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THE COVER

The Hubley Toy Company of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, made this metal replica of the East Chestnut Street Mennonite meetinghouse as a way to collect money for church causes. Minister Jacob E. Brubaker (1897-1981) worked at the company and designed this replica. On the sides appear "God Loveth a Cheerful Giver," "E. Chestnut St. Mennonite Church," "Self-Denial," and "Missionary Fund-Bank." Between 1946 and 1951 Mary Ellen Kauffman (b. 1941), daughter of Ammon and Janet Kauffman, put her coins in the slot and gave this money to the church, including the mission effort in Honduras which the Eastern Mennonite Board of Missions and Charities supported.

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Tips

Readers are invited to share new findings with *Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage*, 2215 Millstream Road, Lancaster, PA 17602.

GERMAN-AMERICAN RESEARCH: The Max Kade German-America Institute is coordinating the future publication of *A Dictionary of German-American Family Names*, and hopes to compile a dictionary of German loan words in American English and a German-American encyclopedia. Persons interested in annual membership and more information may contact:

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HORST: The following information was abstracted from a photocopy of a Bible record at the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society:

Jacob L. Horst, b. Feb. 14, 1885, West Donegal Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa.
m. Oct. 10, 1907, Stella F. Sherer; b. Mount Joy Twp., Lancaster Co.; d. Apr. 12, 1963, 76 y., 1 mo., 3 da.

HUBER: The following information was abstracted from a photocopy of a Bible record at the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society. This family is noted in *Genealogical Records of Rev. Hans Herr* (no. 1008).

John Huber
m. Oct. 21, 1832, Elizabeth Kendig

HYMNS OF MENNONITES: Harmonies Workshop has released "Gesangbuch Treasures," a cassette recording of hymns from the 1804 *Unpartheyisches Gesangbuch*, published by Lancaster Mennonites. They are sung by eight adults of an Old Order Mennonite family which regularly uses these hymns and tunes in their worship services. Tapes may be purchased by contacting:

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SHOWALTER: The following information is based on my research in sources of the Virginia counties of Frederick, Warren, Rockingham, Augusta; in the Indiana counties of Henry, Delaware, Putnam; in Fayette Co, Pa., and in Wayne Co., Iowa. Jacob Showalter (b. ca. 1770) is believed to be the son of Ulrich Showalter and Susannah Watterson.

Jacob Showalter, d. 1852, Mt. Solon, Augusta Co., Va.; son of Jacob Showalter (b. ca. 1770) and Dorothy Snyder of Reliance, Frederick Co., Va.; moved to Augusta Co. bet. 1833-1836.

m. 1814, Catharine Huffman; b. Jan. 4, 1797, Rockingham Co.; dau. of George Huffman and Barbara Butt

1. Mary Showalter, Dec. 22, 1815-Mar. 29, 1891; bu. Oak Hill Cem., Mt. Solon.
m. Sept. 28, 1837, John Kiracofe

2. Nimrod H. Showalter, b. Jan. 28, 1818; d. Jan. 29, 1888, Wayne Co., Iowa
m.(1) Mar. 21, 1839, Sarah A. Shambaugh
m.(2) Aug. 18, 1863, Nancy A. Brown
3. Sarah Showalter, b. Sept. 28, 1820; d. Feb. 8, 1887, Henry Co., Ind.; bu. Mt. Pleasant Cem., Mt. Pleasant, Delaware Co., Ind.
m. Feb. 22, 1838, James Harvey Huffman
4. John (Jackson?) Showalter, b. ca. 1824; resided Mt. Crawford, Rockingham Co., Va.
5. Anna Showalter, Oct. 23, 1826, d. May 9, 1900, Mt. Solon; bu. Mt. Zion United Brethren Cem., Mt. Solon.
m. 1846, Ira P. Huffman,
6. George Showalter, b. ca. 1830; bu. unmarked grave, Oak Hill Cem., Mt. Solon
m. Sarah Glass
7. William Harvey Showalter, b. Nov. 23, 1833; d. June 4, 1907, Mt. Solon; bu. Oak Hill Cem., Mt. Solon
m.(1) Oct. 14, 1858, Sarah Catherine Huffman
m.(2) Dec. 4, 1899, Mary Elizabeth Andrew
8. Evaline Frances Showalter, b. ca. 1837, Augusta Co. m. 1852, William F. Dunahugh; resided Wayne Co., Iowa.

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VANDERSALL/GERBER: I transcribed this small cemetery west of Snake Hill Road in Upper Leacock Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania about fifty years ago. The stones for the oldest males are Peter Gerber (May 25, 1764-Mar. 12, 1826), Abraham Vondersall (Apr. 19, 1768-Mar. 15, 1842), and Heinrich Vanderzaal (July 17, 1747-Jan. 19, 1823). Other surnames are Kreiner and Mohler. A copy of the German transcription of these 24 gravestones is at the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society. I would like to correspond with anyone who has more information on Von Der Saal, Van Dersal, Vandersaul, and other spelling variants in Pennsylvania.

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WEIERHOF LIBRARY: Fund raising efforts are in process for a new facility for the library (*Mennonitische Forschungstelle*) of the Mennonite historical organization in Germany (*Mennonitischer Geschichtsverein*), located at Weierhof in the Rheinland-Pfalz. Cramped in its present location, the library has approximately 15,000 books and many other materials pertaining to the history of Mennonites and Amish in Europe, especially in Germany. Land at the new location has already been donated. Individuals and organizations are being solicited to contribute to this effort. For information, please contact:

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