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TOURING SULLIVAN COUNTY'S MUSEUM . . . while dusting

From an old hand drawn map of school locations there is one marked "Wampole" which looks to be located beneath the King School but above and east of the Covenhoven and north of the Ringer Hill School, all in Cherry Township. Then from Nina Karge we had acquired two hand entry books marked from the Wampole Run School House, starting in 1856 of the Union Sunday School to 1878 of officers listed, treasury and minutes. Then in another book for the Wampole Run Schoolhouse, used for Union Sunday School from 1856 to 1892 is the Librarian Book with the first librarian being Peter Yonkin and Secretary Wm. H. Harris. In this book teachers are listed, books out and back in, the same for scholars (students or pupils), attendance to study sessions (broken down by boys and girls), ribbons of designated colors representing that attendance and sometimes other locations listed as well. All the way on the last page is a listing of books belonging to the Wampole Union Sunday School: 21 English Testaments, 6 German Testaments, 12 Spelling Books German & English, 56 Volumns of Library, 18 German hymn books, 3 German spelling books and 6 English spelling books.

What is most interesting is the names of both teachers and students, and at times when following the pages through the book you'll see a student's name for a few years and then see that same name as a teacher. Also, the name 'Union' in this school's name simply meant that it did not delineate for religion or location of home for the student – if they wanted (or their parents wanted them) to come for Sunday school then they'd have been welcomed.

Some of the names: C.F. Sick, C. Kneable, Geo. W. Hahn, Wm. Gravely, Augustus Sick, Wm. H. Yonkin, Samuel Harzig, Mary C and Ellen B. Yonkin, Catharine Gravely, Louisia Miller, Catharine Stahl, Loretta Zaner, Ellen Kester, Mary Barth, Catharine King and John Huffmaster (all from 1856). Other last names throughout the books are Ring Kester, Zaner Case, Mason, Cox, Cook, Barth, Shafer, Weisbrod, Leitzelswope, Bahl, Colley Reinbolt, Whitebread, Hahn, Emig, Bender, Sylvaria, Baumgardner, Hoffa, Martin, Bartch, Kester. And these names could just go on and on.

So many of the names within the museum's archives of genealogy are represented in these types of account and entry books. Many names are continuing on today, while many others have either faded from history here or the people moved on to other areas of the country. But these types of books represent not only the families that were here but also (in this case) the attention to religious learning that was in place at the time to not only further the education of their youth but to fortify their souls.

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