulate these students on their achievements and extend best wishes to these and

all our college-bound family for a successful academic year.

Applications can be requested from the website anytime throughout the year. Prospective students should start early to complete the process by the April 1 deadline for the 2024-25 academic year. We especially encourage those who have applied in the past to continue to submit their application annually.

Information about other family-related scholarships is available on our website. That includes The Dr. Charles H. Glatfelter Scholarship, set up through the Adams County Community Foundation, and The Larry and Lois Gladfelter Endowed Scholarship.



This year's Dr. Charles H. Glatfelter Scholarship winner, Amanda Malone (second from right), poses at the tombstone of her great-great-great grandfather, Jonas Glotfelty, with, from left, Rebecca Malone, Brendan Malone and Katherine Flenner Malone.

This year's recipient of the Dr. Charles H. Glatfelter Scholarship was Amanda Malone, Wilmington Christian School. Amanda sent a nice thank you card to Chris and Phil, including background on her Glattfelder lineage.

"I really enjoyed learning about Casper Glatfelter and my Glotfelty ancestors. My family and I even traveled to Garrett County, Maryland, to visit the home of my 3x great grandfather, Jonas Glotfelty. The home is now a bed and



Members of the Jonas Glotfelty family: Front row, from left, Brison (1875-1949), Orpha Glotfelty Wilson (1882-1960) and George (1876-1935); back row, Sadie Glotfelty Wilson (1880-1944), Rose Alice Glotfelty Delawder (1868-1951), Jonas (1844-1942), Effie May Glotfelty Weimer (1871-1953) and Ruth Glotfelty Brenneman (1878-1971).

breakfast called the Lake Pointe Inn and is on the shore of Deep Creek Lake."

For information on this scholarship, visit our Association website for a link or go to the ACCF website (www.adamscountycf.org).

#### Defraying the cost

The mission of the Casper Glattfelder Association of America is to maintain Heimwald Park and hold the annual Reunion. It is a task taken up the Association's first 17 Directors in 1906 and has continued for those who have followed.

The cost of doing so has obviously changed over the years. Today, it costs about \$12,000 to meet our goals, from maintenance to taxes to Reunion costs. Special projects, such as fixing the roof on the Armand Gladfelter maintenance shed this year, add to the total. In recent years, the Board deemed it necessary to raise Reunion prices.

But at last year's Reunion, Director Rick Gladfelter offered a proposal that would cut those prices for Reunion-goers. Rather than depending upon the charity of a few, we sought sponsors to reduce the price, which we were able to do.

The call for sponsors continues.

The goal is to raise several thousand dollars each year. Deadline will be April 30, and the CGAA Board members will then be able to determine the "meal charge" for the Reunion. Sponsors' names will be included each year in the Reunion program.

Levels include:

- Founder Sponsors of the Casper Platinum Award: Contribute \$700 or more equivalent to 35 meals and receive six complimentary meal tickets.
- Sons/Daughters of Casper Gold Award: Contribute \$500 equivalent to 20 meals and receive four meal tickets.
- Grandchildren of Casper Silver Award: Contribute \$240 equivalent to 12 meals and receive two meal tickets.
- Friends and Family of Casper Bronze Award: Contribute \$100 equivalent to five meals.

Whether you attend the Reunion or not, the Association encourages these donations to fund the Reunion. To make a donation, make your check out to Casper Glattfelder Assoc., and mail to Bonnie Flaharty, Treasurer, 30 New Village Green Drive, Honey Brook, PA 19344. In the memo section, note whether it is for "<u>Meal Sponsorship</u>" or "<u>Park</u> <u>Preservation.</u>"

NOTE: Participation as a Sponsor does not automatically mean you're registered for a meal. Continue to register in June, but note on the form if you are to receive complimentary tickets.

#### Obituaries

Members of the Association's Historical Committee continue to track family members and accumulate corresponding obituaries. However, the list of deaths for reunion programs will be limited to those that include the most common Glattfelder names in their obituaries, with other names listed by request. To do so, contact Jean Robinson (jrobinson2335@comcast.net) or Philip Glatfelter (glatfelterph@aol.com).



# Casper Glattfelder Association of America Merchandise Order Form

Ship to:			Pay to:	Philip Glatfelter
Address				430 Charles Circle
				Hallam, PA 17406
City	State	ZIP		717-968-4577

**Telephone or email** 

Call with any questions or suggestions or email at <u>glatfelterph@aol.com</u>.

275th Anniversary Items – <u>Clearance</u>	Price	Shipping	Quan.	Amount
Golf shirt, embroidered 275 <sup>th</sup> anniversary logo, no pocket (2XL is \$11.00, \$5 shipping)	\$8.00	\$4.00		
<b>T-shirt</b> , 275 <sup>th</sup> anniversary logo □ Red M L XL 2XL □ California blue XL (2XL is \$7.00, \$4 shipping))	4.00	3.00		
275 <sup>th</sup> anniversary pin	Free	1.00		

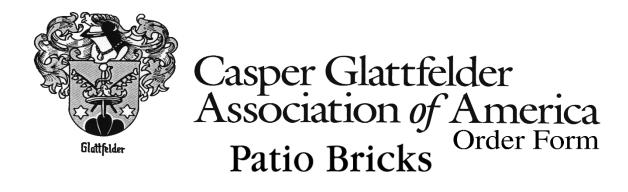
Merchandise with the GLATTFELDER COAT OF ARMS (As shown at the top of this order form.)

Golf shirt, embroidered coat of arms, no pocket       Ash Gray S XL       Black L XL         California blue S XL       Green L XL       Maroon L XL       White XL         2 for \$23.00       PRICE REDUCED	\$13.00	\$ 5.00 2/ \$7	
Golf shirt, embroidered coat of arms with pocket       PRICE REDUCED         Green L       Light blue L       XL       Maroon L       XL	15.00	5.00	
Golf shirt, silk screen on pocket       Black L XL 2XL       Light blue XL         Green L XL 2XL       Maroon S       Royal XL       (2XL is \$23, \$7 s/h)	20.00	5.00	
Golf shirt, silk screen, no pocket       Black       S       M       L       California blue       S       M       L         Maroon       M       Red       L       2 for \$23.00, \$7 s/h       S       L	18.00	5.00	
Sweatshirt with coat of arms Light gray S	15.00	5.00	
<b>T-shirt</b> with coat of arms       California blue S M XL 2XL       Maroon M L 2XL         Military green M XL       Navy 2XL       Red L XL (2XL is \$12.00+\$5.00 shipping)	10.00	4.00	
<b>T-shirt</b> (6 different spellings of Glattfelder) Dark green M Maroon S L Red M XL	5.00	4.00	
T-shirt (8 different spellings of Glattfelder) □ California Blue XL □ Dark green S XL □ Maroon S M L XL 2XL □ Navy M L XL 2XL □ Red S XL (2XL is \$14.00 + \$5.00 shipping)	11.00	4.00	
Baseball cap 🗌 Black 🗌 Green 🗌 Navy 🗌 Red 🗌 Royal	12.00	4.00	
Tote bag with coat of arms 🗌 Black 📄 Hot pink 📄 Khaki green 📄 Maroon	7.00	3.00	
Ballpoint pen, printed with Glattfelder Reunion & website address         Red       Green       Blue       Black	.75 3/ 2.00	1.00	
Coat of arms, full color print on parchment paper, 5" x 7"	3.00	1.00	
Water bottles, clear with Glattfelder coat of arms in red (2 for \$9, s/h \$3; 3 for \$12, s/h \$4; 5 for \$17, s/h \$5)	5.00	3.00	
Past Reunion Programs 1988 – 2013         * Contact Philip for pricing & availability *			
Static cling, clear, with red coat of arms, 3" x 3.5" 2 for \$3.00, 3 for \$4.00	2.00	1.00	

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Other Merchandise			
T-shirt, Glattfelder Reunion, Switzerland – Pennsylvania         Black       M       (2 remaining; CLOSEOUT PRICE – was \$12)	\$ 8.00	\$4.00	
Blank <b>greeting cards</b> & envelopes, set of 3 ink drawings: old homestead at Glatfelter Station, original Heimwald pavilion, & family church in Glattfelden, Switzerland	3.00 2/ 5.00	1.00	
Postal cards with coat of arms and its interpretation	3/ 1.00 10/ 3.00	1.00	
Glattfelder emblem (on first page of newsletter) in full color on heavy paper, 5"x 7"	2.00 2/ 3.00	1.00	
Booklet: The Casper Glattfelder Association: The First 100 Years 1906 – 2005 by Dr. Charles H. Glatfelter (2005); 39 pages; 8.5" x 11"	7.00	3.00	
Booklet: <b>The Early Glattfelder Family in America: An Overview</b> by Dr. Charles H. Glatfelter (1993); 59 pages; 5.5" x 8.5"	7.00	3.00	
Booklet: <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 total	10.00	3.00	
Booklet: <b>H.I. Gladfelter's Journal</b> (2023); by Harry I. Gladfelter, an account of his life, during the Civil War, Depression and beyond; 63 pages	10.00	3.00	
DVD: 250 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion (1993)	10.00	3.00	
DVD: A Visit to Glattfelden, Switzerland	10.00	3.00	
DVD: June 27, 2010 church service in Glattfelden	10.00	3.00	
DVD: Extra: Glattfelden Reformed Church	10.00	3.00	
DVD: June and July 2010 sites of Switzerland and beyond	10.00	3.00	
DVD: 106 <sup>th</sup> Reunion with Revolutionary War Theme (2011)	10.00	3.00	
DVD: 107 <sup>th</sup> Reunion with War of 1812 Theme (2012)	10.00	3.00	
DVD: 106 <sup>th</sup> and 107 <sup>th</sup> Reunions w/Revolutionary War and Civil War Themes	10.00	3.00	
DVD: 108th Reunion with Civil War Theme (2013)	10.00	3.00	
DVD: 109 <sup>th</sup> Reunion with Spanish American & WW I Theme (2014)	10.00	3.00	
DVD: 110 <sup>th</sup> Reunion with WW II Theme (2015)	10.00	3.00	
DVD: 111 <sup>th</sup> Reunion with Cold War Theme (2016)	10.00	3.00	
DVD: 112 <sup>th</sup> Reunion with John Peter Glattfelder Theme (2017)	10.00	3.00	
DVD: 113 <sup>th</sup> Reunion with 275 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Theme (2018)	10.00	3.00	
DVD: 114 <sup>th</sup> Reunion with Lizbeth Fish Theme (2019)	10.00	3.00	
DVD: 116 <sup>th</sup> Reunion with Part 1 of "The Glattfelders and Their Patents" (2021)	10.00	3.00	
DVD: A Conversation with Congressman William Goodling (2012)	7.00	3.00	
DVD: Celebration of Life of Art Glatfelter (2012)			
DVD: 150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reenactment of Rebel Raid on Hanover Junction (2013)		3.00	
Christmas card with Glattfelder homestead drawing (5 for \$9; 10 for \$15 plus \$3 s/h)	2.00	2.00	
Cat's Meow replica Glattfelder Homestead Heimwald Park Pavilion	14.00	6.00	
Glattfelden plates(complete set of six, \$60 plus \$12 s/h)	12.00	5.00	
Make check payable to: <u>PHILIP GLATFELTER</u>	Grand	Total	\$

We are now accepting credit card payments. Mail or email your order form and note that you want to use your credit card and Director Sarah Melcher will contact you for your card information.



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<u>Reminder</u>: 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.

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