

# Carmichaels Area Historical Society, Inc.

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NEWSLETTER

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## PROJECT HOUSE 1



On June 12, 2019, the Carmichaels Area Historical Society, Inc., acquired this two-story dwelling on North Market Street. Photos taken between 1869 and 1905 show this to be one level. It is a photo taken between 1905 and 1922 that gives us a clue as to when the second story was added on. It is the historical significance of this structure that drew us to our goal of the preservation and restoration of the dwelling.

Old Town was the original settlement in 1767. James Carmichael owned the property where this house stands on the bank of Muddy Creek. We know from history that this is the site of a former Grist Mill. The stone foundation is the same local quarried field stone as the stone side of the Greene Academy built in 1790 as an Episcopal Church. In the deed from James Carmichael to the Vestrymen of the Episcopal Church, it states that the church is on the land which adjoins his Mill. This statement in the Deed would make one assume that this was the Mill of James Carmichael, however, knowing that he owned 809 acres of land, his Mill could've been anywhere along Muddy Creek. So at this time we cannot say for certainty that this was his Grist Mill.

Assessment records show that James Carmichael was assessed for 1 Saw Mill, 1 Grist Mill, 1 Tan Yard, 2 Stills and a Slave. Records show that James Carmichael warranted 300+ acres of land on and around the creek to his brother-in-law, Francis Seaton, who ran a Mill, the Muddy Creek Store and a Tavern House. Deeds show that later James Carmichael sold 1 Saw Mill, 1 Grist Mill and 1 Tan Yard to Richard Gregg.

In our quest to prove the ownership of this Mill we find numerous legal documents and records but that one document of 'proof' still eludes us. During our research we have found the names of 16 men who ran Mills on Muddy Creek, and one Mill that was at the corner of South and Pine Streets. All of this information is being compiled and we hope to present a new book in 2020 on The Mills of Muddy Creek.

Although we currently refer to this as Project House 1, we will be giving the dwelling a new name once the renovations are complete. The house received a new metal roof as did the porch facing the Covered Bridge. The porch on the North side of the house will be removed. We are extremely grateful to Ryan Krull, Head Coach of the football team and 13 of the football players: Caleb Phillips, Damien Hewitt, Austin Walker, Eli Johnston, Hunter Stewart, Eli Smith, Bryan White, Chris Mincer, Trent Piper, Mason Lilley, Kevin Kelly, Trey Luoma, and Remington Riley, who gave up their free time to help us. Under the direction and assistance of Historical Society Board members, Lew May, David Antonini and Paul McMinn, we were able to remove old carpeting, bathroom fixtures, kitchen cabinets and other items from the house. They were treated to pizza donated by Mike Vinsick of Fox's Pizza and beverages and cookies donated by Kim Grimes. Kim and her mother, Donna Kachersky were of assistance in making sure the team was well fed and drank plenty of fluids. They all did a fantastic job!



## CARMICHAELS AREA MEMORIAL QUILT



A memorial quilt honors the life of someone who has passed away. We would like to remember the families of the Carmichaels area by creating a memorial quilt.

The Carmichaels Area Memorial Quilt will initially be on permanent display in the Greene Academy and then on display at Project House 1 when the renovation is complete.

You may purchase one 4x4" square and have the name of your loved one embroidered on the square, or as in this [example](#), you may purchase an entire 12x12" section with 9 squares and add a family. One 4x4" square is just \$5; the 12x12" section with 9 squares is discounted to \$40.

Death of a loved one severs our physical connection to them on this earth, but they live on forever in our hearts. Consider adding their names to the quilt and honor their memory and their contribution to our town.

If you would like to purchase a quilt square, please print the order form at the end of this newsletter and return it with a check made payable to: Carmichaels Area Historical Society, Inc., and mail to P.O. Box 309, Carmichaels, Pa 15320 **OR** you may stop by the second floor of the Greene Academy during the Covered Bridge Festival to see the quilt top and place your order.

Any questions, please contact us by: Email: [carmichaelshistory@yahoo.com](mailto:carmichaelshistory@yahoo.com)

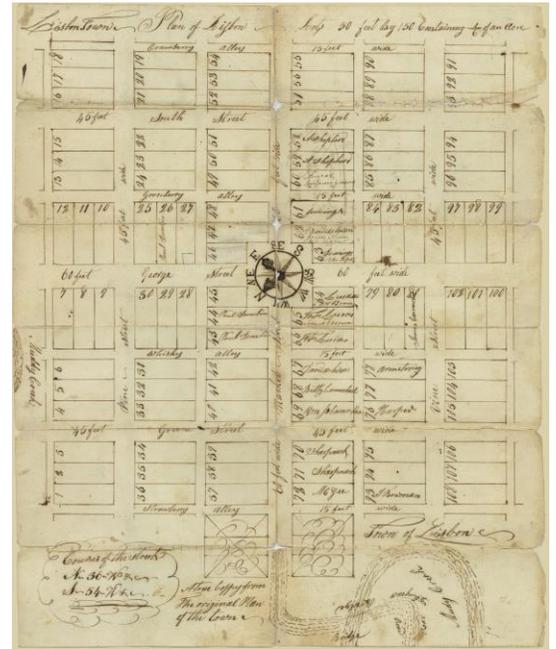
Phone: 724-710-9248

(Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

## 'THE SQUARE'

Did you know? What we refer to today as 'the Town Square' was first known as 'the Diamond' and by the 1880's was referred to as the 'Public Square'.

Around 1881, a public scale was built in the center of the square. It was on a direct line with Market and George Streets. Samuel P. Flenniken, who was a young boy at that time, was watching men dig the hole to construct the foundation of the scale. As they were throwing the clay dirt, Sam saw something and picked it up. It was a two-cent coin dated 1862, which he kept in his possession his entire life.



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### ADOPT-A-ROOM

Our Adopt-a-Room Donation Program provides you with the opportunity to help preserve our local history. We are currently looking for sponsors for Project House 1. Sponsors can choose to exclusively adopt a room, or if you prefer, you can adopt a partial room, which would be split between two sponsors.

Project House 1 has 6 rooms up for adoption. You can Adopt-a-Room by donating financial support for the purchase of materials needed for the renovation of the room or if you would like to be more involved, you can donate the materials and assist with the restoration of the room. Hands-on help is always appreciated.

If you, your family, your company, or your organization are interested in helping preserve our town's history for your future generations, please contact the Carmichaels Area Historical Society by email: [carmichaelshistory@yahoo.com](mailto:carmichaelshistory@yahoo.com) OR by phone: 724-710-9248 (Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

After the renovation is complete, all sponsors will have their name prominently displayed in the room adopted.

Carmichaels Area Historical Society, Inc., is a 501c3 non-profit organization. All donations are tax deductible.

# MEMORIAL QUILT

**\$5.00 per 4x4 Memorial Square**

**OR**

**\$40 per Nine-patch Memorial Square**

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