

# Maytown Historical Society

January 2022

## President's note:

*At this time for the safety of all, the executive committee has decided not to have a society meeting or program during the first quarter of this year. We will continue to send out updates such as this to keep all informed on MHS activity.*

*We will be hosting several fundraising events throughout 2022, starting with a sub and sandwich sale in January/February followed by another in September. Our normal food stands sell hot dogs, sausage sandwiches, hamburgers and baked goods at Hostetter's Hardware in Mount Joy. We will be there March 26th and another sell in June/July. We'll be reaching out for help and baked goods supporting these two dates. Our annual society picnic is planned for June and society Christmas party for December or possibly January 2023. Dates to be confirmed.*

*After another great turnout and positive feedback, we have decided to continue with our Maytown Hauntings tour around Halloween in October and are discussing the possibility of another house and garden tour in the fall. There will a lot of opportunities for you to get involved. Skip Nell*

## THE START OF A TOWN...

On February 15, 1760, Jacob Downer, a German Mennonite land developer from the Lampeter area, purchased a tract of land adjoining a previous tract of land he owned. Downer laid out a town with a square in the center and a source of water.

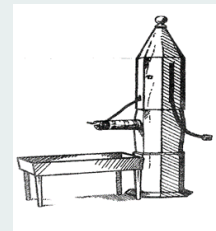
Hence, Maytown was founded the first day of May in 1760. It is believed that 4 West High Street was the first dwelling in Maytown and in January of 2002 the log house was purchased by the Maytown Historical Society (MHS). MHS goal was to create a repository and display area of artifacts, papers, and documents. As of August 2009, the restoration of the exterior of the circa 1760 house was completed.

It is a must see. The Museum will be open on May 7, 2022, Mayfest celebration day. (ref. "Round the Square" book)

## MAYFEST 2022

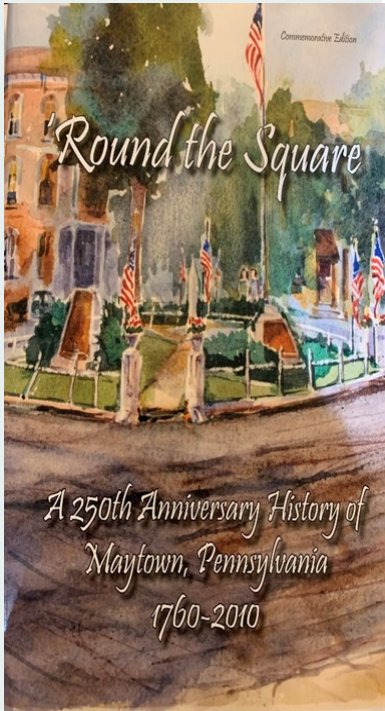
**Mark your calendars** - Saturday, May 7, 2022, from 10:00-3:00 will be all about "Celebrating Maytown." The day will feature arts and craft vendors, food trucks, scavenger hunt and crafts for the children, "penny" candy store, Maypole dance, cake walk, art contest and show, historical demonstrators, car show, agility dog show, a wedding and artifacts displayed at a local church. So... plan on attending AND bring your friends. This is the major fundraiser for keeping the museum operating.

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**“ROUND THE SQUARE”  
BOOK SALE**

There are a few copies of the “Commemorative Edition” of the book “Round the Square” still available for purchasing. This book contains the history of Maytown which was composed for the Maytown 250 Event. Contact the museum to purchase your copy. The cost is \$50.00.



**WANTED**

**HELPERS**

If you are interested in helping with the Mayfest celebration contact Linda Good at 717.725.2437.

**CASH DONATIONS**

Should be sent to the museum’s address: PO Box 293, Maytown, PA 17550.

**ARCHIVE CORNER**

This large metal sign was recently donated to MHS by Gerald Lindemuth. It was mounted on the building owned by J.N. Keener at the corner of Queen and Elizabeth Streets. Keener Memorials was established in 1893 by John H. Keener and later changed hands to his son, who moved the business to that location in 1947. The large facilities, the modern equipment at the time, and the large monument display made Keener Memorials one of the outstanding monument

establishments in PA. Today the building is occupied by H2O to Go.

**Fun Fact:** The house around the corner at 14 South Queen St, has a large porch because that’s where the Keener’s lived at one time and the porch was used to display the tombstones!



**SUB SALE**

The society is having a sub/sandwich sale. For those of you who purchased sub/sandwiches in September 2021 you know how good the R & K subs taste. Again, you can purchase those delicious sandwiches. The delivery date is February 3 after 3:30. For sale are 12” Italian, ham or turkey subs and pretzel sandwiches of Italian, ham, turkey, roast beef or Sweet Lebanon Bologna. Contact Janie Garber at 717.426.3689 if you are interested in purchasing this great treat.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

December 2021	
Checking Account Balance	\$5,033.50
<u>Income</u> (included transfer from Money Market \$3,000)	\$3,350.00
<u>Expenses</u> (Included fall clean-up)	<u>-2,332.70</u>
Balance as of 12/31/2021	\$6,050.80
Money Market Account Balance	\$1,183.71