

HALDEMAN MANSION PRESERVATION SOCIETY QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

2010 3RD ISSUE

230 LOCUST GROVE ROAD
BAINBRIDGE, PA 17502



Haldeman Mansion First Annual Tavern Dinner

Saturday, September 11 at 5:30 PM
230 Locust Grove Road, Bainbridge, PA 17502

If the success of the Victorian Tea is any indication about how the Haldeman Mansion serves good food, brings great friends together and generates an exceptionally glorious meal, then the Tavern Dinner is destined to be spectacular!

The meal begins with appetizers that include cheese, fruits and home made breads with wine and beer to quench your thirst. As your taste buds awake you will move on to dinner that will include whipt syllabub*, fish chowder, pickled eggs, baked ham, goose stew, collops (scaloped potatoes), Colonial corn pudding, and green beans with herbed butter. All of this will be accompanied by freshly baked home made bread and raspberry jam and cider. For dessert, you will enjoy a tasty gingerbread cake with or without vanilla ice cream and hot coffee or tea will finish your meal. This is a truly a feast that will sate your appetite!

In the 18th century, taverns were a place for travelers to meet to drink, eat, and feast. Also, they were the center for hearing the latest news and to the place to meet friends. The locals came to socialize and have fun. There were no TVs, radios or daily newspapers. This event is for **YOU** to meet friends, make new friends and to socialize.

Invite your friends to join you for this scrumptious feast. You need to make your reservations early because seating will be limited. The cost is \$30.00 per person and \$55.00 per couple.

All funds raised will go for restoration and maintenance of the mansion.

Contact Chair: Gail Yurkovic at 717.367.7857 to make your reservations.

* A sweet drink with whipped cream



APPLE FALL FEST

Sunday

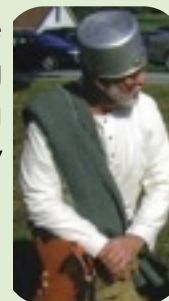
October 10, 2010



12:00 to 4:00 PM

With the theme of "APPLES" in place, there is a great day in store for you at the Haldeman Mansion's 6th Annual Apple Fall Fest. You may enter the "APPLE DESSERT CONTEST." Look for more information about this exciting contest on the next page.

You may try your hand in the APPLE PEELING Contest. You peel an apple in one stroke until your peeling breaks. The length of the peeling is your entry into the contest and the longest peel wins! Watch apple cider being made using an apple press. See other demonstrations and check out the 1740's Summer Kitchen. You may get a taste of food that has been cooked on the hearth in the kitchen. There are games for the youngsters: beanbag toss, apple rolling, decorating foam apples, bobbing for apples, eating an apple tied up on a string, coloring and visiting with Johnny Appleseed.



There will be pulled pork sandwiches, hot dogs, chicken corn soup, apple sauce, chips, sodas, hot chocolate, and water to drink. In addition you can have apple dumplings, apple pie, apple crisp, apple cake and other desserts, all donated by local friends of the Haldeman Mansion.

Music will again be provided by the Martin Family who do Celtic music and dance. Many people come back every year just for this the treat of hearing and seeing the Martin Family in action.

A special Silent Auction will be held with items donated by board members, businesses and others. If you have something valuable or new that you want to donate, you may take it to Elaine Jackson's home - 536 N. 2nd St., Bainbridge, PA. (We don't want junk.) You do not need to be present to win, if you are the high bidder. The money raised at the Silent Auction goes to the roof fund.

There is no entrance or parking fee for this day of FUN!

All the money raised at this festival will be used for maintenance, expenses and repairs of the mansion. Contact Elaine Jackson with any questions or if you have a donation for the auction, etc., by email at: elainekjackson@comcast.net or by phone at 717.426.3794.





Apple Dessert Contest

Contestants Needed!

Now is the time to plan your strategy. Get out your favorite apple dessert recipe and study it. Remember why it was your favorite. What special touches did you use the last time you made this recipe that generated rave reviews? Plan now to prepare this special dessert for entry in the Apple Dessert Contest that is being held during the Apple Fall Fest at the mansion.

All desserts will be judged by their appearance, creativity, and of course their taste. Our judges include a local celebrity, a Pennsylvania State Fair judge and a newspaper writer.

Bring your special dessert along, you must also include the recipe card with it, to the Haldeman Mansion located at 230 Locust Grove Road in Bainbridge, PA on Saturday, October 9, 2010, from 4 to 6 p.m. or Sunday, October 10, 2010, from 8 to 10 a.m.

The desserts will be sold after the judging. The three winning desserts will be doubled in price. What a delicious way to support the Haldeman Mansion.

Winners will receive gift certificates donated by local restaurants, and possibly tickets for the Dutch Apple and/or Sight and Sound Theaters. For more information contact Elaine Jackson at 717.426.3794 or by email at: elainekjackson@comcast.net.

KRISTKINDTLE MART

Saturday **November 20, 2010**
10:00 to 4:00 PM

The Haldeman Mansion will host its third annual Kristkindtle Mart. This event is modeled after the outdoor Christmas markets common in Germany. Featured will be local craftsman and artists who will have on display a variety of one of a kind, handmade items. These will be ideal for gifts for you and for you to give to others. Homemade soups, breads and pastries will be offered; so bring your appetite as well. This year's Kristkindtle Mart promises to be bigger and better than last year's – you'll be able to complete your holiday shopping rounding out the names on your list with unusual and unique gifts. Mark it on your calendar now, tell your friends, and plan to spend the day with us!

Contact Chair Jody Stuart at jjodystuart@verizon.com or phone 717.939.9839 to reserve a place for your items or crafts.

OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE

The mansion is open every Sunday - bring your family & friends!

from May 2 to October 17

Hours are from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

VICTORIAN TEA

The first Victorian Tea hosted by the Haldeman Mansion was a great success! There were 29 attendees and this included two gentlemen. Our chairperson, Tina Mark provided the menu and guided us through the preparation of the sandwiches. She is an expert in hosting tea parties because she has been having tea parties since she was a toddler! Our Special committee members who helped with setting up for the event, donating and preparing the food included: Tina Mark, Ellen Rhoads, Jody Stuart, Keith Shearer and Elaine Jackson. Gail Yurkovic arrived early for the tea and helped with the food preparation. Gail Yurkovic and Sally Williams, who also was a guest at the tea, helped to clean up afterwards.

The menu included a refreshing salad with vinaigrette dressing, tomato bisque soup, three kinds of tea sandwiches, coconut cake, chocolate cake and ice cream plus hot teas and homemade mint tea. Our guests raved about the soup and the mint tea. The guests were invited to a tour of the mansion that was conducted by Tina Mark after dessert was served. We raised \$732.00 from both the Tea and the Silent Auction. The Silent Auction amount, \$152.00, goes into the roof fund.

We want to thank our guests for attending and hope that they will return next year for another Victorian Tea!

Photos by Elaine Jackson





Roof Fund

The roof fund is slowly growing with your help! **Have you purchased shingles in honor of or in memory of your loved ones? You can buy entire blocks or squares of shingles for the roof! Let those you are honoring know about the shingles you have gotten in their names. What a wonderful tribute these shingles make. Each shingle costs just \$1.00.** If you haven't observed the condition of the roof of the Haldeman Mansion lately you need to know that it is in dire need of replacement. It is only with your help that we will be able to preserve the mansion. We need to get a new roof soon to keep the mansion dry inside! You can also help by making a special one time donation to the HMPS Roof Fund when you pay your dues. If you have already paid your 2010 dues, you can use the dues renewal slip and indicate the special donation to the Roof Fund. Send your check to: HMPS, Box 417, Bainbridge, PA 17502. Help us fill the coffer with your special donations to replace the Haldeman Mansion Roof!



Total Funds To Date \$5,308.00

You may purchase shingles at all HMPS events!



This Place Matters

Part 5: 1934 To 1950

By Loman McCurdy



When we moved into the Mansion, we found all the neighbors friendly. The Hixons were quite helpful. I remember evenings when the work was done, they would visit, and we all sat in the yard and talked. Odesa Hixon Beisecker was just a teenager, but her personality was the same then as it is today. She would tease me a lot.

There was a wild weed called "burn hazel," that grew in the garden. To show off, we would run through this plant until we got welts on our legs and it would really burn.

I am sure that everyone was extra busy from the first day we moved into the Mansion. My mother and sister, Dorothy, were kept busy with the household chores. My father worked for the Baker Co. My brothers, Harry, Jr. and George attended school, did work at home, and also worked for other farmers. They had to work in our field and garden, cut firewood, mow the lawn, and rake leaves in the fall. Their biggest job was mowing the entire lawn. This had to be done once a week with the old push mowers that had no motors. We never had a power mower as long as we lived there.

In the spring of 1936, we had a flood. The river overflowed, the creek backed up, and flooded the entire lower level of the lawn, around the warehouse, and ended above the stone posts at the driveway. When the water receded, it left behind a thick layer of muck which had to be cleaned up. We had several other floods while living there, but the water was never as high as the flood of 1936.

Down the hill and to the right of the oak tree was a large flag pole. This flag pole was made of wood and was thicker around and taller than a telephone pole. It had a hollow metal ball about 18" in diameter on top. Someone decided that this pole should come down, it was sawed off about 3 feet above the ground, and this stump was still there when we moved away.

There was never a telephone in the village. I guess no one could afford the monthly fee. It was decided that everyone in the village would share one. The telephone was located at the farm. This worked out fine for most of us, but the Hixons had to locate the person being called. I think this was still being done when we moved away.

Another problem was our electrical transformer. Every time we had a thunder storm, it would be blown out. We would lose our power until the electric company would get around to fixing it, which was not very fast.

Occasionally, I would work for the Hixons on the farm. I would drive the tractor while Mr. Hixon and Les loaded the hay. I also drove the horses hitched to the cultivator while Les hoed the tobacco. I always loved horses and would have worked for nothing just to be around them. My dad

bought a car about this time, so the economy was improving.

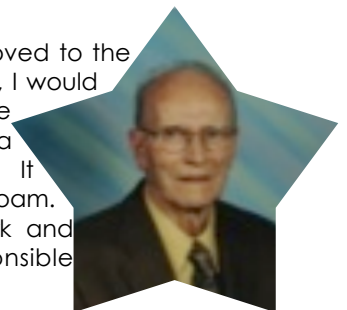
My youngest brother, Richard, was born in 1937 and my youngest sister was born in 1939. Life was not all work. Our friends would drop around and we would visit with them. We played around the creek, went swimming in the river, and listened to the radio a lot. I particularly liked the serials. Tom Mix, Superman and Jack Armstrong were on from 4 o'clock to 6 o'clock in the evening. The Lone Ranger which came on later was our favorite. We also did a lot of hiking. People in those days did not mind if you crossed their property.

By 1940, my brother Harry, Jr. married, and soon after my brother George went off to fight in World War II and returned in four years. About this time we stopped raising the hogs and before long, the chickens were gone. Then we made the animal house into another garage. We bought another cook stove and burned coal in it. That meant we didn't have to cut stove wood. With these changes, a lot of work was eliminated.

In 1945, I bought a large pony or as some people referred to it as $\frac{3}{4}$ size horse. He was always a pony to me. I did a lot of horseback riding. I imagine that I neglected many of my chores which fell on my family. At this time, the farmers were selling their horses and buying large tractors. Their tractors were too big to cultivate our garden. We did our gardening with a hand cultivator. We usually put a rope on the cultivator. I pushed while my brother pulled the rope. Sometimes I pulled and my dad pushed. Les Hixon would tease me about doing my pony's work while he was grazing in the yard.

When I turned 16, I started working for the Baker Co. at the Billmeyer Plant part time. After graduation, I worked there full time which was six days a week. Of course, I still helped with the chores at home. About this time Baker Co. knew that they were running out of the type of stone they needed. They built a new plant near York, so they would be ready for the closing of the Billmeyer Plant. Baker also started to sell their properties in this area, including the Mansion. The asking price was \$5,000.00. Many people couldn't understand why we did not buy it. In those days, \$5,000.00 was a great deal of money and the upkeep was a lot more than we could afford.

So in the spring of 1950, we moved to the "Billmeyer Row". Looking back, I would say that this place, the Haldeman Mansion, was a wonderful place to grow up. It gave us a lot of space to roam. Also, it taught us how to work and become independent, responsible men and women.



MORE WAYS TO HELP MANSION

Non Profit Fundraising Program

The Haldeman Mansion Board approved a plan with America Approved Energy Services, LLC and Public Power, LLC to give you benefits on your electric bill and to raise money for the Haldeman Mansion.

Here's how you can help!

Choose Public Power as your energy supplier. A royalty payment will be made to the Haldeman Mansion when you enroll - \$20 per residential and \$25 per commercial. Ongoing royalty payments are based on customer usage will be made to the Mansion.

Benefits to you, the customer - Simple online enrollment process, savings in the cost of electricity every month, free customer appreciation program with 500 'savings dollars' immediately upon enrollment, and 100 'savings dollars' every month you pay your bill. Visit www.amanationrewards.com and enter **user:** amatest and **password:** rewards to learn more.

When we have our own website for this program, you can go there to enroll. In the meantime, contact Jim Stauffer at 717 569-2154 for more information. Jim will also be attending the Fall Festival and will be available to answer any questions. We will have information posted on our website: www.haldemanmansion.org when we are connected.

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A LOOK BACK IN TIME.....



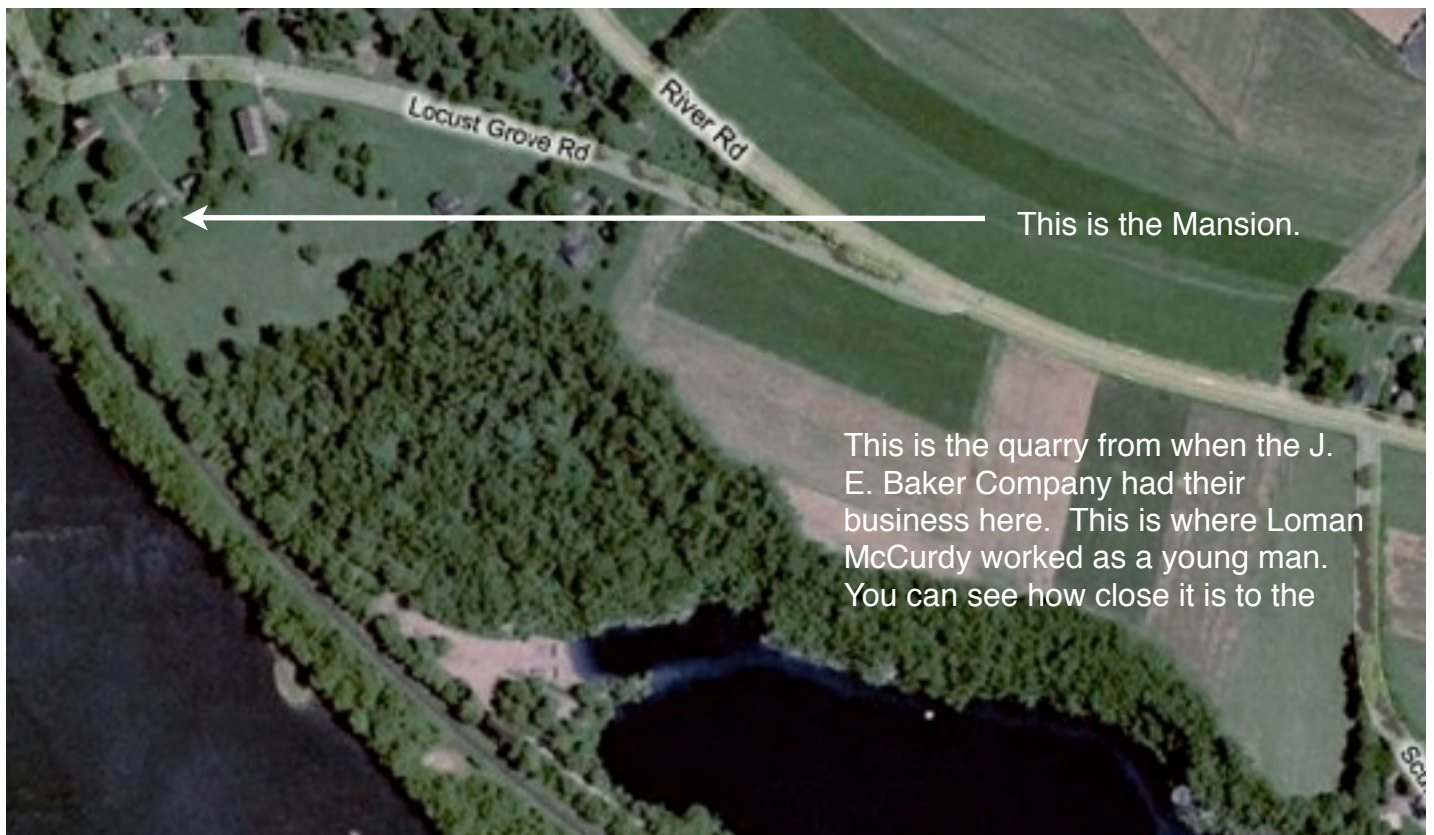
You may not have been with the HMPS since its inception in 1967. Featured here are photos, from the archives, showing the condition of the Summer Kitchen around the time the HMPS was formed. As you can

see we have come a long way since 1967, but we still have a long way to go. With **your help**, the day will come when the Haldeman Mansion has been fully restored to its former glory!

We Thank YOU
for
YOUR SUPPORT!



Have you every wondered what the grounds of the Mansion look like from above? The map feature from BING gives a great aerial view of the layout of the buildings at the Haldeman Mansion. You can check out other angles of the views of the Mansion at this web site: <http://www.bing.com/maps>. Using an address you can see a bird's eye view of most locations in the USA.





Do you enjoy a Scavenger Hunt?

Next time you visit the mansion, see if you can find where these photos were taken!



Photos by Julie Kemper-Kunkle

NEW or RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2010

Name_____

Address_____

Telephone_____

Circle your amount

Contributing \$ 15

Family \$ 25

Supporting \$ 30

Sustaining \$ 50

Benefactor \$ 100

Patron \$ 500

Corporate \$1,000

Roof Fund_____

Email_____

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RETURN WITH YOUR CHECK TO:

HMPS

PO BOX 417

BAINBRIDGE PA 17502

Volunteers are the life blood of this organization and we need all who can help in maintaining and restoring this beautiful property full of history. Please express your area of interest.

I am willing to:

Serve on an event committee_____Help at events_____

Donate food items for events_____Help paint_____

Carpentry Repairs_____ Do other repairs_____Help with cleaning inside_____

Clean up yard (Pick up sticks,etc.)_____Help edit or write for newsletter_____

Do research & help do exhibits _____Help write grant requests _____

Serve as Volunteer contact (call volunteers to schedule hours)_____

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