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## EMPLOYMENT AT THE WARWICK HOUSE AFTER THE DEPRESSION

*Charlene Van Brookhoven*

In the mid 1970's an elderly Lititz native, Anna B. Smith, was interviewed about her working years at The Warwick House Hotel. This is her recollection of employment beginning in 1923 at the age of sixteen.

Young Anna Smith felt very fortunate to be hired by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Klopp, the proprietors of The Warwick House Hotel, in the lean year of 1923. She was hired, along with two other young women to cook, clean, waitress and set tables for hotel guests and boarders living above the dining room. During lunch, there were three large tables for guests and one round table for boarders.

The menu changed periodically but there was always roasted chicken, veal, pork and sauerkraut, and roast beef all served family style. One of the favorite meals for Lititz residents was hand-rolled, boiled chicken pot pie on Wednesdays. A fresh chicken was cleaned every Tuesday for the next day's noon meal. A local banker from The Lititz Springs Bank was so fond of this pot pie that he left \$1.00 tip every other week. Lunch always included fresh mashed potatoes, a green salad, and applesauce. Each morning one cake and five pies were baked along with several dozen cup custards.

The Warwick House had twenty-four beds for boarders and a few extras for guests. Twelve boarders lived at The Warwick House permanently. There was a weekly charge of \$6.00 for board which included the noon meal. There were two bathrooms on the second floor – one for men and one for women. Also an additional bathroom on the first floor for the help. Every Monday two of the girls did laundry which included bedding, tablecloths, and aprons which were worn by the waitresses.



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**THE EXTRA<sup>TM</sup>  
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**NOVEMBER 17 2017**

We are VERY EXCITED to be participating again in this year's Extraordinary Give! Last year, through your generous donations, \$2,600 was raised in ONE DAY for the Lititz Historical Foundation.

We would LOVE to shatter that record this year, and we have set a goal of \$5,000 this year for 2017. With your help, WE CAN DO IT!!

Here's how it works:

On Friday November 17th beginning at 12am, you can make an online donation to us. Just go to [www.extragive.org](http://www.extragive.org), then find The Lititz Historical Foundation in the leaderboard list. Then, choose your donation amount. It's that easy! Donations are tax-deductible, and every little bit helps. On that day, you will also receive an email from us, reminding you to donate. PLEASE share that email with friends, family, and anyone else you may know who has an interest in helping us continue our mission.

**Together we can reach \$5,000 this year!**

**Thanks in advance for your support and generosity!**

**SAVE THE DATES!**

Save the dates! We have many programs and free events coming up. Follow our Facebook page or check upcoming issues of the Lititz Record Express for the latest announcements. All events are free and open to the public.

Annual Meeting – Lititz Public Library – Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm. Speaker Scott Paul Gordon (See below).

Annual Christmas Carol Sing – Lititz Moravian Church Square – Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. 7pm

Christmas Candlelight Tour – Lititz Historical Foundation – Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. 5-9pm

Lecture – Lititz Public Library – Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm. Speaker TBA

Lecture – Lititz Public Library – Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm. Speaker TBA

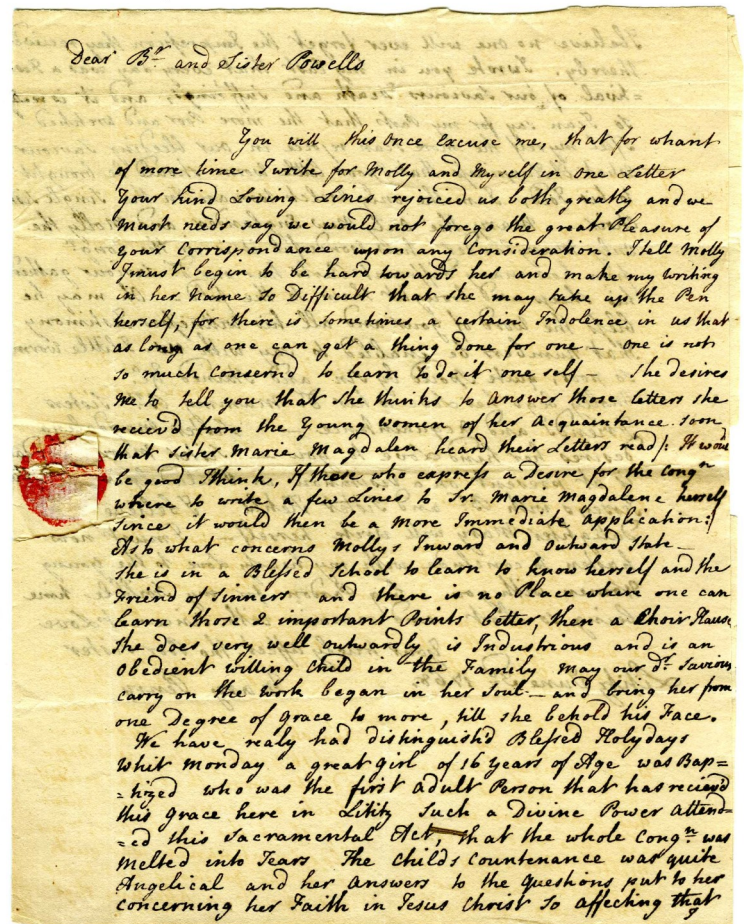
Lecture – Lititz Public Library – Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm. Speaker TBA

**Annual Meeting to Focus on Moravian Sister Mary Penry**

Join the Lititz Historical Foundation for our annual meeting and lecture on Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1:30pm at the Lititz Public Library. After some very brief items of business, we will welcome Scott Paul Gordon, who will present a program on Moravian sister Mary Penry.

Penry spent most of her adult life in Lititz, arriving in 1762 as one of the first women to populate the new single sisters' choir house. For more than forty years in Lititz, Penry kept the diary of the single sister's choir and served as the choir house's clerk, recording the varied business activities related to the choir's textile industries and its girls' school. She was responsible for guiding visitors around the community; she earned income from her embroidery; and was paid to translate documents from German into English. Penry remained single for her entire life, an extremely rare phenomenon in early America where nearly all women married (and remarried). Penry knew that this opportunity was possible only because she lived in a Moravian community.

Call the Library to learn more or to reserve your seat! 717-626-2255.



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## Our 55th Annual Antiques Show: A Word Of THANKS!

We wanted to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to all who participated in some way to the success of our Annual Antiques Show this past June. It was another record-breaking year as visitors from all over shopped for quality antiques.

Special thanks to those who also contributed to the bake sale, whether it was by baking a delectable treat or making a cash donation. Every little bit helps, and we are proud to say that we exceeded last year's totals this year!



## HELP US RING IN THE HOLIDAYS!

The holidays are right around the corner, and we are planning two very festive and free events for you!

Our annual Carol Sing takes place on Thursday December 7th at Lititz Moravian Church Square beginning at 7pm. The Lititz Moravian Trombone Choir will be on hand as we sing holiday favorites. Afterwards, warm up in Fellowship Hall with cookies and cider. The event is free and open to the public, and we are proud to once again partner with the Lititz Moravian Archives for this program.

The very next evening, you will continue to get into the holiday spirit by attending our annual Christmas Candlelight Tour of the 1792 Johannes Mueller House. This is the only time during the year where we open this very special home to the public free of charge. While there, be sure to stop next door to the Lititz Museum to explore all that is new, shop our gift shop, and enjoy refreshments.

We hope to see you at both of these very festive events!



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Mr. Klopp always worked in the bar room because none of the ladies were permitted to enter the area where alcoholic beverages were served. Anna noted that both Mr. and Mrs. Klopp were “very hard workers and always fair to their help”.

A bazaar was held in a barn at the rear of the Warwick House once a week in the winter months and every two weeks in the summer. Anna was paid \$1.00 extra on bazaar days to work at the food stand serving hot dogs, ice cream, candy, peanuts and drinks. Everything was sold on bazaar days from toothpicks to livestock. The Warwick House was a year-round social lifestyle for many Lititz and Warwick residents.

Other hotels in the area were the Lexington Hotel, Rome Hotel, Park View Hotel, Springs Hotel, Swan Hotel in Rothsville and The General Sutter Hotel. The “Sutter” charged \$1.50 per single room per night. The “business man's lunch” was \$.45 while the evening meal was \$1.25.

The menu was changed according to the freshness of the vegetables and what meat was available from local butcher shops and fish markets. Many of the town's service clubs met at the “Sutter” for monthly meetings and charged \$.75 per plate which included coffee and dessert.

Anna Smith was just 16 when she began working at The Warwick House. Her days were filled with hard work and long hours, but she was fortunate to have a job with pay and \$1.00 tip every other week.

*Top right: A circa 1940s menu from the Warwick House.*

*Right: A circa 1940s view of the Warwick House from North Broad Street.*

<b>PLATTERS</b>		<b>COLD SANDWICHES</b>	
Shore Dinner	2.00	Warwick House Special	3.5
T-Bone Steak	1.75	Chicken	3.0
Lobster Tail	1.25	Beef	3.0
Southern Fried Chicken	1.00	Pork	3.0
Clam Cakes	.75	Ham	3.0
Scallops	.75	Liverwurst	3.0
Crab Cakes	.75	Limburger	3.0
Cold Platters	.75	Swiss Cheese	3.0
Vegetable Platter	.60	American Cheese	3.0
Fried Ham	.85	Lettuce and Tomato	3.5
<b>OYSTERS (In Season)</b>		<b>HOT SANDWICHES</b>	
Fried (Large)	.90	Pork	4.0
Fried (Small)	.65	Beef	4.0
Sandwich	.30	Chicken	4.0
Stew	.70	Ham and Egg	6.0
<b>APPETIZERS</b>		Egg	3.0
Shrimp Cocktail	4.5	Fried Ham	3.0
Fruit Cup	.75	Western	3.0
<b>SOUPS</b>		Barbecue	3.0
Chicken Corn	.65	Steak	3.0
Bean	.65	Grilled Cheese	3.0
Vegetable	.65	Hamburger	3.0
<b>SALADS</b>		Cheeseburger	3.5
Ham	.35	<b>SEA FOODS</b>	
Egg and Olive	.35	Crab Cake	3.5
Chicken	.40	Clam Cake	3.5
Lettuce and Tomato	.35	Steamed Clams	4.0
French Fries	.15	Steamed Shrimp	4.0
Home-made Pies and Cake	5-10	Crab Cakes	4.0
Dutch Lunch	1.00	Clam Cakes	4.0
Coffee, Tea and Milk		<b>BREAKFASTS</b>	
		2 Eggs Any Style	3.5
		2 Eggs and Potatoes	5.0
		Egg Omlet	1.5
		Ham or Bacon and Eggs	2.5
		Hot Cakes	2.5

Our Food Is Prepared To Order . . .  
Therefore A Short Wait Is Required



## DID YOU KNOW...?

Once located at 64 North Broad street, shown here is the former building of The Times Printing Company, who were "particular printers for particular people." While the business is no longer there, the building has changed very little in the past 100 years....



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