

ANNUAL BENEFIT AUCTION

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024

AUCTION STARTS AT 9 AM - QUILTS 11 AM - DISHES 11:30 PM - BOOKS 12 PM



PA DUTCH FOOD, BBQ CHICKEN, OLD-FASHIONED HOMEMADE ICE CREAM, FRESH SOFT PRETZELS, WHOOPIE PIES, HOMEMADE PIES, CINNAMON ROLLS AND MORE

RARE VINTAGE, & NEW BOOKS, 1545 FROSCHAUER BIBLE, 1842 BARBARA KING FRAKTUR, COLLECTION OF DISHES (PFALTZGRAFF HERITAGE SET & QUBAN ROYAL CHINA SET WITH 22K GOLD TRIM), AMISH HANDMADE QUILTS, HOUSEHOLD & GARDEN ITEMS, FURNITURE, PLANTS, ARTS & CRAFT, AND MUCH MORE

ONE-OF-A-KIND COLLECTION OF RARE MAGAZINES, OLD NEWSPAPERS, OUT-OF-PRINT BOOKS, OLD GERMAN BOOKS, BERKS COUNTY & READING BOOKS, LARGE COLLECTORS BIBLES: 200 LOTS

MASTHOF PRESS & BOOKSTORE SELLING AN INVENTORY OF NEW BOOKS

MEET HISTORIANS & AUTHORS: NIC STOLTZFUS, BEN RIEHL, GEOFF LAPP, BOB STOLTZFUS VMD, ELAM STOLTZFUS, PUD SAM STOLTZFUS, TERRY BERGER, AND OTHERS

BERKS HISTORY MUSEUM, THE STOLTZFUS SCORE GENEALOGY RESEARCH, A REPLICA OF BUNKS FROM A 1700S TRADE SHIP AND OTHER DISPLAYS WILL FEATURED IN THE BARN

HOMESTEAD TOURS IN THE OLD HISTORIC HOUSE WHERE THE STOLTZFUS'S LIVED IN THE LATE 1700S, NICHOLAS' ORIGINAL CHEST, COLONIAL LIFESTYLE, 1800'S OLD ORDER AMISH CLOTHES ON DISPLAY, 1700'S BERKS COUNTY OLD ORDER AMISH HISTORY & EDUCATIONAL ITEMS

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



Auction Bus Schedule - May 4th, 2024 - Bus Number 1			
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
6:50 AM	Fairview Grocery Store	96 Paradise Lane, Ronks PA 17572	Meet in parking lot
6:55 AM	Intersection - Ronks & Rt 30	167 N, Ronks Rd, Ronks, PA 17572	Ronks & Rt 30
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 - Buyerstown	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;15/20	222 & 568 Adamstown Exit		Standing by the off ramp exit
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
6:58 AM	Philips Cheese House	433 Centerville Rd, Gordonville	Meeting along road
7:00 AM	Centerville Bulk Food	Centerville & Scenic	Meet in the parking lot
7:10 AM	Intercourse Candle Barn	3551 Old Philadelphia Pike,	Meet in the parking lot
7:22 AM	Mel Esh place	3666 E. Pequea Lane, Gordonville, PA	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
7:52 AM	Honey Brook Hardware	5004 Horseshoe Pike 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
7:58 AM	Pool Forge	1940 Main St, Narvon, PA 17555	Meeting along road
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	

No need to make a reservation, be at the location and watch for the bus.
For more info call 484-878-2916
suggested \$25.00 donation for transportation cost
Thank you!!



BOOKS, BOOKS, AND MORE BOOKS

200 Lots at the auction.

We have a uniquely diverse selection of books this year. That includes a collection of Berks/Reading history books, German books, Pennsylvania Deutsch boonastiel, vintage song books, historical accounts, devotional reading, novels, woodworking manuals, flower & vegetable gardening and more of Chris P. Stoltzfus's collection of family documents, diaries, journals and rare books. We also have a complete set of Harvard Classics 1901, 52 volumes.

The catalog for the books can be downloaded from the www.NicholasStoltzfus.com website or call 484-878-2916 to request the catalog.



1545 Froschauer Bible to be sold at the Auction.

A 1545 Froschauer Bible printed in Zurich, Switzerland will be auctioned off at the Nicholas Stoltzfus Homestead Benefit Auction on May 4th, 2024. There are only 4 known copies in the United States and Canada. This Froschauer is now the 5th known copy. This Bible was donated by Stoltzfus/Zook family members to be sold at the sale.

When we received the Bible, it was missing the original covers and we had it rebound with a classic leather cover. The two front and two back pages are frayed with torn edges from age related atmosphere and moisture. The text and illustrations are all intact and are in very nice condition for a book that is almost 500 years old.



What is included in the front and back of the Bible are 4 pages of cursive German text. Rosalind J. Beiler translated to English text as follows:

Page 1

David Müller gekauft auf die bible-, Deß Christe Ebey his wandu for 2=10=0

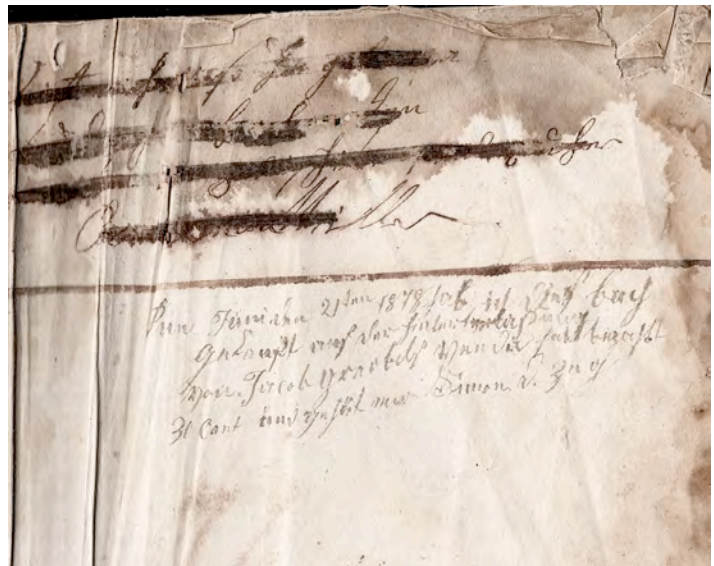
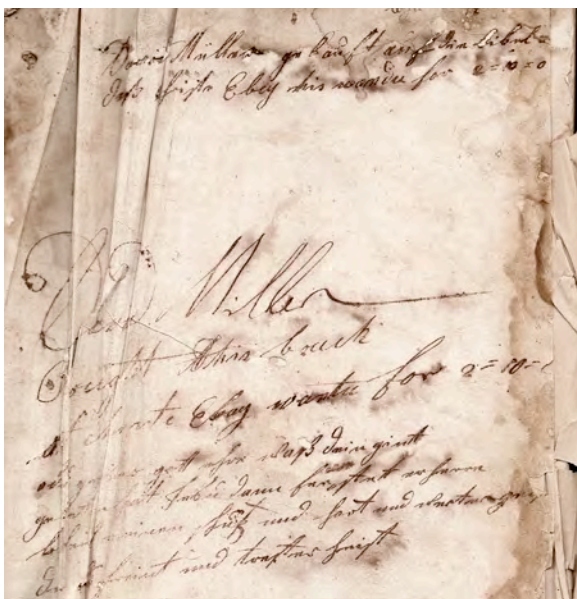
[David Müller bought the bible of Christe Ebey at his "vendu" (auction) for 2=10=0]

[?] [?] gott ehre Waß dein gint [gebeten?] hat Jesus dann ferstet erherrn
[?] meinen schutz und hart und werter [gnade?] Der [?] freint und trester heist

Page 2

[top part is crossed out], Ann Juni den 21ten 1878 hab ich Dies Buch Gekauft auf der hinterverlaßung, Von Jacob Graabels Vendu hab bezahlt 30 Cent und gehört mir Simon d. Zug

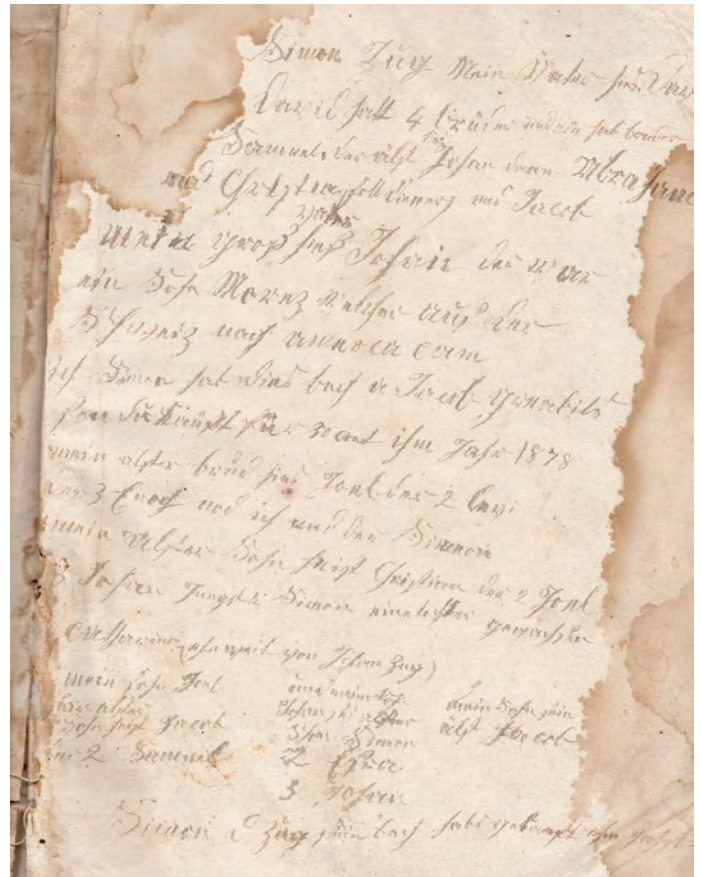
On June 21, 1878 I bought this book at the sale of the estate of Jacob Graabel (Graybill); paid 30 cents and it belongs to me, Simon D. Zug



Page 3

Simon Zug Mein Vater hies Dav, David hatt 4 brüder und ein hab bruder, Samuel der älst hies Johan dann Abraham Christian soll dienern und Jacob, Unsern Groß vater hieß Johan der war ein Sohn Morez welcher aus der Schweiz nach america cam ,Ich Simon hat dies buch a[?] Jacob Graabils Fendu kauft für 30 cent ihm Jahr 1878 Mein alter brud hies Joel der 2 Levi? [Levi?] Der 3 Enoch und ich und der Simeon Mein Alter Sohn hiest Christian der 2 Joel 3 Johan Jungst 4 Simon eine techter gewachsen Catharina (eheweib von Johan Zug) Mein sohn Joel [sein] alster Sohn heist Jacob, Der 2 Samuel und mein sohn Johan sei alster Shon Simon 2 Esra , 3 Johan, mein Sohn Chris[tian?] älst Jacob Simon D Zug sein buch habe gekauft ihm Jahr

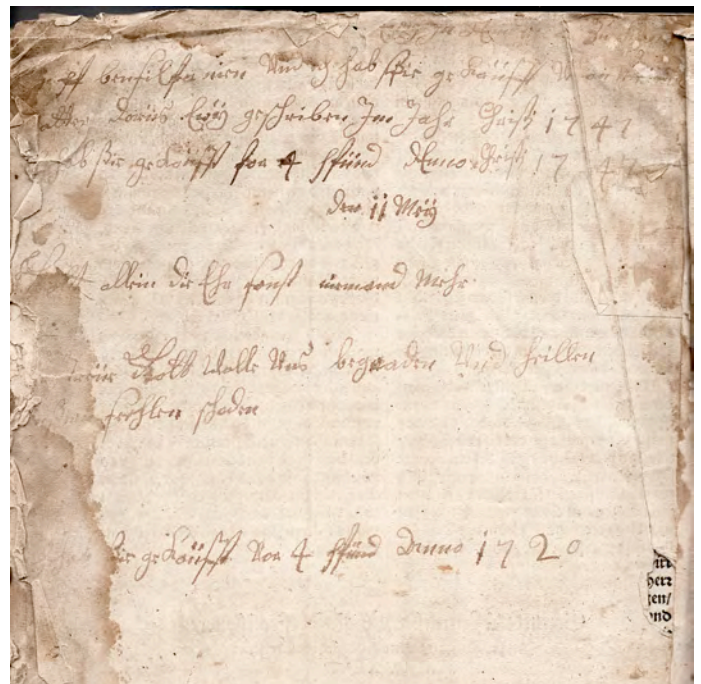
Simon Zug – my father’s name is David
 David had 4 brothers and a half-brother,
 Samuel the oldest is named Johan, then Abraham,
 Christian is supposed to be an elder (dienern – in the church?), and Jacob.
 Our grandfather was Johan and he was a son of Moretz, who came to America from Switzerland.
 I, Simon, bought this book at Jacob Graybill’s auction for 30 cent in the year 1878. My older brother is Joel, the 2nd Cari(?), the 3rd Enoch, and I go by Simon.
 My oldest son is called Christian, the 2nd Joel, the 3rd Johan jr., the 4th Simon, a grown daughter Catharina, wife of Johan Zug.
 My son Joel, his oldest son is Jacob; the 2nd is Samuel
 And my son Johan, his oldest son is Simon, the 2nd Esra, the third Johan, My son Christian(?), his oldest Jacob



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[?faded] Ewig In Ihme [faded] zu [faded]
 Zu [crossed out?ich] Bensilfanien [Pennsylvania] und ich hab
 ßie gekäuft Von meinem [V]atter Dorüs Ewy geschriben Im
 Jahr Christi 1747 [ich] hab ßie gekäuft for 4 pfünd Anno
 Christi 1747, Den 11 Mey
 Gott allein die Ehr sonst niemand Mehr
 Treüe Gott Wolle Uns begnaden Und heilen
 [U]nßern Seehlen schaden
 [i]ch hab sie gekäuft Vor 4 pfünd Anno 1720

To ? Pennsylvania and I bought it from my
 father Dorius Eby, written in the year of Christ 1747
 [I] bought it for 4 pounds the 11 of May, 1747
 To God alone the honor and no one more
 The true God give us grace and heal Our wounded souls
 I bought it for 4 pounds in the year 1720



Provenance:

- Bible belonged to Dorius Eby, who may have purchased it in 1720 for 4 pounds.
- Dorius Eby’s son purchased the book in 1747 from his father for 4 pounds. This may have been Christe Eby.
- David Miller purchased the bible at Christe Eby’s auction for 2 pounds 10 shillings (likely 18th century).
- Jacob Graybill owned the bible.
- Simon Zook purchased the bible on June 21, 1878 at Jacob Graybill’s estate auction for 30 cents.

Beautiful Table Settings - by Esther Stoltzfus

Do old dishes matter and what is their value? My answer is yes; vintage and antique dishes do have value (check replacements.com or eBay!) and yes, from an artistic and sentimental value, beautiful dishes help create an atmosphere in our homes. Corner cupboards and china cabinets in many homes are filled with dishes that have been lovingly passed down.

I grew up in the south where many of my friends created beautiful tables with china, crystal, silver, and linens and some even kept their tables set as part of their ongoing decorations. I am part of a Facebook group called **Beautiful Table Settings** that started in 2019 with 5 members and is now an active group of nearly a quarter million members who love and collect dishes.

Setting a table with real dishes takes a bit more time but is cheaper (no paper and plastic) and it becomes an event where memories are made and a meal of delicious food is elevated to an experience.

The china below has been donated to the Nicholas Stoltzfus Homestead for our 2024 auction. Before you decide "nobody cares about china", check out the value of these dishes and choose a set for yourself or your family. Local delivery within 60 miles available.



Royal China Pattern: Quban Royal, Produced in mid 1960's in Sebring, OH
Complete set of 4 with serving dishes/S/P shakers (extra partial settings)
Excellent condition, Hand wash



Sponge Blue by Tienshan, Produced in 1970's-1980's in China
Complete set of 4-mugs, bowls, salads, dinner plates
Excellent condition, Dishwasher safe



Winterling China, Pattern: Mayerling, Made in Bavaria in 1940's
Complete set for 15—cups, saucers, soups, dessert dishes, dinner plates, Gravy boat,
Excellent condition, Hand wash





Pfaltzgraff Heritage White, Made in USA in the 1960's
 Complete set of 8 with many special hard to find serving dishes
 Au gratin plate, candle stick holders, water pitcher, tea pot, creamer sugar, Bud vase, covered casseroles, oval platters, Salt and Pepper shakers
 Amazing set in excellent condition, Dishwasher safe



Ruby Red Arcoroc, Produced in France in 1940's
 Complete set of 4 -cups, saucers bowls, salads, dinner plates
 Excellent condition except 1 small chip on a soup bowl, Hand wash recommended



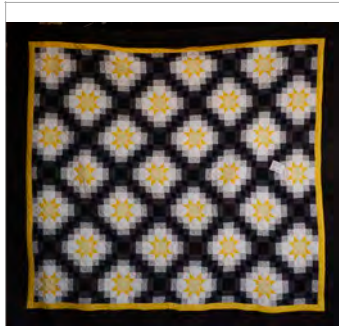
Old Brook Stoneware from Stonecreek Art Pottery produced in Japan in 1970s
 Set of 8 without coffee cups
 Excellent condition, Dishwasher safe



Selection of quilts to be sold at the auction



Lot 01
Improved Lone Star Queen - 99"x110"



Lot 06
Irish Chain Star Queen 97"x108"



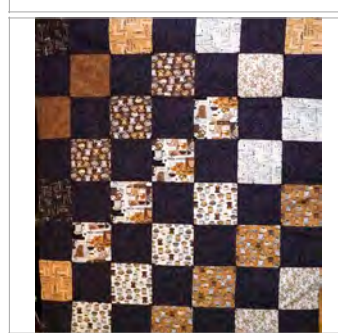
Lot 11
Kitten Comforter 64"x64"



Lot 02
Lancaster County Rose Queen 91"x103"



Lot 07
Log Cabin Queen 106"x113"



Lot 12
Coffee comforter 64"x72"



Lot 03
Starburst 100"x112"



Lot 08
Vintage Catalogue (machine stitched) 73"x92"



Lot 13

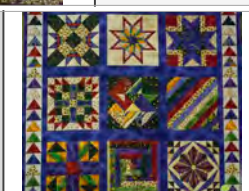


Lot 04
Lone Star Queen 103"x115"



Lot 09
9 Patch art quilt (machine stitched) Q MQ 75"x75"

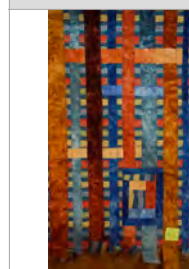
Selection of Wall Hangings, various sizes and styles.



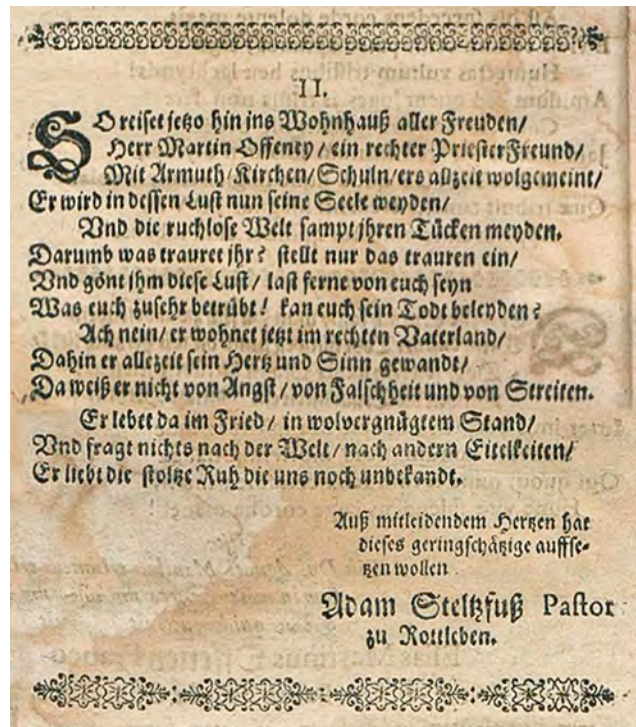
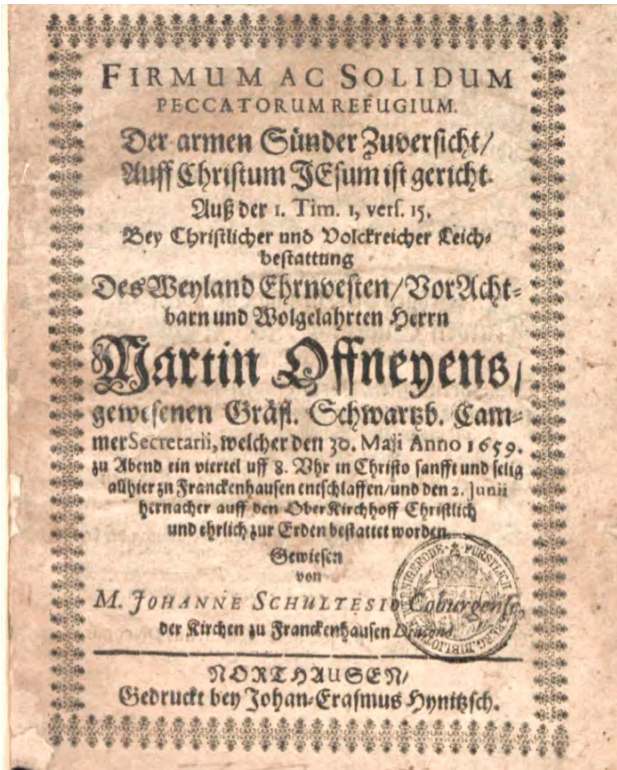
Lot 05
Bargello Diamonds Queen 100"x112"



Lot 10
Farm Animals Comforter 80"x90"



An old article from the Stoltzfus family dated 1659.



On May 30, 1659 Herr Martin Offneyens died in the town of Frankenhausen, Germany, he was buried on June 2nd at the Oberkirchhoff (Upper Church) in Frankenhausen. City officials, noble citizens, patrons and family honored his death with a desired sermon, God's grace, and all the blessings of body and soul.

Adam Steltzfuss, a Pastor from Rottleben gave the following reading at this funeral, (Adam was Nicholas Stoltzfus' Great-Grand Father).

“So set off to a home of all joys, Herr Martin Offeney, a right priest friend
 By poverty churches, schools always meant, He will now devote his soul to his pleasure
 And avoid the nefarious world and its tricks. Therefore what do you mourn?
 just stops the mourning, And grant him a lot of pleasure, let him be far away from you,
 What saddens you too much!
 Can you mourn his death? Oh no, he now lives in the right fatherland,
 That is where he always turned his heart and mind, He does not dwell on fear, falsehood, and
 strife.
 He lives there in peace, in a happy state, And don't ask anything about the world or other
 vanities
 He loves the proud peace that is still unknown to us. Apart from compassionate gentlemen,
 this contemptuous one has wanted to appear”.

- Adam Steltzfuss, Pastor to Rottleben, Germany.



The small county Church at Rottleben that Adam Steltzfuss pastored. The town of Rottleben off in the distance across the fields of grain. This is the region the Stoltzfus families lived in the 1600s.

Preserving History: The Nicholas Stoltzfus Homestead's Journey to the National Historic Registry

By Nic Stoltzfus

As the sun sets over the rolling hills of Berks County, Pennsylvania, a quiet farmhouse stands as a testament to centuries gone by. The Nicholas Stoltzfus Homestead has witnessed generations of Stoltzfus descendants tilling the soil, raising barns, and weaving stories into its very timbers. Now, the Homestead has the chance to etch its name into the annals of history—the National Register of Historic Places.

A Vision Takes Root

The Pennsylvania Museum and Historic Commission recognized the homestead's eligibility for the National Historic Registry during a site evaluation in the 1990s. When the Nicholas Stoltzfus Homestead Preservation Committee was founded in the early 2000s, the committee founders hoped to get the Homestead listed on the registry. In particular, this has been a goal of Paul Kurtz, longtime board member and known by many as the face of the homestead over the years (as an aside, he was the first person who gave me a tour of the Homestead!).

Three years ago, I submitted an application to get on the registry, and my application was returned with nearly two pages of detailed requests on the historic architecture. I was overwhelmed by their questions. I knew we needed professional help, so I reached out to Dr. Rose Beiler. She then referred me to her colleague, Dr. Anne Lindsay. Dr. Lindsay is a historian who specializes in 18th century homes. In particular, she has worked with other non-profits across the country to successfully get their sites listed on the registry.

Based on a proposal she sent the committee earlier this year, I believe that Dr. Lindsay can help us achieve our longtime vision of getting the Nicholas Stoltzfus Homestead listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Why Act Now?

If we provide Dr. Lindsay with the funds to begin her work this year, we have the opportunity to get the Homestead listed by 2026, in advance of the United States semiquincentennial (250 years of nationhood from 1776 to 2026). I think it's important to get the homestead listed by this date because many people will flock to Pennsylvania historic sites this year, and this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to bring visitors to the homestead, educating them about our heritage and values.

We need your help. Please consider helping us attain the funds needed to get the Homestead listed on the registry. Write a check to the Nicholas Stoltzfus Homestead Preservation Committee and write "National Historic Registry" in the memo line.

This is an opportunity to do your part in fulfilling a longtime vision of Paul Kurtz and other committee founders, as well as secure our legacy for generations to come.

For more information, call the Homestead at 484-878-2916.



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Accepting donations of items to be sold at the 2024 auction, bring your item to the auction. Delivery of items bought at the auction will be delivered to Ben Riehl's farm in Gordonville on May 6th. You must request a delivery of your purchased item.



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A place where memories are made.

A place to bring families together.

A place to relax and relive history.

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