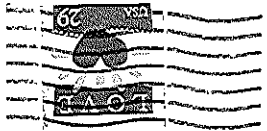
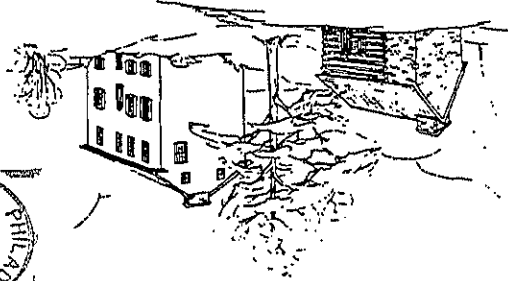


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NEWSLETTER

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P.O. Box 825 HAVERTOWN, PA 19083 SUMMER, 1994

MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION

It is our common interest in history and our desire to maintain the historic sites in Havertown Township that are the foundation of the historical society, but it is generous and creative people whose time and energy sustain us as a vital organization.

The Board of Directors welcomes three new members who were elected in April. They are Millicent Phillips, Elizabeth Miller, and P.J. Redmond. We are looking forward to working with them. Jeanne Mulcahy, who has been Programs Chairman for ten years, is returning to her home state of Vermont. We are very grateful to Mrs. Mulcahy for arranging such excellent meeting programs and for her many good ideas and contributions.

Thank you to Mary Lou Toal who made a day at the Federal School very special by visiting in costume with her violin and playing for the fourth grade class from Coopertown School. Ms. Toal played three nineteenth-century-style selections and spoke to the students about the importance of the "fiddle" to people living over a century ago. We'd be very happy if she made this a yearly event!

The society wishes to acknowledge the support and generosity which Jeanne and Virginia Weissinger have given us through the years. The sisters grew up on their family farm on West Chester Pike opposite the present Manoa Shopping Center. Currently, Jeanne has shared oral recollections of life there and has offered us access to many files pertaining to our township's past.

John Noble, Millicent Phillips, Dick Walker, Carol Joseph, Betty Stafford, and Mary Courtney braved poison ivy to participate in Spring clean-up at Nitre Hall on the last Saturday in April. The herb garden is now planted with lavender, tansy, basil, parsley, savory, nasturtium, chives, and pot marigold. These herbs will be used in the Colonial Living Program in the fall for cooking and demonstrations.

THE MILLS PROJECT

Many interesting events are scheduled through October of this year. Please consult your Mills Project brochure which was sent to HTBS members in April for descriptions of various lectures and tours throughout the area.

Curator Margaret Johnston's April lecture at the Haverford Township library on the mills of the township was very well attended and will be repeated for the society at the October general membership meeting. Mark your calendar for Thursday, October 20th.

APPRAISAL DAY

Appraisal Day was held for the fourth consecutive year on May 7 with Mr. Raymond Spiller again donating his services. This year, due to the threat of rain, the Summer Kitchen was pressed into service for the appraisals. In the process we may have "stumbled" on a better location for this event than the lower parking lot. All three buildings were in use and Nitre Hall and the Lawrence Cabin were again open to the public, free of charge. This day continues to be a favorite and a major fund raiser for the society. Thank you Mr. Spiller.

HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY

This historic sites survey for Haverford Township, financed in part with Federal funds from the National Park Service, has been published and was presented to each of the Haverford Township Commissioners at their board meeting on June 13. The research project will be available at the Library, Haverford College, Haverford Middle and High schools, St. Denis, Annunciation, and Sacred Heart school libraries and at the Historical Society. This was a ten-year project which our curator is happy to see completed. Much of the research was done originally by HTBS members. Margaret Johnston, Justine Hocker, Betty Stafford, Dorothy Kelly and Mary Courtney worked to make many corrections in the final copies. Please keep track of your own volunteer hours so that they can be logged. You'd be surprised how fast they add up.

The Archive Committee is getting under way chaired by Betty Stellar. If you'd like to be involved call her at 649-5677.

The Summer Exhibit at Nitre Hall continues through the October open house weekend and is titled "Historical Perspectives Through Documents." Many fascinating family papers are on view, such as birth and baptismal certificates, wedding licenses, deeds, and even some report cards. Not everything is in English and nothing is done on computer!

FEDERAL SCHOOL REPORT

The one room school was in use this spring for 17 fourth-grade classes from the township. In addition Margaret Johnston brought a large group of residents from the Quadrangle to visit in July. John E. Riley, who has done numerous repairs for the Colonial Living Program in the past, also repaired one of the desks at the school. The National Historic Registry photographed the school for their archives in Washington, D.C.

HISTORIC LANDSCAPES AND GARDENS

Carol Joseph and Susan Kratzinger worked with five Haverford High School students, Elise de Riel, Alan Elias, Christopher Mitchell, Cindy Scott, and Orli Shmueli studying 18th and 19th century gardens. As part of this summer program they surveyed the area around Nitre Hall, identified various trees, and made clay markers for the herb garden. They also planted a vegetable garden at the far side of the cabin including pumpkins, tomatoes, peppers, potatoes, carrots and beans. The edible results of all this effort may be used in the Colonial Living project this fall.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Open House Weekends.....	September 3 and 4
	October 1 and 2
General Membership Meeting.....	October 20