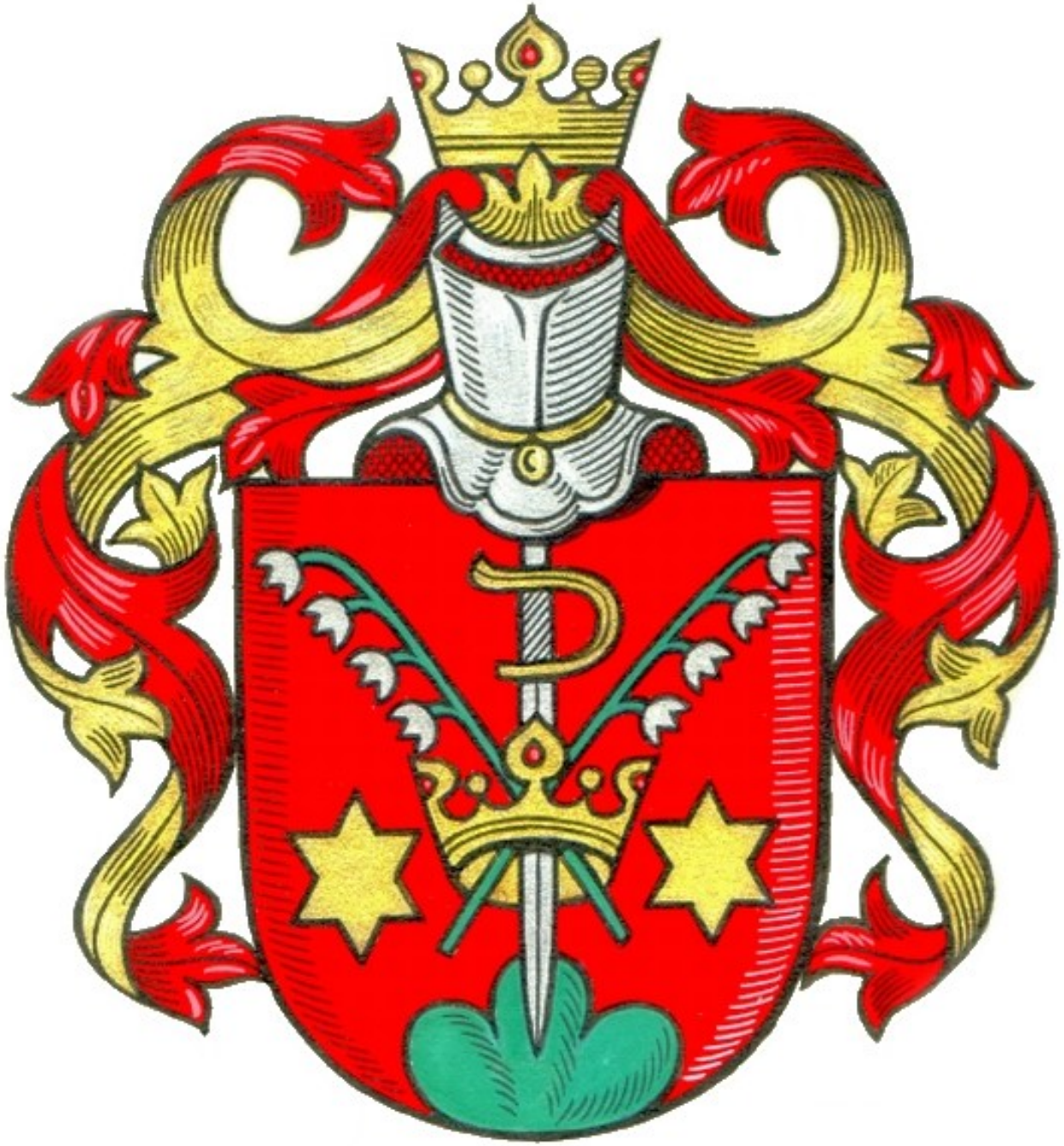
Honoring Dr. Charles H. Glatfelter

For the celebration of his 100th birthday



Dr. Charles H. Glatfelter

To the outside world, Dr. Charles H. Glatfelter was best known as a history professor at Gettysburg College, Executive Director of the Adams County Historical Society, an author and historian.

To the Glattfelders, he was best known as one of us and a driving force in the Casper Glattfelder Association for more than 60 years. It was his dedication to the preservation of our family heritage that we are still here today enjoying this Reunion.





Dr. Charles, the early years

Charles Henry Glatfelter was born on May 11,1924, in Glen Rock, York County, a son of E. Pauline Glatfelter Krout and stepson of Chauncey N. Krout.

He grew up in a three-story apartment building on Hanover Street owned by his grandparents, C. Harry and Cora Geesey Glatfelter.

The building was a few doors down from Zion Lutheran Church where the family worshipped.

Dr. Charles, the early years

The Hanover Street building housed Charles' grandfather's business, Glatfelter's Restaurant and Ice Cream Co., and apartments for Pauline, her sisters, Lulua and Amy, and their families.

Dr. Charles' first job was scooping ice cream. He remembered riding in his grandfather's truck delivering hundreds of gallons to family reunions across York County.

He attended his first Glattfelder reunion in 1932; "I know of one missed since," he said.

"I owe a lot to my grandfather, who was a director for 18 years," Dr. Charles said. "He encouraged me in many ways – he had a third-grade education and was most responsible for my having a college one."



Dr. Charles' education

He graduated from Glen Rock High School in 1941 and faithfully attended his class reunions.

Perhaps the only test he ever flunked was the physical to enlist in WW II. He credited his long life to the early diagnosis of a condition that he could successfully manage with medication.

Charles graduated from Gettysburg College in 1946 and received his Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University in 1952.



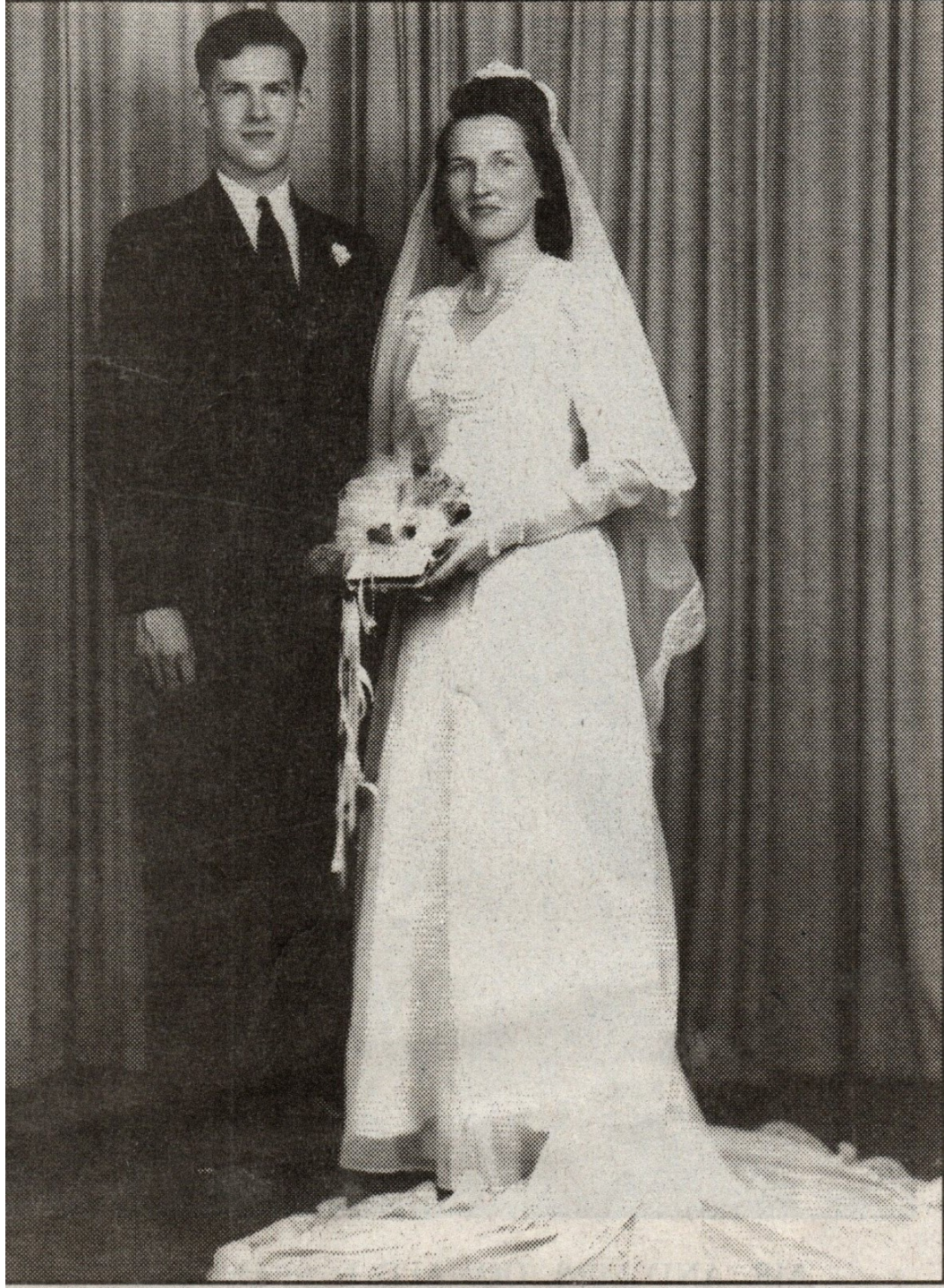
Family

While Dr. Charles was still in school, a restaurant patron asked if he'd like a job at Glen Rock State Bank. It was there he met the love of his life, Miriam Krebs.

They married in 1947 and later moved to Gettysburg to be close to the college where he was teaching.

They raised two children there, a daughter, Christina E. Glatfelter, and a son, Philip H. Glatfelter.

Both are board members and here today.





Remembrances from Charles' daughter, Chris Glatfelter

Chris is a member of the board and has been involved with the Association for many years.

She is a native of Adams County who has spent her life in the arts, first as a theater director, writer and producer, and for 27 years as a guiding force and executive director of the Adams County Arts Council.

Dr. Charles' teaching years

He was a member of the faculty of Gettysburg College from 1949 until 1989. He served as Dean of the College and Chairman of the History Department, and was a Franklin Professor of History.

Charles received the Lindback Foundation Award for Distinguished Teaching in 1987 and authored a comprehensive history of the college, "A Salutary Influence: Gettysburg College, 1832-1985 2 vols." in 1987.

He also was a past President and Secretary of the Iota Chapter of Pennsylvania, Phi Beta Kappa.



Joe Lynch’s remembrances of Dr. Charles

Joe Lynch, alumni director at Gettysburg College who has a history degree from the college, described Glatfelter as a “demanding professor” who had earned the respect of the students.

"If there were a Mount Rushmore of iconic Gettysburg College faculty, he'd be one of the figures on that mountain. He was an iconic presence there."

Lynch remembered the professor's measured cadence, his wry sense of humor and his astonishing command of history.



Dr. Charles' college archives

His papers as well as an oral history interview, conducted by his successor in the History Department, Dr. Michael Birkner, can be found at the Musselman Library Special Collections & Archives at Gettysburg College.

There, a research internship was established in his honor.



Dr. Charles in the community and beyond

Dr. Charles was volunteer Executive Director of the Adams County Historical Society from 1959 to 2001 and previously served on its board and as board chair. The county commissioners appointed him official Adams County Historian in 2001.

His other service included:

Pennsylvania Historical Society

Pennsylvania German Society

Board of Theological Education, Lutheran Church in America



Dr. Charles H. Glatfelter Research Room and Archives

Dr. Charles did not live to see the Adams County Historical Society open its beautiful new state of the art facility and Beyond the Battle Museum last year. He would have been astonished and thrilled that his protégé, Executive Director Andrew Dalton, raised more than 12 million dollars to preserve Adams County's treasured past.

Named in his memory, there the Dr. Charles H. Glatfelter Research Room is Gettysburg's preeminent archival research facility.



Dr. Charles' works

Dr. Charles' many works, most of which concentrate on Adams and York Counties, local, and college history, include:

- A Brief History of Glen Rock, York County, Pennsylvania.
- Salute This Happy Morn: A History of the Glen Rock Carol Singers
- Ludwig Krebs of Codorus Township, Yeoman: A History
- The Pennsylvania Germans: A Brief Account on their Influence on Pennsylvania.
- Yonder Beautiful and Stately College Edifice: A History of Pennsylvania Hall (Old Dorm).
- Gettysburg, Pennsylvania: A Brief History.
- The Churches of Adams County, Pennsylvania: A Brief Review ad

Jim McClure

Jim McClure is a retired editor of the York Daily Record & Atlantic Region editor of the USA Today Network.

He holds a master’s degree in American Studies from Penn State Harrisburg, where his research focused on York County journalism history.

He is the author or co-author of 10 books on York County history.

McClure received the Pennsylvania NewsMedia Association's Ben Franklin Award for Excellence in 2013 and the Pennsylvania Newspaper Foundation’s John Fisher Internet Vision Award in 2010.



Jim McClure’s remembrances of Dr. Charles

Former editor for the York Daily Record, Jim McClure wrote, “I am always glad to see an envelope from Dr. Glatfelter in the mail. There’s always a bit of suspense because he reads my York Sunday News column and occasionally offers a critique which is always gentle and always on point.

“But I must say that the biggest thrill in receiving letters from the distinguished and erudite Dr. Glatfelter, professor emeritus of history at Gettysburg College, is his kind signature: 'Charlie.’

“In my conversations and correspondence with him -- which were just about every other month for many years -- I never could bring myself to call him ‘Charlie.’

“It was always Dr. Glatfelter, and Dr. Glatfelter it will always be.”



Remembrances from Charles' son, Philip H. Glatfelter

Dr. Charles' son is a Board member of the Association. He serves on the Historical Committee and, like his dad, is deep into the history of the clan. He was responsible for publishing "Harry I. Gladfelter's Journal" last year.

By trade, Phil was a newspaper guy, having served as sports editor at several papers in southcentral Pennsylvania.



The Brick Patio

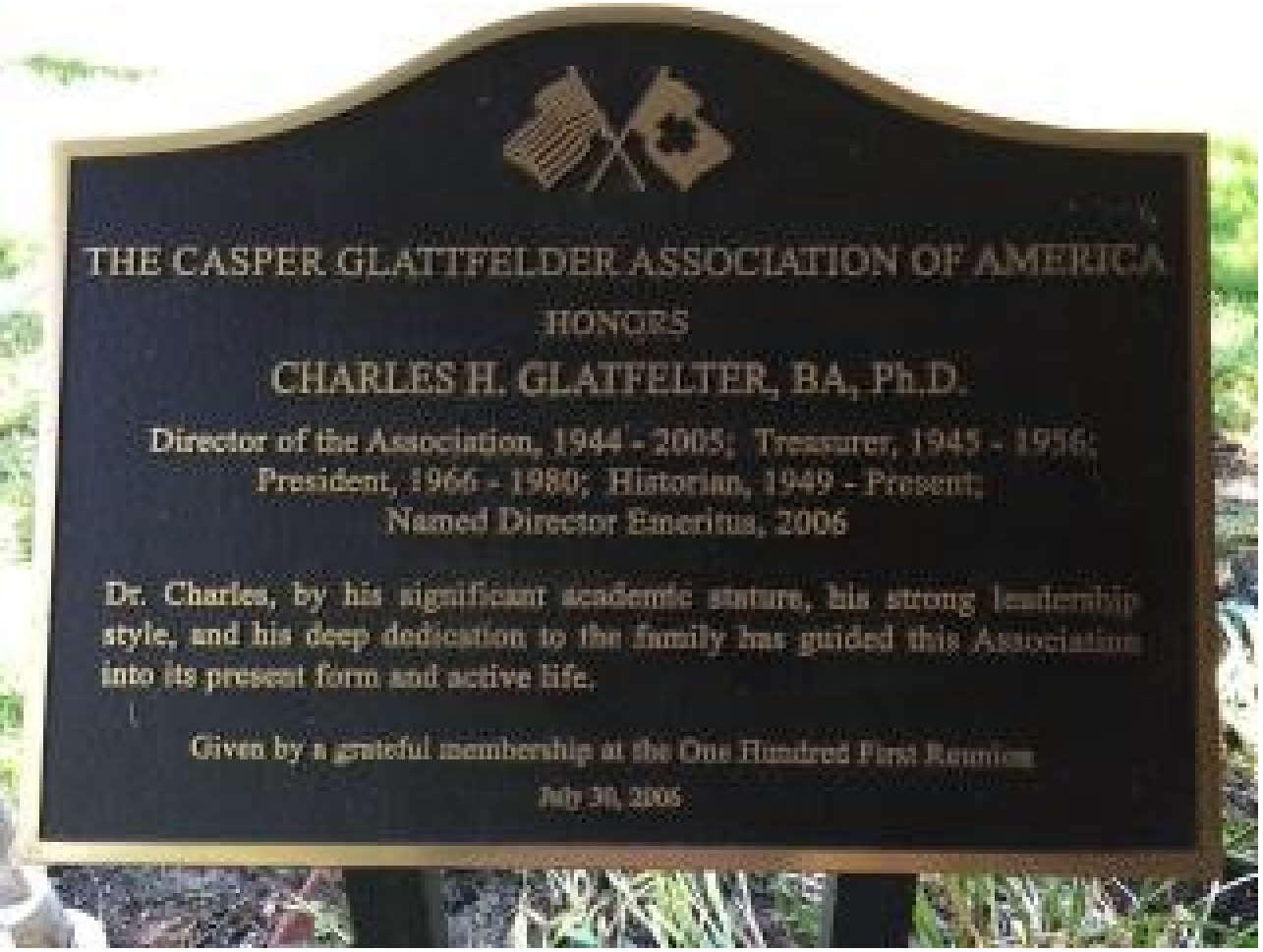
At the suggestion of Mrs. Bonnie J. Glotfelty, Lakeland, Florida, in 1991 the Casper Glattfelder Association of America began a brick patio project at Heimwald Park. The original patio was located at the east end of the pavilion. In 2007, an expansion was added to the north side. Today, the patio consists of nearly 5,000 bricks, with 1,330 of them inscribed.



June Lloyd's remembrances of Dr. Charles

June Lloyd is Librarian Emerita at the York County History Center. She has set out to connect just about everything in the world to York County History.

Combining formal degrees in history and American studies with York County roots going back to pre-Revolutionary times, no part of our rich local heritage escapes her interest.



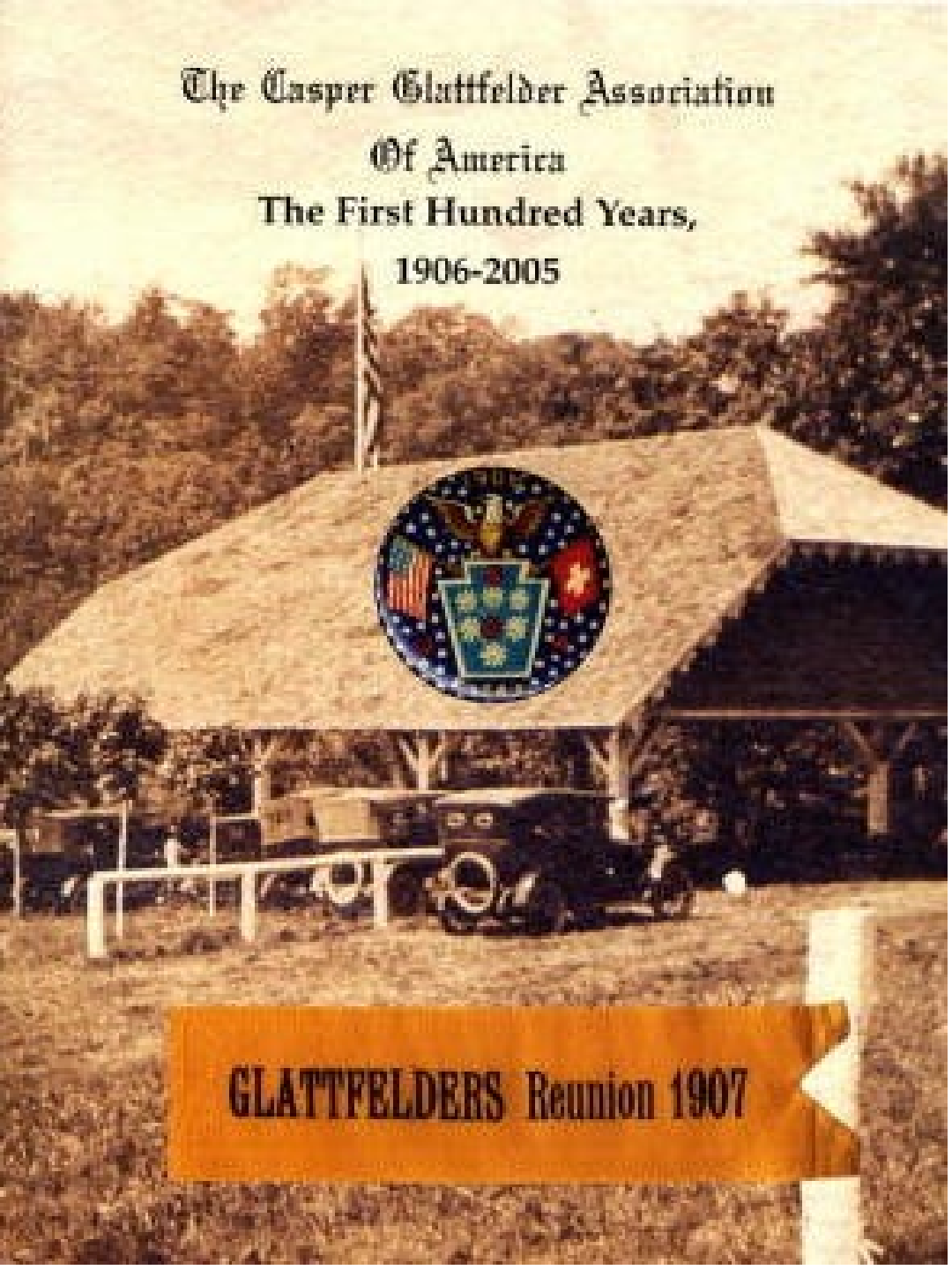
Dr. Charles and the Casper Glattfelder Association

In 1944, at age 20, Dr. Charles joined the Board of Directors. At that young age, both he and his fellow directors probably had little idea what impact he would have on the Association.

Over the next 60-plus years, he served as the Association Treasurer from 1945 to 1956, President from 1966 to 1980, but most importantly, its Historian from 1949 to 2006.

The plaque in his honor here at Heimwald Park states “by his significant academic stature, his strong leadership style, and his deep dedication to the family has guided this Association into its present form and active life.”

While many have served as Directors of the Association and made their own contributions, it’s hard to determine where the Association might be had Dr. Charles not been a member.



Dr. Charles' publications on the Glattfelder family

Much of what has been written about our family can be attributed to Dr. Charles. His treatment of each of Casper's sons can be found on our website and is must reading to understand our family's early settlement in colonial America.

How our Reunions were started and established is a good read and informative.

There are many more writings to be explored.

Remembrances from Jean Robinson

Jean Robinson is a Director and a member of the Historical Committee.

You may recall her interesting programs on “Glattfelders in WWI” and “Glattfelders in WWII” that she presented at the 2014 and 2015 reunions.

She is an avid student of our family history!

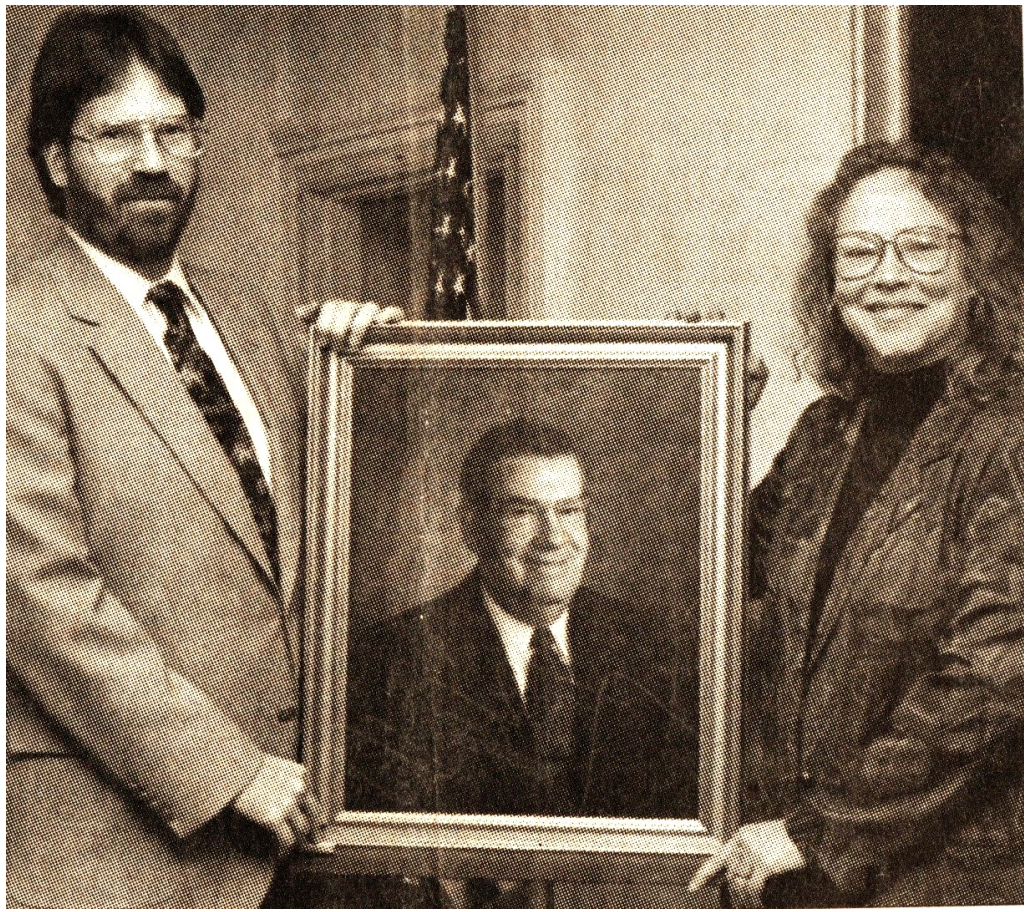


Dr. Charles H. Glatfelter Scholarship Fund

Established by Chris, Philip, and the Casper Glattfelder Association of America this fund offers scholarships to descendants of Casper, who arrived in America in 1743 and settled here in York County.

Through the Adams County Community Foundation, candidates are identified and students that meet the requirements with certification of lineal descendancy are awarded college scholarships.

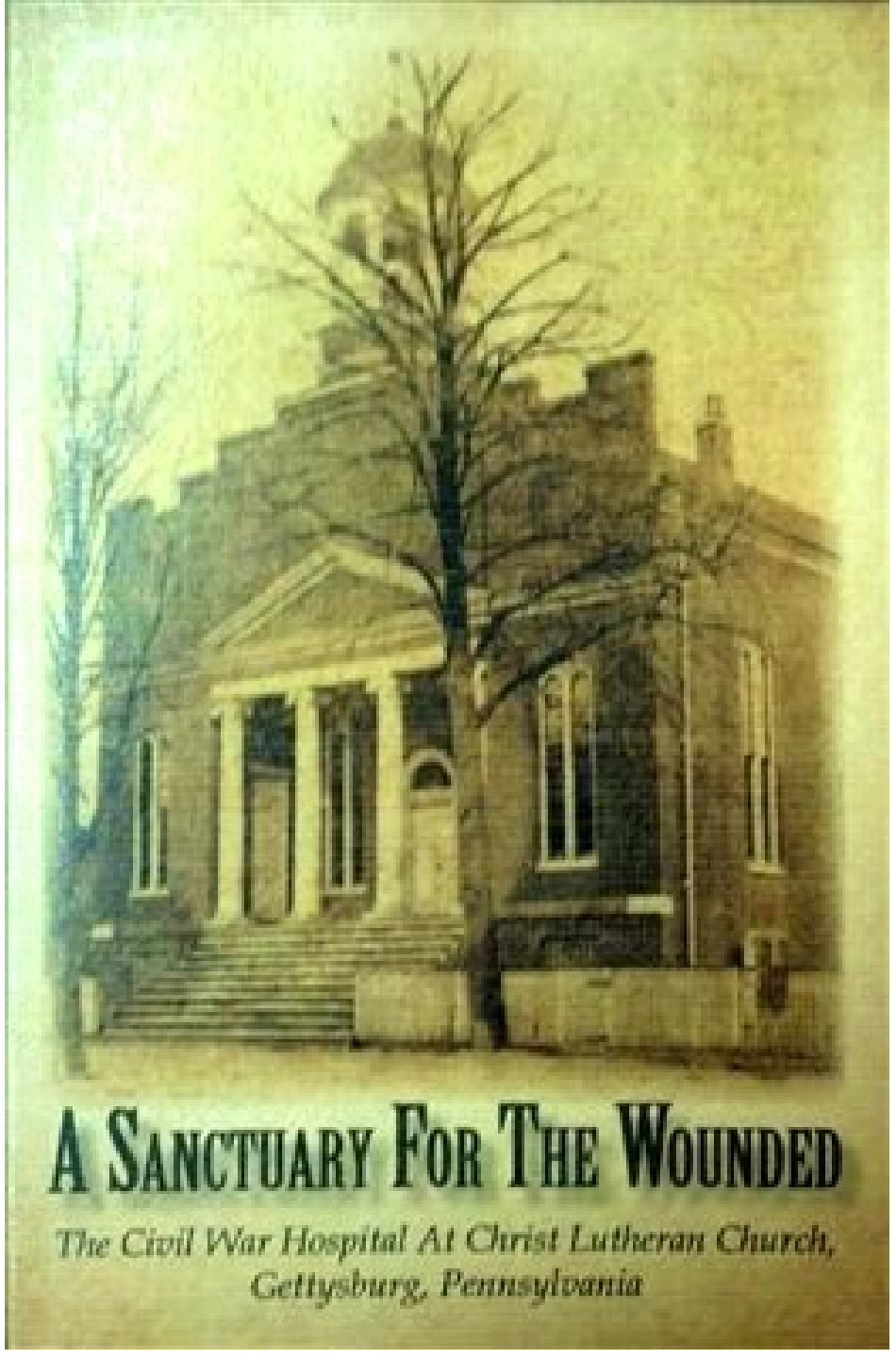
The fund has been in existence since 2018.



Dr. Charles and his church

Dr. Charles was a long-time member of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Gettysburg, established in 1836. During the Civil War, it served as a hospital for the wounded from the battle.

His two-volume doctoral thesis, Pastors and People: German Lutheran Reformed Churches in the Pennsylvania Field, was published in 1980.





Remembrances from Dr. Charles' pastor, the Rev. Stephen R. Herr

Pastor Stephen R. Herr became pastor at Gettysburg's Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in 1999. He had been a student of Dr. Charles at Gettysburg College and, as pastor, they became fast friends.

Pastor Herr officiated at Dr. Charles' funeral held at Christ Lutheran.

Rev. Stephen R. Herr remembrances of Dr. Charles

I met Dr. Glatfelter in the fall of 1986 when I arrived on the second floor of Weidensall Hall on the campus of Gettysburg College to take History 300, Historical Methods. This was a famed college course long considered one of the most challenging courses at the college.

After surviving that, I sought to enroll in his classes whenever I could. He was a wonderful teacher, challenging, provocative and caring. Several memories have lingered over the years … of walking in snow to his house on Apple Avenue one evening in December to deliver a history paper on time, and being invited in and Miriam offering refreshments. And of the time when at a Fortenbaugh Lecture I introduced him to my father and he promptly pulled out his attendance book from his jacket pocket and listed the days I had missed class. And finally, the time I arrived at his office at 7:00 one evening for a review of my senior seminar paper. I had allotted an hour for the visit and when he began the session with his red pen going word by word, line by line, punctuation after punctation, I began to realize I was going to be there much longer than expected. Three hours later, I emerged exhausted and most humbled, and yet those three hours helped my writing immensely. I, like so many other students, was blessed by his scholarship, attention to detail and commitment to the study of history.

It was an honor to serve as his pastor for the last 14 years of his life. He was fond of reminding me of the Glatfelter heritage from Switzerland and often said that if there were a Swiss Reformed Church in America, he would be its president.

I recall this wonderful fondness touring Lutheran heritage sites in Germany with him and Miriam in 1992 and of his need to correct the librarian at the Woffenbuttel University Library for a mistake he found on the labelling of one of their maps. The ensuing debate was priceless.

Whether it was on campus, at church, at the Adams County Historical Society or in the living room at 36 Apple Avenue, he was a consummate historian, mentor and friend.

Dr. Charles H. Glatfelter
1924 - 2013

Dr. Charles died Wednesday, February 6, 2013, at his home following a brief illness at the age of 88.

He was interred at Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery, in Glen Rock.



