

# Mount Wolf Centennial Celebration Self-Guided Walking Tour

2010

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# #1 — 1 Center Street

- ♦ 1852 Built railroad through the area
- ◆ RR station first called Mount Campbell; later renamed Mount Wolf
- ◆ During WW II (and the 40s) train made daily stops here as well as Lancaster, York, Emigsville, York Haven, Cly, Goldsboro, New Cumberland Army Depot, New Cumberland, and Harrisburg; gas rationing encouraged trains' use
- ◆ Passenger trains passed through Mount Wolf in AM (Harrisburg—Baltimore) and PM (Baltimore— Harrisburg) until hurricane Agnes in 1972

- ◆ Large building on property housed Mount Wolf Furniture Factory (incorporated in 1899 and closed in early 50s)
- ♦ Bern Haven Garment Manufacturers then purchased the building (which expanded its business that started in town during 1920s)
- ◆ Subsequently, The Wolf Organization used it as a supply warehouse after Bern Haven shut its doors
- ◆ Now The Train Depot, a model & hobby shop, is located in the Bern Haven building

# #2 — 54 E. Maple St.

- ♦ Home of Henry Hoff and his sister Rene; built by their father, Henry
- ◆ Other homes of the Hoff family 195 S. Main Street (Stop #21) and 167 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street (Stop #43 on the Walking Tour)

# #3 — 17 E. Maple Street

- ♦ Home of George H. and Anna Wolf
- ◆ Property included a spacious home (built in 1856) complete with barn and outbuildings
- ♦ George H. Wolf was appointed station master for the RR in 1852; served as postmaster; was devoted to the young Wolf business
- ♦ 1870 George H. constructed a 40' x 60' brick store building on the west side of the tracks
- ◆ For some years a select private school offered education beyond grammar school on the 2nd floor of the Wolf store
- ♦ 1891 George H. retired completely from the business; his sons Henry and George A. Wolf took over the entire business

#### #4 — 55 Front Street

- ♦ Home of Charles B. (great-great grandson of the original founder) and Frances Wolf
- ♦ Charles B. Wolf was Chairman of the Board of Superior Paper Products; he died around 1952 at 52 years of age
- ◆ Frances was from York and a great musician, she produced and directed shows at the K.G. E. Hall; died at 99 years of age
- ◆ Jessie Wolf Sherill (Stop #66) was their daughter

#### #5 — 25 Front Street

- ◆ Property once owned by Adam Wolf of New Holland (Saginaw)
- ♦ Adam Wolf established several successful businesses beginning first with a tannery and then expanding into the mercantile business
- ♦ 1843 Adam Wolf, considered company founder of the Wolf Organization, opened a single store selling dry goods and lumber on the banks of the Susquehanna River in PA
- ♦ The first businessman to realize the possibilities of locating near the new RR, Adam Wolf constructed a store and warehouse 36' x 60' along the new track

- ♦ At one time was also the home of Earle (Adam's great-great grandson) and Evelyn Wolf
- ♦ Home was remodeled many times
- ♦ Present residence of Tom and Frances Wolf
- ◆ Tom Wolf, the current CEO and Chairman of the Wolf Organization, represents the sixth generation of the company's founding family to guide the organization

#### #6 — 1 S. Main Street

- ◆ Originally George H. Wolf and Sons (Lumber Coal Cement)
- ♦ 1914 Reorganized as George A. Wolf and Sons; was oldest business in town
- ♦ Company continued dealing in lumber and feed and built a large business in the sale of coal, fertilizer, and cement
- ◆ By 1924 the business had grown to one of largest of its kind in York County
- ◆ Location later of Wolf Supply Company, The Lumber Yard, and a butcher shop
- ◆ Presently Otterbein Church's The Carpenter's Center

#### #7 — 44 N. Main Street

♦ Home of Ed Houston, broom-maker

#### #8 — 56 N. Main Street

- ◆ Location of the Mt. Wolf Shirt Company (later known as the Kline Craft Corp.) which manufactured until 1927
- ♦ Home of the V.F.W. for a short time until the building was destroyed by fire in 1947
- ◆ Charlie Mohr then built a 6-lane bowling alley (with hand set pins) here
- ♦ Was a popular recreation spot but, by the late 60s, Charlie Mohr's Bowling Alley & Restaurant experienced competition from a larger and more modern facility in Manchester and closed for business
- ♦ The building was then converted to apartments

#### #9 — 152 N. Main Street

- ◆ 1899 Built as Pennsylvania Wire Cloth Company
- ♦ 1913 Expansion and merger with American Wire Fabrics; became the leading industry in town (until late 1950s)
- ♦ American Wire Fabrics then became a subsidiary of Colorado Fuel and Iron—considered in 1950 to be the largest wire cloth factory in the world
- ♦ Later, the company was acquired by New York Wire Company; no longer manufacturing here; the corporate offices are still listed as being in Mount Wolf
- ♦ Wire Cloth Company was an early sponsor of the baseball team
- ♦ When the Wire Cloth expanded in early 1900s, town's ball field (between the original plant and Wolf's lumber yard) was moved to its present location

#### #10 — 309 N. Main Street

- ♦ 1904 William Kauffman, a farmer, Mount Wolf Bank President, and cigar maker purchased property with wife Sarah and son Lester for \$1800
- ♦ Residence was two and one-half story home with 10 rooms, yellow pine floors, chestnut wood wainscoting, solid wood doors, and exterior gingerbread moldings above windows, beneath roof overhang, and porch
- ◆ Originally, property extended from Locust St. (now Dewey St.) north to the borough line.

- ◆ Now home of granddaughter Mary and husband Ron Toomey
- ♦ Mary and Ron Toomey had a full service music store in their home from 1953 to 1956 (Toomey's Music Shoppe); they rented instruments and offered a full section of sheet music as well as new and used pianos
- ◆ They raised 4<sup>th</sup> generation granddaughter Chris and grandson Mike here

# #11 — 117 N. Main Street

- ♦ One of the oldest homes in town, built circa 1880
- ◆ Property also site of Mount Wolf Shirt Company and a tin shop

#### #12 — 97 N. Main Street

- At one time this property housed:
- √ Mount Wolf Baking Company
- $\sqrt{\text{Tin shop}}$
- √ Blacksmith shop owner was William Steffie and the blacksmith was Mr. Reneberger
- ◆ From 1956 to 2007 this location was Blymire's Barber Shop
- ♦ Future home of Rose's Magic Shears

#### #13 — 55 N. Main Street

- ♦ Home of Jesse and Annie Rodes built circa 1890
- ◆ Jesse J. Rodes was one of the founders of the Mount Wolf United Brethren Church now Otterbein United Methodist (formerly EUB) Church

#### #14 — 22 S. Main Street

- ♦ Location of Hussie Bare's Tavern, one of the most well-known businesses in town
- ♦ Why the town's fathers permitted a beer joint to be so close to a house of worship is a worthy topic of discussion. Apparently, there was a gentlemen's agreement—in exchange for a lack of opposition by church members, Hussie agreed to sell only beer (not hard liquor) and run a "decent" establishment; Hussie kept his word.
- ◆ The next business to occupy this space was the Mount Wolf Inn
- ◆ The most recent use of this property is for the youth of the community Otterbein Church's youth center, The Gap, makes its home here

# #15 — 36 S. Main Street

♦ Former barber shop of Paul Shank

♦ Also, was once was Zellers Barber Shop

#### #16 — 46 S. Main Street

- ♦ Building was once the frame parsonage of the United Brethren Church (built in 1877) that was sold and moved to this location
- ◆ This site housed a residence before becoming a restaurant operated by Austin Smith in the 1930s
- ◆ Later, building returned to being a private residence

# #17 — 88 Maple Street

♦ Site of Treva McCarney Beauty Parlor

 ◆ Family moved into the house the day after WWII ended

#### #18 — 120 S. Main Street

- ♦ Brenner's Store and Restaurant established circa 1940s
- ◆ Owned and operated by Charles and Ruth Brenner
- ◆ Grocery store and restaurant frequented at lunch by Superior Paper Products' employees
- ♦ Later, this was sold to the Whorley family

# #19 — 25 Walnut Street

- ♦ Business was formerly Superior Paper Products that started in 1932 with 20 employees; employed nearly 200 workers by the early 50s
- ◆ St. Regis Paper Company (a larger operation) purchased Superior with an exchange of shares and continued the production of corrugated products
- ♦ Annually, St. Regis hosted Christmas parties for children of employees with children receiving a gift, orange, and candy
- ◆ 1984 Georgia-Pacific acquired a linerboard mill, over 300,000 acres of forest, and several corrugated container plants including Mount Wolf from St. Regis Corporation
- ◆ Plant covers a complete town block and is currently the largest employer in Mount Wolf

#### #20 — 219 Walnut Street

- ◆ This was the first school in Mount Wolf a one-room log house (this street was first called Holland, before becoming Walnut)
- Used as a school for nearly twenty-five years
- ◆ The log structure later became the residence of Minnie Sweitzer and then Ruth Lehr
- ♦ Ruth Lehr made walnut taffy at Christmas time

## #21 — 195 S. Main Street

- ♦ Built during the 1860s by the Hoff family
- ♦ Building was remodeled and expanded to be current home of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 2493
- ◆ V.F.W. met here after previous site (where Charles Mohr built his bowling alley —Stop #8) was destroyed by fire; then the V.F.W. moved into a home on S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street before relocating to its present home.

#### #22 — 107/109 S. Main Street

- ♦ Was Tommy Whay's Green Grocery from 1930 to 1950
- ♦ Known as the "freshest" store

♦ Mrs. Whay, who was only 5' tall, was called "Shorty" Whay. She was a champion bridge player, competing in local and out-of-town tournaments—with everyone wanting to be her partner at cards

# #23 — 87 S. Main Street Diehl Funeral Home — Mount Wolf Centennial Museum

- ♦ 1895 Albert H. Diehl established the Diehl Funeral Home in Mount Wolf at the age of 24
- ♦ Albert was taught the trade of cabinet making by his uncle, Daniel D. Diehl; he worked at Weaver Organ and Piano Company before returning to Mount Wolf
- ♦ He then bought out his uncle's furniture business and became a professional undertaker
- ♦ 1901 Albert built a large double house consisting of three stories on this site

- ♦ Albert Diehl was active in the funeral home until his death on November 28, 1958
- ◆ At Main and Maple Sts., Diehl's Home Furnishings on the northeast corner was buttressed by "Bert Diehl's Wall"
- ◆ The facilities of the Diehl Funeral Home have undergone major renovations over the past 12 years. The temporary Mount Wolf Centennial Museum is located in its newly remodeled space
- ◆ Additional businesses here were Diehl's Furniture Store and Chuck Kraft Carpets

# #24 — 55 S. Main Street



- Formerly a favorite landmarkthe K.G.E. Hall
- ♦ Designed by E.A. Greiman and built by A.H. Diehl; this turn-of-the-century building was destroyed by fire in 1912
- ◆ Subsequently rebuilt and became home to Mount Wolf Band, Mount Wolf Chorus, Odd Fellows Lodge, and Knights of Golden Eagles
- ◆ K.G.E. Hall at one time hosted community & church groups, fire company, and grocery stores: C.N. Kretchman's, Seitz Bros. Store and Jordan's Market (1954 to early 60s)

- ♦ Among the occupants were
- ♦ Knights of the Golden Eagle #154, Odd Fellows Lodge #1196, Mount Wolf Band, Eagle Fire Company, St. John's Church, United Brethren Church, Mount Wolf Cornet Band, Community Chorus, Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grades NE School District, Teenage Club, C.N. Kretchman Grocery Store, Clarence Whistler Grocery Store, Seitz Bros. Store, Jordan's Market, Diehl's Furniture Store & Storage

#### #25 — 131 Center Street

- ♦ Otterbein United Methodist Church
- ♦ Church had its beginnings in 1870 when a group of people, attending church services elsewhere, decided to form a congregation of its own in Mount Wolf the first meeting was in George Wolf's warehouse
- ♦ Henry Hoff, Sr. donated two lots on the corner of N. Main and Center Sts.; a church (built for \$2,800) was dedicated in 1871
- ◆ 1925 Building was sold, dismantled and moved from Mount Wolf
- ♦ A new church was built; dedicated June 28, 1925
- ♦ Church has expanded in size and scope since then
- ◆ The Northeastern Senior Center also makes its home here



#### #26 — 6 N. 2nd Street

- ♦ Bill Bowers' Garage; located on Center Street between Main and 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets
- Garage specialized in auto repairs

- ♦ Bill Bowers was a great hunter
- ♦ He had raccoons in cages between the house and garage

#### #27 — 54 Center Street

- ♦ February 1912 Fire destroyed the K.G.E. Hall on Main Street causing citizens of the borough to realize they needed fire protection
- ♦ 1913 Beginning of fire protection
- ◆ April 21, 1913 Adopted name **Eagle Fire**

Company No. 1 with hand drawn equipment

- ♦ 1916 Moved into old school house on Center Street; have been there over 90 years
- ♦ 1921 Became motorized
- ♦ 1930 Fire siren purchased
- ♦ 1951 Addition built to the fire house

- ◆ 1956 Purchased the adjoining Rhodes property
- ♦ 1973-1976 Engine room built; old engine

room remodeled to be part of hall and office

♦ Eagle Fire Company is comprised solely of volunteer members; always looking for volunteers to help with various duties including firefighters, fire police, and support for clerical and fund raising activities



- ◆ Variety store owned by Minnie and Charles Hummer occupied this space
- ♦ Building then became Mt. Wolf Post Office
- ♦ When the Post Office was relocated to its present location (Stop #45) the building later housed a laundromat and rental apartments

# #29 — 5 N. 2nd Street

- ◆ Home of Daniel Diehl; one of the many farm houses in Mount Wolf
- ♦ 1910 Mr. Diehl appointed Treasurer of the first Mount Wolf Borough Council at a salary of ten dollars per year
- ♦ Mr. Diehl was a professional craftsman in the trade of cabinet making (that included caskets)
- ◆ In later years the wall on this property became a well-known bus stop

#### #30 — 28 N. 3rd Street

- ♦ 1913 First service of Lutheran Congregation was held at the K.G.E. Hall
- ♦ 1915 Church built; named

#### St. John Lutheran

♦ Reverend George S.

Livingston was first pastor

◆ 1922 — Pastor's home built



- ◆ 1943 First pipe organ installed
- ♦ 1955 New addition dedicated
- ♦ 1962 Newly remodeled sanctuary dedicated
- ◆ 1957 Pastor Sternat named first full-time pastor

#### #31 — 6 S. 3rd Street

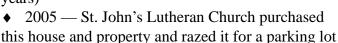
- ◆ Three-story frame building; location of B.F. Crumbling's Store and Dennis's Grocery Store
- ◆ B.F. Crumbling's Store considered a large general merchandise store in 1935
- ◆ B.F. Crumbling was a composer and lyricist. One of his songs is "Dear Mother Do Not Weep"
- ◆ 1953 Became Dennis's Grocery, owned by Helen and Claude Dennis; remodeled inside and out before opening
- ◆ 1961 Store sold; Dennises bought it back 6 months later
- ♦ 1971 Business sold to Donald Bender

#### #32 — 3 S. 3rd Street

- ♦ Home of Justice of the Peace J. Allen Melhorn
- ♦ He was sworn into office in 1948, 1954, and 1960
- ♦ Believed he would have served until 1966 as the length of the terms were 6 years
- ♦ He served as Secretary for Mount Wolf Borough Council and was a member of St. John Lutheran Church
- ◆ The wall at this location was a well-known bus stop

# #33 — 40 N. 3rd Street

- ♦ Mardella Brenneman's family home and business *Cakes by Mardella* on this spot
- ◆ 1961 Started her business at 40 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.; Mardella and her husband Carl delivered the cakes; cake decorating had been a hobby since 1955
- ♦ 1989 Moved her business to North York; retired in 2006 (after 45 years)





#### #34 - 88 N. 3rd Street

- ♦ 1958 Mrs. Peggy Davin opened a beauty shop on the back porch of Ruth Cunningham's house
- ◆ 1986 Jane Weirich moved her shop here and remained until she retired on June 18, 2010

#### #35 — 157 Chestnut Street

- ◆ Both Sakemiller's Creamery and Naylor Candies' first location in Mt. Wolf were here
- ◆ N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street from Pine street to Chestnut Street—chestnut trees planted by Ben Crumbling line the dirt road; nuts sold at Crumbling's store on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

#### #36 — 289 Chestnut Street

- ◆ Naylor Candies grew out of the back of Charlie and Anna Mae's house; now on three adjoining properties on N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street
- ♦ 1960 Became full-time business for Naylors after producing candy (butter mints) part-time
- ♦ 1965 Major expansion of the facility to keep up with growing demand; added cashew and peanut brittle to its line of butter mints
- ♦ 1970s Began producing a butter toffee coated peanuts; launched Naylor Candies into a full time snack-food business.

- ♦ 1977 Dennis Naylor, Charles and Anna Mae's son, began working with his father
- ♦ 1987 Naylor Candies introduced honey roasted nut products and expanded the butter toffee peanut process
- ♦ Since 2000 the Naylors have incorporated neighboring properties & off-site storage facility
- ◆ Naylor's Butter Mints, known as "America's Finest," are available across the country in Cracker Barrel restaurants

#### #37 — 345 Chestnut Street

- ♦ Site of Mount Wolf Borough Building
- ◆ First meeting of town council on October 10, 1910, was in the school building on Center St.
- ◆ First Councilmen were J.G. Kunkel (President), I. Park Wogan, William D. Linebaugh, Levi Melhorn, Edward B. Diehl, Jesse J. Rodes, and Charles T. Kinports — all earning a salary of \$10 per year
- ◆ George A. Wolf was chosen Chief Burgess (mayor) during the first election
- ◆ J. Allen Melhorn was appointed Secretary and Daniel Diehl, Treasurer of first Borough Council
- ♦ March 5, 1912 First borough tax levied at a rate of 4 mills; increased to 5 mills a year later
- ♦ The field adjacent to the building was known as the "cattle field" — the field had been a part of pasture land owned by Charles S. Wolf

#### #38 - 30 S. 3rd Street

- ♦ Formerly the barber shop of Charles Waltemyer, who also ran a printery
- ◆ It was said that "everybody looked the same" after a haircut
- ♦ Bruce Brothers was a good friend of Charles

#### #39 - 57 S. 3rd Street

- ◆ In this location were: (in this order of succession) Kroh's, Lindsay's, Sanger's and Van Buskirk's Store which were considered "5 and 10 cent stores"
- ◆ The stores sold cards, candy, gifts, novelties

# #40 — 91 S. 3rd Street

- ◆ July 4, 1889 First baseball game played on a makeshift diamond laid out in Henry Hoff's field,
- ◆ 1915-1958 Site of the former Mount Wolf Elementary School
- ◆ Later was the Northeastern School District Administration Building; also used for overflow classes
- ♦ Mount Wolf Borough Council also met here
- ◆ In 1980s was a daycare center; then became a home and ministry for single mothers

#### #41 — 96 S. 3rd Street

- ♦ 1945 Fries Ice Cream Shop established here, after earlier operating an ice cream shop in a garage on Maple St. between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>
- ♦ Elwood Fries and "Dinky" Krebs were partners who ran the store; sold ice cream, newspapers, and comic books

# #42 - 103 S. 2nd Street

- ◆ Was J.W. Fritz and Sons Meat Market and Grocery
- ◆ Dick Fritz was the butcher; people from the town often watched the bulls being butchered
- ◆ Dick's children included Steve, Sue, Brenda, and Becky; Steve Fritz married the daughter of Bud Grant, coach of the Vikings
- ♦ Machine shop and upholstery shop later located at this location

#### #43 — 167 S. 3rd Street

- ♦ 1817 Home built
- ♦ 1843 Hoff family purchased
- ♦ When RR came through, the Hoffs sold this property and built a home at 195 S. Main Street (Stop #21 current location of V.F.W. building) and then built a house for their children at 54 E. Maple Street (Stop #2)
- ◆ Current residence of Tom and Nancy Brenner who had the log home restored by Gerald Smeltzer in 60s



#### #44 — 106 S. 4th Street

- ♦ Home of prominent Democrat, W. Oscar Knaub who was manager of the Keystone Table Factory (located on S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St.) and the Mount Wolf Furniture Company (1 Center St.)
- ♦ Was a well-known fact that Mr. Knaub would hide coins in sand box at Mount Wolf Park for the kids to find

#### #45 — 94 S. 4th Street

◆ Current Mt. Wolf Post Office

♦ Opened in 1961

#### #46 — 69 S. 4th Street

- ♦ Former location of Dr. George S. Blymire's dentistry practice; in 1927 Dr. Blymire opened his first dental office at 41 S. Main Street (where he rented the back room in a house that was one of the first having running water)
- ◆ 1928 Dr. George Blymire, Sr. and Grace Conway were married here.
- ◆ Dr. Blymire continued his dental practice in this home; he used the front room as a waiting room until 1931

#### #47 - 42 S. 4th Street

- ◆ Minnie Burger's Beauty Parlor was once here; she was the daughter of Elizabeth Rodes of New Holland (Saginaw)
- ◆ One of Elizabeth Rodes' nieces—Anna Krebs—married Reuben O. Willman (one of founders of York Container Company)

#### #48 — 388 Center Street

- ◆ Home of Charles H. (of Union National Bank)
   & Edna Krebs. The bank was located at Main and Maple Streets
- ◆ Large sycamore trees were dug on the banks of Gut Road, Saginaw, and planted by Howard Seitz approximately 80 years ago in the first block of N. 4<sup>th</sup> St. and the corner of Center & 4<sup>th</sup> Sts.

#### #49 — 33 N. 4th Street

- ◆ Current location of Dietz-Nauman Inc.—family business since 1959
- ◆ Rear of this property was part of Chester (Jim) Knudsen's business of moving and storage; Mr. Knudsen delivered furniture for Keystone Table Company to NYC
- ◆ In the summer Mr. Knudsen would bring truck loads of watermelons from the Carolinas to sell in York County; also in the coal business

#### #50 — 411 Center Street

- ♦ 1939 Built by William J. and Ruth Knudsen
- ♦ 1939 to 1975 Ice and milk (Knudsen's Ice and Dairy Products) and coal businesses were located on this property

◆ Flo Garman's T-Shirt Shop is here; Flo removed cork and tar walls from the cold storage area

#### #51 — 412 Center Street

- ♦ 1935 House built; was residence of Gordon and Lena Seitz
- ◆ Gordon Seitz was Treasurer of Mount Wolf Borough Council for 31 years 1946-1977
- ◆ He was a partner, with brother Dick, in Seitz Bros. Grocery Store
- ♦ Gordon Seitz played center-field for Mount Wolf's baseball team in the 20s and 30s
- ♦ This residence was known to hobos as a home where the family would feed them if they went to the back door. (Another location known to the hobos were 76 Main Street across from the funeral home)

#### #52 — 466 Center Street

- ♦ Both Strayer's (operated for many years by Henry Strayer) & Nace's Garage (by Tom Nace) were here
- ◆ Garage is on Center Street between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sts.
- ♦ Current property owner is Dietz-Nauman

# #53 — 421 Center Street

- ♦ 1954 Elwood Fries's Restaurant and Drug Store built here (earlier operated an ice cream shop in a garage on Maple St. between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sts.
- ♦ Restaurant catered to the lunchtime crowd of local factories and the elementary school; known as "Fats"
- ♦ 1962 Mr. Fries added a pharmacy when his daughter, Beverly, finished her pharmacy training; due to competition, the pharmacy lasted only two years
- ◆ Mr. Fries left peach baskets sitting outside for kids to sit upon and read comic books
- ◆ Became a popular evening gathering place for young and old alike
- ♦ Mama Vito's occupied this building for 21 years; this was a family-owned business that hired many of Mount Wolf's youth
- ♦ Now is Marcello's Pizza

#### #54 — 44 N. 5th Street

- ♦ Location of Northeastern Medical Center
- ♦ Built circa 1963 providing services such as house calls, minor surgery, delivery of babies, repair of simple fractures, and dispensed medications
- ♦ 1986 Dr. Lewis Herrold retired after 50 year service to the community
- ◆ 1990 Dr. Warren Herrold retired after 40 years
- ♦ Other doctors in the practice are/have been

Dr. Bobin 1982-2000 Dr. Gibble 1984-present Dr. Due 1988-present

#### #55 — 12 S. 5th Street

- ♦ 1946 2002 location of Miller Electric
- ♦ It had one of the first color TVs in the area—could be viewed from the front windows

#### #56 — 21 N. 5th Street

- ♦ Formerly Ehrhart Hobby Shop (Rear)
- ♦ Mr. Ehrhart sold model airplanes, trucks, and cars (put together with glue) and motors to fly the planes; there were no remotes so individuals tied string to airplane and flew them at the ball field
- ♦ Mr. Ehrhart also was a rural route mail carrier

#### #57 — 67 S. 5th Street

- ♦ 1956-1965 Location of Boll's Sporting Goods & Gun Shop
- ◆ 1967-1982 Lois Boll's Beauty Shop here

#### **#58** — **541** Maple Street

- ♦ Formerly Frick's Restaurant and Barton's Bakery and Restaurant
- ♦ 1947 Esther and Jim Barton started baking in their garage at 617 Center Street with the family delivering pies and donuts locally
- ♦ 1950 Bartons purchased this site from Bernard Frick
- ♦ 1951 put on an addition and opened a restaurant, ice cream shop, and bakery while continuing to make deliveries

- ♦ 1955 second expansion took place
- ♦ Barton's Restaurant was popular with the junior high crowd had a juke box and pinball machines
- ♦ 1983 Business sold to Rutter's

◆ 1989 — Hal and Pat Prowell reopened the bakery; they retired in 2000



#### #59 - 98 S. 6th Street

- ♦ 1947 Mount Wolf Movie Theater built by Charles Mohr, Sr.
- ◆ Theater owned and operated by Mark Rubinsky, of Harrisburg, PA
- 1948 Junior Aughenbaugh hired as Manager.
- ♦ 1955 Junior bought the theater for \$20,000; adult tickets cost 35 cents and children's tickets cost 15 cents
- ♦ 1957 Borough Council gave approval for a ballot question about Sunday showings (provided movies were only shown after 2 PM, so as to not interfere with church activities); voters okayed

- ♦ 1983 Theater sold and reopened as The Mt. Wolf Gospel Arts Theatre
- ◆ The last movie shown was *E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial*
- ◆ Jan 1, 2004 Theater officially closed
- ♦ The building is now Mt. Wolf Community Church which held its first official service on January 10, 2004



# #60 — 6th and Maple Streets

- Present-day Mount Wolf Elementary School
- ◆ Originally was Northeastern Junior High (built in 1930)
- ♦ 1950 Wing added to the original structure
- ♦ 1992 School closed for remodeling
- ♦ 1992 Building cornerstone (from June 15, 1930) was opened; contents included American flag, a Bible, card with money, donated photos
- ◆ Cornerstone was reset with the original artifacts plus elementary handbook, T-shirt, PTO program, Northeastern School District *Highlights*, invitation to a reunion, book (*History of Mount Wolf Borough*), plate, and a floppy disk

#### #61 - 55 S. 6th Street

- ♦ 1962-2001 Location of Garling's School of Dance
- ◆ Founded to inspire, encourage, and foster love of dance through positive feedback and challenge

#### #62 — 12 S. 8th Street

- ♦ Residence of Richard K. (Dick) Seitz, who built this mid-20th century home
- ◆ Dick was the brother of Gordon Seitz; together they owned and operated Seitz Bros. Store (Stop # 24) circa 1932-1954
- ◆ Point of interest in the office at the rear of the store was the mounted head of a moose that was shot by Dick Seitz

#### #63 — 51 S. 8th Street

- ◆ Was home of Reuben O. Willman; he came to Mount Wolf through employment with the Superior Products Company
- ◆ Mr. Willman, along with Charles S. Wolf and Robert Warren, founded York Container Company—manufacturer of corrugated products, employing a large number of Mount Wolf residents

#### #64 - 87 S. 8th Street

- ♦ Home of John D. & the late Kathryn Wolf Zimmerman
- ◆ John Zimmerman retired from the Wolf Corporation
- ◆ Kathryn Wolf Zimmerman is the sister of William T. and daughter of Earle Wolf and a

#### #65 — 117 S. 8th Street

- ♦ William and Cornie Wolf's home
- ♦ William T. Wolf is the son of Earle Wolf and a descendent of the town's fathers and founders of the Wolf companies
- ◆ He is also the brother of Kathryn Wolf Zimmerman
- ◆ William T. Wolf retired from Wolf Supply Company

#### #66 — 145 S. 8th Street

- ◆ This is the former home of John and Jesse Wolf Sherrill
- ◆ Mrs. Jesse Wolf Sherrill was the sister of Charles S. Wolf and daughter of Charles B. Wolf (Stop #4), a descendent of the town's fathers and founders of the Wolf companies

#### #67 — 189 S. 8th Street

- ◆ Former residence of the late Charles S. and Phyllis Wolf
- ◆ Charles S. Wolf, cofounder of York Container, served as its CEO and Chairman of the Board; also president of Forge Hill Farms
- ♦ He was the brother of Jesse Wolf Sherrill (Stop #66) and a descendent of the town's fathers and founders of the Wolf companies

# #68 — 264 S. 6th Street

- ◆ April 14, 1973 Arlene and Richard Raffensberger opened a flower shop here
- ◆ October 18, 1978 Moved their shop to North York
- ◆ September 1991 Raffensbergers sold their business to Chas. A. Schaefer Flowers