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# EAST PETERSBURG

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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THE EAST PETERSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
IS DEDICATED TO PRESERVING A VITAL PART  
OF OUR EAST PETERSBURG PAST.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

East Petersburg Community Building  
6051 North Pine Street  
East Petersburg, PA



East Petersburg Historical Society  
Daniel Wolf House  
State & Lemon Streets  
East Petersburg, PA



## QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER MARCH 2025

The East Petersburg Historical Society (EPHS) was established in 1976 with the purpose to preserve East Petersburg memorabilia and to make those artifacts 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 & business during the first Saturday of each month (throughout the year) 9:00 a.m. until noon.

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### UPCOMING NEWSLETTERS

SUMMER ISSUE - JUNE 21, 2025  
FALL ISSUE - SEPTEMBER 21, 2025  
WINTER ISSUE - DECEMBER 21, 2025

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2025

**HAUNTINGS OF  
EAST PETERSBURG  
BY COREY ASPRIL**  
7:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025

**THE GOTSHALL FAMILY  
BY ROBERT ALLEY**  
7:00 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025

**EAST PETERSBURG HISTORICAL  
WALKING TOUR  
BY EPHS SECRETARY RICK BROUSE**  
MEET AT THE EPHS DANIEL WOLF HOUSE - 6:30 P.M.

SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2025

**ANTIQUE TRACTOR SHOW**  
9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2025

**CIVIL WAR PRESENTATION  
BY CINDY BEASTON**  
7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2025

**FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL**  
11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025

**CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE**  
5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

## FEATURED ARTIFACT

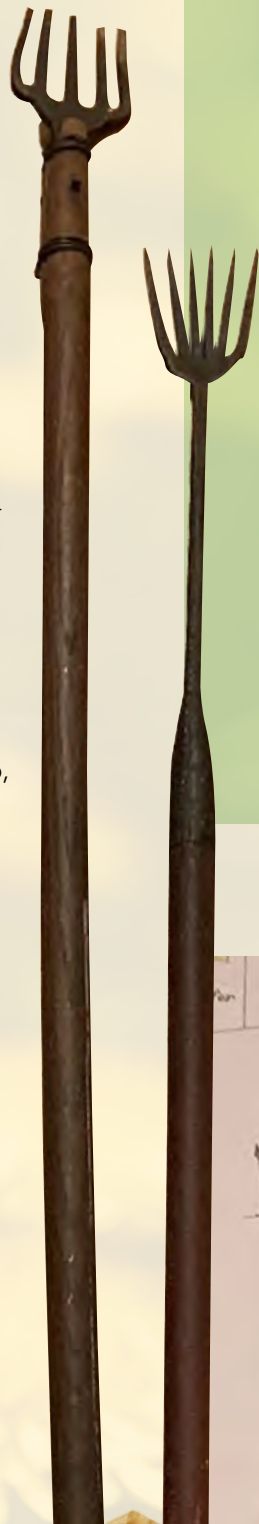
### FISHING GIG

With the 2025 fishing season about to begin, we feature the fishing gig.

A **Fishing Gig** (| 'fiSHiNG gig |) is a multipronged fork attached to a long wooden pole. It is used by anglers to hunt fish or other aquatic prey.

"Gigging" is the practice of using a fishing gig to hunt. Fishing gigs can range from 4'-8' in length – with 3-6 tines. Angler hunters typically wade, or stand in shallow waters, often hunting at night. The gig is propelled by hand, and the tines impale the catch.

The catch could be: freshwater suckers, saltwater flounder, frogs, sheepshead, carp, gar, paddlefish & eel. They were used by Native Americans as early as the 15th century into the mid 20th century in the creeks, streams & rivers.



### HISTORY HUMOR

*Did you hear about the archaeologist who discovered a 12-inch tall skeleton?*

They suspect he was a Ruler.

*Vikings believed in reincarnation.*

Yep, they were Bjorn again.

## EAST PETERSBURG PAST

1834

The enactment of the Public School Law was passed by East Petersburg, replacing the popular local German language with the more popular English language in the school system.

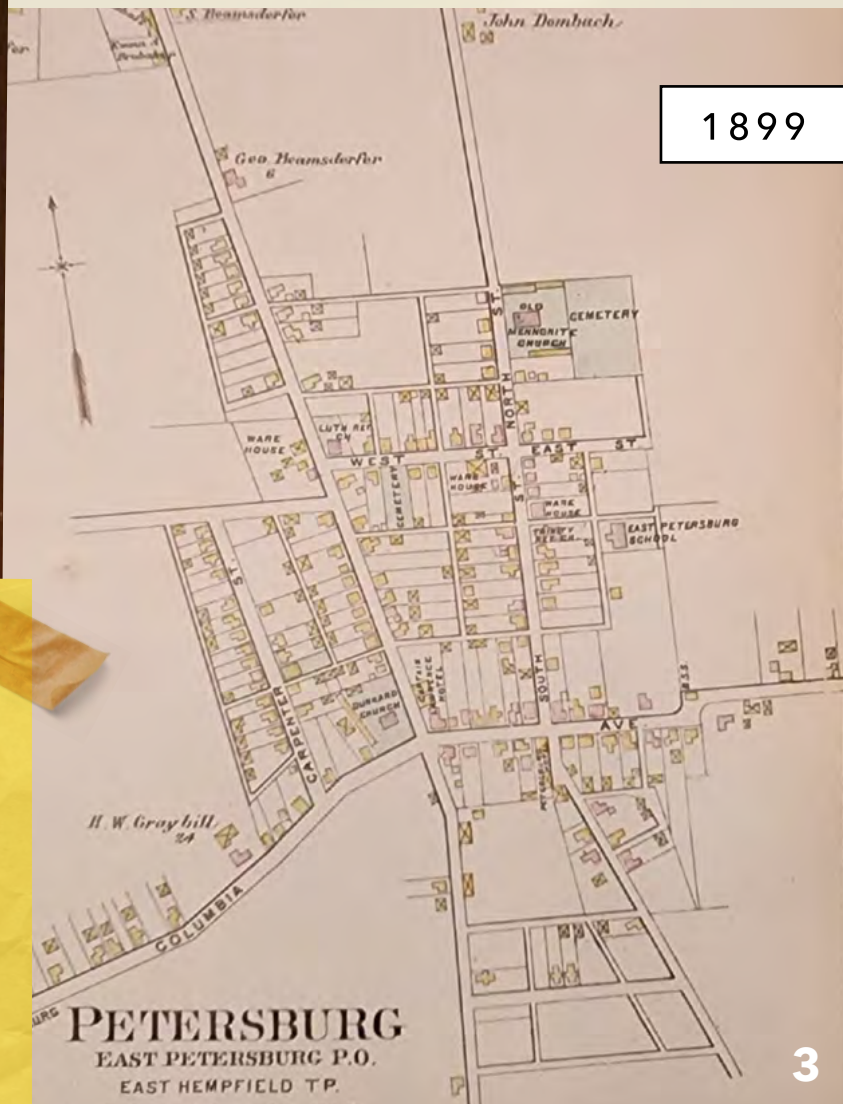
1847

The Lutherans and the German Reformed members built a large brick meetinghouse in the northwestern part of town as a cooperative venture. They shared the meetinghouse by worshippers on alternate Sabbaths.

1857

Tobias Miller opened a clothing & tailoring establishment in town.

## EAST PETERSBURG MAPS



1899



## COOKING UP THE PAST

### DANDELION SALAD

The Dandelion is probably the most misunderstood misfit "weed." It is part of the daisy family. The developed fluffy seed head is made up of hundreds of individual seeds. It has the most efficient reseeding system of any flower. They will dot a lawn from spring to fall. The flower, stalk & root are all edible – having medicinal & natural benefits. With Easter Sunday on the horizon, we will experience family dinner gatherings. Often times, in the Lancaster & surrounding counties, those dinners would include dandelion greens with warm bacon dressing. You will find the following recipe for such a delicious dish.



### Ingredients:

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3	slices of bacon	¼	cup of sugar
1	egg	½	½ teaspoon of salt
1 ½	tablespoon of flour	2	"messes" of dandelion (1 "mess"=approximately 3 cups)
1	cup of whole milk		(1 serving=1 cup)
¼	cup of vinegar		

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1. Crisp & chop the bacon.
2. Beat egg & add all other ingredients.
3. Pour everything into the hot bacon grease & mix together.
4. Serve over dandelion greens.



## A PLEA FOR HISTORY

**T**he 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 privileged task that our dedicated volunteers are happy to perform.

We have, however, 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 excessive 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.

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**With your donation, you will help us to protect the future by preserving our past.**

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