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## Remember this is our organization's 50th Birthday

On Sunday, March 26th at 2 p.m. "THE LAST FLIGHT OF BRISTOL'S GIGANTIC YELLOW BIRD" is the topic of the program. Carl LaVo, feature writer for the Bucks County Courier Times will present the program. At the end of the program there will be light refreshments and a \$4.00 good will donation will be collected from each adult. Students are admitted free. Mr. LaVo will

have copies of his most recent publication entitled "Bucks County Adventures" and this book can be purchased following the program. Many people enjoy reading Mr. LaVo's articles each Monday morning in the Bucks County Courier Times and in the Intelligencer. Hope to see you at the program at 321 Cedar Street in Bristol.

## Happy Birthday Grundy Museum

Located on Radcliffe Street, adjacent to the Margaret R. Grundy Memorial Library, this is the 50th year of the museum.

When Joseph R. Grundy died in March of 1961, he directed in his will that a foundation should be created to use some of his money (which was a sizable amount) to use his home on Radcliffe Street as a museum and next to it build a library in memory of his sister, Margaret R. Grundy. The library does not cost the

town of Bristol any money. He directed the Foundation to have his house open free of charge to those who wished to enter. The furnishings are original used by not only Joseph and Margaret Grundy but by their parents, William and Mary.

Before the Civil War this property was the home of Captain Joseph B. Hutchinson, whose son became the General Manager of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

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## Celebrating 50 Years (1967 - 2017)

### BCHF Calendar of Events for 2017

**MARCH** Thurs., 3/16, 7-8:30 PM. Members' celebration of BCHF's 50th anniversary. Bristol Centre for the Arts. See "President's Column" in this GAZETTE for more info.

**MARCH** Sun., 3/26, 2 PM. Program entitled "The Last Flight of Bristol's Gigantic Yellow Bird," by Carl LaVO, feature writer for Bucks County Courier Times. Light refreshment. \$4 pp. BCHF headquarters.

**APRIL** Sun., 4/30, 3-5 PM. Annual Tea. BCHF headquarters. \$20 per person. Advance reservations required, starting 9 am Sat., March 25 at 215 788-9408.

**MAY** Thurs., 5/11. Bus Trip to Baltimore for "Crab Feast" or "Plated Menu" luncheon at Phillips Seafood Restaurant and 3-hr. guided bus tour of the city's historic sites. Cost varies depending on luncheon choice. Call 215 788-4138 for detailed flyer & reservation form. Deadline 3/31

**AUGUST** Sun., 8/6, 2-4 PM. Annual Peach Social. Angel food cake topped with fresh peaches & ice cream, plus beverage. Takeouts available. Baked goods table. \$5/adult, \$3 under age 12. Benefits BCHF awards to four Bristol High School graduates. BCHF's air-conditioned headquarters.

**OCTOBER** Wed.-Fri., 10/4-6. 3-day/2-night fully-escorted bus trip to Hudson River Valley, NY > Hudson River cruise, tour

of Wilderstein Historic Site, FDR's Hyde Park home, Eleanor Roosevelt's "Val-Kill" cottage, and West Point Military Academy. \$498 pp double; \$630 single. Reservations accepted starting March 1, accompanied by \$200 pp deposit; balance due by Aug. 15. For info call 215 788-9408.

**OCTOBER** Sat., 10/21, 10 AM - 4 PM. Annual Historic Bristol Day. Private house tours & riverfront Tea. Free entertainment, car show, sailboat regatta, children's activities, food court, exhibits, and more. Ticket required for House Tour & Tea. For details, see [www.bristolhistory.org](http://www.bristolhistory.org)

**NOVEMBER** Wed., 11/15, 7:30 PM. BCHF's annual business meeting, incl. election of Board members. Program & refreshments follow. Free. Public is invited. BCHF headquarters. Call 215 781-9895 for info.

**NOVEMBER** Wed., 11/29. Bus trip to Franklin Inst., Phila., to view "Terracotta Warriors, Guards for Eternity" exhibit. Visit to Irish Memorial and lunch to be included. All-inclusive cost: \$98 for BCHF members; \$100 for non-members.

- BCHF Headquarters are at 321 Cedar Street, Bristol
- For current information about activities and events, check out our web site at [www.bristolhistory.org](http://www.bristolhistory.org).

## President's Corner

We are fast approaching our 50th Anniversary celebration party to be held on March 16 at the Center for the Arts, 308 Mill Street in Bristol. All members and volunteers are invited to attend between the hours of 7 and 8:30 PM. Beside good food and music, we are looking forward to recognizing past presidents of the organization who are able to attend. I must apologize here for my omission in the last President's Corner of our second past president Francis O'Boyle. He followed president Joe Pavone.

We have been busy looking into our organization's past and are fascinated to learn of the many things in which our young organization was involved. The foundation began as the Radcliffe Cultural and Historical Foundation in order to promote community support and appreciation of the arts and culture in the area. Later, the name was changed to Bristol Cultural and Historical Foundation.

The young organization provided and promoted among other things, concerts, including operas and string quartets. Art exhibits were held at the Radcliffe Art Gallery. There were gala dinners and home tours for all to enjoy.

In 1977 the organization began the first Historic Bristol Day as a community wide event. Bristol Day harkened back to the time in Bristol's history when Market Day was held in the Fall of the year in order for farmers to bring the results of their harvest to town.

Today, we are still keeping true to our mission to provide cultural and historical events for all to enjoy. Fifty years is a long time, however it is our hope that it is only the beginning with much more to come.

See you at the Gala in the Art Gallery. How appropriate!

*Jan Ruano*

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## Trip Talk

At last report, seats were still available on the **Thursday, May 11**, trip to **Historic Baltimore**. The trip includes a luncheon at the well-known Phillips Restaurant in Baltimore's Inner Harbor, followed by a 3-hour guided bus tour of the city's historic and popular sites, including Ft. McHenry, Fells Point, Federal Hall and Babe Ruth's birthplace, along with some of its neighborhoods, such as Little Italy and Mt. Vernon. The all-inclusive price is \$91 for BCHF members and \$96 for non-members. To check on current availability, call Ellanna Delaney at 215 788-4138.

On March 1, Helen Younglove began accepting reservations on the **October 4-6** bus trip to the **Hudson River Valley of New York**. The itinerary features a Hudson River cruise and tours of West Point Military Academy, Franklin Roosevelt's Hyde Park home and museum, Eleanor Roosevelt's "Val-Kill" cottage, and the Queen Anne mansion that was home to The Suckley Family, whose last family member, "Daisy," was a close friend of

FDR. Also included in the cost of \$498 pp double and \$630 single are two expanded continental breakfasts, two dinners, meal gratuities and hotel taxes, and gratuities for the driver, local guide and trip escort. Trip cancellation insurance is available upon request. For a detailed flyer with reservation form, contact Helen Younglove at 215 788-9408.

Last - - but far from least - - is a bus trip to **Philadelphia on Wednesday, November 29**, to view the **"Terracotta Warriors, Guards for Eternity"** exhibit at the Franklin Institute. The ticket to this exhibit includes admission to other sections of the Institute. Preceding this stop will be a visit to the Irish Memorial at Penn's Landing and a 3-course luncheon at Spasso Italian Grill. The all-inclusive cost of the trip is \$98 for BCHF members and \$100 for non-members. Reservation information will be available in a future issue of the GAZETTE.

The Ways & Means Committee welcomes suggestions for future excursions of an historical or cultural nature!

## A Note from Ways and Means

Mark your calendars for . . .

Please join us on **Sunday, April 30th from 3-5 PM for our Annual Spring Tea**. Jimmy Bason of Bird of Paradise will be demonstrating two floral arrangements that will be raffled.

Local caterer, Darlene Carey, will delight us with delicious tea sandwiches and desserts. And, of course, homemade scones round out traditional tea fare. Tickets are \$20.00

Reservations are necessary and will be accepted starting at 9AM on Saturday, March 25th. Please call Helen Younglove at 215 788-9408 to reserve your seat.

We hope to see you and your friends for this yummy and fun-filled afternoon.

and

Come at **2PM on Sunday, March 26th** to meet and listen to local journalist, Carl LaVo. We're sure you're familiar with his weekly column in the Courier Times each Monday as he presents interesting insights into places and events in our wonderful Bucks County. Mr. LaVo's intriguing program is entitled, "The Last Flight of Bristol's Yellow Bird". Light refreshments will be served by Ways & Means members after the program.

Have you heard about the two Navy pilots who tried to beat Charles Lindbergh to Paris, using a plane built right here in Bristol? It's a true story to be told by Mr. LaVo.

## Grundy . . . continued from Page 1

On March 24, 1884, the executors of Captain Hutchinson's estate sold the property to William H. Grundy. Mr. Grundy remodeled and enlarged the dwelling, converting it into the beautiful home on the banks of the Delaware River.

The Grundy family, from Philadelphia, came to Bristol in 1876 and started a worsted wool mill on Jefferson Avenue and Canal Street. They were fortunate to get this location. It was along the Delaware Canal which transported anthracite coal

from Easton. The company used the coal to help power the machines in the factory. In 1946 Mr. Grundy sold the building. At the present time there are over 15 separate businesses producing products or using the area for office space. Mr. Grundy died in 1961 in the Bahamas and the Grundy Foundation was established.

Be sure to check times for the guided tours of the Grundy House. All tours are free.



Photo shows a small part of the unusually large crowd which attended the Jan. 29th program given by actress Linda Kenyon. Her first-person portrayal of Eleanor Roosevelt met with rave reviews.

## Out Of The Past

The following items were excerpted from **MARCH 1907** issues of the BUCKS COUNTY GAZETTE.

3/1 - - "HOME-MADE CAKES TO ORDER. Orders taken for home-made cakes. Miss E.B. Beatty, 900 Radcliffe Street. Phone 29W"

"HORSES CLIPPED. Horse clipping done in the very best manner and at cheapest rates. Patton's old stables, foot of Radcliffe Street, or leave order at barbershop, 123 Mill Street."

"WANTED. Intelligent men and boys. Corona Leather Works."

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE:

Richard Webb was surprised by a postal shower on Wednesday, in honor of his 21st birthday.

Bowling among the fairer sex has become quite a fad in Bristol and a number of them have become very adept at knocking down the pins. A large party was rolling at the Riverside alleys on Wednesday night.

Mohican Tribe, No. 127, I.O.R.M., had a very successful smoker in Mohican Hall last Monday evening. The talent, consisting of music, monologues, comic jugglers, etc., was good and greatly appreciated.

3/8 - - TO BRIDGE THE DELAWARE. Plan to Construct a Double Draw Bridge between Burlington and Bristol. Although the project for connecting Bristol and Burlington by a double draw steel bridge across the Delaware River has been agitated for the past ten years, the movement recently inaugurated will, in all probability, carry the scheme to a successful conclusion. Indorsed by the Burlington Board of Trade and supported morally by virtually all Burlington and Bristol countians situated on opposite sides of the river, the capitalists who have become interested find nothing to prevent their proceeding at once with the construction.

A WEDDING IN BRISTOL. A pretty home wedding took place last Thursday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Louderbough, when their daughter Harriet was married to William B. Mack of Tioga, Philadelphia. The ceremony was witnessed only by the immediate families of both contracting parties.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS. The new Council met for organization last Monday evening. The first business to claim the attention of the body was the drawing of seats. James Wright, the oldest member of Council, was given the privilege to make the selection of his seat previous to the drawing, and chose the same seat he occupied at the previous session. Josiah M. Owen was elected President of the Council.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE:

A number of new looms were started at Steel's Mill last week and employment was given to about 50 more people.

The Columbia came up the river on Tuesday, being her first appearance since the river has been so full of ice.

Anthony Shores, the huckster, has purchased a cart and will engage in the carting business as soon as the Spring weather sets in.

The public is respectfully invited to inspect the handsome new firehouse of America Hose, Hook and Ladder Co., No. 2, during the coming week.

The date and celebration of the 50th anniversary of No. 1 Fire Company has been changed to April 9. Elaborate plans have been made for a gala time.

"NOTICE. Fine, airy rooms for lodgers on river bank, 900 Radcliffe Street, from April 1. Prices according to situation. Reasonable table board near at hand."

"Hottest Thing on the Market! CRUSHED COKE!! \$5.50 per ton. Leave orders at Bristol Gas office, 245 Mill Street."

3/15 - - TO LAY CORNER STONE FOR NEW CHURCH. The Italians of Bristol are making great preparations for a gala time

on next Sunday, March 17, when they will lay the corner stone of their new church, St. Ann's, corner of Dorrance and Pond Streets. It has been just one year since operations were commenced for the erection of a new church and the congregation now numbers 2000. In this number, there are 250 families represented. Rev. Paul Gentile is the rector.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE:

About \$100 was realized at the seven cent supper given by Class No. 6 at the Baptist Church last week.

A broken axle caused B.T. Groff to spill his entire supply of milk on Tuesday morning.

The Bristol and Newtown Trolley Co. will run a special car on Monday night after the performance of the Knights of Columbus' Minstrels, for the accommodation of those living along the line who desire to attend.

An open live-bird shooting match will be held on the grounds of the Bristol Shooting Association, near Croydon, on March 21 at one o'clock. The main event will be the ten live birds. \$5 entrance.

"CHILDS GROCERY CO., Bristol. Special Prices! Ivin's Spiced Wafers 8¢Lb. Meaty Prunes - 5¢ Lb. Soused Mackerel - 13¢. Red Alaska Salmon - Can, 10¢. 3 Cans Tomatoes - 25¢. 2 Cakes Snowberry Soap - 7¢."

"La France Show for Women. \$3 and \$3.50. For Sale by JOHN L. HIBBS, Bristol."

3/22 - - BRISTOL LODGE OF ELKS ANNUAL ELECTION. At the meeting on Monday evening, Howard I. James, Esq., was elected Exalted Ruler for the ensuing year. Bristol Lodge of Elks has met with wonderful success ever since its institution. It started with 55 charter members and, although not yet two years old, has a present membership of 148.

"ANNOUNCEMENT! We have all the latest novelties in Spring and Summer Millinery, which you are cordially invited to inspect. MISS SARA K. COOKE, 214 Radcliffe Street."

"Azaleas, Easter Lilies! CHAMBERS' FLOWER STORE, 223 Market Street."

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE:

The high water in the old Badger Meadows has driven the muskrats from their beds and the gunners have had great sport in shooting them.

Judge Kraft has procured the following marriage licenses during the past week: Diego Cottone to Rosina Garamella, James Christopher to Elsie Taylor, Pietro Tamurello to Mary Saporito. The parties are all residents of Bristol.

SONS OF VETERANS CELEBRATE. Col. J.M. Gosline Camp, No. 28, Sons of Veterans, of Bristol, celebrated their fifth anniversary in Washington Hall on Tuesday evening.

3/29 - - BRISTOL'S BOOM. An article, printed in the Philadelphia Record on Sunday, states that Bristol is booming. Real estate values are rapidly rising. Factories are going up. It is a warm-hearted, picturesque place overlooking the Delaware. There are ten churches in Bristol. The town is lighted by gas and electricity, not to mention the sun. The tax rate is low. There are four hotels in Bristol, two newspapers, a remarkable public library and an excellent school library. Six steamers ply between Bristol and Philadelphia daily and a steam ferry runs to Burlington.

BIG BUILDING OPERATION. This Spring, Joseph R. Grundy will build 34 two-story brick houses on Jefferson Avenue and Pond Streets. Ernest Lawrence secured the contract for \$53,800 for their erection. *continued on page 6*

## “The Moses of Her People”

The “Moses of Her People” was born Araminta Ross c. 1822 and died March 10, 1923 in Auburn, NY of pneumonia at age 93

We know her as Harriet Ross Tubman. She was born as a slave child in Dorchester County, Maryland. As a small child she was beaten and whipped by her master. As a child her master threw a heavy piece of metal which hit her head and caused a very bad head wound. Actually he was throwing it at another slave but it hit Harriet’s head.

In her adult life she was married twice. Her first marriage was to John Tubman (1844-1861). Her second marriage was to Nelson Davis (1869-1888). They had one child, a daughter whose name was Gertie Davis.

Harriet escaped to Philadelphia in 1849. Harriet was determined to free all slaves. She made over 17 trips to the south, helping 70 families escape. None of the escapees were ever caught.

This was before the slaves were freed by the “Emancipation Proclamation” signed by Abraham Lincoln.

Harriet helped John Brown gather men for his raid on “Harper’s Ferry”. Harriet joined the women’s suffrage movement.

There are several statues of Harriet Tubman in the U.S. including the one in Bristol’s riverfront park.

In the one in Bristol, Harriet is pointing to the “North



Harriet Ross Tubman statue pointing to the north

Star”. This was used at night as they were escaping slavery on the Underground Railroad.

There are several “stations” on the Underground Railroad in Bristol. One of the houses is #315 Radcliffe Street. In that house the slaves were hidden in a secret passage under the cupola on top of the house.

There were no signs advertising a stop. This was only done orally by people who were against slavery.

Harriet never visited Bristol, but there are several families that are directly related to her and live in Bristol. The Ross family, the Davis family and the Taylor family are known to be relatives of Harriet Ross Tubman.

Bristol’s Louise Davis does an outstanding job in her portrayal of the “Moses of Her People”.

Harriet was honored by the federal government with a commemorative postage stamp.

Some of her last words, as she was dying in Auburn, NY were “I go to prepare a place for you”.

Harriet was an abolitionist, humanitarian, and an armed scout

and spy for the U.S. Army.

Harriet Ross Tubman is a very important person in United States History.

Stop by Bristol’s park along the Delaware and observe her statue.

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They will have seven rooms each. Four stores will be located on the corner lots.

**P.O. KIDD TO BUILD HOUSES.** P.O. Kidd has purchased from John Dorrance the lot between Pond and Wood Streets on Lafayette, and will erect a row of ten brick, porch-front houses thereon.

**MOTHERS CLUB LECTURE.** The lecture given by the Mothers Club of Bristol, by Mrs. Florence Kelly on Tuesday evening, was full of facts concerning one of the leading questions of the day. Her subject was “The Untaught Children of America,” relating as it did to the thousands of children working in the mills, factories and sweatshops throughout the country.

### LOCAL INTELLIGENCE:

A number of herring have been caught by local fishermen during the week.

The price of all daily and Sunday Philadelphia and New York papers has been advanced one cent per week to subscribers in Bristol.

Large flocks of wild ducks have been seen on the river these past few days. The open season for shooting them is from April 1 to April 15.

Rev. Robert Hetherington, a former Bristol boy, has just been reappointed minister of the First Methodist Church in Media.

At the meeting of the local Druggists Association on Tuesday evening, it was decided to keep the stores open until 10 o’clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July and August. The stores will be closed on Sunday from 1 to 6 o’clock.

“FRANK G. RISLEY, Manufacturer of Fine Confections and Ice Cream, 401-403 Mill Street; Factory at 111 Pond Street . . . Our Easter eggs are positively our own make and made of the purest materials. Names written on eggs FREE while you wait. Large cream coconut eggs - 10¢ doz. Soft jelly bird eggs - 15¢ lb. Our 25¢ filled Easter basket are great bargains.

## The Dirt at BCHF Headquarters: The Science of Archaeological Excavations

by Jesse Walker and Meagan Ratini

Professional archaeological fieldwork is more than simply finding cool things in the dirt. It involves excavation with shovels and trowels, screening soil for artifacts, collecting artifacts and recording information. What kinds of information? The specifics vary by site and by the research questions archaeologists set out to answer at them , but the information generally includes photographing excavation holes, mapping the whole area being studied, filling out paperwork to record how the excavation progressed and what was found, describing artifacts in detail, and labeling artifact bags with information. Data collected at the site, including notes on soil changes, building remains, the depths at which different artifacts are found, and other seemingly mundane details, can help determine age and importance of the artifacts recovered. This data can also tell what sorts of activities are represented by the artifacts, and who in the past left the material behind.

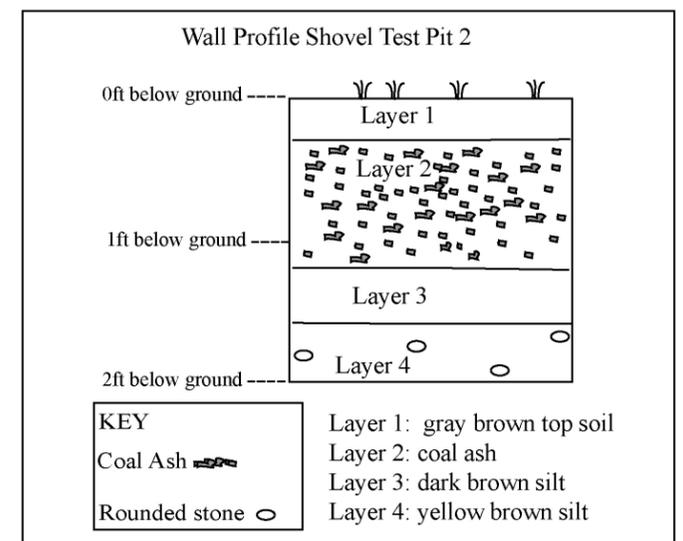
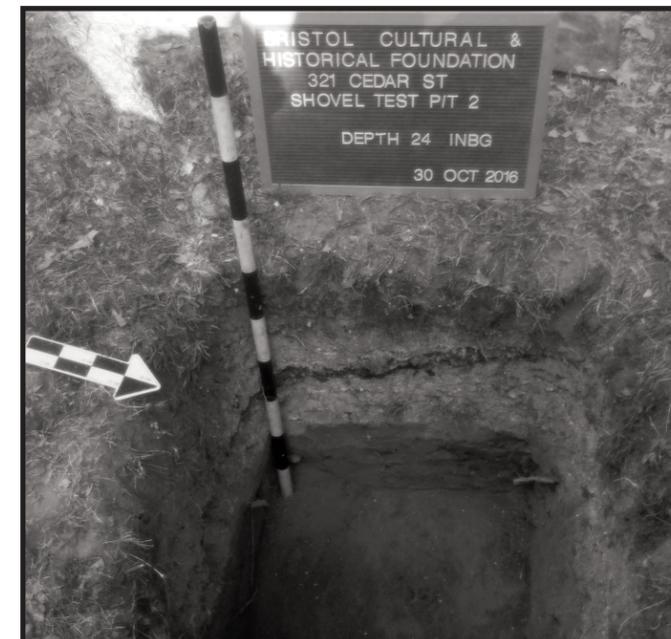
The archaeological fieldwork conducted in the Fall of 2016 in the grassy yard around the BCHF building on Cedar Street in Bristol Borough involved the excavation of four square holes. The square holes are called shovel test pits, and these ones were approximately two feet by two feet. For each shovel test pit, the thickness of the different strata (i.e. layers of soil) was recorded. The shovel test pits were a uniform size to allow for meaningful comparisons across the different areas of the site.

The photograph and the drawing below depict the soil layers encountered in Shovel Test Pit 2. Archaeologists

typically photograph one or more “walls” of an excavation in order to capture subtle details such as soil color. Drawings are also done in the same locations because they can more clearly depict how the archaeologists understood what they were excavating, since soil layers are often differentiated by tactile changes as much as by visual. The menu board in the photograph below provides information about the project and other details, like the depth of the excavation. In case you are wondering, “INBG” stands for “inches below the ground surface”. The bottom of Shovel Test Pit 2 was excavated by Joel Dworsky and other community members to a depth of 24 inches below the ground surface. The accompanying drawing illustrates the profile or cut-away view of the four layers found in Shovel Test Pit 2. It was drawn to scale using a computer illustration program.

Archaeologists are said to “read the soil” during excavation. Much like geologists, we take note of different layers of soil distinguishable by color, texture (such as whether it has clay or sand in it), inclusions of gravel, or other physical aspects. These differences tell the story of how those soils - and the artifacts they contain - got there. In general, deeper layers of soil are older than those on top. Think of it like piling mail on a desk. If you were to keep stacking mail in the same place over many weeks, eventually you’d find a natural timeline developing. The letters on top would be from yesterday, but the bottom ones could be from six months earlier.

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## Photograph and Profile of Shovel Test Pit 2 prepared by Jacob and Jesse Walker

## CLARA DIRECT and MAGGIE WINDER

“Thirty-two year old mother of 20 sons and daughters dies and is laid to rest on a farm in Bristol Township” - - that was the headline on August 3, 1929. The mother was Clara Direct, a mare owned by Jacob M. Winder. (Today this farm is part of Winder Village - Rodgers Road, Route #413). The grave, a small mound between two locust trees was decorated with an American flag. Clara Direct came to be owned by Jacob Winder in an unusual way.

Jacob was looking through a horse sale catalog to find a driving horse for his wife. Jacob owned a horse but it was afraid of trolley cars. His attention was drawn to a horse called “Clara Direct”; he liked the name. He bought the horse through Caveland Farms in Kentucky and arranged that Henry Jones (owner of the farm) would be the trainer. Clara Direct was “in foal” at the time of the purchase. The foal was born May 23, 1906. It was a year later that Jacob Winder actually saw Clara Direct and her foal; he named the filly “Maggie Winder” after his wife. At age two, Maggie showed speed as a trotter\*; but Maggie Winder was changed to a pacer\*\*. She was in championship form when she became a three year old. Her first race was in August, 1909; Maggie set the record for 3 year olds at Lexington, KY. She became a phenomenal racing filly. In her first year, she established four world records. Mr. Winder took Maggie off the track in 1910 to let her rest, but there was a demand for her offspring. She became a brood mare. She foaled some great horses - - Windemere, Maggie Chenault, Margaret

Spangler, and many other promising racing horses.

A headline appeared in the Bristol Courier on Feb. 1, 1913 - - “Maggie Winder Will Be Here.” Maggie was being shipped from New York to Kentucky via Penna. Railroad. She was to be in Bristol three or four days. The public was invited to come see her on the Winder farm. She was described as a “kind, affectionate, genuine thoroughbred.” She had a long, sweeping tail and one white left hind foot. She stood 15 hands high. Maggie died on October 5, 1930.

\* trot - - a gait where the two legs diagonally opposite from each other move forward together.

\*\* pace - - a gait where the two legs on the same side of the horse move forward together.

In pacing and trotting, two feet are always off the ground.



## Archaeology . . . continued from page 3

Looking at the example below, the topsoil in Layer 1 is very recent. We know that because underneath of it is a thick layer of coal ash, the byproducts of burning coal. This coal ash (Layer 2) had to have been dumped in the yard at some point in the past. Considering that coal became a major fuel source in the 19th century, we can presume that this layer is from that period or slightly more recently. (Although we would confirm that suspicion by looking at the artifacts and other data collected.) Under the coal ash, Layer 3 was an earlier ground surface, one which likely hadn't seen the sun since the 19th century. The deepest layer of this Shovel Test Pit is Layer 4, which was a natural subsoil and had not been altered by human beings.

The archaeology project at BCHF should provide some insight into what life was like during the Industrial Era and later times in Bristol. Stay tuned for future updates

as we continue researching this site. Another public archaeology dig is tentatively planned at the BCHF building for Historic Bristol Day in October 2017. Come out and join us! If you are interested in helping with fieldwork or with researching and reporting on the findings, contact Jesse Walker at 215 788-5824 or walker-family320@verizon.net. Meagan Ratini also teaches archaeology courses at Bucks County Community College - if you're interested in finding out more about those or other historic preservation courses, email her at meagan.ratini@bucks.edu.

Do you have a burning question about archaeology? Want to understand more about what archaeologists do? Feel free to send us a question to Jesse at the address above and we'll try to address it in a future edition of the *Gazette*!

## About Jacob Winder

Jacob M. Winder was born in Bristol Borough (Radcliffe and Walnut Sts.) on August 28, 1858. He was educated in the public and private schools of the area. He attended a business college in Philadelphia. As a boy he worked at some farms of the area and was employed at several local business such as D. Landreth Seed Co., C.W. & J. Peirce, Rogers Mill and Leedom's Carpet Mill. He became a hard worker and a first class mechanic. Jacob was appointed postmaster in Bristol under the Cleveland Administration (1895). He served on the Bristol Council 1883-84. After retiring from postmaster, he entered the grocery and meat business at Pond & Mill Sts. After a year he got a wholesale liquor license.

In 1905, he took up horseracing as a pastime purchasing his first race horse. When Prohibition became effective, Mr. Winder closed his liquor store and retired. He devoted his interests to horseracing. Jacob Winder died January, 1932 at his home after an extended illness. He is buried in St. James Church yard.



Jacob Winder (1858 - 1932)

## BREAKING NEWS . . . BREAKING NEWS . . . BREAKING NEWS

As we were preparing this issue for the press, the news was announced that Bristol Borough has won the Small Business Revolution contest.

*Congratulations to*

## BRISTOL BOROUGH

And “Thanks” to all those who worked so hard to make this happen and all those who phoned in their votes and urged others to phone in their votes. The Judges obviously saw all the love and support we have for our town and the potential for greatness.

Now let us all MAKE IT HAPPEN!!

## Bristol Riverside Theater - 2017

“Jesus Christ Superstar” | “Witness For The Prosecution” -  
Phone 215 785-0100 for information about their live productions.

*This theater has been presenting live performances in Bristol at the corner of Radcliffe and Market Streets for 30 years. Be sure to call or stop by for tickets.*