



News from the
**Casper Glattfelder
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Coronavirus Pandemic

With the world currently dealing with the coronavirus pandemic, there is much uncertainty about future plans, including those for our Reunion more than three months away. The CGAA's desire is to hold the Reunion as planned, on Saturday, July 25. But as with most everything at this point, we don't know what we can expect in July.

Mid-Winter Board Meeting

The meeting was held January 11 at the Smith Homestead in Jacobus, Pennsylvania, with nine members in attendance and three via teleconference.

President Tom Shelley opened the meeting with prayer. Vice President Judy Martin reported on correspondence, having received a newspaper clipping on the death of Martha Gladfelder of Richmond, Virginia. Martha was our oldest in attendance at last year's Reunion.

Treasurer Bonnie Flaharty distributed the financial reports, which the board reviewed, discussed and accepted.

The Executive Committee met prior to the regular meeting to make up the 2020 budget. In order to cover the costs of the Reunion, it was decided the price of reservations should increase to \$25. Rick Gladfelder, among others, felt that was too much and it would discourage people from attending. The board settled on a price of \$20 for adults, with an explanation for the increase to be included in the Reunion letter.

Some suggestions to cut costs or raise funds included not supplying soft pretzels and having filled baskets for a silent auction.

There was discussion about being able to accept credit cards for the merchandise we sell, since many people do not carry cash. Sarah Melcher said she would investigate a service she uses to see if it would suit our needs.

Philip Glattfelder mentioned three possible program ideas for this year's Reunion.

1. Casper's first property in Newberry Township, York County.
2. Glattfelder names and places, i.e. roads, buildings, rivers, etc.
3. Glattfelders who are/were patent holders as well as prominent members in the fields of science, engineering, education and medicine.

As was noted in the November Newsletter, Philip met with Harry Gladfelder in relation to the third item. The board agreed to pursue this as the subject of this year's program. More on the program appears later in the Newsletter.

Larry Gladfelder, Jr. reported for the communication committee that notification for the November Newsletter went out to 492 email subscribers on November 27. There was a send success rate of 98.6% and 243 opens. He also announced the availability of the Newsletter on the Facebook page, "I am a descendent of the Glattfelders."

Larry updated the website with information from the 114th Reunion, including a pdf of the Lisbeth Gladfelder Fish presentation.

Among communications received through the "Contact" form on our website, Mark Glotfelty shared info about his father Robert of Garrett County, Maryland: "I've been wanting to contact your organization for some time now. My father, Robert Glotfelty, had joined in at least one of

your re-unions in the past. He is from the Glotfeltys of Garrett County, MD. He had mentioned that he had shared his family lineage research with your group and was real interested in finding more input." Mark's father passed away in 2007 and his mother, Patricia, died in 2018.

Also communicating through the website was Randall Glattfelder, who asked for information pertaining to his great grandfather (Jacob Glattfelder), who died when he was 14 years old. All he knows is that he came to America around the 1870s from Glattfelden, Switzerland, by boat (with aunt) to Pennsylvania and later farmed in Iowa, died 1963 and never talked about his or his parents' backgrounds.

DVDs of last year's Reunion program are available. (See the Merchandise Order Form) Larry thanked Sarah Melcher, who produced the presentation on Lisbeth Gladfelter Fish, for providing the necessary information.

In the Reunion presentation video, Sarah suggested that the Association consider self-publishing several out-of-print books and making them available on the website

For the Education Fund, Ben Miller reported that, as of the January meeting, the Fund is in better shape and can offer one new Nathan Glattfelder and Ives Bricker Scholarship. He has had a few inquiries. More on the scholarships later in the Newsletter.

Tom reported that the Steam into History Northern Central Railway is planning to come to Seven Valleys, not far from Heimwald Park, and may extend the railway to the park area in the next few years. The organization is interested in using our pavilion for their picnic excursions, which could bring in extra revenue for the Association.

Under new business, Phil presented several new items that we could sell at the reunion. See more on those in the 2020 Reunion section.

Judy gave each member a copy of the family tree, starting with Casper's grandfather Felix Glattfelder (1632-1709). This family tree includes Hans (1666-1734), brother of Felix (1669-1724), father of Casper. Descendants of Hans -- Teddy and Henry -- met the group that traveled to Glattfelden in September. (See the chart on page 6.).

The 2020 Reunion

This year's reunion is scheduled for Saturday, July 25, at Heimwald Park. This is the second year of the one-day Saturday format. A Friday reception was held last year to honor director Dallas Smith for his 50 years of service to the Association, and some type of informal Friday function may develop this year.

As always, Glattfelder souvenir items will be offered. New this year are t-shirts, tote bags and duffel bags with a new design.

Also for sale, featuring the Glattfelder coat of arms, will be golf shirts, t-shirts, tote bags, mugs, Cat's Meow replicas of the homestead and pavilion, pens, historical booklets, videos and Christmas cards (see the Merchandise Order Form or visit www.glattfelder.org).

Harry Gladfelter, from the Philadelphia area, contacted board member Philip Glattfelder last fall to discuss research he had done. Owner of 16 patents, he began searching for Glattfelder descendants who also hold patents. He also uncovered others who are significant members in the fields of science, medicine, education or technology. To Harry's surprise, the list is rather lengthy and quite interesting.

Phil met up with Harry again in March and program ideas began flowing. Harry will take a main role in the program, which will again feature a Power Point presentation as in the last two years. This year, we'll limit the program to Glattfelders and their patents, the first in a STEM series. We hope to have several Glattfelder descendants speak at the reunion, whether in person or by video, about their accomplishments.

While Harry has already been in contact with several of these prominent descendants, anyone wishing to contact him about possibly participating in the program can do so by calling 610-933-3542 (home), 610-812-2010 (cell) or emailing to hgladfelter@aol.com.

Cleaning up

The annual park clean-up day will be Saturday, July 18, beginning at 9 a.m. Anyone in the York County area willing to lend a hand is encouraged to attend.

A second earlier clean-up day may be held, though a date has not yet been determined.

Brick Patio

The deadline for ordering bricks this year is May 9. The cost remains \$75 (see enclosed order form). For more information, contact Philip Glatfelter, 430 Charles Circle, Hallam, PA 17406. Call (717) 968-4577 or e-mail to glatfelterph@aol.com.

The current patio consists of approximately 5,000 bricks, including more than 1,250 that are engraved. An updated breakdown of bricks under each son of Casper, along with other statistics and facts on the patio, is shown on our website.

With the current coronavirus pandemic, the availability and timeliness of receiving the engraved bricks is uncertain.

Obituaries

Members of the historical committee continue to collect obituaries for Glattfelder family members. As the family tree grows, the task becomes more and more difficult.

The list of deaths for reunion programs will be limited to those with the most common Glattfelder names in their obituaries, and others will be listed by request. To do so,

mail obituaries to the association address or email Jean Robinson (jrobinson2344@comcast.net) or Philip Glatfelter (glatfelterph@aol.com).

Scholarships

As noted in the Mid-Winter Board Meeting report, the value of the Education Fund has recovered to the point that it will be able to support one \$1,000 scholarship for the 2020-2021 academic year.

As of March 28, three completed applications were received and there were five inquiries/pending applications.

The Larry and Lois Gladfelter Scholarship through Messiah College is also available, along with the Dr. Charles H. Glatfelter Scholarship. Although the Dr. Charles scholarship is open to all applicants, first priority goes to descendants of Casper Glattfelder, with history majors and education majors also receiving priority. The Adams County Community Foundation administers the scholarship. See www.adamscountycf.org for more information. There is also a link on the CGAA website.

President's Message

At the close of February, I reached a significant personal milestone by rolling both digits of my age number, finishing six decades and beginning a seventh.

About a fortnight earlier, I had received an early birthday "gift" of sorts, in the form of a letter from the York County Agricultural Society -- the parent of the York Fair, now re-branded the York State Fair -- informing me that after two dozen years of waiting, I had finally arrived at the top of the waiting list and could now be inducted into Life Membership.

The York County Agricultural Society had its beginnings 90 years after Casper's arrival in America. But the fair itself began through a charter received from William Penn less than a dozen years after the Glattfelden party had settled in York County. Single day fairs were held on Penn Common, sharing space with a variety of other public uses.

From the society's history web page:

"In 1853, a group of prominent York County agricultural leaders formed the York County Agricultural Society for the purpose of making the fair a three-day event and finding it a new home. That society purchased seven acres and established a new fairground in 1856. The new location was on what was then the east side of the City of York near what is now Queen Street and King Street.

"In 1861, within days of the firing on Fort Sumter, injured Union soldiers were placed in temporary hospitals set up in the old Penn Commons and in the new fairgrounds. In 1862, the

Secretary of War made those hospitals permanent so by fair time that year, the halls and grounds were filled with wounded from Antietam and the fair was closed until 1865.

“Following the Civil War, the York County Agricultural Society, in 1888, decided the fair had once again outgrown its grounds and these early fair leaders purchased land and moved the event to the 73-acre site that was eventually expanded to become the current York Fair/York Expo Center property.”

My work on this message ground to a halt in mid-March as did most of this nation, if not most of the world due to the coronavirus pandemic. Ironically, the next line of the society’s history reads:

“The fair remained open after the outbreak of World War I, but was not held in 1918 due to an influenza outbreak that killed 166 people in York.”

As of this date, the 7th of April, the COVID-19 virus has killed two people in York County. The Commonwealth remains under an order limiting business to those deemed “essential” and travel remains restricted until at least April 30.

What does this mean for the Reunion?

Frankly, it is too soon to know. There may be sufficient data by mid-May when the Directors are scheduled to hold their next meeting; or a decision might be postponed a bit longer to early June.

One sign for optimism is that the York State Fair, which this year will be moving its date from the early September time known by generations of Yorkers since 1942 to late July, including our Reunion day, has stated that it plans to be held as scheduled.

I prefer to fall back on the Pennsylvania Dutch phrase, “Ve’ll chust see onest vat happens still.”

J. Thomas Shelley

Correction

In the November Newsletter, we referred to Lisbeth Gladfelter Fish as Elizabeth in some instances. Her correct name is Lisbeth.

Trees

Among the aspects that make our Reunion home, Heimwald Park, such a wonderful setting are numerous trees that provide shade and beauty.

Of course, trees can also cause issues.

From the March 1989 Newsletter:

“Trees, trees, trees -- A glance through the board minutes over many years will prove that trees have been a continuing concern of the directors responsible for the care of Heimwald Park. At first, they busied themselves planting trees on the hillside to provide shade. In more recent years, as the old ones have aged and some have died, the directors, at considerable expense, have had to remove trees.

“Our concern now is a careful replanting program along the perimeter of Heimwald. ... Thanks to the late director Arthur J. Glatfelter, nine juniper trees have already been planted (in honor of his father).”

In the March 1994 Newsletter:

“... Our next major project at the park is one which simply must be done soon. ... Last April, four parts of a very large tree in the park fell in four different directions. One part fell on the refreshment stand (Historical Building), resulting in more than \$2,000 damage. Then, soon after the (250th) anniversary reunion, part of another very large tree ... fell on the northwest corner of the pavilion roof, again causing more than \$2,000 damage.

“These losses were covered by insurance, but responsible stewardship (as well as protection against cancellation of our insurance coverage) demands that we remove any and all large old trees. ...”

In recent years, a tree fell across the driveway and damaged the gate. Another had fallen on the bank near the Historical Building and onto the road, bringing down the power line to the park. Fortunately, both required minimal expense (the electric company cut up the tree and fixed the line), but could have easily been much more damaging and costly.

So in March, director Philip Glatfelter met with Bob Kinsley, our Honorary Friend who has helped with numerous significant projects at the park, and he pointed out and marked about 15-20 trees in need of attention of one kind or another. The Association will determine how to proceed with Bob’s recommendations, whether by having his crew do the work, by tackling some or all of them on our own, or some combination of the two. Director Dean Gladfelter has expressed an interest in spearheading any CGAA efforts on the tree project.

As the poem “Trees” by Joyce Kilmer says,

*I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.*

We hope to keep our lovely trees while also keeping Heimwald Park and its structures beautiful and safe.

A Sad Farewell

In 1864, Philip H. Glatfelter (1837-1907), a great-great-grandson of our immigrant ancestor Casper and owner of the family homestead from 1886-1898, purchased a paper mill in what would eventually become the town of Spring Grove.

In 2014, P.H. Glatfelter Company, with plants around the world, celebrated its 150th anniversary.



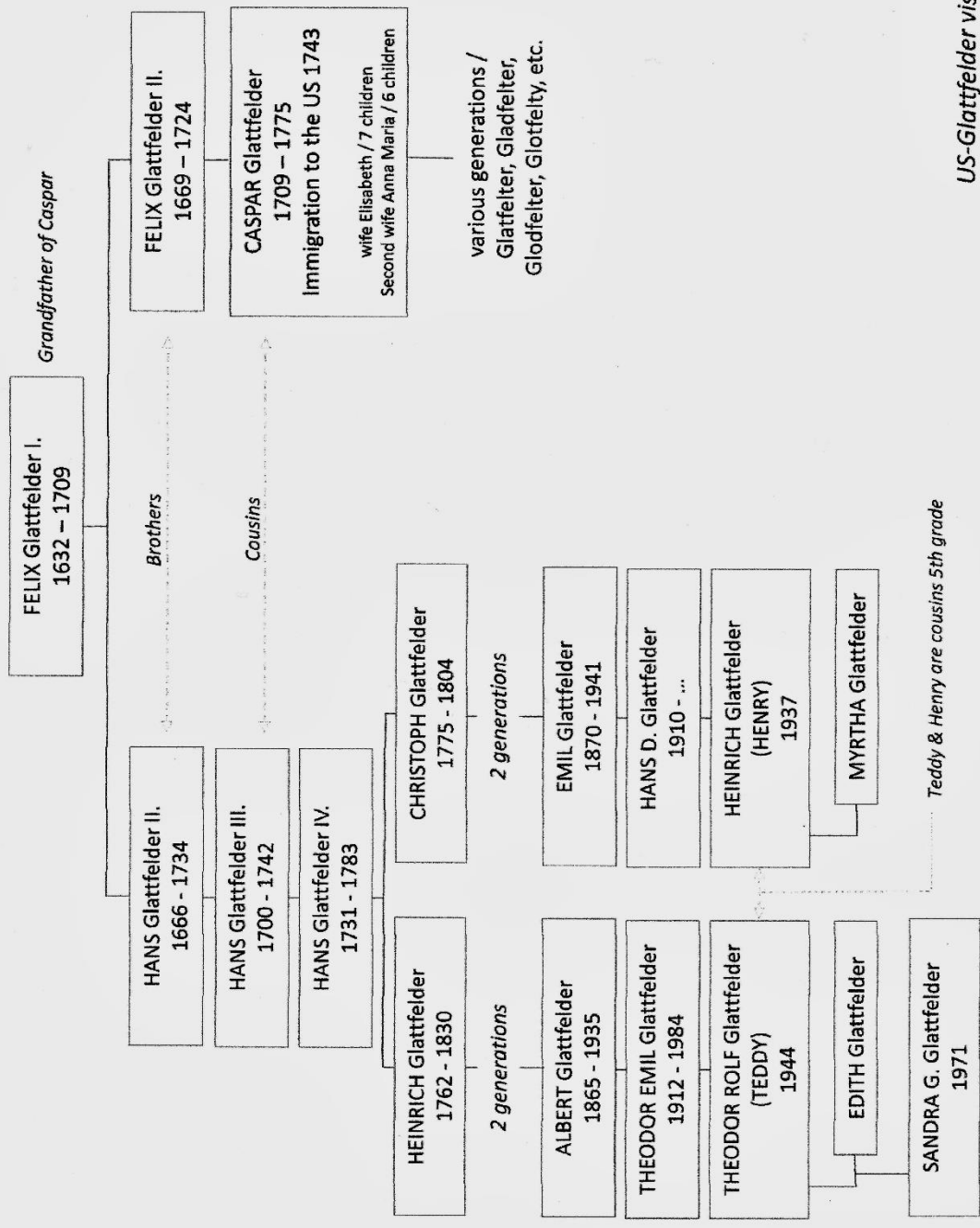
Even then, the papermaking business was changing, and in 2018, the paper mill in Spring Grove was sold to Pixelle Specialty Solutions LLC.

The company’s corporate headquarters remained in York County, located in downtown York since 1999. That too is changing, as the Glatfelter company will move its headquarters to Charlotte, North Carolina. The move is expected to take place sometime this summer.

“Charlotte provides enhanced access to a larger pool of critical resources and talent for future growth,” said Glatfelter CEO Dante C. Parrini in a Feb. 12, 2020, article in the York Dispatch, “and the Carolinas are a leading hub for the broader non-wovens industry.”

Members of Philip’s line were both Reunion attendees and financial contributors at times over the years. While they have not been involved in the company for almost nine years, it was still a source of pride and comfort to know that company name was still a significant one in York County.

The move from the land of Casper’s homestead will be sad for those in York County, but we’re sure some of Casper’s descendants will greet the name as it appears in North Carolina.



US-Glattfelder visit to Glattfelden,
September 08, 2019



Casper Glattfelder Association of America Merchandise Order Form

Ship to:		
Address		
City	State	ZIP
Telephone or email		

Pay to: Philip Glattfelder
430 Charles Circle
Hallam PA 17406
717-968-4577

<i>275th Anniversary Items – Clearance-Priced</i>	Price	Shipping	Quan.	Amount
Golf shirt , embroidered 275 th anniversary logo, no pocket <input type="checkbox"/> Red L XL 2XL <input type="checkbox"/> California blue XL 2XL <input type="checkbox"/> Black XL (2XL is \$15.00)	\$12.00	\$ 5.00		
T-shirt , 275 th anniversary logo <input type="checkbox"/> Red S M L XL 2XL <input type="checkbox"/> California blue XL (2XL is \$8.00)	6.00	3.00		
Tote bag , 275 th anniversary logo <input type="checkbox"/> Kelly green <input type="checkbox"/> Hot pink <input type="checkbox"/> Red	6.00	4.00		
275th anniversary pin 3 for \$1.00	.50	1.00		
DVD: 113th Reunion with 275th Anniversary Theme (2018)	10.00	3.00		

Merchandise with the GLATTFELDER COAT OF ARMS (As shown at the top of this order form.)

Golf shirt , embroidered coat of arms, no pocket <input type="checkbox"/> Light Blue XL <input type="checkbox"/> White M L XL <input type="checkbox"/> Ash Gray S M XL <input type="checkbox"/> Maroon L XL <input type="checkbox"/> Tan L <input type="checkbox"/> Green L <input type="checkbox"/> California blue XL 2 for \$23.00 PRICE REDUCED	\$13.00	\$ 5.00 2 / 7.00		
Golf shirt , embroidered coat of arms with pocket PRICE REDUCED <input type="checkbox"/> Green L XL <input type="checkbox"/> Maroon L XL <input type="checkbox"/> Light blue L XL	20.00	5.00		
Golf shirt , silk screen on pocket PRICE REDUCED <input type="checkbox"/> Green S L <input type="checkbox"/> Maroon S	6.00 2 / \$10	3.00 2 / 4.00		
Sweatshirt with coat of arms Light gray S M L XL (XL is \$18.00)	16.00	5.00		
T-shirt with coat of arms <input type="checkbox"/> Military green M L XL 2XL <input type="checkbox"/> Red M L XL <input type="checkbox"/> California blue S XL (2XL is \$13.00 + \$6.00 shipping) PRICE REDUCED	8.00	4.00		
T-shirt (6 different spellings of Glattfelder) PRICE REDUCED <input type="checkbox"/> Red M XL <input type="checkbox"/> Ash gray S L XL <input type="checkbox"/> Maroon S M L <input type="checkbox"/> Dark green S M	6.00 2 / \$10	4.00 2 / \$6.00		
T-shirt (8 different spellings of Glattfelder) <input type="checkbox"/> Dark green S M L XL 2XL <input type="checkbox"/> Light blue S <input type="checkbox"/> Red S XL <input type="checkbox"/> Maroon L XL <input type="checkbox"/> Navy XL <input type="checkbox"/> California Blue S M L XL (2XL is \$13.00 + \$6.00 shipping) PRICE REDUCED	10.00	4.00		
Baseball cap <input type="checkbox"/> Red <input type="checkbox"/> Green	12.00	4.00		
Tote bag with coat of arms <input type="checkbox"/> Gray <input type="checkbox"/> Turquoise PRICE REDUCED	8.00	3.00		
Ballpoint pen , printed with <i>Glattfelder Reunion</i> & website address PRICE REDUCED <input type="checkbox"/> Red <input type="checkbox"/> Green <input type="checkbox"/> Blue <input type="checkbox"/> Black	.50 3 / \$1	.50		
Coat of arms , full color print on parchment paper, 5" x 7" PRICE REDUCED	3.00	1.00		
Ceramic mug with Glattfelder crest, 6 spelling variations & website PRICE REDUCED <input type="checkbox"/> Blue <input type="checkbox"/> Dark green	2 / \$5 3 / \$7	2 / 3.00 3 / 4.00		
Ceramic mug with Glattfelder crest, 8 spelling variations & website	2 / \$8	2 / 4.00		

<input type="checkbox"/> Blue <input type="checkbox"/> Dark green	(\$5.00 each + \$3.00 shipping)	3 / \$11	3 / 5.00		
Notepad with coat of arms, 6" x 8.5" Dark blue	PRICE REDUCED	4.00	2.00		
Static cling , clear, with red coat of arms, 3" x 3.5" 2 for \$3.00, 3 for \$4.00	PRICE REDUCED	2.00	1.00		

Other Merchandise

T-shirt , <i>Glattfelder Reunion, Switzerland – Pennsylvania</i> <input type="checkbox"/> California blue <input type="checkbox"/> Black M L XL		12.00	4.00		
Shoulder Bag , <i>Glattfelder Reunion, Switzerland – Pennsylvania</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Black 10" x 15" with 26" shoulder strap		18.00	5.00		
Duffel Bag , <i>Glattfelder Reunion, Switzerland – Pennsylvania</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Green 20" x 10" x 10" with 2 side compartments		30.00	8.00		
Blank greeting cards & envelopes, set of 3 ink drawings: old homestead at Glattfelder Station, original Heimwald pavilion, & family church in Glattfelden, Switzerland		3.00 2 / \$5	1.00		
Postal cards with coat of arms and its interpretation		3 / \$1 10 / \$3	1.00		
Glattfelder emblem (on first page of newsletter) in full color on heavy paper, 5"x 7"		2.00 2 / \$3	1.00		
Booklet: The Casper Glattfelder Association: The First 100 Years 1906 – 2005 by Dr. Charles H. Glatfelter (2005); 39 pages; 8.5" x 11"		7.00	3.00		
Booklet: The Early Glattfelder Family in America: An Overview by Dr. Charles H. Glatfelter (1993); 59 pages; 5.5" x 8.5"		7.00	3.00		
Book: The Descendants of Casper Glattfelder (1901) and the 1910 Supplement by Noah M. Glatfelter, MD of St. Louis, MO; spiral bound reprint; 160 pages total		10.00	3.00		
DVD: 250th Anniversary Reunion (1993)		10.00	3.00		
DVD: A Visit to Glattfelden, Switzerland		10.00	3.00		
DVD: Switzerland Plus		10.00	3.00		
DVD: 106th Reunion with Revolutionary War Theme (2011)		10.00	3.00		
DVD: 107th Reunion with War of 812 Theme (2012)		10.00	3.00		
DVD: 108th Reunion with Civil War Theme (2013)		10.00	3.00		
DVD: 109th Reunion with Spanish American & WW I Theme (2014)		10.00	3.00		
DVD: 110th Reunion with WW II Theme (2015)		10.00	3.00		
DVD: 111th Reunion with Cold War Theme (2016)		10.00	3.00		
DVD: 112th Reunion with John Peter Glattfelder Theme (2017)		10.00	3.00		
DVD: 113th Reunion with 275th Anniversary Theme (2018)		10.00	3.00		
DVD: 114th Reunion with Lizbeth Fish Theme (2019)		10.00	3.00		
DVD: Celebration of the Life of Arthur Glatfelter (2013)		7.00	3.00		
DVD: A Conversation with Congressman William Goodling (2012)		7.00	3.00		
DVD: 160th Anniversary Reenactment of Rebel Raid on Hanover Junction (2013)		7.00	3.00		
Christmas card with Glattfelder homestead drawing 5 for \$9.00, 10 for \$15.00		2.00	2.00		
Cat's Meow replica <input type="checkbox"/> Glattfelder homestead <input type="checkbox"/> Heimwald Park Pavilion		16.00	6.00		

Make check payable to: PHILIP GLATFELTER Grand Total \$ _____



Casper Glattfelder Association of America Order Form Patio Bricks

Name: _____ Date _____

Address: _____
Street or PO Box Town or City State Zip

Telephone: _____ Email address: _____

Please order and place _____ bricks, at \$75 each = \$ _____ Total

May 9 is the mailing deadline for bricks to be placed for the 2020 reunion.

Make check payable to: **Casper Glattfelder Assoc.**

Mail to: Bonnie Flaharty, treasurer, 30 New Village Greene Dr., Honey Brook PA 19344

For further information, contact Philip Glatfelter at 717-968-4577

- One name per brick, with **year of birth** or **years of birth and death**.
- Be sure to explain briefly how this person **is related to Casper Glattfelder**.
- Photocopy this form if you wish to order more than four bricks.

Brick 1

Brick 2

Line 1 _____

Line 2 _____

Line 3 _____

Brick 3

Brick 4

Line 1 _____

Line 2 _____

Line 3 _____

My contribution to the Casper Glattfelder Association

Name _____

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Telephone _____ General Fund \$ _____

Email** _____ Endowment Fund * \$ _____

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Park Beautification \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

* A gift of \$25 or more to the Endowment Fund may be made *in memoriam*.

This gift is in memory of _____

Make check payable to: **Casper Glattfelder Assoc.**

Mail to: Casper Glattfelder Assoc.
c/o Bonnie Flaharty, treasurer
30 New Village Greene Dr.
Honey Brook PA 19344

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