

AN OLD TILE AND ITS OWNER.

The old-fashioned, baked, clay-tile, which I take pleasure in presenting to our Society, was taken from an old bake house in Heidelberg township, Lebanon county, several weeks ago, on property once owned by Leonard Holstoner. The house to which it was attached is a very old one, having been built during the first half of the eighteenth century. It has lately been modernized, until much of its once venerable appearance has been lost. No doubt the bake-oven was also built prior to 1750, but of that there is no evidence, save that in those days all the bread was baked at home and that bake-ovens were in consequence as much of a necessity as the dwellings themselves. But during the past fall the oven was torn down, and, as I happened along soon afterward, I secured one of the tiles with which the bake house or oven was covered. Tiled roofs, like thatched ones, are things of the past. Once they were quite common, but it is rare to see one of either kind at the present day.

Leonard Holstoner, or, as it is now written, Holstein, was one of the early settlers on the famous Muhlbach creek, in Lebanon county, where he died in 1757. He is said to have been a person of no little influence and importance in that locality in his day and generation, and is credited with having amassed a large estate for that period, much of it in lands in other localities, even so far away as Maryland and Virginia. I saw some of his deeds, in the possession of a direct descendant, now residing on the first homestead. Some of these papers bore the signature of Conrad Weiser, as the magistrate before whom they were executed. One of them bore the name of the old Indian interpreter three several times.

Leonard Holstoner died intestate. An account of his estate was filed in our local Court in 1760. I secured permission to make a copy of the inventory of his personal effects. Nothing is said in it about his lands. Doubtless he made distribution of these prior to his death, among his children, which would account for there being no record of his real estate. The inventory is interesting, because it gives in detail what a well-to-do farmer had on his premises in those early days and the value of the different articles at that time.

The Inventory.

An Inventory of the Goods and Chattles, Rights & Credits of Leonard Holstein, late of Heidelberg Township, in the County of Lancaster, deceased. Appraised by us the Subscribers, the 17th November, 1757:

	£.	s.	d.
To his Aparent.....	5	16	0
7 Books.....	1	15	0
3 Bedsteads with ditto.....	5	10	0
46 lb Feathers.... @2/6.....	5	15	0
8 hand Towls and 2 begs smal.	0	7	6
9 lb. Alspice 16/5 doz. Buttons			
3/4 & 4 knives 3/.....	1	2	4
a Clock.....	6	0	0
a tea kittle and tea pott & 5			
doz. Cup & Saccers.....	0	12	6
Indigoe	0	4	6
a pepper Mill 3/ flat Iron 5/			
& remain Crecks 3/.....	0	13	0
10 Bowls 10/ 3 pewter Quart			
potts & point half point 2			
gill and 3 ten measures 20/.	1	14	0
9 Bottles 6/ 6 pint 3 half			
pint Bottles 15/ 13 trink			
glass 6/.....	1	7	0
Gun powder 40/ 37 lb. lead			
18/	2	18	0
Sugar 7/6 paper 2/6.....	0	10	0
2 Scals with 9 lb weigh and			
gold Scal.....	0	15	0
a Stiller.....	0	15	0
18 lb. Aloom glass auger's			
Gimble's sheep sears.....	1	3	6
2 handsaws and Draw knive			
7/6 Chest 7/6.....	0	15	0
a table	0	12	0
14 yds. Checks..... @2/6....	1	15	0
10 Shirts 30/ a Deer skin 8/...	2	8	0
a flaxen Cover table Cloth 3			
sheets 2 lb. thread.....	2	0	0
12 doz. Buttons 12/ 50 Nutmegs			
4/	0	16	0

ferrit and Gartering 12/ chest			
18/	1..	10..	0
55 lb. flaxen yarn 100/ 12 lb.			
two yarn 8/.....	5...	8..	0
Cuttenknife	0...	5..	0
2 files 2 kaspel pinger & 26			
chizel	0...	6..	0
3 Tables	2...	0..	0
Chairs Bantz	0...	4..	0
2 Saddles and Saddle back 25/			
4 Bridles 10/.....	1..	15..	0
Leather 102/ 7 yards tow linen			
10/	5..	12..	0
17 Bags 30/ Cover over			
Wagan 10/	2...	0..	0
Engine for Waggon.....	1..	10..	0
3 spinne Wheels 15/ weaver			
geers 15/6	1..	10..	6
6 Calf skins 19/ old iron on			
Wagon 10/	1...	9..	0
half bushel and ridles.....	0...	0..	6
3 Cags with Salz 24/ Heichel			
16/	2...	0..	0
3 Butter Cags straw Basket..	0...	7..	6
2 hatchet	0...	5..	0
8 lb. flax 8/ 5 lb. Wool 5/ 3			
Scitchs 4/	0..	17..	0
5 Iron Potts 41/ 3 Copper skil-			
lit 12/	2..	13..	0
3 frying pans 12/ Lanthern			
&c. 7/6	0..	19..	6
1 Brass 4 iron Ladels 6/ 2 Rot-			
ing pan 5/.....	0..	11..	0
4 Boket 7/ Churnel vinegar			
Cags. 4/	0..	11..	0
4 pewter Dishes 10 plates 2			
doz. Spoons	1...	5..	0
12 Chains.....@2/6.....	1..	10..	0
a Still with Vups and gears..	20..	10..	0
2 Grind Stones 4/ and Slegd			
12/	0..	16..	0
2 Brass Kettles 57/6 Iron Ket-			
tle 10/	3...	7..	6
Cuting box 10/.....	0..	10..	0
6 Collers 6 pr. Traces and			
gears	3...	5..	0
4 halfler with the Chains for			
Horses and Bridle & blind			
halter	1...	0..	0
Triggers & Chain 18/ Grubing			
Hew 15/	1..	13..	0
4 Axes 12/ 5 pitch forks 2			
Mallock 3 Shovel in all 14/..	1...	6..	0
4 Wedges 2 Iron Kings.....	0...	6..	0
fircting hamer and 1 pr.			
pinger	0...	8..	0
3 Waggon.....	24..	0..	0
a Windmill 40/ 2 ploughs 30/.	3..	10..	0
Tarr For	0...	5..	0
2 hhd. Cyder 45/ marel 12/..	2..	17..	0
small washing tub and pail..	0...	6..	0
2 empty Barrls. 5/ oil 25/....	1..	10..	0
Still Liqours	2..	10..	0
Wine	6...	0..	0
4 Bushel flax seed 12/ 6 Bush-			
els Barley 10/.....	1...	2..	0
Harrow with iron teeth 10/			
2 pr. Wagon Laders 10/....	1...	0..	0
4 Working Horses.....	36..	0..	0

2 Horses and Colt.....	10	0	0
2 mares and 4 colts.....	28	0	0
22 of Horn Cattles.....	30	0	0
11 Sheep	2	15	0
14 Hogs great and Small.....	5	5	0
7 Gees's	0	10	0
3 Small tubs Candle Sticks and Snuffers Candle mole and Knives	0	7	0
2 Chains in the Kitchen.....	0	5	0
250 Bushels of Wheat @ 2/6..	31	5	0
110 Bushels of Rie @ 1/6....	8	5	0
280 Bushels of Oats @ 1/.....	14	0	0
The first and second Crop of Hay	20	0	0
aside saddle	1	10	0
Book debts	61	15	2
Bonds and Notes.....	39	0	0
in Cash	66	0	0
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MICHAEL BRIGHT

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JOSEPH HOFFMAN

Lancaster County ss. March 4th 1760.

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