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## Kaufman Park In The 1950's



The pictures show the park when there were sliding boards, seesaws, a merry-go-round and pavilions. The two gentlemen examining the drawing were Dr. Herbert Beck and Miles Keiffer, both deeply interested in the welfare of Kaufman Park. They were studying the planned re-routing of Route 72 south of Manheim and how it might affect the park. The pictures are dated 1954.

Before the Rt. 72 change, the traffic flowed past a very popular business location. The business was "Earhart's Milk Bar", later to become "Jack's Snack Bar". Mr. Earhart's brother-in-law was Jack

Bigler and he bought the milk bar and continued the business for a few years. It was a great place for food and fun. The basement area provided a jukebox, a pinball machine and ping-pong tables for entertainment. Many hayrides made the milk bar one of their destinations. The Milk Bar had a special ice cream treat, a **Pig's Dinner Sundae**. The sundae was served in a paper insert placed in a wooden dish in the form of a farm feed trough. If you were able to accomplish the challenge of eating all of the large banana split with four dips of ice cream and its many toppings, you received the pin that you see here.



## Help•Manheim•Build•A•Mountain•Of•Scrap

The above picture shows what could be seen from time-to-time on Market Square during World War II. The scrap drive was in support of the war effort. All kinds of metal scrap was placed at the sign that read "Official Salvage Depot", even a bulldozer. Dick Graybill, nephew of photographer George Graybill, donated the photograph to HMPF.

## **H. W. Stiegel's Vast Land Holdings**

Based on the research by Jacob Hill Byrne, as published in **Vol. XXXIX-No 1, Papers Read before The Lancaster County Historical Society, 1935**, Henry William Stiegel's land holdings in 1768 were remarkable, since all were acquired over a period of ten years. Mr. Byrne found that the earliest record of Henry William having a property recorded was May, 1758. It was in March of 1768, ten years later, that Henry William Stiegel gave a mortgage to Daniel Benezet, a Philadelphia merchant, and Henry William's holdings at that time, in part and whole, were as listed below. Mr. Byrne states that the mortgage probably covered everything that Stiegel owned. He also stated: "To have owned anything more, would, indeed have been astonishing".

### **March 1768**

#### **All his undivided one-third part of the tracts of land hereinafter described:**

- Furnace known by the name of Elizabeth, and two tracts of land, totaling 500 acres
- Nineteen tracts of land in Elizabeth Township, totaling 6,254.5 acres
- Twelve tracts of land in Elizabeth Township, partly surveyed or to be surveyed, totaling 550 acres
- Tract of land in Lebanon Township whereon is an iron mine, totaling 134 acres
- Tract of land in Heidelberg, totaling 140 acres
- Woodland in Cocalico and Elizabeth Townships, totaling 1320 acres
- Nine tracts of land in Lebanon and Warwick Townships, partially surveyed, totaling 1200 acres
- Undivided one-half of forge, called Charming Forge, sawmill and tract of land in Tulpehocken Township, Berks County, totaling 88 acres
- Tract of land in Tulpehocken Township, totaling 70 acres
- Woodland in Tulpehocken and Heidelberg Townships, totaling 400 acres
- Woodland in Heidelberg Township, totaling 260 acres
- Four tracts of land in Bethel Township, Berks County, totaling 700 acres
- Twelve tracts of land partly surveyed in Bethel Township, totaling 1,050 acres

- Undivided one-third part of and in the town of Manheim, and outlots adjacent thereto, in Rapho Township (laid out on part of a tract of land which Isaac Norris, late of Fairhill, in the county of Philadelphia, and Mary Norris, his daughter, by deed of February 17, 1762, granted to Charles and Alexander Stedman; and said Charles Stedman and wife, and Alexander Stedman and wife, by deed of September 20th, next, granted an undivided one-third part of the said tract of land to Henry William Stiegel); and an undivided one-third part of all yearly rent charges which now are issuing out of the several lots granted to the several purchasers thereof.

- Six outlots in the town of Manheim, totaling 47 acres
- Outlot, No 29, containing ten acres, which Charles Stedman and wife and Alexander Stedman and wife, and Henry William Stiegel and wife, by deed of September 13, 1863, granted to Anthony Stiegel; and said Anthony Stiegel, by deed poll endorsed on said deed, granted same to Henry William Stiegel.
- Henry William Stiegel's glass house and other buildings and six contiguous lots of ground in town of Manheim, lots Nos. 79, 80, 81, 82, 83 and 84
- Four lots of ground in the town of Manheim, lots Nos. 19, 20, 21, 22
- Public inn or tavern commonly called or known by the name of "The King of Prussia"; and two town lots of ground in said town of Manheim, Nos. 5 & 6
- Also one large brick messuage (dwelling house) and lot of ground, No. 279 on plan of said town.

#### **Footnote:**

Mr. Byrne started his article with remarks on how careful, prudent, cautious, conservative and thrifty the majority of the German people coming to America in the 17th and 18th century were. He also expresses his opinion concerning the effect of unlimited opportunities in the American colonies had on young Henry William Stiegel, a conservative German.

We have a copy of Vol. XXXIX-No 1, Papers Read before The Lancaster County Historical Society in our Ensminger Library Room, for those who would like to read the full article, which includes a more detailed description of what each recorded tract description included.