

The Springs Museum

The Springs Museum, depicting the life of the early settlers of the Casselman Valley, is located on Route 669 in the tiny village of Springs, Somerset County, Pennsylvania. Lying midway between Grantsville, Maryland (on U.S. Route 40) and Salisbury, Pennsylvania (on State Route 219), Springs is the highest unincorporated village in Pennsylvania and lies at the foot of Negro Mountain, whose summit, Mt. Davis, boasts an altitude of 3,213 feet about sea level.

First settled by the white man between 1750 and 1775, Springs is one of the oldest communities in the area and boasts a rich treasure-store of history, folklore and tradition, much of which is embodied in the Springs Museum. The home, the shop, the farm and the trades of our pioneer ancestors are depicted in artifacts and documents housed in several buildings adjoining the grounds on which the Annual Springs Folk Festival is held.

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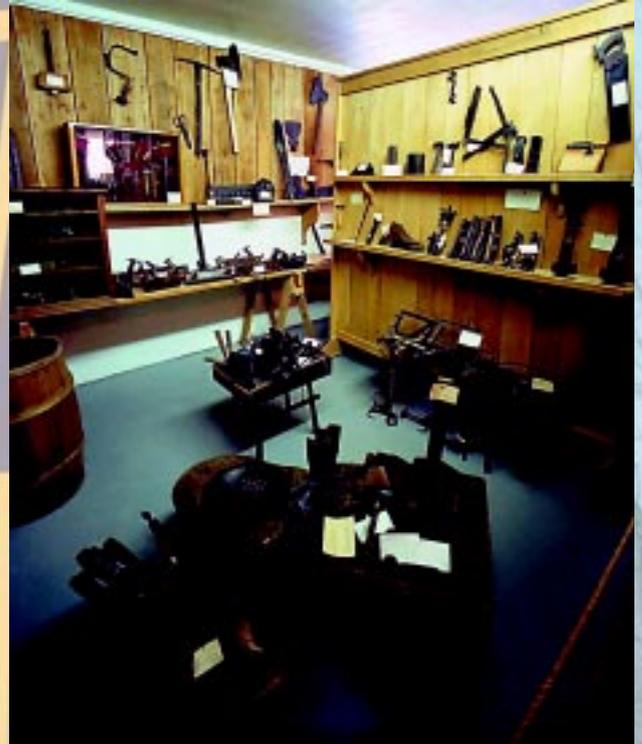
46th Annual Springs Folk Festival - Friday & Saturday, October 3 & 4, 2003

The Springs Folk Festival invites you to join in the celebration of the arts, skills and labors of our forefathers. Watch the women baking bread and weaving, the men hewing logs and threshing grain and the children enjoying themselves on an old-time hayride. The lilting notes of blue grass groups, gospel music and children singing a capella fill the air. With an exceptional array of quality hand-made gift items you have never seen! Truly a one-of-a-kind shopping adventure—paintings, baskets, wood crafted furniture, quilts, dulcimers—over 140 juried artisans demonstrating their craft. Everyone will enjoy the feeling of being a kid again as they sample the homemade lollipops, funnel cakes and homemade ice cream. Pennsylvania Dutch sausage meals, pancakes and sausage, bean soup, homemade bread in an outdoor kiln, and donuts fried as you watch.

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The Largest in the Area

The Springs Farmers Market and Springs Museum will begin the 2003 season on Saturday May 24 in the heart of rural Amish country. Fresh-picked produce, home-baked pies, breads (love those donuts made fresh that morning!), plants, antiques and flea market items line the tables of over 80 vendors. Funnel cakes, fresh fruit and sandwiches will be available at the lunch stand.



Above: One of the many rooms housing early settlers implements. Below: The old Springs Post Office window is now a proud part of the museum. Other rooms are an early kitchen, dining room, bedroom, an old schoolroom and church interior.

