



The House Of Yoder Newsletter Winter 2017

5,551 Visitors see The House of Yoder

The House of Yoder opened our doors for the summer season on May 26, 2017, and closed them on October 14, 2017. During that time, it is estimated that 5,551 visitors came through the doors. Now, keep in mind, not everyone is willing to sign our guest book, so the actual number of visitors is higher.

The states of Pennsylvania, Colorado, Kentucky, West Virginia, California, Maryland, Ohio, Delaware, North Carolina, Texas, Oklahoma, Maine, Vermont, Mississippi, Arkansas, Washington, Kansas, Illinois, New Hampshire, Tennessee, Virginia, Rhode Island, Indiana, Michigan, Florida, Oregon, New Mexico, Alaska, Minnesota, Connecticut, Nebraska, Georgia, Missouri, New Jersey, Utah, South Carolina and Arizona.

The countries of Argentina, Brazil, Taiwan, Poland, Turkey, Russia, Germany, China, England, Netherlands, New Zealand, France, Columbia, South Africa, Belarus, Canada, Scotland, Belgium, and Australia.

Hosts for the 2017 season were: Sandy and Val Dzwonczyk, Baltimore, MD; David and Lou Ann Kanagy, Archibald, OH; Chrisann Mishler, Front Royal, VA (new); Alton and Lois Longenecker, Elkhart, IN; Susan Yoder, Washington, D.C. (new); Larry and Maxine Miller, Macon, MS (new); Ann and Ralph Sebrell, Harrisonburg, VA; Bill and Patricia Strunk, Alden, NY; Wilmer and Mary Louise Lehman, Harrisonburg, VA (new). Day hosts: Dan Yoder, Sr., Accident, MD; Marvin and Cora Anna Yoder, Salisbury, PA; Agnes and Ray Yount, LaVale, MD; Kathy (Yoder) Mostoller, Salisbury, PA, Lowell Bender, Accident, MD.

Our most sincere Thank You to our hosts. With out you, we could not open the doors!

If you would be interested in hosting, please contact me at 814-267-3383 or email me at: mhyoder@msn.com Please mention House of Yoder in subject line.

The House of Yoder holds 21st Annual Members Meeting

Saturday, November 4, 2017 The House of Yoder held their 21st Annual Members Meeting. A time of fellowship before the meeting, found everyone enjoying the refreshments set out on the table. Mrs. Harvey L. Yoder (Nancy) made Amish half moon pies, which were shared and enjoyed.

The meeting was opened by Dan Yoder, Sr., President. Esta and Keith Yoder led the group in worship and singing "Come Ye Thankful People Come." Lowell Bender led the group in prayer and singing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

The secretary, treasurer and library reports were accepted.

Harvey L. Yoder was nominated to serve on the Board of Directors for another five years. Motion made to accept the nomination. His term will end in 2022.

The program was given by James L. Yoder, Grantsville, MD. A recap of the National Yoder Reunion, held in Shipshewana, IN in September was presented.



Left-right Doris Ours, Vice President and Dan Yoder, President.



Some of the members of The House of Yoder during the meeting.



Some of the ladies enjoying the refreshments.

HALF MOON PIES

2 LBS. dried apple snitz	1/2 tsp. allspice
6 C. water	2 tsp. cinnamon
6 C. sugar	1/4 tsp. salt

Soak snitz 1/2 hour in warm water. Add 6 cups water and cover. Turn on high until water is nearly taken up and then turn on low until soft,. Stir wilt potato masher or put through a ricer. Add sugar, allspice, cinnamon and salt. Set aside to cool. Make a ball of dough, the size of t large walnut. Roll out dough in 1 round piece. Mark 1/2 of dough with a pie crimper. On the other 1`/2, put a large tablespoon of filling, shaping it like a 1/2 moon. Press edges together and cut off with a pie crisper. Brush with beaten egg yolk. Bake at 475 degrees for 10 minutes.

PERFECT PIE CRUST

4 C. flour	1 T. vinegar
1 T. sugar	1 egg
1 3/4 C. shortening	1/2 C. water

Mix dry ingredients; add shortening and mix well. Mix water, vinegar and eggs together; mix in with crumbs



Thanks to Mrs. Harvey L. (Nancy) Yoder for sharing her recipe for Half-moon pies.

Christmas In The Village

Pleasant weather greeted the many visitors that came to Spruce Forest Artisan Village to enjoy Christmas In The Village. Once again, the village, along with The House of Yoder was decked out in beautiful Holiday splendor.



Pictured above are visitors enjoying the pleasant weather, while strolling through Spruce Forest Artisan Village during Christmas In The Village.

And, as usual, pop corn was handed out (over 1,200 bags of popcorn) to the visitors to The House of Yoder. The aroma of freshly popped-pop corn drifting throughout the village is very inviting.



Benny and Arie Yoder demonstrated how to make wreaths, which were available for purchase.



The House, all decorated for the festivities.



Cora Anna (Yoder) and Marvin Yoder



Activities on the main floor



The root cellar



In 1877, Solomon D. Yoder (YR261191) wrote letters to his second wife, Catherine (Yutzy-Maust) Yoder when visiting his brother Daniel Yoder (YR261197) in Moultrie County, IL. Daniel married Anna Lantz (LZ12311) in March and Solomon and some others, he did not name, took the train to Illinois to visit Daniels in October. It is possible that Daniel was trying to persuade Solomon and the others to move to Illinois. He wrote that "old "dady" likes it first rate out here." It could be that he had his father David along. He also mentioned that they did not stop to see Daniel. Daniel would have been Catherine and her first husband's (Leonard Maust) son, Daniel W. Maust. Here is that letter:

"Solomon D. Yoder To Wife Catherine.

Arthur Co. IL October the 20th 1877

Dear Wife

I will write a few lines to you to let you know how I am getting along out here. I am well and hardy. I hope these few lines will find you and children all well. Further about our journey. We left Meyersdale (Pa) on Thursday morning at half past five and arrived at Pittsburgh at half past nine in the forenoon. Then we left Pittsburgh half past eleven and arrived at Columbus, OH at dark. There we changed cars and started for Indianapolis and from there to Arcola and from there to Tolono, IL From there to Arthur, from there we started to John Lee's and stayed all night. Next morning we went to Jacob Millers and from there to Moses Yoder and from there to Daniel Kauffman's and from there to Joseph Yoder's and from there to John Kauffman's and then to Yost Yoder's. Then to Mahlon Yoder's then back to Jacob Miller's. This is Saturday evening. Now about the county. We have got an ever lasting mud out here. It is raining everyday since we are here. Jacob Miller hauled us over to Joseph Yoder's. He

had to rest his horses on the level ground. I never saw the like. Illinois seem to be nothing but a mud hole. I say hurrah for old Pennsylvania. But the folks out here seem to be very clever. We have got brothers Daniels horses to ride. It is to muddy for any man to walk a half a mile.

Please let me know how baby" ...rest of the letter is missing



Solomon D. Yoder (YR261191) Author of the letters.

"Arthur, Moultrie Co. Il.

Wednesday evening, Oct. 24, 1877

Dear Wife

It is with pleasure that I seated myself this present evening to speak a few words to you in the silent language to let you know that I am well at this present time. I hope that those few lines will find you and the children in the same condition. Further I let you know that I did not see Daniel Maust. We took another route. We did not go through Orville. We intend to leave here on Monday the fifth of November and stop in Wayne Co. Ohio on our way going home. Further, I let you know that I received your post card this evening which I am very thankful. It made me feel happy to hear from home. Now I will give you some particulars from Illinois. We have nice weather. Now it is a beautiful county. I did not like it a bit last week on account of that awful mud but now I like it first rate. I wish to goodness you was here too. Old "dady" likes it first rate out here. We have got brother Daniels horses to ride. I tell you we made the gravel fly with them young horses. Daniel is going to move on the farm this fall yet. He has got a nice farm two houses on.

This evening we stayed at Jacob Millers and Monday night stayed at Dan Ottos. You have no idea how glad Daniel and the girls was when they seen us coming.

You asked me how I like (train) car riding. I like it first rate. It cost me \$21.10. Now dear

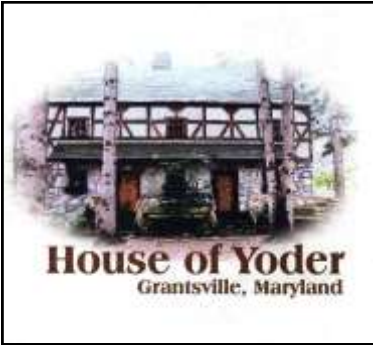
there is 600 miles distance between us. I hope if it is Gods will we will meet again in love and happiness. Now a few words to the boys. Now be kind and obedient to your Mother. Next Sunday the meeting will be at Jonas Kauffman's and next Sunday, a week. I think Daniel Beachy and Joseph Yoder's will be back till that time. John Yoder and his wife had been in Indiana. They came home today. Now I must leave off for this time by sending love and best respect to you and children.

Remain your truly husband S.D. Yoder

To you Catherine Yoder."



Catherine (Yutzy -Maust) Yoder, wife of Solomon D. Yoder recipient of letters from Solomon D. Yoder



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