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East Petersburg Historical Society (EPHS) was established in 1976 with the purpose to preserve memorabilia from East Petersburg's past and to make it available for the education of community residents.

The Daniel Wolf House, located at State & Lemon Streets in East Petersburg, PA, is open for visitors, tours and business during the first Saturday of each month (throughout the year) from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

The following talks are located at the East Petersburg Community Building, 6051 North Pine Street, East Petersburg – 7:00 p.m.

Monday, March 4, 2024

WORLD WAR II MEMORIES

Highlighting the average men and women who served in the U.S. Army.

Presented by John & Nancy Snoke.

Monday, April 1, 2024

THE SCHAUER FAMILY

The history of their East Petersburg wooden plane-making business in the 1800s.

Presented by Todd Hostetter.

Monday, May 6, 2024

THE ALLEYS OF EAST PETERSBURG

A video presentation by George Parrish, who explains and tours the system of alleys, discovering interesting buildings and lesser-known things.

Presented & hosted by Samuel Maurer IV.

Monday, June 3, 2024

THE PETER GOTTSCHALL FAMILY

The name-sake of East Petersburg – the family origin and history.

Presented by Robert Alley.

Monday, October 7, 2024

EAST PETERSBURG BULLDOGS YOUTH FOOTBALL

Presented by John Mattern and Garry Fuhrman.

The following events are located at the East Petersburg Historical Society Building, State & Lemon Streets, East Petersburg.

Saturday, April 27, 2024

ANTIQUE CAR SHOW

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

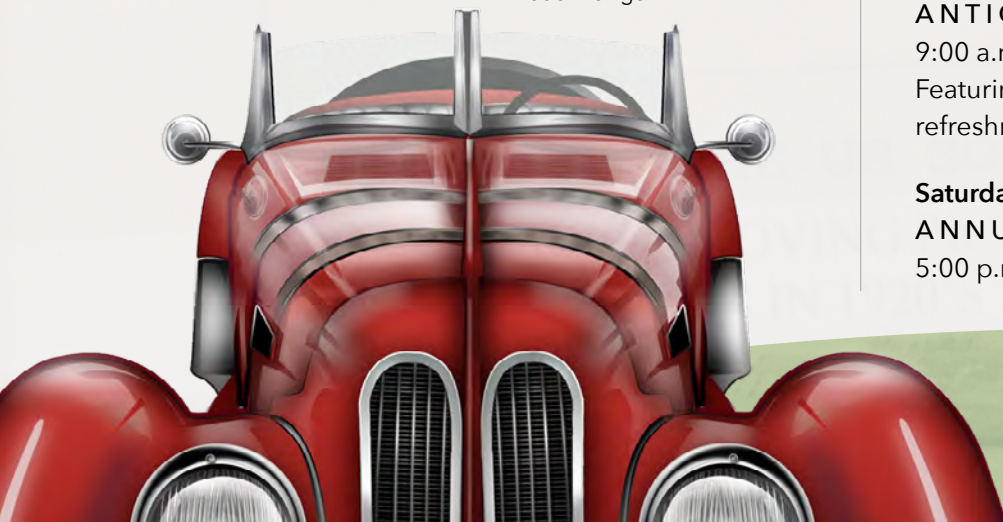
Featuring 6+ antique vehicles, vehicle artifacts & refreshments available for purchase.

Saturday, December 7, 2024

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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EAST PETE'S PAST

1710-1720

The first settlers began to arrive in Lancaster County. No one, however, had ventured North into the East Petersburg (E.P.) area.

1730

Andrew Hershey was one of the first settlers in the E.P. area. Official recordings of land transactions began around 1730 in Lancaster County. Andrew Hershey was officially given 500 acres of land to the west of town to begin homesteading and developing the area.

1750

There were still no roads or houses present in the E.P. area. There were only small, irregular paths which generally followed former Indian trails.

PRE-1800

The first church and school were held in the cider house owned by Mr. Hershey. Other facilities were not yet established.

1800

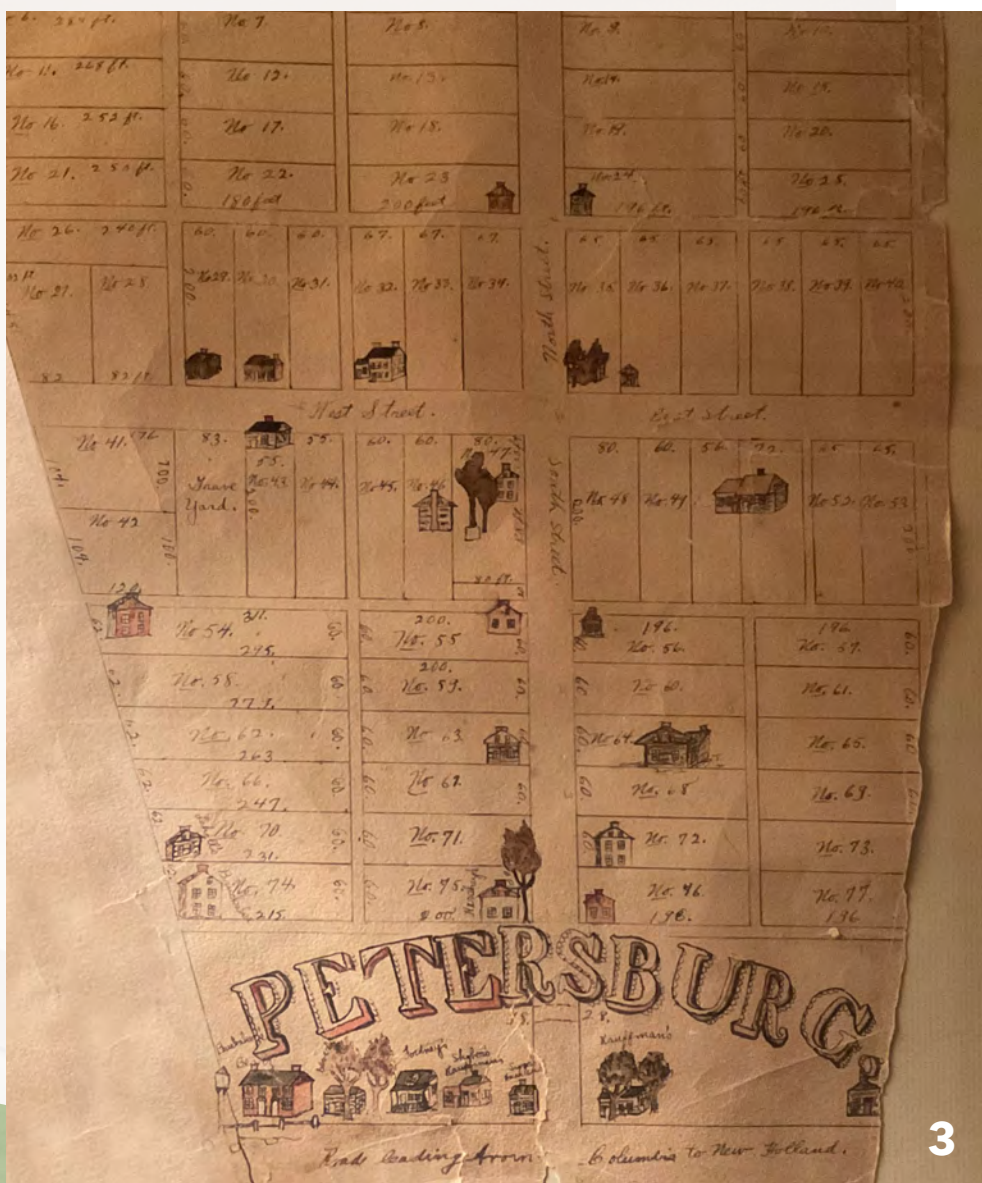
One of the first teachers in the E.P. area was George Streng, who was noted for his German teachings. He made many notable contributions to the historical preservation of this period.

1806

Two main roads were established. North and South – Lancaster to Manheim. East and West – Columbia to Huber's Corner. These roads accommodated wagon travelers. Daniel Wolfe bought 25 acres from his brother, John, at the intersection of these two routes because of the increase in travel, and the hope of profit in land speculation.



EAST PETE'S MAPS (1828)



FEATURED ARTIFACT

This is "Fishing Lamp" or "Lantern." The body would hold "coal oil" (kerosene). The (3) spouts would each have a cotton rope that wick-ed up the coal oil. The wicks would be lit. The lamp would be placed on the bank of the lake or creek, serving as a light for the fisherman. Some claim the lantern also attracted the fish.



COOKING UP THE PAST

PEPPERMINT EGG CUSTARD PIE

A popular Easter season dish during the 19th century.

Ingredients:

1/2 cup sugar

4 eggs

1/4 of a nutmeg freshly ground

1 tablespoon all-purpose flour

2 cups whole milk

3 - 4 large sprigs of peppermint

Tear the mint leaves into small pieces.

Spread them on the bottom of a 9" pastry-lined pie dish.

Sprinkle the nutmeg on top of the mint.

Mix the flour and the sugar.

Beat in the eggs.

Add the milk and mix well.

Pour over the mint & nutmeg.

Bake at 375°F for about 35 to 40 minutes.



A PLEA FOR HISTORY

The East Petersburg Historical Society (EPHS) needs your help. As history unfolds, so do the costs for protecting our heritage. Archiving, storing and displaying these precious items is necessary work – a task that our dedicated volunteers are happy to perform.

As a non-profit organization, however, we have financial limitations. Our landmark EPHS museum – The Daniel Wolf House of East Petersburg, PA – needs repairs and upgrades in order to safeguard our history for generations to come.

A heating, ventilating and air conditioning system (HVAC) is required for storing and displaying donated artifacts in a proper, safe environment.

Temperature fluctuations and humidity are deteriorating the 1905 State Street building, the artifacts and documents. Without a stable, climate-controlled building, we are in danger of losing our cherished history.

With your donation, you will help us to protect the future by preserving our past. **To donate online, please scan the green GoFundMe QR code (below).**

To donate by mail:

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Thank you for being a champion of history.

