# HMPS

Quarterly Newsletter 2016 2nd Issue Haldeman Mansion Preservation Society

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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).

# The Eleventh Annual Strawberry Festival

## Sunday, June 5th from 12-4PM

Held at the beautiful grounds of the Haldeman Mansion, our Strawberry Festival features a meal of Groff's bratwurst, hot dogs, chili, and chicken corn soup. Along with the food we will be serving strawberry lemonade, mint tea, strawberry shortcake, cheesecake, and milkshakes.

A group of dancers, the Fiddlekicks, will provide entertainment along with the band "Raise the Roof."

There will also be many activities for children, tours of the grounds, presentations, and a silent auction.

This is a free event, however there is a \$5 parking fee to cover some expenses.

Contact Elaine at 717-426-3794 with questions.

# Victorian Tea

The Victorian Tea could be a highlight of your summer.

This year it will be held inside the mansion's dining room on **Saturday, July 16th from 4-6PM.** 

A reenactor will portray Frances Haldeman, mother of the renowned Samuel Haldeman.

This is a high tea with beautiful china, elegant linens, and fresh bouquets.

The menu includes homemade soup, fresh salad, tea sandwiches, scones with raspberry and peach jam or lemon curd, as well as wonderful homemade desserts. All food will be donated by committee members.

The cost of this event is \$25 and reservations are required. Call Elaine at 717-426-3794 or 717-283-7740 to reserve your place.



# Geology & Archeology Walk

## Saturday, August 13th at 10AM

Join Jeri Jones of Jones Geological Services from Spring Grove, PA for this walk around the Haldeman Mansion property.

## Jeri will discuss:

- ♦ The local geology
- ♦ The building stones of the mansion
- The geological history of the Susquehanna River
  - Samuel Haldeman's involvement in geology
- Some of the archaeological research conducted in the area.

The cost of this event is \$5 per adult. Admission is free for children under 17.

Refreshments will be served.

Contact Dale Good with questions at 717-426-2099

Written by Elaine Jackson



# Upcoming Events

- Sunday Open Houses-May-October, 1-4PM
- Strawberry Festival–June 5th, 12-4PM
- Victorian Tea–July 16th, 4-6PM
- Geology & Archeology Walk–August 13th, 10AM
- Tavern Dinner–September 10th, 4-6:30PM
  - Enjoy a historic meal with traditionally dressed wait staff and entertainment from James Buchanen.
- Apple Fall Festival—October 9th, 12-4PM Celebrate the fall with apple-themed desserts and activities.
- Kristkindle Mart–November 5th, 9AM-3PM Held at the Bainbridge Fire Hall, our annual craft fair lets you support the mansion while doing some holiday shopping.



# 2016 HMPS President's Report

Being on the Haldeman Mansion Board for 17 years, I have gained knowledge, leadership skills, and confidence in myself. Of these years, I was president 10 years, secretary, treasurer and chaired the events committee. A friend said to me recently that the mansion should be renamed the Jackson Mansion. I just laughed. I thank my husband, Chuck, for allowing me this time. He is happy that I am stepping down from the presidency.

I will continue to support the mansion with the extra behind scenes that I do. I will continue helping with events and will continue on the board.

We met most of our goals and did new things as you will hear in this report. Our events were successful. This is because we have had wonderful volunteers who helped with everything before and during the events. The Strawberry Festival keeps growing. The Shuey Brothers have been a great success.

The Fall Festival with the "Sweet November" group also drew the people. Some came up from the trail after hearing their music. Our only event that did not happen was the Tavern Dinner. There were only a few reservations. This year we have something special happening at this event with guests from the "Haldeman Family" and "President James Buchannan." All of our events raise money for restoration and maintenance. We need these events to help with expenses.

We hosted a meeting of the "Curators & Archivists of Lancaster County" on August 13 at the mansion. This activity was sponsored and organized by the Lancaster County Historical Society.



# 2016 President's Report Continued

Fred Shoop built and donated a model of the mansion which is on display in our museum room.

The Elizabethtown Engineering students built two large chair racks in 2015. Another group is making a portable projector screen holder which we should have soon.

The "Into the Streets" with the Elizabethtown College students was successful with cleanup in both the carriage house-lower level and helping with cleaning in the basement and attic of the mansion... It was a good, fun day of working with our youth.

Our special funding is now the Heating Fund since we have enough for the roof. After the chimney is repaired in June, we are ready for the new roof which will be slate. This will be done by Lantz Slate Roof Repair. Thanks to funds from events, donations by members, the Goodling Brothers' Roof Give Away, and a grant from the Lancaster County Foundation, the roof will be completed in 2016. We plan a celebration after this is done and invite all to come. The date is not set.

We continue to be part of the Extra Give Day which is done by the Lancaster County Foundation. Dale Good was the chair to make this happen. We raised \$2,832.94 with 19 people donating. The donations were used to create an educational fund, which is financing a Geology Educational Program, Tina's "Native American Education Program" and the "Conoytown Celebration 2018 - 300th Year Anniversary". (Conoytown was on this site from 1718 to 1743.)





Another project that was completed in 2015 was done by Paul Peterson, local painter. Paul completed the painting of the second story windows, trim and soffits of the carriage house and the mansion plus the front porch. He and his son did a fine job.

Ron Stephens donated materials and time to do the spouting of the carriage house and the summer kitchen. We surely appreciate him.

Another volunteer job was done by David and Jennifer Chastain who redid the restroom in the carriage house. They provided the materials to tile the floor and replace the old toilet, paint the walls, and put up new curtains. Thanks for this generous contribution.

Another goal we completed was with the project of Jeri Jones. We used the money from the Extra Give to do this. Jeri Jones has provided us with a Geology and Archeology tour narrative to be used as a walk around the Haldeman Property. Jeri will do this tour on August 10 for all. This will become another event that we can do yearly if there is an interest. Another item he will have is a power point presentation we can use for meetings, events, and school education. He is also writing a History and Scavenger hunt booklet to be used with school groups.

Lancaster County Historical Society (LCHS) has been very involved with us since we had letters and other artifacts donated by Henry and Audrey Haldeman of Lansdale, PA.

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# President's Report Continued

The LCHS Archivists are preserving the letters and digitizing them to be placed online. We are also currently inventorying the The Haldemans's eight boxes with the help of LCHS. The LCHS will be involved at the Victorian Tea and the Tavern Dinner with knowledge gained from these letters. Make reservations to attend. Dale Good wrote the vignette that will used at the Tavern Dinner.

We are also working with the Conoy Township to develop a closer relationship with the community. One thought was to become part of the Conoy Park System. Right now, Gina Mariani is checking to get permission to have some trees cut down along the trail by the river to provide a better view of the river from the mansion. Also Tina Mark is chair to plan a Vesper Service organized by the local churches at the mansion in August.

In February, members of HMPS helped with a breakfast sponsored by the Lions Club. Money raised and donated to HMPS was put in the Heating Fund. The Lions Club does great things for the community.

The Good Brothers did repairs of the Federal staircase where there was shifting. We could see gaps in the rungs. Using treated posts cemented in the ground under the floor joists, the stairs were elevated as much as could be done. Kyle found a pair of shoes under the stairway which the LCHS is currently evaluating. Talk to Kyle Shearer if you need more information about this job.





This winter we gave a go ahead to put heat tape on the water pipes at the ceiling in the lower level of the carriage. This is to be done by Chris Geesey and Kyle Shearer.

We are investigating into the possibility of creating a Locust Grove Native American Heritage District. Watch for information about this in our newsletters.

We are continually looking at the strategic plan for the mansion with Tim Smedick and Scott & Gamma Paden. This project is ongoing and we will have a strategic plan this summer.

Whew!! We had a full year and were very busy. More goals will be made and many will be achieved by April 2017.

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## E-Town College Students Come To Our Aid Again

Each year, Elizabethtown College's Department of Engineering and Physics solicits communitybased projects for its sophomore students. The students have a project budget of \$200-\$300. The purpose of these projects is to engage students in solving relevant problems within their community while giving them the opportunity to manage a project and work with a client. Their focus is on problem solving and the design process.

For the third year in a row HMPS has benefited. This year, five engineering students (Jonathan Lane, Kyle Coats, Dillon Dotson, Matt Koerber, and Mitch Schlegel) were asked to construct a lightweight, sturdy, portable stand for a 6 foot pull down/ceiling projection screen that came free of charge with our Epson digital projector three years ago. While many of you have viewed our Power-Point presentations on an upstairs' dirty, gray wall, the pull down pearly white screen has languished in a Board members basement. We were reluctant to add fixtures to our walls or ceilings for its suspension.



Now, thanks to Jonathan, Kyle, Dillon, Matt and Mitch we have a lightweight stand and will have an improved image for our projections. The stand will be in use at our Strawberry Festival, Sunday, June 5th. Come and check it out! We were especially impressed with their designing a carrying case that could be used to support the screen's suspension. Unfortunately, Jonathan Lane was not available to be included in the pictures below. By Dale Good



With the

carrying case

With the projector screen

holder



# Chimney Work

Work is being done to the two chimneys. Then later this summer, our new roof will be put into place. Thanks to all the donations to our roofing fund over the past ten years and a \$25,000 grant, this is finally happening.



Photo courtesy of Elaine Jackson



# Grant Awarded

It is a pleasure to inform you that the HMPS has been awarded a \$4,750 grant from the Louis J. Appell Jr., Fund for Central Pennsylvania to support your Economic Feasibility Study. The National Trust is very supportive of this worthwhile preservation initiative and hopes that this financial commitment will assist the HMPS in raising any additional funds needed for this

effort.





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Telephone	Patron	\$500
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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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