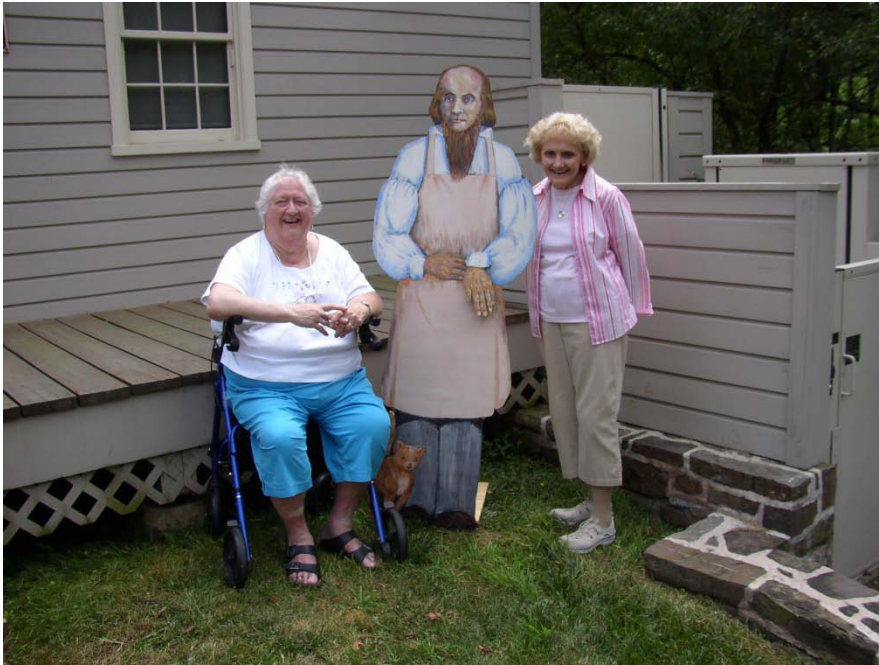


Who Says You Can't Go Home?

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Barbara Weikel (left) and Sue Spencer returned to their ancestral homestead at the Evans Mumbower Mill. In this photo they flank the facsimile of their great-great-grandfather, Henry Mumbower, who used to live in the house across the road from the mill, with his wife Catherine and 8 children.

Barbara and Sue came bearing gifts. First and foremost were a number of old family photographs, including a portrait of Henry himself. In addition, the cousins provided a notebook containing the attendance lists for all of the Mumbower family reunions from 1927 to 1950. The gatherings took place at several area amusement parks (Willow Grove Park, Zieber's Park in West Point, Forest Park in Chalfont, and Menlow Park in Perkasie). But of most interest to us was the 1928 reunion which was held at "The Old Mill at the Homestead in Gwynedd." In the corresponding picture, Model-A Fords had replaced horse drawn wagons in front of the building.

Sue returned a wooden bagholder which originated at the site, according to family lore. She also described a corner cupboard which was handmade by Henry Mumbower, but she assured us that the cupboard would not be leaving her home in Chesapeake, Virginia any time soon.

Barbara resides at the ACTS Retirement Community in Springhouse, PA. Based on their genealogical records, there are cousins scattered all around the countryside.



Some of the donated items will be displayed at the mill, and the others will be filed in the mill archives for the benefit of future generations.