

# HALDEMAN MANSION PRESERVATION SOCIETY QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

2010 1ST ISSUE

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## \*👁️\*👁️\*UPCOMING EVENTS\*👁️\*👁️\*

Get your calendar out now! Mark the days for your favorite events being hosted at the Mansion. Take note of the new ideas for the upcoming year! Don't miss any opportunity to participate in the fun, fellowship and fund raising as the HMPS continues its mission! Bring your friends and family along to enjoy the exciting 2010 season at the Haldeman Mansion.

### **ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN UP** **Saturday April 10, 2010** **8:30 am**

Cleanup the winter debris around the outside of the mansion and help to dust away the winter grime and grit inside. We need all who can help. Bring your gloves, rakes, wheel barrows and other cleaning tools. Free pizza for the volunteers!

### **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING** **Sunday April 11, 2010**

**2:00 pm**

Judy Kay Bard, will present a special program at the Annual Members meeting. Judy will have stories about *Living At the Mansion* that will delight and entertain you. In addition, there will be food to munch on.

Our bylaws need to be changed in order to hold our election of officers. Elaine Jackson has agreed to serve as our President because no one else wanted this position. Section 6 of the bylaws state that no officer can serve more than two terms. This provision would make Elaine ineligible for reelection to the presidency. The Board recommends that the bylaws be changed by removing Section 6. Please attend this meeting and cast your vote for this change to the bylaws. *See page 7 for the proposed changes.*

**This meeting is for you, the members, of the HMPS not just the board. Come out, enjoy the fellowship and meet the other members and supporters of HMPS.**

**CARRIAGE HOUSE CLEAN UP**  
**Saturday April 17, 2010**  
**8:30 am**

This day will be dedicated to cleaning and organizing the inside of the carriage house. We need all who can help, to attend and make this wonderful building sparkle again.

**VICTORIAN TEA**  
**Saturday July 31, 2010**  
**4:00 pm**  
*Chairman: Tina Mark*

Come enjoy a relaxing afternoon taking high tea at the Mansion. Some of the details of this event are still in the planning stages but it sounds like a delightful afternoon of gracious elegance. Mark your calendar now so you can be a part of the fun! This event will be limited to 20 persons, call 717.371.3755 for reservations.

**CONOYTOWN DAY**  
**Saturday May 22, 2010**  
**10:00 to 4:00 pm**  
*Chairman: Tina Mark*

Take a step back into 1718 when the land, upon which the mansion was built, was a bustling Native American village. Conoytown was one of the largest trade villages on the Susquehanna. See native peoples and traders dressed as they did 300 years ago. Watch arrow heads and moccasins being made, see tomahawks fly through the air, try grinding corn with a rock, see how pottery was made. Experience all this and much more hands-on activities which depict what life was like in an Indian village in the eighteenth century! The cost is \$2.00 per adult, children 16 and under are free. Refreshments will be available. All proceeds will benefit the roof fund.

**TAVERN DINNER AT THE MANSION**  
**Saturday September 11, 2010**  
**6:00 pm**  
*Chairman: Gail Yurkovic*

Join us for a special dinner to be held in the dining room of the Mansion. The details are still being worked on. Dinner will be by reservation only. Be sure to put this date on your calendar so you won't miss this elegant evening. Seating for this event will be limited to 16, for reservations call 717.367.7857

**STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL**  
**Sunday June 13, 2010**  
**12:00 to 4:00 pm**  
*Chairman: Elaine Jackson*

Our annual Strawberry Festival will have music to entertain and keep your toes tapping. We may have Native Americans who will entertain with drums and dance. We will have lots of food including strawberry shortcakes, milkshakes, and strawberry cheese cakes, hot dogs and hamburgers. A silent auction will also be held.

**APPLE FALL FEST**  
**Sunday October 10, 2010**  
**12:00 to 4:00 pm**  
*Chairman: Elaine Jackson*

We are working on the plans for our sixth annual Fall Fest and will continue the apple theme. We may have a Pig Roast. The "Martin Family Band" will join us for their fourth year. Bring your favorite apple dessert to be judged by the same celebrities and experts who judge at fairs. We want to have hearth cooking in our 1740s summer house. We are looking for items for the silent auction and don't miss the craft demonstrations. There will be games for the kids, and Johnny Appleseed will be visiting with his stories of planting trees in the frontier.

Plenty of food will be served including the pulled pork sandwiches, hot dogs, hot homemade soup, and, of course, scrumptious apple desserts (and other home made goodies other than apples)! All money raised will be used for maintenance and the Roof Project.

## **KRISTKINDTLE MART**

**Saturday**

**November 20, 2010**

**10:00 to 4:00 pm**

*Chairman: Jody Stuart*

On Saturday, November 20, The Haldeman Mansion will hold its third annual Kristkindtle Mart. Modeled after the outdoor Christmas markets in Germany, this event will feature local artists and craftsmen displaying a variety of one of a kind, handmade gifts. Homemade soups, breads and pastries will be offered, bring your appetite. This year's Kristkindtle Mart promises to be bigger and better than last year's – you'll be able to complete your holiday shopping with unusual and unique gifts. Mark it on your calendar now, tell your friends, and plan to spend the day with us.

## **OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE**

**The mansion will be open every Sunday**

**From May 2 to October 17**

**Hours 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm**



### **Award to Margaret Hunt Landis For Preservation Leadership**

Margaret Hunt Landis was presented with The Preservation Leadership Award by The Historic Preservation Trust for work in one of three areas of preservation: significant participation in the preservation of structures, sites, historic districts, or museum collections; accomplishments in historic preservation that reflect sustained effort, high standards, and integrity; or increasing the visibility or awareness of Lancaster County's historic structures.

Landis has been active in preservation work throughout Lancaster County. Three areas of special interest to her are Marietta Restoration Associates, the Haldeman Mansion Preservation Society, and the Chickies Historic District.

Since the 1970s, Margaret has been active in the Marietta Restoration Associates(M.R.A).

During her tenure, the Marietta Historic District was extended to cover 73% of the Borough, and a historic structures report was completed. As vice president, she writes grants for the Vesta Furnace Office Building, which M.R.A. is restoring as a museum and park welcome center.

During her two terms as president of the HMPS, she was instrumental in the J. E. Baker Company's donation of the Historic Haldeman Mansion to the society. This allowed the society to receive grants for its restoration. She also researched and prepared a presentation about the Haldeman family.

Since 1997, Margaret has worked to create the Chickies Historic District. She has also researched and wrote the proposal to establish this 500-acre site of the early pig – iron industry in Lancaster County. In 2005, the site was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.





# This Place Matters

Part 3: 1934 To 1950

By Loman McCurdy



## Now let's go to the Summer House.

The summer house was in disrepair when we moved to the Mansion and did not receive any improvements during this time. Most of the windows were gone and the back door was loose. The bricks were crumbling away. We used the large fireplace when we butchered, and when we made apple butter. This house was used mainly for wood storage. In the summer and fall, as we had time, we went into the nearby woods and cut our firewood for the cook stove for the following winter. Once we got the wood home, we hired someone to cut the wood into stove length pieces, which then had to be split with an axe into smaller pieces that would fit into the stove.

The upstairs of the summer house was used as a playroom. Also my brother George used the upstairs as a workshop to make lawn ornaments, a hobby of his.

I remember sitting on the porch, with my other brothers, husking corn while my sister Dorothy and my mother did the canning. This was a hot job.

A trumpet vine covered half of the summer house. Next to the summer house was a large bed of ferns with a path to the Billmeyer plant. Another memory of the summer house porch, was waiting for my father to come home through the ferns from work.

## Now let's go to outside of the Mansion

I will discuss the outside first. It is my understanding that the large amount of wood trim and additions were added by the Hoffmans. Facing the river, along the right side, was a large bay window from the ground to the roof level (two stories). Moving around to the left and facing the back porch (L-shaped), over the long part of the "L", there was a balcony the same size as the concrete porch below. Over the short part of the "L", there was a sun porch which was mostly windows. We used the sun porch for storage even though there was a continuous problem with the roof leaking. Leading off of the short end of the porch was a walkway to several steps. Although there was nothing there, in my opinion, there was probably a Gazebo or an arbor at one time. Attached to the sun porch and covering, this walkway was an arbor about 12 feet long for roses or some other type of vine.

Going around to the right side of the house and facing the river, there was a small wooden structure that clung to the second story of the house only. This was the ladies' bathroom. I always wondered why it did not fall off the main building.

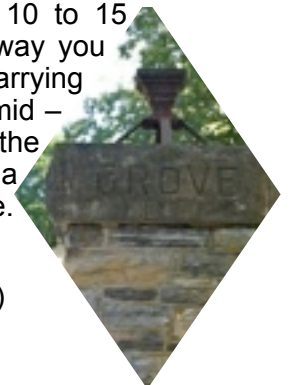
The long front porch used to have a roof over it. This roof developed leaks and instead of being repaired, it was torn down. This happened while we lived there. All of these additions, which I just discussed, are now gone, either from lack of care or because of historic restoration.

Before we enter the house, let me mention that several years after we moved to the Mansion, the Baker Co. decided to change the Mansion to two dwellings. Initially, there were 14 rooms in the house and by adding two partitions, they ended up with 16 rooms. We always furnished nine rooms and considered the back side of the house our area. The second dwelling was toward the river. We referred to this as "the other side".

Getting water into the Mansion was always a problem. When we moved there, we had an inside toilet; plus we had a sink and wash bowl in the kitchen, but no running water. There was a large dug well between the summer house and the main house with a huge wooden pump. This had to be removed and a new pump installed. The water had to be pumped out and then tested before it could be used. If I'm not mistaken, we had to carry our water from the farm while this was being done. Regardless, we always had to carry the drinking water in a bucket which sat on the table in the kitchen. All the water used in the house came from this well.

Our hot water was heated in several different ways. There was a reservoir built into the cook stove, and we had a large copper teakettle sitting on top of the stove all the time. On wash days, we heated a large copper boiler of water, possibly 10 to 15 gallons, on the stove. The only way you could use the bathroom was by carrying your water upstairs. During the mid – forty's, we installed a pump in the basement, dug a ditch, and laid a pipe to the cistern in the garage. You could not drink this water.

(To be continued in the next issue)



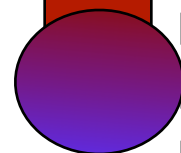
# Roof Fund



The roof fund is growing! You can now buy a single shingle for the roof or as many as you want! Each shingle that you purchase will only cost \$1.00. Please consider purchasing shingles. They would make an exceptional Easter gift! You can buy your shingles in honor of or in memory of your loved one. Shingles will be for sale at all the upcoming HMPS events.

You can also help by making a special one time donation to the HMPS Roof Fund when you pay your dues. If you have already paid your 2010 dues, you can use the dues renewal slip and indicate the special donation to the Roof Fund. Send your check to: HMPS, Box 417, Bainbridge, PA 17502. Help us fill the coffer with your special donations and turn the tube from red to blue!

\$60,000



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Year: 2010

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January	26	\$0.26	\$0.00	\$0.26
February	55	\$0.55	\$0.00	\$0.55
March	2	\$0.02	\$0.00	\$0.02
Total: Year-to-Date	83	\$0.83	\$0.00	\$0.83
Total: Since Inception	360	\$3.93	\$61.74	\$65.67

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Please contact Elaine Jackson at: [ElaineKJackson@comcast.net](mailto:ElaineKJackson@comcast.net) and provide her with your email address. The next issue of the Haldeman Mansion Preservation Society Quarterly Newsletter will appear in your inbox rather than your mailbox.

**Don't forget to visit our website:** <http://www.haldemanmansion.org/>



On a sad note we take a moment to celebrate the lives of three very important supporters of the HMPS. They will all be missed by our members not only for their hard work but also their dedication and support in helping to preserve the Haldeman Mansion



**Jill Bartles** passed away in November 2009. If you knew Jill, you probably knew how important local history was to her. Being a school teacher, she thought it was necessary to teach her students as much local history as possible. She would take her students on local field trips and she interviewed many local folks because she did not want this part of history to be lost. Jill was on the Board of the Haldeman Mansion Society for the same reason, it was local history but known worldwide. She also organized and did horse drawn wagon tours of Bainbridge, Locust Grove and the mansion during Bainbridge Heritage Days in September. We lost a real advocate and enthusiastic volunteer



**Benjamin Hoffman Withers**, "Ben," 76 of Mount Gretna, Pa. died Saturday, January 23, 2010. Of special interest during his retirement was the Restoration and Preservation of the Susquehanna Riverfront, with emphasis in the Marietta and Locust Grove areas, especially the Haldeman Mansion. He was a charter member of the Haldeman Mansion Preservation Society, Inc. and was named a Life Member in acknowledgement of his contributions to the Mansion. A memorial fund has been set up in his name. You may make a donation to the HMPS in his memory.



**Alethia G White** died December 9, 2009, at her home. Alethia developed a passion for local history after moving to Lancaster County. She was President of the Winters Heritage Museum and served on the Board of the Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County. At the Haldeman Mansion, her interest was in the Summer Kitchen/Smokehouse. She was involved in the grant writing process and with this money, both the outside and inside of the Summer Kitchen/Smokehouse were restored. There aren't enough words to describe Alethia's contributions to the HMPS and Lancaster County. She will be remembered most of all for her warm smile, helpfulness and compassion.

## BYLAW CHANGES

The Board of Directors recommends the following:

Remove Article VI – Section 6: No officer shall hold the same office for more than two terms but shall be eligible to the same office after a lapse of one term.

Reason: Elaine Jackson has served with distinction and enthusiasm for two full terms and we have not been successful in obtaining a nominee for this office.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Bylaw Article VI Section 1, paragraph 2 states:

The President, Vice President, and Corresponding Secretary shall be elected for a term of two years on even-numbered years.

The nominating committee of the Haldeman Mansion Preservation Society presents the following:

President	Elaine Jackson (3 <sup>rd</sup> two year term – to expire 2012)
Assuming the bylaw change passes. If it does not, a nomination must be made from the floor)	
Vice President	Kenneth Beard (2 <sup>nd</sup> two year term – to expire 2012)
Correspondence Secretary	Judy Kay Bard (1 <sup>st</sup> two year term – to expire 2012)

## OFFICERS WITH TERMS REMAINING

Recording Secretary	Christina Mark (1 <sup>st</sup> two year term – expires 2011)
Treasurer	Norma Bair (1 <sup>st</sup> two year term - expires 2011)

## BOARD MEMBERS

Section 3: A Director shall:

Be elected for a term of three years.

After having served two terms, be eligible for reelection after a lapse of one year.

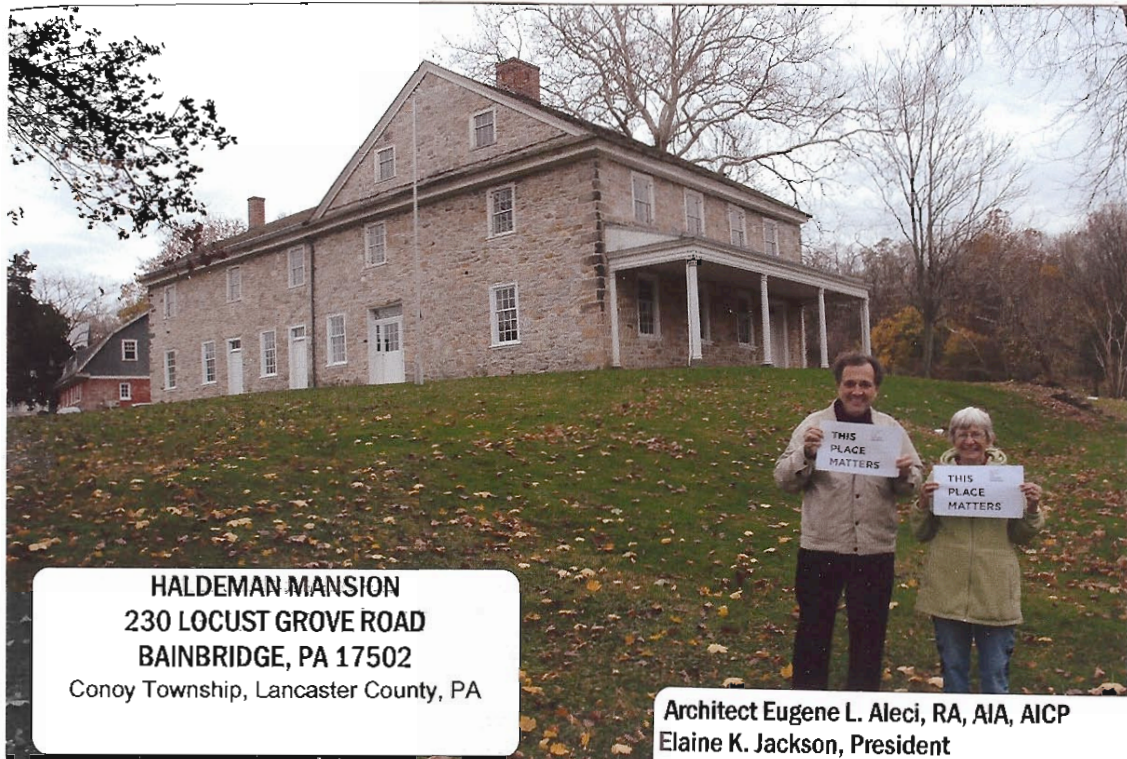
Vacancies for an unexpired term shall be filled by the Executive Board.

The board has been very active and the Board has had to replace members over the year. In order to clarify the term limits we present the following for confirmation:

Richard Eichorn	2011
Gail Yurkovic	2011
Ray Kunkle (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)	2012
Scott Nissley	2012
Keith Shearer	2012
Douglas McReynolds	2013
Karen Schatz	2013
Jody Stuart	2013



This photo was part of the submission to the National Trust for Historic Preservation.



## A LOOK BACK IN TIME.....



You may not have been with the HMPS since its inception in 1967. Featured here are photos, from the archives, showing the condition of the mansion around the time the HMPS was formed. Nature was trying to reclaim the Mansion. Ivy had started its insidious assault on the exterior walls. The front porch was almost gone and what was left could not be saved.

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!

Thank YOU for YOUR  
SUPPORT!





# RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2010

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone\_\_\_\_\_

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Circle your amount

Contributing \$ 15

Family \$ 25

Supporting \$ 30

Sustaining \$ 50

Benefactor \$ 100

Patron \$ 500

Corporate \$1,000

Roof Fund\_\_\_\_\_

Donations made to the Haldeman Mansion Preservation Society, Inc. are tax deductible under section 501 C (3) of the Internal Revenue Service. The official registration and financial information of the Haldeman Mansion Preservation Society, Inc. may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

RETURN WITH YOUR CHECK TO:

HMPS

PO BOX 417

BAINBRIDGE PA 17502

Volunteers are the life blood 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:

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) \_\_\_\_\_



Birthplace of Professor Samuel Steman Haldeman (1812 - 1880)

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