



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 Make it Happen

### Snyder Grant for Window Restoration - \$31,860

This LCCF grant was awarded in 2018 and we received funding on this grant on August 15, 2018. We signed a contract with Stable Hollow Construction for rehabilitation work on 35 windows at a cost of \$12,600 which has since been revised to doing work on 15 windows on the first floor and window jamb/trim repairs at a total cost of \$28,222.39. We have made payments of \$28,222.39 on this contract. Grant funds of \$3,637.61 are available to cover additional work. We have signed a contract with Stable Hollow Construction for \$3,071 to do work on the "Front" door which will be covered by this grant. The remaining \$566.00 from this grant will likely be used to do additional work related to the door. The required January 2019 interim report has been filed with LCCF. The scheduled grant completion date is 8/15/2019.

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## **Grants Make it Happen**

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#### **DAR Grant for Kitchen Door Restoration - \$2,469**

This Grant requires 100% Match. Payments to date total \$3,580.50 which is the amount of the original contract for this work. We received \$1,234.63 from the DAR on 7/16/2019.

#### **PHMC Keystone Construction Grant for Mansion Display Room - \$30,000**

This Grant requires 100% Match – Awarded June 6, 2019. We should receive the grant contract by September 3, 2019. Potential funds available to cover the match include the HVAC fund \$21,514.05 and the 2018 Extra-Give Mansion Stairway Fund \$3,287.14.

#### **Lancaster County Conservancy Grant for Haldeman Mansion Riverview Landscape Enhancements – \$5,700**

This grant requires 100% Match – Awarded May 15, 2019. This includes \$2,700 for brush removal and \$3,000 for River Overlook construction.

#### **Lancaster County Community Foundation 2019 Snyder Grant for Mansion Foyer and Staircase – \$38,500**

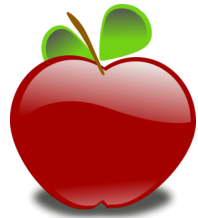
Requested amount \$62,358. Actual amount of grant \$38,500. Grant completion date 8/21/2020. This grant does not require a match. Funds have not yet been received.

# **14th Annual Apple Festival**

**Sunday, October 13th—Noon to 4:00 pm**

\*Fun activities for kids- Bobbing for apples, Coloring contest, Story-teller with Book about Johnny Appleseed at 2PM, Frisbee throwing, jumping rope and more.

\*Sweet November band with Josh & Elizabeth Tindal and Josh Duma. Josh Tindal is well known in this area. Josh and his larger band played at Nissley's Vineyard and he was at E-town Fair this year. Tindal is the music director at Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren.



\*Dr. Iren Snively will enlighten us with "Young Samuel Haldeman, the Making of an American Scientist". Iren has published numerous articles and reviews, most recently who wrote about important people including PA Governor Samuel Pennypacker.

\*Our menu includes: grilled Groff's Bratwurst, Hot Dogs, Home Baked Beans, Apple Sauce, Mulled Cider, Chicken Corn Soup, Vegetarian Apple Squash Soup, chips, and apple desserts: apple crisp, apple dumplings, apple pie, apple cake and other desserts.

\*Apple Cider Making with Darl Williams, Silent Auction and Chances on large basket with apple items.

\* Money raised will be used to preserve the mansion.

All Are Invited.

\$5 parking fee to help with expenses.

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**Did You Catch the Foolishness in Our April Newsletter  
Article Entitled:  
“Did You Know George Washington Slept at Locust  
Grove?”**

The article claimed to be a source from the non-existent Bainbridge Fabricator newspaper. It set forth a scenario whereby Haldeman Mansion owner Patrick Work whisked away George Washington from a western PA battlefield to Locust Grove, in less than a day, to have his battle casualty wooden teeth re-made by Conoy Chief Old Sack. Rising at Locust Grove the morning after the battle. George reflecting how he would one day, when President of the United States, build a columned porch overlooking Virginia's Potomac River, similar to Patrick's porch overlooking the Susquehanna River.

We understand our article raised some eyebrows. Below, we will describe the more egregious claims. Some are more obvious than others:

- 1.** George Washington did participate in the French & Indian War's Battle of the Monongahela on July 9, 1755 at the age of 23. He did have two horses shot out from underneath him, and his coat was pierced by four musket balls. However, he did not lose his wooden false teeth. In fact, historians report he never wore wooden teeth.
- 2.** The Battle of the Monongahela took place at present day Braddock, PA, an eastern suburb of Pittsburgh, about 217 miles from Locust Grove. It would have taken a single horseback rider, let alone two riding double, more than four days to reach Locust Grove. They could not have arrived the same day of the battle.

## **“Did You Know George Washington Slept at Locust Grove?” CONTINUED**

- 3.** Lieutenant Colonel Patrick Work was second in command of the Pennsylvania Regiment's Third Battalion during the French & Indian War. He fought in Western Pennsylvania; however, he may have been too young to have been involved in the Battle of the Monongahela.
- 4.** Locust Grove was owned by the fur trader/farmer John Galbraith in 1755, not Patrick Work.
- 5.** The Conoy Indians and their Chief Old Sack moved north, away from Locust Grove, in 1745, prior to the French & Indian War.
- 6.** The Haldeman Mansion’s porch with columns, facing the Susquehanna River, was not yet installed in 1755.
- 7.** The Battle of the Monongahela took place on July 9, 1755 when George Washington was 23 years old. He could not have possibly known that he would be a President of the United States of America, which had not yet earned its independence.



# **Mark Your Calendars – November 22 EXTRA GIVE**

This will be the seventh year we participate in the Lancaster County Community Foundation's Extra-Ordinary Day of Giving. Thanks to our members and friends, since 2012, this Extra-Ordinary Day has raised almost \$23,000. These funds have been a significant source for our restoration efforts. They have, also, funded a market promotion budget and funds to prepare a proposal to have a Locust Grove (Native American) Archaeological District placed on the National Register of Historic Places (See our update on our proposal elsewhere in this newsletter).

While we have been rather successful in raising grant monies the past few years, most require matching funds drawn from our membership fees, events and a few other income sources. Consequently, your donations have become even more significant as we endeavor to fulfill our vision. This year, we propose to use donations received thru the Extra-Ordinary Day of Giving to repair the Haldeman Mansion's Porch Columns overlooking the Susquehanna River. The cost of the repairs is estimated at \$4,500.

Next is a narrative we will be placing on our Extra-Ordinary Day of Giving website, to inform those who may be unfamiliar with our Society. Mark Your Calendars!



# Our Story

## **The Haldeman Mansion Preservation Society**

The Haldeman Mansion Preservation Society (HMPS) began as a small, local grassroots, all volunteer, nonprofit organization 52 years ago. It is dedicated to preserving the Haldeman Mansion and its Locust Grove Estate for future generations, to preserving its important place in the history of Lancaster County. Its history spans Native American, Colonial, Early American and Scientific heritages.

## **The Haldeman Mansion & Its Locust Grove Property**

The Historic Haldeman Mansion & its Locust Grove Estate is located on a glacial terrace overlooking the shallow mile-wide Susquehanna River at its confluence with the Conoy Creek in Northwest Lancaster County.

The National Park Service (NPS) placed Locust Grove on its National Register of Historic Places in 1978. In doing so, NPS recognized not only the 18<sup>th</sup> Century Mansion and its Summer Kitchen, but also a component of an early 18<sup>th</sup> Century Conoy Indian Cemetery and a 16<sup>th</sup> Century Shenks Ferry Indian Village that encircled the location of the Mansion. NPS also recognized the Mansion's importance in being the birthplace and childhood home of Professor Samuel Steman Haldeman.

Professor Haldeman (1812-1880) was a polymath who is recognized as one of America's preeminent 19<sup>th</sup> Century naturalists and linguists. By the time of his death, he was an elected member of more than 28 professional societies within the United States and Abroad. Today, he is recognized as one of the men who in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century advanced American science and letters to a position of cultural independence from Europe and helped shape our state's Environmental Heritage.

# **Our Story**

## **CONTINUED**

### **The Society's Vision, Goals & Activities**

The Society's vision includes a Haldeman Mansion restored and renovated for new use as a Community Gathering Place, a Local History and Native American Museum, and an Educational Center.

Our goals are to:

1. Preserve the Haldeman Mansion architectural integrity and significance.
2. Educate the public on Professor Haldeman's life and achievements in his many areas of scientific and linguistic endeavors.
3. Preserve evidence of early Native American habitation of the property and educate the public through Native American programs and displays.
4. Educate the public on the archaeological importance of the area and Professor Haldeman's life-long interest in preserving Native American Cultures.
5. Demonstrate and emphasize the influences exerted by Locust Grove on Professor Haldeman through his early associations with the property, its surroundings, and occupants.
6. Connect to the adjacent Northwest River Trail to provide visitors access to the Locust Grove Estate.

Fund raising activities, membership fees, donations and occasional grants have helped finance the Society's preservation and educational efforts since the Society's founding in 1967. Volunteers have organized Strawberry and Apple Harvest festivals, Victorian Teas, Tavern Dinners, Native American Days, Chicken Barbecues, Auctions, and other events.



# **Our Story**

## **CONTINUED**

We have also sold commemorative materials such as t-shirts, pewter plates and paintings. These events and sales have served well the community and helped raise public awareness of the Locust Grove Estate and its significance. All of the funds collected have been dedicated to the maintenance, preservation of Locust Grove's buildings and property.

The Lancaster County Community Foundation's Extra Give Campaign, since its beginning in 2012, has been a significant source of funds for our restoration efforts. The Campaign has, also, funded a market promotion budget and funds to prepare a proposal to have a Locust Grove (Native American) Archaeological District placed on the National Register of Historic Places. NPS is reviewing the proposal, which has been approved by the Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Office. The District includes several neighboring properties.

This year we hope to use the support of the Extra Give Campaign to repair the Mansion's Porch Columns overlooking the Susquehanna River. The cost of the repairs is estimated at \$4,500.



## Locust Grove Archaeological District Nomination <sup>1/</sup>

### Update

Our April newsletter reported the National Park Service (NPS) was returning our National Register of Historic Places nomination to the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) with suggested revisions. In early July, SHPO informed us the revisions “were technical and not substantive; there should be no issue with getting their (NPS) approval.”

We were advised the District nomination review is taking longer than normal, because there was a misunderstanding between SHPO and NPS as to the current National Register status of Locust Grove. SHPO had on file the initial 1977 Locust Grove nomination, which focused uniquely on the Haldeman Mansion, its out buildings and Professor Haldeman. SHPO was not aware, upon the suggestion of an NPS archaeologist that the Conoy (cemetery) and Shenks Ferry (village) components of Locust Grove were added to the nomination form.

The accepted nomination had the following language inserted by NPS:

*“In 1970, while a field team from the William Penn Memorial Museum was engaged in archaeological excavations of Conoy Town (36-La-57) (a Conoy Indian Village of 1718-43), it was learned, through local informants, that a cemetery for the town was located on two adjacent properties. One of these included the Locust Grove nomination (i.e., property). A major portion of this cemetery was excavated at that time (1970). Although no work was done during that field season on the Locust Grove property, it was apparent that the cemetery continued across the property lines.*

## Locust Grove Archaeological District Nomination <sup>1/</sup>

### Update—CONTINUED

*The material recovered from the excavation of this site (36-La-40) consisted of approximately 70 Conoy interments, all of which were classified as bundle burials, in association with large quantities of European manufactured trade items which had been deposited with the interments as grave offerings. These included over 25,000 wire-wound glass beads, kaolin pipes, bottles, iron tools, an unusually well-preserved flint lock pistol, three George I peace medals, numerous brass finger rings, and other medallions.*

*During the course of these excavations an earlier component was discovered on the site. This included cultural debris and storage pits, house patterns, and extended burials from mid-16th century Shenks Ferry occupation (Kent: 1974).*

The nomination narrative concluded with the following, additional insertion:

*“Locust Grove is also significant as an archaeological site. A major portion of Conoy Indian Village’s cemetery (1718-1743) is on the Locust Grove property. A second, earlier component was also discovered on the site. It was identified as being from a mid-16th century Shenks Ferry occupation. A section of the stockade would pass almost directly under Locust Grove Mansion.”*

1/ Readers may recall, the Locust Grove Archaeological District Nomination has five components: Conoytown, Conoy Cemetery, Locust Grove’s Shenks Ferry Village, a Shenks Ferry & a Luray Village known as the Mohr Site and a Shenks Ferry Village known as the Brandt Site.

# I Love Fall !

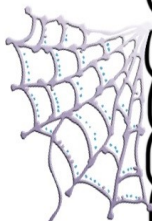


I love fall! Fall is exciting!

It's apples and cider.

It's an airborne spider.

It's pumpkins in bins.



It's burrs on dog's chins.



It's wind blowing leaves.

It's chilly red knees.



It's nuts on the ground.



It's a crisp dry sound.

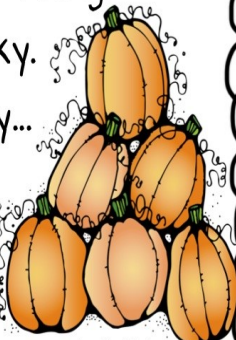
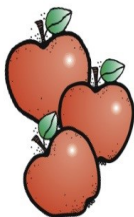
It's green leaves turning

And the smell of them burning.

It's clouds in the sky.

It's fall. That's why...

I love fall.



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Volunteers are the lifeblood 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 (Check all that apply):

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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## Show 2019 Membership Card to Earn Bonuses

Individual member enjoys: one free admission to Sunday Tours, the Quarterly Newsletter, and one \$2 discount for paranormal investigation.

Family members enjoy: free admission for the family to Sunday Tours, the Quarterly Newsletter, and \$2 discount for paranormal investigation.

Supporting Members enjoy: All above plus 10% discount in our store, a \$ 2 discount to the Victorian Tea, and \$5 discount per person for paranormal investigation

Sustaining members enjoy: All above plus, free pass to Victorian Tea and free pass for paranormal investigation.

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