

## Reunions at the Stoltzfus Home

The Allgyer Reunion, June 29, 2013, was attended by nearly 200 people. Michael Allgyer prepared the best chicken for the reunion! Some people came from as far as Pensacola, Florida. To schedule a reunion call 717-808-7785 or 717-278-6532.



If you would like more information or are interested in donating, please contact Paul Kurtz by email at [psku04@ptd.net](mailto:psku04@ptd.net), by phone at 717-808-7785, or by visiting [nicolasstoltzfus.org](http://nicolasstoltzfus.org).

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## *A Musical Event*

A musical event suggested by Sandy Kauffman is scheduled for September 28 at the Stoltzfus House from 10am to 5pm. As Mose Smucker has emphasized, the auction is a time of reunion where our connections are respected. This event will encourage more local attendance while respecting heritage values. Pray that our programs will honor our Lord and Savior.

Sandy led the effort to prevent demolition of the House in the 1990's, and the preservation was the result of the Pequea Bruderschaft decision beginning in 1997 at the time of a heritage tour.

Sandy is married to John Kauffman whose Stoltzfus score is four. That is how many of his 16 gr-gr-grandparents were Stoltzfus! But Sandy feels for those interested in the Stoltzfus House who are not Stoltzfus.

Sandy's interest in the House predates 1988 when the Schlegel family still lived in it. She, with Pam Shenk, Carole Wilson, and Lois Ann Mast were able to acquire eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places.

The event is a fundraiser for the barn which is awaiting completion. It will have gospel and folk singing. Call Sandy (610-488-0843) or John Stoltzfus (610-781-1098).

There will be food, craft vendors, all to help finish the barn. Admission: Adult...\$10.00 Youth to 10 to 15, \$5.00. Children 9 and under: free.

The commemorative dish is available there, and also can be mailed with \$37.10 plus \$3.00 for shipping, tax is included. Make check payable to: Nicholas Stoltzfus House Preservation Committee (NSHPC). Designate Redware Plate and send payment to Treasurer: Vivian Beiler, 243 W Fulton St, New Holland, PA.

## *A Stoltzfus Story: Dave Coleman*

I can remember my grandmother talking about Tennessee John but don't ever remember anything about Nicholas until I read a story in one of the papers a few years ago about the Nicholas Stoltzfus House and then later on facebook. Had planned on coming to the auction last month but it was raining pretty hard so I stayed home.

I just read Eine Wurzel Tennessee John Stoltzfus by Paton Yoder. ....Can remember when I did mail routes in the Wagontown area just north of Coatesville I delivered mail to a couple of Amish Stoltzfus families.

I have a niece who is a student at Pequea Valley High School and she said Stoltzfus is a very common name there. Told her they are probably all related to her somehow. I would assume the Stoltzfus' in that area, Gap, etc would be Tenn John's children's descendants, those who did not follow him to Tenn. and the Amish in the area would be from his children that did not leave the Amish? Guess that would make some of them my fourth cousins?

I do find this very interesting, I have a lot of nieces and nephews (great nieces and nephews too) I want to put together a little bit of this history for them too. Paton Yoder's book was a very good source of info. I didn't know it but several years ago I was at the Red Bridge near the Nicholas house. It isn't far from here. probably 45 minutes, I do plan on coming up sometime.

I usually go to the Reading Fair, Reading Phillies, etc that's nearby, are you having something at the house in the fall?.....Take Care, Dave Coleman

Next Stoltzfus House Auction  
Saturday, May 10, 2014

## Governor Leader: His Stoltzfus Moment

(Governor George Leader: 1/17/1918 - 5/9/2013)

The Allgyer reunion was June 29, organized by Michael Allgyer. Gov. Leader had insisted he do all the excavating as they were building. Mike told me the governor asked him to tear down the Stoltzfus House around 1990, but before he got to it the Governor called and asked him to hold off until he has further word. This made me curious, so I asked Michael Leader about this, and here was his response:

Hello, Paul. You have more information about the history of the Stoltzfus Homestead than I do. Someone once told me that some Amish found the location of the homestead when researching the old deed books in Berks County Court House. .... The first thing that I recall is that the Thunes placed a condition on the purchase agreement for the home that provided the owner must allow the Amish to restore their ancestral homestead. Prior to that time, neither my father nor I had any idea that this was an historic property or that it had once been occupied by Nicholas Stoltzfus. When he learned this, naturally Dad agreed to allow the Stoltzfus family to restore the home. My dad was very proud that Country Meadows was involved in preserving such an important part of the history of the Amish community in central Pennsylvania. Mike Leader

May 13, 2013

Dear Committee

I attended the fundraiser this past weekend. It was my first time. It was WONDERFUL. What a lot of effort by a lot of people. THANK YOU.

The auction was thrilling. I bought several items. When I got home, I noticed I had not pd for an item. There was no ticket for it in the clever auctioneer box. It was the 1<sup>st</sup> item I bought with # 84 - a BIRD FEEDER & I believe it was for \$17. I'm enclosing \$20 to cover the cost.

This may have been my first time @ the HOMESTEAD, but not the last.

Again, thank you for a wonderful experience.

Victoria Grona

Nicholas Stoltzfus is my 6<sup>th</sup> great grandfather

## *Berks Amish Heritage Tour*

Berks Amish Heritage tour, October 19, 2013

The Nicholas Stoltzfus House, 1700 Tulpehocken Rd, Wyomissing

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717-768-7739

Berks Amish Heritage Tour, Saturday, 8:00 A.M. to about 4:30, October 19,  
2013

Guides: Paul Stoltzfus Kurtz, Samuel Stoltzfus Stoltzfus, (Pud Sam)

Meet at Stoltzfus House, ready to leave on the bus at 8:00

Reservations by October 10: \$35 each

Meet by 7:45 at the NSH, 1700 Tulpehocken Rd, Wyomissing. Lunch on your  
own: noon at Loves in Shartlesville. Send Payment to Vivian Beiler, Treas., 243 W.  
Fulton, New Holland, PA 17557. Proceeds benefit the Nicholas Stoltzfus House.

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