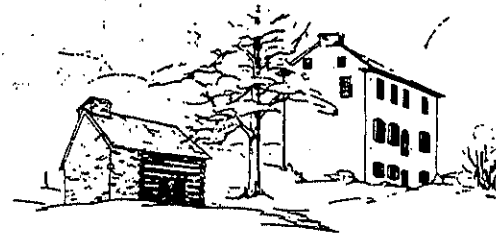


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NEWSLETTER

HAVERTOWN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Fall 1990

WEEK-END OPEN HOUSE EVENTS

This past season of late spring, summer, and early autumn Week-end Open House Events at Nitre Hall and Lawrence Cabin has consisted of seven (7) Events with one remaining on the schedule. The buildings were open to visitors every 4th week-end. For the most part, the weather has cooperated and the attendance has been good, usually with a steady stream of visitors. The special continuing exhibit for 1990 has been "Yesterday's Uniforms", a collection of uniforms from various organizations from Scouts to the military, etc., which have been displayed in the two furnished period second floor rooms of Nitre Hall. In addition to the uniforms owned by the Society, there were uniforms loaned by various individuals and special thanks are due the following: Robert Johnston, Mrs. Francis Kelly, Mrs. Elizabeth McClain, Niles Parker, Mrs. William Savage, Jr., Frederick Stafford, Mrs. Gladys Tiss and the Girl Scouts of Delaware County.

If you have not been able to get down to Nitre Hall for one of these Events, you have one more chance. The last Events of the season are scheduled for October 20 and 21. Perhaps you have never been to Nitre Hall, (impossible though this sounds we know at least one of our members who has not been there). Don't forget, the new handicapped ramp eliminates the long climb from the lower parking lot. Let's have a super turn-out of our own members for this last Event of the season!

1st Fall Meeting - THURS, OCTOBER 18th, 1990, 8 p.m.
AT TEMPLE LUTHERAN CHURCH
EARLINGTON RD. + BROOKLINE BLVD.
"ANECDOTES OF LOCAL HISTORY"

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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

FUTURE EVENTS AT NITRE HALL

The first three Sundays in December (2, 9, 16) will again find Nitre Hall all decked in holiday garb and open for visitors from 1 - 4 p.m. In addition to the traditional Story Book and Nursery Rhyme Christmas Tree, the special holiday exhibit this year will be a collection of toys called "Toys Before Batteries". Bring your children, grandchildren or even little ones from your neighborhood to see what toys were like "way back when" in the childhood days of their parents, grandparents or even great-grandparents.

As in the past, there will be Story Hours for pre-school children at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, December 4, 6, 11 and 13th.

"THE PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES OF HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP:
THREE CENTURIES"

The demand for a printed history of Haverford Township was the main factor in bringing together a group which founded the Haverford Twp. Historical Society more than 50 years ago. That statement from a document in the Society's archives echoed over the years. The project finally got underway following our anniversary celebration last year. Dr. Randolph S. Klein, a neograduate of Penn. Brown and Rutgers and author of "Portrait of An Early American Family, Science and Society in Early America"; is directing the research and will write the story. A committee of volunteer researchers includes: former Society Presidents Peg Johnston and Betty Stafford, current President Betty Stellar, former township librarian Justine Hocker, also Jeanne Mulcahy and Fred Stafford.

Since Spring the committee has met monthly and already note cards and computer records abound. We envision a hardcover book of about 250 pages intended for a popular audience. It will include illustrations, index and some scholarly apparatus.

So far research has concentrated on books and articles written by people long after events occurred. This lays a foundation for exploring documents written when William Penn and Abraham Lincoln visited the township, when an amusement park drew people to the Merwood Park area, or when the Manoa Shopping Center was an airfield, etc. Some work with original documents has begun. For example, early landowners and taxpayers have been entered into a computer. Soon committee members will be detectives seeking information to reconstruct an earlier time.

The book may be called "The People and Communities of Haverford Township: Three Centuries". The Society appreciates the coverage the project received in the News of Delaware County. Especially gratifying is the recent support from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. Although our project is in its infancy, the Society has learned that Dr. Klein's grant proposal to the Commission was awarded \$2,640., near the maximum amount that can be allocated.

Part of the grant will support oral history. So, if you have lived in the township for a long time, or know someone who has, please send name, address, phone number to Dr. Klein, HTHS, P.O. Box 825, Havertown, PA 19083. We'd like to talk with you and record your recollections.

SUMMER PROGRAM FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Again this year the Historical Society provided a history research program for high school students. Two one-week sessions in June were organized and supervised by Susan Kratzinger, Peg Johnston and Kate deRiel. Working out of Nitre Hall, students visited Haverford College Library and Treasure Room, Ludington Library, Chester County Historical Society and Haverford Township Administration Building. They searched for the origin of street names and brought the history of Township schools up to date. One hot day was spent travelling up and down the streets of Brookline to locate the houses in a collection of photographs recently acquired by the Society. Today's landscaping makes somewhat more difficult the identification of these photographs taken between 1907-1910 when streets were not paved and the vista was mostly farmland. Careful observation resulted in supplying house numbers for all but four of the photographs. Research done by the students will remain in the Historical Society files and may be used in the upcoming publication of the history of the township. Students participating in the 1990 program were: Jocelyn Barton, Kristin Boyko, Jennifer Gordon, Beth Grillet, Jennifer Kurland, Cathy Lee, Brian Milewatri, Shawn Perrin, Chris Scott, Kris Spragg, Jason von Steerburgh, Hon Yin Tsang and Angie Verrecchio.

TOWNSHIP HISTORY AT ADULT SCHOOL

The Haverford Township Adult School has again scheduled the course on Haverford Heritage first presented in 1989. The classes are slated for five (5) Tuesday evenings beginning on September 25 through October 23. They will be held in Room 114 of the Middle School from 8 to 10 p.m. The sessions on the growth and development of the township from 1682 to the present will be illustrated with slides. As Peg Johnston, who gave the course last year; will be in Australia visiting relatives, other knowledgeable members of the Society will give the lectures.

DID YOU KNOW?

A member and treasurer of the Historical Society for many years, Harry Young, is presently at Bryn Mawr Terrace recuperating from a fall. We are sure that cards and/or visits would be most welcome.

General Meetings

Oct. 18, 1990
Feb. 21, 1991
Apr. 18, 1991

PRESENTING

H.T.H.S. Officers and
Board Members elected
at the Annual Meeting,
April 1990

Board Meetings

Sept 20, 1990
Nov 15, 1990
Jan 17, 1991
Mar 21, 1991
May 23, 1991

President - Betty Stellar (Mrs. Elliot)
Vice President - Dorothy Kelly (Mrs. Francis J.)
Treasurer - Kenneth A. Tiss
Recording Secretary - Gladys B. Tiss (Mrs. Richard)
Corresponding Secretary - Rosemary Kanavy (Mrs. Jerome)
Curator - Margaret Johnston (Mrs. Robert)
Colonial Living Consultant - Susan Kratzinger (Mrs. Richard)
Past President - Joseph Reese

Board of Directors 1989 - 1991:

Neville Ehmann, Glenn Gray, Justine Hocker, Carolyn Joseph,
Rosemary Kanavy, Randy S. Klein, Charlotte Prichard, Joseph
Wagner (Dr.)

1990 - 1992

Mary Courtney, Carl Flinterman, Jean Mulcahy, Betty Stafford,
Barbara Wetzel

IN MEMORIAM

Several active, long-time members of the Society died over this past summer. They will be missed by all of us.

Suzanne Loder, former member of the Board of Directors, H.T.H.S., and Editor of the Newsletter, is remembered by many township residents as the music teacher at Brookline School and later a fifth grade teacher and enthusiastic supporter of the Colonial Living Experience.

Dorothy Speedy, a long time active member who, among other things, was instrumental in the planting and maintaining of the original herb garden at Nitre Hall.

Marguerite Lukens, whose ancestors owned the farmhouse at Manoa and Hirst Avenue and farmland adjacent to the Grange. She and her sister Mary contributed a number of items to our collections.

FUTURE MEETINGS SCHEDULED

Our Program Chairperson, Jean Mulcahy, has been hard at work securing interesting and different programs for our three regular meetings scheduled for October, February and April. For the first of these, in October, she has obtained Thomas McGuire, a teacher for 11 years at Malvern Prep who has a Master's degree in history from Villanova and who has also worked for the National Park Service at Valley Forge and was a consultant and researcher at Clivden in Germantown. Mr. McGuire's program is call "Anecdotes of Local History" and sounds like a talk that will be of interest to all of our members. Plan to be there!

FEDERAL SCHOOL UPDATE

Bids for the auxiliary building that is to house sanitary facilities, alarm system and electrical connections for the Federal School were much too high. Plans had to be redrawn and will be advertised for new bids. As soon as work is completed members will receive invitations to an Open House.

AWARDS

During the meeting of the Delaware County Council on May 8, 1990, the Heritage Commission presented a commendation to the Haverford Township Historical Society for the restoration and preservation of the Federal School

Brian and Raymond Quinn were recognized for their adaptive re-use of the 19th century house most recently used by the Manoa Library. The building at Manoa and Eagle Roads now houses Brian's law offices and the Powder Mill Associates.