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SGT. GEORGE F. AND CAPT. JOHN H. AFFLERBACH

Haycock Brothers in the Civil War

By Marjorie Goldthorp Fulp

In May of 1868, three years after the Civil War ended, Decoration Day was established as a time for the nation to decorate, with the placement of flowers, the graves of the war dead. May 30 was chosen as the day of observance. Decoration Day was also called Memorial Day, and in 1971 Memorial Day was declared a national holiday, to be observed on the last Monday of May.

In the Tohickon Valley, one of the many farms lost for the making of Nockamixon State Park was the picturesque homestead of Norman and Sallie Snyder. This old-time farm, nestled down in the valley by the Tohickon Creek, is a pleasant childhood memory of mine, because I often played there. It was about half a mile from my family home, which was also lost to the park. The Snyder farm was situated on the section of Kellers Church Road that ran between Church View Drive and Stover Mill Road. In the 1800's, this farm was the family homestead of two brothers, a captain and a sergeant, who served in the Civil War. Learning this makes the memory of the Snyder farm that much more special, and brings to life the people who lived there long ago in our beautiful valley. It conjures up images of the brothers leaving their farm to go off as soldiers in the Civil War. In the 1950's we played on the land and in the fields where they also had, as children, 100 years earlier. After the war, one of the brothers, now a captain and Civil War veteran, returned to the valley.

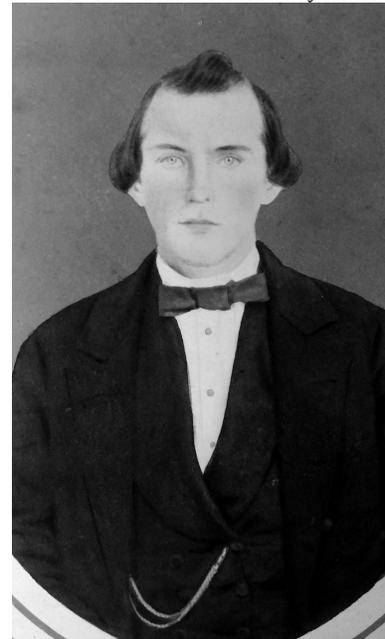
When interviewing Wilmer Johnson about his family's farm on Sawmill Road in Haycock Township, we learned that his great-grandfather, Captain John Henry Afflerbach, and John's brother, Sergeant George Franklin (Frank) Afflerbach, had both served in the Union army in the Civil War, and had been

born and raised in that house which later became the Snyders' home in the 1900's. In 1874, John bought the old homestead and moved back with his wife and children to dwell there after the death of his father, (William) Abraham Afflerbach. John's daughter Emma grew up there in Haycock and married Elmer Johnson, grand-father of Wilmer Johnson.

The Afflerbach family's roots in Haycock run deep. The



Capt. John H. Afflerbach



Sgt. George F. Afflerbach

German immigrant Daniel Afflerbach, who came to America about the time of the Revolutionary War, purchased a farm of 140 acres in Haycock, and lived out his life there, dying in 1826. He had married Dorothea Popp. Their only son, George, born around 1778, married Dorothy Stonebach, and also lived his whole life in Haycock, dying in 1838. George and Dorothy's son, William Abraham Afflerbach, born in 1809, was the father of the two soldiers, John Henry Afflerbach and George Franklin Afflerbach.

W. Abraham Afflerbach was a carpenter and farmer. The farm he bought in Haycock in 1854 was part of a tract owned by his maternal great-grandfather, Heinrich Keller, for whom the landmark, Kellers Church, was named. Heinrich had bought it from Griffith Davis, to whom it had been patented by the Penns in 1737. William Abraham Afflerbach married Mary Magdalena Bebighouse (born 1808, died 1887), and they had four children: Sarah (born 1835), George Franklin (born 1832), Charles Tobias (born 1838), and John Henry (born 1840).

In 1862 John H. Afflerbach and his older brother, George F. Afflerbach, enlisted in Company C, 174th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers. At mustering, in October 1862, John was "5 feet, 7 inches tall, fair complexion, with hazel eyes and black hair. He was a student, born in Haycock." George F. Afflerbach was elected sergeant, and John H. Afflerbach was elected captain of Company C.

Sadly, during the Civil War, George F. Afflerbach died in 1862 of “contracted disease,” or “brain fever,” at Camp Suffolk, Virginia. He is buried in the old section of Kellers Church Cemetery in Bedminster Township, Bucks County, PA. George had married Levina King, and along with his widow, left two sons, Milton and John. Buried next to George is Charles Tobias Afflerbach, who died in 1868. Charles was the brother of George and John.

Captain John H. Afflerbach served for nine months in Virginia, and North and South Carolina. He was mustered out with his company on August 7, 1863. He returned home, and in the spring of 1864, began work as a clerk in the general store of Charles Sheets at Kellers Church for three years. In 1867 he went to Bedminsterville, and purchased the store, which he ran for six years, the last three in partnership with his cousin, Abraham Keller. When his father Abraham died in 1874, John H. Afflerbach bought the family farm and moved back to it with his wife and children. He had married Abbie Fulmer on November 15, 1868, and they had four children: John Franklin (born 1869), Abraham Lewis (born 1870), Emma (born 1872) who married Elmer Johnson, and Anna Mary, who died in infancy. John H. and Abbie lived at the farm until 1915.



Wm. Abraham Afflerbach



Mary Magdalena Bebighouse Afflerbach

As a note of interest, their elder son, John Franklin Afflerbach, went to the normal school at Kutztown and became a teacher. He taught school in Haycock and Bedminster Townships for four years, and also studied telegraphy. In October 1894, he married Emma Atherholt, (born 1873), the daughter of Aaron and Emma (Strawn) Atherholt, of the Atherholt Tannery family. For five years John Franklin Afflerbach ran the Atherholt farm in Haycock Township. In 1900 he built a “handsome” house in

Perkasie, PA, and in 1901 began a brick manufacturing business in Perkasie.

When Daniel Afflerbach, great-grandfather of brothers John Henry Afflerbach and George Franklin Afflerbach, immigrated to America in the 1700's, two of his relatives, Henry Afflerbach and Ludwig Afflerbach, followed. As Daniel settled in Haycock, Henry went to Springfield Township, and Ludwig (Lewis) to Durham. The descendants of Henry later moved to Haycock, and changed the spelling of the name to Applebach. Most of the descendants of Daniel have kept their spelling of the name to the original, Afflerbach.

Lamar Shive, great-great-grandson of John H. Afflerbach, also grew up in Haycock Township, and resides in Haycock Township today. Lamar also served his country in wartime, in the Vietnam War.

Sources: History of Bucks County, PA Volume by William H. Davis (Bucks County PA Gen Web)

Six Afflerbach Emigrants Who Came to Pennsylvania - And Their Descendants - 1750-1930 - Jane K. Thompson



Home of Capt. John H. Afflerbach

Married for 50 years, Captain John H. Afflerbach died in May, 1920. His wife Abbie died in January, 1924. They are buried at Kellers Church Cemetery, lot 5C, with inscriptions “Capt. Co. C 174 Regiment. “1862-63” and “Abbie - wife of John H. Afflerbach.” Their daughter Anna Mary, who died in infancy at eight months, is buried next to them. A small tombstone marks her grave.



Tombstones of the Afflerbach Brothers at Kellers Church

RESEARCH REQUESTS FROM UNUSUAL PLACES

By Pat DeWald

The first request came by e-mail on April 1, 2013, requesting information on Lt. E. C. Kinzler, USAAF. The requestor was George Webster, who had purchased online the WWII service cap of Edward Kinzler. He had found Edward Kinzler's name on the Haycock Historical Society's website and sent the historical society an e-mail inquiring if we had any information on Edward the WWII pilot.

It was very exciting when I looked at the e-mail address and found that it came from St. Andrews University in Scotland. I will quote from his e-mail:

"My interest in researching Lieutenant Kinzler originates from having recently purchased one of his wartime USAAF service caps. I note from the internet that several militaria dealers in the US, Canada and the UK have had items belonging to Lieutenant Kinzler for sale recently. This leads me to suppose that his belongings must have been kept safely together from the time of his death in 1947 until relatively recently, and I wonder if this might perhaps have been a last surviving family member who had perhaps also passed away. I am aware that Lieutenant Kinzler was unmarried at the time of his death, and that his mother and father had passed away in the late 1960's and mid 1970's respectively. There was however, apparently an older brother, Albert Kinzler. Does anyone know if Lieutenant Kinzler has any relatives still living in the area? In many ways, it seems a great shame that the collection of Lieutenant Edward Kinzler's wartime memorabilia should have been broken up into separate lots after so many years, but I hope to piece

together as much of his story and background as I can, and if sufficient will produce an article on him. As a young man of 22



**Edward C. Kinzler's
Service Cap**

years of age, he was one of that great generation who stood up to the tyranny of Nazi Germany and her allies. The RAF and USAAF bomber crews who flew out of England on their missions over occupied Europe suffered high casualties, and unlike Lieutenant Kinzler many of these crews never made

it back home - though tragically, Kinzler himself was dead less than two years after the end of the war at the age of 25." In our book *Eddie Bauer and Haycock Township* we had a few paragraphs on Edward Kinzler. He was a pilot in WWII flying

missions from Eye, England. We sent to George Webster this information, which included a picture of Edward in his cadet uniform, pictures of when he and a fellow pilot flew the B-29 to Quakertown in 1946, and a picture of him sitting on the wing of the crop dusting plane he flew after the war. We also sent his obituary of when he was killed in 1947, while crop dusting.

In communicating with Mr. Webster, we learned more about Edward Kinzler than we previously knew. The information being sold had his service record, pictures and uniforms. From this we learned he flew 22 operational flights (combat missions)

on B-24's and a further 13 after changing to B-17's in August of 1944. Edward flew with the 848th Squadron of the 490th Bomber Group, based at Eye Airfield in the English county of Suffolk.

Targets included Hemmingstedt, Frankfurt, Nuremberg, Arnhem, Ludwigshafen, Munster, Berlin, and Cologne. For his service flying missions in the European theatre of Operations (ETO), flying missions over Normandy, Northern France and Germany he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with 4 oak leaf clusters, and the ETO metal. One of the photos in the grouping, is of Edward standing by the nose of a B-24 named 'Mairzy Doats' - he is wearing an A-2 & visor cap. Also included are pictures of Edward and his crew. They are an original 5"x 4" air to air photo of Liberators, and an original 3"x 5" photo of him wearing full Scottish dress. This photo was presumably taken on a trip to Scotland.

Although the historical society does



**First Lieutenant Edward C. Kinzler
USAAF World War II**

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Grave Stone of Edward C. Kinzler

not have the original photos or items, the descriptions of the items give us a better view and understanding of Edward Kinzler and his war experiences. We will be keeping these descriptions on file in our archives, and if George Webster does decide to write a story about Edward Kinzler, he will provide us with a copy. I do hope this happens.

The other request came from Randy Granger by way of a message left on my telephone answering service. He was inquiring about any information we may have pertaining to Arthur Thomas Atherholt (b 1867 d 1915) of Haycock Township. He went on to say Thomas Atherholt was a balloonist in Haycock, and the grandfather of his friend, Molly Tully. This really perked my interest as I had not heard of any one from Haycock being a balloonist around the 1900's. I called back requesting if it was possible to send the information to my e-mail address. That way I have a copy of the information and the names and dates correct. This he did and I received the e-mail April 26, 2013, and set to work looking at Ancestry.com for information on Arthur Thomas Atherholt. Ancestry.com provided the census and tax records but nothing pointed to Arthur ever living in Haycock Township. I was researching his father Thomas C. to see if the family ever lived in Haycock. What was interesting was when you Google Arthur T. Atherholt on the web, you will find he has his papers and photos in a collection 1906 - 1913 at the Smithsonian. He was the first licensed balloonist in Pennsylvania and took part in balloon competitions.

The brief description on the internet about Arthur T. Atherholt's Smithsonian Collection:

"Arthur T. Atherholt (1867-1915) was an aid to Major Hersey in the American Gordon-Bennett Trophy Race and was also one of the contestants during the 1907-1912 races. During his 1912 racing attempt he and copilot John Watts crashed in Russia and were held prisoners for over a week. Atherholt was one of the first members of the Philadelphia Aero Club, and later the president of this organization. He was also instrumental in organizing the Ben Franklin Aeronautical Society in Philadelphia."

After doing this research I had to e-mail back to Randy Granger that Haycock could not claim Arthur T. Atherholt as a native son, as I did not believe he had ever lived in Haycock, but that I had one more place to look to see if there was any connection to Haycock. On this e-mail I copied Nancy Janyszeski and sent it off. Not long after, I received an e-mail from Nancy containing information on Thomas C. Atherholt, father of Arthur T. (the subject of the inquiry), which linked Arthur to Haycock Township. This is from J. H. Battle's book on Bucks County published in 1887. This is the Haycock connection. Arthur's father, Thomas C. Atherholt was born in Haycock.

"Thomas C., wholesale dealer in china, glass and queensware, 422 Market street Philadelphia, was born on his father's farm in Haycock township, Bucks County. Through his mother he is a descendant of Edward McCarty, of revolutionary fame. His great grandfather was Nicholas McCarty, who served under Washington at Valley Forge and who was widely known in the northern part of the county as a justice of the peace in the early days of the republic. The McCartys were among the pioneers of Haycock and Nockamixon townships. The father of the subject of this sketch was named Samuel, and was married to Hannah, daughter of John G. McCarty. They had three children, of whom Thomas was the second and the oldest son. His father dying when he was but three years old he lived with his grandfather, David Atherholt, until he was 14 years old, when he was apprenticed for three years to learn the business of storekeeping. He then entered Hemingway's

academy at Milford, N.J. where he stayed for more than a year, and then again engaged in mercantile pursuits. Having a good education, at the age of 20 he went to Wisconsin, where he engaged in teaching. Imbibing from his patriotic ancestors a spirit of hatred to every form of oppression, and especially to that of human slavery he soon went to Kansas and took an active part in the antislavery ranks under John Brown and James Lane against the border ruffians. While in Kansas he was also engaged in surveying government lands. Two years later, in 1858, he returned to Bucks county and again engaged in mercantile business, first at Stover's Mill, in Haycock, and later at Pipersville and Point Pleasant. In 1868 he removed to Trenton N.J. engaging in the wholesale china and queensware trade. In 1872 he removed to Philadelphia and began the wholesale china business under the firm name of Atherholt, Fisher & Co., and ten years later sold out to his partner, and in 1884 commenced his present business under the firm name of Thomas C. Atherholt & Co. He was married in 1859 to Martha C., daughter of Henry Fretz, of Bucks county. They have had five children: Samuel, Edgar Frank, Arthur Thomas, and Joseph Octavius, living and Wilson David, who died in infancy. Mr. Atherholt and his family are members of Trinity Reformed church. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity of the I.O.O.F., and politically is a republican."

My hat is off to these early historians and researchers. This was written in 1887 without the help of the internet or other forms of collecting information. It meant going to churches, the court house and newspapers looking for information. Now we sit down to newspaper archives and websites such as Ancestry and up comes much of the information for which these researchers spent hours looking. Even with the modern technology one could trace this family back to the McCarty generation and never know that there was any connection with the revolutionary war without doing research just on that part of the family.

Between these two research requests, the historical society has gained considerable information on Edward Kinzler and the Atherholt family and will be perusing more information on Nicholas McCarty's revolutionary war career.



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COUNTRY MARKETPLACE

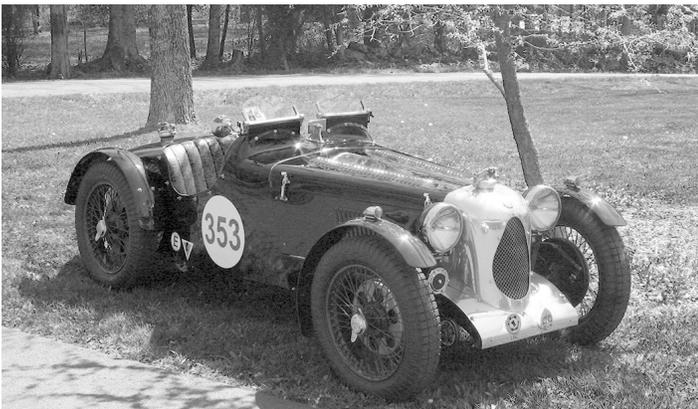
Ever wonder what it would be like to cruise down a country road in a vintage Jaguar or MG? How about an Austin-Healy or a Triumph? Well, soon you won't have to let the lack of \$80,000.00 + get in your way!



On Saturday, June 1, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., these fine automobiles will be ready and waiting to spirit you around the back roads of Haycock Township, plus provide an enjoyable "Meet and Greet" with their owners. For a nominal fee of \$10.00, all of which is donated to non-profit Haycock Historical Society, the generous participating members of the Old York Sports Car Club will provide spins in their fabulous driving machines during the Haycock Historical Society's big Spring fundraiser, Haycock Country Marketplace, at the Haycock Firehouse on 850 Old Bethlehem Road, Quakertown, PA. This is in the village of Applebachsville.

"This event is already a decade old, and so are we!" says Chris Handschin. "We wanted to do something really big this year." Surprisingly, many Bucks County residents barely know where Haycock Township is on the map or how historically rich and geographically unique this area is. We hope to share our appreciation for Haycock with the sports car rides, but in many other ways as well.

Haycock Country Marketplace will also offer a Belgian Horse and Wagon taxi, courtesy of Greg Seifert of Mountain Pride Farm in Haycock, to the society's Stokes House headquarters, just down the road from the firehouse, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Visitors will meet the Stokes House curator and society members, and see the progress being made at the 18th century farmhouse, which was once the home of Applebachsville founder, Paul Applebach, and even earlier, John Stokes, who built the home.



The Haycock Firehouse will be buzzing with activity on June

1, 2013. Outside on display will be a variety of antique and classic cars owned by area residents as well as society members. The society showcases cars and tractors alternately each year at the Marketplace. Since 2013 is the year for the auto, Norm's Miniature Cars and Trucks will also be on display and offering rides to delight the kids (or kid in you!). It's worth the visit to see how masterfully these vehicles have been recreated in small size and mounted on riding mower chassis. Norm's collection is always a big hit.

In addition, a huge antique, crafts, and flea market will be going on all day inside and outside the firehouse. Live music performed by talented local bluegrass and country performers is on tap all day and the hot dogs, desserts and soft drinks will provide a light lunch for hungry visitors. There is plenty of free parking at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, across the street from the Haycock Fire Company, and admission is free. Interested in reserving a table for flea market, crafts or antiques? Call Paula @ (215) 536-2677. Proceeds from table rental, the white elephant table, food sales and all rides fund Haycock Historical Society, a non-profit educational and preservation group. www.haycockhistoricalsociety.org or Facebook: Haycock Historical Society



A collection of kitchenware from the Konopeus farm on Pullen Station Road.

- 1) Large serving platter
- 2) Large white mixing bowl with wooden spoon, probably used for bread and cake making
- 3) Floral bowl used for serving vegetables. Stella Konopeus used it for mixing and serving salad.
- 4) Wooden bowl and chopper for nuts, bought in Richlandtown or Quakertown by Erma Konopeus.

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GRANT

This past January, 2013, the historical society became a partner with the Bucks County Conference and Visitors Bureau. This cost the society \$150.00 and for this we are listed on the tourist bureau website and are able to advertise Market-place and Kringle with a link from their website to our webpage advertising the event. We can also place items in their gift shop, which we have done. The bayberry candles, beeswax cherubs, and note cards are available at the Visitor Center at Peddler's Village and the one in Bensalem. The Visitor Center also has a grant program for their non-profit partners. This year we applied for a grant in the amount of \$7500.00. This grant was for a brochure of the Haycock area, signs at Stokes, portable event parking signs and gravel for the parking area at Stokes. We submitted the application by April 1, 2013, and received notice on May 5, 2013, that we had received money towards the request. We received \$4000.00 to put towards the items on our list. We have one year to complete the grant work. This is the first grant we have received.

STOKES HOURS

April through October - Fridays 10 a.m. to noon
The Stokes House will be open for visitors.

JOHNNY RIVERS



My friend Rudy Fulginiti, who lives in Haycock went to Hawaii last month and visited Johnny's grave. When he went to the cemetery office in order to get the location, there wasn't a listing for a John Rivers who was a Marine. There were several Rivers names who were Marines. However there was a listing for a John Rivers who was in the Army. Rudy figured it had to be him. He went to the site and took this photo. He returned to the office and showed them the mistake. The office corrected the computer listing. After all these years the cemetery record for Johnny is corrected.

Henry DePue

ACTIVITIES

June 1 COUNTRY MARKETPLACE - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Stokes House will be open for visiting. This year we will feature a fine display of Antique Autos. To register a vehicle call Chris at (215) 536-0364 or email: chandschin@verizon.net There will be flea market tables available (at discounts for members) and our traditional white elephant sale.

July 21 Annual HHS Covered Dish Picnic-1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday at the Stokes House. All members/families are welcome. Please bring a covered dish of your choice, enough to serve 8. Bring your lawn chairs and spend a relaxing day at our headquarters.

CALLING ALL GARDENERS

Come and see the Stokes Garden. It has been rototilled and some of the early lettuce, onions and peas have been planted. We could use a few gardeners to keep the garden tidy. Spend an hour in the garden if you can, pulling weeds, deadheading flowers and just relaxing. We hope to keep the garden low maintenance. A clip board will be placed right inside the door of the garden shed for notes. So let me know if there is anything the garden needs. Saturdays I hope to be there from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., but all are welcome anytime. Does anyone know where our Blue Birds have gone? I have not seen them around the nesting boxes.

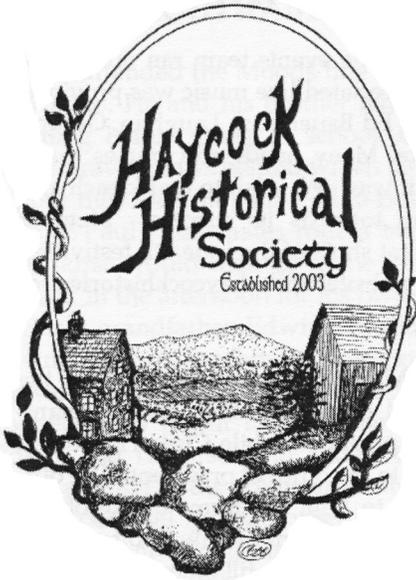
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