

# The Dill's Tavern Chronicle

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Purpose: To promote and encourage the study, collection, and preservation of the historical heritage of the Northern York County area.



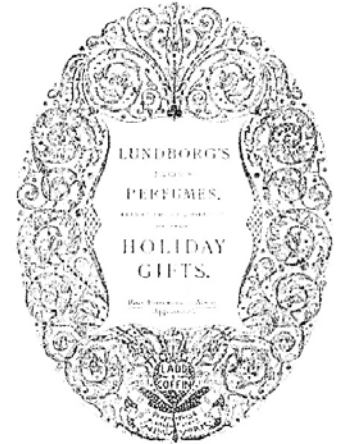
## Found Artifacts Create Excitement at the Tavern

Volunteers are not only contributing to the historical background of the Tavern through their painstaking research of the artifacts found on the grounds but they also experience the thrill one gets from holding this history in their hands.



**A  
Small  
Glass  
Bottle**

This is an Original vintage advertisement for Lundborg's Famous Perfumes from an 1891 magazine.



This past fall, more focused work was done to the north and west sides of the original Tavern where many of the artifacts now on display were uncovered. A small glass bottle in excellent condition was unearthed. The words Lundborg's Perfumes are within the body of the glass. Research found advertisements for Lundborg's Famous Perfumes in magazines and newspapers of 1885, 1891, and 1904. Some scent names were Swiss Lilac, Lily of the Valley, Alpine Violet and Marechal Niel Rose. When buying in bulk it could be had from McCabe Brothers of Iowa for a special price of 25 cents an ounce.



This ad was featured in the Daily Times, Davenport, Scott Co. Iowa, Saturday, 5 July, 1890.

On item Santa holds it reads:

Lundborg's world famed perfumes in bulk special price 25¢ an ounce at McCabe Bros.

A needle-case was found at the site, ivory in appearance but minus the threaded lid. A person familiar with antique sewing items identified it as being made of vegetable ivory. Research found that vegetable ivory is produced from tagua, a palm nut grown in South America.



Exported to England beginning in the 1820's, factories were built there and in other European countries and finally America. Mainly used for manufacture of buttons, by 1887, 2 to 3 million nuts were used in English factories a year. During the Victorian age many items were crafted by hand carving or turned on an ornamental lathe. Items produced included thimbles, needle cases with threaded lids, tape measures with spindles, even earrings. Our case is in excellent condition and is surmised that it was imported from England in the late 1800's.

## Bits and Pieces



Among The artifacts uncovered are countless bits of iron from various periods, many of which are unrecognizable, but a few of which remain to be cleaned, examined more closely and dated. Red ware, yellow ware and other types of pottery shards are typical of 18<sup>th</sup>. and 19<sup>th</sup>. century life in general and can be

found readily in the soil. To date however, none have been very sizable.

These particular pieces are attributed to:  
The Wheeling Pottery Co., Wheeling WV, USA  
Semi-porcelain artware, (1879– ca. 1910)



In some cases enough pieces have been found that whole plates are being put together like puzzles. Some are lovely patterns with marks on the back making it easy to date them. Such are the 19<sup>th</sup>. and early 20<sup>th</sup>. century pieces of dinnerware that are shown here. The unknown factor is whether it was discarded during the period of manufacture and

use or perhaps a collectable that became damaged and discarded as valueless.

These pieces carry the mark of:  
KNOWLES, TAYLOR & KNOWLES  
East Liverpool, OH., USA  
Semi-vitreous porcelain 1890– ca. 1905 (1870-1929)

Once the area on the north and east sides of the tavern are complete, more exploration awaits when the tavern room floor is removed. Also areas under all the windows are prime candidates for dateable items as it was quite common to simply throw unwanted items out of the windows.

### The Tavern Committee:

Bob Eichelberger-Chairman, Mervin Ice, Larry Klase, Joanne Klase, Connie Trostle, and Greg Wonders

## Join a Circle to Preserve Dill's Tavern and Its History

The Northern York County Historical and Preservation Society was gifted the funds to purchase the Dill Tavern on N. Baltimore Street. Now we must raise \$500,000 for the restoration of the property. Your donation is TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

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