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The British in Haverford, Another Look — by Clarissa Dillon, PhD

In the recent article about British incursions into Haverford Township in 1777 and 1778, there were several comments that need clarification. Although the British planned to purchase supplies in the Philadelphia market, and did purchase foodstuffs from farmers who brought things into the city, food and other items were also appropriated from the inhabitants. Diaries tell us of such seizures. On 30 October 1777, Christopher Marshall recorded.

...the inhabitants of Philadelphia in great distress for provisions, as the soldiers seized all that was in the market and were also seizing and taking away out of people's cellars.

Sarah Logan Fisher reported “plundering” by the Hessians in her 1 November 1777 diary entry.

The British also scoured the countryside around the city. They took away enormous quantities of foodstuffs, animals, clothing, wood, and a lot of other things as well. There is a splendid record of reported losses by Chester County residents. A recurring comment in the complaints noted that there had been no payments or consideration for items taken. Out of more than 700 reports, there are only these five reports of payment for items commandeered.

John Bailey, West Bradford total value £120	lost horses valued at £30, harness at £90 received £45
Caleb Smedley, Willistown	lost 1 mare valued at £24 received £12
Elias Davis, Goshen total value £30.15.0	lost 1 horse valued at £30, gear at £0.15.0 received £7.10.0
James Coffman, Tinicum total value £173.10.0	lost 7 horses £170 & 7 sheep £3.10.0 received £46
James Norris, Easttown	lost 1 mare valued at £22 received £10

Not all residents of Chester County went to report losses. Benjamin Hawley, farmer and one-time schoolmaster, noted several incidents in his diary but his name does not appear in the Register.

During the period of occupation, with all the losses, how did people survive? To date, I have only found two references that report assistance from family, friends, or neighbors. Sarah Logan Fisher received butter and honey from her uncle in December 1777. Elizabeth Drinker recorded that, in response to a request from Edward Drinker's widow, she “...gave her Beef and Biscuit &c...” More information may lie, as yet undiscovered, in diaries, letters, account books, and other period sources.

The phrase “accounts were settled” in Morgan's article indicates that claims were paid. A question arises: who paid? So far, I have found no reference to payments, other than those given above, for losses claimed.

Volunteer Corner — by Amy Wolfe

With a degree in art history, an interest in preservation and architectural restoration, as well as actually having worked on the restoration of a log cabin, Kate Clifford is the perfect choice for new board member of the Haverford Township Historical Society.

A native of Haverford Township, Kate attended Manoa Elementary and Haverford High Schools before earning her bachelor's degree at Penn State Main. She studied art history in Italy – in Italian – and began her career as a “preservation carpenter”.



After being sidelined by an injury, Kate decided to pursue her master's degree at the University of Portsmouth in England, where she lived for eight years, eventually working as a planning consultant specializing in historic buildings.

In 2016 Kate moved back to Havertown. “I needed to get a job,” Kate recalls, “so I needed to know more about local history and the area. The HTHS was a perfect fit.” She also had fond memories of her Colonial Living and Federal School experiences, which, she says, “stayed with her.” As luck would have it, she met HTHS president Renee Coffey at a library function, and so began Kate's relationship with the HTHS. Over more than a year she and the other Tuesday volunteers organized the massive archival filing project, while “keeping a watchful eye on the condition of Nitre Hall.”

Kate recently began working for the Delaware County Planning Department as a Planner in the Preservation Section. She works with local historical groups to inform them of funding sources and obtain historic preservation grants; she works with municipalities who don't have historical societies or commissions to create or revive them; she advises municipalities on instituting historic preservation ordinances or making them stronger; she educates the public on what they should and shouldn't do with their historic buildings. She is also the Liaison for the Heritage Commission and organizes the seminar and awards. In her spare time Kate is an avid crafter and enjoys ice skating.

In the future Kate dreams of buying and restoring a house – her favorite period is Queen Anne Victorian. “We need to re-awaken the skills and crafts that were used for thousands of years. I did my dissertation on Gothic cathedrals. If they could create masterpieces of architecture then, then why can't we do it now?”

As for the Historical Society, Kate brings both personal and professional perspective to her opinion: “The Haverford Township Historical Society is one of the most active societies in Delaware County, with the Heritage Festival and Colonial Living Program something for other societies to aspire to.”

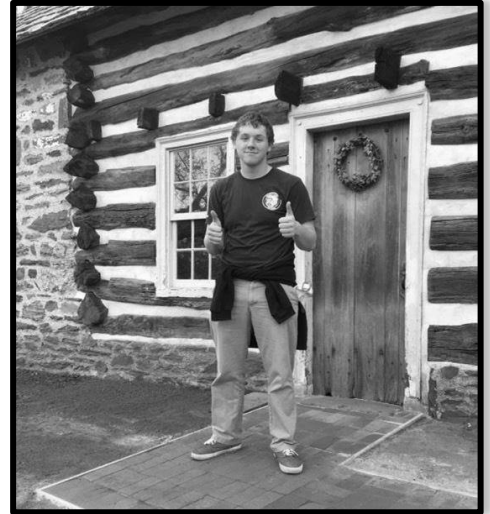
Holiday House Tour a SUCCESS! — by Terri Dougherty

The tenth annual Holiday house tour didn't disappoint. The weather cooperated and the attendance was great. The homeowners went above and beyond to showcase their homes for the holidays. Many architectural styles were represented. Thanks to the docents

Eagle Project at Nitre Hall — by John Kirkland

Late in December, Boy Scout Nick Smith (*pictured right*) of Troop 144 and many volunteers laid a new brick path to Lawrence Cabin, connecting to a path from Nitre Hall. This new path will make accessing Lawrence Cabin easier, and is another step to making it more accessible for folks with wheelchairs or strollers. Recent projects by the scouts of Troop 144 are enhancing the historic treasures of Haverford Township.

The project turned out great, and the Historical Society is very happy with the results of this young man's efforts. Check out the path when you visit Nitre Hall and Lawrence Cabin this coming June 3rd, the next Heritage Festival.



Help with Lost Lenape Lore — by Kathy Case

Most of the history of our township before European settlement is lost to us, but there is ample evidence that Lenape tribes lived in this area in the 16th to early 18th centuries and probably earlier. Archeological digs in Marple Township and at several sites in Chester County have uncovered burials and many artifacts, so we know indigenous people were nearby.

Long-time Haverford township residents tell of finding arrowheads along Karakung Drive, and in the 1960s a mudslide in Beechwood unearthed a trove of arrowheads in various stages of completion. HTHS leader Susan Loder reported this event in a 1978 HTHS newsletter and noted she had acquired some of the arrowheads, but what she did with them is unknown (she passed away in 1990). The artifacts in the HTHS collection are believed to have come from Haverford Township (see *The Haverford Herald*, Fall 2017, p.5) but there is no record of where they were found. We do know that the nine oldest items were donated in 1975 by the Robb family of Pont Reading, but we do not know where they acquired them.

Thus, solid evidence of Lenape presence in Haverford Township is elusive. As part of the HTHS history book project, we have acquired the help of an expert on the Lenape, and he may be able to help find such evidence, but we are also asking township residents to search their memories for documented finds within the township.

If you have any information about the origins of the HTHS artifact collection or anything related to our earliest inhabitants, please contact HTHS: info@haverfordhistoricalsociety.org

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Haverford Township Historical Society Applies for Keystone Grant by Kate Clifford

As many of you who have visited Nitre Hall over the past few years have noticed, HTHS is improving the displays and the collection to make it a more enjoyable and educational experience for all who visit. However, the collection would be nothing without the building in which it is housed, and which helps with the interpretation of what life was like in the 19th Century. Several years ago, HTHS hired Daniel Campbell, AIA to complete a Preservation Plan for Nitre Hall. This included an analysis of the site and the building's interior and exterior, and gave recommendations for maintenance and improvements for the future. Some work has already been done, or is planned for this year. If you go to visit Nitre Hall during the Heritage Festival, you will see some changes to the gunpowder hall, with a wall removed and a new sign. Behind the office door, HTHS has a new office, which had not been improved since it was converted from the caretaker's apartment in 2002. It is now a much better place for the board and volunteers to work and organize the Society's records and to answer your questions.

Planned for this year is a new handicapped accessible bathroom, renewed electrical system, new alarm system. The money for the office and for the planned work came from the sale of the Eagle Road house, which was bequeathed to the HTHS. However, as the HTHS is trying to make this money last as long as possible, and with the large list of projects suggested by the Preservation Plan, we sought to obtain a grant to help with some of the more important preservation work.

We decided to apply for a Keystone Construction Grant for work on the historic kitchen and lower stairs. Keystone Grants are issued by the state through the Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission (PHMC). The Keystone Historic Preservation Grant Program provides funding support for projects that identify, preserve, promote and protect historic and archaeological resources for both the benefit of the public and the revitalization of communities. Funding is available to nonprofit organizations and local governments for the planning and development for publicly accessible historic resources listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. It is a matching grant program, which means that the HTHS and the Township have to put up half of the money for the project.

The work to be covered under the grant, if awarded, includes moving the antique cabinet from the 'modern' kitchen to the wall in the historic kitchen. The cabinet is the only original piece of furniture in the building, and was originally along the hallway and it actually was part of the wall separating the two. It was moved from the wall and has been used in conjunction with the 'modern' kitchen with its back towards the historic kitchen. It will be turned around and will be facing the historic kitchen once again. In its place, new cabinets and a wall will separate the two kitchens and a door way placed next to the cabinet so that access to the historic kitchen will no longer be through the 'modern' kitchen and will be handicapped accessible. The brick floor will be made level again, as it has sunk due to settlement, and that will help with accessibility as well. Another thing which is linked to the work planned for this year is the electrics, alarm system, and plumbing being upgraded on this half of the first floor.

It is anticipated that the work completed under the Keystone Grant will make the 'modern' kitchen improved to better serve the different events and programs that HTHS organizes including the Heritage Festival, Oktoberfest and the Colonial Living Program. Separating the two kitchens and the various improvements will help with the interpretation of the historic kitchen and make it accessible to everyone. The last item planned on being done is the repair of the stairs to the second floor. They are uneven and the banister is in need of strengthening. This work will help all visitors to be able to use the stairs with confidence.

All board members of HTHS worked hard to compile the necessary information for the grant submission, and with the help of the Delaware County Planning Department, we were able to submit the application with time to spare. We will keep you updated on the progress of the grant and all of our projects being done in the next couple of years. It is hoped that the work will not impact on the Heritage Festival, Oktoberfest or Colonial Living Program, and will be done in between events. We encourage all of you to come visit Nitre Hall when the work is done and continue to support HTHS in its preservation of the Township's museum.

Old News... by John Kirkland

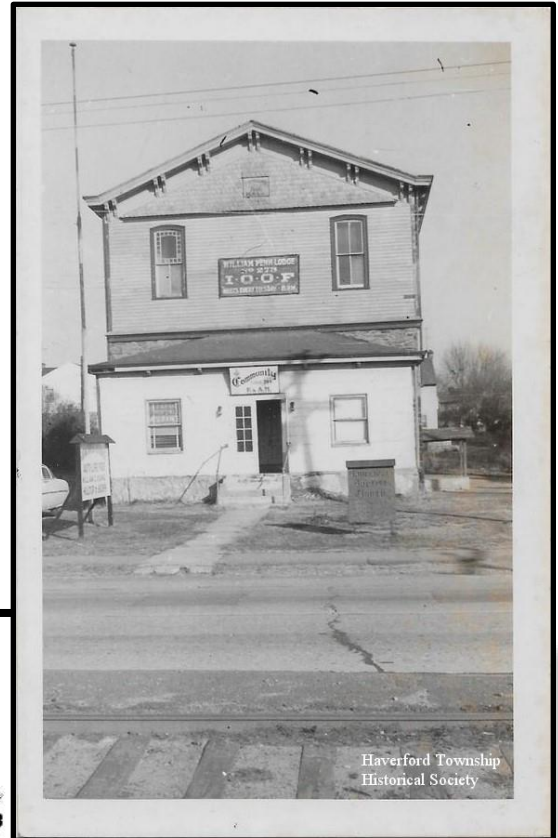
Thanks to HTHS Member, **Betty Murta Graham**, we have access to a whole slew of old news periodicals from the township. Betty was able to loan us these treasures which we carefully scanned, and we hope to be able to make them available digitally.

Below is a snippet from the "Eagle Herald" September 13, 1934 edition! The article is regarding the "Odd Fellows Lodge".

More information about Odd Fellow Lodge can be found at our website:

<http://haverfordhistoricalsociety.org/the-odd-fellows-lodge/>

THANK YOU (again) BETTY!!



The Eagle Herald

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Vol. 3 No. 12 Manoa, Pa., Thursday, September 13, 1934 Two Cents

NEW CHURCH OPENS AT ODD FELLOWS HALL

Reformed Episcopalians
Start Work In Manoa;
Bishop To Speak Sun.

Reformed Episcopal services were inaugurated last Sunday morning when a good sized congregation gathered to worship in the Odd Fellows Hall, on the pike.

This Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, when there will be a service of Morning Prayer and Sermon, Bishop R. W. Peach, Ph.B., D.D., Presiding Bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church, will be the preacher. Bishop Peach is Dean of the Reformed Episcopal Seminary in Philadelphia.

The inception of this work in Manoa is the outgrowth of a canvas that was made some-time ago. It will be an effort to serve low Episcopalians in this section. There has been an extensive study made in this field, and there was found a large group of unchurched people who preferred the Old Low Episcopal service with its evangelical message, and its beauty and wealth of liturgical and choral worship.

Services will continue each Sunday morning at the ap-

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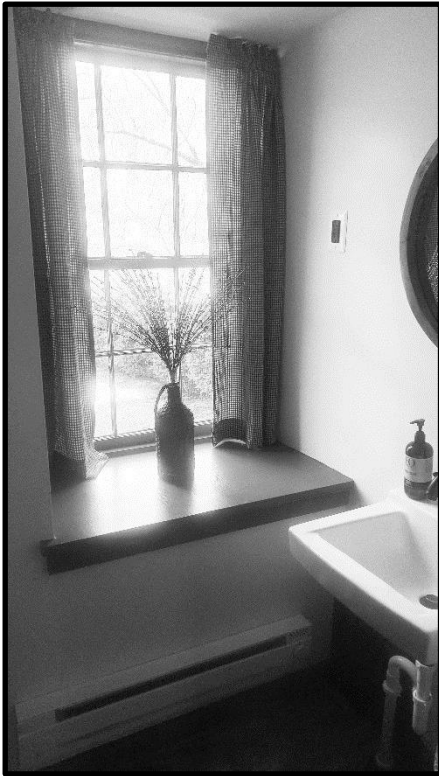
pointed hour.

Mr. David S. Crumley will be in charge of the work. He is a graduate of the Reformed Episcopal Seminary, later taking up work at the Hartwick Theological Seminary, Brooklyn, N. Y. He has cared for Grace Reformed Episcopal Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., for sometime. Also at Holy Trinity Church, Hollis, L. I.

All are cordially invited to attend.

Nitre Hall Decorative Changes by Terri Dougherty

Exciting changes have been taking place at Nitre Hall over the last three months. A major renovation has been completed in the office space and the staff restroom. Plumbing and electrical work was followed by framing, new cabinetry, floors and many special details that blend the old with the new. We are looking forward to working in this bright and happy space as we move forward in fulfilling our mission for the historical society. We are looking forward to the next phase of renovation that is necessary for the future of this elegant Federal style home, that is the townships museum for all to enjoy.



Did you know.? by Kate Clifford

Haverford Township is one of two Certified Local Governments (CLGs) in Delaware County? What does this mean?

Municipalities with established HARBS or Historic Commissions are eligible to participate in the CLG program. CLG is a National Park Service program enabled by the National Historic Preservation Act, provides valuable technical assistance and small grants to local governments seeking to strengthen local historic preservation activities. The CLG program is administered by the Pennsylvania Historical Museum Commission (PHMC)'s Bureau for Historic Preservation, which serves as the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) in Pennsylvania. Haverford Township has a Historical Commission which meets monthly and is made up of seven Township residents chosen by the Board of Commissioners. Among other things, it maintains the Historic Resource Survey and reviews applications for alterations, additions, or demolition of those resources. The Survey is available on the Township website on the Historical Commission page.

UPCOMING EVENTS

12th Annual Heritage Festival

along Karakung Drive

Sunday, June 3, 2018 11 AM to 4 PM

Nitre Hall Open House Schedule

Sunday, June 24, 2018 10 AM to 1 PM

Sunday, July 29, 2018 10 AM to 1 PM

Sunday, Aug 26, 2018 10 AM to 1 PM

Sunday, Sept 30, 2018 10 AM to 1 PM

19th Century Base Ball Exhibition

The Navy Yard, Philadelphia

Sat & Sun, Aug 24 & 25, 2018 10 AM to 4 PM

www.phillyvintagebaseball.org

Oktoberfest

Nitre Hall

Saturday, October 20, 2018 7 PM to 10 PM

12th Annual Heritage Festival – June 3rd!

The 2018 Heritage Festival returns to Karakung Drive along the beautiful Cobbs Creek in Haverford Township on Sunday, June 3 from 11am to 4pm. Over 3000 Township residents are expected to attend. Presented as a fundraiser by the non-profit Haverford Township Historical Society, monies raised will go to support the restoration of the Colonial Kitchen in Nitre Hall.

This popular event the continues the tradition of celebrating local history and culture with friends and families of all ages. The Festival features living history exhibits, live music and dancing, delicious food and a beer garden. Truly a community event, the Heritage Festival is proud to host many of Haverford Township's local non-profits and community organizations. The 12th Annual Festival will celebrate the long-remembered Beechwood Amusement Park.

Check out our website for more information and how you might be able to help!

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