



News from the
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2024 Reunion

There were 90 people in attendance at the 119th Glattfelder Reunion, held July 27 at Heimwald Park. Despite most of the summer being very hot, the string of nice weather for the Reunions continued, with pleasant, seasonable conditions.

The theme of this year's program was "Remembering Glattfelder Historian Dr. Charles H. Glattfelder." After the attendees arrived and settled in, the program got underway about 1:30 p.m., with Director Harry Gladfelder narrating the PowerPoint presentation. Adding their thoughts about Dr. Charles were York County historians June Lloyd and Jim McClure, as well as Directors Jean Robinson, Chris Glattfelder and Philip Glattfelder, and President Tom Shelley.

More on the program appears later in the Newsletter.

The program was followed by the business meeting, which was called to order by President Shelley. Other Directors present included John Shelley, Chris Glattfelder, Philip Glattfelder, Dean Gladfelder, Harry Gladfelder, Stephen Gladfelder, Sarah Melcher, Larry Gladfelder Jr., Bonnie Flaharty, Bonnie Baim, Rick Gladfelder, Judy Martin, Jean Robinson and Ben Miller. Tom reminded the attendees that only actual Glattfelder descendants of Casper, John Peter and their spouses are permitted to make motions and vote at the meeting.

The minutes from the 2023 Reunion were reviewed by the Board of Directors at the August 2023 meeting. Tom called for a motion and they were approved.

Vice President Judy Martin, reporting for the Nominating Committee, said that all the directors up for re-election to three-year terms, Bonnie Flaharty, Stephen Gladfelder, Sarah Melcher, Jean



Longtime CGAA Historian Dr. Charles H. Glattfelder was remembered at this year's Reunion in July.

Robinson and Pamela Tuscany Wines, were willing to serve another term. Nominations were closed, a unanimous ballot was cast and all were approved.

Tom noted that this was the sixth consecutive year that all the directors up for re-election were willing to serve additional three-year terms, for

which he was grateful. He also pointed out that the directors were getting older and younger individuals are needed to serve.

Director Ben Miller gave an update on the status of the Nathan Glattfelder and Ives Bricker Scholarship. More on scholarship opportunities appears later in the Newsletter.

After prizes were given, the business meeting was adjourned about 4 p.m.

Thanks to generous Reunion sponsorships and in-kind donations, the price for the meal remained the same as 2023. Miller family members again donated and served the meal, including barbeque sandwiches, hot dogs; potato salad, macaroni salad, cole slaw and drinks. Ice cream was also available.

After dinner, family members were able to talk, mingle and purchase merchandise before departing.

Summer Board meeting

The meeting was held August 24 at Christ Church in Jacobus, Pa. Ten Directors were in attendance, with five participating via Zoom; two were absent. The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by President Tom Shelley.

Larry Gladfelter Jr. reported on correspondence received. On June 29, he received a message from joanmason808@gmail.com asking whether we had information about Elizabeth Catherine Glattfelter, daughter of Solomon Glattfelter, who married John W. Welch. "My maiden name is Welch and I'm researching Dad's family," Joan wrote.

On Reunion Day, an email said: "I wish you good luck for your 119th meeting from all my GLATTFELDER cousins in Alsace. I hope one day I can make the trip to the USA to attend one of your reunions. Larry, don't forget to say hello on behalf of Jean-Pierre (John-Peter) GLATTFELDER to all participants at this 119th reunion.

"I've learned that in September there are 19 people coming to Europe via Zurich, Glattfelden, Basel, and down the Rhine, and on September 21 they'll be stopping in Strasbourg (where I was born on October 5, 1946) to visit the city. In case there are any meeting participants who have signed up for this trip, tell them that I'd like to meet them on that day, and give them my e-mail address so that we can communicate together and find out a little more about this visit. Thank you in advance. Have a good meeting and may God keep you in good health."

Larry replied to Jean-Pierre and additionally forwarded this message to Debra Krebs, a Glattfelder descendant and the tour director for the Glattfelden trip, as well as Directors Judy Martin and Harry Gladfelter.

Jean-Pierre did indeed meet the group. More on that appears later in the Newsletter.

On July 28, a message from paul@zeisset.com stated: "I was happy to attend the reunion yesterday. Later, I realized that I hadn't heard anything about the planned September 2024 trip to Switzerland. I am not looking to sign up, having visited Glattfelden just last April, but was curious about the program planned for September. I have not found anything in the last 3 newsletters, so thought I would inquire directly."

Larry responded: "Dear Paul, It was a pleasure to meet you on Saturday! Per our conversation,

here is the link to the video of the presentation. https://www.dropbox.com/scl/ft/1ght4sud8vglm30ztchfl/2017_112thReunion.mp4?rlkey=op2uqu1zbm2wsvnbzsaum8iwu&st=j7wxo23t&dl=0.

"As we stated, we do not have DVDs of this program available and have not yet set up an organized way to distribute the video file. If you would be so inclined, it would be nice if you could make a donation in the amount of \$10 by sending it in by way of the donation form attached."

Larry also sent a pdf of the brochure and gave him contact info for Deb.

Phil shared that Steve Herr, pastor at Christ Lutheran Church in Gettysburg, very much wanted to be at the Reunion to honor Dr. Charles, but was unable to attend. Steve was a student of Dr. Charles' at Gettysburg College and Charles' pastor for many years.

Also, Steve related that his son was moving in at Gettysburg College and that amongst his clothing was a Gettysburg College tie that Dr. Charles had given Steve years before.

For the Financial Committee, Director Bonnie Flaharty provided the Association's profit-loss report for the year to date. She noted that the income was less than last year, though the sponsorships did very well.

Director Rick Gladfelter presented the investment report and noted the investment package has done very well. He expressed that he is encouraged that the balance is nearing the \$100,000 amount. Judy made a motion to express appreciation for the work of the investment committee, which was seconded and passed.

For the Executive Committee, it was reported that all officers consented to stand for re-election, and were approved. Treasurer Bonnie Flaharty and Secretary Larry Gladfelter Jr. said they would like to "pass the torch" after next year.

For the Communications Committee, Larry reported that on June 10 a Reunion Sponsorship Request was sent to our email list that numbered 557, and of those sent, 12 bounced. Our Reunion Newsletter was sent out via USPS and by email notification on June 14, and posted on Facebook. The email was sent to 555 subscribers, with 12 undeliverable. The open rate was 57.8%. As of August 22, we had 576 subscribers.

The website committee was bogged down due to various other issues. The new website will present e-commerce opportunities, particularly for

CGAA merchandise. It will track inventory and allow for credit card purchases.

It was suggested an e-commerce group be created to work specifically on the merchandise section of the website.

The need for younger and technically savvy board members was expressed and Director Chris Glatfelter suggested that we host a virtual meet and greet on Zoom to help attract younger talented individuals.

Director Pamela Tuscani Wines asked for suggestions for the website, including looking at other sites for ideas and sharing links to assist in the process of improving and enhancing our website development.

The e-commerce team of Phil and Sarah Melcher will need to help with bringing this part of the website to life.

Phil, reporting for the Historical Committee, said that he and Chris shared a presentation on their father, Dr. Charles, at the Krebs Reunion, which is their mother's side of the family, and will share a presentation at the Glen Rock Historical Society meeting (which was given Oct. 22).

For the Property Committee, Dean reported that the trees he planted are doing OK. Two didn't survive, but he will be given replacements for those. He was planning to mulch around the trees and in between the two rows.

For the Reunion Committee, Larry noted that the Facebook request for help did indeed provide some helpful hands. Judy expressed that the Miller family will not do the catering next year and she'll investigate local caterers.

Tom suggested a program on scholarship recipients for next year's Reunion while Harry noted that he has been working on Glattfelders in medicine. A decision will be made at the January meeting.

Director Ben Miller reported on the Education Fund. There are four current recipients, with two to graduate in 2026, one in 2027 and one in 2028.

The meeting adjourned shortly before noon.

“Remembering Historian Dr. Charles H. Glatfelter”

This year seemed quite appropriate to honor our longtime Historian, Dr. Charles H. Glatfelter, who would have turned 100 years old on May 11.

Dr. Charles was a Board member for more than 60 years, Treasurer from 1943-56 and President



Dr. Charles grew up in Glen Rock, living in an apartment building that included his grandfather C. Harry's business, Glatfelter's Ice Cream and Restaurant Co.

from 1966-80, but most importantly, our Historian from 1949-2006.

Dr. Charles was responsible for greatly enhancing our archives, taking a small box of information given to him when he became historian and growing it to fill more three filing cabinets. His books, “The Early Glattfelder Family in America: An Overview” and “The Casper Glattfelder Association of America: The First Hundred Years, 1906-2005,” are two of the main pieces of Glattfelder history.

Director Harry Gladfelter was again narrator, after three years of wonderful programs he researched and produced.

We were told of some of Dr. Charles' background, including being a history professor at Gettysburg College, executive director of the Adams County Historical Society, an author and a historian.

He was born May 11, 1924, in Glen Rock, York County, Pa. He grew up in a three-story apartment building owned by his grandparents, C. Harry and Cora Geesey Glatfelter. The building

housed C. Harry's business, Glatfelter's Restaurant and Ice Cream Co.

Dr. Charles' first job was scooping ice cream, and he recalled helping deliver hundreds of gallons of ice cream to various places in York County, including to family reunions such as the Glatfelter Reunion.

"I owe a lot to my grandfather, who was a director for 18 years," Dr. Charles said. "He encouraged me in many ways – he had a third-grade education and was most responsible for my having a college one."

Dr. Charles graduated from Glen Rock High School in 1941 and from Gettysburg College in 1946, and received his Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University in 1952.



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Dr. Charles married Miriam Krebs in 1947 and moved to Gettysburg to be close to the college where he was teaching. They raised two children there, current Board of Directors Christina E. Glatfelter and Philip H. Glatfelter.

Chris was the first speaker. She has spent her life in the arts, first as a theater director, writer and producer, and for 27 years as a guiding force and

executive director of the Adams County Arts Council. Among the stories she offered was of family trips that invariably included stops at cemeteries to look for those with Glatfelter or Adams County ties.

Another involved the 1993 Reunion:

"One day, Dad asked me up to his study," she said. "I was nervous about what was coming. He said, 'I would like you to write a play about the 250th anniversary of Casper's arrival in America.



Chris Glatfelter

"This did not sync with my theater interests at the time, but I thought I'd better say yes, and I'm glad I did. Because that's when I realized the scope of his work with the Glatfelter family history. He shared an immense volume of research as we collaborated on that script. ... There was a huge turnout for that Reunion, and Dad liked it.

"A question has crossed my mind: Did that Board of Directors 30 years ago really have some burning desire for a play at that Reunion? Or was this all Dad's idea? Did he think by tapping into my passion for theater that he could pull me into and share his great passion for our family history? Well, I do know I have been coming to reunions ever since and I now serve on the Board of Directors."

Among Dr. Charles' achievements at Gettysburg College were being named a Franklin Professor of History, receiving the Lindback Foundation Award for Distinguished Teaching and authoring a comprehensive history of the college, "A Salutary Influence: Gettysburg College, 1832-1985 2 vols." in 1987.

Joe Lynch, alumni director at Gettysburg College who has a history degree from the college, said this about Dr. Charles: "If there were a Mount Rushmore of iconic Gettysburg College faculty, he'd be one of the figures on that mountain. He was an iconic presence there."

Dr. Charles was volunteer executive director of the Adams County Historical Society from 1959 to 2001. The county commissioners appointed him official Adams County Historian in 2001. His other service included the Pennsylvania Historical Society, Pennsylvania German Society and Board

of Theological Education, Lutheran Church in America.

In addition to his two Glatfelder publications, some of Dr. Charles' many works include "A Brief History of Glen Rock, York County, Pennsylvania;" "Salute This Happy Morn: A History of the Glen Rock Carol Singers;" "Ludwig Krebs of Codorus Township, Yeoman: A History;" "The Pennsylvania Germans: A Brief Account on their Influence on Pennsylvania;" "Gettysburg, Pennsylvania: A Brief History;" and "The Churches of Adams County, Pennsylvania: A Brief Review."

The next speaker was Jim McClure, a retired editor of the York Daily Record & Atlantic Region editor of the USA Today Network and York County historian.

He had numerous interactions with Dr. Charles over the years, including letters from time to time, sometimes acknowledging a story and sometimes offering a correction or clarification.

"I must say that the biggest thrill in receiving letters from the distinguished and erudite Dr. Glatfelder, professor emeritus of history at Gettysburg College, is his kind signature: 'Charlie,' McClure said. "In my conversations and correspondence with him -- which were just about every other month for many years -- I never could bring myself to call him 'Charlie.'"

"It was always Dr. Glatfelder, and Dr. Glatfelder it will always be."



Jim McClure

Jim also related a story about George Kennan, who was the U.S. Ambassador to Russia living in his summer home in East Berlin, Adams County.

"He would get into history, about East Berlin and the area, so he would go to the Adams County Historical Society and meet Dr. Glatfelder," Jim said. "... And I wondered, if George Kennan, ... if he knew who he was talking to or realized who he was talking to in Dr. Glatfelder.

"I think more about how many scholars and famous people that Dr. Glatfelder met in his lifetime. ... And how many benefited from his council? He touched people like me, but he also touched people like George Kennan. I think that shows an amazing range."

Phil was next to speak. He serves on the Historical Committee and, like his dad, is deep into the history of the clan. He was responsible for publishing "Harry I. Gladfelder's Journal" last year.

By trade, Phil was a newspaper guy, having served as sports editor at several papers in southcentral Pennsylvania.

Phil offered some thoughts about his father, starting with the brick patio project, which began in 1991. "Dad was hardly convinced it would be a worthwhile venture, but that soon changed," Phil said.



Philip Glatfelder

"Eventually becoming chairman of the Brick Patio Committee, he was in charge of ordering and, along with several committee members, placing bricks each year."

There are more than 1,300 engraved bricks and Phil noted that his father kept note cards for each brick -- and not just one; there is a card filed alphabetically and another filed genealogically by Casper's sons. Those records are just part of many his dad kept.

Among the large number of correspondence Dr. Charles had was a letter regarding the brick patio, dated May 4, 1994, to Mrs. Winifred Berger in Pennsville, N.J., he wrote, after informing Winifred of a brick purchased for her by her children:

"I supposed that the occasion for this gift is your upcoming birthday, one which you might not be all that enthusiastic to celebrate. But if it might be of any comfort to you, I can tell you that the information submitted shows that you and I were born on the very same day in the very same year. It was Sunday, May 11, 1924. It was Mother's Day. Since I was born (I have been told) about 8 p.m. as people were leaving evening worship services in the church next door, I might be a trifle younger than you. If so, we need not make anything of it.

"Despite our advancing years, I am pleased to be able to write this letter to a good friend of our association and a fellow descendant of old Casper."

Phil noted that copies of many, if not all, of his father's Reunion speeches are some of more than a thousand Phil has in a filing cabinet drawer.

Among them is probably his first Casper Glatfelder Association talk in 1945. That was only the beginning.

“Eventually, we hope to have a publication with all his Reunion talks,” Phil said.

Copies of many of Dr. Charles’ Reunion speeches are in our Archives, which are currently stored at the York County History Center. One of the people Dad often dealt with at the history center, June Lloyd, spoke next.

June is Librarian Emerita at the York County History Center and has set out to connect just about everything in the world to York County History.

She would help Dr. Charles, looking through microfilm, newspapers and church records. He would then help in her various projects, including her master’s thesis on Pennsylvania German birth and baptismal certificates.

She brought along two of his important works, “Pastors and People: German Lutheran and Reformed Churches in the Pennsylvania Field, 2 volumes.”

“He was such a help. And I couldn’t have done it without these two volumes, ‘Pastors and People,’” she said. “I was just in awe, and still am ... at how much work he put into these. ...”

“He was just so tremendously prolific, but he also was so willing to share.”

Jean Robinson, another Association Director and a member of the Historical Committee, was the next speaker. She told about meeting Dr. Charles some 30 years ago, coming to the Reunion and looking for information on her grandparents.

“When I got here, I asked around, also about the registrar book,” she said. “I understood that people signed in when they got here.

“So they directed me to this man, Dr. Charles. I went up to him and introduced myself and said I was looking for Evan and Claudia Glatfelder, my grandparents, and I understood that they signed this book. He went right over to the registrar book, opened the pages up and pointed them out. ‘Here’s Evan and Claudia.’

“This guy knew stuff!! How did he know that? I mean, how could he remember that -- all the names that were in this book? ...”

“It just kind of always blew my mind how he could remember, how he could articulate, how he could communicate and how much he could share with you, and he shared if freely.”

The Charles H. Glatfelder Scholarship Fund was established by Chris, Philip and the Casper Glatfelder Association of America. It offers scholarships to descendants of Casper.

Through the Adams County Community Foundation, candidates are identified and students that meet the requirements with certification of lineal descendency are awarded college scholarships. The fund has been in existence since 2018.

Dr. Charles was a longtime member of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Gettysburg. During the Civil War, it served as a hospital for the wounded from the battle.

Stephen R. Herr became pastor of the Church in 1999. He had been a student of Dr. Charles at Gettysburg College and, as pastor, they became fast friends.

Pastor Herr was hoping to be at this year’s Reunion, but was unable to attend. He sent this message:

“I met Dr. Glatfelder in the fall of 1986 when I arrived on the second floor of Weidensall Hall on the campus of Gettysburg College to take History 300, Historical Methods. This was a famed college course long considered one of the most challenging courses at the college.

“After surviving that, I sought to enroll in his classes whenever I could. He was a wonderful teacher, challenging, provocative and caring. Several memories have lingered over the years ... of walking in snow to his house on Apple Avenue one evening in December to deliver a history paper on time and being invited in, and Miriam offering refreshments. And of the time when at a Fortenbaugh Lecture, I introduced him to my father and he promptly pulled out his attendance book from his jacket pocket and listed the days I had missed class.

“And finally, the time I arrived at his office at 7:00 one evening for a review of my senior seminar paper. I had allotted an hour for the visit and when he began the session with his red pen going word by word, line by line, punctuation after punctuation, I began to realize I was going to



June Lloyd

be there much longer than expected. Three hours later, I emerged exhausted and most humbled, and yet those three hours helped my writing immensely. ...

“It was an honor to serve as his pastor for the last 14 years of his life. He was fond of reminding me of the Glatfelter heritage from Switzerland and often said that if there were a Swiss Reformed Church in America, he would be its president.

“I recall this wonderful fondness touring Lutheran heritage sites in Germany with him and Miriam in 1992 and of his need to correct the librarian at the Woffenbuttel University Library for a mistake he found on the labelling of one of their maps. The ensuing debate was priceless.

“Whether it was on campus, at church, at the Adams County Historical Society or in the living room at 36 Apple Avenue, he was a consummate historian, mentor and friend.”

Dr. Charles passed away Wednesday, February 6, 2013, at his home after a brief illness. Pastor Herr officiated at Dr. Charles’ funeral at Christ Lutheran Church and burial in Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery in Glen Rock.

As the program was ending, President Tom Shelley added remarks of his own, noting that his association with Dr. Charles went back about 60 years.

“My mother’s father, Wilbur Baker, was born without a middle name,” Tom said. “And when he turned 21, he decided to change his name legally to Wilbur Glatfelter Baker in tribute to his mother’s heritage.

“So he must have had some vague awareness

of Bupp’s Union (Cemetery) being connected to the Glatfelter family, and like many other family members, he wrote to Dr. Charles and inquired what the family lineage was and what’s the connection to Bupp’s Union.

“So when I was about 4 or 5 years old, this letter arrived from 36 Apple Avenue, typed on a Royal typewriter, detailing all the generations, beginning with Casper, his son Felix, his grandson John Philip and great-grandson Jesse, all of whom were buried at Bupp’s Union, explaining to my grandfather just how we fit in. And that’s how somebody with the last name of Shelley began a journey of becoming president of the Glattfelder Association.”

Tom also recalled phone conversations from Dr. Charles, including one informing him that past president J. Richard Glatfelter had passed away. “I was thankful for that conversation,” Tom said, “and, frankly, every conversation that we shared.”

The last PowerPoint slide was a brief clip from one of the various programs during the 250th Anniversary celebration of Casper coming to America in 1993. While Dr. Charles always was able to provide plenty of information during his talks, he concluded this one by saying, “When you’ve said what you want to say (using his always appropriate pause), it’s time to keep quiet. That’s what I’m going to do.”

That concluded the presentation.

The complete video of the program, “Remembering Glattfelder Historian, Dr. Charles H. Glatfelter,” will appear at a later date on our website, www.glattfelder.us/en/reunions.html.

President's Message: Good Fences and Good Neighbors

Our nation has just endured a contentious and frequently divisive Presidential election season. Chief among the issues of importance identified by voters was the surge of immigration and the security of our nation's borders.

Immigration, of course, is an issue that should be dear to our hearts since our Association's name and very identity is tied to 18th century Swiss immigrant Casper Glattfelder and his fellow villagers. The legal immigration process was a lot simpler back then: Pay off your passage fare (or become indentured to someone who would make that payment) and swear an oath of allegiance to King George III. That was all.

To the best of our collective knowledge, Casper was buried in the grounds which would become known as Bupp's Union in 1775. Bupp's Union also became the final resting place of his first American-born son, Felix, who built the "homestead house" that still stands across the Codorus and the York County Rail-Trail from Heimwald Park.

Additionally, Bupp's Union became the burial site of Felix's son John Philip and grandson Jesse. Four Glattfelder generations -- the common ancestry of five of this Association's Directors, including yours truly.

In 1914, the trustees of Bupp's Union Cemetery purchased a beautiful cast iron fence decorated with multiple fleur-de-lis on every panel and elaborate finials on the corner posts. Early on the rainy, foggy morning of July 13, an unknown person smashed into a panel of the 110-year-old fence, causing significant damage.

The cemetery's closest neighbor -- who happens also to be the caretaker and is himself a Glattfelder descendant through John -- was unable to offer any footage from his doorbell camera. So the hit-and-run remains unsolved and the burden of repair lies solely upon the Bupp's Union Cemetery Association.

Gifts to help to cover the costs of repair would be greatly appreciated. Checks should be made payable to Bupp's Union Cemetery Association and mailed to Association Treasurer Philip Glattfelder, 430 Charles Circle, Hallam, PA 17406

-- Tom Shelley

Reflections on a memorable trip

It was not the first trip to Glattfelden by Glattfelder descendants. But it was the first for me.

As an Association Director for many years and the son of longtime historian Dr. Charles H. Glattfelder, it was something I felt I needed to do. Association Vice President Judy Martin, who was one of those on the trip, said the same thing to me, as did our tour organizer and Glattfelder descendant, Deb Krebs of Krouse Travel -- she is also a cousin on my mother's side.

Having never traveled abroad, there were anxious moments about the trip, but they grew fewer with words of comfort and encouragement from Judy, Deb and others. Director Bonnie Baim also noted some anxiousness about going on the trip, but also offered encouragement and we

agreed we would support each other to make it an enjoyable and worthwhile experience.

As my sister Chris, another Association Director, pointed out, Mom and Dad -- neither world travelers -- made the trip to Glattfelden twice, so if they could do it, so can I.

Plans began well over a year ahead of time, but before long, it was time to prepare and then meet in York, Pa., for the bus ride to the airport. The time was here: September 17, 2024.

Among our group of 16 were two other Association Directors, Harry Gladfelder and Pamela Tuscany Wines.

There were just a few glitches, including a two-hour delay as a fuel pump issue on the plane was fixed. The flight itself was uneventful and we arrived in Zurich, Switzerland, the morning of September 18. We toured the city and stayed there

overnight, taking a bus to Glattfelden the next day.

In my mind, I was expecting some kind of “wow” moment upon arriving at our ancestral home. That didn’t happen – initially.

Koni Ulrich, who has been a friend and guide for many visitors to Glattfelden, was just that to our group. Soon, Sandra Glattfelder joined us, along with her parents, Teddy and Edith Glattfelder – they live in the Zurich area. They seemed as excited to see us as we were to be there.

There actually ended up being several “wow” moments and the first came when Sandra handed us a wonderful booklet, in color, to aid us as she led us on a tour of the town. The introductory page says it all:

“Dear US-Glattfelder descendants and visitors,

“It gives us great pleasure to welcome you to Glattfelden – the homeland of our common ancestors.

“We hope that this booklet and the ‘historical’ walk through the village will give you a nice impression of beautiful Glattfelden and its history.

...

“On behalf of the Swiss Glattfelder family, Teddy & Edith Glattfelder, and daughter, Sandra, we would like to welcome you to our homeland and wish you an unforgettable stay while you wander in the footsteps of all our ancestors.”

(The Association plans to discuss at our January meeting how we might make this booklet available to Glattfelder descendants. Let us know in the meantime if you have thoughts about viewing and/or purchasing the booklet.)

On the tour, among the attractions were the quaint buildings, the river Glatt and the pastor of the church and her husband as they made apple cider using a manual apple press.

We enjoyed lunch in Glattfelden at the Café Judith, were serenaded by a group of singers and then continued our tour. We saw the cemetery, which, we were informed is the case in all of Switzerland, has no older graves as the remains are removed after 20-25 years – the top layer is removed, refilled with soil and new grass planted, with the site used for a new grave after several years.

We also had the opportunity to visit a museum dedicated to Gottfried Keller, an author, poet and artist who grew up in Glattfelden. The cover of the Glattfelden booklet is a painting of the village done by Keller in 1828.



Above, the 16 members of the tour group pose for a photo at the Glattfelden train station. Below, Sandra Glattfelder talks to the group as she leads them on their historical walk through the village.



Our hosts continued to make our visit more and more special.

Our afternoon trip included a visit to a church, where the organist conversed with and played for us, and the pastor’s husband, Andreas Reichsteiner, related some history of the church. Another “wow” moment hit me hard, when he handed out envelopes, each with our own name on it with a color photo of one of the stained glass windows and acknowledgement that we visited there, with the date, “19th of September 2024,” signed by Pastor Kati Rechsteiner. How much more welcome could they make us feel?

The last stop before heading back to Zurich was the Lowen Inn where some tried beer brewed



At left, CGAA Vice President Judy Martin poses with Koni Ulrich while, at right, CGAA Director Philip Glatfelter shares some smiles with Edith Glattfelder.

in Glattfelden. The beer “is cherished by the population of Glattfelden, who are very proud to have their own local beer,” the guide booklet says.

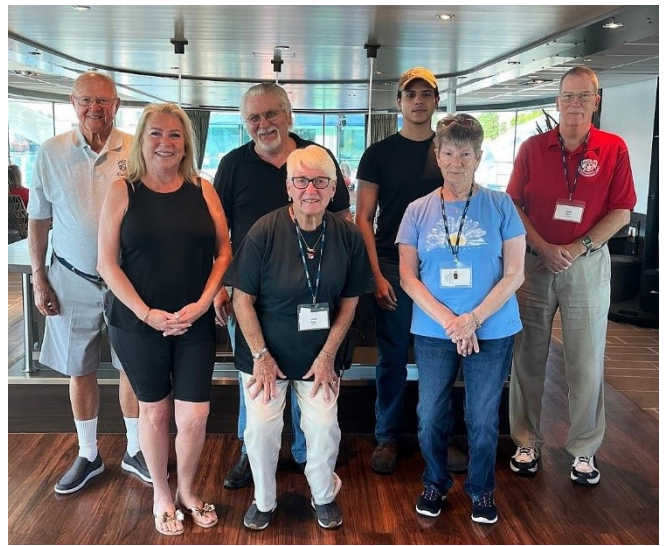
The visit to Glattfelden was a wonderful experience, made even more special by the hospitality of Teddy, Edith, Sandra and Koni.

The trip to Glattfelden was actually just the start of the trip. It included a cruise on the Rhine River, which began the next day after a bus trip to Basel, and included stops in Strasbourg, France; Mannheim, Germany; Cochem, Germany, on the Moselle River in wine country; Cologne, Germany; and Amsterdam, The Netherlands. The only other glitch on the trip was some switched luggage when we arrived on the ship between a Gladfelter and Glatfelter -- not sure how that could happen.

During the stop in Strasbourg, we were able to meet up with one of our French descendants, Jean-Pierre Glattfelder. A misunderstanding delayed Jean-Pierre and his grandson, Ludovic, but they eventually met us on the ship.

Once there, it was obvious how happy he was to see us. Jean-Pierre doesn't speak English and we tried to understand each other as best as we could, but that was part of the reason Ludovic was there, to act as an interpreter. It ended up being a good exchange. We were all happy to hear that Jean-Pierre is hoping to attend next year's Reunion.

We flew out of Amsterdam on Friday, September 27, and returned to York by bus after landing at Dulles International Airport near Washington. Everyone agreed that it was a wonderful trip.



Five CGAA Board of Directors met with Jean-Pierre Glattfelder and his grandson on their ship during their stop in Strasbourg, France, as part of their river cruise following a visit to Glattfelden. Pictured are, front row from left, Pamela Tuscany Wines, Judy Martin and Bonnie Baim; and back row, Harry Gladfelter, Jean-Pierre and his grandson, Ludovic, and Philip Glatfelter.

Those in the group who weren't Glattfelder descendants all said they now felt like “honorary” Glattfelders. It was heartwarming to hear them say that and was one more “wow” moment that capped off a memorable trip that I think we'll all long remember and always cherish.

-- Philip Glatfelter

Merchandise

Some Glattfelder merchandise items this year are new while a few others have returned after being sold out.

New at this year's Reunion was a polyester long-sleeve t-shirt. Dark blue mugs had returned the previous year.

Since this year's Reunion, we've replenished the sweatshirt supply as well as the Glattfelder Reunion, Switzerland-Pennsylvania t-shirts in California blue.

The stock is somewhat limited for both, but they had been ordered due to requests from some of our family members, so that can certainly be done again. Just contact Phil if you're looking for something specific or have suggestions.

As the holidays approach, please consider a Glattfelder mug, golf shirt or spelling t-shirt for a Christmas present -- or for yourself. Or send out

some Glattfelder cheer with Christmas cards featuring the Homestead.

See the Merchandise List for these and other items. Call Philip at 717-968-4577 or email to glatfelterph@aol.com with questions.

-- Philip Glattfelder

Brick patio

This year's order was for 18 bricks, which was a more typical number for recent years compared to last year's unusually large total of 44. The bricks, 13 new orders and five replacements, were placed well ahead of the Reunion.

After some uncertainty last year with the death of the owner of our supplier, Olde Mill Impressions, the process went very smoothly with the owner's sons, who took over the business. It is now named Skelly's Specialty Engraving.

The deadline for ordering bricks for the 2025 Reunion is May 24. Cost remains \$75 (see enclosed order form).

As a reminder: Any Glattfelder descendant wishing to place a brick for a spouse may do so.

For more information, contact Philip Glattfelder at 430 Charles Circle, Hallam, PA 17406, 717-968-4577 or glatfelterph@aol.com.

Scholarships

The Nathan Glattfelder and Ives Bricker Scholarship was established through a bequest by Charles A. Bricker, who passed away in 1993. Due to his generosity, a total of \$138,750 has been awarded to 55 Glattfelder descendants since 1995.

This year, there were a total of 13 applications. The applicants were outstanding in both academic and community endeavors.

The Glattfelder Education Fund will be awarding four Nathan Glattfelder and Ives Bricker Scholarships. Each will be a \$1,000 scholarship for the 2024-2025 academic year.

Daniel Diaz Butler, a third-year recipient, is carrying a 3.35 GPA as he enters his junior year at Purdue University. He is enrolled in the mechanical engineering program.

Owen Strickler is a junior mechanical engineering major at Pennsylvania State University. He is a second-year recipient of this scholarship and is carrying a 4.0 GPA.

Jenna Hockenbury Miranda is a junior civil engineering major at Florida Gulf Coast University. Her current GPA is 4.0.

Andrew Gable is a sophomore business major at the University of Maryland. He is a second-year recipient and is carrying a 3.4 GPA.

We congratulate these students on their achievements and extend best wishes to these and all our college-bound family for a successful academic year.

Applications can be requested from the website anytime throughout the year. Prospective students should start early to complete the process by the April 1 deadline for the 2025-26 academic year. We especially encourage those who have applied in the past to continue to submit their application annually.

Information about other family-related scholarships is available on our website. That includes The Dr. Charles H. Glattfelder Scholarship, set up through the Adams County Community Foundation, and The Larry and Lois Glattfelder Endowed Scholarship.

Defraying the cost

With the cost of maintaining Heimwald Park and holding the annual Reunion at about \$12,000 a year, aside from special projects that arise periodically, the Casper Glattfelder Association of America will again seek sponsors to reduce those costs, including charges for Reunion meals.

The goal is to raise several thousand dollars each year. Deadline will be April 30, giving the CGAA Board members time to determine the "meal charge" for the Reunion. Sponsors' names will be included each year in the Reunion program.

Levels include:

- ❖ Founder Sponsors of the Casper Platinum Award: Contribute \$700 or more and receive six complimentary meal tickets.
- ❖ Sons/Daughters of Casper Gold Award: Contribute \$500 and receive four meal tickets.
- ❖ Grandchildren of Casper Silver Award: Contribute \$240 and receive two meal tickets.
- ❖ Friends and Family of Casper Bronze Award: Contribute \$100.

Whether you attend the Reunion or not, the Association encourages these donations to fund the Reunion.

To make a donation, send a check, made out to the Casper Glatfelter Assoc., to Bonnie Flaharty, Treasurer, 30 New Village Green Drive, Honey Brook, PA 19344. In the memo section, note whether it is for “Meal Sponsorship” or “Park Preservation.”

NOTE: Participation as a Sponsor does not automatically mean you’re registered for a meal. Continue to register in June, but note on the form if you are to receive complimentary tickets.

A new name

The Glatfelter Company, formerly P.H. Glatfelter Company, a paper mill in Spring Grove, Pa., announced earlier this month the successful completion of a merger.

Glatfelter joined with Berry Global’s Health, Hygiene and Specialties Global Nonwovens and Films to form Magnera, which was identified as “the largest nonwovens company in the world, with a broad platform of solutions for the specialty materials industry.”

Berry stockholders received 31,807,098 shares of Magnera, representing 90% of Magnera shares on a fully diluted basis. Glatfelter’s existing shareholders own the remainder of Magnera.

Philip H. Glatfelter started the company in 1864. As early as 1880, Glatfelter led the industry with the installation of the world’s largest paper machine. Glatfelter switched to making paper using wood fiber instead of rags in the 1880s.

In 1934, Glatfelter began its forestry management initiative, encouraging farmers to plant more trees and prevent soil erosion. In 1947, Glatfelter launched a tree farm managed for the growing of sustainable forest crops in Pennsylvania and Maryland.

In 2018, Glatfelter announced an agreement to sell its Specialty Papers division to private investment firm Lindsay Goldberg for \$360 million, forming a new privately held company, Pixelle Specialty Solutions. In 2020, Glatfelter announced it would relocate its corporate headquarters from York, Pa., to Charlotte, N.C.

Philip Henry Glatfelter is a descendant of Casper through his son Felix. Among his many other accomplishments, Glatfelter was a member of the Gettysburg College Board of Trustees; Glatfelter Hall on the college campus was named for him after his passing.

The CGAA archives

The archives of the Casper Glatfelter Association of America have found their latest home as they’re now in the York County History Center’s new facility.

Most items remain at the YCHC, but, as noted last year, some are now in a large cabinet at Heimwald Park.

Any Glatfelter descendant interested in the Archives can contact the Association and we can help to access our important pieces of history.

Obituaries

Members of the Association’s Historical Committee continue to track family members and accumulate corresponding obituaries. However, the list of deaths for reunion programs will be limited to those that include the most common Glatfelter names in their obituaries, with other names listed by request. To do so, contact Jean Robinson (jrobinson2335@comcast.net) or Philip Glatfelter (glatfelterph@aol.com).

To view the Newsletter photos in color, go to our website, www.glatfelter.org.



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

Call with any questions or suggestions
 or email at glattfelph@aol.com.

<i>275th Anniversary Items – Clearance</i>	Price	Shipping	Quan.	Amount
Golf shirt , embroidered 275 th anniversary logo, no pocket <input type="checkbox"/> Red XL 2XL (2XL is \$8.00)	\$6.00	\$4.00		
T-shirt , 275 th anniversary logo <input type="checkbox"/> California blue XL <input type="checkbox"/> Red M L XL 2XL (2XL is \$5.00)	3.00	3.00		
275th anniversary pin (3 for \$1.00)	.50	1.00		

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

NEW ITEM: Polyester long-sleeve t-shirts , w/ coat of arms <input type="checkbox"/> Maroon XL <input type="checkbox"/> Royal M L XL 2XL (2 for \$32, s/h \$5)	\$17.00	\$4.00		
Golf shirt , embroidered coat of arms, no pocket <input type="checkbox"/> Ash Gray S XL <input type="checkbox"/> Black L XL <input type="checkbox"/> California blue S XL 2XL <input type="checkbox"/> Green L XL <input type="checkbox"/> Maroon L XL 2 for \$36 (2XL: \$25, 2 for \$47)	20.00	5.00 2/ \$7		
Golf shirt , embroidered coat of arms with pocket <input type="checkbox"/> Green L <input type="checkbox"/> Light blue XL <input type="checkbox"/> Maroon L XL	16.00	5.00		
Golf shirt , silk screen on pocket <input type="checkbox"/> Black XL 2XL <input type="checkbox"/> Light blue <input type="checkbox"/> Green L XL 2XL <input type="checkbox"/> Maroon S <input type="checkbox"/> Royal XL (2XL is \$25.00, \$7 s/h)	22.00	6.00		
Golf shirt , silk screen coat of arms, no pocket <input type="checkbox"/> Black S M L XL <input type="checkbox"/> Green XL 2XL <input type="checkbox"/> Green XL 2XL 2 for \$36.00, \$7 s/h	20.00	6.00		
T-shirt with coat of arms <input type="checkbox"/> California blue S M L XL 2XL <input type="checkbox"/> Maroon M L 2XL <input type="checkbox"/> Military green M L XL <input type="checkbox"/> Navy 2XL <input type="checkbox"/> Red L XL (2XL is \$13, \$5 s/h)	11.00	4.00		
T-shirt (6 different spellings of Glattfelder) <input type="checkbox"/> Dark green M <input type="checkbox"/> Maroon S <input type="checkbox"/> Red M XL 2 for \$10	6.00	4.00 2/ \$5		
T-shirt (8 different spellings of Glattfelder) <input type="checkbox"/> California Blue XL <input type="checkbox"/> Dark green S XL <input type="checkbox"/> Maroon S M L XL 2XL <input type="checkbox"/> Navy M L 2XL <input type="checkbox"/> Red S XL (2XL is \$14.00, \$5 s/h)	11.00	4.00		
BACK IN STOCK w/new color : Sweatshirts <input type="checkbox"/> Light gray L XL <input type="checkbox"/> Navy L	25.00	5.00		
Baseball cap <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> Navy <input type="checkbox"/> Red <input type="checkbox"/> Royal	15.00	4.00		
Tote bag with coat of arms <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> Charcoal <input type="checkbox"/> Navy <input type="checkbox"/> Royal 2 for \$17, \$4 s/h	10.00	3.00		
Ballpoint pen , printed with <i>Glattfelder Reunion</i> & website address <input type="checkbox"/> Red <input type="checkbox"/> Green <input type="checkbox"/> Blue <input type="checkbox"/> Black	.75 3/ 2.00	1.00		
Coat of arms , full color print on parchment paper, 5" x 7"	3.00	1.00		

Water bottles , clear with Glattfelder coat of arms in red (2 for \$9, s/h \$3; 3 for \$12, s/h \$4)	5.00	3.00		
Past Reunion Programs 1988 – 2013 * Contact Philip for pricing & availability *				
Static cling , clear, with red coat of arms, 3” x 3.5” 2 for \$3.00, 3 for \$4.00	2.00	1.00		

Other Merchandise

T-shirt , <i>Glattfelder Reunion, Switzerland – Pennsylvania</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Black M <input type="checkbox"/> California blue S M L XL	\$ 20.00	\$4.00		
Blank greeting cards & envelopes, set of 3 ink drawings: old homestead at Glatfelter Station, original Heimwald pavilion, & family church in Glattfelden, Switzerland	3.00 2/ 5.00	1.00		
Postal cards with coat of arms and its interpretation	3/ 1.00 10/ 3.00	1.00		
Glattfelder emblem (on first page of newsletter) in full color on heavy paper, 5”x 7”	2.00 2/ 3.00	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		
Booklet: 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		
Booklet: H.I. Gladfelter’s Journal (2023); by Harry I. Gladfelter, an account of his life, during the Civil War, Depression and beyond; 63 pages	10.00	3.00		
DVD: A Visit to Glattfelden, Switzerland	10.00	3.00		
DVD: June 27, 2010 church service in Glattfelden	10.00	3.00		
DVD: Extra: Glattfelden Reformed Church	10.00	3.00		
DVD: June and July 2010 sites of Switzerland and beyond	10.00	3.00		
DVD: 106th Reunion with Revolutionary War Theme (2011)	10.00	3.00		
DVD: 107th Reunion with War of 1812 Theme (2012)	10.00	3.00		
DVD: 106th and 107th Reunions w/Revolutionary War and Civil War Themes	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: 116th Reunion with Part 1 of “The Glattfelders and Their Patents” (2021)	10.00	3.00		
DVD: A Conversation with Congressman William Goodling (2012)	7.00	3.00		
DVD: Celebration of Life of Art Glatfelter (2012)	7.00	3.00		
DVD: 150th Anniversary Reenactment of Rebel Raid on Hanover Junction (2013)	7.00	3.00		
Christmas card with Glattfelder homestead drawing (5 for \$9; 10 for \$15 plus \$3 s/h)	2.00	2.00		
Cat’s Meow replica <input type="checkbox"/> Glattfelder Homestead <input type="checkbox"/> Heimwald Park Pavilion	14.00	6.00		
Glattfelden plates (complete set of six, \$60 plus \$12 s/h)	12.00	5.00		

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

We are now accepting credit card payments. Mail or email your order form and note that you want to use your credit card and Director Sarah Melcher will contact you for your card information.



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 24 is the mailing deadline for bricks to be placed for the 2025 reunion.

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

Mail to: Bonnie Flaharty, treasurer, Stonecroft Apt 2106, PO Box 220, Honey Brook, PA 19344

For further information, contact Philip Glattfelder 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 _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ General Fund \$ _____

Email** _____ Endowment Fund * \$ _____

Newsletter Donation \$ 5.00

Park Beautification \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

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

Mail to: Casper Glattfelder Assoc.
c/o Bonnie Flaharty, treasurer
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Honey Brook, PA 19344

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

This gift is in memory of _____

Reminder: The board of directors has requested that everyone receiving this newsletter contribute at least \$5.00 annually to help cover the costs of preparing, printing and mailing the newsletter and the reunion invitation letter.

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<http://glattfelder.org/en/newsletters/33-newsletterssubscription.html>.