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President's Corner



As mentioned in the last issue of The Gazette, Harold Mitchener has stepped down as President of BCHF due to personal matters. We thank Harold for all his contributions as President during these last two years, as well as all he and his wife Carol have done for

the organization over their many years of service. I have assumed the role as President through the end of this year.

For those who may not know me, I have been a resident of Bristol since 2006. I have been a member of BCHF since 2007 and served on the board from 2008-2011; then again from 2016 to present, serving as Vice President for the past two years. I also have chaired Historic Bristol Day in 2018 and 2019.

Although 2020 has been a challenging year (to say the least) in regards to programs and events, our board is starting to prepare for a hopefully better 2021. As expected, we will not be able to hold our annual November meeting and program due to COVID-19, but there will be information in this issue of The Gazette regarding the process if you wish to self-nominate as a board member.

Nick Rizzo, President

BCHF ELECTION NEWS

The BCHF bylaws require that there are 15 Board of Directors subdivided into three classes of 5 each. The Board members are elected for a term of 3 years and one class, one-third of the Directors, are up for election each year. Nominations to the Board should be made by written application to the nominating committee.

Usually, the procedure begins by asking the members of the class up for election if they are willing to serve for another term. Then nominations are taken from the general membership by means of self-application. Voting takes place at the BCHF Annual Meeting that is held in November. The winners become part of the Board starting in January of the following year.

The Board members whose terms are ending this year are Kathy Barniskis, Mike Crosson, Jan Ruano, Jesse Walker, and Sue Watkins. All of these

members have indicated their desire to serve for an additional term. If you are thinking that you or someone you know would like to join the Board and become part of the organization that is responsible for our wonderful Historic Bristol Day, a Peach Social, Spring Tea, and many interesting trips and programs, be certain to apply or encourage others to apply.

This year, the year of the Covid-19 pandemic, things are happening differently all over the world and BCHF is no exception. We do not know if there will be an annual meeting this year. In the likely event that there is not, the present Board is discussing having an election via email. We will be deciding the particulars and will announce the decision in an upcoming Gazette. It is important that we have your email address so that you can participate in the election.

Another Cancellation

We regret to inform you that the 2020 Bristol Day Car Show at Snyder/Girotti scheduled for October 17, 2020 has been canceled due to Covid - 19. We attempted to transition the traditional show into an antique and classic car parade through Bristol on that day but were denied permission by the Borough. We intended to include Bristol Borough first responders and essential workers as well.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who participated in our two virtual car shows in April and July of this year. We look forward to seeing everyone next year at our annual show in October. Stay Healthy!

GRUNDY VIRTUAL SCAVENGER HUNT UPDATE

October is right around the corner, which means it is almost time for the **Bristol “Then and Now” Virtual Scavenger Hunt**, hosted by the Grundy Library’s Archive!

By using digitized photographs of Bristol Borough’s historic sites available on the Grundy Library’s website, participants will be able to “hunt” for former Bristol establishments around town. Simply print out the selected images of Bristol “then” locations, visit Bristol to find the current or “now” location, then snap a picture of the former building over top of its current location, like the example photograph (*Figure 1*) here of the Bristol Wharf.

Post your image to social media and tag the Grundy Library, or email your entries to archive@grundylibrary.org. The contest will be



open from October 1st through 11:59 PM on October 17th (Historic Bristol Day). Participants who find every location and submit their “now” photographs to the Library will be entered into a drawing to win a prize!

You can find the scavenger hunt within our newly created Digital Collections website at <http://archive.grundylibrary.org/exhibits/show/historic-bristol-day-2020-bri>. Please note that this webpage will not go live until the start of the scavenger hunt on October 1st. For more information, and

to access the aforementioned link, check the Grundy Library’s website at

<https://www.grundylibrary.org/content/bristol-then-and-now-virtual-savenger-hunt>.

Economic Power of Immigration

Although Bristol was founded by English Quakers, they were joined by people from many nations and religions. The monuments at Bristol’s Riverfront Park celebrate some of these immigrants including people from Italy (the Christopher Columbus monument), Puerto Rico (the Hispanic monument), Ireland (the Celtic monument), and Africa (the Harriet Tubman monument). Immigrants of these and many other nations have made their mark on Bristol’s history and contributed to Bristol’s rich cultural environment.

“Today, more than 40 million people living in the U.S. were born in another country”* and more people are first and second generation Americans. Entrepreneurial immigrants have always contributed to the economic growth of our nation. First or second generation Americans were instrumental in founding 44 of the top 100 Fortune 500 companies listed in 2018. These companies range from innovators such as Apple and Amazon to financial blue chips like AT & T and Procter & Gamble. Our free-market economy provided opportunities for immigrants and non-immigrants alike to create companies delivering service, products and visions of the future.**

Some of the companies and countries that have contributed are: State Farm Insurance-Germany, Exelon-England, Ford Motor-Ireland, Comcast-Germany, Goldman Sachs-Germany, General Dynamics-Ireland, 3M-Canada, Honeywell International-Switzerland, Procter & Gamble-England & Ireland, Bank of America-Italy, AT & T-Scotland, Facebook-Brazil, Amazon-Cuba, Lockheed Martin-England, Disney-Canada, Dow DuPont-Canada & France, Intel-Hungary, Home Depot-Russia, Oracle-Russia & Iran, Pfizer-Germany, UPS-Ireland,.

We should never forget that these companies are there because of direct immigration or children of immigrants. In a world connected by the Internet, the world seems much smaller now. Bristol and the United States has benefited by immigration because it has helped our town and country prosper.

*<https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2020/08/20/key-findings-about-u-s-immigrants/>

**Citation: National Geographic 2019.



Bristol Borough students in grades 6 to 8.

AN EXCITING ART OPPORTUNITY!

Student Art Contest

The Bristol Cultural Historical Foundation is pleased to sponsor the Annual Historical Bristol Day Student Art Contest.

“Where do you and your family like to grab a bite to eat in Bristol?”

Have fun and be creative!

Illustrate “Bristol Eats” with your family!

The artwork will be judged by the Artists of Bristol and will be on display in the Grundy Library. Winners will be announced on 10/17/20 and will be posted on www.bristolhistory.org.

Cash prizes will be awarded and delivered to your school. All artwork will be returned to your school to be displayed.



Details:

Any Medium (i.e. – pencil, pastel, paint)

NO PHOTOS PLEASE

Mount your artwork on poster board

Min Size: 9” x 12”

Max size: 12” x 18”

Deadline for submission is Monday, October 5, 2020

Attach the completed identification slip below on the back of the artwork and submit to your Art Teacher.

Student Name: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Virtual entries will be accepted.

Please scan and send them to your teacher or email them to alwaysl.811@aol.com

Taking The Census

Gathering census information over the years has involved many topics. Just a few of the details are mentioned in this article.

The first census was taken in 1790 in accordance with the United States Constitution (Article 1, Section 2). So there have been 24 federal censuses taken since that time. For the first census, enumerators went out door to door and on horseback to find, question, and catalog the population of the United States. In that census, the 13 states and districts of Kentucky, Maine, Vermont, and Tennessee were counted. George Washington and Thomas Jefferson expressed their skepticism over the final count, expecting a number that exceeded 3.9 million inhabitants. (see chart on page 5)

The 1800 census included the states and territories northwest of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. In the early 1800s, every enumerator was required to visit each dwelling and ask about agriculture, commerce, and manufacturing. Printed schedules were used for the first time in 1840. Questions included information about literacy and education. After the Civil War, the 1870 census was redesigned to account for former slaves. In 1880, the enumerators gathered social statistics about people and included Alaska as well as the native Indian population.

Compiling the information was difficult. It took nearly a decade to process the information of the 1880 census. . By 1880, a tabulating machine was used. In 1887 a statistician (Herman Hollerith) invented the electric tabulating machine that could read data from holes on punched paper cards. The system used cards to indicate various categories. In 1900 Hawaii, Cuba, and Puerto Rico were included. Questions were mailed out in advance in 1910. In 1920, a major shift from rural to urban was noted. Questions in 1940 included information about employment, unemployment, and income. In 1960, The first mail-out census asked more detailed economic and social information. The information was computer processed. The mail out-mail back census was used in 1980 on which there were questions about housing. There were two forms in 1990, the

short form with 13 questions for all and a longer form containing 4 questions given to 20 % of the population. The long-form included information on carpooling, marital history, number of bathrooms, type of cooking, and water heating. In the year 2000, two forms again were used; the long-form had 52 questions and was sent to 17% of the population. The year 2010 had one of the shortest forms in recent times-10 questions to all in the United States and territorial areas. The current census will be the first time the information will be able to be filled out online.

Worldwide, there is a long history of census taking. Census happenings were even mentioned in the Bible. William the Conqueror inscribed England's landowners into the doomsday book in 1088.

The U. S. was one of the first modern countries to count all of its citizens, not just the military-age males. It was also the first country to constitutionally mandate a regular census and the first to use the census for apportioning political power. The number of seats each state holds in the House of Representatives depends entirely on census results.

In 1951 the electric tabulating machine, although updated, was deemed obsolete and was replaced with the UNIVAC. The UNIVAC was the first non-military computer in the U.S. It was 14 ft. long, 7.5 ft. wide, 8 ft. high, and weighed 16,000 pounds. The UNIVAC was a great success and further reduced tabulation time.

Because of a 72 year restriction on access to the census, the most recent year available is 1940. The 1950 census will be released in 2022.

Some census records have been lost. The theory is that they were destroyed by the British when they were stationed in Washington, D.C. during the war of 1812. Also, many of the 1890 records were lost as a result of the 1921 fire at the commerce department.

The chart in (See page 6) shows the census population information about Bristol Borough:

SCHEDULE of the whole number of PERSONS within the several Districts of the UNITED STATES, taken according to "An Act providing for the Enumeration of the Inhabitants of the United States;" passed March the 1st, 1790.

DISTRICTS.	Free white Males of sixteen years and upwards, including heads of families.	Free white Males under sixteen years.	Free white Females, including heads of families.	All other free persons.	Slaves.	Total.
Vermont	22435	22328	40505	255	16	85539
New Hampshire	36086	34851	70160	630	158	141885
Maine	24384	24748	46870	538	NONE	96540
Massachusetts	95453	87289	190582	5463	NONE	378787
Rhode Island	16019	15799	32652	3407	948	68825
Connecticut	60523	54403	117448	2808	2764	237946
New York	83700	78122	152320	4654	21324	340120
New Jersey	45251	41416	83287	2762	11423	184139
Pennsylvania	110788	106948	206363	6537	3737	434373
Delaware	11783	12143	22384	3899	8887	59094
Maryland	55915	51339	101395	8043	103036	319728
Virginia	110336	116135	215046	12866	292627	747610
Kentucky	15154	17057	28922	114	12430	73677
North Carolina	69988	77506	140710	4975	100572	393751
South Carolina	—	—	—	—	—	—
Georgia	13103	14044	25739	398	29264	82548
S. Western territory	6271	10277	15365	361	3417	35691
N. Ditto	—	—	—	—	—	—

Truly stated from the original Returns deposited in the Office of the Secretary of State.

TH. JEFFERSON.

October 24, 1791.

Additional HBD Vendors

Bristol Borough Alumni Athletic Asso.
<https://www.facebook.com/BHSAAA/>

National Alopecia Areata Foundation
www.naaf.org

Crafts with Karen
<https://www.facebook.com/craftswithkaz/>

Jewelry on the Five
<https://www.facebook.com/JEWELRYONTHEFIVE>

The Puerto Rican Cultural Association
<https://www.facebook.com/Puerto-Rican-Cultural-Association-of-Bucks-County-174032711510/>

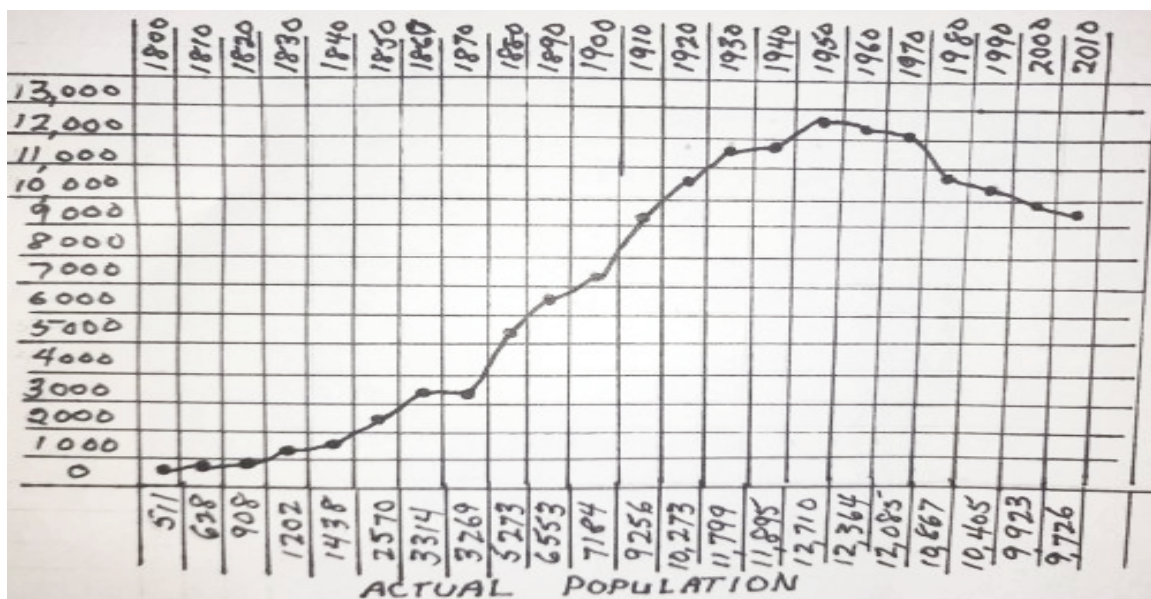
The Dogbone Guy
www.thedogboneguy.com

Best Darn Kettlecorn
www.bestdarnkettlecorn.com

Damsel in Defense
www.mydamselpro.net/DorotheaP

Scotland and Beyond Travel
www.scotlandandbeyondtravel.com

Bristol Borough Census Information



Grundy Museum Participates in Bristol Day

The Margaret R. Grundy Memorial Museum is proud to support and participate in this year's Historic Bristol Day. The Museum will be offering a free outdoor Walk & Talk Tour. Registration is required through Ticket Leap (www.ticketleap.com). Guidelines do apply; masks and social distancing are required. This 30-minute outdoor tour of the Grundy campus will begin at the Museum entrance after you check in with your docent. Each tour time has limited spots available. Led by a Grundy Museum docent, the tour encompasses the history of the Grundy family, their home and its architecture, the construction of the Grundy Library, and views of our gardens. Learn how new research led to discoveries involving the Grundy family's domestic staff and Bristol artist Joseph Pavone who created the bronze sculpture of Senator Grundy located on the campus. Local tips and history will be shared with travelers to enrich their visit to

historic Bristol Borough. Tours begin at 11:00 am and end at 1:30 pm. Please visit the Museum website or Ticket Leap for details and to book your tour. www.grundymuseum.org

The Museum will also have free "Take Home Kits" for all ages. Some of these kits will be Victorian coloring paper dolls, coloring pages featuring iconic Bristol views, a mini bouquet of fall silk flowers, and a family oriented scavenger hunt to complete on your own time. Pickup time begins at 11:00 am in front of the Museum, supplies are limited.

Margaret's Garden next to the Museum entrance will be open for selfies. Take a photo of yourself in our beautiful fall garden filled with silhouettes of Margaret and Joseph Grundy. We encourage all to post and tag the Museum on social media.

We look forward to seeing our friends!

Popular Card Game A Century Ago

Euchre is a trick-taking card game usually played with four people in two partnerships. This was "the game" played for entertainment and that was read about in the social sections of local newspapers. The game had a deck of 24 playing cards (A, K, Q, J, 10 and 9 in each of the four suits). In one version, each player is dealt five cards. The remaining four cards (called the "kitty") are placed face down in front of the dealer. The top card of the "kitty" is turned face up and becomes "trump". The bidding begins as to how many "tricks" each player thinks she can win. One card is played at a time. The player who lays down the highest card of the suit played by the dealer gets the "trick." In Euchre, a player scores points for taking the majority of the tricks. The first to win a specified total of

points (generally 10) wins the match. If a player cannot match the suit of the dealer, he may play a "trump" card. Then the highest trump card wins.

The Euchre game is responsible for introducing the joker into the modern deck of cards. Jokers were "invented" in 1860 to act as a "trump." The joker has since been introduced into other card games such as canasta. Joker cards depict clowns and jesters, but the joker has not been standardized in appearance by the card industry.

The game was regarded as the national card game of the United States in the late 19th century but has declined in popularity, although it retains a strong following; Euchre has declined in popularity and is played differently within regions.

Out Of The Past

The following items were excerpted from **OCTOBER 1940** issues of THE BRISTOL COURIER.

10/1 – **ASK FOR 300 VOLUNTEERS FOR RED CROSS SEWING.** The production chairman of Bristol Branch, American Red Cross, Mrs. Archibald Morris, is desirous of having women of Bristol volunteer for the sewing of 300 garments at headquarters, 120 Mill St. The need for garments is more and more imperative in the war-stricken areas of Europe during the winter season.

10/2 – **LOCAL P.O.S. & A CONDUCTS FIRST MEETING AT NEW HOME.** The first meeting in their new home was conducted last evening by members of Washington Camp, No. 789, Patriotic Order, Sons of America. The new home is located at 579 Bath Street.

10/4 – **SEPTEMBER WAS HEALTHY MONTH IN BRISTOL BOROUGH.** Bristol's health record during September was an especially good one, according to the records of the Bristol Health Board. No quarantined diseases were reported and not a single nuisance was reported. The monthly inspection of dairies showed all to be in satisfactory condition.

10/5 – **SELECT THE ARTISTS FOR BRISTOL CONCERTS.** In advance of his world debut at Carnegie Hall on October 21, Edward Kilenyi, European pianist, will open the Bristol cooperative concert series in Bristol High School on the 14th of October. The season of 1940-41 marks the first for the cooperative concerts here and the more than 600 who have secured reservations have expressed a desire that they continue.

SILVER LAKE STOCKED WITH 3200 ASSORTED FISH. Silver Lake received its initial supply of fish from the Pennsylvania Fish Commission hatcheries when 3200 assorted species were placed in the lake yesterday morning. 1700 of that number were yellow perch.

10/7 – **BARN DANCE.** 300 Members of the Manhattan Soap Co. participated in the barn dance which the employees' Athletic Association sponsored on Saturday evening in Bristol Township.

10/8 – **"ANNOUNCEMENT.** The Rohm and Haas Company announces to the merchants of Bristol and vicinity that, effective October 11th, our employees will be paid by check. Any courtesy extended them in cashing their checks will be appreciated by the company."

10/10 – **SCHOOL BOARD NAMES VOCATIONAL DIRECTOR.** Board Also Authorizes Supt. W. P. Snyder to Select Instructor for Fleetwings classes. The Bristol School Board last night named a Director of Vocational Education, in connection with the National Defense, whose duty it will be to supervise the vocational classes held in the schools here. The man named is William McGann.

"ACME MARKETS, Bath & Otter Sts.....Open Friday and Saturday till 10 P.M. U.S. No.1 Select Potatoes - 15 lbs., 17c. Lean, Fresh, Rib End - up to 3 Lbs. Pork Loins - 15c Lb. Steaks, Rump or Round - 33c Lb. Deviled Crabs - 12c Ea. Fresh Filet of Sole - 23c Lb. Jersey Stewing Oysters - 12c Doz. Eggs -24c Ctn. Butter - 2 Lbs., 67c."

10/14 – **ELKS ASK FOR FLAG DISPLAY HERE WEDNESDAY.** A universal display of the American flag in this area on Wednesday, October 16, is requested by the National Defense Committee of Bristol Lodge No. 970, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. The committee appeals that flags be displayed so as to impress upon the residents of the community the significance of the Selective Service Registration Day.

"Grand Opening Day! A.B.C. CLEANERS, LAUNDERERS & DYERS in the Bristol Theatre Building, Radcliffe Street. Dresses and Suits - 35c. Sweaters, Trousers, Blouses - 19c. All work insured and guaranteed."

10/15 – **COUNCIL APPROVES PLANS FOR "NELSON COURT."** Bristol Borough Council last night unanimously adopted a resolution approving the plan for what is commonly called "Nelson Court," a new real estate development in the Sixth Ward. With the approval of the plans, the streets are taken over by the borough.

10/16 – **600 REGISTER HERE IN THE FIRST 3 HOURS OF MORNING.** All of the registration places in this area were crowded today with those who, under the Selective Military Training Act, are called to register. In Bristol, up until 10 o'clock this morning, a total of 578 had been registered.

"Don't Miss It! New York's Show of Shows - World's Fair. Go by train at bargain round-trip coach fares. \$1.85 every weekday and Sundays - October 6, 20. \$2.05 weekend Friday or Saturday. Pennsylvania Railroad."

10/17 – **3,369 MEN REGISTERED FOR THE DRAFT IN BRISTOL AREA.** Bristol leads with a total enrollment of 1,746 men. Bristol Twp. has 809.

"SMITH'S MODEL SHOP, 412 Mill Street, extends a cordial invitation to inspect its newly decorated and fully modernized store opening tomorrow at 9 A.M. Also announcing the addition of our juvenile and kiddie shop at 414 Mill (next door). Full Line of Children's Snow Suits - \$3.95, \$5.95, up to \$10.95. Children's Sportswear - \$1.00 to \$2.98. Ladies Dresses - \$1.98 to \$12.95. Evening Gowns - \$6.98 to \$14.98."

10/21 – **PETERPAUL STARTS AS BRISTOL HIGH SCORES FIRST WIN.** Final Score 12 to 9 over Pennsylvania Institute for Deaf.

"Notice to the Ladies! Due to the tremendous requests of our many patrons by telephone and personal demands, the first item of the extraordinary gift offer of the most gorgeous tableware ever shown – the Queen Mary – is extended to continue for an entire month, from October 21 until October 25, inclusive. This costly dinnerware is a complete service for 8. A different item each week free with a 5c service charge plus an evening adult admission. THE GRAND THEATRE."

10/23 – **PLAN FULL TIME CLASSES FOR VOCATIONAL COURSES.** A total of 530 men are now busily engaged in evening courses in blueprint reading in Bristol and 13 in wood form making sessions as the vocational education courses in connection with National Defense have gotten well underway in Bristol.

"APARTMENT FOR RENT. 520 Radcliffe St. 2 apartments. New. Available about Nov. 15. \$30 and \$35 month. Apply Mrs. E. P. Goslin, 510 Radcliffe."

10/30 – **"Extra! To my friends in Bristol and vicinity. Opening of a meat store at Pond & Lafayette Sts. Thursday, October 31st. All steaks, 25c lb. Halve of calves, 10c lb. Pork, beef, lamb and calves liver a specialty. Come In. CAMPO wants to see you."**

"TORANO'S GARAGE, 130 Otter Street.....Lowest priced sedans in America in any 6 or 8 cylinder car. Big, roomy, beautiful, new 1941 Studebaker Champion. Saves you 10% to 25% in gas. Coupe prices begin at \$690, delivered at factory, South Bend."

10/31 – **MONSTER PARADE TO BE HELD TONIGHT.** A Total of \$320 to Be Offered in Cash Prizes. Tonight is the night for Bristol's big Halloween parade. Hundreds will compete for prizes. Thousands are expected to view the spectacle.



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Ways & Means

We apologize for leaving out the Ways & Means KUDOs to Mark Gesualdi and his committee. They dove right in with an inventive way to continue their HBD car-show tradition. They showcased pictures of owners' vehicles in a contest over the internet and invited voting. So, one successful activity has taken place already! Stay safe

The Bristol Cultural and Historical Foundation

urges everyone to stay safe . . . wear a mask, wash your hands and practice social distancing.

Let's make 2021 the year when we can all get back to normal.

We look forward to trips and activities and seeing everyone in person once again.

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- BCHF Headquarters are at 321 Cedar Street, Bristol.
 - For current information about activities and events, check out our web site at www.bristolhistory.org.
Follow us on Instagram - - [IG@bristol_historic_foundation](https://www.instagram.com/IG@bristol_historic_foundation)

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