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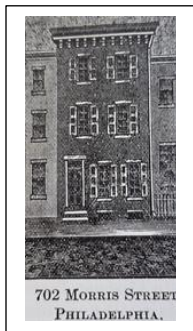
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# THE ARCHIVES AT BETHANY

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## The Year Was 1863...

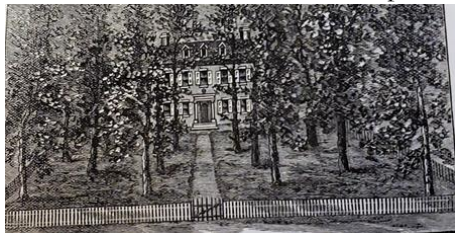
A moment of reflection is in order on September 21<sup>st</sup>...the day would walk the Home at Philadelphia. other than December little over old when she "Orphans Shepherd of



the first orphan through the doors of 702 Morris Street in That child was none Caroline Engel; born 8<sup>th</sup> 1857, she was a five and a half years came to the Home of the the Lambs."

What we know about Caroline is limited due to a fire that destroyed records and any files we might have had on the early residents of the Home. What we know is that her mother took her out of Bethany in May of 1865 when she was just a little over seven years old. We continue to hope to find additional information about our first child to which we dedicate the beautiful bronze statue outside of the ADM Building.

By December 25<sup>th</sup> of 1863 there were 12 additional children, beside his own five, living in the home. By July of 1864, with 36 children, the Shepherd of the Lambs



orphans moved to a larger home in Bridesburg, Pa.

During the time that Caroline was in the Home, there were a total of 50 children living in the care of the Boehringer's and then Rev. John Gatenbein who took over after the passing of Mrs. Christina Boehringer and then Rev. Boehringer on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 1864.

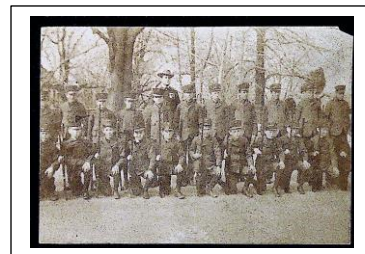
The Orphans Home of the Shepherd of the Lambs was known as a Soldiers Orphans School and it would be recognized as such in January of 1865 the program

would see the care of 127 soldiers' orphans. Between 1864 and 1865 eighteen Soldiers Orphans Homes would open in Pennsylvania to begin answering the needs of children whose parent(s) were affected by the Civil War.

According to Jim Avery, "The schools appeared to be a mixture of homes and schools specifically built for this purposes and ones already in existence. The children under age 6 were sent to a home or primary school and those over 6 were sent to a secondary school. To qualify for admission a child must be the child of a soldier who was killed during Civil War Service while a resident of Pennsylvania, the child of a destitute soldier wounded during service while a resident of Pennsylvania or a child of a soldier who was a member of the US Army or Navy and was killed while a resident of Pennsylvania." (GenoalogyWise Chat)

Although Bethany participated in the Soldiers Orphan Program from 1865 to 1878, the longest surviving Soldiers Orphans School would be the Scotland School which closed in 2009.

Take a moment to remember Caroline and all those families affected by military conflicts and remember to thank a soldier for their service to our country.



If you're interested, the Scotland School now appears on the Abandoned America Site: <https://www.abandonedamerica.us/scotland-school-for-veterans-children> The property was purchased in 2013 by the Winebrenner Theological Seminary.

## Bethany Board Minutes Book 1 Excerpt

*As translated from German to English by Glenys A. Waldman, holding a degree in Germanic Languages and Literatures, Retired.*

“Already in the February issue of “The Shepherd of the Lambs”, we find the first indication of the founding of an orphanage in the following statement[lit:essay]: “Do not forget the poor orphans! In our illustration, you see a poor orphan frozen in the harsh winter going begging at doors. His cloths are torn; he is freezing. He is weeping, and his tears cry to God...As this one is, so there are many abandoned and neglected children, and if [there are] orphan boys and orphan girls who need our prayer[s] and our help, should we not have pity on them?” Did not Christ the Lord say, “What you [have] done to the least one of these, that you have done to me”? An upon that the Holy Scripture reckons a service to God that we visit the widows and orphans in their desperation. Orphans are best cared for in special establishments, that concern themselves particularly {especially} with their education and instruction. Such an establishment, an orphans’ home, first of all was proposed by the “Shepherd of the Lambs”; it did so in presumed agreement with several other friends of youth and the poor because of the occasion of the anniversary year 1863 that was celebrated in the hundredth year of its existence. Charitable gifts, large and small, dollars and cents that have been requested to be sent to the editors (publishers) of the “Shepherd of the Lambs” can now serve this purpose [lit: affair, thing] about which an accounting will be made.”

## 1979 BETHANY COOKBOOK

### A-P Cakes

4 c. flour  
2 c. brown sugar  
1 tsp. baking powder  
1 tsp. baking soda  
1 c. margarine  
1 c. sour milk  
1 tsp. salt

Mix all dry ingredients. Add margarine, mix, to have dry ingredients into fine crumbs. Stir in the sour milk. Divide the batter in three 8” pans. Add cinnamon on top. Bake for 30 min. at 350°.

**Mrs. Arthur L. Jones**

### Moist Apple Cake

2 eggs  
2 c. sugar  
½ c. oil  
1 tsp. vanilla  
2 c. flour  
2 tsp. baking soda  
½ tsp. baking powder  
4 c. chopped apples  
1 c. chopped nuts or raisins

Beat together eggs & sugar. Add oil & vanilla & beat. Combine remaining ingredients to eggs, sugar, oil & vanilla. NOTE: Batter will be quite stiff. Bake in oblong pan for 45 minutes at 350°. When cool frost with frosting recipe.



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<https://www.givegab.com/campaigns/over-the-edge-for-bethany-children-s-home-2019>

**We go over the edge this Friday!**

Frosting:

1-8 oz. cream cheese, 1 c. confectioners' sugar, 2 tbsp. butter & 1 tsp. vanilla.

**Jean Grim**

