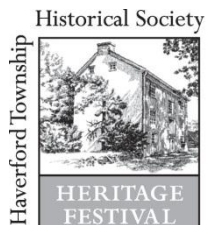




HTHS Newsletter

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Look on the back cover for more about this year's Heritage Festival on Sunday, June 3 from 11 to 4 PM!

Upcoming Events:

March 31
Coffeehouse @ St. Andrew's Center for the Arts, 7 PM

April 19
HTHS Annual Meeting @ The Grange, 7:30 PM

June 3
HTHS Heritage Festival along Karakung Drive 11 AM to 4 PM

June 10
Haverford Heritage Trail Ribbon Cutting @ The Grange

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HTHS Annual Meeting:

Saving and Restoring Sellers Hall – A 17th Century Historical Gem

Thursday, April 19

7:30 PM

@ The Grange



Haverford Township Historical Society is pleased to announce our annual meeting to take place at the Grange Estate on April 19 at 7:30 PM. Speaker Ellen Cronin will make a presentation about the restoration of Sellers Hall in Upper Darby. Ms. Cronin is a board member of the Newlin Mill Foundation, UD Historical Society and Friends of Sellers Hall. She is also author of *Revealing Women's History: Best Practices at Historic Sites*. Board of Directors elections for the Haverford Township Historical Society will take place at this meeting for the "class of 2012-2014." *The meeting is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.*

Haverford Heritage Trail Nears Completion

Haverford Heritage Trail, a 14-mile loop trail through the township which passes more than thirty historic sites and fifteen parks is nearing completion. A ribbon-cutting ceremony, including a hike from The Grange to the Lawrence Cabin is scheduled for Sunday June 10 at 1 PM. The historical society will print a full color guide map, which will be available at this year's Heritage Festival on June

3. The trail, running along existing roads as well as through parks and woodland areas, began with an Eagle Scout project in 2008 and recently added the help of trail and bike enthusiasts to complete the final phase. Scouts and their friends and families have continued to help with trail cutting and mulching. Donated funds from the Northwest Civic Association were used to purchase sign material and the trail was adopted as an Action Priority by the Haverford Township Civic Council in 2009. "Friends of Haverford Trails," was formed as a Task Force in 2011 to support all of the township trails including those at Haverford Reserve. For more information, to view beautiful pictures of the trail, or to join the Friends, visit the Haverford Township Civic Council site at haverfordciviccouncil.org.



Please take a moment to remit your 2012 Historical Society Membership Dues.

Your ongoing support allows us to continue our efforts to preserve and promote local history in our community!

Individual Membership: \$10, Family Membership: \$15, Contributing Organization: \$25

Send your check made payable to "HTHS" to PO Box 825, Havertown, PA 19083

The Lawrence Family Papers:

A Glimpse into 19th Century Life

By Carolyn Joseph

In our last newsletter we reported that HTHS had received the Lawrence Family papers as a gift from their descendant, Mrs. Betty Griffin.

In the past few months we have been learning about the 19th century life of Thomas D Lawrence in Haverford Township.

From the family Bible, Henry Lawrence, son of Henry and Hannah Massey Lawrence, was born in 1763. Henry married the youngest daughter of William and Mary Pennell in the early part of the year 1795. From this marriage came three children, William (1798), Thomas D. (1800) and Mordecai (1803).

The receipts from that time period show that Henry and Hannah needed medical services from Isaac Sermon for his child and medicine for hired girl. In 1800 Henry paid "\$3.76, for 1 mo. attendance to child at \$0.76, and 4 mo. Dr. wife \$3.00." This receipt was signed by Sam P Griffiths. There are various other doctors' receipts in the collection.

In 1808, Henry paid an amount of \$3.00 for tuition and .25 for firewood to James Gallaway.

The receipts skip the years 1809-1822, but then we begin to see all of the supplies and services that Thomas Lawrence purchased. Names of people you might recognize come up such as Adam Litzenberg, who was paid for working for the Lawrence's. For "16 ½ days at 40 cts", Adam was paid \$6.60. For "6 ½ days quarrying stone at 62 ½ cts per day" he was paid \$4.06, and for 6 ½ boarding at 10cts per meal \$2.00. George Litzenberg, Thomas Danby, and James Davis were also doing work for Thomas Lawrence.

From 1822-1826 there are numerous receipts for building supplies: purchases for lumber from Joseph Keen in West Philadelphia, lumber from Rich Hugh McIlvain at the price of \$160.15, and brads, nails, hinges and screws from HMP Lawrence of Upper Darby. There was also a long list of supplies purchased in Philadelphia from W. H. Dilworth, including bolts, latches, screws, escutcheon, shutter

hinges, shutter bolts, hooks and nails. There are receipts for sash cord, pullies yellow ochre and gentian red, orange mineral and glue from Wm Heyl, Philadelphia. John Richards provided services for Carpentry and Sawing.

There are receipts during this time paid to Thomas Williamson for smithing at \$8.24 ½ cents, boarding of horse, sundries purchased from Wm. Llewelyn, and for 100 bushels of lime, purchased from Wm Skolfield, 50 at 12 ½ cts the sum of \$12.

Receipts for ordinary supplies such as salt, molasses, spices, sugar, cloth, boots and shoe making, tax receipts, tuition, subscriptions to the Saturday Evening Post, (a Philadelphia paper) \$2 for 12 months are among the numerous papers

A flyer from Philadelphia Eleventh month 1833, from Benj. H Warder, Treasurer, No. 28 Dock Street reads "The Stockholders in Haverford School Association are hereby notified, that the Certificates of Stock are ready for delivery upon surrender of the Scrip Certificates. Such of the Stockholders as are in arrears, are respectfully requested to pay up their installments, as the funds of the Association are nearly exhausted."

There are many family letters, booklets from the Philadelphia Yearly meetings, and long lists of expenses, school booklets listing classmates, almanacs and the Constitution and Bylaws of the Protective Society of Radnor and Haverford for the Detection and Prevention of Horse Thieves. These numerous pieces of ephemera are quite interesting and give us a glimpse into life of the 19th century.

A fire insurance receipt dated December 23, 1851.

Rec'd 12th mo 23rd A. D. 1851 of *Thos. D. Lawrence*
Five dollars and $\frac{46}{100}$ in full of
annual payment for insurance in the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Chester County,
for the year commencing January 5th 1852
Henry Waldman
Receiver

Holiday House Tour a Success

A private look at select homes in Haverford Township began in 2008 under the direction of Terri Dougherty and her daughter, Erica Deuschle. This year HTHS members, friends and guests traveled to six homes representing early 20th century building trends from Craftsman to Colonial in Haverford Township. All of the homes were built between 1908 and 1924. The Haverford Guild of Craftsmen held their annual open house the same weekend, providing an opportunity for many people to shop at this unique event. Homeowners and volunteer docents gathered after the tour for refreshments at the Grange, which was decorated for the holidays. Thanks to all the homeowners, and to Tip O'Leary's and Orner's Nursery and Garden Center for their donations.



Bonnie Robbins, Renee Coffey and Erica Deuschle, volunteer docents.

HTHS partners with the Haverford Township Free Library- "Archaeology and American History"



Mitchell Rothman, Ph.D. speaks with Stacey Mattox, Chair of the Haverford Township Historical Commission. Photo: Daniel Schrader

Standing Room Only for this "Outreach Lecture Program" funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and sponsored by the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology.

On Sunday, February 19th Mitchell Rothman, Professor of Anthropology and Archaeology at Widener University presented an illustrated program featuring a dig at the 17th century home of Caleb Pusey at

Landingford Plantation. Caleb Pusey was William Penn's grist miller and built his home along the Chester Creek. Several members of Friends of the Caleb Pusey House attended and added helpful information. Professor Rothman explained the importance of unearthing and identifying the uses of everyday tools and trash to expand the written history. This well-received event was coordinated by Mary Baer Shannon, Programs & Grant Manager of the HTFL and Mary Courtney, HTHS Secretary.

Newest Addition to the HTHS Library

HTHS member Beverly Rorer and Barbara Marinelli have written the latest in the popular sepia-toned *Images of America* series published by Arcadia. The new book about Upper Darby- printed in December 2011 - is now in the HTHS library and features a photograph from former HTHS member Ethel B. Haven's collection, of the Llanerch Women's Club, taken in 1973 when the group visited Washington, D.C. Members are posed on the U.S. Capitol Building steps and include several from the historical society. The book is available to purchase through the Upper Darby Historical Society. www.udhistory.org

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Welcome New Members

Debra and Richard Abraham
Andrew Dash
Dawn and Dennis Kays
Michael J. Mariani
Warren J. Walker
Welcome back James Gould –
Founding member, now living
in Maine.

6th Annual Heritage Festival along Karakung Drive

Sunday, June 3, 11 AM to 4 PM

Join us for Haverford Township's favorite spring event! This year's Heritage Festival promises to be the best yet as we continue the tradition of celebrating local history and culture in the beautiful setting of Karakung Drive. This year, look for an exhibit inside Nitre Hall of items from the Historical Society's collection relating to photography and the development of Haverford Township. There will be living history exhibits, music, dancing, food and a beer garden featuring craft brews from some of the area's finest microbreweries. We are proud to host many of Haverford Township's community organizations as well as local artisans and crafters who will be on hand to display and sell their work. There will be pony rides and a scavenger hunt for children of all ages. Parking will be available on Karakung Drive outside the boundaries of the festival and in surrounding neighborhoods. We encourage you to walk or ride bikes if possible. More information and forms for artists and non-profits to reserve space can be found our website.



Amalia dazzles the crowd with her belly-dancing technique at the 2011 Festival.



DGD plays to a huge crowd at the 2011 Heritage Festival. Photos by Jeanne Angell.

Send your comments, suggestions and feature ideas for this newsletter to us at info@haverfordhistoricalsociety.org.



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