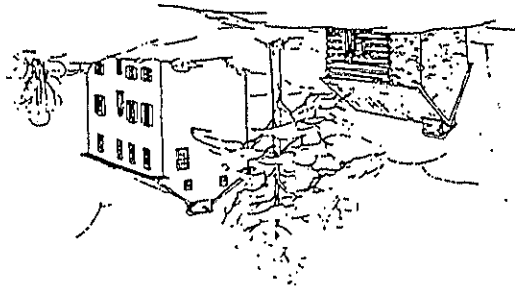


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NEWSLETTER

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Winter, 1995

FEBRUARY MEETING NOTICE

Thursday, February 16, 1995
8 PM

Old Havertown Friends Meeting
Eagle Road and St. Denis Lane
Havertown

"LEGAL PIONEERS"
Sam Lemon

Mr. Lemon, Manager of Community Education Services at WHY?, will be our guest speaker. His presentation will center on African American pioneers in the field of law. Special focus will be given to Delaware County's first African-American attorney, William H. Ridley (1867-1945.) Come, learn about this interesting pioneer and celebrate Black History Month with us. Refreshments and conversation will follow the meeting.

'95 DUES

Included with this newsletter is the annual dues envelope. Please fill out the form carefully; it is our only record of your payment and is also the form we will use for your listing in the membership directory. If you have not already paid for '95 you may do so by mail or at the February meeting. Please continue to support our efforts by renewing your membership.

Need a gift for someone?

Consider giving a membership in the HTHS. Call Betty Sparks for information.

HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY MAY LEAD TO PRESERVATION ORDINANCE,
HISTORIC ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD, HISTORIC DISTRICT

A committee consisting of HTHS President, Dolly Kelly, Susan Kratzinger, Carol Joseph, Peg Johnston, Ken Tiss, PJ Redmond, Fred Stafford, and architect Warren Williams reviewed and evaluated the structures listed in the survey for Haverford Township. After four meetings with Haverford Township Director of Codes, Lorraine Hanlon-Widdop, they recommended that 85 be considered for inclusion under a preservation ordinance. Multiple entries, such as Haverford College and properties like the Grange are considered as one. This list has been presented to Mrs. Hanlon-Widdop for further action by a committee to be appointed by township commissioners as appropriate ordinances are considered. It is hoped that this original list of buildings can be extended.

The HTHS purchased 50 copies of the survey and 23 are still available at a cost of \$25 each plus \$5 postage. Copies may be purchased at Nitre Hall from Peg Johnston most Tuesday mornings when the Archives Committee meets there.

FALL ACTIVITIES AT NITRE HALL AND LAWRENCE CABIN

Seventeen fifth grade classes from the township participated in the Colonial Living experience during September and October, under the guidance of Susan Kratzinger. HTHS member and Dean of Social Studies, Paul Sanborn, made a surprise visit in character as a Colonial era soldier. His uniform is authentic down to the buttons and complete with sword, which he kept sheathed in keeping with his "unofficial" duties. Try as they might, students could not trick this fine actor into returning to his twentieth century self. Thank you Mr. Sanborn!

Narberth, Gateway, and St. David's Nursery schools visited the cabin as part of their Thanksgiving preparations in November. Penn Wynne and Llanerch Presbyterian Nursery schools attended Christmas story hours at Nitre Hall. Everyone enjoyed the holiday decorations, "Dolls - Plain and Fancy," and candy canes. The children of Llanerch Presbyterian had a very special story hour when HTHS member, Charlotte Prichard, sang familiar nursery rhymes, accompanying herself on the autoharp.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Lower Merion High School students, Cindy Scott and Carolyn Joseph, will donate sixty hours each of service to the Archives Committee. They will be typing and helping the committee, headed by Betty Stellar, to inventory the HTHS collection.

MEMBERSHIP

The new 1994-95 Directory of members names was mailed to all who did not pick up their copies at the October general membership meeting. Please add the following names to your directory:

Dorothy J. Bonghi	Nancy Rosenblatt
307 Kenmore Rd.	519 Walnut Lane
Havertown, PA 19083	Swarthmore, PA 19081
789-3210	328-3695

M. Jean Logan	Virginia Hannum
109 Mulberry La.	64 W. Berkley Ave.
Media, Pa 19063	Clifton Heights, PA 19018
566-0920	623-0927

Carl Siffling and Anne Phillips	Mr. & Mrs. Warren Williams
700 Powder Mill Lane	701 Merion Ave.
Wynnewood, PA 19096	Havertown, PA 19083
642-4862	789-7490

Please note that Dr. Randolph Klein's name is misspelled in the list of Board of Directors and that Betty Stafford's name was omitted from the 1994-1996 Board of Directors.

We hope that you find the directory, with the addition of the calendar of events in the front, helpful.

IN MEMORIAM

The HTHS has recently lost two long-time members. Katharine Burruss died December 18, 1994 and Justine Hocker died on January 3, 1995. Miss Burruss lived in the Llanerch section of the township from early childhood and was a regular at our meetings, attending the last one in October. Katharine was interviewed for the Township History being compiled by Dr. Randolph Klein and had many tales and memories to share.

Justine Hocker, our board secretary will be greatly missed. Mrs. Hocker will be remembered especially for her important work as the director of the Haverford Township Library. During her years there Haverford became the largest of Delaware County's 27 libraries. Justine last spoke to the society at the annual membership meeting in April of 1992. Her informative and humorous talk was titled, "Pennsylvania Firsts- Pickles and Pretzels." A contribution to the Haverford Township Library will be made in her name.



VOLUNTEER SALUTE

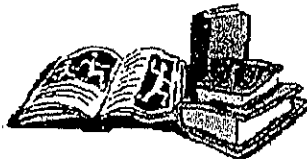
Any historical society is dedicated to preserving places and events of the past, but without the active participation of present day people this mission would not be possible. Edith Cannon, Chair of the Guides and Hostesses Committee, wishes to thank all the members who give of their time so that our properties could be opened to the public. She is also reaching out to student volunteers. A workshop was held in July for high school volunteers gleaned from the annual Summer Program. They were instructed on the history of the Lawrence Cabin and Nitre Hall and will begin giving tours in the fall. The students who attended are Andrea Hasaka, Lisa Hahn, Katie Metz, and Melinda Wismann - all seniors at Haverford High School. We're looking forward to working with them and having them be a part of HTHS.

OCTOBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, October 19, 1995
8PM

Temple Lutheran Church
Earlington Road and Brookline Boulevard

Guest Speaker: Elizabeth Hoffman, noted author and librarian.



JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Haverford Township Historical Society Newsletter needs a new editor. The job requires some writing skills and access to a typewriter or computer. The Newsletter is produced twice a year and is a vital link between the board of directors and membership. It is also a way to record what the society is accomplishing. Training will be provided. Salary is pride in a job well done! Call Mary Courtney at 789-5169 for more details.

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HTHS MEMBERSHIP ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT

At the April Annual Meeting board member, Carol Joseph was elected to serve as president from May, 1995 to May, 1997. Carol was drawn to volunteer work with HTHS through her sister, Dorothy Speedy, to whom the herb garden at Nitre Hall is dedicated. Carol began by volunteering as a hostess at open houses and, as an accomplished quilter, she worked on the Federal School quilt which was raffled as a fund raiser. She has been on the board of HTHS for six years, serving on the Property Committee and as Chair of the Environmental Committee and was First Vice President for '94-'95. She brings her culinary expertise to the Colonial Living classes each fall.

Our new president has worked hard at Nitre Hall, and hopes to move forward with the exterior restoration of the powder master's home. She wishes to see more young people become involved and suggests that members invite a guest to meetings and visit our sites more often. Carol lives in Wynnewood with her husband Dan, who has himself volunteered many hours to HTHS, and he has three teenage children.

NITRE HALL GROUNDS..

Twice each year the grounds need attention beyond that which the Township provides. This year's Spring Clean Up Day was attended by Marie and Dick Walker, Carolyn Joseph, Bett Stafford, Pete Longworth, and by Lower Merion High School students Carolyn M. Joseph, Jeanne Joseph and Jennifer Bedrick. Thank you all for helping to restore the landscape around Nitre Hall and the Lawrence Cabin.

APPRAISAL DAY

Mr. Raymond Spiller of Raymond M. Spiller and Associates, who spoke at the Annual meeting, once again did a terrific job and brought many smiles to those having appraisals done. Treasures were discovered, from an early 20th century child's sled to beautiful Beleek porcelain from Ireland. Mary Courtney, Betty Graham and Carol Joseph were hostesses for this valuable fund-raising event. Thanks again to all who dropped by. Even if you have nothing to be appraised, this is a wonderful opportunity to see and learn about antiques.

SUMMER PROGRAM '95

The theme for this year's high school summer program, lead by Carol Joseph and Susan Kratzinger was Accessions. Eleven students participated by touring Harriton House in Bryn Mawr, where the curator, Mr. Bruce Gill, took them on a tour of this wonderful property and finished the morning by demonstrating how he labels and files accessions there. Some of the group tagged and labeled boxes of items donated to the Historical Society in past years while others entered the accession records in the data base. Several students video taped all the furniture and artifacts at Nitre Hall, Lawrence Cabin, and the Federal School and painted accession numbers on items in Lawrence Cabin. Did you know it's done with Wite Out? Students will have letters of acknowledgement for volunteer action placed in their school files. Thank you to: Lisa Hahn, Andrea Hasaka, Caroline Hope, Bill Kingsland, Adam Lazarow, Katie Metz, Peter Morscheck, Helen Poynton, Marissa Rosen, Naomi Shmueli, and Melinda Wissmann.

Speaking of accessions, the Society has recently received a number of books useful for historical research. Among the titles are the two volume Collection of the Suffering of the People called Quakers by Joseph Besse MDCCLIII, Genealogy of Henry Lewis (first owner of the Grange), Merion in the Welsh Tract by Thomas Glenn 1896, Old Roads Out of Philadelphia by John T. Paris - 1917, and a charming set of Heath Readers - Primer through Fifth Reader, First edition, 1903. These and many other volumes are in the Library at Nitre Hall, which is available to members on Tuesday mornings from 10 to 12, when the Archive Committee is working there. Those interested should use the bridge entrance to the second floor and ring the bell just inside the door to notify workers of your presence.

SPECIAL NOTE

If '95 does not appear on your mailing label, your membership has expired and this will be your final issue. Please continue to support our efforts on behalf of history in Haverford Township by renewing your membership.

"The serendipity of discovery through a random selection process was the driving force of this exhibit. Visitors were empowered to look and see with new perspective." Irene Coffey

Rolywholyover A Circus

The recent exhibit of the multi-media artist and avant-garde composer, John Cage at the Philadelphia Museum of Art titled "Rolywholyover A Circus" included a nineteenth century butter churn from our collection. The exhibit was "orchestrated" to change daily- sometimes hourly- and included randomly selected artifacts from 53 area museums and historic sites. HTS was fortunate to have new board member, Irene Coffey, who works at the Franklin Institute, speak at a symposium there in June. The butter churn is similar to the one we use in the Colonial Living program and this event provided an excellent opportunity for getting more information out about our program.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Included with this Newsletter is a list of the '95 HTS Board, Committees, and an up-dated Calendar. Please insert these pages in your membership directory. A new directory will come out in the fall of '96. Also add the following new names to your directory:

Sandra Baron 223 Farnham Road, Havertown, PA 19083
Kim Briggs 509 Cumberland Road, Havertown, PA 19083 789-9548
Maud C. Irwin 419 Valley Road, Havertown, PA 19083 446-1765
Helen R. Lawser 3300 Darby Rd. Haverford, PA 19041
Fran Mann 3 Moewyn Road, Havertown, PA 19083 449-1945
Mr. & Mrs. Robert H. Nagel 139 Booth Lane Haverford, PA 19041
Mary Jane Roelofs 3300 Darby Rd. #4304 Haverford, PA 19041
Chris & Marci Smith 551 Kathmere Rd. Havertown, PA 19083 440-6050

DON'T LET IT HAPPEN TO HTS!

This quote from the editorial page of The Philadelphia Inquirer of Saturday, July 15, 1995: "Almost every small museum, historic home or collection faces woes like...maintaining staffing, finding space for often unwieldy collections and attracting visitors. As government funding declines, these challenges could overwhelm some institutions. Not lightly did the Philadelphia Daily News call this a "region top-heavy with scores of mostly ignored museums and historic houses." Active participation from membership can prevent this deadly disease.