

## Saturday, May 1, 2021 Annual Benefit Auction



**Bring something, Buy something**

**Auction starts @ 9AM - Quilts start at 11AM - Book Collection at 12 PM**

**PA Dutch food, BBQ chicken, old-fashioned homemade ice cream, Sourdough Soft Pretzels, Amish handmade quilts, old & new books, household & garden items, and much more**

**Fred's Chris P. Stoltzfus collection of vintage magazines, old newspapers, out-of-print books, 1940 cedar chest**

**Meet C. Ivan Stoltzfus -1948 John Deere tractor, 3 trips ocean to ocean, 20,000 miles raising funds for Veterans & First Responders**

**Masthof Bookstore & Press selling an inventory of new books**

**Meet historians and authors: Nic Stoltzfus, Paul Kurtz, Ben Reihl, C. Ivan Stoltzfus, Pud Sam Stoltzfus, Rose Stoltzfus Huyard and others**

**Levy family from Ft. Bumper Bio-Farm will be doing colonial style cooking in the Homestead fireplace**

**Berks History Center & Musuem and Plain Values will have a display Homestead tours, Inflatables/bounce house, children activities**

**Come meet & visit with your Stoltzfus freundschaft and friends**

**Adjacent to the Berks County Parks & Trails and Tulpehocken Creek**

**Great opportunity for young families to find good deals for your household**

***"Sharing our Amish History & Faith Heritage in Berks County and Beyond"***





**Auction Bus Schedule**  
**Call Vernon Weaver 717-575-1185**  
**Bus number 1**



1700 Tulpehocken Road  
 Wyomissing, PA 19610  
 484-878-2916

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**May 1, 2021**

Time	Location	Address	Comments
6:20 AM	Leola	98 Hellers Church Rd, Leola, PA 17540	Formerly Amos Zook
6:25 AM	Intersection - Creek Hill & Newport Rd	2754 Creek Hill Rd, Leola 17540	Intersection at Newport & Creek Rd
6:35 AM	Mascot Mill	2900 Stumptown Rd, Ronks, PA 17572	Meet in parking lot
6:40 AM	Pond Road	107A Pond Rd, Ronks PA 17572	Amos Zook's place
6:45 AM	Gordonville Fire Company	3204 Vigilant St, Gordonville, PA 17529	Meet in parking lot
6:55 AM	Intersection - Ronks & Irishtown Rd	167 N, Ronks Rd, Ronks, PA 17572	Ronks and Irishtown Rd
7:00 AM	Fisher Harness Shop	267 N. Star, Ronks, PA 17572	meet in parking lot
7:10 AM	Fisher Houseware & Fabrics	1098 Georgetown Rd, Paradise PA 17562	meet in parking lot
7:20 AM	George Town Hydraulics	334 Christiana Pike, Christiana, PA 17509	meet in parking lot
7:25 AM	Lapp Lumber	1640 Mine Rd, Paradise, PA 17562	meet in parking lot
7:30 AM	Gapview Mennonite Church	5324 Mine Rd, Kinzer, PA 17535	Meet in parking lot
7:40 AM	Salisbury Park/ Gap	750 White Horse Rd, Gap PA 17527	Meet in parking lot
7:50 AM	SLC Rental - Woodworking shop -	5019 Newport Rd, Kinzers, PA 17535	Meet in parking lot
7:55 AM	Redwell Repair	15 S New Holland Rd Gordonville, PA 17529	Meet in parking lot
8:05 AM	Sheetz New Holland	698 W Main St, New Holland, PA 17557	Meet in parking lot
8:45 AM	Arrive at NSH	1700 Tulpehocken Road, Wyomissing, PA 19610	
2:30/3:00	Depart NSH	To New Holland - and Leola	

**Bus number 2**

Time	Location	Address	Comments
7:00 AM	Centerville Bulk Food	Centerville & Scenic	
7:10 AM	Intercourse Candle Barn	3551 Old Philadelphia Pike, Intercourse PA 17534	Meet in the parking lot
7:22 AM	Mel Esh place	3666 E. Pequea Lane, Gordonville, PA 17529	Meet in the parking lot
7:25 AM	Spring Garden Mennonite Church	5157 Old Philadelphia Pike, Kinzer PA 17535	Meet in the parking lot
7:30 AM	White Horse Luncheonette	5562 Old Philadelphia Pike, Gap, PA 17527	Meet in the parking lot
7:35 AM	Old Road Mennonite Church	5795 Old Philadelphia Pike, Gap, PA 17527	Meet in the parking lot
7:40 AM	Hilltop Bulk Food Store Compass	1403 W Kings Hwy, Gap, PA 17527	Meet in the parking lot
7:50 AM	Bus Parking Lot (former Kerns Hardware)	450 Pequea Ave, Honey Brook, PA 19344	Meet in the parking lot
7:55 AM	Dream Designs (Dave Reihl)	812 Churchtown Rd, Narvon, PA 17555	Meet in the parking lot
8:00 AM	Churchtown Blue Ridge Furniture - Smucker Harness	2014 Main St, Narvon, PA 17555	Meet in the parking lot
8:35 AM	Arrival at the Nicholas Stoltzfus Homestead	1700 Tulpehocken Road, Wyomissing, PA 19610	
2:30/3:00	Depart Stoltzfus Homestead	To Intercourse and White Horse	

**Please make reservation by calling 717-575-1185**  
 suggested \$15.00 donation for transportation cost -  
 Thank you!!

**Nicholas Stoltzfus Homestead Book Auction Lots for May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 Benefit Auction.**  
**Books from the Collection of former NSH Caretaker Chris P. Stoltzfus.**

Lots Assembled by David King (Pequea Bruderschaft Library) and Ben Riehl (NSHPC), Typed by Nic Stoltzfus (NSHPC)

Key to Abbreviations: HB is Hardback, SC is Softcover, pg. is pages, © is copyright, misc. is miscellaneous.

**Lot 1: Almanac;** Pennsylvania German; misc. 1861-1888.

**Lot 2:** Misc. Newspapers (1888, 1971 [story about CZ Mast], 1968 **Reading Eagle**, 1918 **Ohio Farmer**, 1975 **Penny Saver**)

**Lot 3: Pennsylvania Farmer** newspaper, misc. 1935-1937; 13 copies.

**Lot 4: The Johnstown Horror, or Valley of Death** by James Herbert Walker; HB; ©1889; 503 pg.

**Lot 5:** (2 books): **I Heard of a River** by Elsie Singmaster; HB; 5th printing 1956; 209 pg; includes note by C.P. Stoltzfus; back cover missing. **Kayak Down the Nile** by John Goddard; HB; ©1979; 319 pg.

**Lot 6** (2 books): **Famous Mysteries of the Sea** by Patricia Lauber; HB; ©1962; 151 pg. **Markings** by Dag Hammarskjöld; HB; ©1964; 222 pg.

**Lot 7** (2 books): **Amelia Earhart: First Lady of the Air** by Jerry Seibert; HB; ©1960; 191 pg. **The Story of Lindbergh: The Lone Eagle** by Richard J. Beamish; HB; ©1928; 320 pg.

**Lot 8** (2 books): **Out of My Life and Thought: An Autobiography** by Albert Schweitzer; HB; 9<sup>th</sup> printing 1955; 274 pg. **Albert Schweitzer: An Anthology** ed. by Charles R. Joy; HB; Revised ed. 1965; 367 pg.

**Lot 9: Agricultural Almanac** printed by John Baer's Sons, Lancaster, PA; misc. years 1905-1950; 25 copies.

**Lot 10: My 96 Years In the Great West, Indiana, Kansas and California** by G.W.E Griffith; HB; ©1929; 284 pg.

**Lot 11** (2 books): **The Pennsylvania Germans** by Arthur D. Graeff et. al., ed. by Ralph Wood; HB; 3<sup>rd</sup> printing 1943; 299 pg. **It Happened in Pennsylvania** by Arthur D. Graeff; HB; ©1947; 183 pg.

**Lot 12** (3 books): **The Mennonite Church and Her Accusers** by John F. Funk; HB; ©1878; 210 pg.; Funk was well-known writer in late 1800s. **Of Whom the World was not Worthy** by Marie Chapian; SC; ©1978; 256 pg. **Doctrines of the Bible** by Daniel Kauffman; HB; ©1928; 629 pg.

**Lot 13** (2 books): **Field Works Medical Manual** by Summer Institute of Linguistics; HB; ©1973; 597 pg. **Miracles from the Vault: Anthology of Underground Cures** by Jenny Thompson; SC; ©2013; 579 pg.

**Lot 14: Hoofs and Horns** cowboy magazine; 1947-1948; 11 copies.

**Lot 15: Following the Frontier with F. Jay Haynes: Pioneer Photography of the Old West** by Freeman Tilden; HB; ©1964, 1<sup>st</sup> edition; 406 pg.

**Lot 16: Our Amish Neighbors** by William I. Schreiber; HB; 3<sup>rd</sup> impression 1963; 225 pg.

**Lot 17: Pennsylvania Farmer** newspaper; misc. 1936-1937; 8 copies.

**Lot 18: The Story of Sarasota** by Karl H. Grismer; HB; ©1946; 376 pg.

**Lot 19: Rediscovering the Ausbund** stories in Plain Values magazine by Elam S. Stoltzfus; printed in binder; 2019.

**Lot 20: Pennsylvania Farmer** newspaper; misc. 1937-1938; 7 copies; July '37 feature is on Ephrata Cloister.

**Lot 21: Hazard's Register of Pennsylvania** ed. by Samuel Haazard; misc. 1828-1832; 21 copies.

**Lot 22: Agricultural Almanac** by John Baer's Sons in Lancaster, PA; misc. 1900-1946; 20 copies, good condition. 1882 copy, poor condition.

**Lot 23: Pennsylvania Farmer** newspaper; misc. 1936-1938; 10 copies.

**Lot 24: Mennonite Historical Bulletin;** misc. 1940-1970.

**Lot 25** (3 books): **Paraguayan Interlude** by Willard H. Smith; HB; ©1950; 184 pg. **Sashino** by Sasha Siemel, Jr.; HB, fair condition; ©1965; 165 pg. **The Stolen Chief** by M. Cordova-Rios and F.B. Lamb; HB; ©1971; 176 pg.

**Lot 26** (3 books): **The Verse by the Side of the Road: The Story of the Burma-Shave Signs and Jingles** by Frank Rowsome, Jr.; HB; 8<sup>th</sup> printing 1971; 121 pg. **It's an Old Pennsylvania Custom** by Edwin Valentine Mitchell; HB; ©1947; 261 pg. **Salt for Society** by W. Phillip Keller; HB; ©1981; 151 pg.

**Lot 27: Pennsylvania Farmer** newspaper; misc. 1937-1938; 8 copies.

**Lot 28** (3 books): **An Angel on Each Shoulder** by William Willis; HB, fair condition; ©1966; 222 pg. **On the Edge of Evening** by Cornelius Weygandt; HB; ©1946; 217 pg. **The Sundowners** by Jon Cleary; HB; ©1952; 252 pg.

**Lot 29** (3 books): **Four Hundred Years with the Ausbund** by Paul M. Yoder et. al.; SC; ©1964; 48 pg. **The Story of the Amish in Civilian Public Service** by David Wagler and R. Raber; SC; ©1945; 140 pg. **Little Known Facts About the Amish and the Mennonites** by Ammon Monroe Aurand, Jr.; SC; ©1938; 32 pg.

**Lot 30: The Pennsylvania-German** monthly magazine; March 1910 and August 1911.

**Lot 31: Lancaster New Era** newspaper; August 1975; article on Morgantown tent meeting; **The Flint Journal** newspaper; June 1953; article on tornado.

**Lot 32** (2 books): **Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage** by Alfred Lansing; SC; ©1959; 282 pg. **The Gods Were King: An Epic 6700-Mile Voyage Alone Across the Pacific** by William Willis; HB, fair condition; ©1955; 252 pg.

**Lot 33** (2 books): **Wir Wollen Deutsche Bleiben: The Story of the Volga Germans** by George J. Walters; SC; ©1993; 406 pg. **Historic Background and Annals of the Swiss and German Pioneer Settlers of Southeastern Pennsylvania**, etc. by H. Frank Eshleman; HB; ©1969; 386 pg.

**Lot 34** (3 books): **Sixteen Days in the Bob Marshall Wilderness** by David J. Stoltzfus; SC; ©2018; 122 pg.; signed by author. **Mountain Lion** by Chris Bolgiano; HB; ©1995; 209 pg. **The Cougar Almanac** by Robert H. Busch; HB; ©1996; 144 pg.

**Lot 35: Pennsylvania Farmer** newspaper; misc. 1934-1938; 10 copies.



- Lot 36: Pennsylvania Farmer** newspaper; misc. 1934-1937; 7 copies.
- Lot 37** (2 books): **The Blue Nile** by Alan Moorhead; HB, fair condition; ©1962, first edition; 308 pg. **Monongahela: the River and Its Region** by Richard T. Wiley; HB; ©1937; 257 pg.
- Lot 38** (2 books): **Paths to Perdition** by John E. Hartzler; HB; ©1910; 275 pg. **God's City in the Jungle** by Sanna Barlow Rissi; SC, fair condition; ©1975; 155 pg.
- Lot 39** (2 books): **Memoirs of Isaac G. Good**; SC; no date; 167 pg. **The Dutch and Quaker Colonies in America** by John Fiske; HB; ©1903; 256 pg.
- Lot 40** (2 books): **Rosanna of the Amish** by Joseph W. Yoder; SC; ©1973; 251 pg. **Youth and Christian Citizenship** by Melvin Gingerich; HB; ©1949; 204 pg.
- Lot 41** (2 books): **Mover of Men and Mountains** by R.G. LeTourneau; SC; 1972 Press Edition; 296 pg. **Prophecy 2000** by David Allen Lewis; SC; 1996, 6<sup>th</sup> printing; 428 pg.
- Lot 42:** Post 9/11 newspapers; **USA Today, Chicago Tribune, The Goshen News.**
- Lot 43: National Geographic** magazine; August 1965; article on the Amish with photos.
- Lot 44: Scrapbook Clippings** from 1901 Hickerniss Valley in German.
- Lot 45: Newspaper Clippings** about Creswell landfill controversy at the Barley Farm in Manor Twp.
- Lot 46: Newspaper Clippings** about Flight 93, Lion Hunt, Nicholas Stoltzfus Homestead, misc. articles.
- Lot 47: Stoltzfus House Homestead misc. stories** including A Tribute to George Leader, lots of picture clippings.
- Lot 48: Pennsylvania Farmer** newspaper; misc. 1934-1968; 8 copies.
- Lot 49** (2 books): **The History, Geography and Government of Chester and Delaware Counties** by J.S. Walton and G.W. Moore; HB; ©1893; 196 pg. **Shattered Dreams: The Ole Bull Colony in Pennsylvania** by Paul W. Heimel; SC; ©1992; 175 pg.
- Lot 50: Lincoln and the Men of War-Times: Some Personal Recollections of War and Politics During the Lincoln Administration** by A.K. McClure; HB; ©1892; 462 pg.
- Lot 51: Revealed Life of Nicholas Stoltzfus (Out of the Archives of Zweibrucken written by Ernest Drumm)** by Levi L. Stoltzfus; SC; ©1986; 24 pg.
- Lot 52** (2 books): **Paula the Waldensian** by Eva Lecomte; HB; ©1942, first edition; 175 pg. **Worth Dying For: A Story of the Waldensians** by Nicholas Stoltzfus; HB; ©1964; 222 pg.
- Lot 53** (3 books): **Forty-Four Years of the Life of the Hunter** by Meshach Browning; SC; 1999 Reprint; 400 pg. **The Wolfing** by Sterling North; HB; 3<sup>rd</sup> printing 1969; 222 pg. **Legendary Adventures** comp. by Jonas M Mast; SC; ©2007; 207 pg.
- Lot 54** (4 books): **The Prayer of Jabez** by Bruce Wilkinson; HB; ©2000; 93 pg. **God's Chosen Fast** by Arthur Wallis; SC; 1972 reprint; 116 pg. **Bundling: Its Origin, Progress and Decline in America** by Henry Reed Stiles; HB; self-published; circa 1871; 146 pg. **Holiness, Truth and the Presence of God** by Francis Frangipane; SC; 1991 Revised Edition; 131 pg.
- Lot 55** (2 books): **Rosanna of the Amish** by Joseph W. Yoder; HB; 4<sup>th</sup> printing, 1944; 319 pg. **Essays in Gratitude** by D. Elton Trueblood; HB; ©1982; 144 pg.; signed by author.
- Lot 56** (2 books): **Horse Trails Along the Desert** by Sanford C. Yoder; SC; 3<sup>rd</sup> printing, 1963; 181 pg. **The Personality of the Horse** ed. by B. Aymar and E. Sagarin; HB; ©1963; 342 pg.
- Lot 57** (2 books): **The Gold in the River: A Journey in the Jungles of Peru** by Anna Asheshov; HB, fair condition; ©1975; 254 pg. **Six Wheels Northward** by Gary Bishop; HB; ©1975; 176 pg.
- Lot 58: Golden Memories of Amos J. Stoltzfus** comp. by C.P. Stoltzfus; SC; ©1984; 353 pg.
- Lot 59** (2 books): **Great Souls, Six Who Changed the Century** by David Aikman; HB; ©1998; 388 pg. **Faithfully, Geo. R., The Life and Thought of George R. Brunk I (1871-1938)** by J.C. Wenger; HB; ©1978; 222 pg.
- Lot 60** (2 books): **Suwannee River: Strange Green Land** by Cecile Hulse Matschat; HB, fair condition; ©1938; 296 pg. **Kon-Tiki: Across the Pacific by Raft** by Thor Heyerdahl; HB; ©1950; 304 pg.
- Lot 61** (2 books): **Mennonite Tour Guide to Western Europe** by Jan Gleysteen; SC; ©1984; 340 pg. **Privileged to Serve** by Allen H. Erb; SC; ©1975; 234 pg.
- Lot 62** (4 books): **None of These Diseases** by S.I. McMillen; SB; ©1963; 158 pg. **Apple Cider Vinegar** by P.C. & Patricia Bragg; SC; no date; 142 pg. **The Healthy Hunzas** by J.I. Rodale; HB, fair condition; ©1948; 263 pg. **Drug Muggers** by Suzy Cohen; HB; ©2011; 500 pg.
- Lot 63** (2 books): **Hex Marks the Spot in the Pennsylvania Dutch Country** by Ann Hark; HB; ©1938; 316 pg. **The History of Pennsylvania** by Arthur D. Graeff; HB; ©1944; 312 pg.
- Lot 64: Pennsylvania Farmer** newspaper; misc. 1934-1936; 10 copies.
- Lot 65: Annals of the Conestoga Valley** by C.Z. Mast and R.E. Simpson; HB; ©1942; 689 page; C.P. Stoltzfus' personal copy obtained from C.Z. Mast in 1970. **Signed by C.Z. Mast** (pg. xiii).
- Lot 66: As Long as Wood Grows and Water Flows: A History of the Conestoga Mennonite Church** by J. Lemar & Lois Ann Mast; HB; ©1982; 360 pg.
- Lot 67: The Pictorial Sketch-Book of Pennsylvania** by Eli Bowen; HB, fair condition; ©1852; 207 pg.
- Lot 68: The Amish Year** by C.S. Rice and R.C. Steinmetz; HB; ©1956; 224 pg.; includes many photos of Lancaster County Amish.
- Lot 69: The Farm Journal's Illustrated Farmer's Directory of Lancaster County**; HB, fair condition; ©1914; 496 pg.
- Lot 70: National Geographic** magazine; August 1965; article on the Amish with photos.
- Lot 71: The Story of the Mennonites** by C. Henry Smith; HB, ©1957; 856 pg.
- Lot 72: Geographia Americae with an Account of the Delaware Indians based on Surveys and Notes made in 1654-1656** by Peter Lindeström, trans. by Amandus Johnson; HB; ©1925; 418 pg.

- Lot 73** (3 items): **Picture History of Morgantown 1770-1970**; HB; 95 pg. **Newspaper Clippings on Morgantown**; in a binder; misc; 20 pg. **100 Years of Camera Scenes: Views of Eastern Lancaster County in our Nation's Second Century** by The Lancaster County Bicentennial Committee, Inc.; SC; ©1978; 192 pg.
- Lot 74** (3 books): **Best Bible Stories for Children** pub. by Metropolitan Church Assn.; SC; ©1926; 48 pg. **The Life of Christ Visualized** by The Standard Pub. Co.; SC; ©1943; 47 pg. **Wonderful Stories of the Bible** by The Saalfield Pub. Co.; SC, fair condition; no date.
- Lot 75: Pennsylvania Farmer** newspaper; misc. 1934-1950, fair condition; 18 copies.
- Lot 76** (2 books): **Word-Primer** by William Swinton; HB, poor condition; ©1873; 96 pg.; **The Normal Elementary Arithmetic** by Edward Brooks; HB, fair condition; ©1878; 186 pg.; both books once belonged to Daniel M. Frey, Sun Hill School, Fairland, Lanc. Co.
- Lot 77** (4 books): **The House that Jack Built** pub. by McLoughlin Bros.; SC, poor condition; ©1890. **Linen Nursery ABC and Simple Speller** pub. by G.C. Hanford Mfg. Co.; SC, poor condition; ©1905. **Child's Own Book of Animals** pub. by Hurst & Co.; HB, poor condition; no date. **Stories for Little Men** pub. by M.A. Donohue & Co.; HB, poor condition; no date; 75 pg. All books once belonged to Walter Wannier.
- Lot 78** (2 books): **The Story of the Amish in Civilian Public Service** by David Wagler and R. Raber; SC; ©1945; 140 pg. **Picture History of Morgantown 1770-1970**; HB; 95 pg.
- Lot 79: Glossary of 6167 English Words and Expressions and Their Berks County Pennsylvania Dutch Equivalents** by Howard Snader; SC, fair condition; ©1948; 64 pg.; signed by author.
- Lot 80: Misc. Song Books**, mostly Cowboy songs from 1940s-1960s, 13 books.
- Lot 81: The History of the Buffalo Valley/Union County Amish, 1836-1894 and Immigrant Nicholas Stoltzfus** by Ben Riehl; SC; ©2020; 131 pg.; signed by the author.
- Lot 82** (2 books): **Pennsylvania German Barns** by Charles H. Dornbusch; HB; ©1956; 312 pg. **Ontario Fraktur: A Pennsylvania-German Folk Tradition in Early Canada** by Michael S. Bird; HB; ©1977; 144 pg.
- Lot 83: The Budget** misc. newspapers; mostly from 1960s.
- Lot 84: The Budget** misc. newspapers; mostly from 1960s.
- Lot 85: The Budget** misc. newspapers; mostly from 1960s.
- Lot 86: The Budget** misc. newspapers; mostly from 1960s.
- Lot 87: The Diary** misc. newsletters; mostly from 1990s.
- Lot 88: The Diary** misc. newsletters; mostly from 1990s.
- Lot 89: History of the Little Swatara Church of the Brethren 1757-2007** by Sandra Forry Kauffman et. al.; HB; ©2007; 679 pg.; signed by the author.
- Lot 90: Collier's Wonder Book** ed. by Waldemar Kaempffert; HB, fair condition; ©1920; 314 pg.
- Lot 91: Postcard Collection**; most postcards from the 1920s collected from Fred Stoltzfus' journey to the Western United States; collection contains over 200 postcards in good condition.
- Lot 92: A Girl of the Limberlost** by Gene Stratton Porter; HB, fair condition; ©1909; 479 pg.
- Lot 93: Old Morgantown, Red Schoolhouse, Amish postcard pictures**; binder; 20 pg.
- Lot 94: Laminated 1817 Sampler photo with history**; sampler by Elizabeth Blank; history by Chris P. Stoltzfus.
- Lot 95** (2 books): **Agricultural Almanac** printed by John Baer's Sons, Lancaster, PA; 1962, 1964.
- Lot 96** (2 binders): **Misc. Health/Diet articles and clippings** in two binders assembled by Chris P. Stoltzfus.
- Lot 97: Diary of David F. Beiler, 1877- and Aaron M. Beiler, 1909-1917** compiled by David King; SC; ©2020; 53 pg.
- Lot 98: 2020 Amish in Lancaster Address Book**
- Lot 99** (2 items): **Genealogy Poem** by Barbara Petershiem Stoltzfus; one with notes by Rebecca Zook;
- Lot 100: Apokrynphische Neue Testament**; HB, fair condition; no date; 484 pg.; book once owned by Fred K. Stoltzfus and has his signature in it.
- Lot 101: Unparthenisches Gesang-Buch Geistreiche Lieder und Psalmen**; HB, poor condition; ©1880; 483 pg.; this songbook once owned by Malinda Esh (1883) and Amos K. Stoltzfus and has their signatures in it.
- Lot 102** (3 books): **Kinder-Lieder** pub. by Mennonite Pub. House; SC; 4<sup>th</sup> printing 1955; 56 pg.; book once owned by Daniel Bowell, Jr. (1957) and Miriam Bowell and has their signatures. **Uus Geinem Wort Gein Wille** by L.B.C. Col. O.; SC; no date; 31 pg.; a gift to Christy (C.P. Stoltzfus) from Lydia Lapp in 1937. **Childhood Bible Stories** pub. by The Standard Pub. Co.; SC; no date; 31 pg.; a gift from Lydia to Christy (C.P.) Stoltzfus in 1934.
- Lot 103: Kindergebetbüchlein** by Johannes Blante; SC; no date; 32 pg.; a gift from Lydia Lapp to Alvin in 1937.
- Lot 104** (2 books): **Kinder-Lieder** pub. by Mennonite Pub. House; SC; 4<sup>th</sup> printing 1955; 56 pg.; book once owned by Daniel Bowell, Jr. (1956) and Joseph Bowell (1964) and has their signatures.
- Lot 105** (3 books): **Hoffart und Demut von Johannes M. Brenneman** pub. by Mennonite Pub. House; SC; ©1951; 93 pg. **German Songbook** by Art Printing Co., Lanc., PA; SC, fair condition; no date; 132 pg.; once owned by Elmina Stoltzfus and has her signature. **Kinder-Lieder** pub. by Mennonite Pub. House; SC; 6<sup>th</sup> printing 1961; 56 pg.; book once owned by someone with last name of Bowell and has their signature.
- Lot 106** (3 books): **Kinder-Lieder** pub. by Mennonite Pub. House; SC; 6<sup>th</sup> printing 1961; 56 pg. **History of the Patriarchs for the Young in English and German** pub. by Mennonite Pub. House; HB; no date; 408 pg.; a gift to Daniel Bowell (1930). **David, the Shepherd Boy**; SC, fair condition; 8 pg.; a gift to Daniel Bowell from Sarah Fisher in 1927.
- Lot 107** (2 books): **Erstes Lesebuch für Kinder**; HB, poor condition; no date; 158 pg.; a gift to Chris. **Kinder-Lieder** pub. by Mennonite Pub. House; SC; 6<sup>th</sup> printing 1961; 56 pg.; book once owned by someone with last name of Bowell and has their signature.
- Lot 108: English/German New Testament** pub. by the American Bible Society; HB, fair condition; 1850; 670 pg.
- Lot 109: Das Neue Testament**; HB, poor condition; 1868; 536 pg.; book once owned by Jacob L. Zug.



# 250 years of Stoltzfuses at the Nicholas Stoltzfus Homestead

By S. Nicholas Stoltzfus April 1st, 2021

250 years ago this year, Nicholas Stoltzfus and his son Christian co-purchased what is today known as the Nicholas Stoltzfus Homestead from Thomas & Catherine Youngman. A year earlier they had purchased land adjacent to the 1771 purchase, and in that deed, it states that the Stoltzfuses were from Leacock Township in Lancaster County. So what does that mean?

Nicholas & Anna (Bachmann) Stoltzfus and their four children immigrated to Pennsylvania from Germany in 1766. We don't know where the family lived for their first four years, but the 1770 deed record provides us with a clue. What makes the most sense is that the Stoltzfuses first lived in Lancaster County from 1766 to 1770; during this time, it seems likely that they lived with another Amish family and saved up enough money to purchase their own land. Although we aren't entirely sure who they might have lived with, we do know that the Christian Schmucker family and the Abraham Kurtz family had farms in Leacock Township and were friends of the Stoltzfuses, so those are two possibilities.

When the Stoltzfuses moved to Berks in 1770, they became a part of the Reading Amish congregation. Amish farmer John Gerber owned farmland adjacent to the Stoltzfuses and Christian married his daughter, Catherine in 1774. This was also the year that Nicholas died. Although we don't know where he was buried, some records indicate that Nicholas was laid to rest on his farm. After Nicholas' death in 1774, Christian Stoltzfus inherited his father's property. Christian and his family lived at the homestead over a decade. In 1787, Christian and his second wife Elizabeth (Lantz née King) sold the homestead to his brother-in-law John Schmucker in 1787. John and Barbara (Stoltzfus) Schmucker owned the homestead for 14 years, until they sold it to their son-in-law Solomon King in 1801. Solomon and Veronica (Schmucker) King only lived at the homestead for three years. In 1804, the Kings sold it outside the family to a local farmer named Daniel Myer/Meyer and moved to Lancaster County.

For 34 years—from 1771 to 1804—three generations of the Stoltzfus family lived and farmed at what is today known as the Nicholas Stoltzfus Homestead. And then nearly 200 years went by and no Stoltzfuses were involved with the property. Many different families came and went—the Meyers, the Riegels, the Madeiras, the Templins, the Grings—until William Sheidy sold it to Textile Machine Works in 1924. This was the textile company founded by Henry Janssen and Ferdinand Thun in the late 1800s; in their heyday, they managed the largest full-fashioned knitting mill in the world. The homestead remained in corporate ownership for the rest of the 20th century. By 1986, Thun Investment Company had deeded it over to one of its subsidiaries, Tulpehocken, Ltd. In 1988, Harvey and Pauline Schlegel—the tenants who had been living at the homestead—were evicted. The homestead was slated to be demolished, in order to make room for the construction of the 422/222 bypass. Thankfully, the demolition was averted and the stone house was saved from destruction. By now, descendants were aware that of the value of the property and its connection to their Stoltzfus ancestors, and a dedicated group was formed to preserve the property: the Nicholas Stoltzfus Homestead Preservation Committee. In 2000, Country Meadows purchased the property from Tulpehocken Ltd. and granted a license for Stoltzfus descendants to come onto the property to restore it. In 2015, Country Meadows deeded the property over to the Nicholas Stoltzfus Homestead Preservation Committee.

And so now, 250 years later, our Stoltzfus family once again owns this property. Today, the stone house is no longer nestled in fields of corn and wheat and the peace of country life. Instead, it is now surrounded by rows of roads and byways and the cacophony of city life. And yet—the quiet stone house endures.

In the afterword to my last book, I posed this question: why does this old house matter?

And here was my reply: The Nicholas Stoltzfus Homestead is a symbol of our heritage. It is a place where we can educate ourselves, our family, and the general public about the values that we cherish: faith, humility, hard work, peace, and charity to those in need. Our Anabaptist ancestors held these values so dearly that they were willing to give their lives for what they believed in. The Homestead is a connection to this heritage. It is a beacon for us when we have lost our way or when we are trapped in the hustle and bustle of our harried and busy lives.

When we gather here at the Homestead, we take a break from our day-to-day lives, and we enter into a different time zone, a place that gives us space to reconnect with one another and our past. Hopefully, the visit to this realm sparks something in our hearts, which we then pass on to the next generation. Like the eternal flame, each generation must choose to tend to it and keep it lit for future generations.

Like all things on this Earth, one day this old house will succumb to the wears and tears of time, and crumble back to its dusty origins. As someone who cares for this house, I hope that this day will be far, far in the future.

But when that day comes—when we no longer have a Nicholas Stoltzfus Homestead where we can gather—we will continue onward. Because even stronger than these walls of stone is our family and faith heritage. This is the light that is housed within the Homestead, the light housed within our hearts. And, in the midst of the wars and pandemics and other crises of worldly concerns, this is something we can take comfort in.



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# Chamber Pots and Snow Drifts: Surviving my First Pennsylvania Winter

By Esther Y. Stoltzfus April 12th, 2021

If you are reading this you may very likely know that I am a recent transplant to Pennsylvania. Not only a transplant; this is the dramatic uprooting of a die-hard born and bred north Florida girl who lived in, and loved, the south for nearly six decades. Ya'll that is a lot of years! If a person would have told me five years ago that I would be moving to Pennsylvania I would have been the first to laugh at such nonsense! Why would I leave the land of sunshine and flowers blooming in my garden twelve months out of the year? Why would I leave the luscious fried cornbread and hushpuppies and okra and the best raw oysters ever put in your mouth? Why would I want to leave the land of pine trees and magnolias?

I would have a nice savings account if I had a dollar every time somebody has asked me, "Why would you move north instead of south because that is backwards for older people?"

As the saying goes, man plans and God smiles. Hurricane Michael moved over us in 2018, packing 140 mph winds for over four hours and we watched in horror and fear as 90% of our sanctuary trees almost gently blew over—roots and all—covering our entire property. We watched the literal devastation of our barn and office and prayed for God's mercy and protection. We were spared and were overwhelmed by kindness of family and friends across the country as we tried to find a path to recovery.

However, that was the beginning of God prying my fingers away from a place that I had dearly loved. As we attempted to rebuild and move on, we realized that many things would not recover for a while. Even before this, Elam was being recruited by Paul Kurtz to do something for the Nicholas Stoltzfus Homestead—tell its story—be a spokesperson—help get it on the map—all sorts of ideas were being floated around and I had listened from a distance, not paying much attention.

However, after Hurricane Michael we tried to sort out long term plans and it became obvious the push and pull of staying or leaving was a real discussion to be had in our home.

Doors open and closed, ultimately leading us to put our home on the market and sell our beloved place making the monumental decision to move to the homestead as long term volunteer caretakers. It meant downsizing from 3000 sq feet to 1300. It meant saying goodbye to a dearly loved horse, goats, and pet chickens. And it meant embracing a new life in Pennsylvania which included winter.

When I realized there was no escaping the cold, I did the sensible thing and bought heavy coats with hoods, rubber boots, scarves, and long johns. I had Vitamin D and bright lights in my kitchen to prevent seasonal sadness. I tried to learn to knit for about 10 minutes and hated 8 of those minutes. I hung bird feeders and bought a flowering plant for my kitchen window. And I bought good sturdy tires for safe driving. I thought I was prepared.

When the first snow came, I was mesmerized and stood watching it gently fall for hours. It was absolutely beautiful.

When the second snow came it was a blizzard and the Pennsylvanians took it in stride. All 21 inches of it. Now this was a problem for us southerners. You see, the only snow removal equipment we had was a shovel. Yep. ONE SHOVEL. And we had a driveway that is over 100 feet long and we were snowed in. We bravely shoveled and shoveled and shoveled. We watched in dismay when the county snow plow pushed snow back into our shoveled path and we shoveled some more. Eventually I said to Elam, "This is not going to work." And we finally got someone to remove the rest of the snow and after the sticker shock of that, we purchased a good used sturdy snow blower, which Elam used with skill and a big smile. And I watched from inside with an even bigger smile.

We had snow on the ground for more than a month. Drifts of snow covered the property and it was truly beautiful. We stayed warm and managed to be active.

In between snow and rain and cold, we continued to meet people who visited the homestead. We hosted several groups of school children and got great feedback on ways to make the place authentic and interesting.

I bought old tin cups and other ancient relics to put in the kitchen. I was on the lookout for braided rugs and was thrilled when a beautiful rug was gifted to the homestead by Phil and Lori Stoltzfus. Another family had willed an antique willow chair to the homestead. Others had bequeathed books, old clothes, and a tablecloth.

One of the subjects I kept thinking about was that delicate business of bathrooms, or the lack thereof. I went down the rabbit trail of solutions during the colonial times of 1775 and discovered chamber pots. And no, they couldn't be the enamel pots of the 19th century. And no, it was not necessary that they were pretty with nice flowers on them. I was on a serious hunt! Imagine my delight to find—not one—but 2 chamber pots—old white earthenware pots—sturdy and plain and in perfect condition. One even included a basin. Being thrilled to find a chamber pot is a bit weird, but I was thrilled.

Today the snow is gone. The grass is green and daffodils gently wave in the breeze at the homestead. Poppies and larkspur are peeking through and I can't wait for beds of fresh flowers!

When I walk inside the old house, I smile and imagine Nicholas and Anna being there in 1771. I picture them bravely facing the wildness that was then Pennsylvania. And yet in my mind's eye, they had sufficient utensils to cook and eat with, chairs to sit on, a rug for comfort, and a nice chamber pot to use so they didn't have to face the bitter cold dark night in search of a bathroom break.

This picture makes my first Pennsylvania winter seem like a walk in the park. I am happy to say I survived and am still smiling. I have to admit that sights of spring make my smile bigger but ya'll, I can do this!

As we work hard to make the Nicholas Stoltzfus Homestead a place to share with family and friends and lovers of history, we are thrilled to be entrusted with the mission of showcasing life in colonial times through the lens of Nicholas Stoltzfus and his family. We want to make this place be a place of welcome and a place to make memories and learn about our shared history.





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