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HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

P.O. BOX 825 — HAVERTOWN, PA. 19083

YOU ARE INVITED

to the Regular February Meeting of HTHS

Thurs., Feb. 18, 1982 at 8 p.m.**

(see time option in box notice below)

at Temple Lutheran Church, Brookline Blvd. & Earlington Rd., Havertown, Pa.

First: After a very brief business meeting the program will open with a 12 minute showing of a current film, "Delaware County All Year 'Round", produced by the Visitors Council of Delaware County. (They plan to begin production soon of a film of Historical Sites in Delaware County which we look forward to viewing.)

Then:

HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP HERITAGE TOURS 1961-1972

This slide and commentary program is a follow-up of the well received April '81 presentation of "Then and Now" views of Haverford Township. This slide show will help you recall visits to several of our historical sites and take you inside many of the homes that were open to the public on our early Heritage Tours.

Some treasures no longer exist or are lost to public view since ownership of homes may have changed. You will see how furniture of varying ages and styles is often harmoniously mixed, just as the street-scapes of our community are enhanced by a mixture of architecture.

Come see this intriguing resume of Haverford Township's heritage. You are invited to bring guests, friends and neighbors to enjoy this special presentation.

Mark your calendar - Feb. 18, '82 (3rd Thurs.)

** Our Meeting Room in the Educ. Bldg. of Temple Lutheran Church will open at 7:30p.m.
for a SILENT AUCTION

The Society has a small collection of accessories, i.e., vases, oriental prints, etc., which are not particularly appropriate for Nitre Hall and have no historical connection with Haverford Twp. At this Feb. 18th meeting we will have a "Silent Auction" of these items. Disposal would give us needed capital and by this means we are offering our members first chance to benefit. If you have any items you would care to donate for auction, please contact (before the meeting) Betty Stafford (Mrs. F.H.) 449-3585



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HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

Call to the Annual Spring Meeting of the
Haverford Township Historical Society

April 15, 1982 at 8 p.m.

Fellowship Hall, Temple Lutheran Church
Brookline Blvd. & Barlington Rd.,
Havertown, Pa.

TERCENTENARY CELEBRATION

Pennsylvania Founded by Charter
to William Penn, March 1681

Proprietor landed at Upland
(renamed Chester) 1682

Large events make history, but homes make
history, too. William Penn lived in the
City of Philadelphia, his "greene countrie
towne", in rented lodgings at the Slate
Roof House during his stay in 1682. 1689 - 1701.

Eminent historic preservationist, Carl Gatter, will be
the program speaker at this April 15, 1982 meeting. He
has researched, studied and made a memorable illustrated
story about William Penn and particularly his residence
at the SE corner of 2nd & Sansom Streets in the Slate
Roof House.

Don't miss this excellent presentation at our annual
meeting, which will be followed by refreshments. You
are invited to bring guests, friends and neighbors to
enjoy this program.

If not a member of HTHS, do join.
Call Betty Stellar, Mi9-5677. Help
spread the knowledge about our tradi-
tions and foster community interest
in Haverford Township.

A one act play in one half hour.

Mr. James Lambert

Presents

A VISIT WITH CHARLES WILLSON PEALE

Performed by

The Philadelphia Actors' Theatre

Directed by

Joseph C. Stinson

The Players

MR. PEALE	Mr. Jack Galbraith
THE WOMEN	Miss Bonnie Cavanaugh
THE MEN	Mr. James Lambert

(author of the play)

On April 15, 1741 Charles Willson Peale was born. He was the eldest son of a school master at Queen Anne County in Maryland. At 13, Peale began his working life as a saddler's apprentice in Annapolis and soon became his own master in a variety of self-taught trades including watchmaking, sign-painting, silversmithing and upholstery.

Truly American, he joined the radical Sons of Freedom during the Stamp Act agitation. In 1764 he was forced by his Loyalist creditors to abandon his trade and flee the city. He turned to portraiture as his sole vocation. Convinced of his talents, prominent Maryland gentlemen sent him to London for art training under Benjamin West. On his return, Peale traveled the countryside painting the gentry. Renowned as the painter of Washington, he did the earliest portrait at Mt. Vernon in 1772, 7 additional ones from sittings, and a total of 60 in all. Of all Washington's portraits, Peale's are the most faithful and uncompromising. He painted what he saw.

After settling in Philadelphia, Peale enlisted as a soldier in the militia, was made lieutenant and served under Washington in the campaigns at Trenton and Princeton. He was commissioned captain of the 4th battalion. During several encampments, he painted portraits of his fellow officers which formed the nucleus of his vast collection. Many of these portraits can be seen today in the Second Bank at 4th and Chestnut Streets.

Thrice widowed, Peale fathered 17 children and adopted 3 more. The household, guided by Peale's enthusiasm, was a bustle of talent. Peale believed anyone could learn to paint so he taught all the members of his family. The musical Peales loved to sing accompanied by homemade instruments. Their unlimited number of pets included bears, snakes and a 5-legged, 2-tailed cow which provided dairy products. In the kitchen, Peale experimented with taxidermy and made gunpowder, shoes, porcelain, eye glasses and false teeth.

In 1801, with a loan from the American Philosophical Society, Peale conducted the first scientific exploration in the U.S. to New York, unearthing the bones of a mastodon. The following year he opened Peale's Museum, the first natural history museum in the country. He was the first to light a public place (the museum, housed at the time in Independence Hall) with gas. In 1805 he was instrumental in founding America's earliest art academy, the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. Peale strove to better the quality of life for all. He endlessly invented and improved. He was responsible for the Smoke-eating Stove, and early "bicycle", devices for copying letters and making silhouettes and a host of agricultural innovations.

At 85, during the winter of 1827 while courting a prospective 4th wife, Peale died. Curious to the end, he expired while studying his own failing pulse.

CHARLES WILLSON PEALE



WITH A VISIT

If you enjoyed the show, please let our sponsor know.

SUN COMPANY, Community Affairs, 21st floor, 10 Penn Center, Philadelphia, PA 19103

The entire production is sponsored by

SUN



Philadelphia Actors' Theatre, 540 Hasbrook Avenue, Cheltenham, PA 19012

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NEWSLETTER

HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP,
HISTORICAL SOCIETY



HAVERTOWN, PA., 19083 SUMMER 1982

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SUMMER 1982

FIELD TRIP - Saturday, Sept. 25, 1982

Start 9:15 a.m. from Brookline Blvd. & Barlington Rd.,
Havertown, Pa.

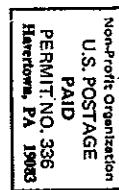
Plans include travel by bus to the Hillendale Museum, (near Longwood Gardens). Thru visual history exhibits, via memorable dioramas, maps and narration, the guided tour brings alive the influence of geography on the North American exploration from 1490 to 1890. A cassette player carried by each individual guides the visitor for two hours thru carpeted corridors illuminated only by the glow from the sequential dioramas and illustrations. You will see Cortez in Mexico, the French seeking a northwest passage and travel with the Lewis and Clark expedition across the Continental Divide. Lounges decorated with furniture representative of an exploring country are provided at appropriate intervals. A magnificent 28"x39" terrain model map of North America in a special auditorium summarizes the tour.

A gourmet box lunch will be provided and served in the attractive picnic grounds of the Brandywine Battlefield state park (if weather cooperates!).

An afternoon visit will be made to the 1704 Brinton House in Dilworthtown, restored by G. Edwin Brumbaugh and the descendants of the Brinton family. In addition to the leaded glass windows and 11 ft. basement kitchen fireplace, the home is authentically furnished from the 1750 inventory of the builder.

This is not a fund raising trip. Member cost \$18/person; guests \$20. Join and enjoy the companionship of old and new friends as you travel thru Pennsylvania countryside. Prompt reservations are requested. Fill out the form on the last page and mail today.

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Bring a friend and come to any or all of our activities. If not a member, we invite you to join. Contact above or visit NITRE HALL and LAWRENCE CABIN. Open Sundays 1-4 p.m. or by appointment HTHS members Free. Visitors \$1, Children 50¢ Karakung Drive, Powder Mill Valley Park Havertown, Pa.

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Did you miss the April 1982 ANNUAL MEETING?

Slate of duly elected Board of Directors:

Ruth Engle Bill Frichard Kitty Warncke
Libby Irwin Charlotte Frichard M.P. Young
Rosemary Karmavy E.C. Trethewey

Mary Phillips Young has since resigned, due to a move to Arlington, Va. We wish her well in her married life and new location.

A certificate of appreciation was presented to Harry Young who resigned as Treasurer after faithfully and reliably serving the Society for 13 years.

Ken Tiss has been appointed Treasurer. He reports the current financial status of the Haverford Township Historical Society includes a balance of \$3950, plus our C.D. investment.

Executive Committee Officers of HTHS:

President, Betty Stafford
1st Vice President, Frank Whitten
2nd Vice President, Betty Stellar
Treasurer, Ken Tiss
Recording Secty., Dolley Kelly
Corresp. Secty., Gladys Tiss
Curator, Peg Johnston

DATES to put on your calendar:

1st regular Membership Meeting in Fall '82 - Nov. 18th
Topic: Robert Kane in costume will present a program on "Old Fort Mifflin".

1983 Meetings:

Board Meetings - members are welcome to attend -
Sept. 16 and Nov. 11, 1982
Jan. 20, Mar. 17, June 9, 1983

New printed forms, "Invitation to Join" the Society are available. Why not pass them on to your friends and neighbors? Include our green rack cards on Nitre Hall and the Lawrence Cabin. Let's grow in membership. Contact Betty Stafford (449-3585) for locations of meetings and for material. Call anytime.

ACCESSIONS

Railroad "sleepers", given by H. Gates Lloyd to HTHS, are now at Nitre Hall. They were used in the rail construction of the Philadelphia and Columbia R.R., the first railroad for general commerce in the U.S. which opened in 1826. The right of way ran thru Haverford Twp. and reached Lancaster, Pa. by 1834.

The sleepers are heavy stones with holes which have marks of metal plates that in turn held the cradle which clamped on the rails. The stones were sunk in the ground, 10 ft. apart. When the right of way was bought and the line straightened by the Penna. R.R. in 1857, the tracks were taken up. Many local residents used the sleepers in garden walls and walks.

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August 22 - Rose Tree Park birthday party features craft exhibits all day, judging of costumes (registration required); awards presentations by Delaware County Heritage Commission in the evening.

"Way Back When With William Penn", a half hour show presented by Children's Repertory Theatre group at the Free Quaker Meeting House, 4th & Arch, Phila., Thurs. and Fridays only, at 11 and 1, in the courtyard.

At the Penna. Historical Society, 1300 Locust St., Phila., an exhibit "Philadelphia Portrait" 1682-1982. This is open 7 days/wk., free and runs until Dec. 3, 1982.

In Harrisburg, the Wm. Penn Memorial Museum, April thru Sept., an exhibit of maps, charters of Pennsylvania's founding, photos, etc, titled "With the Stroke of a Pen" Oct. 3 - Dedication of a marker honoring the founding of Delaware County 1789 at the Court House, Media.

Oct. 23 to Oct. 30 - Heritage Week

On the 30th there will be a reenactment of Wm. Penn's Landing in Chester (Upland) plus stops along the Delaware River in "Up River Festival", with celebrations by various communities along the way.

On Oct. 24th, William Penn's own birthday, Sunday services will stress his concept of religious freedom and ideals of religious liberty.

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Reports on Buildings under care of HTHS:

NITRE HALL - open Sundays, 1-4p.m. (or by appt.)

Have you followed the newspaper publicity, in Delaware County News and Havertown Leader particularly, noting Nitre Hall's summer exhibit? There's a special showing of ladies' and children's costumes on models, fashions that might have been worn to a summer wedding. Thanks to our member hosts and hostesses who have been acting as guides.

In the fall a photographic exhibit of early cameras, and highlighting the glass plates and prints of Haverford Twp. views as early as 1900 will be displayed.

LAWRENCE CABIN - open Sundays, 1-4p.m. (or by appt.) Freshening and maintenance of the structure is being carried out this summer. The contract has been let for termite proofing. The door jamb footings have been renewed and repairs to the frames have been made by Haverford Twp. resident, Thomas Caruso. The Society appreciates that he and his helper, Pat Moran, volunteered their services to scrape and paint the woodwork.

The cabin was visited by a local TV crew who used the cabin as a background for a commercial. Also, the staff and producer of a Welsh documentary for the BBC were filming in our community, part of the Welsh Barony, and included the Old Haverford Meeting House, private homes and the Lawrence Cabin.

FEDERAL SCHOOL on Darby Rd. at Coopertown Rd. Two benches from the school furnishings are included in an education exhibit held this summer until Sept. 6-10-5 daily, in the Penn Mutual observation deck museum 510 Walnut St., opposite Independence Hall, Phila. This is part of the Quaker Tercentenary Exhibit that includes examples of clothing, furniture, personal goods and the film, "Wm. Penn: The Challenging Vision".

An exhibit at the 2nd Bank of U.S., 420 Walnut St., titled, "Friendly Beginnings" 1683-1836, deals with the origin and growth of Philadelphia's early schools. This is open Wed. thru Sun., 11-4, until Oct. 17, free.

RESERVATION FORM - Please tear off and return

IN ORDER TO SAVE POSTAGE COSTS, THIS WILL BE THE ONLY NOTICE FOR THIS EVENT

FIELD TRIP - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1982
Tour via bus to Hillendale Museum, including box lunch and visit to 1704 Brinton House.
Limited to 1st 45 reservations. Make check payable to Haverford Twp. Historical Society.
Mail to: HTHS, P.O. Box 825
Havertown, Pa., 19083

No. of Reservations _____	@ \$18/person, members _____	\$ _____
	@ \$20 per guest	Amount Enclosed _____
I cannot attend but would like to contribute to HTHS preservation efforts \$ _____		
Name _____		
Address _____		

July '82 MINI-TOUR	Members who had previously expressed an interest were contacted to join a group car-pooling to center city Philadelphia. Sites included the Friends Meeting House at 4th & Arch Sts., the newly renovated Bourse building, the 2nd Bank of U.S. and its outdoor theatre presentation and the Penn Mutual observation deck museum where the film, "Wm. Penn: The Challenging Vision" is featured.
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Pennsylvania's 300th Birthday