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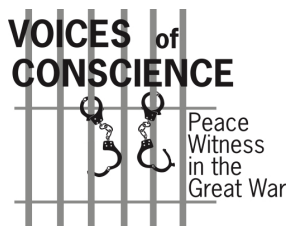
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## Traveling Exhibit Remembers Peace Witness During World War I

Later this year, on November 11, 2018, the world will observe the end of World War I, often referred to as the "Great War" or the "war to end all wars." To remember those who resisted the war and witnessed for peace, the Kauffman Museum in North Newton, Kansas has developed a traveling exhibit, "Voices of Conscience: Peace Witness in the Great War."

The exhibit premiered at the National World War I Museum in Kansas City during a symposium in October 2017 called "Remembering Muted Voices: Conscience, Dissent, Resistance and Civil Liberties in World War I Through Today." According to the Kauffman Museum's description, the exhibit "remembers the witness of peace-minded people against the First World War 1914-1918. This witness included men and women, religious believers and secular humanitarians, political protesters and sectarian separatists. They resisted U.S. involvement in the war, the enactment of military conscription, the war bond drives, and the denial of freedom of speech under the Espionage and Sedition Acts. For this resistance many suffered community humiliation, federal imprisonment, and mob violence at



the hands of a war-crusading American public. This exhibit lifts up the prophetic insights and the personal courage of World War I peace protesters, and suggests parallels to the culture of war and violence in our world today." See [voicesofconscienceexhibit.org](http://voicesofconscienceexhibit.org) for more information,

including how to host the exhibit in your church or community.

If you live in south central Pennsylvania, you have several opportunities in the coming months to see the exhibit:

- **April 13-June 22, 2018:** Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown, PA
- **August 19-September 26, 2018:** Landis Homes, Lancaster, PA ([lmhs.org/voices-of-conscience](http://lmhs.org/voices-of-conscience))
- **November 24, 2018-January 6, 2019:** Mennonite Heritage Center, Harleysville, PA

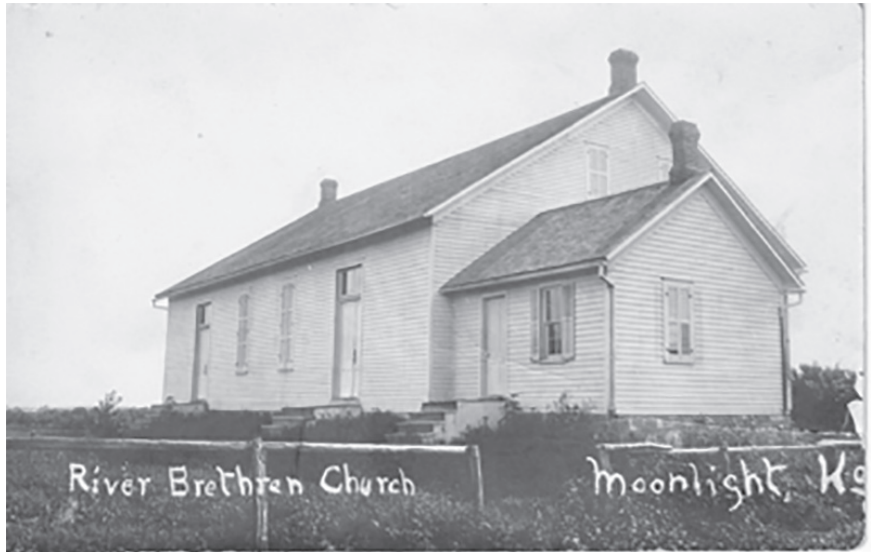
## Annual Ringgold Heritage and Hymn Sing Services to Be Combined

Join us for the 2018 Annual Heritage Service and Hymn Sing at the historic Ringgold Meetinghouse (MD) on Sunday, July 15 at 2 p.m. This year, we're combining the Historical Society's Heritage Service and the Ringgold Meetinghouse Hymn Sing in order to coincide with the 2018 Brethren in Christ U.S. General Assembly (formerly known as General Conference). Our hope is that this will encourage more people to experience this meaningful gathering—especially those who live in other parts of the country or the world! Watch our website ([bic-history.org/events](http://bic-history.org/events)) and our Facebook page ([facebook.com/bichistory](https://facebook.com/bichistory)) for updated details about the program.



## Memories of Moonlight: Finding Historical Treasures on eBay

**Editor's Note:** Recently, on the Brethren in Christ email discussion group, "BIC-Talk," Aubrey Hawton, Oro-Medonte, Ontario described a recent find on eBay.com, a website that connects buyers and sellers all over the world: a postcard of the Moonlight Church, a River Brethren church in Kansas (later the Bethel Brethren in Christ Church, about two miles from the Zion church). The postcard was mailed on August 27, 1909, from Detroit, Kansas, by W. S. Schimmer (??) and sent to Mr. and Mrs. E. Munk, Route 1, Niles, Kansas. In the ensuing email discussion, Bonnie Frey, whose husband Chris grew up in Kansas, chimed in with her and Chris's memories of the church. I asked Aubrey to say a little more about his eBay adventures, and Bonnie and Chris gave their permission to share some of their memories.



Postcard bought on eBay and donated to Archives.

**Aubrey:** I grew up in a Brethren In Christ congregation in Ontario, Canada, with direct ancestors who included Brethren in Christ ministers, bishops, missionaries, etc. I've always been fascinated by history, and that fascination led me to do some research on some of the schisms that have occurred. In my university "Mennonite History" courses, I wrote about the development of the Old Order River Brethren, the United Zion Church, the Calvary Holiness Church, and a schism in a Brethren in Christ congregation in Saskatchewan that hit particularly close to home, since that's where my mother is from.

This fascination with history led me to look for items of historical interest online, particularly on eBay. In the past, I've located old copies of the *Evangelical Visitor*; a copy of my grandfather's book "My Pilgrimage and Pioneering," which he wrote shortly after homesteading in Saskatchewan in the early 1900s; copies of Brethren in Christ and Old Order River Brethren (OORB) hymnals, some of which contained the original owners' inscriptions; a few copies of *The Gospel Witness*, a publication of the Calvary Holiness Church (Philadelphia); numerous postcards of Brethren in Christ and River Brethren (often mistakenly written as River Brethern) churches, meeting houses, and camps.

I've occasionally shared my findings with the BIC-Talk email list, in case any others are interested in purchasing

the items that I've found. Sometimes, if the piece has a real connection with me, I've purchased it. Other times, I've just looked in fascination at the items that have appeared.

As I write this, eBay has several related items for sale: postcards of the Abilene River Brethern [sic] Church; an unused advertising pencil from the Brethern [sic] in Christ Church in Graterford, PA (Jacob H. Bowers, Pastor); an OORB hymnal belonging to Eli G. Musser; a fundraising cookbook from the Sonlight River Brethren School, along with another from the Conoy church; a 1944 press photo of OORB member Earl Hawbaker and his daughter Hazel, of Minburn, IA, as Hazel prepares to leave for New York and begin training for the WAVES (the WWII women's branch of the United States Naval Reserve); along with several other more recent publications by Brethren in Christ authors.

### Memories from Chris and Bonnie Frey:

- At love feast time, the boys would get in line to eat first because their plates would then be wiped with a piece of bread to be used again for someone else.
- There were two entrances on the east side of the church facing the cemetery, one for the men and one for the women. There were steps near the driveway that buggies could pull up to and let the women and children out.
- During love feasts, they ate apple butter,

maybe chicken and noodles, and pie. Large groups from Abilene, Belle Springs, Rosebank, and Zion came. Evangelists would come from the east for two-week services at Zion and then another two weeks at Bethel. It took a lot of revivals to keep us "in the straight and narrow way."

- Bonnie's earliest memory of Bethel is coming to General Conference, probably in 1936 when she was seven, from her home in Dallas Center, IA and getting sick. Her mother put a blanket down under a tree in the cemetery and Bonnie lay on it.

*Where is the postcard of the Moonlight Church now? Andy Saylor, from the Harrisburg (PA) Brethren in Christ Church, bought it from eBay and donated it to the Brethren in Christ Historical Library and Archives. Should you happen upon similar treasures with historical significance for the Brethren in Christ, whether online or in your attic or basement, the Archives will welcome additional contributions!*

### Correction

A photo on page 2 of the Fall 2017 newsletter incorrectly identified M. G. Engle. Instead, the photo is of Mike Engle.



## News and Notes

*From the Brethren in Christ Historical Library & Archives*

It is exciting when “new treasures” come to the Archives. Just last week, the Archives received a picture postcard of the Moonlight (Kansas) Brethren in Christ Church — a photo that we did not have in our collection. A member of the Brethren in Christ Church noticed it for sale on eBay, purchased it, and donated it to the Archives (see page 2).

A few days later, Marian Muss-er brought to the Archives a number of items that her father, the late Jacob Kuhns, had saved. Among the donated items were several newspaper clippings and a letter related to the train station that had been located in Grantham, adjacent to the campus of Messiah College.

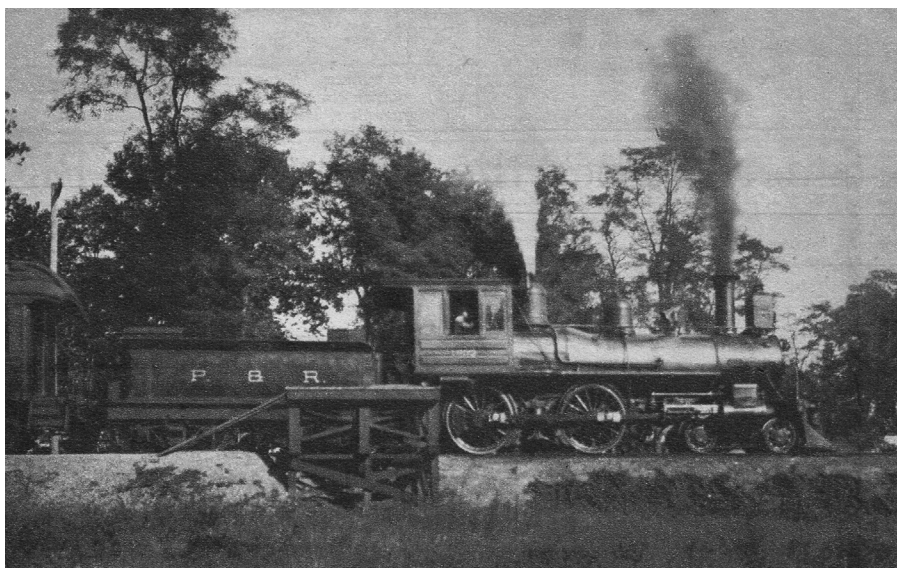
The letter, dated June 16, 1948, was written by Henderson Gilbert on Harrisburg Railways Company letterhead. Mr. Gilbert was responding to a March letter from Mary Stoner of Grantham, who evidently had posed several questions. He wrote, in part,

Grantham was named after the town mentioned in Walter Scott's novels as it was quite the custom in that time to use names in books of that sort.

The [train] station was established at Grantham not only for us [the Gilberts had a country home nearby], but others because there were no bridges over the creek from York County to Bowmansdale, except the old wooden bridge and everyone had to ford the creek, which was bad in winter and could not be done in high water.

Grantham also became important at the time of the establishment of the industries at the Noodle Works, etc.

The Rotogravure Section of the March 27, 1948, *Harrisburg Evening News* carried a series of photographs highlighting changes in the locomotives used by the Reading Co. railroad. Cropped from the page of larger photographs is this picture, taken in 1896 (see above).



*The caption reads, in part, “... Little old engine directly above was photographed 52 years ago by Henderson Gilbert on Gettysburg & Harrisburg branch, at Grantham station, near Gilbert country home. Joseph W. Kline, successful Harrisburg business man, was newsboy on the train, and the engineman, seen in cab, was Morris Yeoman, late of this city...”*

The undated photograph (below), from the Archives photo collection, shows a train from Harrisburg pulling into Grantham on the way to Gettysburg. The building on the left, with the

tall smokestack, was S. R. Smith's noodle factory. The passenger station is just visible on the right, and the white building barely visible on the hillside in the background is Messiah College's Old Main.



*Train coming into the Grantham station.*



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## Images from the Past

*From the photograph collection of the Brethren in Christ Historical Library & Archives*

### “America’s Pastor” and the Brethren in Christ Church

Billy Graham—the celebrated evangelist and icon of American evangelicalism—died in February 2018 at the age of 99. For much of the twentieth century, Graham was the public face of evangelical Christianity in the United States—a religious figure so well known that he earned the nickname “America’s pastor.”

During the middle decades of the twentieth century, the Brethren in Christ Church in North America became more closely associated with the mainstream of evangelical Christianity. As a result, many Brethren in Christ came to know and respect Graham and his ministry. In this 1967 photo, two Brethren in Christ leaders—C. N. Hostetter Jr. (second from left) and Arthur Climenhaga (fourth from left)—pose with Graham and two other officials at the 25th anniversary celebration for the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE).

For more on the connections between Graham and the Brethren in Christ, check out the Historical Society blog ([bic-history.org/blog](http://bic-history.org/blog)).



