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7TH ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

June 3, 2012, noon until 4 PM

Our seventh annual Strawberry festival will be held at The Haldeman Mansion. The mansion was home to Samuel Haldeman, famous scientist who was born here in 1812. It is situated on land overlooking the Susquehanna River. This is the perfect setting for an outing. There will be music, food, tours of the mansion, and a silent auction.

There will be plenty to eat including hot dogs, chicken corn soup, strawberry shortcake, cheesecake with fresh strawberries, strawberry cake, strawberry milkshakes, strawberry lemonade and more.

Entertaining us will be the Shuey Brothers a local band featuring Dick Cronic who is from Bainbridge. They have a unique blend of bluegrass music and are known for their enjoyable bantering.

Bring your lawn chairs. Your family (including the kids) and your friends for an enjoyable relaxing day by the river.

All proceeds benefit the restoration and maintenance of the buildings and grounds. We are a 501 C nonprofit organization.

There is no entrance fee. Just a \$5.00 cost per car for parking which helps with expenses.

For more information Contact Elaine Jackson with questions.
717 426-3794 or by email: elainejkjackson@comcast.net



UPCOMING EVENTS

OPEN HOUSE

The Mansion is open every Sunday
Through October 16th, 2012
From 1:00 to 4:00 PM

Visit the Mansion on Sundays. Bring your friends and share this peaceful setting with them. Encourage others to support the preservation and restoration of the historic Haldeman Mansion. A knowledgeable volunteer will be on site to provide information about the mansion and the Haldeman Family.

VICTORIAN TEA

Sunday, July 15, 2012, at 4 PM

At the Haldeman Mansion

The cost is \$25 per person

This elegant dinner will feature a scrumptious and delicious meal served on the Mansion's fine china. A musician will entertain you with classic music while you dine. After the meal, there will be a guided tour of the Mansion.

Contact Tina Mark @ 717.426.2166 or
conoyindian3@yahoo.com

SAMUEL HALDEMAN'S 200TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

the biggest event for 2012

Sunday, August 12, 2012, from noon to 4 PM

At the Haldeman Mansion

The cost is \$5.00 per car for parking.

There will be old fashioned games for the kids, cupcake decorating, learning about critters of the stream and about bugs. (These were two important interests of Samuel.) There will be speakers who will share information about Samuel Haldeman and His Place in History. Tours will also be offered. There will be food stands where you may purchase your meal. Of course we will have a birthday cake and music, too.

Contact Ruth Barley @ 717 838.9716 or rabbassoon@aol.com

TAVERN DINNER

Saturday - September 8, 2012

APPLE FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday - October 7, 2012

KRISTKINDTLE MART

Friday & Saturday - November 9 & 10, 2012

CAN YOU DIG IT?

Years ago a surface water diversion ditch had been installed along the property line behind the summer kitchen. The ditch was installed to prevent water from the adjoining hillside from flowing down the driveway; however, it had become clogged with debris in recent years. As a result, the heavy rains associated with the September 2011 tropical storms overwhelmed the ditch and caused the mansion driveway to be washed out. (See the 4th Qtr 2011 newsletter for photos of the damage to the driveway.) While the driveway has been repaired,



we need to redo the drainage and grading in the area of the carriage house and summer kitchen. This will protect the driveway as well as correct an ongoing moisture problem in the summer kitchen. Two trees have been removed in preparation for this project. Anyone with a backhoe and expertise in properly shooting grades that can help with this project is encouraged to contact the board.* If you do not own a backhoe but know someone who does, please ask them if they would consider helping the HMPS with this project.

***See page 10 for contact information for Board Members.**



2012 HMPS President's Annual Report

This report is from May 2011 to April 2012. This is my sixth year as president and my thirteenth year on the Haldeman Mansion Preservation Society. I have given a total commitment to this organization. I planned to step down this year from the presidency, but no one on the board wanted to replace me. It looks like I will be here another term.

This past year was very busy. The three outdoor events had Mother Nature on their side. All three were well attended. The Strawberry Festival was our best attended outdoor event this past summer. All the events were down in numbers due to the economy. Conoytown, with Tina Mark, as chair, was fun for families and educational for all. We had a great tea with some dressed in 19th century clothing.

Two events were canceled due to the rains of September. The road to the mansion was ruined and resulted in two cancelations - the Tavern Dinner and the Watershed Educational Event.

October brought the Fall Festival. This was enjoyed by those who attended. The

numbers were really low. This was the first event that we charged for cars. The cost was \$5.00 a car. The reason we needed to charge was the cost of the entertainment. We raised \$500.00 for the parking of cars, and this was the cost for the musicians.

In November, we had our third annual Kristkindle Mart with a nice variety of vendors. People who came were pleased with the choices but again the number attending was down. We are trying something new this year with the change of location to the Bainbridge Fire Hall. This will be downtown and will be two days - Friday evening from 4 to 8 PM and Saturday from 9 to 1 PM. Nov 9th and 10th.

Our roof fund continues to grow. The temporary roof is still doing well. We still need to raise more funds for the roof. Members may continue to donate to raise at least double of the amount we now have. We have in the roof account now. We aren't sure how much we need since the estimates were several years ago. We aren't even sure of the kind of roof that we will have - It could be wood shingles, tiles that look like wood shingles, or something else.

Letters were sent out in January to renew memberships and get new members. We had a good response with 84 units

responding. If you haven't paid your 2012 dues, please send in soon. We have 240 units on our membership list. This is less because about 100 haven't paid dues for 5 or more years. These were all sent the newsletter but did not respond. We have some members who are volunteers and some are businesses who support us. I would like to see the member units go to back up to 340. If you haven't sent in dues or donated to the roof fund, please help save the mansion. Your money is used for ongoing expenses, insurance, repairs and other bills.

We are getting ready for three events that will happen soon: Our first event is new this year. The Spring Tea will be Saturday, May 5 at 4 PM at the mansion. The cost is \$25.00 and you will need to make reservations. The second event is Conoytown Education Day, Saturday, May 19 from 10 AM to 1 4 PM. The cost is \$ 5.00 per adult. The children to age 17 are free. Tina Mark is the chair. The third event is the Strawberry Festival, Sunday, June 3, 2012, with Elaine Jackson as the chair. We have three other events this summer:

Victorian Tea will be Sunday, July 15 with Tina Mark as Chair.

Samuel Haldeman's 200th birthday is August 12th from noon to 4 PM.

Tavern Dinner will be Saturday, September 8 with Gail Yurkovic, chair. The Teas and the Tavern Dinner events need reservations.

Other things that happened in the last year are also significant.

The web site is up and running with thanks to Julie Kemper-Kunkle, Dale Good and Sam Anderson. If you haven't checked it out, now is the time. It is www.haldeman-mansion.org

Two trees were cut down behind the carriage house and the Summer House. All the stumps were removed. This was completed by Charles Heineman.

A copper strip was installed the length of the roof to inhibit moss growth by John Hughes.

A new sump pump was purchased to help get water out of the basement. We also bought a dehumidifier for the same reason.

This winter we had the sewage tank pumped. It had caused a backup in the restroom of the carriage house. This cleanup was done by Keith Shearer and Elaine Jackson.

We began working with Tim Smedick to develop a preservation plan and fund Raising Proposal for the Haldeman Mansion in 2011.

Also in September of 2011, the Conoy Township was instrumental in getting the road redone so we could drive to the mansion and have the Fall Festival. They did this with a big savings to the Haldeman Mansion.

As you can see, we had many expenses this past year. We are thankful for all the volunteers, the donations received and your memberships. We did not get in the red but we were almost there, and so far have paid all our bills, and we increased the roof fund by \$ 4000.00.

Goals for 2012 include:

1. Complete the painting of the windows of the Carriage House. (This was on the 2011 list and not done.)
2. Finish painting windows of the Haldeman Mansion. (We need volunteers to help on the 2nd floor from 2011 list.)
3. Finish repairing and painting walls in the kitchen (from 2011 list).
4. Replace two fans with lights in the apartment of the Carriage House
5. Continue to raise money for the roof.
6. Have successful events with members and volunteers support.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine K. Jackson

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The **Mother & Daughter Spring Tea** was held on Saturday, May 5th. Those who attended were treated to a delightful and tasty luncheon.



The entertainment was informative and educational and we thank Judy Kay Bard for her words of



wisdom about manners. If you were not one of the attendees, you truly

missed an enjoyable time. We **thank** those who supported the Mansion and we are sure that they were not disappointed in any way!



HAVE YOU VISITED THE HMPS WEBSITE???

www.haldeman-mansion.org

The new website has information for visitors to learn about the Haldeman Mansion Preservation Society and the life and work of Samuel S. Haldeman.

We are pleased to report that Dale Good's work in developing the new Locust Grove timeline has been placed on the website. Dale has done quite a bit of research and the information available in the time line is priceless. We **thank** Dale for starting this project and as more information is collected it will be added to the website.

Shown below is an introduction to the time line on the website. The next page shows an excerpt for the years from 1811 to 1817. The verbiage in red indicates more information is just a mouse click away.



Upcoming Events

[Open House - Tour of the](#)

Sunday, May 13 at 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

[HMPS Board Meeting](#)

Wednesday, May 16 at 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

[Open House - Tour of the](#)

Sunday, May 20 at 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

[Open House - Tour of the](#)

Sunday, May 27 at 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Locust Grove & Vicinity Timeline

INTRODUCTION: The Haldeman Mansion is on a rise overlooking the mouth of the Conoy Creek and east bank of the Susquehanna River in northwestern Lancaster County, PA. It is the heart of what has been known as Locust Grove since at least the early 1800's. It is part of what was John Galbraith Jr.'s 440 acre+ land warrant from the William Penn Family. A warrant that stretched from the bank of the river inland in a north easterly direction for over a mile. It encompassed the Conoy Creek up to a present day village known as Stackstown. These lands and those warranted to the immediate north (by Jonah Davenport & James Logan), immediate east (by Alexander Hutchinson & James Cook) and immediate south (by George Miranda & Samuel Smith) provide a microcosm of colonial activity and influence, which was fostered by their proximity to early Indian occupations, river ferries and a year-around supply of water power. The history of Locust Grove and the mansion property includes Indian settlements and traders, farming, manufacturing and quarrying. Peter's Road (an early Indian traders' path), the Pennsylvania Canal and Railroad traversed the property and contributed to the business and political success of its prominent owners from pre-colonial times well into the 20th Century.

1811	Federal Style addition to the Haldeman <u>Mansion</u> completed. Floor <u>Plan</u> of Mansion
1812 Aug 12	Professor Samuel Steman Haldeman (1812-1880) a noted scientist, author, and naturalist was born in the Mansion to Henry Haldeman (1787-1849) and his wife Frances Steman Haldeman (1794-1826).
1813	<p><u>Bainbridge</u> was originally founded by <u>Henry</u> & John B. Haldeman (1779-1836) in 1813. The latter's contribution included the purchase of a "(Martin) Shaffer Farm. Their land contributions were north of Race Street. These lands were on the portion of the Logan Patent that descended thru Henry Miller (Lancaster County, PA Deed Book GG, Page 238). They laid out their town "on the north side of the main street leading eastward from the river at the railroad station". Bainbridge was enlarged by adding Centreville, which bordered on the south side of Race Street. Two blocks to the South of Race Street was Market Street, which ran due east to the Stackstown road, paralleling Race Street, which extended to the Stackstown road, as well. The original Bainbridge had its own Market Street. See the 1875 Atlas. Centreville was on part of the land that descended from the Logan patent thru Michael Graff, thru Bartram Galbraith (1738-1804), thru Jacob Hoffman to John Siple and John Smith Jr. The latter purchased the land that was to become Centreville in 1813.</p> <p>Source: "History of Lancaster County, PA, with Biographical Sketches of many of its Pioneers and Prominent Men," Franklin Ellis & Samuel Evans, Philadelphia, 1883 (reprint), Page 754.</p>
1813 Sept 7 *	John Haldeman (1753-1832) of Columbia, PA and wife Mary granted to son <u>Henry</u> Haldeman (1787-1849) of Donegal Twp., Deed Book 7-636. Tract containing 8.25 acres, being part of the above mentioned 246 acres + allowances that John Haldeman (1753-1832) received out of the 451 acres + allowances that he and Bartram Galbraith (1738-1804) held jointly and was divided among them by a Writ of Petition issued 5 Nov 1785. This small tract contained a grist & saw mill.
1817	Melish-Whiteside <u>Map</u> (portion covering Locust Grove & Vicinity).



This Place Matters

Please consider submitting an **"This Place Matters"** article for publication in the newsletter of why The Haldeman Mansion matters to **YOU**. If you have any questions or if your document is ready for publication. Send it to the editor at:

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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_____

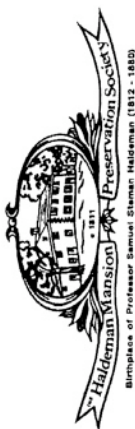
Clean up yard (Pick up sticks,etc.)____ Help edit or write for newsletter_____

Do research & help do exhibits _____ Help write grant requests _____

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

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