

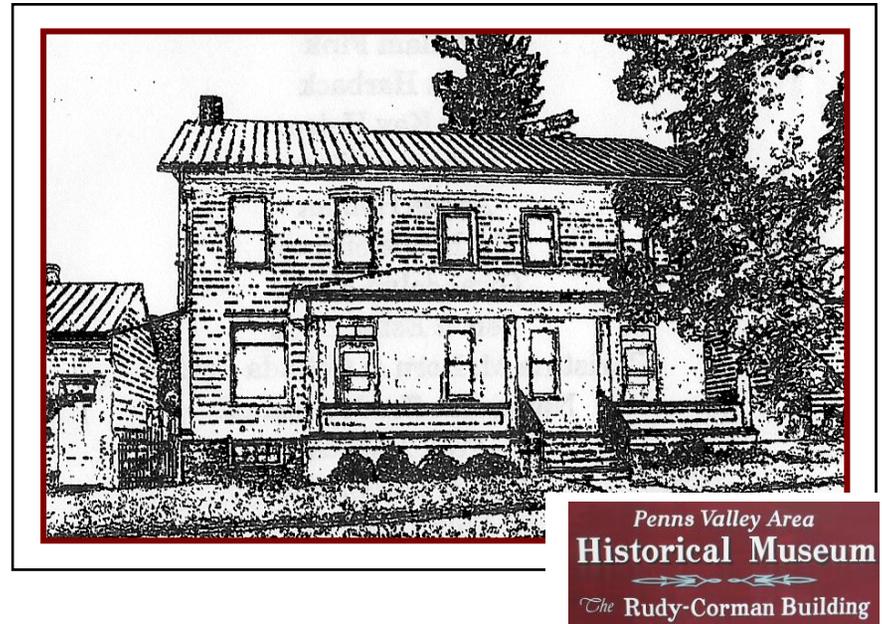
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Penns Valley Area Historical Museum



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New for 2015

Early American Kitchens

Early School Days – Haines Township,
Aaronsburg & Woodward

Civil War & Tribute to Abraham Lincoln

Aaronsburg Story – expanded for 2015

Children's Vintage Toy Kitchen

Welcome

We are proud to present some of the treasures we have preserved. Only through the generosity of donors can we produce this type of exhibit. Our gratitude goes out to those who have made donations to the Museum and those who plan to do so in the future.

So, take a deep breath, relax, and step back into time as you view these wonderful exhibits.

We have three buildings

The Rudy-Corman Building

1st floor - Exhibit Rooms 1, Room 2 & Alcove
2nd floor - Room 3 & Genealogy Room

Craftsman Building

Country Store & Post Office

Carriage House

Household items, farm tools & implements

North Wall & Table – Map of Aaronsburg, Aaronsburg Story slide presentation & quotes from famous people who attended original 1949 event, follow-up event in 1953 Also pages from the 1949 Millheim Journal

West Wall – Photographs of Aaron & Rachael Levy, pewter communion set, article reporting rediscovery of 'lost' communion set in the Salem Lutheran Church building, map of central PA railroad system & other memorabilia from Aaronsburg and its story.

Exhibit Room 3B

(Left/South Half of Room)

Children's Vintage Toy Kitchen

Southeast Corner of Room – Miniature wood-burning cook stove, miniature pots & pans, glass display case with miniature kitchen utensils, dishes, and other toys from 19th & early 20th centuries

South Wall – Wooden child's hutch from Bessie Sturgis Gramley (gold-framed oval in stairway), miniature kitchen utensils, doll tea set, and table with vintage cloth dolls & chairs at tea party

Genealogy Room

Genealogy records, books & papers
High school yearbooks, family & school pictures
Cemetery records
All available for research
New microfilm reader for old *Millheim Journals* containing local history and obituaries

Stairway Portraits

Daniel Musser (1822-1888)

Maryjane Belle Musser Sturgis (died 1883 at age 23)

Bessie Sturgis Gramley, Maryjane's daughter (age 3 at time of mother's death)

Second Floor

Ruth C. Rudy Foyer

Memorabilia from Mrs. Rudy's 14-year service as Representative of 171st district in General Assembly & other political activities

Note family photographs and fraktur of Mrs. Rudy's parents' marriage certificate, world map with push pins marking all locations visited by the Rudy's

Exhibit Room 3A

(Right/North Half of Room)

The Aaronsburg Story

Photographs, programs, books, music, articles, 1949 pageant stage plan, newspaper pages, & other memorabilia from the original Aaronsburg story of October 23, 1949.

Round Table – Handcrafted log cabin miniature & photo album of original Aaronsburg Story. Have a seat & take a closer look at both.

Right Corner of Room – Clothes & photographs from 1949 event.

Exhibit Room 1

Early American Kitchens

Center of Room - Tavern table (early 1800s) with pewter teapot

South Wall - Pine woodbox (c. 1850) from Daniel & Lydia Musser and "Millheim Mansion." Woodbox, photographs, long-handled utensils, and 3-legged iron cooking pots all reminiscent of fireplaces & iron cook stoves.

Next on south wall - Icebox from Millheim Hotel & revolving butter churn.

West Wall - Vintage kitchen cupboard, kitchen utensils, collection of Treenware (vintage wooden household objects), cherry seeder & miscellaneous items

Note apple peeler from 1878, still used for annual fall festival. (2015 dates October 3rd & 4th.)

North Wall - Dough tray, wash stand & three-dimensional display of cloth sacks/bags

Also homemade soap on wash stand, apron, sunbonnets, & high chair

East Wall - Early dasher butter churn, pine dry sink & cupboard (mid-1800s), ironstone tableware, silver-plated grapefruit spoons, tin ware dinner plates (early 1800s) & white apron

EXHIBIT ROOM 2

Haines Township Early School Days – includes Aaronsburg, Woodward & East Penns Valley Schools

West Side of Room – Early-1900 schoolroom desks, 48-star American flag, picture of George Washington (common to American schoolrooms) & teacher's desk

Imagine blackboards but see real hand-held school bell & teacher's ledger

Ledgers held names, ages & gender of students, daily attendance, teacher's salaries, branches of study & books used. Also useful for genealogy research

Feel free to look through textbooks on students' desks as carefully as possible please

South Side of Room – Yearbooks & School Days album with pictures & history of school activities, classes & teachers are there to be perused

All Four Walls – Various diplomas, pennants & class pictures from Haines Township schools & East Penns Valley School. Also senior class pictures of trips which appear to have been special

East Wall – Display case holds memorabilia from early school days & samples of teachers' required ledgers

Alcove Exhibit

Civil War – 150th Anniversary Display of 148th Pennsylvania Volunteers

Discharge certificates on south wall. Also "Call to Arms" poster

Letters, from Brush Valley resident William C. Meyers to his father, give view of camp life. See white notebook in wooden foot locker. Artifacts in display case belonged to Meyers

Note picture of Civil War veterans marching through Rebersburg on top of display case & refurbished Civil War drum on floor

35-star flag is a reproduction of the flag that flew over Gettysburg at end of Civil War. Also album containing documents concerning the Civil War & numerous newspaper articles.

150th Anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's Assassination – April 14, 1865

East Side of Alcove – Tribute to Abraham Lincoln on 150th anniversary of his assassination on April 14, 1865. Framed *New York Herald* newspaper of April 15, 1865 details assassination