



Birthplace of Professor Samuel Stearns Haldeman (1812 - 1880)

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Located at:
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Mansion Holds Yard Sale

Mark Your Calendar:

- Yard Sale - Friday, April 11 and Saturday, April 12
- Walk-a-Thon - June 28
- More to come in the summer and fall



Do you have a garage, basement, spare room or an attic with unneeded, space consuming stuff that you have been meaning to get rid of?

Is the stuff too good to throw away but no longer suitable for you or your home?

We have the solution!

The Haldeman Mansion Preservation Society is having a yard sale to benefit the Mansion's Operating and Maintenance Fund. The Mansion needs \$7,500 annually for grounds maintenance and minor repairs.

The yard sale will be held in Bainbridge Park, behind St. Luke's Lutheran Church located at 106 North Second Street on Friday, April 11 and Saturday, April 12. This is Community Yard Sale and Clean Up Days in Bainbridge, so there will be many other yard sales going on at the same time.

Members of the Haldeman Mansion Preservation Society Board of Directors and volunteers will be at the tables. If you don't think you have anything to donate, consider a few hours of your time. People are needed for the pick-up crew, the set-up crew, pricing, selling, and the clean-up crew. The more volunteers, the less the workload is for any one person.

We will be happy to pick up saleable items at your home during the week preceding the sale. Please call (717) 252-0222 to arrange pickup. All items will either be sold or disposed of, they will not be returned.

Call and donate your items, and then come to visit us on April 11 and April 12. There will be plenty to see, do and buy on these days in Bainbridge!

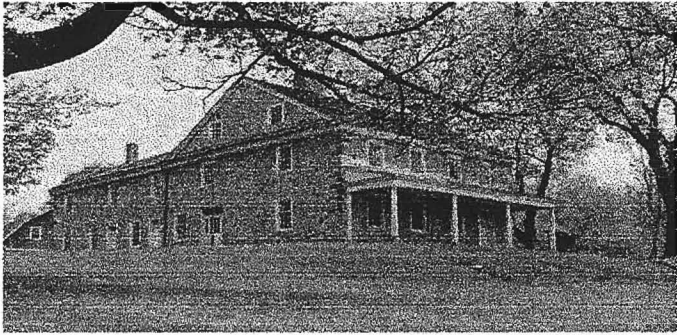
Village Homestead Restaurant's Walk-a-thon to Benefit the Mansion

Join us on June 28, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. for a great day of health and fun as we walk for pledges to help the Haldeman Mansion Preservation Society raise money for maintenance on the Mansion.

The 5km walk will begin and end at the Village Homestead Restaurant on Route 441 outside of Bainbridge. We'll have door prizes and gifts for the champion pledge raisers. Our goal is to raise \$1,000 at this event and to do that we need 100 walkers raising \$10 each.

All walkers contributing \$15 or more will receive a free lunch at the Village Homestead Restaurant.

If you have any questions, call (717) 426-2740 in the afternoons or evenings.



Heritage Keepers: Restoring the Haldeman Mansion to its Glory Days

Written by Heidi Schellenger, HMPS Vice President and Fundraising Chair. Printed in *Lancaster Heritage Outlook*, Volume 1, Number 4, Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County

The Haldeman Mansion in its current form has sat proudly on the banks of the Susquehanna River in northwestern Lancaster County for almost 200 years. Exploring the Mansion, its outbuildings and surroundings helps us see into the past, to gain a better understanding of life in colonial America and the following centuries.

Strategically situated just above a set of ripples on the Susquehanna River, the Mansion was a stopping point for businessmen sending timber down the river in the 18th century. Its significance to local and county history includes these facts:

- The summer kitchen could possibly be the oldest surviving building in Lancaster County.
- The oldest part of the stone dwelling dates from as early as 1767 – when the land was still part of the British Empire!
- It was the birthplace in 1812 of Samuel S. Haldeman, an internationally famous scientist and linguist.

The Haldeman Mansion Preservation Society, created in 1977, is charged with the restoration, maintenance, and use of the Mansion as a historic and cultural resource. HMPS envisions the Mansion as a place where students, residents and tourists can learn about the Haldeman family, the area's natural history, and the Native Americans who inhabited the area. The renovated Mansion will serve as a community gathering place, education center, and small museum with; of course, grounds open for the public's enjoyment. There is no other site in Conoy Township or the surrounding area where local history blends so well with the natural setting.

The Mansion's proximity to the Conoy Creek and Susquehanna River make it an attractive addition to the Lower Susquehanna Heritage Area's proposed Water Trail, which will stretch from City Island in Harrisburg to the Maryland border. The Mansion would also be a prime stopping point along the Susquehanna River Birding and Wildlife Trail

(SRBWT), a collaborative project currently underway. In addition, we are working to become a connection on the 20-mile Towpath Trail running from Marietta to Middletown, and the site is being considered as one of the Audubon Society's 1,000 National Educational Centers.

In the 25 years since HMPS was founded, the Mansion's exterior has been stabilized and restored to look as it did when Samuel Stehman Haldeman lived there. The next phase is to begin renovation of the interior, starting with the installation of an efficient heating and cooling system that will stabilize humidity inside the Mansion, preventing further deterioration. It will also allow us to house artifacts recovered from the Mansion's grounds that are currently locked away in another museum's storage cabinets.

A recent matching grant from the Lancaster County Foundation enabled us to hire the architectural firm Community Heritage Partners, who designed a non-intrusive, environmentally friendly, economically efficient climate control system for the Mansion. Closed circuit pipes will be inserted into "wells" drilled on the property; geothermal heat pumps will use the constant temperature of the earth's subsurface to regulate the climate inside the Mansion. The wells will not be visible from the surface, and there will be no unsightly and noisy condensing units on the grounds.

The estimated cost of the climate control system, with installation, is \$145,000. HMPS recently received a grant of \$24,000 from the Department of Community and Economic Development, and has applied to several other foundations. In the past months, many HMPS members have made gifts over and above their annual dues toward the cost of the climate control system. We continue to rely on the generosity of community members to restore and renovate the Mansion to its glory and future promise.

The Haldeman Mansion Preservation Society

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