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Richboro Nike Missile Base Receives Pennsylvania State Historic Marker

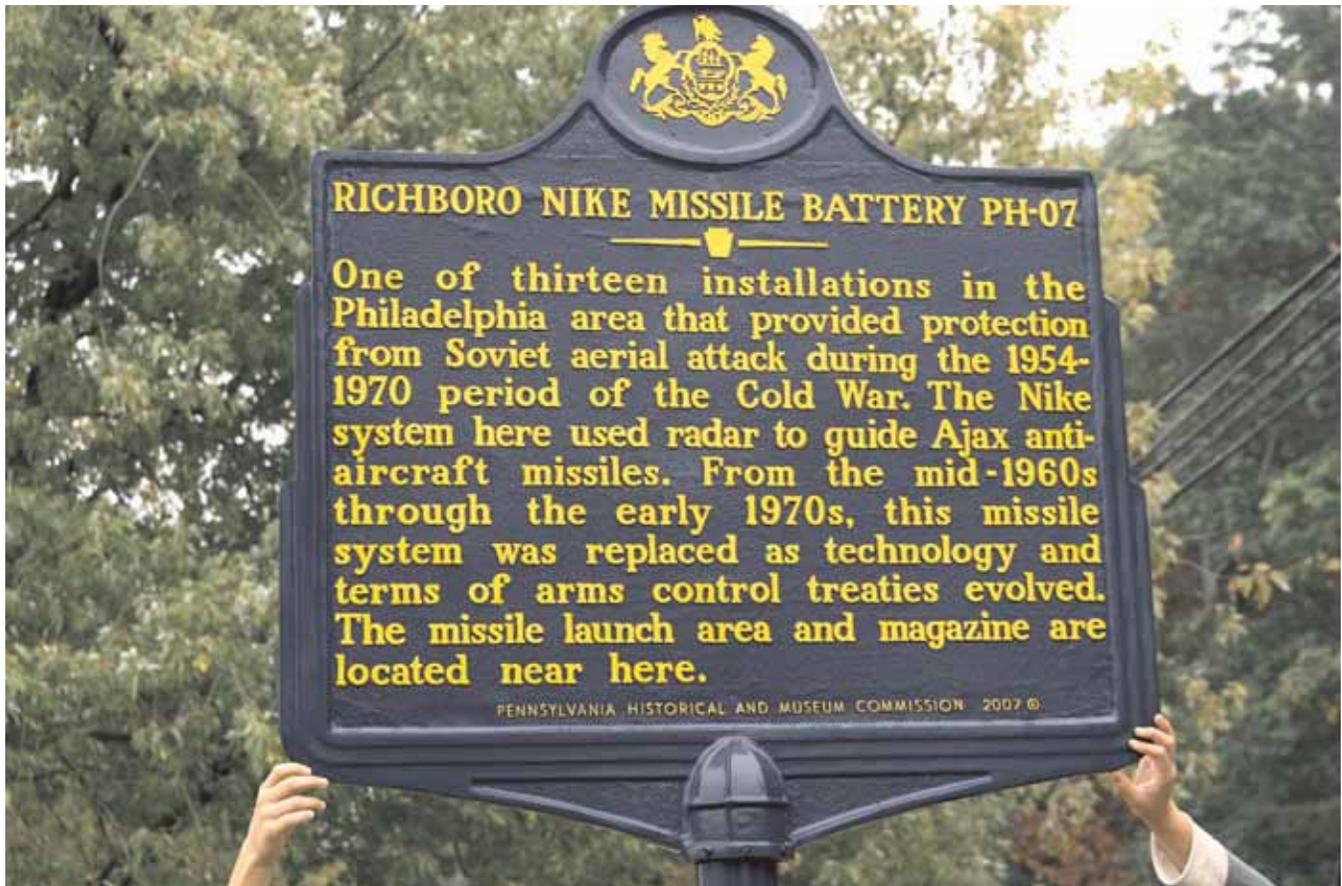


By Doug Crompton

On Friday, October 5, 2007 a Pennsylvania historic marker was dedicated marking the former site of the Richboro Nike Base PH-07. This was the first state historic maker to be dedicated in Northampton Township and the only dedication in Bucks County this year.

The marker is located on route 332, Richboro-Newtown Road, at the Northampton Township Recreation Center. The ceremony started at 10 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of "God Bless America" by the preschool children from the recreation center. After making a few opening words I introduced State Representative Scott Petri, who commented on behalf of the Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission. Representative Petri then introduced Larry

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NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's autumn and as per usual we are touring the sunny south. This is our first trip to Wilmington, North Carolina and it's history goes back to Giovanni da Verrazano who sailed for the King of France and who set anchor near the mouth of the Cape Fear River in 1524.

Later both Spain and the British came to explore the area. The British were more successful and in 1629, the Cape Fear area was incorporated as the Province of Carolina.

In 1765, one of the American colonies first successful armed resistance to the British imposed Stamp Act took place in Wilmington. By 1781 British forces occupied the city. Late in that year, Lord Cornwallis arrived to lead the British to – where they were defeated.

My husband and I visited Fort Fisher museum. In 1864 the port of Wilmington was the only Confederate port that remained open. When Fort Fisher fell to the Union forces the city became occupied, supplies were cut off, and the Confederacy was defeated.

We will be having our Fred Holzworth dinner again this year. Fred was an avid student of the Civil War and our guest speaker is from the Civil War Roundtable in Doylestown.

When you visit these historic sites history comes alive. I hope to see you at the dinner where you can learn more about the Civil War or as it is known down here as “the war of northern aggression” or “the war of late unpleasantness.”

Please take a moment to remember all of our veterans on Veterans Day, November 11. Remember too – Historic Preservation, the Ultimate Recycling!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your Calendar

**NTHS Dinner Meeting
Wednesday November 14th,
6:00 PM**

Annual Fred Holzworth Dinner
Spring Mill Manor, Ivyland

Advance Reservations Required and now CLOSED
After dinner General Meeting open to the public
at 7:30 PM

MERCER MUSEUM

Pine and Ashland Streets, Doylestown, PA (215) 345-0210 Hours: Mon.-Sat. 10-5, Sun. Noon-5, Tues. until 9 Admission: \$6, \$5.50 seniors, \$2.50 Ages 6-17, Free to members and children under 6

November 26 - December 2
Membership Appreciation Week
Mercer Museum Shop

December 1 thru January 2
Winter Wonderland:
Holiday Decorations at Fonthill

Sunday, December 9
Holiday Family Open House
Noon- 4 PM - Fonthill and Moravian Pottery & Tile

Tuesday, December 11
Mercer Museum Holiday Open House
7-9 PM

Saturday, December 15
Fonthill Holiday Lights
6:30 - 9:30 PM - (6:30 - 8:30 arrival times)

Did you know?

The entire collection of HISTORIA's (over 14 years) are available online and in color. Check it out at:
www.northamptontownshiphistoricalsociety.org

We need your input! Please consider writing and submitting an article for the HISTORIA. Your stories, reminisces, and photos about “Northampton the way it use to be” are always welcome. Contact the editor listed on the last page of this HISTORIA.

Congratulations to the following NTTHS members that gave above and beyond their normal membership dues in 2007.

- NTTHS Circle** - Doug Crompton, Lois Craven Ferguson
- Patron** - Roy and Gail Reinard
- Sponsor** - Elinor Crompton, Bud and Dotty Davis, Margaret and Lewis Hull, Nancy Turner
- Sustaining** - Jim and Larice Burt, Kathryn Ciaverelli, Childrens Cultural Center, Christine and Joseph Fluehr, Jim and Joan Kinney, Richard Noe, Louis Leitenberger III, Janet and Kurt Nelson, Virginia Smith, Fred Stewart, Steven Rovner, Nancy Turner

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Glick, who speaking for Representative Patrick Murphy, read a proclamation which had been offered in a prior announcement on the floor of the US congress in Washington, D.C. Al Sutter, representing State Senator Robert Tomlinson presented a proclamation from the Pennsylvania Senate. County Commissioner, James F. Cawley presented a proclamation from Bucks County signed by the three commissioners. He declared October 5th to be Richboro Nike Missile Base Day in Bucks County. Northampton Township Supervisor Chairman, Pete Palestina spoke about the importance of the former base and thanked all who helped to make the marker a reality. Anthony Lorino, retired Army and Pennsylvania National Guard, and a former Nike Fire control Technician who trained at the Richboro site, spoke about life at the Nike bases. The Richboro High School South Color Guard then marched ahead of the crowd about 100 feet to the site of the marker where Richboro Elementary School students Lauren Foisy and Thomas Pascarella unveiled the marker. Afterwards I attended the Philadelphia Air Defense Group reunion at the German club in Warminster. About forty former Nike personnel attended the annual event. It was very interesting hearing their stories and viewing the memorabilia they had on display.

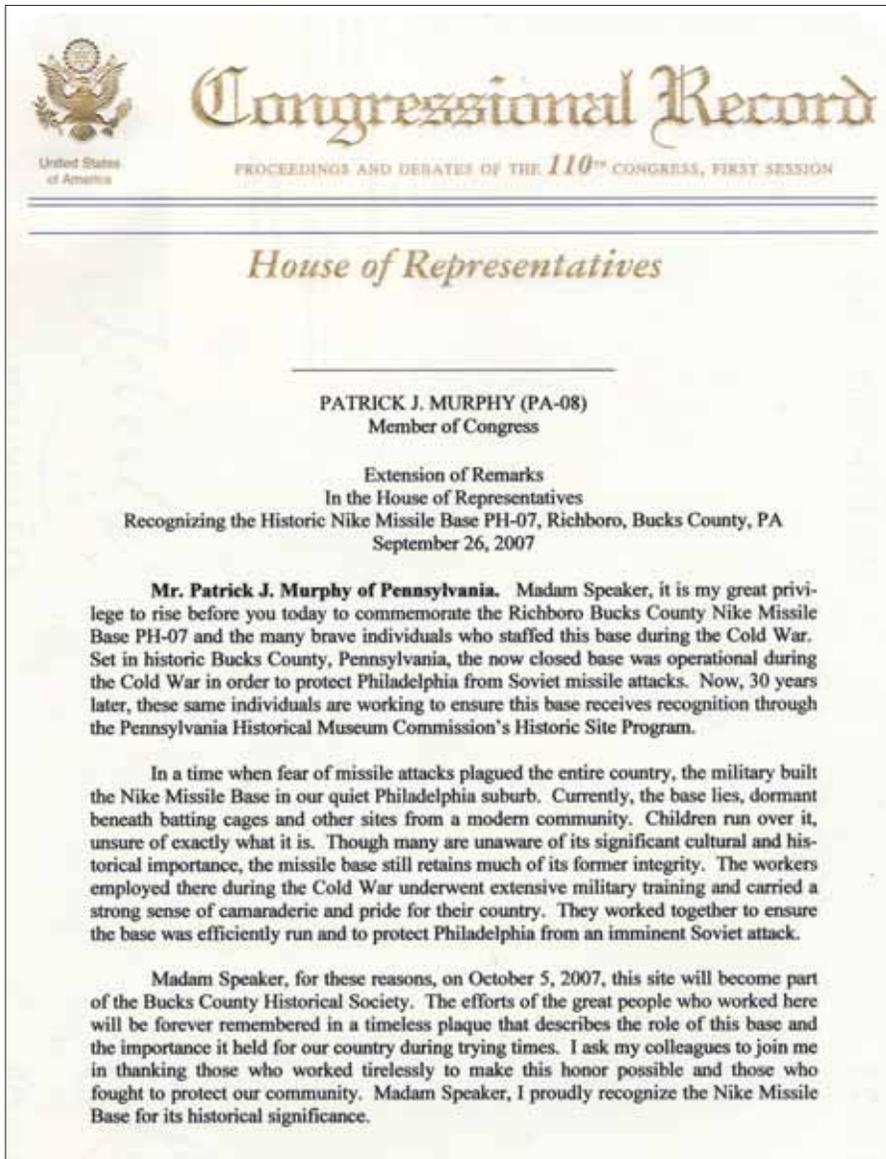
Pictures of the dedication event as well as the program will be available as a link from the NTHS website. We hope to have a small display of the proclamations and other items at the library in the near future.

Again I would like to thank the Northampton Township Public Works Department, recreation department, police, and all those who helped to make this a reality. A special thanks to Jackie Liney, without whom I could never have made this happen, to David Long, a private amateur historian, who had the foresight to nominate this site, and to former Nike technician Jake Rinier, whose dedication has kept the Nike reunion group together.

For further information on the Ricboro Nike program see the March and May, 2007 HISTORIA's. Also visit the NTHS website and google "Nike Missile" on the web.



(Left) Richboro Elementary sixth grade students Lauren Foisy and Thomas Pascarella unveil the marker.
(Right) Preschool children sing "God Bless America" Photos by Richard Noe.



Richboro Nike Dedication

At left the proclamation read into the Congressional Record by Congressman Patrick Murphy. Below, Betty Luff, enjoys the ceremony. Bottom left, former Nike missile technician, Anthony Lorino speaks to the group, center, Council Rock High South Color Guard, and right, Jim and Larice Burtt pose in front of the marker.

Photos by Richard Noe.



The Descendants of James Carrell and Sarah Dungan

By Betty Cornell Luff

I have written before about the Luff and Cornell family reunions and even our recent Richboro School reunion, but none can compare to the Carrell reunion which I attended on August 11, 2007 at Parkside Place in North Wales. 145 descendants attended with a prize going to the one coming the farthest (Georgia), and her 90 year old mother. The prize for the youngest went to a 5 month old baby.

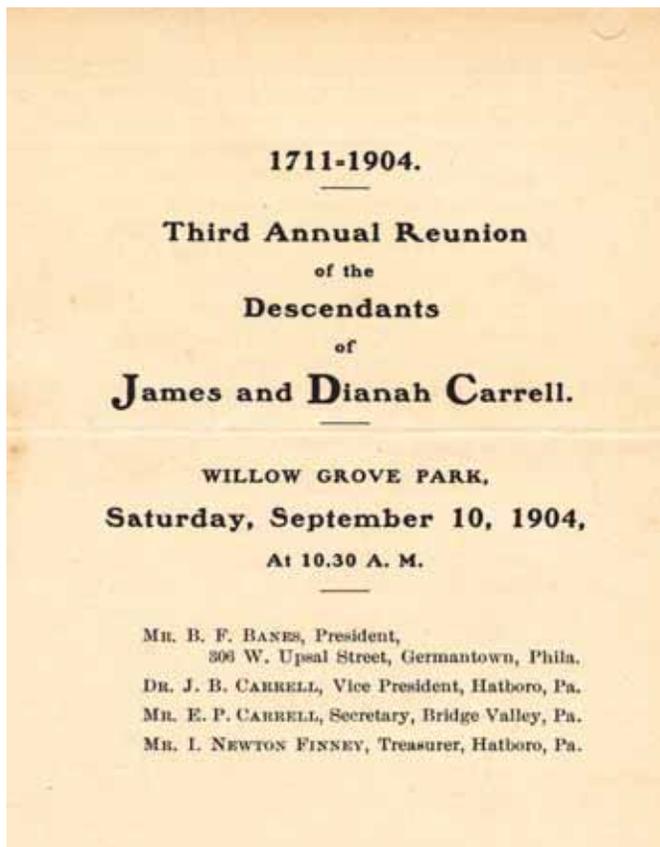
James Carrell emigrated to America in the 1690's and around 1697 he married Sarah Dungan, a daughter of the Reverend Thomas Dungan, the first Baptist preacher in Pennsylvania. A complete history of these two families is written in a 700 page history compiled in 1928 by Ezra Patterson Carrell. His father, Joseph Carrell, born in 1794, was descendent #74 in this history. My father, John Banes Cornell, is listed as #3868 and I am listed as #5038. I am so proud to have in my possession a copy of this publication as only 300 copies of the first genealogy were printed.

James and Sarah had five children but those five produced a total of 43 grandchildren showing how a small family multiplies.

The first Carrell reunion was held at Willow Grove Park on September 13, 1902, over 100 years ago. Few Carrells remain today but after hundreds of intermarriages, a total of 20,865 are listed in the index of their two Carrell family volumes. The second volume was published in 2001 and includes my children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.



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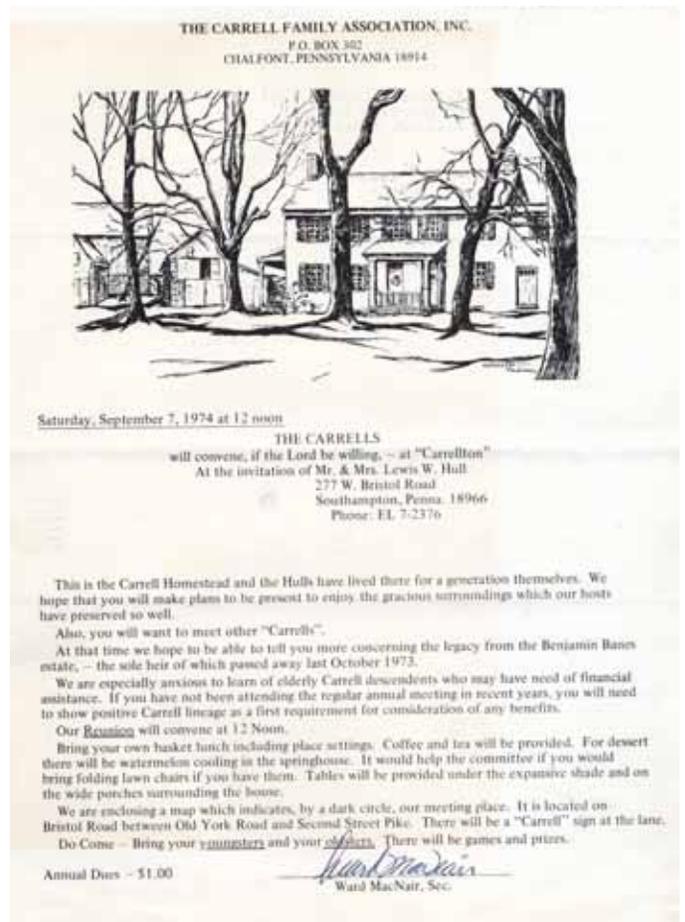
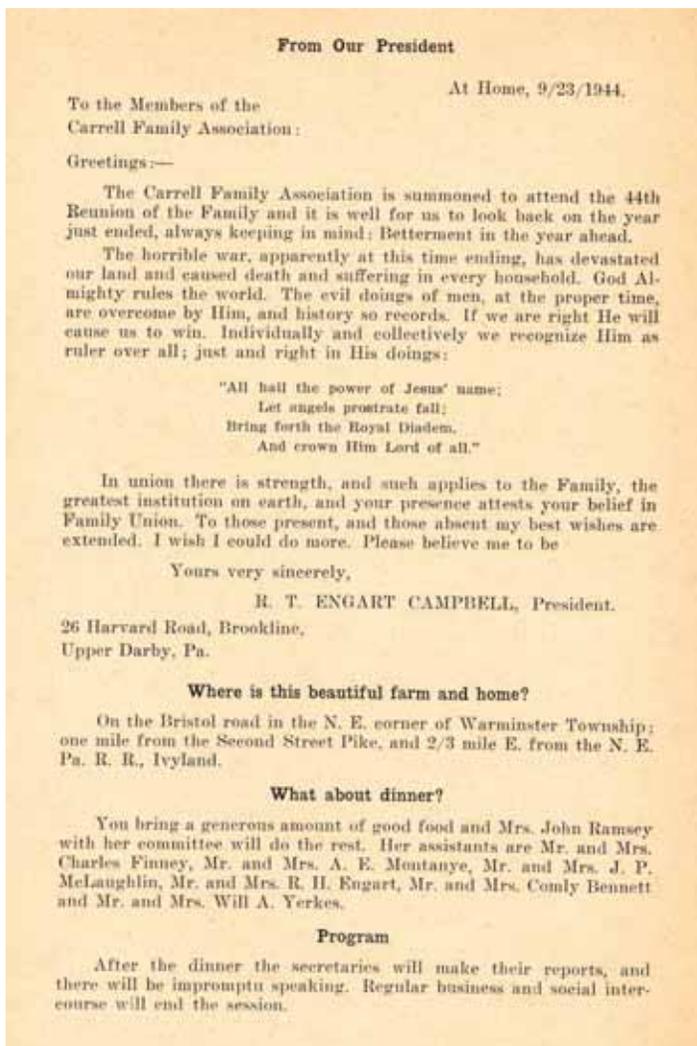
In 1932, the reunion invitation invited the family to the old homestead on Bristol Road. It mentioned that "all roads leading there were first class macadam." Also since many came from Philadelphia, it told of Reading Railroad schedules to Ivyland station.

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An interesting feature at this reunion was the treasurer's report. Each member was required to pay dues every year and over the years the reunion association had invested in stocks in return any young member of the family could apply for a scholarship.

Today the old Carrell homestead is the home of longtime historical society members Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hull. The Hulls have entertained the whole Carrell family at their farm and are always invited to the yearly Carrell reunion. For a more detail story about the Hull home see the November 2002 issue of the HISTORIA. This is available online at the NTHS website.



The Hull's 1923 Dodge Coupe formerly owned by George Green, a Carrell descendent. The old Carrell, and now Hull Home, is in the background.
Photo by Richard Noe.



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Meeting Dates for 2007/2008

November 14 Dinner Meeting 6:00 PM Spring Mill Manor

March 19, May 21, September 17, 2008 - General Meetings - 7 PM
November 19, 2008 Dinner Meeting

Board Meetings 2008

February 12, April 8, August 12, October 14
7 PM - Call for location

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL CLASSIFICATIONS

This will be your membership for the calendar year of 2008 (January 2008 to December 2008)

INDIVIDUAL - \$15	SENIOR - \$10	STUDENT - \$10	SPONSOR - \$100	PATRON - \$250 (5 year membership)
FAMILY - \$20	SUSTAINING - \$50		NTHS CIRCLE - \$500 or greater	(Life membership)

Note - Applications received after October 31 will be credited for the following year. This application is sent with all editions of the HISTORIA. Please check your mailing label for the expiration year. Normal renewal time is the first quarter of the year or when the March HISTORIA is received. If your membership is current, please pass this application on to others who may be interested in our society. Please consider a contribution of more than the minimum membership to help defray increasing society costs.

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May we count on you to serve on one of our committees ? : Y _____ N _____ MAYBE _____

Please give us your ideas for speakers at future meetings : _____

Would you be willing to write an article for the HISTORIA _____

Your comments and suggestions are welcome : _____

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**Next MEETING - Wednesday, November 14, 6 PM
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