



## HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER

FALL 1987

Regular Meeting Dates
Thursdays
8 pm
Nov. 19, 1987
Feb. 18, 1988
Apr. 21, 1988

Once again the meetings of the Haverford Township Historical Society will be held in the Fellowship Hall of Temple Lutheran Church on Brookline Blvd at Earlington Rd. Mark your calendars with the dates at the left! Our program chairman, Jeanne Mulcahy, has three excellent programs scheduled. Notices will be sent to members. PLAN TO COME.

At the Annual Meeting in the Spring the following Board of Directors was approved:

(1986-88)	Dorothy Kelly (Mrs. F. J.)	Susan Kratzinger (Mrs. R.)
	Jeanne Mulcahy (Mrs. P. N.)	Marguerite Reese (Mrs. J.O.)
(1987-89)	Walter H. Geary	Justine Hocker (Mrs. R. G.)
	Rosemary Kanavy (Mrs. J. R.)	Charlotte Prichard (Mrs.W.)
	M. Elizabeth Stafford (Mrs. F. H.)	Dr. Joseph A. Wagner

Board Meetings (members are welcome) are scheduled for Sept. 24 and Nov. 12, 1987; Jan. 21, Mar. 17 and May 19, 1988.

Current Officers of the Historical Society are:

President	- Joseph O. Reese
Vice President	- Elizabeth Stellar (Mrs. Eliot)
Treasurer	- Kenneth A. Tiss
Secretary	- Gladys B. Tiss (Mrs. R.)
Curator	- Margaret E. Johnston (Mrs. Robert)

On Saturday, November 14 at 10 am, a workshop on SCHERENSCHRITTE will be held at Nitre Hall. Bring small embroidery or fingernail scissors and learn how to make unique decorations for your Christmas. \$5.00 will cover materials.

### FEDERAL SCHOOL

Work on the FEDERAL SCHOOL continues to go slowly because of changes in the procedure. The Township is looking into the question of getting additional funds (about \$35,000) for re-roofing, etc.

Joe Reese excavated under the old porch this summer, fortunately just before the bulldozers came. He found the original foundations of the original porch which was smaller than its successors; he discovered pieces of the iron stove used to warm the room; he brought out numerous other artifacts, including a redware inkwell (almost intact), buttons, some knives and forks, little pieces of slate and slate pencils, and an Indian arrowhead. These will be exhibited at a future meeting.

### THE QUILT

Meantime, volunteer workers have been making great progress on the unique Federal School QUILT. About twenty-four people have been working on the patchwork and quilting. It is entirely hand sewn. Chances on the quilt are being sold at \$1.00 apiece or 6 for \$5.00. We are hoping to have the quilt on display in the Township, not only to have the residents of the Township see what a work of art a few dedicated people have created, but also to stimulate more general awareness of the Federal School and more interest in its restoration.

### NITRE HALL

Work is being done at NITRE HALL. Watch your local papers for news of a public exhibition.

A pair of Empire card tables have been placed in NITRE HALL on loan from the Delaware County Historical Society. The Friends of the Grange (now acquiring Victorian furniture for the Grange) have lent a love seat for Nitre Hall. These are all in keeping with the period and character of the building and add a great deal to the ambience.

It is with great sadness that we report the death in July of a long-time member and dear friend, Libby Irwin (Mrs. Harry). Libby had held many different offices in her years of service to the Society. Most recently she was Recording Secretary. Libby's gentleness, her unobtrusive efficiency, her essential sweetness and soundness of character, made her much loved. She is greatly missed.

### LAWRENCE CABIN

Not mentioned the newspaper reports of the death of Eleanor Houston Smith were connections, through her husband, with Delaware County, and specifically, with Haverford Township. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence M. C. Smith were interested in the preservation of our heritage, both open lands (as evidenced in gifts to the City of Philadelphia) and buildings. Mr. Smith was a descendant of Dr. George Smith who wrote the first History of Delaware County. When the Lawrence Cabin was threatened with imminent destruction, the Smiths provided funds for its safe removal from its original site and for storage until it could be put up again in its present location. Think of what generations of school children, past and to come, owe to the enlightened generosity of this couple!

### REMINDER

Be sure to get your check in early for the scheduled trip to Newlin Grist Mill and other historic places in the vicinity of this fascinating milling community. Remember: Saturday, October 17, meeting at 9 am outside Old Haverford Friends Meeting, Eagle Rd across from St. Dennis' Church, to travel in private cars to Concordville, Brandywine Battlefield, the Chadd House and Anderson Museum. \$10.00 donation includes a delicious lunch. Come along and bring a friend!