

# HAYCOCK HISTORICAL NEWS

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## KENNETH HORNE OF HAYCOCK TOWNSHIP

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**K**enneth (Kenny) Horne, born on July 12, 1934, has lived all his life in Haycock Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. He grew up on, and now owns, his family farm which is located on Creamery Road. Kenny is the son of Jesse Horne (b.1906 d.1986) and Helen (Roth) Horne (b.1908 d.1975). Kenny's sister, Doris, was born November 13, 1938.

The Horne name goes back far into Haycock history, and the surnames "Jacob" and "Jesse" were popular in the family. Kenny's paternal grandfather was Jacob Horne (b.1882), who was the son of Jesse Horne (b. 1833), who was the son of Jacob Horne (b.1803), who was the son of Daniel Horne (b.1775), who was the son of Sebastian Horn (b.1726 in Germany). Sebastian Horn arrived at the Port of Philadelphia in 1753 from Rotterdam, Holland, by way of Cowes, England, on the ship Neptune. He "qualified September 24, 1753, because he could write." Sebastian was a private in the Springfield Township Company, Bucks County Militia in August 21, 1775.

The farm on which Kenny grew up was in the Horne family before Jesse owned it. Elvin Horne (b.1869), the brother of Kenny's grandfather Jacob, had once owned the farm. The next owner was Howard Sterner, who added a second story to the house on the farm. In 1930 Howard Sterner sold the homestead to Kenny's father. Elvin Horne had moved to Applebachsville, where he owned the Applebachsville store. Elvin provided a foster home for Johnny Rivers, Haycock's local WWII hero, who died in action at Guadalcanal in the Pacific. Kenny, only about eight years old at the time, remembers when Johnny Rivers, on a short three-day pass from the war, visited Kenny's family out at the farm. Kenny last saw Johnny Rivers when Johnny went walking back to Elvin Horne's home in Applebachsville. His leave over, Johnny Rivers was sent to the war in the Pacific, from which he never returned.

Kenny's paternal grandmother was Minnie (Apple) Horne (b.1879) daughter of Enos Apple (b.1854) and Sarah Apple (b.1845). In the 1910 Census, Enos Apple was the owner of the Mountain House Hotel (on Old Bethlehem Road). Kenny's maternal grandmother was Florence (Roudenbush)

Roth (b.1885), daughter of William Roudenbush (b.1858) and Helen Roudenbush (b.1855). William Roudenbush's name is inscribed as "Supervisor" on the bridge on Cider Press Road. Kenny's maternal grandfather was Rudolph Roth (b.1884 in Austria). In the 1920 Haycock census, Rudolph Roth was an "inlaid maker" and "manufacturer of oil cloth."



**Kenny Horne**

To go to school, Kenny walked a short distance to the Mt. Airy one-room schoolhouse, which was just up the hill from his home. He attended that nearby one-room school for eight years, from first grade through eighth grade. When he was in eighth grade, it was the last year that Haycock one-room schools each had all eight grades in one room. His teachers were Lena Bleam and Frances Cramp. Neighborhood school mates included John Ahlum, Bill Cramp, and the three brothers Harry, Larry and Barry Grim. Between school and work on the farm, Kenny didn't have much leisure time, but he did some hunting for rabbits and pheasants, and some trapping, mainly for muskrats and skunks.

There was much work to be done, and Kenny's help was needed. He started working on the farm at the age of seven. In the summertime he worked from eight o'clock in the morning until it was dark at night. His father had about eight cows and a few pigs, and used horses for the farm work. The cows were milked by hand. Kenny's grandfather, Jacob Horne, had a farm nearby. The two farms together had a total of 130 acres. Jacob had a team of mules to use for his farm work. When WWII broke out, Kenny's father went to work at Bethlehem Steel, leaving Kenny and Jacob to work the two farms. In 1947 Kenny started plowing at the age of thirteen, when they got their first tractor, an Allis-Chalmers. Kenny and his father didn't have a baler to use, and had to pitch fork the cut hay up onto a wagon. They next drove the wagon to the barn, where the hay was forked loosely into the hay mound. Frank Reichenbach and Enos Yost, also residents of Haycock, baled the hay at Kenny's grandfather's farm. In the middle 1950's Kenny's father obtained his first baler, which made their work a little easier. The crops grown by the Hornes were grass, corn, wheat, soy beans, and barley, with grass eventually becoming the main crop.

The family worked hard, and at the start of the day Kenny's

mother cooked a big breakfast. She baked shoo-fly pies and cinnamon buns to go along with their eggs. They had a vegetable garden and Helen did a lot of canning. She canned many different vegetables, and fruits, which included strawberries, blackberries and raspberries. Fruits and berries were made into jelly, juice and jam. Meat was also canned. Helen would have 350 jars of canned food stored for the winter. When the Hornes did go food shopping at the store, they bought mostly staples such as sugar, flour, cheese and salt. In the 1940's they sold raw milk from their cows, and made their own cottage cheese and butter from the milk. Kenny recalls how cottage cheese with molasses made a quick meal. Kenny's grandfather Jacob had a smoke house, which enabled him to butcher pigs he raised and to smoke the hams. Kenny remembers a tool used to scrape the hair off the pigs. When the smoke house was lost in a fire, Jacob could no longer do his own butchering.

A truck from the nearby Clymer grist mill came to pick up grain (corn, oats and barley) to be ground into animal feed, which was then brought back to the farm. Later, the Hornes had a truck to do their own hauling. Electricity came through in 1936, and is a big memory for Kenny, who was two years old at the time. From his windows he watched the PP&L men use spades to hand-dig holes in the rocky Haycock soil, and then work together to erect the electric poles. Looking back, he is impressed with the work ethic of that time. With no machinery, six men dug six holes and put up six poles all within one day. Before electricity arrived to their home, the family had only kerosene lights and an ice box, for which they bought ice at an icehouse in Richlandtown.

In the 1940's Kenny's mother worked at Sines' 5 & 10 in Quakertown. She also had worked at the Friendly Book Store, and at S & F Feed (on Belmont Avenue) in Quakertown. His father was on the Haycock School Board for 20 years, through the 1930's and 50's. Other members with Jesse Horne on the Haycock School Board were Victor Fluck, Clarence Johnson, Dick Detweiler, Warren High, Tom Schenk, William Willauer, and Natalie Nichols.

In 1957 Kenny was drafted into the army. He spent his service



**The Horne Home**

in Germany from June 1957 until December 1958. There, he was in charge of the food distribution for the mess hall. Elvis Presley was in the service at the same time in Germany, and drove a truck to pick up food from Kenny's station. Kenny and Elvis talked often to each other, and once had coffee together. Kenny remembers Elvis as a regular, down to earth guy.

After Kenny returned from his tour in the service, he worked

on the family farm. In addition to farming, he drove school buses in Haycock from 1959 until 1971. He had large routes to cover, sometimes driving out Stoney Garden Road to Rt. 412 and back. His routes varied year to year, and took him all over Haycock Township. Sometimes the bus was stationed at Kenny's home, which meant if the roads were covered with snow, he alone, without any help, had to put the chains on the bus. If the roads on his winding routes varied between being snow-covered and clear of snow, he had the added chores of taking off chains and putting chains back on, all in one run.

Kenny had a herd of about 65 head of cattle, consisting of cows and steers. At that time he used electric milking machines and installed a 400 gallon cooling tank for the milk. The milk was sold to Lehigh Dairy, whose tank truck came to pick up the milk. Kenny sold off the cattle in 1977, and went to work as a substitute mail carrier. From 1978 to 1999, he worked at the Quakertown post office.

Now Kenny spends much of his time at the farm cutting wood, clearing brush, keeping a garden, and mowing the grass. He enjoys working in the outdoors, and uses his experience and abilities to help others. He assisted in pruning and cutting trees at Stokes, the headquarters for the Haycock Historical Society. Always busy, Kenny is not one to sit and do nothing. He is currently in the process of the restoration of his old house.

This year the picturesque fields around Kenny's home



**Corn crib and corn fields**

are planted in corn. His fields are cultivated by the Stoneback Farm, a large family business which farms about 4000 acres in the Upper Bucks area. In earlier years, when the Hornes grew corn, the corn had to be hand-picked and husked one row at a time. Now, with progress and new machinery, the corn is picked twelve rows at a time by a huge harvester.



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**June 30, 1894**

While Elvin Horne, of near Richlandtown, was returning from Bethlehem on Saturday afternoon, where he had taken a load of hay, he was caught in a heavy thunderstorm while driving along state road near Fairmont and a bolt of lightning struck and instantly killed one of the mules of his team. He managed to get to his home between Richlandtown and Applebachsville.



### Applebachsville One-room School 1950-51

**Top row:** Left to right-Robert Smell-Carl Marx-Wayne Keller-Lester Goldthorp-Eleanor Schwartz-Dzintra Klaupiks-Barbara Kressler-UNKOWN

**Bottom row:** Left to right-Gerry Landis-John Landgreen-Virginia Bauer-UNKNOWN-Leslie Robard-Airelou Johnson-Judy Angstadt

#### OLD NEWS

Doylestown Intelligencer December 30, 1932

#### Thatcher

Mr. and Mrs. Leidy T. Ahlum and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thatcher spent Monday with Mark Thatcher and family, Perkasi.

Hortense Averiz, Phila, is spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. William Roudenbush, Strawntown.

Mrs. Eva Ahlum Spent Christmas with her parents in Quakertown.

Emma Fluck, Phila., spent Monday with Mrs. Eva Ahlum.

Among the guests who partook of a turkey dinner at the home of Edgar Ahlum, on Sunday were the family of Edgar Ahlum, John Landis, Mr. and Mrs. Leidy t. Ahlum, Mr. Kooker and son, and Miss Brine, Haycock, and Miss Guise of near California.

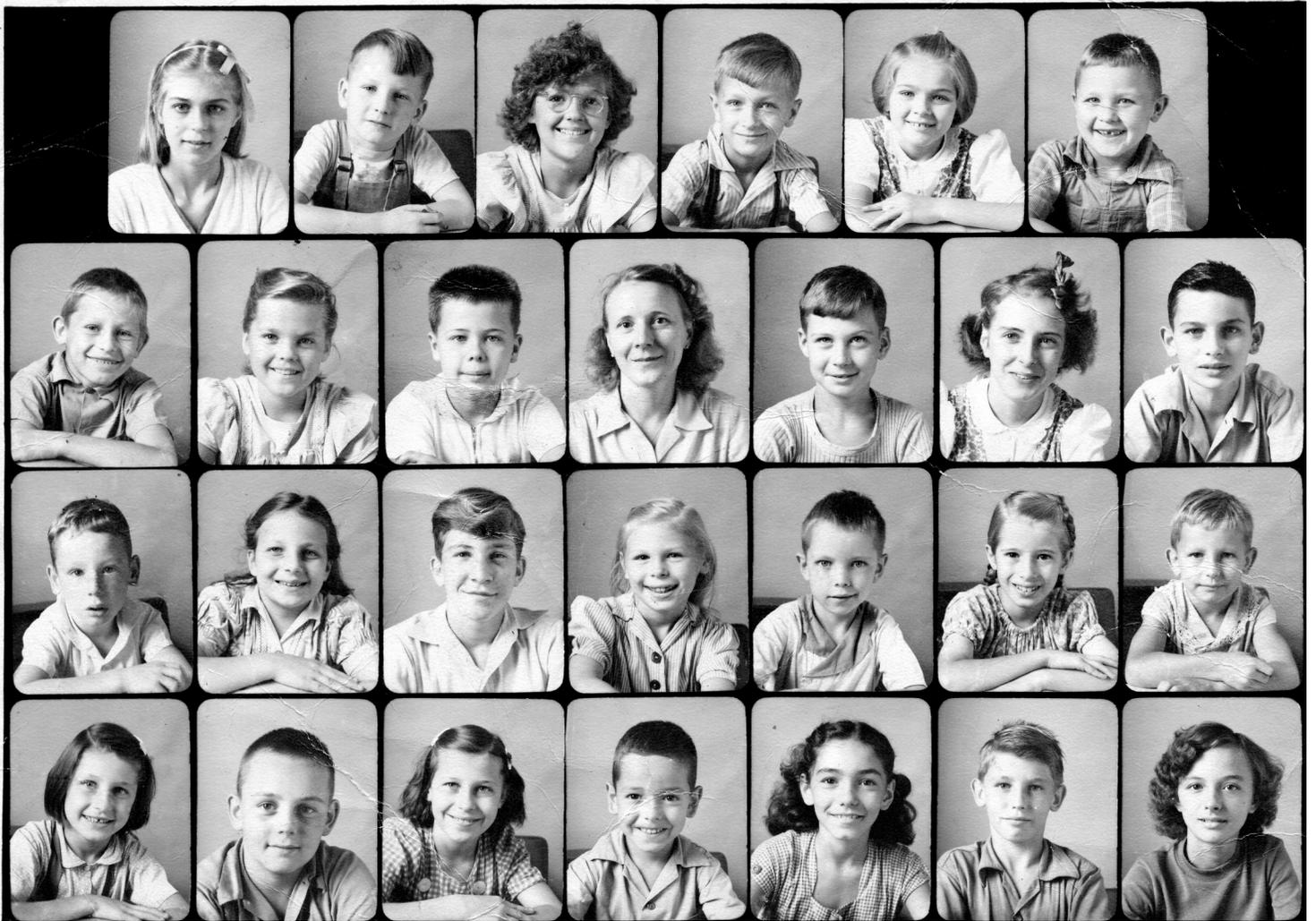
Rev. W. J. Kohler will have services at Applebachsville on January 1, at 2 p.m. and Sunday school at 1 o'clock.

December 29, 1888  
Intelligencer

An up-county exchange says that a family in the lower part of Haycock gave a reception one evening last week, followed by a dance. As the fiddler wanted his pay for playing, a collection was taken up. A butcher accompanied by two friends from Bedminster were there and enjoyed themselves immensely by taking advantage of the opportunity by dancing out an old meat bill owned by the host.

*Courtesy of Spruance Library  
Bucks County Historical*





**New Harrisburg One-Room School 1947-48**

**Top Row:** left to right- Blanche Hoot-David Goldthorp-Barbara Johnson-Paul Godshall-Doris Fogel-John Esser

**Second Row Down:** left to right- Richard Bauer-Arielou Johnson-Jerry Landis-Ellen Werner (teacher)-Lester Goldthorp-Barbara Fehr-Edward Schwartz

**Third Row Down:** left to right- Clayton Fox-Eleanor Schwartz-Jake Pearson-Marilyn Hoot-Kenneth Hoot-Edith Beidler-Lester Bauer

**Fourth Row Down (bottom row):** left to right- Ann Bauer-James Schenk-Virginia Bauer-Tom Schenk-Bunny Schenk-George Bauer- Mildred Campbell





Fall clean up at our headquarters



KNITTING



Haycock Township Open House



Summer picnic

Moods Bridge event

# Haycock Historical Society Activities



**THANK YOU**

Cathi Gelwicks donated these items: sock stretcher, shoe forms, cooking pot, hair crimper, skates and a cake pan.



**OLD NEWS**  
**January 10, 1874**  
**Intelligencer**

On New Year's evening a grand concert was held in the church at Applebachsville. The performers consisted of the young people of the place, with several persons from Philadelphia, who boarded in the village last summer. The exercises consisted of vocal and instrumental music, recitations and tableaux. The music was good and well delivered and the tableaux beautifully represented. About \$50 was realized for the benefit of the church.

*Courtesy of Spruance Library-Bucks County Historical Society*

**2014 Kringle Christmas Shoppe**

<b>December 5</b>	<b>1:00 -8:00</b>
<b>December 6</b>	<b>10:00-4:30</b>
<b>December 7</b>	<b>12:30-4:30</b>

**Featured Artist Ron Bevilacqua**  
**At the Bucks County Latvian Baptist Church**



THANK YOU

Great turn out for our fall clean up at Stokes Saturday, the weather cooperated and we got a lot done both in the house and yard. Stokes is really looking "good" a big thanks to you all.

Pat DeWald

ACTIVITIES

December 5 (1 p.m - 8 p.m.), 6 (10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m) , 7 (12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.) - Kringle Christmas Shoppe

December 21- Victorian Tea at Stokes House 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Come see the Stokes House decorated for Christmas and enjoy refreshments with your fellow HHS members.

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Annual Individual members and Annual Family members should renew each December. You should find a yellow renewal form in this newsletter if you have not already paid for 2015.

The form should indicate any changes and be sent to the society's P.O. Box 715, Quakertown, PA 18951



MEETINGS

March 19, 2015 - to be announced
April 16, 2015 - to be announced
May 21, 2015 - to be announced

Meetings are held at the Bucks County Latvian Baptist Church in Applebachsville and begin at 7 p.m.

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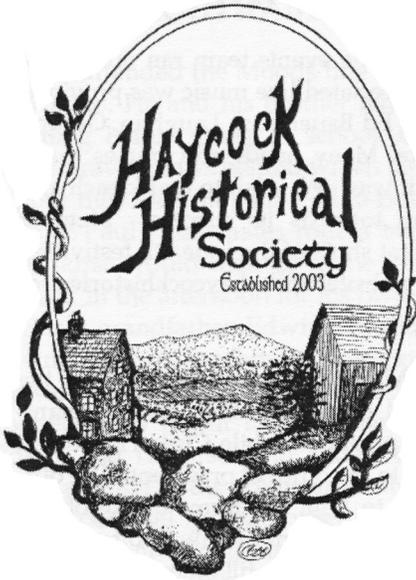
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## AN INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP

YES, ENROLL ME AS A MEMBER OF THE HAYCOCK HISTORICAL SOCIETY!

I WANT TO BE PART OF RECLAIMING OUR HISTORY AND PRESERVING IT FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

- Individual Membership - \$20/year**  
Receive quarterly newsletter and attend all special functions this year – Jan. thru Dec.
- Family Membership (Parents & Children in household) - \$30/year**  
Receive quarterly newsletter and attend all special functions this year – Jan. thru Dec.
- Corporate Sponsor - \$100/year**  
Gain advertisement in our newsletter by yearly sponsorship (ad size smaller than business card)
- Corporate Patron - \$200/year**  
Gain advertisement in our newsletter by yearly sponsorship (ad is full business card size)
- Lifetime Individual Membership - \$200**  
Receive honorary lifetime status, receive quarterly newsletters and attend all special functions
- Lifetime Household Couple Membership - \$250**  
For just \$50 more, join as a household and enjoy all the benefits of lifetime membership

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