**Did you know**

The Knauss Homestead was constructed of logs in the style of German homes of that period.  It did not have electricity or indoor plumbing. The Knauss property was part of tracts of land (approximately 400 acres) bought by Sebastian H. Knauss, from the Honorable Thomas and Richard Penn, Esqs. the Proprietors and Governors in Chief of the Province of Pennsylvania, by patent or grant. These Records are on file in the office of the Department of Internal Affairs of Pennsylvania at the State Capitol Building in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Later, a barn was built on the property.

Sebastian, along with Jacob Ehrenhardt Sr. donated property for the establishment of the Moravian community of Emmaus.  Hence, they could be justifiably considered the "**Founders of Emmaus**".

For a total of 158 years the Knauss House sheltered the descendants of Sebastian Heinrich Knauss - seven generations were born within its walls. Upon the death of Mary Ellen (Adrain) Knauss in 1931, widow of Herman Knauss, the house and surrounding thirty-five acres were purchased at auction by Atty. Dewey Marcks.

Although the Marcks family installed electricity, heating and a kitchen, the house was never used by them as a permanent residence.  Upon the death of Mrs. Marcks in 1972, the house remained vacant for the next 20 years.

In 1992 the property was acquired from the Marcks estate by the Borough of Emmaus.

The Knauss Homestead is listed on the National Registry of Historical Landmarks.

**The purpose of the Knauss Homestead Preservation Society** is to restore to the original time period and to preserve this important historical site in Emmaus. With the help of the Borough of Emmaus, members, and donors our goal is to bring awareness to the Knauss Homestead. This property is located behind St. Paul’s Orthodox Church and at the rear of the Cintas parking lot at 164 East Main Street. We welcome you to visit us.

**2018 Schedule of Events.** In 2018, we will be holding various fundraising events to help in our efforts to preserving the Homestead. We are having three bingo events this year at Fire Company #1. On Sunday April 22nd Poker Bingo, Sunday July 15th Poker Bingo, Sunday October 14th Boozy Bingo. Stay tuned for other fund-raising events.

**Save the Date.** Knauss Family and descendants Picnic Saturday August 11th. Rain date Sunday August 12th.

**Our list of needed repairs is long. We invite you to “Be a Member”, contribute to our restoration, and support our fund-raising events.** Membership form can be found on our website.

**Stay Tuned!** Keep in touch with all the **'Homestead Happenings**' by visiting our website [www.theknausshomestead.org](http://www.theknausshomestead.org) and liking us on Facebook “the knausshomestead”.