



The birthplace of Professor Samuel Steman Haldeman, an internationally recognized naturalist, philologist, and linguist. He "epitomized the early 19th Century generation of scholars, who advanced American science and letters to a position of true cultural independence from Europe" (Sorenson).

HALDEMAN MANSION PRESERVATION SOCIETY

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Grants Have Made Great Things Happen

Recently, as you come up the driveway into the Haldeman Mansion grounds, the first thing you are likely to notice is the Mansion's slate roof with lightning rods which replaced the temporary roof that was not attractive and near the end of its useful life. The second thing you notice is the cedar shake roof on the Summer Kitchen and, if you look carefully, you will notice restoration of crumbling mortar along portions of the Mansion's walls at ground level. If you drive up to the Mansion you will see plywood covering the windows which may bring back memories of how it looked like many years ago. Do not be concerned. Come back this summer and you will see restored sashes in these windows. The total cost of the two projects that have been completed is close to \$110,000. A major source of funds for these two projects was the 2016 and 2017 Lancaster County Community Foundation John J. Snyder Jr. grants of \$25,000 for roof work on the Mansion and \$32,787 for replacement of the roof on the Summer Kitchen and Mansion masonry

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restoration. We have received a 2018 Lancaster County Community Fund John J. Snyder Jr. grant for \$31,860 for the window restoration work that is currently under way. Without the funds from the Lancaster County Community Foundation, the Mansion would not look as great as it does today, and we would not be ready to move forward with major interior work.

Less visible, but no less significant, are the matching grants we received for the Lancaster County Conservancy Riverlands Mini-Grant Program which enables us to prepare documentation for the creation of a Locust Grove Archaeological District, to surveying the Mansion Property and carry out Conservation Landscape Archeological and Signage work, all of which totaled \$9,250. We also received matching grants from the National Trust for Historic Preservation of \$4,750 for an Economic Feasibility Study and \$3,000 for a Landscaping Master Plan and \$5,000 from the Lancaster County Community Foundation to match the National Trust for Historic Preservation grant for the Economic Feasibility Study.

Currently we are working on getting grant funds which would enable us to begin the long-awaited work on the first floor of the Mansion which would provide us with space available for year-around use and a climate-controlled environment for artifacts we would like to have on display.

Again, we say thank you to the Lancaster County Community Foundation, Lancaster County Conservancy, National Trust for Historic Preservation and to all of you who have supported us with your memberships, donations, attendance at our events and built the sustainable base that future grants can build on and have built.

ANNUAL MEETING

To All Members and Guests

You are invited

HALDEMAN MANSION ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, May 5, 2019 at 1:00 PM at the mansion

A report about this past year's accomplishment will be given by
President Ken Beard.

Something Worthwhile, Something Fun

This is an exciting time for the Haldeman Mansion Preservation Society. We are actively working on restoration of the Mansion's first floor exterior and beginning to address the needs of the interior. Within the year, as we continue to implement Citadel DCA's architectural plans, we will be considering Annapolis Landscape Architects' landscaping proposals and Urban Planners suggested future uses of the Mansion. Would you like to experience our excitement, to be part of the action?

The Society is interested in hearing from members and non-members interested in preserving the mansion and its historic heritage, who would consider devoting 25-30 hours a year. Opportunities exist for virtually all, including those of you who may have an interest in the Society's administration, in project management, in records research and archiving, in being a tour guide, and in the maintenance of the buildings and grounds.

If you would like to be part of this process, if you would like to help the Society realize its vision for Locust Grove. Please contact ken beard at kenbeard17502 @YAHOO.COM

Fourteenth Annual Strawberry Festival

Sunday, June 2, 2019

Noon to 4 P.M.

At the Historic Haldeman Mansion

230 Locust Grove Road, Bainbridge, PA

Hot Dogs, Groff's Bratwurst, Chicken Corn Soup, Chili. Chips, Strawberry Shortcake with ice cream, Cheesecake with Strawberries, Milkshakes, Sundaes, Strawberry Lemonade, and Drinks.

***Tours with Tina Mark and Judy Kay Bard**

***Silent Auction of local donors**

***Live Music from N.E.V. Band includes Nev Jackson and 3 other players, bluegrass music played on the banjo, guitar, mandolin and bass**

***Games for children ages 2 to 11 fifth grade (just finished)**

Store open to purchase T-Shirts

***Proceeds benefit the mansion.**

Enjoy the beautiful Susquehanna.

Bring your lawn chairs and relax. No entrance Fee!

\$5.00 Parking Fee to cover some of the expenses.

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Education Programs at Haldeman Mansion

VICTORIAN TEA
SATURDAY, JULY 20TH
4:00 PM

A High Tea served on beautiful china

The menu includes salad and soup,

Tea Sandwiches- 3 kinds

Scones with lemon curd and homemade jams

Beverages mint iced tea, and hot teas

Homemade desserts with a sampling of three

Contact Elaine Jackson to make reservations

717-283-7740



NEW OPEN HOUSE PROCEDURE
HALDEMAN MANSION WILL ONLY HOST OPEN
HOUSE EVERY 3RD SUNDAY
MAY 19TH—SEPTEMBER 15TH
ADMISSION IS \$5.00 PER ADULT
FOR REQUESTED TOURS PLEASE
CALL 717-426-3794

EVENTS SCHEDULE

Annual Meeting: Sunday, May 5th at 1 PM

Strawberry Festival: Sunday, June 2nd at 12:00 Noon

Conoytown Day: Saturday, June 29th at 9 AM

Victorian Tea: Saturday, July 20th at 4 PM

Brewery/Wine/Vendor Festival: August 17th & 18th

Archeology Walk: Saturday, August 24th at 9 AM

Tavern Dinner: Saturday, September 14th at 4 PM

Apple Festival: Sunday, October 13th at 12 noon

Adult Halloween Party: Saturday, October 19th

CONOYTOWN ANNIVERSARY AND HALDEMAN MANSION SHIRTS ARE STILL AVAILABLE



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SELECTION OF
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**VARIOUS DE-
SIGNS, SIZES AND
COLORS ARE
AVAILABLE.**



THE STORM-CLOUDS

IN MEMORY OF SAMUEL S. HALDEMAN, LL. D.

I STAND beside the River as the night
Unrolls her sombre curtain o'er the day;
The pyres within the west have paled away
And only left their embers, dimly bright,
To illumine the sullen hill-top's purple height;
Then, from behind the crags, the clouds of gray—
A troop of lions held too long at bay—
Arise from out their antres in their might,
And low along the mountain ridges prowl,
Tossing their shaggy manes with lordly roar;
While, by the lash of lightning still uncowed,
They, raging and rebellious, long and loud,
Send many an angry and deep-throated growl
Rumbling along the caverns of the shore!



Source: "Collected Sonnets of Lloyd Mifflin; Lloyd Mifflin; London, H. Frowde, 1907.

Did You Know George Washington Slept at Locust Grove?

Today, if you visit the beautiful, historic Haldeman Mansion at Locust Grove, just south of Bainbridge, PA, you can see the rope bed and straw tick mattress George Washington slept on, stored on the second floor of the mansion's Summer Kitchen. On the first floor you can see the original fireplace, where a breakfast of hoe cakes and honey was prepared for him on July 10, 1755.

The story begins at the Battle of the Monongahela on July 9, 1755 during the French & Indian War. In the savage battle, Washington had two horses shot out from underneath him, his coat was pierced by four musket balls and he lost his wooden teeth. In full retreat, he found himself riding double with Lieutenant Colonel Patrick Work, second in command of the Pennsylvania Regiment's Third Battalion, owner of the Haldeman Mansion. Washington, now toothless, learned from Patrick that his neighbor, Conoy Chief Old Sack, was a master wood carver whose renown echoed throughout the Eastern Woodlands.

At full gallop, they reached Locust Grove just before midnight. Old Sack was pressed into action immediately and Washington retired for the evening dreaming of hoe cakes and cherry pie. After rising, standing on the Haldeman Mansion's columned porch, overlooking the mist shrouded, broad Susquehanna River (new wooden teeth inserted), he is said to have vowed, one day, when he became the first President of the United States, he would build such a beautiful mansion overlooking his beloved Potomac River.



Source: The Bainbridge Fabricator

Locust Grove Archeological District

Readers may recall this project was funded by a Susquehanna Riverlands Mini-Grant (\$2,500) provided by the Lancaster County Conservancy. Required matching funds were donated by our loyal supporters thru the Lancaster County Community Foundation's 2016 Extraordinary Give Campaign.

The funds were used to hire a professional archaeologist to research and prepare the District proposal for submission to the Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) in Harrisburg. As proposed, the District incorporates five archaeological sites on and nearby the Mansion's Locust Grove property. The sites chronicle Native American settlement in the Lower Susquehanna River Basin from c1250-1743 encompassing Shenks Ferry, Luray, Susquehannock and Conoy peoples' occupation.

The proposal was reviewed and approved by the Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Board on October 4, 2018. The Board forwarded the proposal to the National Park Service (NPS) in Washington, DC on December 11th. The Board decided to forward the proposal as it was written. They recommended the District be accepted at the national level of significance. In late February, we were notified NPS was returning the proposal with some suggested revisions. We are now waiting for SHPO to react to NPS's request.

Interestingly, the lone archaeologist on the Board has suggested the proposed District could be worthy of National Historic Landmark (NHL) Status. His suggestion, mirrored by several other senior archaeologists, is based, in part, on the District's encompassing the Lower Susquehanna's Native American Heritage from one of the first agricultural settlements to the refugee period.



New Artifacts Display

Last year masonry work was carried out around the Mansion's foundation. Because of the Native American history of the property, we were required to have an archaeologist present. Present from Millersville University were archaeologists Curtis Hosey and Meg Edwards. They identified some interesting items, but nothing too significant.

We are grateful to Curtis and Meg for the items uncovered and now they are beautifully displayed. This new display and an accompanying catalog can be seen at the Haldeman Mansion. Make sure to stop in at a scheduled open house this summer or during one of our many events throughout the year and check it out!



MEET OUR BOARD MEMBERS

THIS ISSUE WE INTRODUCE

KAREN WENGER—DIRECTOR



Karen Wenger is recently retired as an RN. She has worked in various areas of nursing including hospice work, oncology, and orthopedic and neurological rehabilitation. Originally trained as an artist, she earned a Masters Of Fine Arts degree from the University of Delaware. She taught studio art and art history at Elizabethtown College for ten years before starting a garment printing business in the Elizabethtown

area. She is an active member of the community having served on the board of the Elizabethtown Library, the Elizabethtown Child Care Center and various committees at her church. She became a member of the board of the Haldeman Society in 2018 where her primary interest is maintaining and re-creating the landscaping around the buildings. She also is presently training to be a Master Watershed Volunteer, a program run by Penn State Extension Services. Her volunteer activities blend her interests in gardening, preserving local history, and ecology. She has two grown children: Jessica works in environmental preservation in Colorado, and Will is a computer and sound technician in Philadelphia.



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Serve on an event committee _____ Help with Sunday Open House _____ Help at events _____ Donate food items for events _____ Help paint _____ Car-pentry Repairs _____ Do other repairs _____ Help with cleaning inside _____ Clean up yard _____ Do research & help with exhibits _____ Help write grant requests _____ Serve as volunteer contact (call volunteers to schedule hours) _____

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