

Sunday, August 12th is our **biggest** event of the year and we need **you** to make it a success. It will be at the Haldeman Mansion from noon to 5 pm.

There will be several vendors with plenty of food to please your taste buds. Come for lunch, snacks and early evening supper. Of course, this is the 200th birthday celebration of Samuel Haldeman, born August 12, 1812. You will want to talk to Samuel Haldeman. He can tell you a lot about himself.

There will be activities for all ages from young to old. Dale Good has a power point presentation of the history of the property which will be shown throughout the day inside the Mansion.

Also featured will be bus tours of the area from Bainbridge to Marietta. It will include visiting Samuel Haldeman's gravesite in Marietta and seeing where he lived as an adult plus many other stops. Each tour will be about 45 minutes. We are planning 4 tours with each an hour apart. The first tour will be at 12:30. There will be a charge per person because it costs us money to use the Elite bus. We will have a guide on the bus.

The Conewago Creek Initiative will provide a stream sampling activity for the children and other activities include mollusk presentations and making Fish Print t-shirts. Other activities include decorating hats and cupcakes. There will be games for the kids, too.

There will also be t-shirts for sale with the Haldeman Mansion logo on the back and "Ask Me about SAM" on the front. If we don't have your size, we can take orders.

We hope to have musicians play. If you want to volunteer to play, please contact Elaine K Jackson at 717 283-7740 or 717 426-3794

Entrance is free but there will be a \$ 5.00 parking fee.

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.

### TAVERN DINNER Saturday - September 8, 2012

The Haldeman Mansion will be holding its second annual Tavern Dinner from 5:30 to 8:30 at 230 Locust Grove Road, Bainbridge, PA.

Unfortunately, last year's event was canceled due to flooding from tropical Storm Lee. Our wish is for pleasant conditions for an enjoyable evening.

Taverns were a place where people socialized dating back to the 1700's. There were local taverns between Lancaster and Philadelphia.

The evening will begin with appetizers and a limited selection of wine and beer which is followed by a hearty meal. Included in the menu are home baked breads with butter and jam, spinach salad with hot bacon dressing, creamy squash soup, mashed potatoes, vegetables, ham and brisque beef by a dessert. You will enjoy musical entertainment, the atmosphere and comradeship.

All proceeds will benefit the upkeep of this historic building. We are a nonprofit 501 group and listed on the National Preservation for historic buildings. Please come, enjoy and relax in this beautiful setting by the Susquehanna River. We have limited seating SO-----make reservations. Please contact Gail Yurkovic at 717- 367-7857 or Elaine Jackson at 717 283-7740 or 717 426-3794.

### APPLE FALL FESTIVAL Sunday - October 7, 2012

### KRISTKINDTLE MART Friday & Saturday - November 9 & 10, 2012



# STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL 2012

It was a beautiful June day, our faithful supporters and more came out and helped to make this year's Festival a success. We could not have done this

without **YOU**!

# Strawberry Festival Volunteers

Gina Mariani, Darl Williams, Louise Reichert, Kyle Shearer, Mike Sauble, Elaine Jackson, Ellen Rhoads, Tina & Dana Mark, Ken Beard, Heather Dunn, Kira Beard, The Boy Scouts, Mike Sauble, Rachel Jackson, Ashley Gibble, Aaron Horst, Kyle Shearer, Jean Moyer, Alesha Kerr, Carley Rosenberger, Mandi Shearer, Karen Garverich, Diane Meyers, Pat Greene, Debbie Bowen, Norma Bair, Charles Jackson, Judy Kay Bard, Sally Williams, Ken Shaffer, Peggy Shaffer, Louise Marshall, Vada Clemens, Charlaine Gibble, Suzanne Taylor, Donna White, Lorraine Gangemi, and Sam Anderson.

I am proud to announce that my whole family helped to make this a successful day. My husband, Chuck, drove me everywhere to get the ice cream, strawberries, and other food items. He also collected money at the festival. My granddaughter, Ashley Gibble, and her fiancée, Aaron Horst, were there to help, and my two daughters, Charlaine Gibble and Rachel Jackson and her boyfriend, Mike Sauble, served at the festival. Thank you to my wonderful family.

And to all the volunteers, you too are a big part of my family. Thank you. You can always be counted on to help us have a successful day.

Submitted by Elaine Jackson, Chairperson of Event



# **Strawberry Festival Donations**

#### Gift Certificates to Purchase Supplies and Food and donations of Food

Gingrich's-Ice Uni-Mart – Ice Sheetz's-Ice Flizabethtown-Weis Market Flizabethtown- Giant Mount Joy-Weis Market Mount Joy- Darrenkamps Mount Joy- Country Store Middletown-Shop Shopper Turkey Hill- Ice Cream Chicken corn soup- Ellen Rhodes & Judy Kay Bard Strawberry Lemonade- Ellen Rhodes Squerkraut-Doris Sites Shortcakes-Tina Mark Cheesecakes-Gus's Restaurant & Gail Yorkovic Strawberry Cake & angel food cakes- Elaine Jackson Ice cream toppers-Doris Sites Onions- Tina Mark & Flaine Jackson Condiments- Shelbie Degrolf Sodas & Water- Doris Sites & Shelbie Degrolf Cutting up the 9 flats of strawberries-Lorraine Ganaemi Mint tea- Elaine Jackson Peanut Butter eggs- Norma Bair

### Silent Auction Gift Certificates and Other Items

Flizabethtown-Twin Kiss Elizabethtown- Curves: Membership for 1 month Elizabethtown- Country Meadows Mount Joy Diner Mount Joy-Simplee Seafood Mount Joy- Hennigans Mount Joy-Turquoise & Treasures Mount Joy-Watering Trough Mount Joy- Mosby's Pub Bainbridge-Nissley's Winery: 2 bottles of wine Bainbridge- Wes Gerber - 2 hanging baskets Elizabethtown-Brandt's - wasp trap Elizabethtown- B & G - Gift Certificate Tom Hermansader- Haldeman Mansion ornament Doris Sites- 2 sets of aloe vera plant, watering can, gloves & garden tools Flaine Jackson-Haldeman Mansion hat, strawberry set with teapot, bowl, teacups, sugar bowl, creamer and small strawberry jug, strawberry tea, and tea towels Sandy Miller-Birdhouse Dawn Meyer- Baby blanket Judy Kay Bard- Photo of Haldeman Mansion in frame Sam Anderson- wooden flute Donna White-Strawberry tea towel and apron

### Thank you for your donations and your help to make the Strawberry Festival a profitable day for the Mansion.



# This Place Matters By Dale Good

James Michener (1907-1997) would have understood. He wrote popular historical novels with titles such as ... Alaska, Chesapeake and Texas. He would choose particular geographic locales and develop sweeping across-generations' sagas. He would begin with the earliest known geological developments of the locales and then proceed to cover the lives of colorful inhabitants, some real, some fictional, telling stories based on historic events.

He could have spun a grand saga about *Locust Grove and its vicinity* based uniquely on what really happened here. Fiction would not have been required to make such a book fascinating.

The saga would begin over 200 million years ago when the river now named the Susquehanna began to flow across the ancient supercontinent of Pangaea. The saga would continue describing multiple glacial melt torrents from ice sheets to the north, with the last melt beginning about 18,000 years ago and raging for as much as 3,000 years. These melts formed river terraces like those you can see to the south of the mansion.

Michener could have continued his saga recounting the separate stories of pre-historic Indian hunting parties; Shenks Ferry, Susquehannock and Conoy Indian villages; French and Scot-Irish fur traders, Indian treaty negotiations, Swiss Mennonite farmers and their religious fervor, pioneer ferrymen, war heroes, politicians and industrialists, all unfolding around inhabitants and places **within a mile radius** of Locust Grove!

He could have told the stories of the Bazaillion, Brenneman, Engle, Galbraith, Haldeman, Hoffman, Smith and Wiley families who left their mark here. The Haldeman Family in particular spanned generations at this locale. They offer much to write about. Jacob, the Swiss immigrant, linked to the Revolutionary War through his serving on a local Committee of Safety, was a pioneer farmer. His son John, the Locust Grove patriarch settled here in 1785. He developed an industrial complex that was to make him a nationally respected businessman, politician and an international trader. John's son Henry continued in his fathers footsteps and became an industrial leader in his own right. He was a pioneer in the iron business as the nation pressed westward on iron rails. Henry in turn fathered a large family, his oldest son Samuel, became an internationally known scientist, whose local funeral was attended by foreign Ambassadors. Paris, another son, traveled by wagon train to the California gold fields to seek his fortune, and another son, Horace, went off to serve in the Mexican War and eventually settled in Texas and fought for the south in the Civil War. Yet another son, Cyrus, stayed behind, and served in the Northern Army, but a small part of his illustrious career.

Locust Grove is not the tip of the iceberg if you are looking for the most important place in the history of our nation. It is however, a solid part of the base. Its melting water --- its progeny and the achievements wrought here, from the earliest times, well into the 20<sup>th</sup> century --- have spread across the land and helped to nurture, in a very thorough and exemplary way, the growth of our nation.

Exploring Locust Grove and vicinity, starting with the Haldeman Mansion, its historic nucleus, is not unlike the opening of a time capsule that has recorded our nation's history from its earliest beginnings:

... when you stand on the porch of the Haldeman Mansion, and take in the panoramic view, you can gaze south to a field, a river terrace, where stood an Indian village, you can imagine the men, women and children going about their daily lives; you can gaze west across the broad Susquehanna River and imagine the bygone 18<sup>th</sup> Century pole-driven ferry crossing with its passengers, imagine a 19<sup>th</sup> Century steam engine's sharp whistle as it emerges out of the trees to the south with its trail of smoke and a muledrawn barge moving slowly by in the canal; and then gaze to the north to the Conoy Creek where on both banks you can see the remains of what was a large industrial center spanning three centuries ... a four-story grist and commercial mill, saw mill, distillery, farm and livestock operations.

As you view this panorama, you can visualize the historic breadth and depth of Locust Grove, you can experience a calmness of former times, and you realize time really is relative ... it slows down when you stand on the porch. You realize the mansion behind you is very relevant. You know, you just know, the **Haldeman Mansion** really does matter. It **is** an iconic symbol of our national heritage.

# Haldeman Family Graveyard (John Haldeman 1753-1832 - Descendants)

On River Road (Route 441) just across from the Wickersham Road intersection and about ½ mile before the cutoff for the Haldeman Mansion the Haldeman Family Graveyard sits rather forlornly surrounded by aging pine trees. Its lovely iron gate was stolen several years ago, but



so far its historic Haldeman family graves and gravestones remain undisturbed. A small group of "Haldeman" cousins, most of whose parents are buried in the graveyard, are struggling to find a long term solution for this historic place.

This historic graveyard was originally established in 1828 by a conveyance of about 1300 square feet ("81 perches of land") " lying and being on

John Haldeman's old mansion farm in the Twp of Donegal, County of Lancaster." It was to be for the use of the heirs of John B. Haldeman, Jacob M. Haldeman, Christian Haldeman, Harry Haldeman, Peter Haldeman and Ann Owings (daughter of John Haldeman). Unfortunately in 1934 Lancaster County took the graveyard land for its transfer station and the graveyard was moved to its present location. A member of Grave Concerns, an organization which helps with cemetery preservation, was a youngster at the time of the relocation, but said he was present for at least part of the transfer process. He recalled that

there was a glass topped casket and a casket that was empty except for some dirt from Cuba. Many of the oldest graves only had stones remaining and these were transferred and embedded in the stone wall which surrounds the graveyard. The transfer in 1934 was overseen by descendants of Jacob Miller Haldeman, being Jacob Miller Haldeman O'Connor and D. Bailey Brandt, husband of Caroline



Haldeman Bigler Brandt, our grandparents.

The graveyard's maintenance was to have been insured by a trust established in 1858 by the will of Jacob Miller Haldeman (1781-1857) with

a very generous, for the time, grant of \$1,000.00. This was designed to



preserve the family graveyard for John Haldeman and his descendants. Over the years the trust had been administered by order of the Court of Common Pleas of Lancaster County by the Lancaster Trust Company. When it dissolved in 1932 Elizabeth Haldeman Longenecker petitioned that the Fulton Bank be substituted as trustee. The trust continued in this manner for the last decades without much success in terms of investment

strategies and recently has been passed along through the Fulton Bank successors to Clermont Wealth Strategies. They are continuing the depletion of the trust's remaining funds with payouts for minimal upkeep and substantial administration costs. Clermont Wealth no longer wants the trust and we have been trying for several years to find an alternative long term solution for the preservation of the graveyard.

There are still some funds remaining in the trust and our cousins' group had hoped that the HMPS might be interested in the cemetery trust and take over the graveyard upkeep which would be paid from the trust funds. Apparently the graveyard was originally on the mansion

property, and while most of us would love to see it moved back as an historic adjunct to the mansion, we doubt there are sufficient funds to accomplish this. However, we would very much appreciate HMPS' consideration of a proposal to replace Clermont Wealth as trust administrator which would involve arranging for graveyard upkeep (grass cutting, occasional tree re-planting, some stone pointing when necessary) as long as the funds remain.

Heather Haldeman O'Connor Robin Haldeman O'Connor Morris Margaret Crommellin Brandt Arthur Haldeman Bigler Brandt Linda Brandt Shelbourne Caroline Bigler Playter



Pictured left to right: Heather Haldeman O'Connor, Caroline Bigler Playter, Elaine Jackson and Margaret Crommellin Brandt

# A PROFOUND SCHOLAR DEAD

New Zealand Tablet, Rōrahi VII, Putanga 398, 26 Whiringa-ā-rangi 1880, Page 7

Samuel Haldeman's obituary appeared in a New Zealand Newspaper - half way around the world! Submitted by Sally Williams who found this during an internet search.

In the recent death of Professor Samuel S. Haldeman, of Pennsylvania, the United States has lost one of its highest names in science, and the Catholic Church a son whose life and reputation were in themselves a powerful sermon. Prof. Haldeman died on the 10th of September, of disease of the heart, at his home, on the Susquehanna River, near Columbia, Pennsylvania. One who knew tim well, and was competent to judge, writes of the im :--

"Born in Lancaster County, Pa., in 1812, and beginning his studies as a naturalist in the open book of nature while yet a very young boy, he never lost his fervor in that pursuit. It kept to him at school, and at Dickenson College, of which he was a graduate. so that almost immediately after arriving at manhood he adopted the profession of geologist, and soom after became connected with the Geological Survey of New Jersey. He did service also on the Geological Survey of our Pennsylvania, and has been a teacher of the science in a number of collegiate institutions. But distinguished as he was in the field, and as an investigator in palæontological science, he was still more eminent as a student of language, and for his researches in Comparative Philology, of which science he has been for many years and wa- at his decease Professor in the University of Pennsylvania. While yet quite a young man (22 years ago) he won, over a score of learned European competitors, the prize offered by Sir William Trevellyan, in 1857, for "the best essay on reform in the spelling of English."

Professor Haldeman had an unappeasable appetitite for acquiring languages, and he knew them by the score, modern and ancient, dead and living, occidental and oriental. Whatever language had a literature was known to him. It is doubtful if any person living was a a profounder student in these mattters or was more learned than he. He ought to be ranked with Professor Whitney, of Yale, and Max Müller. As a teacher he was one of those rare men who taught what he had learned from original sources, not what he had got at secondhand from others ; one whose scholarship and deep learning are an honour to his native State.

The life-work of this faithful and laborious student was a marvel of patient research and experiment. He was one of those rare ones who leave mankind richer forever, though few can know the value of their work as it proceeds. He became in 1836 assistant to the Geological Survey of New Jersey, and in the following year to that of Pennsylvania. In that capacity he discovered the *scolithus linearis*, the oldest fossil then known. In 1851 he became Professor of Natural History in the University of Pennsylvania, in 1855 in Delaware College, acting also as Professor of Geology and Chemistry to the State Agricultural College, and subsequently became Professor of Comparative Philology in the first-named institution. He was the author of monographs on "Fresh Water Univalve Mollusca" (1840-45), on the "Zoology of the Invertebrate Animals" (1850), on "Some Points in Linguistic Ethnology" (1849), dealing with Indian languages; on the "Relations of the English and Chinese Languages" (1856), and of above one hundred papers contributed to the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Academy, American Philosophical Society, American Philological Association, Academy of Natural Sciences, and many other learned societies of which he was a member, as also to Silliman's Journal, Johnson's Cyclopædia (of which he was associate editor), the Inconographic Encyclepædia, the Literary World, etc.

He was author of two or three manuals of orthography, pronunciation, and etymology, and his treatise on "Analytical Orthography," consisting of investigations into the philosophy of language, gained him in 1858 the highest Trevelyan prize over eighteen competitors. He wrote the Zoological portion of Trego's "Geography of Pennsylvania" (1843), and Rupp's "History of Lancaster County" (1844), was one of the founders of the Philological Association, of which he became president, and made curious researches into "Pennylvania Dutch" and Indian antiquities.

"We have to meet the first of that Haldeman family that was rot clever of intellect," says Mr. Mc Master, editor of the N, Y. Freeman's Journal. Prof. Haldeman's private life was spotless, and his character was without stain. Possessed of ample means, he lived in a modest way under the shadow of the great rock at Chickies, constantly doing good. His study was at the top of his mansion, which was stored with relics from all parts of the world, and a large and valuable library; and it was here that he penned the works which he afterwards gave to the world. He was a kind husband and an affectionate father, and the hundreds of the poor and needy who were the recipients of his bounty, will remember him, with a host of friends, for his many deeds of mercy and genial manner. He was of the fourth generation of Haldemans in this country, his great-grandfather having come here from Switzerland. He has three brothers now living, Paris, Cyrus, and Robert ; the former is President of the Chickies Iron Co., Cyrus is General Eastern Agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Boston, a gentleman held in the highest esteem of all who know him, and the latter is engaged in business in Texas.

Prof Haldeman leaves a wife and four children, his son Carson who is engaged in business in Florida, his younger son Victor M., of the firm of Bennett and Haldeman, of Marietta, his daughter Eliza, wife of Col. Figylmesey, United States Consul to Demarara, and Frances who is at home.

His functal took place on the 13th Sept. from the Catholic Church, Columbia, of which the deceased was a devout member, having embraced the Catholic religion after he had come to years of understanding, because of a firm conviction that it was the only true religion. The attendance was very large, comprising a great many friends from Philadelphia. Lancaster, Harrisburg, Columbia, York, Marietta, and other places, and a number of workmen from the furnaces, who had worked under him when he was interested in the iron business. May he rest in peace.

# Locust Grove & Philadelphia Society

John Haldeman (1753-1832) was a member of the "Bingham Court". This, according to the "History of Dauphin County" (GENEALOGICAL MEMOIRS; Volume III; Luther Reily Kelker; The Lewis Publishing Company, New York and Chicago, 907, Page 4--6.)

It appears this "Court" refers to an European-style court society established by a Philadelphia socialite Anne Bingham . At the following website: <u>http://</u> www.librarycompany.org/women/republicancourt/ bingham\_anne.htm, we can read the following ...

"Upon returning to America, Anne Bingham attempted to introduce a European-style court society in Philadelphia by hosting regular social gatherings. Accordingly, the Binghams built one of the largest and most elegant homes in the country, Mansion House, which was fashioned after the London residence of the third Duke of Manchester. Located at the corner of Third and Spruce streets, this residence quickly became the heart of Philadelphia's social gatherings as Anne Bingham gathered together fashionable Philadelphians and members of the new government. The Binghams' parties had the reputation for their unprecedented extravagance and in a short period of time Anne Bingham became known throughout the States as "unquestionably at the head of American society."

Perhaps to emulate the Parisian salons, she often invited members of the Federalist Party to meet at the Mansion House, which became an informal center of discussion and debate for men such as George Washington, John Jay, and Alexander Hamilton. Thanks to her efforts, members of Philadelphia society mingled on a regular basis, which gave Mrs. Bingham the opportunity to display her worldliness, style, and intellect."

Article Submitted by Dale Good, Vice President

# A LOOK BACK IN TIME.....





You may not have been a member of the HMPS at its inception in 1967.





Featured here are photos, from the archives, showing the mansion around the time the HMPS was formed. The two story bay window on the north



side of the Mansion was severely deteriorated as was the oriel window on the second floor on the south side. These windows were both removed. The concrete blocks, that are visible inside and stone on the outside were expertly installed. Today, looking at the Mansion, you would not know these windows are missing. As you can see we

have come a long way since 1967, but we still have a long way to go.

With **your help**, the day will come when the Haldeman Mansion has been fully restored to its former glory!





YOUR SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!



Remember the Roof! We are still accepting much needed donations to complete the restoration of the roof on the Mansion.

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These photos show the temporary roof that was put in place in early 2011 to prevent further deterioration of the wood shakes.



The roof fund has grown however, more donations are needed in order to put a new roof on the entire Mansion.

### PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN

YOU MAY USE THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (ON PAGE 15) TO SEND A SPECIAL DONATION FOR THE ROOF FUND



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### RETURN WITH YOUR CHECK TO: HMPS PO BOX 417 BAINBRIDGE PA 17502

Volunteers are the life blood of this organization and we need <u>all who can</u> <u>help</u> 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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