

AUMSVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Aumsville Historical Society met on Thursday, June 13th. President Ted Shepard presided. Summer events were discussed. On August 10th AHS will observe the tenth anniversary of the museum's opening. A little something special is being planned. The newest business member is Aumsville's Peace of Mind Wellness Center owner, Karen Van Acker. Thanks to Dennis Richards for the donation of many print items which had belonged to his aunt Grace Richards. Included are copies of the Bethel Baptist Beacon from 1981 and '2. These newsletters were mailed to parishioners. There are also some cook books published by organizations such as the YMCA and ever so many recipes clipped from newspapers.

Wayne Herring came to the museum to see the AHS bottle collection and provided information about certain ones. He has been collecting bottles since he was a youngster and has about 4000 of them. He has a Klass bottle. Local resident Henry Klass marketed a patent medicine for a variety of ailments. AHS does not have a Klass bottle, just a picture of one from an advertisement. There was an inquiry on the AHS website regarding the religious persuasion of the Donker family. Over the years they participated in various Aumsville church groups. Daughter Renske taught Sunday School for a long time. The family members are buried in Aumsville Cemetery. There is scripture on each of their tombstones. The last to pass on were Gerben and Gilbert, who died when the family home burned in 1979. The newspaper quoted a local resident, who declared that they were "good old Christian fellows".

AHS does not meet during the summer. The next meeting will be held on October 10th. In the meantime, the museum is open from 11 to 2 pm on Saturdays. Visits by appointment can be arranged. Please call Ted Shepard 503-749-2744 or Karlene Santibanez 503-749-2585.