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The Buildings of Bethany

For this newsletter we have decided to look at some of the buildings on campus, this will not look at all but a few of our favorites were included, do you have a favorite building at Bethany? We would love to hear from you about that building and a memory, who knows you might just see your building and memory pop-up on a “Throwback Thursday” or “Saturday in the Archives at Bethany” or the next Archives at Bethany Newsletter. ENJOY...

APPLEGATE LODGE

1911

This building was built by our very own Mrs. W.F. More (Matilda Applegate More) it was a memorial to her sainted parents for \$4,678, at her own expense, it was intended to be the Superintendent’s Home. Mrs. W.F. More was then buried on the Bethany property halfway between her home, Applegate Lodge, and Bausman Memorial Church.

In 2014 the house became the home to the Music Therapy Program and since has been updated and use for many needs on the Bethany campus. In our opinion it is one of the most beautiful buildings on campus.



FRICK COTTAGE

1896

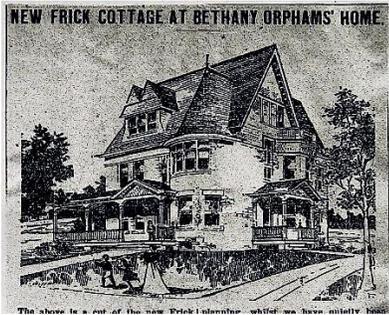
A gift from Mrs. H.M. Housekeeper in 1896, as a memorial to her parents, for children under the age of 6. Before this point, children under the age of 6 were not admitted to Bethany. This became an investment in an inheritance from her parents.

Her husband was a member of the Bethany Board of Managers. The entire cost of the cottage was \$6,000.

The cottage was dedicated during the 33rd Anniversary on August 27, 1896. The cottage opened for reception of children on January 11, 1897.

1979 – It closed as a residential cottage.

1984 – The building was renovated and dedicated as a new activity center.



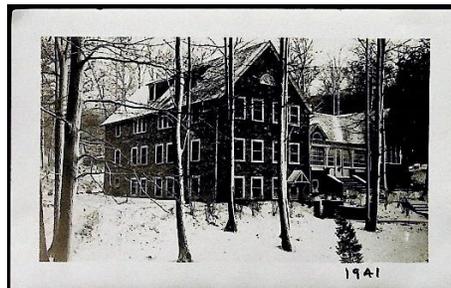
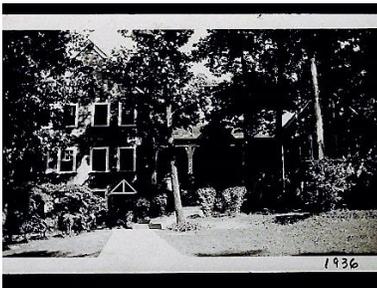
MOYER COTTAGE 1922

The Catherine Moyer Cottage was built and dedicated in the memory of the mother of Walter M. Moyer for \$23,000 to house female residents at Bethany Children's Home.

A divine meeting between Judge, George M. Wagner, then President of the Bethany Board and one friend, Walter M. Moyer on a train to Reading, "I have been thinking along the same line. It is very seldom that I take the four o'clock trolley at Ephrata to come to Reading, but on that day I had some extra work at the office which delayed me, and through that I happened to meet you." Statement from Mr. Moyer in a letter to Judge Wagner regarding the agreement to fund Moyer Cottage.

2010- Site of the first female Independent Living Program

Today – the building continues to house females in the Independent Living Program, using 5 rooms; provides year-round housing for Regular Houseparents and shift quarters for Relief Houseparents.



We can do more Building and Cottage history in next months newsletter. Please remember to stop by the www.bethanyhome.org site to see all the updates and what is happening at Bethany; then stop by the Archives page.

