



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).

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# HALDEMAN MANSION PRESERVATION SOCIETY

ISSUE 2

JUNE 2018

## THE HALDEMAN MANSIONS ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

The annual meeting gives us an opportunity to pause a bit and look back. In doing so I see significant progress in 2017 and am encouraged by our prospects. The HMPS continued to enjoy support from LCSWMA, Covanta, the Bainbridge American Legion, Lancaster County Community Foundation, Lancaster County Conservancy and dedicated volunteers. Our events remain fundamental to fulfilling our desire to provide educational experiences as well as fund-raise. A very important component of our fund-raising continues to be booking the property for events. Some milestones achieved in 2017 thanks to grants from the

Lancaster County Conservancy, National Trust for Historic Preservation, and Lancaster County Community Foundation include: \* Archaeological investigation of the area between the summer kitchen and mansion by Millersville University under the direction of Dr. Tim Trussell.

\* Replacement of two directional signs for the Haldeman Mansion

\* Initiation of the National Register Nomination for "Locust Grove Archaeological District"

\* A new cedar shake summer kitchen roof

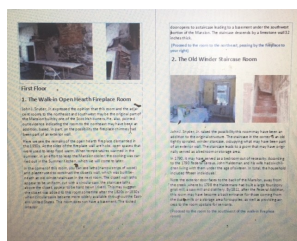
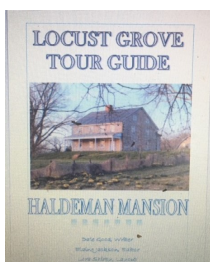
\* Initiation of an "Economic Feasibility Study" for the Haldeman Mansion site.

## ANNUAL REPORT CONTINUED

The current year (2018) will be equally active as we pursue additional grants, conduct events, and celebrate the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of Conoytown. Lastly, I feel gratitude for the continued assistance of Tim Smedick (grant development/implementation) and Gemma de La Fuente/Scott Paden (architects). Their generous support of our efforts to restore the mansion and establish its sustainable future make me feel optimistic. Thanks to all who have helped restore/maintain our beloved site.

## OPEN HOUSE

The doors will be open every Sunday from 1 – 4 pm. You will be greeted by a volunteer and asked to sign our guest book with a fee of \$5 per adult. Children, 12 and under, are free. You can choose to take a walking tour on your own of the mansion and summer house. You can also purchase a detailed booklet for just \$5 (to keep) which describes in more detail the use of each room along with some history. Then you tour the mansion and summer house with your purchased guide.



A video presentation will be setup in one of the rooms for your enjoyment. Take time to sit and relax while learning some of the history of Haldeman Mansion and Locust Grove. Then check out our new store for some souvenirs. Credit/Debit cards will be accepted.

## NEW CELLAR ENTRANCE

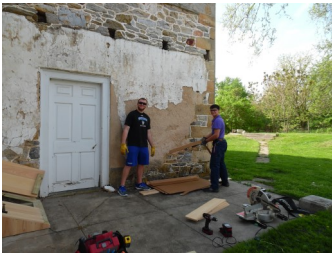
The Sophomore Engineering students Thomas Giorgi, Collin McGovern, Tyler Spinello, Travis Wilson, and Scott Nizolak from Elizabethtown College were assigned the task of replacing the old cellar entrance on the back patio of the Haldeman Mansion. The previous entrance cover was a wooden ramp which sat on a sheet of plywood over the stairwell. It was rotting away and it took up a large area of the patio. It had no doors and was difficult to move. The new entrance consists of two doors with handles on the outside, a handle on the inside, and it covers about half the area as the previous cover. It is fabricated using a pressure treated pine frame, cypress planks for the doors and paneling and stainless-steel screws as the primary fasteners. With the exception the hinges, latch and some fasteners, the majority of the material is American made.



The cypress planks were supplied to us by A&A Lumber in Avondale, PA and funded by Elizabethtown College. The rest of the materials

## NEW CELLAR DOOR CONT.

were donated by Giorgi Kitchens, Inc. in Wilmington, Delaware. We want to send a special thanks to our contact, Elaine Jackson, for coordinating with us times to meet, presenting design ideas and answering any questions along the way. Without her, this would not have been possible. We hope that our contribution to the Haldeman Mansion serves the community well and helps the Preservation Society in their continuing efforts preserve history and educate others about the past.



Written by Thomas Giorgi

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<http://www.hauntedhaldemanmansion.com/>

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Haldeman Mansion Community

Haldeman Mansion Preservation Society

Education Programs at Haldeman Mansion

**Thirteenth Annual  
Strawberry Festival  
Sunday, June 3, 2018  
Noon to 4 P.M.**

**At the Historic Haldeman Mansion**  
**Locust Grove Road, Bainbridge, PA**

**230 Lo-**

**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**

**\*Powerpoint Presentation with Paul Raber,  
"Native Americans at Locust Grove: Contact &  
Change".**

**\*Silent Auction of local donors**

**\*Entertainment: Beverly Conrad, the Fiddler woman plays  
tunes you all learned in kindergarten or your grandma taught  
you. She also tells stories and walks around, playing the fiddle.**



**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. 717 426-3794**

# PARANORMAL DAY

SATURDAY

JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup>

10:00 – 6:00

LECTURES, VENDORS, PSYCHIC READINGS, REIKI,  
PARANORMAL EQUIPMENT, SILENT AUCTION AND  
MUCH MORE...

A VARIETY OF GREAT VENDORS FROM: CANDLES, RE-  
CYCLED FARM ITEMS, CLOTHING, SYFY ITEMS AND  
PARANORMAL TEAMS

GREAT GUEST SPEAKERS FROM ALL OVER THE EAST  
COAST WILL BE TELLING THEIR STORIES  
MEET CHIEF MIKE KING FROM THE TV SHOW 'GHOST  
OF SHEPARDSTOWN'

TOUR THE MANSION AND GROUNDS  
GRAB A HOTDOG OR BURGER HOT OFF THE GRILL  
AND THEN SOME ICE-CREAM FOR DESSERT

NIGHT-TIME INVESTIGATION. We always have a great time at  
this event. Tickets are sold separately and can be purchased in  
advance or at the event. A night-time investigation will take  
place from 8:00 pm til 1:00 AM. No experience or equipment  
needed. You will be paired with a seasoned investigator who  
will lead you around to investigate the mansion and the  
grounds.

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OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION  
[WWW.HAUNTEDHALDEMANMANSION.COM](http://WWW.HAUNTEDHALDEMANMANSION.COM)

**300th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
OF CONOYTOWN  
JUNE 23rd and 24th  
10:00 till 4:00**

**NATIVE AMERICAN  
DANCING, DRUMMING & SINGING  
CRAFTS AND FOOD FOR SALE  
HANDS ON DEMONSTRATIONS & DISPLAYS DEPICT-  
ING LIFE IN AN 18TH CENTURY WOODLAND INDIAN  
VILLAGE  
EDUCATIONAL AND FUN FOR THE FAMILY!**



**THERE IS A \$5.00 PER CAR ENTRANCE FEE  
ALL MONEY RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS OUR EDUCA-  
TIONAL FUND.  
COME SPEND THE DAY AND HELP CELEBRATE THE  
300TH ANNIVERSARY**

## VICTORIAN TEA

Our annual Victorian Tea is Saturday, July 14 at the  
Haldeman Mansion

230 Locust Grove Road, Bainbridge at 4:00 PM.

It is a high tea with  
salad, soup, tea sandwiches, scones  
with lemon curd and homemade jams  
plus homemade desserts and a variety  
of teas.



Entertainment will be  
included but not determined yet.

Invite your friends and spouses to come



### *DUSTIN PARI*

FROM TV'S SYFY CHAN-  
NEL **GHOST HUNTERS**  
**AND GHOST HUNTERS IN-**  
**TERNATIONAL**

ON AUGUST 18TH DUSTIN  
WILL BE APPEARING FOR A  
MEET-N-GREET, PICTURES  
AND AN EVP SESSION.

THIS IS A ONCE IN A LIFE-  
TIME CHANCE TO MINGLE  
WITH DUSTIN AT HALDEMAN MANSION. TICKETS  
ARE LIMITED. GO TO OUR EVENTS PAGE ON  
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MORE INFORMATION



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# MEET OUR BOARD MEMBERS

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## THIS ISSUE WE INTRODUCE

### **DICK KEESEY—TREASURER (NO PICTURE INCLUDED)**

My first visit to the Haldeman Mansion was in June 2012 for the Strawberry Festival. As I toured the mansion that day and became aware of Sam Haldeman, the Indian settlements in the area, the impact of the river, the canals and subsequently the railroad, and the Haldeman family involvement in the iron industry, I came to realize what a special place the mansion and its grounds have in local, regional, national and world history.

I became a board member in 2013 and currently serve as treasurer. It is a great experience to be involved in something that is the result of many years of hard work and creativity on the part of many people who have set the stage to move on to great things.



### **ELAINE JACKSON—CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**

A graduate of Clearfield High School, Lock Haven University (BS degree), Penn State University Master's degree) plus 50 credits mostly at Millersville, Elaine has spent most of her life in pursuit of education and in giving young children an educational foundation for useful and meaningful living. She was trained to teach head start in the 60's at Penn State and did that for several summers. Elaine taught more than 35 years, mostly in first grade and retired in 1999.

In the Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren, Elaine devoted about 55 years to Christian Education, teaching toddlers through junior high.

## **CONTINUED—ELAINE JACKSON**

She continues to teach the K-1 students now. Also, she and her husband of a 60-year relationship were deacons. Chuck recently passed. She continues to be a deacon. She was on the Nurture Commission and helped with the Peace Walk.

Other volunteer work included nurse's aide at Brethren Village, several cleanups after Disaster in parts of the U.S. A., teaching the Vietnamese and Latin American Refugees and helping at the Elizabethtown Fair in the Flower Department.

Elaine is a devoted family woman, too. She and her husband raised two daughters, Charlaire and Rachel. Her only grandchild, Ashley, is as close to her as her own daughters. In 1980, Chuck and Elaine met with the tragic death of their son, aged 16, with courage and a big change in life's values.

She is involved with the Elizabeth Hughes Society. When the Business Professional Women's Club was in session, Elaine Jackson was twice named "Woman of the Year". She also received the Red Rose Award during her teaching career. It was presented to her at the Bainbridge Elementary School while teaching.

Since retirement in 1999, Elaine received a phone call to join the Haldeman Mansion Board as the treasurer. Later she was their Recording Secretary Then Elaine became President and held this office for nine years. During this time, she also was the chair of the Events Committee and held many events, including the Strawberry Festival, Victorian Tea, Tavern Dinner and the Craft Show. She is now the Corresponding Secretary, and she continues as Chair of the Special Events.

To summarize her life, Elaine is a devoted mother, educator, loves God and her church, and serves the community through her work at the Haldeman Mansion.



## **LORA SHIREY—RECORDING SECRETARY**

Lora Shirey is originally from Maryland but relocated to Dallastown, PA in 2000. After raising 2 wonderful boys of her own, Lora fostered troubled teenage girls and was awarded Foster Parent of the Year for York county in 2008. She spent her career in Project Cost Accounting and Project Management. In 2013 Lora suffered some serious health issues and since then has retired from her career but devotes her time to HMPS.

In 2001 she purchased a home and was told it was haunted. Being a nonbeliever, the words 'haunted' seemed ridiculous. You hear the same cliché all the time "you don't believe in ghost until you have your first encounter" and that cliché is so true. Being a Christian and raised in the church, she started her journey just wanting to understand the spirit world. After much traveling and education, she ventured into the private sector trying to help those who were also confused. Through a series of events, she ended up at the Haldeman Mansion. Lora serves as the Recording Secretary and acts as the Paranormal Director for HMPS where she has created and runs all the Paranormal events. She has welcomed hundreds of different groups over the years and has met thousands of people through her travels giving lectures and vending at different conferences representing HMPS. In the last six years Lora has attended 18 conferences educating people on Haldeman Mansion in West Virginia, Virginia, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland. This summer she will be giving a lecture in Gettysburg and two in Martinsburg, WV. Lora has also kept busy by creating a store inside the mansion and making most of the merchandise.

Lora now resides in the carriage house on the mansion property with her 2 dogs. Being a huge Baltimore Ravens fan, she has named her dogs, Ray Lewis and Joe Flacco, aka. Ray Ray and Joe Joe.

## VISIT OUR NEW STORE

We are proud to announce that you will be able to purchase souvenirs of Haldeman Mansion, Locust Grove, Bainbridge, Conoy Township and Event related items at our new store opening in the mansion. Stop by and pickup a t-shirt, mug, ink pens and other items. We can even custom make that something special for you. The store will be open during every Open House and during every Event.



## WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING CREDIT/ DEBIT CARDS

HALDEMAN MANSION  
IS AVAILABLE FOR PROFESSIONAL  
AND PERSONAL PHOTO SHOOTS  
GRADUATION - WEDDING  
FAMILY PHOTOS



# 2018 EVENTS

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL - JUNE 3RD



PARANORMAL DAY - JUNE 9TH



300TH ANNIVERSARY CONOYTOWN



JUNE 23RD AND 24TH

VICTORIAN TEA - JULY 14TH



DUSTIN PARI from TV's GHOST HUNTERS –  
AUGUST 18TH



GEOLOGY WALK -AUGUST 25TH



TAVERN DINNER - SEPTEMBER 8TH



FALL FESTIVAL - OCTOBER 7TH



TEEN HALLOWEEN PARTY - OCTOBER 27TH



ADULT HALLOWEEN PARTY - OCTOBER 28TH

KRISTKINDLE - NOVEMBER 3RD



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON EVENTS PLEASE CON-  
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Address \_\_\_\_\_ Family        \$30

Supporting      \$50

\_\_\_\_\_ Sustaining    \$60

Benefactor     \$100

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Patron        \$500

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Heating Donation (HONOR or MEMORY) of: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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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 at events \_\_\_\_\_ Donate food items for events \_\_\_\_\_ Help paint \_\_\_\_\_ Carpentry 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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